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## A Weekly Review

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#### ◆ Growth of gross domestic product maintains pace

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#### ◆ Industrial capacity approaches peak level

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#### ◆ Truck sales overtake car sales

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#### ◆ New Housing Price Index declines

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#### ◆ After English and French, Chinese heads list of home languages

The number of individuals speaking English or French at home relative to the Canadian population has declined in the country, while English-French bilingualism has gained ground.

#### ◆ Redistributing overtime to reduce unemployment

In November 1995, numerous jobs could have been created if it had been possible to convert all the paid overtime accumulated that month into full-time jobs.

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### Growth of gross domestic product maintains pace

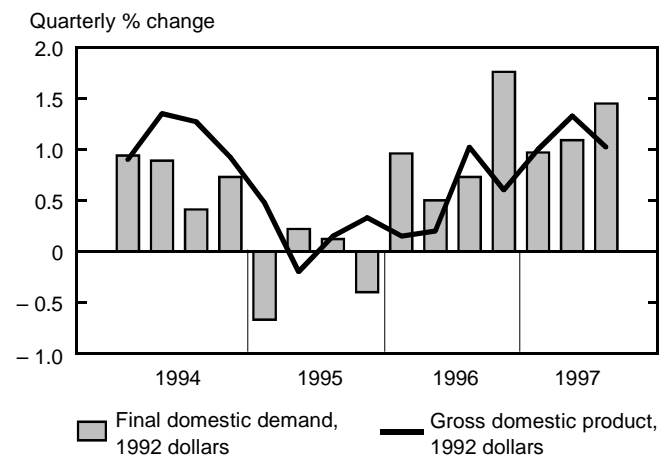
In the third quarter of 1997, real gross domestic product (GDP) at market prices grew 1.0% on the strength of domestic and foreign demand. Consumer spending and business investment in plant and equipment continued to drive final domestic demand, which rose 1.5% in the quarter. Exports and imports moved up 2.4% and 4.6%, respectively, which brought the balance of trade on goods and services to \$3.8 billion.

Nominal GDP at factor cost increased 1.1%. Corporate profits before taxes advanced 4.7% due to increased revenues and wider profit margins in some industries. Labour income rose by 0.9%, as the upswing in employment continued.

The strong gain in business investment was dominated by machinery and equipment (+7.7%). Advances were widespread, with notable gains in spending on agricultural and industrial machinery, computer and office equipment, telecommunications

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#### Growth of domestic demand and gross domestic product



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equipment and trucks. Business investment in non-farm inventories contributed \$1.8 billion to the \$8.1 billion increase in real GDP in the third quarter of 1997. Both retail and wholesale trade recorded a significant build-up of inventory.

Consumer spending increased by 1.3% in the third quarter. The increased spending applied to all categories of consumer goods, except for energy products such as electricity, natural gas and motor fuels. Spending on clothing and footwear jumped ahead. Demand for durable goods in the quarter was attributable to furniture and household appliances, and furnishings and supplies. Growth of disposable income fell short of that of personal income (+0.5% compared with +0.7%), as income taxes and contributions to social insurance and pensions continued to take a bigger share out of income.

In the third quarter, government revenues rose by 1.1%, while expenditures were up by only 0.3%. Gross spending on goods and services picked up slightly (+0.5%). Interest on the public debt fell by 1.3% due to lower interest rates. The federal government made the most noticeable progress in its budget situation, registering a \$5.6 billion surplus in the third quarter, following a \$4.1 billion surplus in the second (on a national accounts basis).

**Available on CANSIM: matrices 701-726, 728-735, 737-744, 748-750, 796, 797, 6520-6575 and 6597-6626.**

*The third quarter 1997 issue of **National economic and financial accounts, quarterly estimates** (13-001-XPB, \$44/\$145) will be available shortly. For further information, contact the client services officer (613-951-3640), National Accounts and Environment Division.*

## Industrial capacity approaches peak level

**I**n the third quarter of 1997, industries operated at 86.2% of capacity. The growth rate of production capacity has not kept pace with the strong growth in output, therefore, the rate of capacity use is approaching its peak.

Business spending on plant and equipment has boomed in 1997. The surge in spending has, in the short run, contributed to increased production and hence to higher rates of capacity use. In the longer term, however, this new capital will add to production capacity and will help absorb future increases in output.

Manufacturers posted a 1.6 percentage point increase in their rate of capacity use, bringing the level to 87.5%—a new high for manufacturing. Of the 22 industry groups, 14 raised their rates of capacity use, and 8 recorded rates of over 90%. Production was up sharply in the electrical and electronic products group, where producers of electronic equipment and office machinery accounted for 61% of the overall third-quarter advance in manufacturing. This pushed the rate of capacity use up to 92.3%.

Output continued to rise in the primary metals industry. In refined petroleum and coal products, a modest increase in production was accompanied by a marked decrease in production capacity. Chemical and chemical products posted a substantial advance in the third quarter.

