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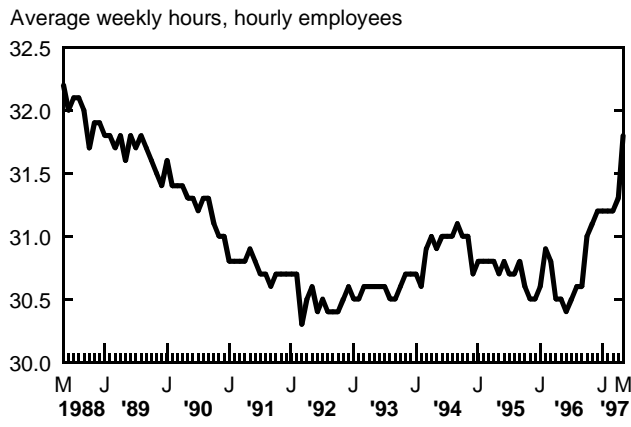


OTHER RELEASES

Employment, earnings and hours May 1997 (preliminary)

The estimated average number of hours worked per week for employees paid by the hour advanced to 31.8 hours in May — it's highest level in recent years. This latest advance continues the trend observed over the past year. With the increase in average hours, weekly earnings rose by \$4.62 (+0.8%) to \$604.56. This was the second consecutive monthly gain, following three months of relative stability in employees' earnings. Employees in logging and forestry services; manufacturing; construction, accommodation, food and beverage services; and wholesale trade registered substantial earnings gains in May due to the increased hours.

Average workweek for hourly employees increased sharply in May



In May, employees' average weekly earnings were 3.0% higher than the same month in 1996, led by gains in logging and forestry services, business services,

Note to readers

The Survey of Employment, Payrolls and Hours (SEPH) is in the final phase of a major, multi-year re-engineering project to improve estimates of the level of business payrolls and paid employment, and to reduce reporting burden on businesses. With the change in methodology, there is a risk that employment estimates from the administrative records may show a different seasonal pattern than the previous questionnaire data, which can only be assessed within the context of a longer time period. Statistics Canada continues to monitor these impacts and will help users interpret its data. To minimize impacts, it is recommended that SEPH data, particularly employment data, be used in the context of longer time periods or for detailed industry distributions.

and manufacturing. Year-over-year earnings growth has been in the range of 3% to 4% since the end of 1996.

The estimated number of employees on company payrolls rose slightly in May for the second consecutive month. Employment gains by businesses in Ontario were partly offset by declines in most other provinces, particularly British Columbia. Since January, payroll employment, at the Canada level, has increased by 138,000, due mainly to gains in accommodation, food and beverage services, manufacturing and wholesale trade.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 4285-4466, 9438-9452, 9639-9664 and 9899-9911.

Detailed industry data and other labour market indicators are available through standard tables in the monthly publication *Employment, earnings and hours* (72-002-XPB, \$32/\$320), the historical publication *Annual estimates of employment, earnings and hours, 1983-1995* (diskette: 72F0002XDE, \$120) and by custom tabulations. See *How to order publications*.

For further information on this release, contact Stephen Johnson (613-951-4090; fax: 613-951-4087; Internet: labour@statcan.ca), Labour Division.

Number of employees

Industry group (1980 SIC)	March 1997	April 1997 ^r	May 1997 ^p	March to April 1997	April to May 1997
	Seasonally adjusted				
	'000			% change	
Industrial aggregate	11,203	11,217	11,225	0.1	0.1
Logging and forestry	67	66	64	-1.5	-3.0
Mining, quarrying and oil wells	140	142	142	1.4	0.0
Manufacturing	1,789	1,787	1,789	-0.1	0.1
Construction	476	471	465	-1.1	-1.3
Transportation, communications and other utilities	852	851	849	-0.1	-0.2
Wholesale trade	693	702	701	1.3	-0.1
Retail trade	1,395	1,391	1,398	-0.3	0.5
Finance, insurance and real estate	697	695	696	-0.3	0.1
Business services	717	725	724	1.1	-0.1
Education-related services	938	936	943	-0.2	0.7
Health and social services	1,201	1,204	1,210	0.2	0.5
Accommodation, food and beverage services	813	824	831	1.4	0.8
Public administration	680	683	682	0.4	-0.1
Provinces and territories					
Newfoundland	142	143	141	0.7	-1.4
Prince Edward Island	45	46	44	2.2	-4.3
Nova Scotia	310	309	309	-0.3	0.0
New Brunswick	246	246	244	0.0	-0.8
Quebec	2,679	2,674	2,678	-0.2	0.1
Ontario	4,399	4,408	4,431	0.2	0.5
Manitoba	423	421	421	-0.5	0.0
Saskatchewan	330	334	330	1.2	-1.2
Alberta	1,140	1,136	1,133	-0.4	-0.3
British Columbia	1,453	1,454	1,443	0.1	-0.8
Yukon	14	14	14	0.0	0.0
Northwest Territories	25	25	25	0.0	0.0

^r Revised estimates.

^p Preliminary estimates.

