

The labour force

The seasonally-adjusted employment estimate was 9,165,000 in the week ended July 20, a substantial 69,000 higher than it was in June. Full-time employment was up by 133,000 to 8,073,000, whereas part-time employment declined by 65,000 to 1,108,000.

Seasonally-adjusted unemployment increased by 27,000 to 492,000, following the large drop of 66,000 in June. This raised the seasonally-adjusted national unemployment rate by 0.2 to 5.1 from June. For persons 25 and over, the unemployment rate was unchanged at 3.6, while for those 14-24 it increased by 0.6 to 9.0.

After two months of declines, the seasonally-adjusted national participation rate increased by 0.3 to 58.1 in July. The rate increased by 1.0 to 55.1 for persons 14-24, but for those 25 and over it was virtually unchanged.

Bricklin automobile on its way

The Bricklin automobile, the first independently-produced car to appear on the North American market in 28 years, rolled off the assembly line in Saint John, New Brunswick on August 6.

On hand for an official ceremony were New Brunswick Premier Richard Hatfield and the originator of the unique safety vehicle Malcolm Bricklin of Phoenix, Arizona, United States.

The ceremony, held in the Bricklin's assembly plant at Grandview Industrial Park, drew a host of dignitaries and representatives of the news media from Canada and the U.S.

The Bricklin venture is a joint undertaking involving private industry and government. The Province of New Brunswick has a 51 percent interest in the manufacturing company, Bricklin Canada Ltd.

Museum exhibit in Scotland

The National Museum of Man is undertaking its first international venture with a major exhibition in Scotland of Indian artifacts from the Canadian Northwest. The exhibit opened last month as part of the Edinburgh Festival and will combine ethnographic collections of the Museum of Man and the Royal Scottish Museum. The display, entitled "The Athapasians - Strangers of the North", includes more than 300 items of native manufacture dating from prehistoric times to the present.

The Scottish Museum's collection includes items assembled during the 1850s and 1860s by Scotsmen employed in Canada by the Hudson's Bay Company. After nine months in Edinburgh, the exhibit will be shown in Ottawa and in other centres across Canada.



Source: Statistics Canada



* Ratio scale