

HENNESSY'S INDEX

A number is never *just* a number

March 2011  SECURITY/INSECURITY

1.4 MILLION

Number of Canadians officially unemployed in January 2011.

1.2 MILLION

Population size of the nation's capital, Ottawa.

14.4%

Canada's youth unemployment rate in January 2011 (age 15-24); nearly twice the national average.

SIDELINED

Canada still has 335,800 more unemployed individuals than before the beginning of the recession.

1 OUT OF 5

Number of jobless Canadians who were unemployed for more than 6 months in January 2011; was 1 in 10 in January 2008.

867,948

Number of Canadians who used food banks in March 2010; record high.

90,000

Number of jobs Canadians could lose if government yanks stimulus funds in 2011/12.

\$7 BILLION

How much more, per year, the Harper government has budgeted for the Department of Defence since it came to power; a 47% increase.

\$5 BILLION

Estimated new additional annual costs of running provincial and federal jails by 2015/16 due to the latest Harper government crime law.

\$220 BILLION

Total cost of Harper government tax cuts between 2006 and 2013/14.

\$14 BILLION

Yearly cost of Harper government corporate tax cuts by 2013/14.

\$11.5 BILLION

Predicted federal fiscal deficit in 2013/14.

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