Average weekly earnings for all employees

Industry group (1980 SIC)	May 1996	April 1997 ^r	May 1997 ^p	April 1997 to May 1997	May 1996 to May 1997
	Seasonally adjusted				
	\$			% change	
Industrial aggregate	586.91	599.94	604.56	0.8	3.0
Logging and forestry	760.21	799.05	840.72	5.2	10.6
Mining, quarrying and oil wells	1,050.37	1,057.23	1,064.22	0.7	1.3
Manufacturing	707.04	737.72	755.19	2.4	6.8
Construction	708.86	705.68	722.86	2.4	2.0
Transportation, communications and other utilities	741.72	751.78	757.38	0.7	2.1
Wholesale trade	625.58	638.47	652.65	2.2	4.3
Retail trade	348.47	360.00	359.89	0.0	3.3
Finance, insurance and real estate	713.34	735.24	736.79	0.2	3.3
Business services	653.10	694.47	709.00	2.1	8.6
Education-related services	679.32	671.69	668.60	-0.5	-1.6
Health and social services	509.30	514.24	513.37	-0.2	0.8
Accommodation, food and beverage services	238.96	239.66	242.01	1.0	1.3
Public administration	735.27	748.32	752.16	0.5	2.3
Provinces and territories					
Newfoundland	529.62	524.93	538.78	2.6	1.7
Prince Edward Island	497.71	490.86	501.25	2.1	0.7
Nova Scotia	499.18	501.21	503.66	0.5	0.9
New Brunswick	513.35	519.75	530.08	2.0	3.3
Quebec	555.74	562.41	572.95	1.9	3.1
Ontario	626.83	639.71	643.53	0.6	2.7
Manitoba	519.43	527.57	529.85	0.4	2.0
Saskatchewan	517.30	532.13	532.56	0.1	2.9
Alberta	572.27	609.08	604.23	-0.8	5.6
British Columbia	599.74	615.50	618.07	0.4	3.1
Yukon	676.95	719.02	692.14	-3.7	2.2
Northwest Territories	715.65	720.36	739.68	2.7	3.4

^r Revised estimates.

^p Preliminary estimates.

Fixed assets 1997

By the end of 1997, there will be \$1.8 trillion in structures and equipment being used to produce goods and services in the economy. This amounts to more than \$125,000 of capital resources per person at work.

This capital endowment of employees has increased by about 60% since the mid-1970s. The strong increase in assets has been especially notable in machinery and equipment, indicating that the economy has been incorporating the latest technological innovations at a rapid rate. The drive by industries to

become more productive and competitive in the global economy lies behind this rapid buildup of assets.

The increase in structures and equipment means that the production capacity of the economy has grown, which helps create a non-inflationary environment.

Note: Fixed assets are the structures and equipment in production in the economy. The estimates take into account annual capital expenditures and the life expectancy and cost of the various assets. The estimates in this release are valued at 1986 prices.

Fixed assets
1997

	Building and engineering structures	Machinery and equipment	Total
\$ billions (1986 constant dollars)			
Total	1,120.3	641.5	1,761.8
Agriculture, fishing, forestry and mining	159.6	28.0	187.6
Manufacturing	75.4	171.7	247.1
Construction	5.5	15.7	21.2
Transportation and utilities	319.0	180.0	499.0
Trade	26.7	39.2	65.8
Finance, insurance and real estate	113.3	88.5	201.8
Business services, accommodation and other services	32.4	58.8	91.1
Government departments	288.0	37.5	325.5
Education	65.5	10.5	75.9
Health and social services	35.0	11.8	46.8

Note: Figures may not add to totals due to rounding.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 8500-8587, 8678-8681 (Canada, current dollars) and 8590-8677, 8682-8685 (Canada, constant dollars).

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Civil aviation operating statistics
May 1997

Both Air Canada and Canadian Airlines International Ltd. reported increases in passenger-kilometres flown

(seasonally adjusted data) on their international (scheduled and charter) routes in May. Compared with April, production was up at both Air Canada (+4%) and Canadian Airlines International Ltd. (+7%).

Available on CANSIM: matrix 385.

Civil aviation data (operational) for Air Canada and Canadian Airlines International Ltd. for May will be published in the August issue of the *Aviation service bulletin* (51-004-XPB, \$11/\$109). See *How to order publications*.

For further information on this release, contact Robert Lund (819-997-6188), Aviation Statistics Centre, Transportation Division. ■

Potato production
1997 (preliminary)

Data for the 1997 potato area are now available by province.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 1044.

These data are available in *Canadian potato production* (22-008-UPB, \$21).

For further information on this release or to order the report, contact Barb McLaughlin, (902-893-7251) or Mark Elward, (613-951-8715), Agriculture Division. ■

PUBLICATIONS RELEASED

Infomat — a weekly review, week ending July 25, 1997
Catalogue number 11-002-XPE
(Canada: \$4/\$145; outside Canada: US\$4/US\$145).

Production and disposition of tobacco products, June 1997
Catalogue number 32-022-XPB
(Canada: \$7/\$62; outside Canada: US\$7/US\$62).

Gas utilities, April 1997
Catalogue number 55-002-XPB
(Canada: \$17/\$165; outside Canada: US\$17/US\$165).

Imports by commodity, May 1997 (microfiche version)
Catalogue number 65-007-XMB
(Canada: \$37/\$361; outside Canada: US\$37/US\$361).

Imports by commodity, May 1997 (paper version)
Catalogue number 65-007-XPB
(Canada: \$78/\$773; outside Canada: US\$78/US\$773).

Canada's international transactions in securities, April 1997
Catalogue number 67-002-XPB
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29	Industrial Product Price Index	June 1997
29	Raw Materials Price Index	June 1997
29	Age and sex	1996 Census
30	Crime statistics	1996
30	Homicide in Canada	1996
31	Real gross domestic product at factor cost by industry	May 1997
31	Family income	1995
August 1	Business Conditions Survey, Canadian manufacturing industries	July 1997
