

EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT _

Canada's unemployment rate fell to 8.9% in 1987, marking its fourth consecutive decline from the high of 11.9% in 1983. Although unemployment has not been below 9% since 1981, the total level of employment in the country has steadily increased since 1982, gaining almost 3% each year since 1983. Overall, Canada's total labour force increased by 2% in 1987.