

## Canadian Labour Market: Labour Force Rates

This labour market fact sheet includes an analysis of current data for Canada and the provinces on:

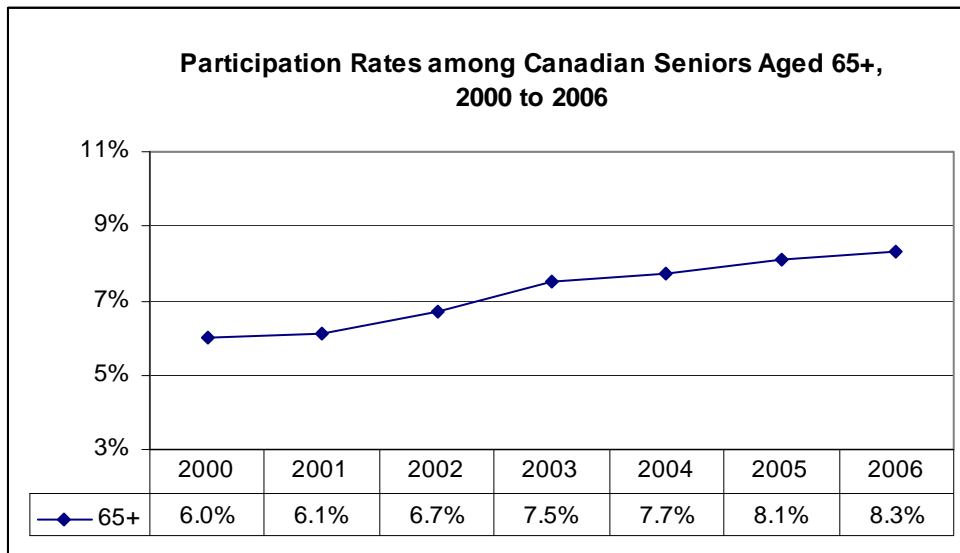
- Participation rates;
- Employment rates;
- Unemployment rates; and
- Long-term unemployment.

Other labour market fact sheets examine data on employment – full-time, part-time, and temporary employment – and on weekly earnings and minimum wage rates.

### Participation Rates

The participation rate is defined as the number of labour force participants expressed as a percentage of the population aged 15 and older. The rate for a particular group – by age, gender, or marital status, for example – is the number of labour force participants in that group expressed as a percentage of the population of that group.

- In 2006, 17.6 million Canadians participated in the labour force. That was 67.2% of the population aged 15 and older. Participation rates have remained relatively stable over the last several years, rising 1.4 percentage points between 2000 and 2006.
- The highest participation rate was among those aged 25 to 44, at 86.9%; this rate has been steady over the last six years. Between 2000 and 2006, the largest increase in participation rates was among those aged 45 to 64, which rose by 4 percentage points.
- Approximately 331,800 Canadian seniors were part of the labour force in 2006. Participation rates among Canada's seniors aged 65+ have been steadily rising, from 6% in 2000 to 8.3% by 2006.



Source: Statistics Canada. *Labour Force Historical Review*, 2006.

- Labour force participation rates are generally higher among men than women. In 2006, the rate for men was 72.5%, compared to 62.1% among women. The only exception was among those aged 15 to 24, where the rate for both genders was 66.4%. Men aged 25 to 44 had a participation rate of 92% and women, 81.8%. Among seniors, men had a participation rate of 12.1% in 2006, compared to only 5.2% among women. Between 2000 and 2006, the rate among senior men rose by 2.6% and among senior women, by 1.9%.
- Provincially in 2006, participation rates were highest in Alberta (at 73.4%) and lowest in Newfoundland and Labrador (at 59.2%). Between 2000 and 2006, participation rates rose in all provinces, with the largest increase (3.8%) reported in Newfoundland and Labrador.
- Among the working-age population 25 to 44 years, participation rates were highest in Prince Edward Island, at 90%, and lowest in Newfoundland and Labrador, at 82.8%.
- Among seniors aged 65+, participation rates were highest in Saskatchewan, at 13.5%, and lowest in Newfoundland and Labrador, at 3.2%.

<b>Labour Force Participation Rates (%) by Age Group, Canada and Provinces, 2000 to 2006</b>								<b>% pt change 2000 to 2006</b>
	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	
<b>Canada</b>								
Aged 15+	65.8	65.9	66.9	67.5	67.5	67.2	67.2	1.4
15 to 24 yrs	64.4	64.7	66.6	67.4	67.0	65.9	66.4	2.0
25 to 44 yrs	65.8	65.9	66.9	67.5	67.5	67.2	67.2	1.4
45 to 64 yrs	69.8	70.2	71.7	73.2	73.5	73.5	73.8	4.0
Aged 65+	6.0	6.1	6.7	7.5	7.7	8.1	8.3	2.3
<b>Newfoundland and Labrador</b>								
Aged 15+	55.4	56.8	58.2	59.3	59.2	58.8	59.2	3.8
15 to 24 yrs	47.3	50.7	53.5	55.1	55.0	54.0	53.7	6.4
25 to 44 yrs	77.6	79.5	80.4	81.3	80.7	81.4	82.8	5.2
45 to 64 yrs	56.5	58.4	60.8	62.2	62.9	62.3	63.4	6.9
Aged 65+	2.7	1.3	2.2	2.9	3.5	3.8	3.2	0.5
<b>Prince Edward Island</b>								
Aged 15+	66.7	67.1	67.6	67.7	68.0	68.5	68.7	2.0
15 to 24 yrs	68.4	67.7	70.1	70.3	67.7	68.5	70.2	1.8
25 to 44 yrs	89.2	89.0	89.9	89.3	90.1	89.6	90.0	0.8
45 to 64 yrs	70.5	72.4	72.3	74.2	75.5	76.2	76.2	5.7
Aged 65+	5.4	7.0	7.5	6.3	6.7	9.4	9.8	4.4
<b>Nova Scotia</b>								
Aged 15+	61.3	61.9	62.6	63.1	64.1	63.6	62.9	1.6
15 to 24 yrs	62.2	64.1	64.9	67.5	67.4	66.4	66.7	4.5
25 to 44 yrs	84.4	85.0	85.7	85.8	86.6	86.2	85.7	1.3
45 to 64 yrs	62.6	63.9	64.9	65.8	68.6	68.4	67.6	5.0
Aged 65+	4.3	4.0	4.9	4.5	4.8	5.7	5.6	1.3
<b>New Brunswick</b>								
Aged 15+	61.5	61.9	63.4	63.2	63.9	63.6	63.7	2.2
15 to 24 yrs	61.4	64.0	66.3	65.0	65.7	65.2	66.1	4.7
25 to 44 yrs	84.1	83.9	85.6	85.1	85.3	85.9	86.7	2.6
45 to 64 yrs	62.9	63.8	65.6	66.7	68.6	68.4	68.4	5.5
Aged 65+	3.6	3.6	4.3	4.7	4.9	4.5	4.7	1.1