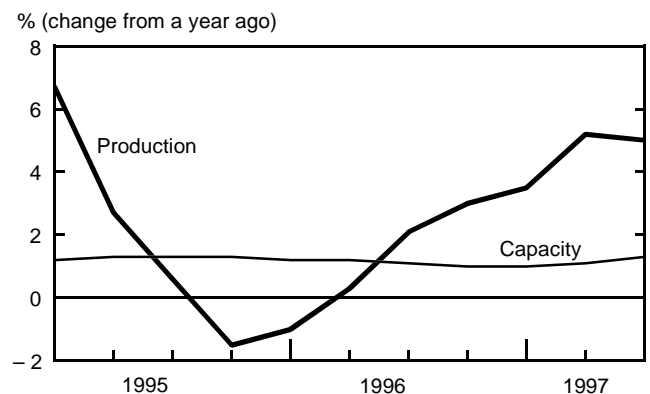
On the non-manufacturing side, mining and quarrying, non-ferrous metal extraction, oil and gas drilling and gold mining activities all increased during the third quarter. The 96.1% rate of capacity use was a new high for this group of industries. In construction, growth in the rate of capacity use lost some momentum.

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### Note to readers

*An industry's capacity use is the ratio of its actual output to its estimated potential output. Statistics Canada derives estimates of an industry's potential output from measures of its capital stock. Since 1987, Statistics Canada has been surveying companies for their estimates of annual capacity use, in order to produce survey-based industry measures. A company's measure of its level of operation, as a percentage of potential, takes into account changes in the obsolescence of facilities, capital-to-labour ratios and other characteristics of production techniques. The surveyed rates anchor the calculated quarterly series and ensure they reflect such changes.*

### Industrial production and capacity



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## ... Industrial capacity approaches peak level

### Industrial capacity utilization rates

	Q3 1996	Q2 1997	Q3 1997	Q3 1996 to Q3 1997	Q2 1997 to Q3 1997
	%			percentage point change	
<b>Total, non-farm goods-producing industries</b>	<b>83.3</b>	<b>85.0</b>	<b>86.2</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>1.2</b>
Logging and forestry	80.1	78.5	79.2	- 0.9	0.7
Mining (including milling), quarrying and oil wells	85.9	86.7	88.7	2.8	2.0
Manufacturing	84.1	85.9	87.5	3.4	1.6
Durable goods	84.0	85.5	88.2	4.2	2.7
Non-durable goods	84.4	86.4	86.5	2.1	0.1
Construction	77.9	81.8	82.3	4.4	0.5
Electric power and gas distribution systems	84.0	83.2	82.6	- 1.4	- 0.6

## Truck sales overtake car sales

**T**ruck sales, which include minivans and sport utility vehicles, pushed new motor vehicle sales up 1.9% in October. For the first time in over 50 years, sales of new trucks accounted for more than half of all new motor vehicles sold in Canada. On a year-over-year basis, dealers sold more new vehicles in October (+12.5%) than during the same period a year earlier.

Between September and October, truck sales were up 6.1%. A drop in new cars sold by the Big Three (General Motors, Ford and Chrysler) was responsible for the 2.0% drop in passenger car sales. Since April 1996, new motor vehicle sales have generally increased. Truck sales rose over this period, while passenger car sales began to decline in September 1997.

Approximately four out of five cars sold in October were built in North America. Consumers spent an average of \$22,547, up 6.1% from October 1996. The average price of cars built overseas dropped 3.3% to \$28,482, mainly because of lower average prices for cars built in Japan.

Light trucks cost consumers an average of \$30,030 (before taxes) in October, up 3.9% from a year earlier. Between October 1996 and October 1997, the average price for a North American light truck advanced 4.5%, while the cost of light trucks built overseas declined 5.3%.

Sources in the auto industry expect a month-to-month increase for new motor vehicle sales in November.

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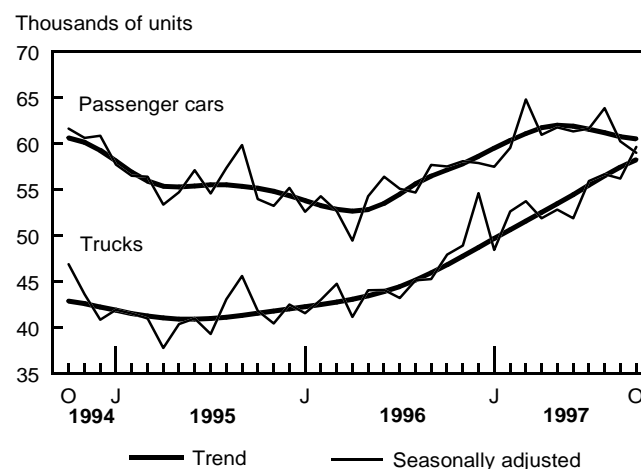
The October issue of *New motor vehicle sales* (63-007-XPB, \$17/\$165) will be available shortly. For analytical information, contact Jason Randall (613-951-5668; Internet: randjas@statcan.ca); for further information, contact Serge Dumouchel (613-951-2210), Distributive Trades Division.

