

## “DROPPED OUT OF THE LABOUR FORCE”

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Older workers more secure, but harder to re-employ  
 Long-term unemployment down from early '90s high, Statistics Canada says

<http://www.canada.com/ottawa/ottawacitizen/news/business/story.html?id=6bc e2c66-\c9b7-43fe-975f-8a9d70368164>

Eric Beauchesne

The Ottawa Citizen

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Quote: “The report says the number might understate the actual level of long-term unemployment among older workers because, after a year or more of being out of work, some may give up looking for jobs and drop out of the labour force.”

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Reference: <http://www.canada.com/ottawacitizen/news/business/story.html?id=adf51ee7-ce34-4a61-bc37-4f769809e01e>

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### Ottawa lost 2,700 jobs last month

First hiring decline in a year, but regional unemployment still down slightly: StatsCan

Bert Hill, The Ottawa Citizen; with files from Canwest News Service

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Quote:-

“But strong job growth in Gatineau and more people dropping out of the search for work sent the unemployment rate in the national capital region down 0.2 percentage points to a record low of 4.5 per cent.....Despite the decline in jobs, only 31,300 people said they were unemployed in December, down 1,600 from November. The change could reflect people retiring or returning to school or other non-work activity as well as taking a break from job-hunting.”

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Reference: <http://www.canada.com/ottawacitizen/news/story.html?id=439f8687-8c01-4625-9169-c24020141de6&k=67473>

### Area unemployment rate falls, but numbers are not all roses

Ottawa Citizen

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Quote: "...Statistics Canada reported Friday that **job market dropouts** rather than employment growth drove the change. Total employment actually dropped 800 jobs during the month, but was offset by a **similar number reporting they were no longer searching for work.**"

Reference: <http://www.theglobeandmail.com/report-on-business/ei-data-dont-count-those-who-run-out/article1339141/>

## **EI data don't count those who run out**

Without statistics on the number of jobless Canadians whose employment insurance benefits have been exhausted, it's difficult to gauge how many are headed for welfare

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**Quote 1: "In a country that dutifully tallies everything from egg sales to steel wire production, one crucial piece of the economic puzzle is missing.**

**When Statistics Canada releases its monthly report on employment insurance today, notable will be the lack of information on the number of unemployed who have exhausted their EI benefits. This is frustrating the efforts of economists and also complicating public policy, because how can governments and support agencies respond if the full extent of the problem is unknown? "**

**Quote 2: "Mr. Bishop (an economist at Toronto-Dominion Bank) noted that this "poor real-time gauge" of how many unemployed are without income has implications for how governments plan the rates and delivery of social assistance.**

**Currently no federal body publishes timely statistics showing how often EI benefits run out or welfare rates across the country, which economists expect to rise. "**

**Quote 3: "Without statistics on benefits being exhausted, it's difficult to gauge how many people may be headed toward welfare. As of July, almost 788,000 people were receiving regular jobless benefits, a 57-per-cent increase since the labour market peaked last October. The latest numbers, however, showed a 3.8-per-cent drop in the number of people receiving regular claims month over month in July. On the surface, that's welcome news as the labour market stabilizes. But Statistics Canada analysts attribute part of the drop to benefit expiration. "**

## **COMMENTS.**

If you don't know how many out-of-work people are on welfare or were never eligible for E.I. benefits in the first place, then you cannot know the numbers of jobs needed to employ them / make taxpayers out of them,

This state of affairs is clearly and totally unsatisfactory.

See also:-

1. The "Ottawa's Hidden Workforce" report of Fall 1998
2. The Statistics Canada report, "Work Hours Instability in Canada" of March 2006
3. The Statistics Canada report, "Life After High Tech", of July 20<sup>th</sup> 2007
4. The "Engineering and Technology Labour Market Study – Final Report" , April 30<sup>th</sup> 2009

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