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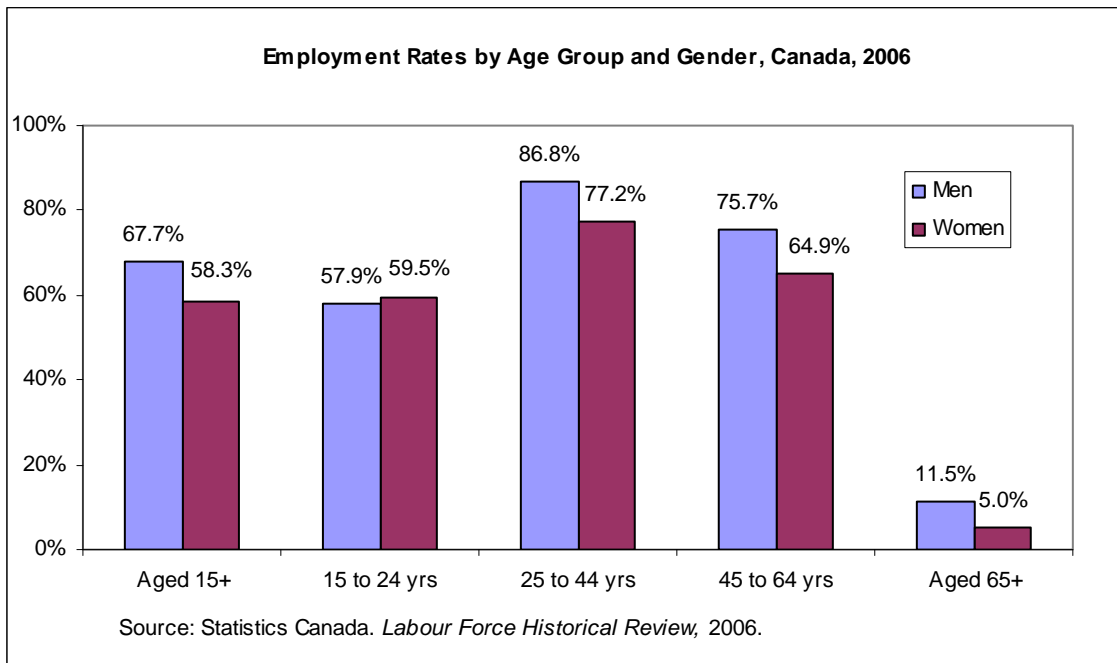
Participation rates by age group and province (continued)								% pt change 2000 to 2006
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	
<b>Quebec</b>								
Aged 15+	63.1	63.5	65.2	66.0	65.8	65.6	65.5	2.4
15 to 24 yrs	61.3	62.6	66.4	68.4	67.6	66.2	66.2	4.9
25 to 44 yrs	85.1	85.4	86.8	87.2	87.4	87.0	87.2	2.1
45 to 64 yrs	65.5	66.0	68.1	69.6	69.7	70.4	70.6	5.1
Aged 65+	3.3	4.0	4.4	5.2	5.5	5.9	6.4	3.1
<b>Ontario</b>								
Aged 15+	67.0	67.3	67.7	68.5	68.4	68.0	67.7	0.7
15 to 24 yrs	66.1	65.7	66.5	67.2	66.6	64.7	64.6	-1.5
25 to 44 yrs	86.9	87.4	87.4	87.5	87.7	87.9	87.1	0.2
45 to 64 yrs	71.4	71.8	72.8	74.9	75.0	74.6	75.2	3.8
Aged 65+	6.7	6.9	7.5	8.4	8.4	8.9	8.7	2.0
<b>Manitoba</b>								
Aged 15+	67.9	67.8	69.0	68.7	69.1	68.6	68.8	0.9
15 to 24 yrs	71.4	71.9	73.4	72.4	71.3	70.6	72.0	0.6
25 to 44 yrs	88.4	88.3	88.7	88.2	88.7	87.8	87.4	-1.0
45 to 64 yrs	74.1	74.2	77.2	77.0	77.9	77.5	77.4	3.3
Aged 65+	8.4	7.5	7.2	8.1	8.4	9.0	10.0	1.6
<b>Saskatchewan</b>								
Aged 15+	66.8	65.6	66.8	67.8	67.9	68.1	69.1	2.3
15 to 24 yrs	66.1	65.0	66.4	68.1	68.2	68.5	71.0	4.9
25 to 44 yrs	87.4	86.6	87.9	88.5	88.4	88.2	89.2	1.8
45 to 64 yrs	75.8	75.4	77.4	78.7	78.6	78.4	79.3	3.5
Aged 65+	13.3	10.9	10.9	11.6	12.4	13.1	13.5	0.2
<b>Alberta</b>								
Aged 15+	72.2	72.4	73.0	73.5	73.5	72.7	73.4	1.2
15 to 24 yrs	70.5	70.6	71.2	72.0	71.9	70.6	72.1	1.6
25 to 44 yrs	87.8	87.7	88.0	88.7	87.9	87.2	87.7	-0.1
45 to 64 yrs	76.7	78.3	79.7	79.8	80.9	80.3	80.8	4.1
Aged 65+	10.3	9.4	9.7	11.3	12.4	11.6	12.1	1.8
<b>British Columbia</b>								
Aged 15+	64.8	64.0	65.1	65.6	65.5	65.6	65.7	0.9
15 to 24 yrs	61.4	60.5	63.4	63.1	63.3	64.8	66.1	4.7
25 to 44 yrs	84.4	84.2	84.9	85.4	86.3	85.3	85.4	1.0
45 to 64 yrs	71.8	70.5	71.5	73.1	72.4	73.2	72.8	1.0
Aged 65+	5.2	5.2	6.6	7.2	7.1	8.1	8.2	3.0

Source: Calculations by the Canadian Council on Social Development using data from Statistics Canada's *Labour Force Historical Review*, 2006.

## Employment Rates

The employment rate is defined as the number of persons who are employed expressed as a percentage of the Canadian population aged 15 and older. The employment rate for a particular group – by age, gender, or marital status, for example – is the number in that group who are employed expressed as a percentage of the population for that group.

- The overall employment rate in Canada in 2006 was 63%, and for young adults aged 15 to 24, it was 58.7%. Employment rates were highest among workers aged 25 to 44, at 82%; for those aged 45 to 64, the rate was 70.2%. Employment rates were lowest among seniors over age 65, at 7.9%.
- Between 2000 and 2006, employment rates rose across all age groups. The largest growth in rates over this six-year period was among those aged 25 to 44 – an increase of 4 percentage points.
- As noted above, employment rates were highest among workers aged 25 to 44, with higher rates for men in this age group than for women (86.8% compared to 77.2%). With the exception of young adults 15 to 24 years, employment rates were higher for men than for women across all age groups in 2006.



