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Canadian election study, 2000 [computer file]/ Blais, André, Elisabeth Gidengil, Richard Nadeau, and Neil Nevitte [principal investigators]. Final version. Montréal, Que.: Université de Montré. Faculté des artes et des sciences. Département de science politique [producer and distributor], May 2002.
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<http://dc1.chass.utoronto.ca/cansim2/index.jsp>

Labour force historical review 2002: labour force estimates by detailed industry, sex, Canada, province, monthly, unadjusted [computer file and program]./ Statistics Canada [principal investigator]. Revised ed. Feb. 2003. Ottawa, Ont.: Statistics Canada [producer]; Communications Canada. Depository Services Program [distributor], Feb. 20, 2003
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