

TABLE NO. 1
EMPLOYMENT IN THE AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY
1978 - 1984

<u>Year</u>	<u>Assemblers</u>	<u>Automotive Parts Manufacturers*</u>
1978	65,900	59,000
1979	67,400	56,400
1980	56,800	47,300
1981	55,500	51,900
1982	51,400	47,500
1983	55,900	59,700
1984	62,000	61,800

*Includes Accessories

Source - Statistics Canada

Since 1982 production and employment in the automotive industry has improved. In the United States employment in 1984 was 896,000 some 11 per cent below the 1978 peak employment year while in Canada employment was 123,800 workers some 1000 workers below the 1978 level. The consensus among industry analysts is that employment may peak in 1985 as the North American producers attempt to regain their competitiveness and the growing impact of the Japanese and other offshore suppliers. Employment reductions are expected to continue as the new automated flexible manufacturing systems now being introduced in the automotive industry start to impact on productivity. Initiatives by Japanese automobile manufacturers to establish production facilities in North America