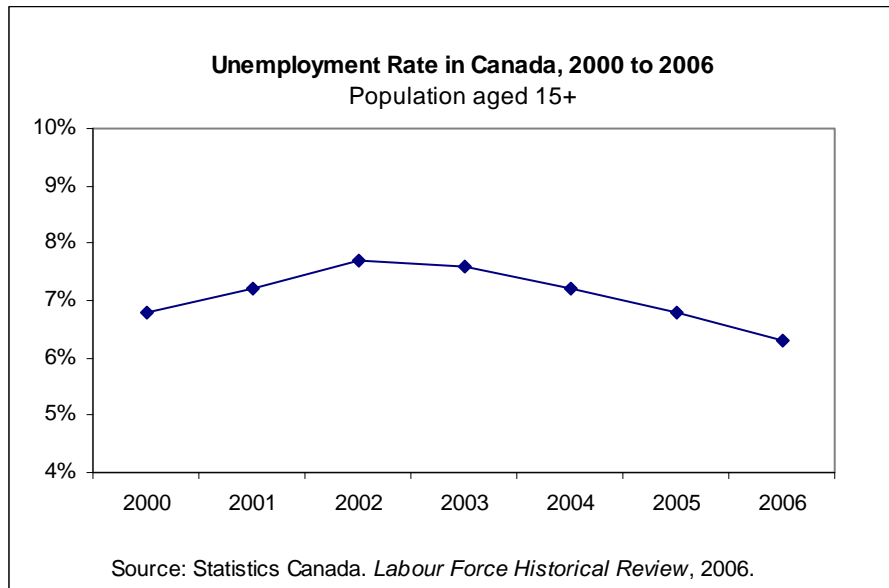
(Note: Provincial data on employment rates by gender and age group, 2000 to 2006, are available on pages 8 to 11 of this fact sheet.)

- Between 2000 and 2006, the largest rise in employment rates was in Newfoundland and Labrador (4.3 percentage points), while Ontario recorded the smallest increase (0.3 percentage points). Across all provinces, employment rates rose the most among workers aged 45 to 64, with the most dramatic growth in Newfoundland and Labrador (6.7 percentage point increase).

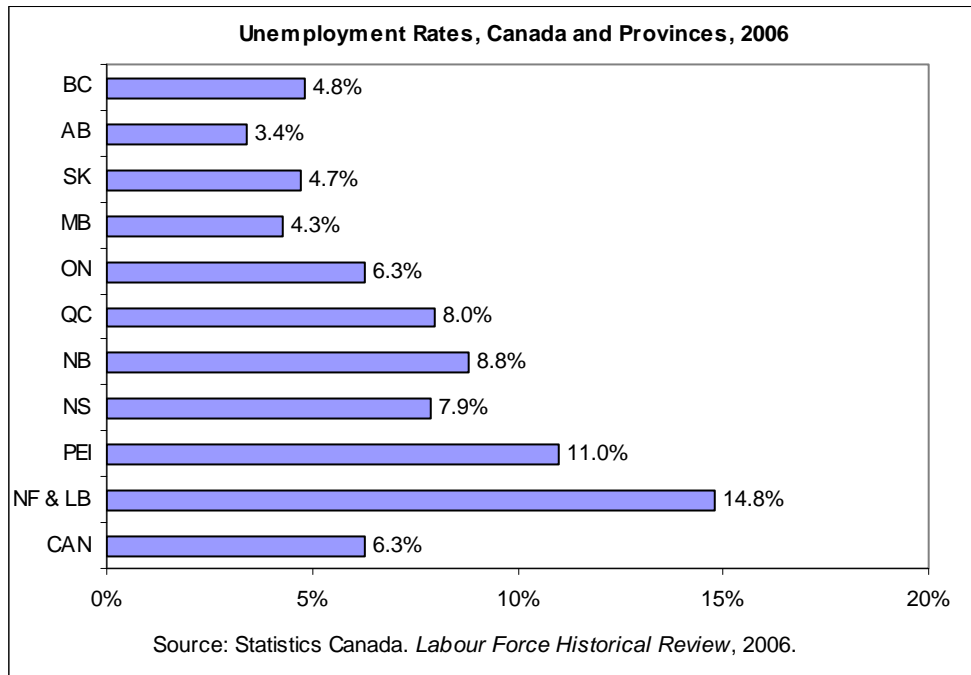
## Unemployment Rates

The unemployment rate is the number of unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the labour force. The unemployment rate for a particular group – by age, gender, or marital status, for example – is the number in that group who are unemployed expressed as a percentage of the labour force for that group.

- Unemployment rates in Canada hit a low of 6.8% in 2000, rose to 7.2% in 2001, and peaked at 7.7% in 2002. Rates declined very slightly to 7.6% the following year, then dropped steadily to reach 6.3% in 2006.



- There was little variation between the unemployment rates of men and women in 2006; the overall rate for men was 6.5% and for women, 6.1%. The greatest difference was among young adults aged 15 to 24, where men had an unemployment rate of 12.8% in 2006, compared to 10.4% among young women.
- Across the provinces in 2006, unemployment rates were highest in Newfoundland and Labrador, at 14.8%. Unemployment rates in all four Atlantic provinces exceeded 8%. Rates were lowest in Western Canada, with Alberta recording the lowest unemployment rate in 2006, at 3.4%.

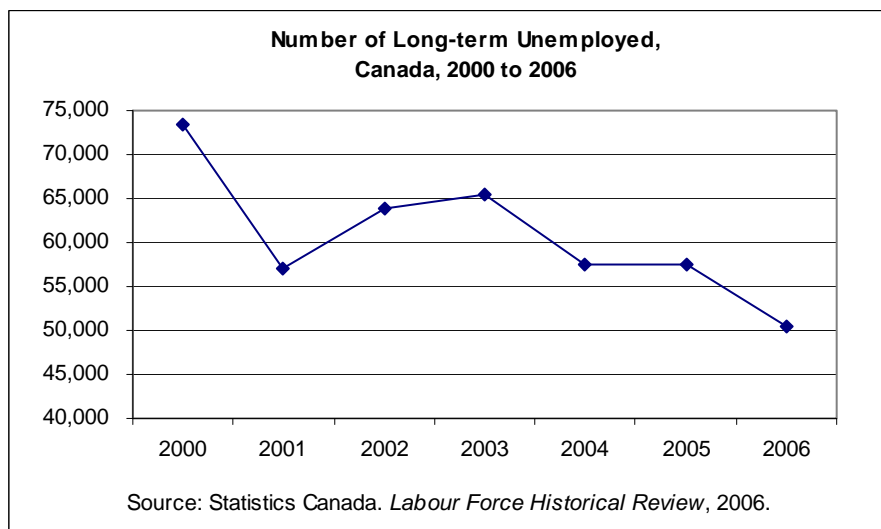


(Note: Provincial data on unemployment rates by gender and age group, 2000 to 2006, are available on pages 12 to 15 of this fact sheet.)

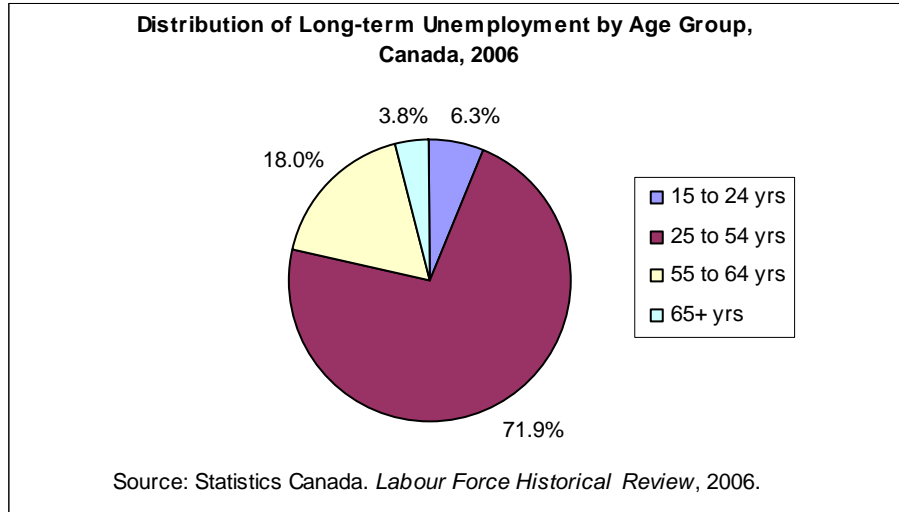
## Long-term Unemployment

Long-term unemployment is defined as unemployment of 53 weeks duration or more.

