

# Activists push job-loss awareness

## Unemployment stats worrying

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Organizers of a nationwide campaign to lobby against the overseas outsourcing of jobs want everyone to know the unemployment clock is ticking.

The Keep Jobs in Canada campaign made a pit stop in Calgary yesterday, toting with it the National Unemployment Clock to show a real-time number of how many employable Canadians are currently jobless.

"We're raising awareness that there are many jobs that have been off-shored," said David Rowswell with the campaign.

"It takes money out of our economy and there are less jobs for Canadians in Canada."

The clock, which increases by one person roughly every 35 seconds, calculates the total

through a logarithm based on unemployment statistics.

While in Calgary, the number of employable Canadians without work was hovering around 1,613,500.

"This is something that affects the whole middle class," said Thomas Stringham, who also works on the campaign.

"There are a lot of profitable jobs being shut down here."

He said he believes some companies are using the recession as an excuse for layoffs even though they are still quite profitable outside Canada.

The clock, which is sponsored by the Telecommunications Workers Union (TWU), began its journey from Parliament Hill on May 6 and is crossing Canada toward Vancouver.

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Thomas Stringham, left, and David Rowswell, right, of the Keep Jobs in Canada campaign, were joined by Delores PilsI, of the Telecommunications Workers Union, in Calgary yesterday. The campaign is travelling across Canada toward Vancouver.