

tariff trade barriers, arrived at the same conclusion: Canada-U.S. free trade will generate substantial economic benefits for Canada. For example, the Economic Council of Canada estimated that 350,000 new jobs would be created about 10 years after the full phasing-out of all tariff and non-tariff barriers. Under the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement, tariff barriers will be fully phased out by 1998. Wharton Econometrics similarly projected that Canada-U.S. free trade would generate 240,000 new jobs after the full elimination of all bilateral trade barriers, while Informetrica's analysis showed that Canada-U.S. free trade would create as many as 200,000 new jobs once existing trade barriers were fully phased out.

- The output and employment benefits of the Agreement will play a major role in maintaining the robust economic gains the Canadian economy has achieved in recent years. Over the last three years, for example, employment growth has averaged over 300,000 jobs per year. In the absence of the Free Trade Agreement, a substantial number of Canadian jobs would be at risk in the event of a rise in U.S. protectionism. Illustrative scenarios suggest that 75,000 or more jobs could be lost by the middle of the next decade in the event of increased U.S. protectionism. By providing more secure access to