### Note to readers

*Passenger cars include those used for personal and commercial purposes (taxis and rental cars, for example). Trucks include minivans, sport utility vehicles, light and heavy trucks, vans, coaches and buses. The number of new motor vehicles (passenger cars and trucks) sold is based on seasonally adjusted data.*

*Data on the average amount spent on new vehicles are derived from unadjusted figures. The average price of light trucks is estimated from data reported by companies who primarily sell light vehicles and excludes figures reported by heavy truck and bus companies.*

### New motor vehicle sales



## New Housing Price Index declines

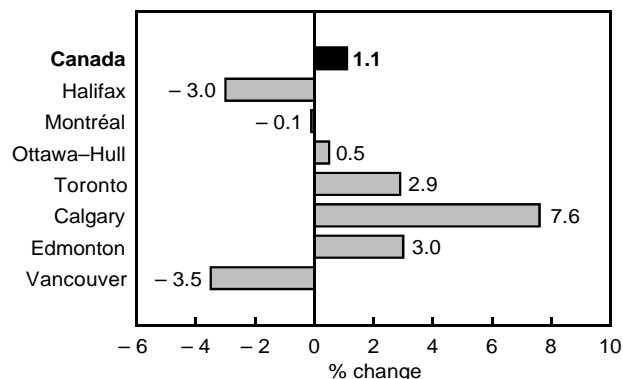
Between September and October, the New Housing Price Index edged down 0.1%. This was the first monthly decrease since October 1996. Compared with October of 1996, however, the index rose 1.1%.

The largest monthly increases were recorded in St. Catharines–Niagara (+1.3%), Calgary (+1.0%) and Edmonton (+0.8%), as some builders passed on higher construction costs to home buyers. Smaller increases were noted in several other Canadian cities as builders reacted to higher consumer confidence and favourable interest rates.

Significant monthly decreases were posted in Charlottetown (–1.3%) and Vancouver (–1.0%), while several other cities registered small declines. Generally, contractors attributed these decreases to very competitive market conditions.

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New housing price indexes, October 1996 to October 1997



The fourth quarter 1997 issue of *Construction price statistics* (62-007-XPB, \$24/\$79) will be available in March 1998. For further information, contact Elvira Marinelli (613-951-3350; fax: 613-951-2848; Internet: [danipau@statcan.ca](mailto:danipau@statcan.ca)), Prices Division.

## After English and French, Chinese heads list of home languages

Although 4.7 million people reported a mother tongue other than English or French in 1996, only 2.8 million spoke a non-official language most often at home. After English and French, Chinese headed the list of home languages, followed by Italian and Punjabi.

While the number of individuals who spoke either official language at home has increased since 1991, their relative share of the Canadian population has declined. In 1996, English was the home language for 19.3 million individuals (+4.6%). However, their proportion of the population fell slightly during the last five years, to 68%. Similarly, the number of people in Canada who spoke French at home increased to 6.4 million. The relative share of French as a home language, however, continued to decline, to reach 23% in 1996.

The difference between the number of people using a language at home and the number of those who declare it as mother tongue is a good indicator of the net impact of language shifts. For example, in 1996, the number of people who spoke French at home was 89,000 higher than the number of those who reported French as mother tongue. The net gains for the English group were 140,000. Among allophones in Quebec who did shift to either English or French, an increasing proportion were shifting to French: 39% in 1996, compared with 37% in 1991 and 29% in 1971.

English–French bilingualism gained ground during the five years between censuses. In 1996, 17% of the population, or 4.8 million people, could speak both official languages, compared with slightly over 16% (4.4 million) in 1991.

Across the country, 41% of francophones were bilingual, almost five times higher than the proportion of anglophones (9%). The

### Note to readers

**Allophone:** the population with a non-official language as mother tongue.

**Bilingualism:** the ability to speak both English and French, based on the self-assessment of respondents.

**Home language:** the language spoken most often at home by the individual at the time of the census.

**Language shift:** when an individual speaks a language at home that differs from his/her mother tongue.

**Mother tongue:** the first language learned at home in childhood and still understood by the individual at the time of the census.

**Non-official language:** any language other than the two official languages of Canada, English and French.

rate of bilingualism for francophones living outside Quebec was even higher (84%) compared with that for anglophones (7%). In contrast, the proportion of bilingual anglophones living in Quebec (62%) was almost twice that of francophones in that province (34%). The rate of bilingualism for persons whose mother tongue was neither English nor French remained stable between 1991 and 1996. About 47% of allophones who lived in Quebec in 1996 were bilingual, a rate close to nine times higher than that among allophones who lived in the other provinces and territories.

