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December's Labour Force Survey showed little change in the seasonally adjusted estimate of employment, following a large gain in November. Unemployment grew by 32 000 to 1 565 000 due to an expansion of 39 000 in the labour force. The unemployment rate increased by 0.2 to 11.2, returning to the same level as in September. For the week ending December 11, 1993, employment edged up 7 000 to 12 457 000. Overall employment was little changed. But employment for men increased by 20 000 bringing gains over the last two months to 57 000. Employment increased by 24 000 in Ontario, offsetting small declines in October and November; it decreased in both New Brunswick and Saskatchewan.

Annual Labour Force Averages: 1993 in perspective

Youths aged 15 to 24 continued to experience difficult labour market conditions in 1993. The number of youths employed full-time fell by 70 000 to 1 096 000, but those working part-time increased by 24 000. Unemployment would have increased in this category except for the sharp decrease in their participation rate.

Employment among adult men grew by 100 000 to 5 760 000, with gains of 70 000 in full-time and 30 000 in part time. Unemployment among adult men was little changed at 645 000. Long-term unemployment (e.g. the number of adult men unemployed for more than one year) increased by 23 000 to 120 000. This was the third consecutive annual increase, with long-term unemployment higher than in 1990.

Employment among adult women grew by 90 000 in 1993 to 4 681 000, with full-time up by 58 000 and part-time up by 32 000. Unemployment among adult women was 499 000, an increase of 27 000 from the previous year. Long-term unemployment for adult women increased to 67 000 in 1993.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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