

LABOR MARKET ADJUSTMENT AND POVERTY INDICATORS

	1980	1985	1990	1995	1997	2000	2001	2002	2003
Unemployment in Latin America ^a			6.9	8.4	8.6	10.0	9.8	10.6	10.6
Employment rate in Latin America ^b Latin America: weighted average			53.4	52.8	52.9	52.6	52.0	51.8	52.1
Informal Employment in Latin America ^c			42.8	46.1		46.9		46.5	
Men			39.4	42.7		44.5		44.3	
Women			47.4	51.0		50.3		49.4	
Overall participation rates in Latin America ^d Weighted average			57.3	58.0	58.2	58.4	57.9	58.0	58.5
Real average earnings index (base 1995=100) ^e Latin America (11 countries)	139.3	115.5	89.2	100.0	101.8	107.2	108.0	106.7	101.0 ^f
Poverty in Latin America ^g									
Households	34.7		41.0	37.5	35.5	34.5	35.0	36.1	36.5
Individuals	40.5		48.3	45.7	43.5	42.5	43.2	44.0	44.4

Source:

a Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), data adjusted for a change in methodology in Brazil.

b **ECLAC**, labour force/working-age population (13 countries. Weighted average adjusted for new Brazil series).

c International Labour Organization (ILO), *Panorama laboral 2003*, Lima, 2004.

d **ECLAC**, Latin America (13 countries).

e **ECLAC**, Latin America (11 countries).

f Simple average for 2003 refers to eleven countries.

g **ECLAC**, *Social Panorama of Latin America 2002-2003* (LC/G.2209-P/I), Santiago, Chile, August, 2002. United Nations publication, Sales No. E.03.II.G.185. 2003 figures are preliminary projections.