- 1.1 million Canadians over age 15 were unemployed in 2006, and of those, 4.5% were unemployed for more than 53 weeks. Between 2000 and 2006, the number of long-term unemployed fluctuated, but it dropped by 31% over that period.



- Of the 50,500 Canadians who experienced long-term unemployment in 2006, 71.9% were aged 25 to 54, 18% were aged 55 to 64, and the remaining 10.1% were young adults 15 to 24 years and seniors aged 65+.



- Men were more likely than women to experience long-term unemployment – 62% compared to 38%.
- Provincially, long-term unemployment was highest in Quebec in 2006, at 6.4%. In Alberta, no individuals were unemployed for more than 53 weeks.

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## Provincial Data Tables:

		Per cent (%)							% pt change 2000 to 2006
		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	
<b>Canada</b>									
Both genders	Aged 15+	61.3	61.1	61.7	62.4	62.7	62.7	63.0	1.7
	15 to 24 yrs	56.3	56.3	57.5	58.3	58.0	57.8	58.7	2.4
	25 to 44 yrs	80.8	80.6	80.8	81.2	81.7	81.8	82.0	1.2
	45 to 64 yrs	66.2	66.3	67.5	68.9	69.5	69.6	70.2	4.0
	Aged 65+	5.9	5.9	6.5	7.2	7.4	7.8	7.9	2.0
Men	Aged 15+	67.3	66.8	67.1	67.6	67.8	67.7	67.7	0.4
	15 to 24 yrs	56.8	56.5	57.4	57.9	57.7	56.7	57.9	1.1
	25 to 44 yrs	86.5	85.9	85.7	86.1	86.3	86.7	86.8	0.3
	45 to 64 yrs	73.8	73.5	74.1	74.9	75.7	75.9	75.7	1.9
	Aged 65+	9.3	9.1	10.0	11.1	11.4	11.7	11.5	2.2
Women	Aged 15+	55.4	55.6	56.6	57.4	57.8	57.8	58.3	2.9
	15 to 24 yrs	55.7	56.2	57.6	58.6	58.4	58.9	59.5	3.8
	25 to 44 yrs	75.1	75.3	75.9	76.2	77.0	77.0	77.2	2.1
	45 to 64 yrs	58.7	59.3	61.0	63.1	63.6	63.5	64.9	6.2
	Aged 65+	3.2	3.3	3.7	4.1	4.3	4.8	5.0	1.8
<b>Newfoundland and Labrador</b>									
Both genders	Aged 15+	46.1	47.7	48.5	49.5	49.8	49.8	50.4	4.3
	15 to 24 yrs	35.1	38.2	41.4	42.0	42.7	42.4	41.4	6.3
	25 to 44 yrs	65.2	67.3	66.9	68.5	68.1	69.5	71.2	6.0
	45 to 64 yrs	48.6	50.7	52.2	53.2	54.6	53.7	55.3	6.7
	Aged 65+	2.7	1.2	2.0	2.8	3.4	3.5	2.9	0.2
Men	Aged 15+	49.9	51.0	52.0	52.7	53.4	53.0	52.7	2.8
	15 to 24 yrs	34.3	36.8	42.2	41.3	42.5	41.4	39.9	5.6
	25 to 44 yrs	69.0	69.3	69.0	69.7	70.3	71.9	72.5	3.5
	45 to 64 yrs	54.9	57.6	58.0	59.2	60.3	58.9	59.1	4.2
	Aged 65+	4.2	2.2	3.3	5.4	5.7	4.5	4.7	0.5
Women	Aged 15+	42.5	44.6	45.3	46.5	46.5	46.8	48.3	5.8
	15 to 24 yrs	36.3	39.5	40.5	42.7	43.1	43.7	42.9	6.6
	25 to 44 yrs	61.5	65.5	65.0	67.5	66.1	67.1	69.9	8.4
	45 to 64 yrs	42.6	44.0	46.6	47.3	49.1	48.6	51.7	9.1
	Aged 65+	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.6	1.4	-0.2
<b>Prince Edward Island</b>									
Both genders	Aged 15+	58.7	59.0	59.5	60.2	60.3	61.1	61.1	2.4
	15 to 24 yrs	58.4	56.3	59.3	60.0	55.9	57.4	60.1	1.7
	25 to 44 yrs	78.4	79.1	79.6	79.9	80.4	80.9	80.2	1.8
	45 to 64 yrs	63.0	64.3	64.1	66.6	68.4	68.7	68.6	5.6
	Aged 65+	5.4	7.0	6.9	5.7	6.7	8.9	8.7	3.3
Men	Aged 15+	62.2	63.2	62.5	63.6	63.2	63.5	63.5	1.3
	15 to 24 yrs	58.9	56.3	58.2	60.2	55.1	54.1	57.6	-1.3
	25 to 44 yrs	80.1	82.4	80.9	81.2	82.7	81.5	80.0	-0.1
	45 to 64 yrs	67.5	69.1	68.6	70.7	71.9	72.1	73.3	5.8
	Aged 65+	8.2	12.2	11.8	9.0	10.1	15.0	13.6	5.4
Women	Aged 15+	55.3	55.0	56.7	57.0	57.7	58.9	58.9	3.6
	15 to 24 yrs	58.5	56.8	60.4	59.8	56.7	61.2	63.0	4.5
	25 to 44 yrs	76.8	76.0	78.8	78.6	79.2	80.3	80.4	3.6
	45 to 64 yrs	58.3	59.5	59.8	62.2	65.1	65.4	64.6	6.3
	Aged 65+	2.1	3.1	3.1	3.0	4.0	4.0	5.9	3.8