Except for Saskatchewan, where the proportion of the bilingual population remained stable, all provinces and territories recorded increases. Quebec remained the province with the highest rate of bilingualism, followed by New Brunswick and Ontario.

For further information, contact Christina Jaworski (613-951-3775), Demography Division.

## Redistributing overtime to reduce unemployment

Data from the Survey of Work Arrangements show that, on a regular basis, paid workers worked an average 6.8 million hours of paid overtime weekly in November 1995. Assuming this overtime could be converted into jobs of 40.5 hours a week, which is the average number of weekly hours reported by full-time workers, the total hours could have been converted into 169,000 new jobs. The number of unemployed workers would have been reduced by 13.2%, and the unemployment rate would have dropped from 8.7% to 7.5%.

The creation of these 169,000 hypothetical jobs rests on several assumptions. Notably, it supposes that a perfect match would be necessary between the qualifications of the unemployed and those required in the newly created jobs, as would full mobility of the unemployed between provinces. With these constraints taken into account, only 93,000 new jobs could be created, and the unemployment rate would shift from 8.7% to 8.0%. Only 5% of employees who regularly work overtime would agree to have their hours reduced for less pay. If overtime had been cut only for those workers who agreed to such a measure, less than 10,000 full-time jobs would be created, even with no matching by occupation or location. Consequently, the number of unemployed workers would have been reduced by only a fraction of a percent and the unemployment rate would have remained unchanged.

Between January and September 1997, over 1.9 million paid workers worked overtime in a typical week. Over half were not paid or otherwise compensated for any of their overtime, while 45% were paid for all their extra hours.

Extra hours are more common in some industries (like communications, educational services, consumer durables manufacturing, and mining) and in certain occupational groups

### *Note to readers*

*The analysis on the redistribution of overtime hours is based on the Survey of Work Arrangements. It is the only survey that covers usual overtime hours and work hour preferences. Sponsored by Human Resources Development Canada, the survey was conducted as a supplement to the Labour Force Survey in November 1995.*

*The study of the characteristics of people who work overtime is based on Labour Force Survey averages for the first nine months of 1997.*

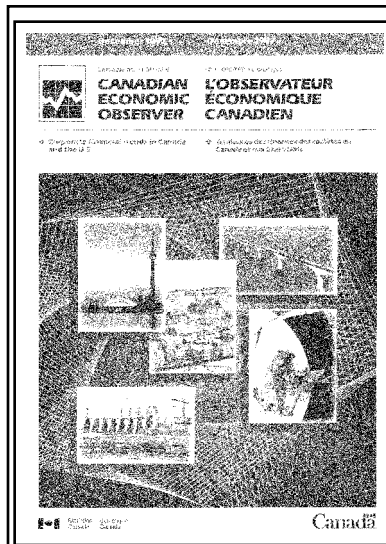
(such as teaching, management and administration, and natural sciences, engineering and mathematics).

Full-time workers have much higher overtime rates than those who work part time. Only 12% of those employed on a temporary or casual basis reported overtime, compared with 17% of those in permanent jobs.

Overtime was somewhat more prevalent in Western Canada: rates were highest in Alberta and lowest in Prince Edward Island. The proportion of people working either paid or unpaid overtime was relatively high in the metropolitan areas of Calgary, Kitchener-Waterloo, Ottawa-Hull, Saskatoon, Edmonton, Windsor, Victoria, Winnipeg and Hamilton. In Windsor, Edmonton and Halifax, the number of paid overtime hours was the longest; in Victoria and Vancouver, the shortest.

*This analysis has been published in the Winter 1997 issue of **Perspectives on labour and income** (75-001-XPE, \$18/\$58), which is now available. For further information on the redistribution of overtime hours, contact Diane Galarneau (613-951-4626); for more information on the characteristics of people working overtime, contact Doreen Duchesne (613-951-6379), Labour and Household Surveys Analysis Division.*

## New from Statistics Canada



### Canadian economic observer December 1997

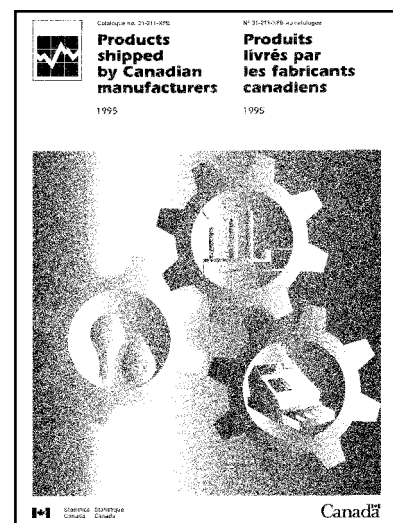
The December 1997 issue of *Canadian economic observer*, Statistics Canada's flagship publication for economic statistics, analyses the current economic conditions and summarizes the major economic events that occurred in November. It also presents a feature article on corporate financial trends in Canada and the United States. A separate statistical summary contains a wide range of tables and graphs on the principal economic indicators for Canada, the provinces and the major industrial nations.

