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**GPN global labor market database:
Canada, 2000 second quarter**

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Table 1: Unemployment rates

Unemployment (seasonally adjusted)

	Overall	Men	Women	15-24 year olds
1990	8.1	8.2	8.1	12.4
1991	10.3	10.9	9.7	15.8
1992	11.2	12.0	10.1	17.1
1993	11.4	12.0	10.6	17.1
1994	10.4	10.9	9.7	15.8
1995	9.4	9.8	9.0	14.7
1996	9.6	9.9	9.3	15.3
1997	9.1	9.3	8.9	16.2
1998	8.3	8.6	7.9	15.1
1999	7.6	7.8	7.3	14.0
2000				
January	6.8	7.1	6.5	12.5
February	6.8	6.9	6.6	13.0
March	6.8	6.9	6.7	13.0
April	6.6	6.9	6.6	12.9
May	6.6	6.4	6.4	12.5
June	6.6	6.2	6.2	11.8
July	6.8	6.7	6.7	12.6

*Statistics Canada's Labour Force Survey provides data according to gender and age only.

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Table 2: Long-term unemployment and underemployment

	Involuntary part-time for economic reasons (share of employed)	Underemployment rate	Long-term unemployment (percentage)
1990	n.a	n.a	n.a
1991	n.a	n.a	n.a
1992	n.a	n.a	n.a
1993	n.a	n.a	n.a
1994	n.a	n.a	n.a
1995	n.a	n.a	n.a
1996	n.a	n.a	n.a
1997	n.a	n.a	n.a
1998	n.a	n.a	n.a
1999	n.a	n.a	n.a
2000			
January	n.a	n.a	n.a
February	n.a	n.a	n.a
March	n.a	n.a	n.a
April	n.a	n.a	n.a
May	n.a	n.a	n.a
June	n.a	n.a	n.a

* No reliable time series data available for these categories.
Data is not regularly collected.

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Table 3: Average hourly earnings, production workers

	Current\$	1999\$	Median
1990	10.89	12.90	n.a
1991	11.54	12.95	n.a
1992	12.00	13.26	n.a
1993	12.43	13.49	n.a
1994	12.76	13.82	n.a
1995	13.69	14.52	n.a
1996	14.10	14.71	n.a
1997	14.21	14.59	n.a
1998	14.72	14.98	n.a
1999	14.73	14.73	n.a
2000			
January	15.73	15.05	n.a
February	15.28	15.08	n.a
March	15.21	14.90	n.a
April	15.22	14.96	n.a
May	15.30	14.96	n.a
June	n.a.	n.a	n.a

* Converted to U.S. dollars using OECD purchasing power parity index

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Table 4: Output and population growth

	GDP % change (1992\$)	Population growth rate	GDP growth per capita
1990	0.3	1.5	-1.2
1991	-1.9	1.2	-3.0
1992	0.9	1.2	-0.3
1993	2.3	1.2	1.1
1994	4.7	1.2	3.5
1995	2.8	1.1	1.7
1996	1.5	1.1	0.5
1997	4.4	1.1	3.3
1998	3.3	0.9	2.4
1999	4.5	0.8	3.7
2000*			
Quarter I	4.7	0.9	3.8

* The 2000 population growth rate of 0.9% is a estimated.

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Table 5: Poverty rates

	Poverty rate (%)
1990	11.0
1991	12.2
1992	12.2
1993	13.1
1994	12.5
1995	13.2
1996	14.2
1997	13.7
1998	12.2

* All persons, based on Statistics Canada low-income cutoff.

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Table 6: Income distribution by quintile

Quintile	1998 Income distribution
Top	45.5
Fourth	24.3
Middle	16.0
Second	9.9
Lowest	4.3

* Income before taxes and transfers.

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Table 7: Unionization rates for all workers

	Union coverage (%)
1990	n.a.
1991	n.a.
1992	n.a.
1993	n.a.
1994	n.a.
1995	n.a.
1996	n.a.
1997	n.a.
1998	30.7
1999	30.1
2000	
July	30.9

* Beginning in 1998, unionization data is now obtained from a different survey, so the series is not strictly comparable to previous years.

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Table 8: Maximum legal working time

**Legal
working time**

2000 44 hrs/wk

* May vary by province.

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Table 9: Minimum wage rates

	Minimum wage/hr
2000	
Newfoundland	4.70
PEI	4.79
Nova Scotia	4.79
New Brunswick	4.70
Quebec	5.90
Ontario	5.85
Manitoba	5.13
Saskatchewan	5.13
Alberta	5.04
British Columbia	6.11

* Minimum wage rates vary by province.

** Converted to US\$ using OECD PPP.