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The Canadian labour force averaged 12.2 million persons in 1983. This was about 64.4% of the population 15 years of age and over (excluding inmates of institutions, full-time members of the Canadian Armed Forces, residents of Yukon and Northwest Territories and residents of Indian reserves). More than 10.7 million people were employed but an average of 1.4 million were unemployed.

Nearly 40% of all non-agricultural paid workers belonged to unions in January 1984. Wage settlements negotiated in major collective agreements continued a downward trend, falling from an average effective increase of 10.2% in 1982 to 4.9% in 1983.

The estimated 1983 average family income at \$34,479 was about the same as the 1982 average on an inflation-adjusted basis. The average income of families headed by females (mostly single-parent families) was about one-half the average received by families headed by males.