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Help-wanted Index

May 1999

The Help-wanted Index increased 0.9% in May to 157 (1996=100). Slight increases were observed in eight provinces while the indexes in British Columbia and Saskatchewan remained unchanged.

Help-wanted Index

(1996=100)

	May 1998	April 1999	May 1999	May 1998 to May 1999	April to May 1999
seasonally adjusted and smoothed					
					% change
Canada	143	155	157	10.0	0.9
Newfoundland	140	145	146	4.6	0.4
Prince Edward Island	143	161	162	13.3	0.3
Nova Scotia	140	159	159	14.0	0.2
New Brunswick	150	175	176	17.0	0.7
Quebec	140	157	158	13.3	0.7
Ontario	148	169	170	15.5	0.9
Manitoba	159	179	180	12.9	0.6
Saskatchewan	136	131	131	-3.6	0.0
Alberta	152	128	128	-15.4	0.1
British Columbia	121	121	121	0.2	0.0

Note: The Help-wanted Index is compiled from the number of help-wanted ads published in 22 newspapers in 20 major metropolitan areas. The index is a measure of companies' intentions to hire new workers. This index has been seasonally adjusted and smoothed to ease month-to-month comparisons. The Help-wanted indexes series (seasonally adjusted, smoothed and trend cycle) have been revised from January 1996.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 105 (levels 8, 9 and 10)

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods, and data quality of this release, contact Gilles Groleau (613-951-4090; fax: 613-951-4087; labour@statcan.ca), Labour Statistics Division. ■

Short-term Expectations Survey

The results of the Short-term Expectations Survey show that the performance of the economy is expected to change little over the period from May to July compared with April, except for a very slight increase in inflation.

The month-over-month mean forecast for gross domestic product in March was 0.2% compared with the actual growth of 0.3%. Analysts expect a slight decrease in April and May, with a mean monthly growth of 0.2% for both months.

Forecasts for international trade show a small decrease from the March figure of \$2.6 billion. Average forecasts for exports show a slight increase from April to June with imports remaining unchanged.

Forecasters are expecting an increase in the Consumer Price Index over the May to July period. Actual inflation has been higher than expected — the average forecast for April was 1.1% compared with the actual rate of 1.7%.

The actual seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased to 8.3% in April, with the participation rate of 66.0% being higher than expected. Forecasters are anticipating a decrease of the unemployment rate to 8.1% in May and to 8.0% in both June and July. A slight decrease in the participation rate is expected for the May to July period, with rates of 65.9% for each of these three months.

The next release will be on July 7.

For more information, to enquire about the concepts, methods, and data quality of this release, or for a set of tables, contact Jenny Grenier, (613-951-1020; fax: 613-951-1572; grenjen@statcan.ca), Small Business and Special Surveys Division. □

Short-term Expectations Survey

	Average forecasts					Actual figures	
	March	April	May	June	July	March	April
seasonally adjusted month/month % change, constant \$1992							
Gross domestic product							
Initial forecast	0.3	0.3	0.2	..	..	0.3	..
First revision	0.3	0.2	..	..	..
Second revision	0.2	..	..	..	..
\$ billion							
Exports							
Initial forecast	28.2	29.0	28.8	29.0	..	29.0	..
First revision	28.8	28.8	28.9	..	..
Second revision	28.8	28.5	..	..	..
Imports							
Initial forecast	26.5	26.5	26.2	26.6	..	26.4	..
First revision	26.4	26.3	26.5	..	..
Second revision	26.2	26.5	..	..	..
Balance							
Initial forecast	1.7	2.5	2.6	2.4	..	2.6	..
First revision	2.4	2.5	2.4	..	..
Second revision	2.6	2.0	..	..	..
year/year % change							
Consumer Price Index							
Initial forecast	1.1	0.9	0.8	1.0	1.5	1.0	1.7
First revision	0.8	0.8	0.9	1.5	..		
Second revision	0.7	1.1	1.5	..	..
seasonally adjusted %							
Unemployment rate							
Initial forecast	8.1	7.9	7.8	7.7	8.0	7.8	8.3
First revision	7.9	7.8	7.8	8.0	..		
Second revision	7.8	7.8	8.1	..	..
Labour force participation rate							
Initial forecast	65.5	65.7	65.9	65.8	65.9	65.6	66.0
First revision	65.7	65.9	65.8	65.9	..		
Second revision	65.8	65.7	65.9	..	..