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		Per cent (%)						% pt change 2000 to 2006	
		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005		2006
<b>Provincial Employment Rates by Gender and Age Group (continued)</b>									
<b>Nova Scotia</b>									
Both genders	Aged 15+	55.7	55.9	56.6	57.3	58.4	58.2	57.9	2.2
	15 to 24 yrs	52.4	52.8	53.4	56.8	57.2	56.4	57.5	5.1
	25 to 44 yrs	77.2	77.6	78.5	79.0	79.5	79.5	79.6	2.4
	45 to 64 yrs	58.4	59.3	60.2	60.8	63.8	64.0	63.2	4.8
	Aged 65+	4.0	3.9	4.8	4.3	4.7	5.3	5.4	1.4
Men	Aged 15+	60.7	60.6	60.6	61.5	62.9	62.3	61.1	0.4
	15 to 24 yrs	51.4	52.6	51.5	55.1	56.5	54.6	55.9	4.5
	25 to 44 yrs	82.0	82.3	81.7	81.9	83.5	82.6	82.3	0.3
	45 to 64 yrs	65.1	64.6	66.2	67.4	69.6	70.1	67.3	2.2
	Aged 65+	6.3	6.4	7.2	7.1	7.4	8.3	7.8	1.5
Women	Aged 15+	51.0	51.6	52.8	53.3	54.2	54.5	55.0	4.0
	15 to 24 yrs	53.4	52.9	55.3	58.6	58.1	58.3	59.4	6.0
	25 to 44 yrs	72.7	73.2	75.3	76.2	75.7	76.7	77.1	4.4
	45 to 64 yrs	51.9	54.1	54.4	54.4	58.3	58.3	59.2	7.3
	Aged 65+	2.4	2.0	2.9	2.2	2.6	3.0	3.5	1.1
<b>New Brunswick</b>									
Both genders	Aged 15+	55.4	55.0	57.0	56.7	57.6	57.4	58.1	2.7
	15 to 24 yrs	51.7	53.0	56.2	54.4	55.7	55.4	56.9	5.2
	25 to 44 yrs	76.4	75.6	77.8	76.9	77.4	78.3	80.0	3.6
	45 to 64 yrs	57.6	57.4	59.5	61.1	63.2	62.5	63.0	5.4
	Aged 65+	3.5	3.3	4.2	4.3	4.7	4.3	4.5	1.0
Men	Aged 15+	60.3	59.2	60.4	60.1	60.7	60.5	61.3	1.0
	15 to 24 yrs	49.7	50.8	53.1	52.3	53.1	53.7	55.8	6.1
	25 to 44 yrs	79.7	78.9	80.5	78.7	79.5	80.5	81.5	1.8
	45 to 64 yrs	65.7	63.3	64.4	66.4	67.5	66.2	67.0	1.3
	Aged 65+	6.6	6.3	6.7	6.8	6.9	6.3	7.3	0.7
Women	Aged 15+	50.7	51.1	53.6	53.5	54.7	54.5	55.1	4.4
	15 to 24 yrs	53.8	55.2	59.3	56.4	58.4	57.4	58.0	4.2
	25 to 44 yrs	73.2	72.5	75.2	75.2	75.3	76.0	78.4	5.2
	45 to 64 yrs	49.4	51.5	54.6	56.0	58.8	59.0	59.0	9.6
	Aged 65+	1.3	1.1	2.1	2.4	2.9	2.7	2.3	1.0
<b>Quebec</b>									
Both genders	Aged 15+	57.8	57.9	59.5	60.0	60.2	60.1	60.2	2.4
	15 to 24 yrs	52.7	54.0	57.3	58.8	57.8	57.3	57.2	4.5
	25 to 44 yrs	78.7	78.5	80.1	79.8	80.5	80.1	80.8	2.1
	45 to 64 yrs	60.7	61.0	62.9	64.2	64.9	65.7	65.8	5.1
	Aged 65+	3.2	3.7	4.2	5.0	5.3	5.7	6.0	2.8
Men	Aged 15+	64.5	64.4	65.7	65.3	65.3	65.0	65.0	0.5
	15 to 24 yrs	54.9	55.5	58.1	57.9	56.7	55.6	57.1	2.2
	25 to 44 yrs	83.8	83.2	84.7	83.8	83.9	83.4	84.4	0.6
	45 to 64 yrs	69.5	69.8	70.7	71.0	71.9	72.3	71.4	1.9
	Aged 65+	5.6	6.3	7.3	8.2	8.4	8.7	8.6	3.0
Women	Aged 15+	51.4	51.7	53.7	54.9	55.3	55.5	55.6	4.2
	15 to 24 yrs	50.4	52.5	56.5	59.7	59.0	59.0	57.3	6.9
	25 to 44 yrs	73.5	73.7	75.3	75.6	76.9	76.7	77.1	3.6
	45 to 64 yrs	52.1	52.5	55.4	57.6	58.2	59.3	60.4	8.3
	Aged 65+	1.4	1.9	2.0	2.6	2.9	3.4	4.0	2.6

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		Per cent (%)						% pt change 2000 to 2006	
		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005		2006
<b>Ontario</b>									
Both genders	Aged 15+	63.2	63.0	62.9	63.8	63.8	63.5	63.5	0.3
	15 to 24 yrs	58.2	57.4	57.3	57.5	57.2	55.7	56.1	-2.1
	25 to 44 yrs	82.6	82.5	81.7	82.2	82.5	83.0	82.3	-0.3
	45 to 64 yrs	68.5	68.6	69.3	71.3	71.6	71.1	72.0	3.5
	Aged 65+	6.4	6.7	7.3	8.1	8.2	8.6	8.3	1.9
Men	Aged 15+	69.2	68.6	68.2	69.0	68.9	68.6	68.1	-1.1
	15 to 24 yrs	58.1	56.7	56.6	57.4	56.7	54.2	54.9	-3.2
	25 to 44 yrs	88.8	88.2	86.7	87.9	87.8	88.2	87.5	-1.3
	45 to 64 yrs	76.1	75.7	76.0	76.8	77.4	77.6	77.2	1.1
	Aged 65+	9.5	10.1	10.9	11.9	12.3	12.6	12.0	2.5
Women	Aged 15+	57.3	57.6	57.8	58.7	58.8	58.6	59.0	1.7
	15 to 24 yrs	58.4	58.2	58.0	57.6	57.7	57.3	57.4	-1.0
	25 to 44 yrs	76.4	76.9	76.6	76.6	77.2	77.8	77.1	0.7
	45 to 64 yrs	61.1	61.7	62.7	66.0	65.9	64.8	67.0	5.9
	Aged 65+	4.1	4.1	4.5	5.1	4.8	5.3	5.3	1.2
<b>Manitoba</b>									
Both genders	Aged 15+	64.5	64.4	65.5	65.3	65.4	65.3	65.8	1.3
	15 to 24 yrs	64.7	64.9	65.9	65.5	63.5	63.8	65.6	0.9
	25 to 44 yrs	84.5	84.5	84.9	84.2	84.6	84.2	84.2	-0.3
	45 to 64 yrs	71.5	71.6	74.4	74.4	75.2	74.9	75.1	3.6
	Aged 65+	8.2	7.3	7.0	7.9	8.2	8.8	9.8	1.6
Men	Aged 15+	71.0	70.9	71.2	71.0	70.7	70.8	71.2	0.2
	15 to 24 yrs	66.4	66.9	66.9	66.5	64.2	64.3	66.2	-0.2
	25 to 44 yrs	89.9	90.0	89.8	88.9	89.2	89.0	89.5	-0.4
	45 to 64 yrs	78.2	78.3	79.6	79.9	80.3	80.2	79.5	1.3
	Aged 65+	13.7	11.8	12.0	13.5	13.0	13.7	14.9	1.2
Women	Aged 15+	58.3	58.1	60.0	59.8	60.3	60.1	60.7	2.4
	15 to 24 yrs	62.9	62.8	64.9	64.6	63.0	63.3	65.1	2.2
	25 to 44 yrs	79.2	78.8	80.0	79.4	80.0	79.3	78.7	-0.5
	45 to 64 yrs	65.0	65.0	69.3	69.1	70.2	69.8	70.7	5.7
	Aged 65+	4.1	4.0	3.3	3.8	4.6	5.0	5.8	1.7
<b>Saskatchewan</b>									
Both genders	Aged 15+	63.3	61.8	63.1	64.0	64.3	64.6	65.9	2.6
	15 to 24 yrs	59.1	57.5	59.2	60.8	61.1	61.5	64.9	5.8
	25 to 44 yrs	83.6	82.1	83.5	83.8	84.1	84.5	85.4	1.8
	45 to 64 yrs	73.0	72.6	74.2	75.9	75.8	75.5	76.5	3.5
	Aged 65+	13.3	10.8	10.7	11.4	12.0	12.9	13.4	0.1
Men	Aged 15+	69.7	68.2	69.2	69.3	69.7	70.3	71.3	1.6
	15 to 24 yrs	60.4	58.8	62.2	62.1	62.7	63.4	66.6	6.2
	25 to 44 yrs	88.8	87.7	88.0	88.1	88.5	88.9	89.8	1.0
	45 to 64 yrs	79.3	79.0	80.0	80.6	80.1	79.8	80.7	1.4
	Aged 65+	22.2	18.3	18.2	18.1	19.6	22.0	21.3	-0.9
Women	Aged 15+	57.2	55.7	57.1	58.9	59.1	59.0	60.6	3.4
	15 to 24 yrs	57.6	56.2	56.0	59.5	59.4	59.5	62.9	5.3
	25 to 44 yrs	78.5	76.4	78.9	79.6	79.9	80.0	81.1	2.6
	45 to 64 yrs	66.8	66.2	68.4	71.1	71.6	71.2	72.3	5.5
	Aged 65+	6.2	4.8	4.8	6.0	5.9	5.7	7.1	0.9