*The December 1997 issue of Canadian economic observer (11-010-XPB, \$23/\$227) is now available. For further information, contact Cyndi Bloskie (613-951-3634; Internet: ceo@statcan.ca), Current Economic Analysis Group.*

### Products shipped by Canadian manufacturers 1995

*Products shipped by Canadian manufacturers, 1995* is based on the Annual Survey of Manufactures. This publication contains an analysis of products shipped by Canadian manufacturers, along with a feature article on the first destination of manufacturing shipments. Also included is a table containing data on value and quantity of products shipped by manufacturers based on the Standard Classification of Goods, for Canada and the provinces.

*Products shipped by Canadian manufacturers, 1995 (31-211-XPB, \$67) is now available. A CD-ROM on products shipped by Canadian manufacturers is also available on demand. For further information, contact Bruno Pépin (613-951-3529; fax: 613-951-3522; Internet: pepibru@statcan.ca), Manufacturing, Construction, and Energy Division.*



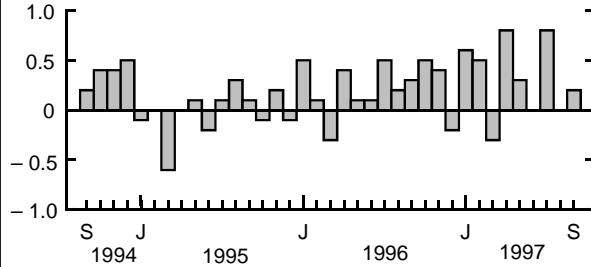
## Season's Greetings!

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## Current trends

### Gross domestic product

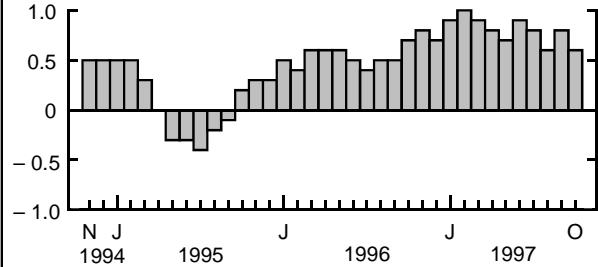
% change,  
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Real gross domestic product at factor cost rose 0.2% in September, following a pause in August.

### Composite Index

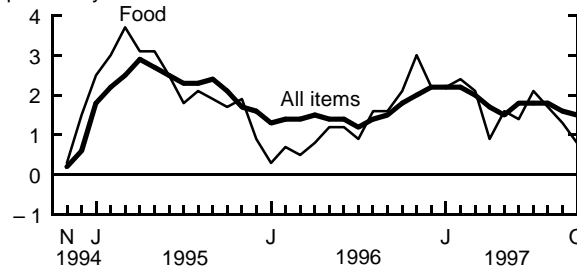
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The Composite Index grew by 0.6% in October.

### Consumer Price Index

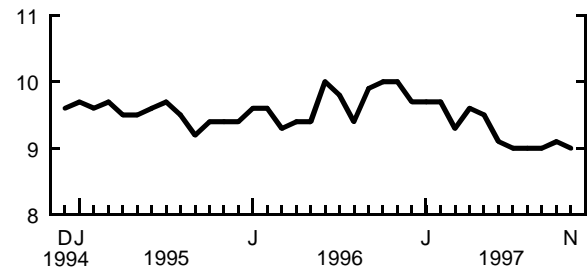
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Consumers paid 1.5% more for goods and services in October 1997 than the year before. Food prices rose by 0.8%.

### Unemployment rate

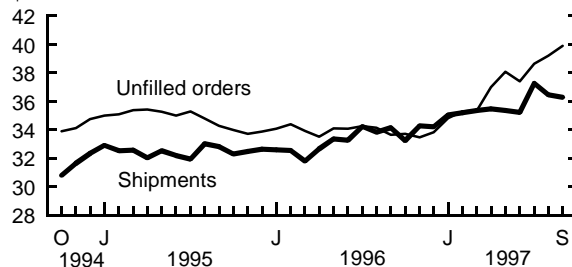
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In November, the unemployment rate edged down 0.1 percentage points to 9.0%.

### Manufacturing

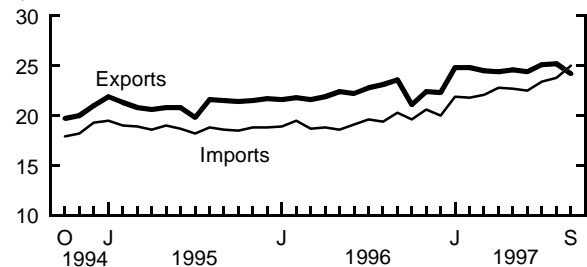
\$ billions



Manufacturers' shipments declined 0.3% in September to \$36.3 billion. The level of unfilled orders increased 1.7% to \$39.9 billion.

