



Table 8.2). The second chart shows that the drop in the male participation rate between 1963 and 1972 was very pronounced among men in the 20-24 age group (88.7% to 84.0%) and in the 65 and over group (26.4% to 18.7%).

The accelerated entry of women into the labour force has more than compensated for the decline in male labour force participation; in 1972 the rate was 37.1% compared with 29.6% in 1963 (as calculated from Table 8.2). As the second chart illustrates the participation rate of women in the 14-19 and 65 and over age groups showed very little change over the period whereas the rate for women 20-64 years of age increased substantially.

The actual total number of persons employed in Canada rose from 6.4 million in 1963 to 8.3 million in 1972 (Table 8.1), an increase shared by all regions of the country (Table 8.3);