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		Per cent (%)						% pt change 2000 to 2006	
		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005		2006
<b>Alberta</b>									
Both genders	Aged 15+	68.6	69.0	69.1	69.8	70.1	69.8	70.8	2.2
	15 to 24 yrs	63.1	64.1	63.6	65.4	65.8	65.4	67.2	4.1
	25 to 44 yrs	84.3	84.1	84.0	84.7	84.2	84.3	85.2	0.9
	45 to 64 yrs	74.3	76.0	76.9	76.7	78.3	77.9	78.7	4.4
	Aged 65+	10.1	9.2	9.5	11.1	12.1	11.3	11.9	1.8
Men	Aged 15+	75.2	75.1	74.9	75.7	76.1	76.1	76.9	1.7
	15 to 24 yrs	64.7	65.3	64.3	65.7	67.7	66.4	67.3	2.6
	25 to 44 yrs	90.8	90.5	90.0	91.3	90.4	92.0	91.9	1.1
	45 to 64 yrs	81.9	82.6	83.6	82.9	84.3	83.6	85.6	3.7
	Aged 65+	16.2	14.6	14.3	17.3	17.5	16.9	17.4	1.2
Women	Aged 15+	62.0	62.8	63.2	63.7	64.1	63.4	64.6	2.6
	15 to 24 yrs	61.3	62.8	62.9	65.2	63.8	64.4	67.1	5.8
	25 to 44 yrs	77.5	77.5	77.8	77.8	77.7	76.3	78.2	0.7
	45 to 64 yrs	66.5	69.3	70.1	70.4	72.1	72.0	71.7	5.2
	Aged 65+	5.0	4.6	5.5	5.9	7.7	6.6	7.2	2.2
<b>British Columbia</b>									
Both genders	Aged 15+	60.2	59.0	59.6	60.3	60.9	61.8	62.5	2.3
	15 to 24 yrs	53.0	52.1	53.8	54.0	54.8	58.2	60.7	7.7
	25 to 44 yrs	78.9	78.0	78.1	79.2	80.9	80.9	81.8	2.9
	45 to 64 yrs	68.1	66.6	67.1	68.5	68.3	69.5	70.0	1.9
	Aged 65+	5.1	4.9	6.2	6.9	6.8	7.8	7.7	2.6
Men	Aged 15+	65.2	63.6	63.9	64.8	65.5	66.7	67.2	2.0
	15 to 24 yrs	52.3	51.3	53.0	52.9	53.7	57.2	58.7	6.4
	25 to 44 yrs	84.7	83.3	83.0	83.9	85.4	86.4	87.1	2.4
	45 to 64 yrs	74.0	72.3	72.2	74.5	74.7	76.0	76.3	2.3
	Aged 65+	7.8	6.7	9.0	10.3	10.4	10.5	10.9	3.1
Women	Aged 15+	55.3	54.6	55.4	55.9	56.4	57.1	58.0	2.7
	15 to 24 yrs	53.7	52.8	54.7	55.2	56.0	59.4	62.8	9.1
	25 to 44 yrs	73.2	72.8	73.4	74.5	76.5	75.4	76.6	3.4
	45 to 64 yrs	62.2	61.0	62.0	62.7	62.1	63.2	63.9	1.7
	Aged 65+	2.9	3.4	3.9	4.0	3.9	5.5	5.0	2.1
Source: Calculations by the Canadian Council on Social Development using data from Statistics Canada's <i>Labour Force Historical Review</i> , 2006.									