### Merchandise trade

\$ billions



In September, the value of merchandise exports rose 0.2% from August to \$25.0 billion. Imports increased 1.6% to \$24.2 billion.

**Note:** All series are seasonally adjusted except the Consumer Price Index.

## Latest monthly statistics

	Period	Level	Change, previous period	Change, previous year
<b>GENERAL</b>				
Gross domestic product (\$ billion, 1986)	September	577.5	0.2%	4.2%
Composite Index (1981=100)	October	200.8	0.6%	10.5%
Operating profits of enterprises (\$ billion)	Q3 1997	27.7	2.7%	11.9%
Capacity utilization (%)	Q3 1997*	86.2	1.2†	2.9†
<b>DOMESTIC DEMAND</b>				
Retail trade (\$ billion)	September	19.7	0.3%	8.0%
New motor vehicle sales (thousand of units)	October*	118.7	1.9%	12.5%
<b>LABOUR</b>				
Employment (millions)	November	14.1	0.2%	2.4%
Unemployment rate (%)	November	9.0	- 0.1†	- 1.0†
Participation rate (%)	November	64.9	0.0†	0.0†
Labour income (\$ billion)	June	37.32	0.1%	3.9%
Average weekly earnings (\$)	September	598.01	- 0.1%	1.9%
<b>INTERNATIONAL TRADE</b>				
Merchandise exports (\$ billion)	September	25.0	0.2%	3.3%
Merchandise imports (\$ billion)	September	24.2	1.6%	16.5%
Merchandise trade balance (all figures in \$ billion)	September	0.9	- 0.3	- 2.6
<b>MANUFACTURING</b>				
Shipments (\$ billion)	September	36.3	- 0.3%	4.5%
New orders (\$ billion)	September	37.0	0.2%	7.1%
Unfilled orders (\$ billion)	September	39.9	1.7%	16.6%
Inventory/shipments ratio	September	1.30	0.01	- 0.01
<b>PRICES</b>				
Consumer Price Index (1986=100)	October	138.2	0.1%	1.5%
Industrial Product Price Index (1992=100)	October	119.5	- 0.3%	0.8%
Raw Materials Price Index (1992=100)	October	125.6	1.1%	- 4.7%
New Housing Price Index (1986=100)	September	133.0	0.1%	1.1%

**Note:** All series are seasonally adjusted with the exception of the price indexes.

\* new this week

† percentage point

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Exports by country (paper version)	Jan. to Sept. 1997	65-003-XPB	124/412	124/412
INVESTMENT AND CAPITAL STOCK				
Building permits (microfiche version)	October 1997	64-001-XMB	25/140	25/140
Building permits (paper version)	October 1997	64-001-XPB	25/248	25/248
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**Note:** Release dates for Canadian international merchandise trade, the Consumer Price Index and the Labour Force Survey are fixed; dates for other data series may change.



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Selected economic indicators

Data are available at the time of release from Statistics Canada in *The Daily* (catalogue number 11-001-XPE) in summary form and on **CANSIM** main base in greater detail. The **CANSIM** main base series directory describes the content of the matrices listed in the corresponding *Daily* release.

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## 1996 Census

Data on:	Release date:
Aboriginal peoples	January 13, 1998
Ethnic origin	February 17, 1998
Labour force activity, occupation, industry, household activities, place of work, mode of transportation	March 17, 1998
Education, mobility and migration	April 14, 1998
Sources of income, family and household income	May 12, 1998
Social and economic characteristics of families, occupied dwellings, housing costs	June 9, 1998

## Balance of international payments

Data for:	Release date:
Oct.-Dec., 1997	March 2, 1998
Jan.-Mar., 1998	June 1, 1998
April-June, 1998	August 31, 1998
July-Sept., 1998	November 30, 1998
Oct.-Dec., 1998	March 1, 1999

## Building permits

Data for:	Release date:
November 1997	January 12, 1998
December 1997	February 3, 1998
January 1998	March 6, 1998
February 1998	April 6, 1998
March 1998	May 4, 1998
April 1998	June 4, 1998
May 1998	July 7, 1998
June 1998	August 4, 1998
July 1998	September 4, 1998
August 1998	October 6, 1998
September 1998	November 3, 1998
October 1998	December 4, 1998

## Business conditions survey, Canadian manufacturing industries

Data for:	Release date:
January 1998	February 2, 1998
April 1998	May 1, 1998
July 1998	August 4, 1998
October 1998	November 2, 1998

## Canada's international transactions in securities

Data for:	Release date:
November 1997	January 22, 1998
December 1997	February 23, 1998
January 1998	March 24, 1998
February 1998	April 23, 1998
March 1998	May 22, 1998
April 1998	June 23, 1998
May 1998	July 23, 1998
June 1998	August 24, 1998
July 1998	September 23, 1998
August 1998	October 23, 1998
September 1998	November 24, 1998
October 1998	December 22, 1998
November 1998	January 25, 1999
December 1998	February 23, 1999

