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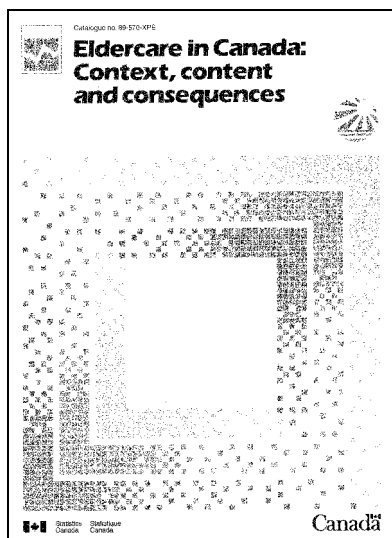
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- **Quarterly Business Conditions Survey, manufacturing industries,** 3  
October 1999  
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### **Eldercare in Canada: Context, content and consequences** 1996

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Because of the aging of the population and the changes to Canada's health and social programs, there is an increased focus on issues related to eldercare and social support to seniors. This report describes characteristics of seniors receiving informal care by highlighting their characteristics compared with all seniors. It also provides a detailed analysis of the men and women who provide different types and amounts of care, and examines the hidden costs incurred by people who provide care, which range from guilt to the impact on their jobs. Finally, the report examines the significance of these caregiving patterns for an aging population.

*Eldercare in Canada: Context, content and consequences* (89-570-XPE, \$45) is now available. See *How to order publications*. For more information, contact Kelly Cranswick (613-951-4339; 613-951-0387; [kelly.cranswick@statcan.ca](mailto:kelly.cranswick@statcan.ca)), Housing, Family and Social Statistics Division.



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### Quarterly Business Conditions Survey, manufacturing industries

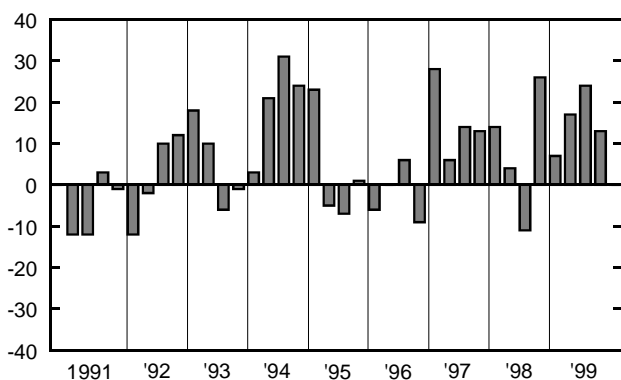
October 1999

According to the October Business Conditions Survey, manufacturers remained positive about production prospects in the coming quarter. Manufacturers also indicated that they were increasingly satisfied with the current level of unfilled orders and that they were not overly concerned with the level of finished product inventories on hand.

As in the past two surveys, one in three manufacturers (34%) stated an intention to increase production in the coming quarter. The proportion stating they would decrease production rose from 12% in July to 21% in October. This left the balance of opinion at +13, down 11 points. Manufacturers in the transportation equipment, primary metal and wood industries contributed to the decrease in the balance of opinion.

This balance was determined by subtracting the 21% of manufacturers who stated that production prospects for the coming three months would be lower than the preceding quarter from the 34% who said that prospects would be higher.

**Balance of opinion for expected volume of production (next three months versus last three months)**



### Most manufacturers satisfied with current level of unfilled orders

Some 75% of manufacturers indicated that the current level of unfilled orders was about normal in October, little changed from the result in July.

#### Note to readers

The Business Conditions Survey is conducted in January, April, July and October. Most responses are recorded in the first two weeks of these months. Results are based on replies from about 5,000 manufacturers and are weighted by a manufacturer's shipments or employment. Consequently, larger manufacturers have a correspondingly greater impact on the results than smaller manufacturers.

Except for the data on production difficulties, data in this release are seasonally adjusted.

Some 17% of manufacturers stated that the current level was higher than normal and 8% stated that unfilled orders were lower than normal. The balance of opinion for unfilled orders stood at +9, a satisfaction level last observed in January 1995. The Monthly Survey of Manufacturers revealed that manufacturers had \$52.7 billion in unfilled orders on their books in August, 1.6% higher than in July.

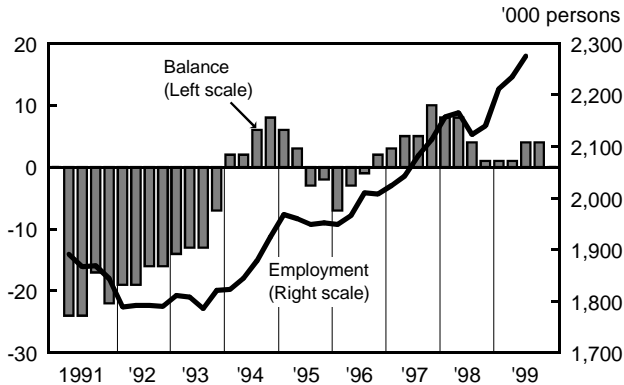
### Manufacturers remained satisfied with the level of orders received

Manufacturers' balance of opinion concerning the current level of orders received remained at +20 in October. Seven out of 10 manufacturers said that the current level of new orders would remain at the current level. Increases in satisfaction were reported in the electrical and electronic and the paper and allied products industries, but these were offset by lower satisfaction with orders received in the transportation equipment, wood and petroleum products industries.