.. Not available.

Annual Survey of Manufacturers 1997

The Annual Survey of Manufacturers provides information on over 200 different industries. Principal statistics for each industry are released on CANSIM as they become available. Data for the industries listed in the following table are now available. To date, data for 224 industries have been released.

The industries listed in the table appear in *Manufacturing industries of Canada, national and provincial areas* (31-203-XPB, \$68) and

Products shipped by Canadian manufacturers (31-211-XPB, \$67). See *How to order publications*. In addition, a CD-ROM on *Products shipped by Canadian manufacturers 1988-1996* (31-211-XCB, \$430 for single use) is available from the Manufacturing Dissemination Unit at (613- 951-9497).

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods, and data quality for this release, contact the name listed in table below or (fax: 613-951-9827; desrosi@statcan.ca). □

Value of shipments

	1996	1997	1996 to 1997	Matrix	Contact	
	\$ millions		% change			
Industry (Standard Industry Classification)						
Fluid milk (1041)	3,558.9	3,638.0	2.2	5385	P. Zylstra	613-951-3511
Tea and coffee (1091)	945.6	1,014.6	7.3	5396	P. Zylstra	613-951-3511
Other food products (1099)	4,046.7	4,114.8	1.7	5372	P. Zylstra	613-951-3511
Wooden kitchen and bathroom vanity (2542)	1,058.7	1,263.2	19.3	5464	G. Simard	613-951-3516
Newsprint (2712)	10,530.5	9,606.1	-8.8	5484	G. Simard	613-951-3516
Paperboard (2713)	2,048.7	2,085.6	1.8	5485	G. Simard	613-951-3516
Other publishing (2839)	2,201.4	2,300.2	4.5	5501	P. Zylstra	613-951-3511
Other combined publishing and printing (2849)	151.9	116.4	-23.4	5503	P. Zylstra	613-951-3511
Other motor vehicle accessories, parts and assemblies (3259)	7,453.9	9,263.5	24.3	5562	A. Shinnan	613-951-3515
Ready-mix concrete (3551)	1,776.5	1,876.5	5.6	6855	É. Saint-Pierre	613-951-9837
Other manufactured products, not elsewhere classified (3999)	1,214.5	1,404.2	15.6	6897	R. Kowaluk	613-951-0600

Air charter statistics

Second quarter 1998 (preliminary)

Preliminary air charter data for the second quarter of 1998 are now available.

The May issue of the *Aviation statistics centre service bulletin* (51-004-XIB, \$8/\$82) will be available shortly. See *How to order publications*.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods, and data quality of this release, contact Francesca Thibeault (613-951-0123), Aviation Statistics Centre, Transportation Division. ■

Electronic publications pilot 1996/97: final report

May 1999

Available today is the final revised report of the *Electronic Publications Pilot 1996/97*. This publication offers data on how library staff and library users are adapting to the use of new technologies such as the Internet. The goal of this pilot project was to assess the impact of replacing print publications by electronic formats on the Internet — a change well underway at many libraries.

The pilot was conducted from September 1996 to September 1997 as a joint initiative of Statistics Canada and the Depository Services Program (DSP), in partnership with the depository library community. The DSP is the organization that provides official government publications to libraries for use by Canadians.

For more information on the revised *Electronic Publications Pilot 1996/97* (11-534-RPE), contact Fay Hjartarson (951-0953; hjartfay@statcan.ca), Library and Information Centre. ■

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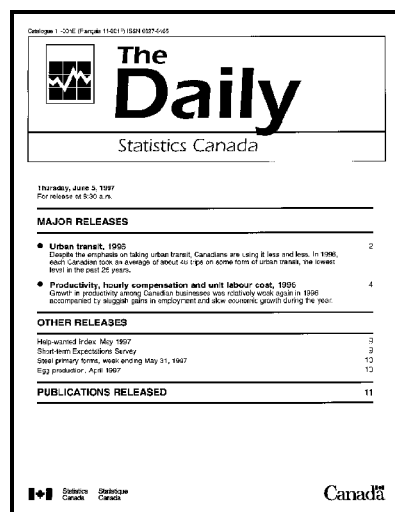
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