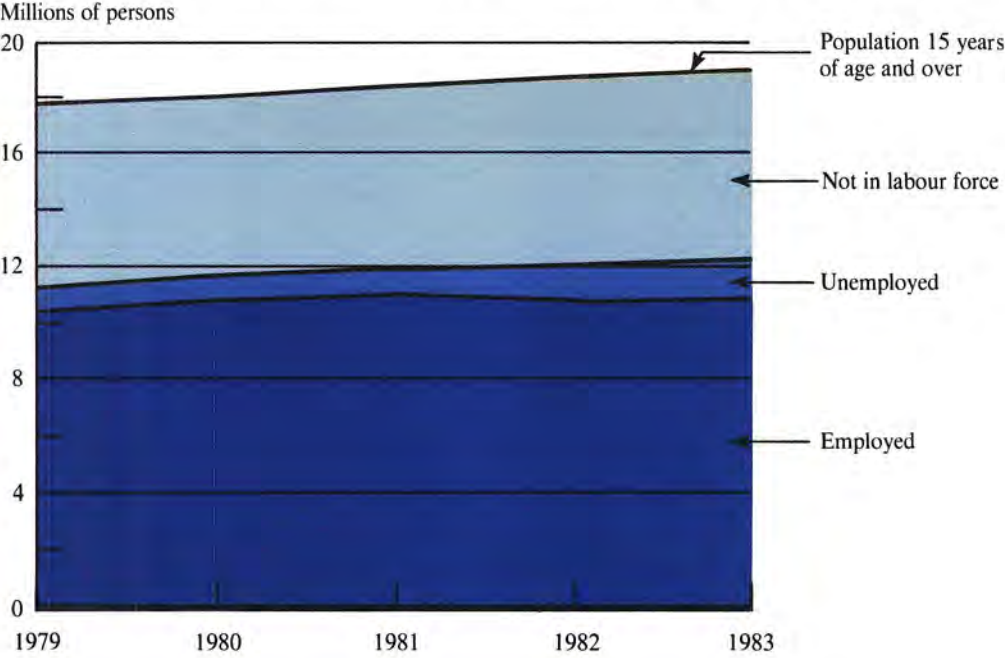


Chart 5.3
Estimates of the civilian labour force, employed and unemployed, 1979-83



averaging 9.0% excluding future COLA payments. The data include the effects of both federal and provincial restraint programs.

In the commercial sector, wage settlements without a COLA clause averaged 9.5% in 1982, down from 13.8% in 1981. Increases in the non-commercial sector in 1982 were 10.3% on average, down from 13.1% in 1981.

5.4.3 Strikes and lockouts

Statistical information on strikes and lockouts in Canada is compiled by Labour Canada on the basis of reports from employment centres, provincial labour departments and other sources. The 677 work stoppages reported in 1982 involved 444,302 workers and 5.8 million person-days lost. Corresponding figures for 1981 were 1,048 stoppages, 338,548 workers and 8.9 million person-days lost.

Time loss, as a percentage of total estimated working time of non-agricultural paid workers, was 0.37% in 1981 and 0.25% in 1982.

5.5 The labour force

5.5.1 Monthly labour force surveys

Statistics relating to employment and unemployment at national and provincial levels are provided through a Statistics Canada labour force survey, carried out monthly.

The survey sample represents all persons 15 years of age and over residing in Canada except: residents of Northwest Territories and Yukon, persons living on Indian reserves, inmates of institutions and full-time members of the armed forces. Interviews are carried out in approximately 56,000 households chosen by area sampling methods across the country. Estimates of employment, unemployment and non-labour force activity generated from the survey refer to a specific week each month, normally the week containing the 15th day. The labour force is composed of members of the civilian non-institutional population 15 years of age and over who, during reference week, were employed or unemployed.

The employed are defined as all persons who, in the reference week, did any work for pay or profit, either paid work in an employer-employee relationship or self-employment. Included is unpaid family work contributing to the operation of a farm, business or professional practice owned or operated by a related member of the household. It also includes persons who had jobs but were not at work due to illness or disability, personal or family responsibilities, bad weather, labour disputes or other reasons.

The unemployed are those who, in the reference week, were without work, had actively looked for