**Canadian international merchandise trade**

<b>Data for:</b>	<b>Release date:</b>
November 1997	January 21, 1998
December 1997	February 19, 1998
January 1998	March 19, 1998
February 1998	April 17, 1998
March 1998	May 20, 1998
April 1998	June 18, 1998
May 1998	July 17, 1998
June 1998	August 18, 1998
July 1998	September 17, 1998
August 1998	October 20, 1998
September 1998	November 18, 1998
October 1998	December 17, 1998
November 1998	January 21, 1999
December 1998	February 19, 1999

**Characteristics of international travellers**

<b>Data for:</b>	<b>Release date:</b>
July-Sept., 1997	February 25, 1998
Oct.-Dec., 1997	May 27, 1998
Jan.-Mar., 1998	August 28, 1998
April-June, 1998	November 27, 1998

**Composite index**

<b>Data for:</b>	<b>Release date:</b>
December 1997	January 19, 1998
January 1998	February 24, 1998
February 1998	March 25, 1998
March 1998	April 21, 1998
April 1998	May 15, 1998
May 1998	June 23, 1998
June 1998	July 17, 1998
July 1998	August 14, 1998
August 1998	September 23, 1998
September 1998	October 21, 1998
October 1998	November 25, 1998
November 1998	December 17, 1998

**Consumer price index (CPI)**

<b>Data for:</b>	<b>Release date:</b>
December 1997	January 22, 1998
January 1998	February 27, 1998
February 1998	March 24, 1998
March 1998	April 21, 1998
April 1998	May 14, 1998
May 1998	June 19, 1998
June 1998	July 16, 1998
July 1998	August 19, 1998
August 1998	September 18, 1998
September 1998	October 21, 1998
October 1998	November 19, 1998
November 1998	December 18, 1998
December 1998	January 20, 1999

**Employment, earnings and hours**

<b>Data for:</b>	<b>Release date:</b>
November 1997	January 28, 1998
December 1997	February 27, 1998
January 1998	March 27, 1998
February 1998	April 29, 1998
March 1998	May 28, 1998
April 1998	June 26, 1998
May 1998	July 29, 1998
June 1998	August 28, 1998
July 1998	September 25, 1998
August 1998	October 28, 1998
September 1998	November 27, 1998
October 1998	December 23, 1998

**Employment insurance**

<b>Data for:</b>	<b>Release date:</b>
November 1997	January 27, 1998
December 1997	February 24, 1998
January 1998	March 24, 1998
February 1998	April 22, 1998
March 1998	May 26, 1998
April 1998	June 23, 1998
May 1998	July 21, 1998
June 1998	August 25, 1998
July 1998	September 22, 1998
August 1998	October 21, 1998
September 1998	November 24, 1998
October 1998	December 21, 1998

**Farm cash receipts**

<b>Data for:</b>	<b>Release date:</b>
Oct.-Dec., 1997	February 23, 1998
Jan.-Mar., 1998	May 25, 1998
April-June, 1998	August 26, 1998
July-Sept., 1998	November 26, 1998

**Field crop reporting series**

<b>Data for:</b>	<b>Release date:</b>
December 31 grain stocks	February 3, 1998
March seeding intentions	April 27, 1998
March 31 grain stocks	May 11, 1998
Seeded area, principal field crops	June 30, 1998
July 31 crop production estimates	August 26, 1998
July 31 grain stocks	September 9, 1998
September crop production estimates	October 8, 1998
November crop production estimates	December 7, 1998

**Industrial capacity utilization rates**

<b>Data for:</b>	<b>Release date:</b>
Oct.-Dec., 1997	March 10, 1998
Jan.-Mar., 1998	June 8, 1998
April-June, 1998	September 8, 1998
July-Sept., 1998	December 7, 1998

**Industrial product price index and Raw materials price index**

<b>Data for:</b>	<b>Release date:</b>
November 1997	January 6, 1998
December 1997	January 28, 1998
January 1998	February 26, 1998
February 1998	March 26, 1998
March 1998	April 28, 1998
April 1998	May 26, 1998
May 1998	June 26, 1998
June 1998	July 29, 1998
July 1998	August 27, 1998
August 1998	September 29, 1998
September 1998	October 28, 1998
October 1998	November 25, 1998
November 1998	January 6, 1999
December 1998	January 28, 1999

**International travel account**

<b>Data for:</b>	<b>Release date:</b>
Oct.-Dec., 1997	February 27, 1998
Jan.-Mar., 1998	May 29, 1998
April-June, 1998	August 28, 1998
July-Sept., 1998	November, 27, 1998

