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Employment, earnings and hours

October 1998 (preliminary)

Average weekly earnings rose \$3.81 in October to an estimated \$608.44. Employees earned 2.0% more per week than they did in October 1997. Throughout 1998, the annual growth rate of average weekly earnings has been consistently between 1.0 and 2.0%.

Hourly rated employees worked an average of 31.1 hours (including overtime hours), unchanged from September and also unchanged from October 1997. Overtime hours were virtually the same as in September.

Hourly rated employees had a substantial gain in hourly earnings (including overtime), which increased \$0.17 from September to an estimated average of \$15.18. Average hourly earnings for hourly paid employees have increased by 1.7 % in the past 12 months.

Payroll employment increased by 26,000 following a significant gain in September. Approximately half of the major industries recorded small employment increases, with the business services sector leading the way. Employers in this sector continue to add employees to their payrolls at a rapid rate. Employment in business services grew by more than 47,000 since the beginning of the year.

Note: Beginning with the May 1998 release, Statistics Canada has completed the third phase of its redesign

in the use of administrative records for the production of employment, earnings and hours estimates. With the change in methodology, employment estimates derived from administrative records may show a different seasonal pattern than the previous data, which were derived from survey questionnaires. The impacts on seasonal patterns due to this change in methodology can only be assessed over a longer time period. Statistics Canada will continue to monitor these impacts and will help users interpret the data. To minimize the effect of impacts, data from the Survey on Employment, Payrolls and Hours, particularly employment data, should be used in the context of longer time periods for detailed industry distributions.

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

Detailed industry data and other labour market indicators will be available in January 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 1985-1997* (diskette: 72F0002XDB, \$120) and by custom tabulations.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods, and data quality of this release, or the redesign of the survey, contact Jean Leduc (613-951-4090; fax: 613-951-4087; labour@statcan.ca), Labour Division. □

Average weekly earnings for all employees

Industry group (1980 Standard Industrial Classification)	Oct. 1997	Sept. 1998 ^r	Oct. 1998 ^p	Sept. to Oct. 1998	Oct. 1997 to Oct. 1998
	seasonally adjusted				
	\$			% change	
Industrial aggregate	596.25	604.63	608.44	0.6	2.0
Logging and forestry	783.83	756.04	758.52	0.3	-3.2
Mining, quarrying and oil wells	1,073.29	1,101.00	1,121.19	1.8	4.5
Manufacturing	737.75	748.94	759.20	1.4	2.9
Construction	707.49	682.14	685.35	0.5	-3.1
Transportation and storage	732.39	735.82	736.55	0.1	0.6
Communication and other utilities	803.32	803.52	802.21	-0.2	-0.1
Wholesale trade	650.37	665.28	665.74	0.1	2.4
Retail trade	357.42	368.04	369.86	0.5	3.5
Finance and insurance	797.67	807.65	801.81	-0.7	0.5
Real estate operators and insurance agencies	639.51	634.77	652.79	2.8	2.1
Business services	676.98	692.88	697.15	0.6	3.0
Education-related services	637.87	652.25	660.98	1.3	3.6
Health and social services	516.72	523.83	524.90	0.2	1.6
Accommodation, food and beverage services	233.09	229.51	232.66	1.4	-0.2
Public administration	738.09	734.35	732.93	-0.2	-0.7
Miscellaneous services	402.98	406.12	407.06	0.2	1.0
Provinces and territories					
Newfoundland	522.08	528.31	537.32	1.7	2.9
Prince Edward Island	461.40	477.97	481.31	0.7	4.3
Nova Scotia	503.52	505.37	513.84	1.7	2.0
New Brunswick	529.75	524.82	528.87	0.8	-0.2
Quebec	567.59	566.48	571.57	0.9	0.7
Ontario	634.52	642.75	650.19	1.2	2.5
Manitoba	526.74	545.12	548.86	0.7	4.2
Saskatchewan	531.48	538.66	543.56	0.9	2.3
Alberta	602.42	610.83	615.01	0.7	2.1
British Columbia	612.00	620.31	621.01	0.1	1.5
Yukon	726.62	668.41	664.74	-0.5	-8.5
Northwest Territories	730.20	723.98	720.75	-0.4	-1.3

^r Revised estimates.

^p Preliminary estimates.

Number of employees

Industry group (1980 Standard Industrial Classification)	Aug. 1998	Sept. 1998 ^r	Oct. 1998 ^p	Aug. to Sept. 1998	Sept. to Oct. 1998
seasonally adjusted					
	thousands			% change	
Industrial aggregate	11,619	11,652	11,678	0.3	0.2
Logging and forestry	65	64	64	-1.5	0.0
Mining, quarrying and oil wells	140	139	138	-0.7	-0.7
Manufacturing	1,873	1,886	1,886	0.7	0.0
Construction	494	493	495	-0.2	0.4
Transportation and storage	486	490	487	0.8	-0.6
Communication and other utilities	383	385	387	0.5	0.5
Wholesale trade	727	734	737	1.0	0.4
Retail trade	1,429	1,429	1,425	0.0	-0.3
Finance and insurance	519	518	519	-0.2	0.2
Real estate operators and insurances agencies	200	202	198	1.0	-2.0
Business services	800	809	815	1.1	0.7
Education-related services	927	924	922	-0.3	-0.2
Health and social services	1,214	1,219	1,219	0.4	0.0
Accommodation, food and beverage services	850	850	852	0.0	0.2
Public administration	668	669	669	0.1	0.0
Miscellaneous services	690	690	694	0.0	0.6
Provinces and territories					
Newfoundland	149	150	153	0.7	2.0
Prince Edward Island	47	48	48	2.1	0.0
Nova Scotia	322	322	325	0.0	0.9
New Brunswick	255	259	258	1.6	-0.4
Quebec	2,767	2,775	2,778	0.3	0.1
Ontario	4,557	4,560	4,577	0.1	0.4
Manitoba	438	443	444	1.1	0.2
Saskatchewan	354	354	351	0.0	-0.8
Alberta	1,201	1,205	1,208	0.3	0.2
British Columbia	1,482	1,485	1,488	0.2	0.2
Yukon	15	15	16	0.0	6.7
Northwest Territories	25	25	25	0.0	0.0

^r Revised estimates.