		Per cent (%)						% pt change 2000 to 2006	
		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005		2006
<b>Canada</b>									
Both genders	Aged 15+	6.8	7.2	7.7	7.6	7.2	6.8	6.3	-0.5
	15 to 24 yrs	12.7	12.9	13.6	13.6	13.4	12.4	11.6	-1.1
	25 to 44 yrs	6.0	6.5	7.0	6.8	6.5	6.0	5.6	-0.4
	45 to 64 yrs	5.3	5.5	5.8	5.9	5.4	5.3	4.9	-0.4
	Aged 65+	2.6	3.3	3.2	3.4	3.2	3.4	4.4	1.8
Men	Aged 15+	6.9	7.5	8.1	7.9	7.5	7.0	6.5	-0.4
	15 to 24 yrs	13.8	14.5	15.3	15.3	14.9	14.2	12.8	-1.0
	25 to 44 yrs	6.0	6.7	7.2	6.9	6.6	6.1	5.7	-0.3
	45 to 64 yrs	5.2	5.6	6.1	6.2	5.5	5.3	5.0	-0.2
	Aged 65+	2.6	2.9	3.0	3.5	3.1	3.2	4.6	2.0
Women	Aged 15+	6.7	6.9	7.1	7.2	6.9	6.5	6.1	-0.6
	15 to 24 yrs	11.4	11.1	11.7	11.8	11.7	10.6	10.4	-1.0
	25 to 44 yrs	6.0	6.3	6.7	6.8	6.4	6.0	5.6	-0.4
	45 to 64 yrs	5.3	5.4	5.5	5.5	5.2	5.2	4.7	-0.6
	Aged 65+	2.9	4.2	3.5	3.1	3.4	3.8	4.0	1.1
<b>Newfoundland and Labrador</b>									
Both genders	Aged 15+	16.7	16.1	16.7	16.5	15.7	15.2	14.8	-1.9
	15 to 24 yrs	25.5	24.7	22.6	23.7	22.4	21.4	22.9	-2.6
	25 to 44 yrs	16.0	15.2	16.7	15.7	15.6	14.6	14.0	-2.0
	45 to 64 yrs	14.0	13.2	14.1	14.6	13.1	13.7	12.9	-1.1
	Aged 65+	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Men	Aged 15+	17.7	17.9	18.1	17.9	17.1	16.3	16.6	-1.1
	15 to 24 yrs	29.6	29.3	24.2	27.6	25.4	24.5	26.0	-3.6
	25 to 44 yrs	16.5	17.1	18.7	17.5	16.9	15.6	16.2	-0.3
	45 to 64 yrs	14.8	14.1	15.0	14.6	14.4	14.4	14.0	-0.8
	Aged 65+	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Women	Aged 15+	15.6	14.0	15.1	14.9	14.2	14.0	12.9	-2.7
	15 to 24 yrs	21.7	19.7	20.9	19.4	19.1	18.1	19.3	-2.4
	25 to 44 yrs	15.4	13.3	14.6	13.8	14.2	13.6	12.0	-3.4
	45 to 64 yrs	12.9	12.0	12.7	14.6	11.8	12.9	11.4	-1.5
	Aged 65+	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Prince Edward Island</b>									
Both genders	Aged 15+	12.1	11.9	12.0	11.0	11.3	10.8	11.0	-1.1
	15 to 24 yrs	14.6	16.2	15.4	14.6	17.4	16.3	14.4	-0.2
	25 to 44 yrs	12.1	11.2	11.5	10.5	10.7	9.5	10.8	-1.3
	45 to 64 yrs	10.6	11.2	11.3	10.3	9.5	9.8	10.0	-0.6
	Aged 65+	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.1	11.1
Men	Aged 15+	13.2	12.7	13.0	11.8	12.0	12.5	12.9	-0.3
	15 to 24 yrs	16.2	19.4	17.4	15.7	19.4	21.7	18.6	2.4
	25 to 44 yrs	13.1	11.5	12.4	12.0	10.8	11.0	12.5	-0.6
	45 to 64 yrs	11.6	10.9	11.5	10.2	9.9	10.2	10.5	-1.1
	Aged 65+	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Women	Aged 15+	11.1	11.3	10.9	10.2	10.5	8.8	9.3	-1.8
	15 to 24 yrs	12.7	14.3	13.2	13.4	15.4	10.4	10.0	-2.7
	25 to 44 yrs	11.1	10.2	10.1	9.0	10.1	7.9	9.3	-1.8
	45 to 64 yrs	9.5	11.6	10.3	10.4	9.0	9.4	9.4	-0.1
	Aged 65+	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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		Per cent (%)						% pt change 2000 to 2006	
		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005		2006
<b>Nova Scotia</b>									
Both genders	Aged 15+	9.1	9.7	9.6	9.1	8.8	8.4	7.9	-1.2
	15 to 24 yrs	15.8	17.7	17.8	15.9	15.1	15.0	13.7	-2.1
	25 to 44 yrs	8.5	8.7	8.5	8.0	8.1	7.7	7.1	-1.4
	45 to 64 yrs	6.8	7.3	7.2	7.6	7.0	6.3	6.4	-0.4
	Aged 65+	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.9	0.0	0.0
Men	Aged 15+	9.8	10.3	10.6	10.2	9.6	9.2	9.4	-0.4
	15 to 24 yrs	17.8	19.3	21.3	18.9	17.6	16.9	16.5	-1.3
	25 to 44 yrs	9.2	9.3	9.6	9.0	8.5	8.6	8.1	-1.1
	45 to 64 yrs	7.2	7.7	7.3	7.8	7.6	6.7	7.7	0.5
	Aged 65+	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Women	Aged 15+	8.3	9.1	8.4	8.0	7.9	7.6	6.5	-1.8
	15 to 24 yrs	13.7	16.1	14.3	12.5	12.2	13.1	10.9	-2.8
	25 to 44 yrs	7.8	8.0	7.3	6.9	7.8	6.8	6.0	-1.8
	45 to 64 yrs	6.3	7.0	7.2	7.2	6.2	5.9	5.0	-1.3
	Aged 65+	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>New Brunswick</b>									
Both genders	Aged 15+	10.0	11.1	10.2	10.3	9.8	9.7	8.8	-1.2
	15 to 24 yrs	15.7	17.2	15.3	16.3	15.3	14.9	13.7	-2.0
	25 to 44 yrs	9.0	9.8	9.1	9.6	9.3	8.8	7.7	-1.3
	45 to 64 yrs	8.6	10.0	9.4	8.4	8.0	8.6	8.0	-0.6
	Aged 65+	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Men	Aged 15+	11.0	12.7	12.1	12.3	11.2	11.4	10.3	-0.7
	15 to 24 yrs	19.0	20.9	18.8	19.8	18.2	18.2	16.2	-2.8
	25 to 44 yrs	10.0	11.0	10.8	11.8	11.0	10.3	9.0	-1.0
	45 to 64 yrs	8.9	11.5	11.0	9.9	8.8	10.0	9.5	0.6
	Aged 65+	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Women	Aged 15+	8.8	9.4	8.1	8.0	8.3	7.8	7.1	-1.7
	15 to 24 yrs	12.2	13.5	11.7	12.6	12.6	11.5	11.4	-0.8
	25 to 44 yrs	8.1	8.6	7.2	7.3	7.7	7.3	6.4	-1.7
	45 to 64 yrs	8.2	8.4	7.5	6.7	7.1	7.1	6.2	-2.0
	Aged 65+	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Quebec</b>									
Both genders	Aged 15+	8.5	8.8	8.6	9.1	8.5	8.3	8.0	-0.5
	15 to 24 yrs	13.9	13.7	13.6	14.1	14.4	13.5	13.6	-0.3
	25 to 44 yrs	7.6	8.1	7.8	8.5	7.9	7.9	7.3	-0.3
	45 to 64 yrs	7.3	7.5	7.6	7.7	6.9	6.7	6.7	-0.6
	Aged 65+	0.0	5.7	4.5	5.2	4.4	4.0	6.5	6.5
Men	Aged 15+	8.7	9.0	9.1	9.7	9.1	9.0	8.5	-0.2
	15 to 24 yrs	14.8	15.0	15.1	16.2	16.5	15.7	15.0	0.2
	25 to 44 yrs	8.0	8.4	8.1	8.8	8.5	8.4	7.7	-0.3
	45 to 64 yrs	7.1	7.2	8.0	8.1	7.0	7.2	7.0	-0.1