**Labour force survey (LFS)**

<b>Data for:</b>	<b>Release date:</b>
December 1997	January 9, 1998
January 1998	February 6, 1998
February 1998	March 13, 1998
March 1998	April 9, 1998
April 1998	May 8, 1998
May 1998	June 5, 1998
June 1998	July 10, 1998
July 1998	August 7, 1998
August 1998	September 4, 1998
September 1998	October 9, 1998
October 1998	November 6, 1998
November 1998	December 4, 1998
December 1998	January 8, 1999

**Monthly survey of manufacturing**

<b>Data for:</b>	<b>Release date:</b>
November 1997	January 20, 1998
December 1997	February 16, 1998
January 1998	March 16, 1998
February 1998	April 20, 1998
March 1998	May 19, 1998
April 1998	June 16, 1998
May 1998	July 15, 1998
June 1998	August 21, 1998
July 1998	September 16, 1998
August 1998	October 19, 1998
September 1998	November 17, 1998
October 1998	December 16, 1998
November 1998	January 19, 1999
December 1998	February 16, 1999

**National economic and financial accounts**

<b>Data for:</b>	<b>Release date:</b>
Oct.-Dec., 1997	March 2, 1998
Jan.-Mar., 1998	June 1, 1998
April-June, 1998	August 31, 1998
July-Sept., 1998	November 30, 1998
Oct.-Dec., 1998	March 1, 1999

**Net farm income**

<b>Data for:</b>	<b>Release date:</b>
1997 preliminary	May 25, 1998
1997 revised	November 26, 1998

**New motor vehicle sales**

<b>Data for:</b>	<b>Release date:</b>
November 1997	January 12, 1998
December 1997	February 11, 1998
January 1998	March 12, 1998
February 1998	April 15, 1998
March 1998	May 13, 1998
April 1998	June 12, 1998
May 1998	July 15, 1998
June 1998	August 13, 1998
July 1998	September 11, 1998
August 1998	October 14, 1998
September 1998	November 16, 1998
October 1998	December 11, 1998
November 1998	January 15, 1999
December 1998	February 12, 1999

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**Private and public investment in Canada**

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<b>Data for:</b>	<b>Release date:</b>
1996 actual, 1997 preliminary	
actual and 1998 intentions	February 25, 1998
1998 revised	July 22, 1998

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**Quarterly financial statistics for enterprises**

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<b>Data for:</b>	<b>Release date:</b>
Oct.-Dec., 1997	February 19, 1998
Jan.-Mar., 1998	May 22, 1998
April-June, 1998	August 20, 1998
July-Sept., 1998	November 20, 1998

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**Real gross domestic product at factor cost by industry**

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<b>Data for:</b>	<b>Release date:</b>
November 1997	January 30, 1998
December 1997	March 2, 1998
January 1998	March 31, 1998
February 1998	April 30, 1998
March 1998	June 1, 1998
April 1998	June 30, 1998
May 1998	July 31, 1998
June 1998	August 31, 1998
July 1998	September 30, 1998
August 1998	October 30, 1998
September 1998	November 30, 1998
October 1998	December 24, 1998
November 1998	January 29, 1999
December 1998	March 1, 1999

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**Retail trade**

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<b>Data for:</b>	<b>Release date:</b>
November 1997	January 23, 1998
December 1997	February 20, 1998
January 1998	March 20, 1998
February 1998	April 22, 1998
March 1998	May 21, 1998
April 1998	June 25, 1998
May 1998	July 21, 1998
June 1998	August 20, 1998
July 1998	September 21, 1998
August 1998	October 22, 1998
September 1998	November 20, 1998
October 1998	December 21, 1998

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**Travel between Canada and other countries**

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<b>Data for:</b>	<b>Release date:</b>
November 1997	January 16, 1998
December 1997	February 16, 1998
January 1998	March 18, 1998
February 1998	April 17, 1998
March 1998	May 15, 1998
April 1998	June 16, 1998
May 1998	July 16, 1998
June 1998	August 17, 1998
July 1998	September 16, 1998
August 1998	October 19, 1998
September 1998	November 17, 1998
October 1998	December 16, 1998

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**Wholesale trade**

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<b>Data for:</b>	<b>Release date:</b>
November 1997	January 21, 1998
December 1997	February 18, 1998
January 1998	March 19, 1998
February 1998	April 21, 1998
March 1998	May 20, 1998
April 1998	June 24, 1998
May 1998	July 20, 1998
June 1998	August 19, 1998
July 1998	September 18, 1998
August 1998	October 20, 1998
September 1998	November 19, 1998
October 1998	December 18, 1998

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27	Employment, earnings and hours	January 1998
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6	Help-wanted index	April 1998
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4	Help-wanted index	May 1998
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12	New motor vehicle sales	April 1998
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**September 1998**

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11	New motor vehicle sales	July 1998
16	Monthly survey of manufacturing	July 1998
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10	New housing price index	September 1998
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30	Balance of international payments	Third quarter 1998
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2	Help-wanted index	November 1998
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4	Building permits	October 1998
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