^p Preliminary estimates.

Electric power statistics

October 1998

Warmer temperatures and low reservoir levels led to a decline in generation of electricity in October. Net generation of electricity decreased to 42 213 gigawatt hours (GWh), down 4.5% from October 1997. Exports decreased 27.0% to 2 895 GWh, and imports increased from 1 574 GWh to 1 615 GWh.

Generation of hydro-electricity decreased 11.5% to 24 764 GWh due to low reservoir levels across Canada. Only New Brunswick and Nova Scotia registered higher generation from hydro sources. This loss of generating capacity was partially compensated by a 19.3% increase in thermal conventional generation to 13 102 GWh. Higher thermal generation also made

up for the shortfall of generation from nuclear sources, which fell 16.9% to 4 348 GWh.

Year-to-date net generation at the end of October 1998 totalled 446 984 GWh, down 1.6% from the previous year. Year-to-date exports of 37 677 GWh were up 0.4%, whereas year-to-date imports of 13 022 GWh rose 79.8% from the previous year.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 3987-3999.

The October 1998 issue of *Electric power statistics* (57-001-XPB, \$12/\$114) will be available in early January. See *How to order publications*.

For further information, or to enquire about the methods, concepts and data quality of this release, contact Andre Lefebvre (613-951-3560;

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Mineral wool including fibrous glass insulation

November 1998

Manufacturers shipped 3 087 710 square metres of R12 factor (RSI 2.1) mineral wool batts in November, down 12.8% from 3 543 808 square metres in November 1997 and up 7.0% from 2 884 290 square metres in October.

Year-to-date shipments to the end of November 1998 totalled 29 910 456 square metres, a 11.6% increase from the same period in 1997.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 40 and 122 (series 32-33).

The November 1998 issue of *Mineral wool including fibrous glass insulation* (44-004-XIB, \$5/\$47) is only available on the Internet at www.statcan.ca. See *How to order publications*.

For further information, or to enquire about the methods, concepts and data quality of this release, contact Donna Faghali (613-951-3518; *faghdon@statcan.ca*), Manufacturing, Construction and Energy Division. ■

Construction type plywood

October 1998

Canadian firms produced 152 874 cubic metres of construction type plywood in October, up 0.8% from the 151 612 cubic metres produced in October 1997.

January to October 1998 production totalled 1 466 104 cubic metres, a 4.7% decrease from the 1 539 087 cubic metres produced during the same period in 1997.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 122 (level 1).

The October 1998 issue of *Construction type plywood* (35-001-XIB, \$5/\$47) is only available on the Internet at www.statcan.ca. See *How to order publications*.

For more information, or to enquire about the methods, concepts and data quality of this

release, contact Gilles Simard, (613-951-3516; *simales@statcan.ca*), Manufacturing, Construction and Energy Division. ■

Sawmills and planing mills

October 1998

Sawmills in Canada produced 5 969.9 thousand cubic metres of lumber and ties in October, up 0.5% from 5 939.0 thousand cubic metres (after revisions) produced in October 1997.

January to October 1998 production was 54 635.3 thousand cubic metres, down 2.2% from 55 862.7 thousand cubic metres (after revisions) produced over the same period in 1997.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 53 and 122 (series 2).

The October 1998 issue of *Sawmills and planing mills* (35-003-XPB, \$12/\$114) will be available later.

For more information, or to enquire about the methods, concepts and data quality of this release, contact Gilles Simard (613-951-3516; *simales@statcan.ca*), Manufacturing, Construction, and Energy Division. ■

Stocks of frozen meat products

December 1998

Total frozen meat in cold storage at the opening of the first business day of December amounted to 39,934 tonnes as compared with 39,697 tonnes in November and 41,446 tonnes in December 1997.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 87 and 9518-9525.

Tables for stocks of frozen meat (23-009-XIE) are available free on the Internet at www.statcan.ca under Products and Services.

For further information, or to enquire about the methods, concepts and data quality of this release, contact Tony Dupuis at (613-951-2511; *duputon@statcan.ca*), Agriculture Division. ■

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Construction type plywood, October 1998
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Service bulletin: Aviation, Aviation statistics centre, vol. 30 no. 12
Catalogue number 51-004-XIB
 (Canada: \$8/\$82; outside Canada: US\$8/US\$82).

Mineral wool including fibrous glass insulation, November 1998
Catalogue number 44-004-XIB
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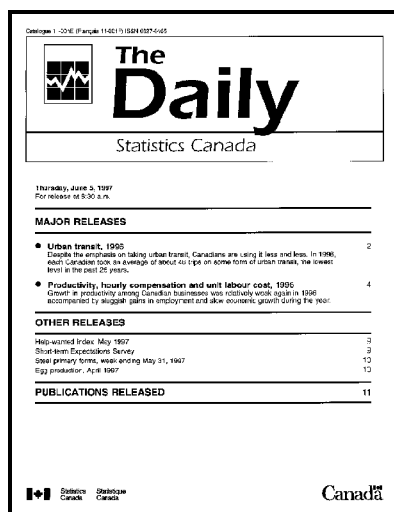
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