### Manufacturers anticipated little change in employment levels

In October, 68% of manufacturers stated that their work force would be little changed in the coming three months, down slightly from the 70% reported in July. The October balance of opinion for employment prospects stood at +4 and was the same as that in the July survey. The September Labour Force Survey (LFS) indicated that employment in manufacturing had increased by more than 141,000 (+6.6%) during the first nine months of 1999.

**Balance of opinion on employment prospects during the next three months; manufacturing employment (LFS)**



**The level of finished product inventories still not a major concern**

About 84% of manufacturers indicated that the current level of finished product inventories was

about right. With 11% of manufacturers stating that inventories were too high and 5% reporting that inventories were too low, the current balance of opinion stood at -6. This was six points more favourable than the level observed in July.

**Increase in manufacturers concerned about unskilled labour shortage**

In October, a shortage of unskilled labour became a preoccupation for 2% of manufacturers while skilled labour shortages continued to be a concern for 7%. Some 85% of manufacturers reported an absence of production impediments, up from 81% in July.

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For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Claude Robillard (613-951-3507; [robilcg@statcan.ca](mailto:robilcg@statcan.ca)) Monthly Survey of Manufacturing Section, Manufacturing, Construction and Energy Division. □

# Business Conditions Survey, manufacturing industries

October 1999

	October 1998	January 1999	April 1999	July 1999	October 1999
	seasonally adjusted				
<b>Volume of production during next three months compared with last three months will be:</b>					
About the same	44	73	53	52	45
Higher	41	17	32	36	34
Lower	15	10	15	12	21
Balance	26	7	17	24	13
<b>Orders received are:</b>					
About the same	69	75	73	60	70
Rising	18	12	17	30	25
Declining	13	13	10	10	5
Balance	5	-1	7	20	20
<b>Present backlog of unfilled orders is:</b>					
About normal	74	81	78	74	75
Higher than normal	10	7	9	13	17
Lower than normal	16	12	13	13	8
Balance	-6	-5	-4	0	9
<b>Finished product inventory on hand is:</b>					
About right	80	79	79	82	84
Too low	2	4	3	3	5
Too high <sup>1</sup>	18	17	18	15	11
Balance	-16	-13	-15	-12	-6
<b>Employment during the next three months will:</b>					
Change little	73	73	69	70	68
Increase	14	14	16	17	18
Decrease	13	13	15	13	14
Balance	1	1	1	4	4
	unadjusted				
<b>Sources of production difficulties:</b>					
Working capital shortage	2	3	2	4	2
Skilled labour shortage	8	5	8	7	7
Unskilled labour shortage	1	0	1	0	2
Raw material shortage	3	2	1	3	2
Other difficulties	4	3	2	4	2
No difficulties	83	86	85	81	85

<sup>1</sup> No evident seasonality.



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## OTHER RELEASES

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### Eldercare in Canada

1996

A new monograph, *Eldercare in Canada: Context, content and consequences*, available today, provides a detailed analysis of the nature and extent of informal care to seniors who require help because of a long-term health or activity limitation. It is based on a detailed analysis of the 1996 General Social Survey.

In 1996, 3.4 million seniors lived outside of institutions. More than 750,000 of these received informal assistance with their everyday activities from a friend or relative because of a long-term health problem. About 26% of senior women received this informal help, compared with 17% of senior men.

Among both men and women, those more likely to be receiving care perceived their health as poor, were widowed, were among the oldest seniors and lived in rural areas. Health status rather than age was the key factor in determining the care needs of an aging population.

About 2.1 million Canadians looked after older family members or friends with a long-term health problem in 1996. Six out of every 10 of these caregivers were women, and they spent five hours a week on care-related tasks compared with three hours a week for men. Both male and female caregivers, on average, were in their mid-40s. Over two-thirds were in the paid work force in 1996.

Most informal caregiving was provided to relatives, especially to parents. The breadth of caregiving arrangements was evident in the numbers who cared for extended family members, friends and neighbours.

The vast majority of men and women indicated that their caregiving was rewarding. However, it did not

come without costs. Those caregivers who spent the most time providing care experienced the highest level of psychological and emotional burden and personal consequences such as extra expenses and postponed job opportunities.

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### Light bulbs and tubes

September 1999

Light bulb and tube manufacturers sold 27.5 million light bulbs and tubes in September, up 3.4% from the 26.6 million sold a year earlier.

Year-to-date sales at the end of September totalled 199.6 million light bulbs and tubes, a decrease of 4.4% from the 208.8 million sold for the same period in 1998.

The September 1999 issue of *Electric lamps* (43-009-XIB, \$5/\$47) is now available. See *How to order publications*.

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**Eldercare in Canada: Context, content and consequences**, 1996  
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**Quarterly demographic statistics**, April-June 1999  
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
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