	Aged 65+	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.6	4.8	0.0	7.3	7.3
Women	Aged 15+	8.2	8.5	8.1	8.5	7.8	7.5	7.5	-0.7
	15 to 24 yrs	12.9	12.2	11.9	11.9	12.2	11.3	12.0	-0.9
	25 to 44 yrs	7.1	7.7	7.5	8.1	7.2	7.3	6.9	-0.2
	45 to 64 yrs	7.7	8.0	7.0	7.3	6.7	6.0	6.4	-1.3
	Aged 65+	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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		Per cent (%)							% pt change 2000 to 2006
		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	
<b>Ontario</b>									
Both genders	Aged 15+	5.8	6.3	7.1	6.9	6.8	6.6	6.3	0.5
	15 to 24 yrs	11.9	12.5	13.9	14.4	14.1	13.9	13.1	1.2
	25 to 44 yrs	4.9	5.6	6.5	6.0	6.0	5.6	5.5	0.6
	45 to 64 yrs	4.1	4.5	4.8	4.8	4.6	4.8	4.3	0.2
	Aged 65+	3.1	2.6	2.2	3.0	2.7	3.5	4.4	1.3
Men	Aged 15+	5.6	6.5	7.4	7.1	6.9	6.6	6.4	0.8
	15 to 24 yrs	12.8	14.2	15.8	15.9	15.8	16.1	14.3	1.5
	25 to 44 yrs	4.5	5.4	6.5	5.7	5.8	5.4	5.5	1.0
	45 to 64 yrs	3.8	4.6	4.9	5.1	4.6	4.4	4.3	0.5
	Aged 65+	2.9	2.5	2.3	3.1	2.1	3.0	4.7	1.8
Women	Aged 15+	6.0	6.2	6.8	6.8	6.6	6.5	6.2	0.2
	15 to 24 yrs	10.8	10.8	11.9	12.8	12.4	11.6	12.0	1.2
	25 to 44 yrs	5.3	5.7	6.5	6.4	6.2	5.8	5.6	0.3
	45 to 64 yrs	4.4	4.5	4.8	4.4	4.5	5.3	4.3	-0.1
	Aged 65+	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.3	4.5	3.8	3.8
<b>Manitoba</b>									
Both genders	Aged 15+	5.0	5.1	5.1	5.0	5.3	4.8	4.3	-0.7
	15 to 24 yrs	9.4	9.8	10.1	9.5	10.9	9.7	8.8	-0.6
	25 to 44 yrs	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.5	4.7	4.2	3.7	-0.7
	45 to 64 yrs	3.5	3.5	3.7	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.0	-0.5
	Aged 65+	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Men	Aged 15+	5.1	5.1	5.5	5.3	5.6	5.1	4.5	-0.6
	15 to 24 yrs	9.7	10.4	11.4	10.9	11.8	10.9	10.3	0.6
	25 to 44 yrs	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.6	4.8	4.2	3.7	-0.7
	45 to 64 yrs	3.8	3.3	4.1	3.4	3.7	3.5	2.8	-1.0
	Aged 65+	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Women	Aged 15+	4.8	5.0	4.7	4.7	5.0	4.4	4.1	-0.7
	15 to 24 yrs	9.1	9.1	8.7	8.2	10.0	8.3	7.2	-1.9
	25 to 44 yrs	4.2	4.2	4.0	4.4	4.4	4.1	3.7	-0.5
	45 to 64 yrs	3.2	3.9	3.2	3.2	3.2	2.9	3.2	0.0
	Aged 65+	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Saskatchewan</b>									
Both genders	Aged 15+	5.1	5.8	5.7	5.6	5.3	5.1	4.7	-0.4
	15 to 24 yrs	10.6	11.5	10.8	10.7	10.4	10.1	8.6	-2.0
	25 to 44 yrs	4.4	5.2	5.0	5.3	4.8	4.2	4.2	-0.2
	45 to 64 yrs	3.6	3.7	4.1	3.6	3.5	3.8	3.4	-0.2
	Aged 65+	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Men	Aged 15+	5.7	6.2	6.3	6.3	5.9	5.5	4.9	-0.8
	15 to 24 yrs	12.3	13.0	12.2	11.7	11.9	11.1	8.8	-3.5
	25 to 44 yrs	4.8	5.5	5.6	5.9	5.2	4.4	4.2	-0.6
	45 to 64 yrs	4.0	3.9	4.5	4.3	4.1	4.3	4.1	0.1
	Aged 65+	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Women	Aged 15+	4.5	5.3	5.0	4.8	4.6	4.6	4.4	-0.1
	15 to 24 yrs	8.6	9.5	9.2	9.5	8.7	8.9	8.3	-0.3
	25 to 44 yrs	3.9	4.9	4.3	4.5	4.4	4.0	4.2	0.3
	45 to 64 yrs	3.1	3.5	3.7	2.9	2.9	3.2	2.7	-0.4
	Aged 65+	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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		Per cent (%)							% pt change 2000 to 2006
		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	
<b>Alberta</b>									
Both genders	Aged 15+	5.0	4.6	5.3	5.1	4.6	3.9	3.4	-1.6
	15 to 24 yrs	10.6	9.2	10.6	9.2	8.4	7.3	6.8	-3.8
	25 to 44 yrs	4.0	4.1	4.5	4.4	4.2	3.3	2.8	-1.2
	45 to 64 yrs	3.2	2.9	3.5	3.9	3.3	3.0	2.6	-0.6
	Aged 65+	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Men	Aged 15+	4.9	4.8	5.6	5.2	4.5	3.9	3.3	-1.6
	15 to 24 yrs	11.3	10.5	11.9	10.2	9.1	8.0	7.5	-3.8
	25 to 44 yrs	3.8	4.0	4.8	4.4	3.8	3.0	2.5	-1.3
	45 to 64 yrs	3.3	2.9	3.5	4.0	3.1	3.1	2.4	-0.9
	Aged 65+	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Women	Aged 15+	5.0	4.5	4.9	4.9	4.7	4.0	3.6	-1.4
	15 to 24 yrs	9.7	7.8	9.1	8.1	7.7	6.5	6.0	-3.7
	25 to 44 yrs	4.3	4.1	4.1	4.5	4.6	3.8	3.2	-1.1
	45 to 64 yrs	3.1	3.1	3.5	3.7	3.5	3.0	2.8	-0.3
	Aged 65+	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>British Columbia</b>									
Both genders	Aged 15+	7.1	7.7	8.5	8.0	7.2	5.9	4.8	-2.3
	15 to 24 yrs	13.7	13.9	15.1	14.4	13.4	10.1	8.2	-5.5
	25 to 44 yrs	6.5	7.4	8.0	7.3	6.3	5.2	4.2	-2.3
	45 to 64 yrs	5.2	5.5	6.2	6.3	5.7	5.0	3.8	-1.4
	Aged 65+	0.0	5.7	5.7	4.3	4.2	3.4	5.9	5.9
Men	Aged 15+	7.5	8.6	9.1	8.2	7.3	5.8	4.6	-2.9
	15 to 24 yrs	15.4	16.1	17.0	16.0	14.4	10.9	9.2	-6.2
	25 to 44 yrs	6.6	8.0	8.3	7.2	6.3	5.0	3.9	-2.7
	45 to 64 yrs	5.6	6.1	6.9	6.5	5.6	4.8	3.5	-2.1
	Aged 65+	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.4	5.4
Women	Aged 15+	6.7	6.8	7.8	7.8	7.1	5.9	4.9	-1.8
	15 to 24 yrs	11.8	11.5	13.1	12.7	12.5	9.4	7.3	-4.5
	25 to 44 yrs	6.4	6.6	7.6	7.4	6.2	5.4	4.6	-1.8
	45 to 64 yrs	4.8	4.7	5.5	6.1	5.7	5.1	4.1	-0.7
	Aged 65+	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Source: Calculations by the Canadian Council on Social Development using data from Statistics Canada's *Labour Force Historical Review*, 2006.