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Employment, earnings and hours November 1999 (preliminary)

In November, average earnings for all employees increased slightly to \$616.04 per week, up \$2.29 from October. Over the last 12 months, average earnings have increased 1.5%.

At the industry level, average earnings gains over the preceding 12 months for most industries were moderate, ranging from 1.0% to 2.5%. Workers in logging and forestry services registered the largest annual earnings increase (+5.0%), which was due primarily to gains in hours worked by hourly paid employees.

Hourly rated employees in all industries earned an average of \$15.38 per hour in November, a 2.3% increase from November 1998. Compared with a year earlier, growth in hourly earnings has been strongest in service-producing industries.

Average weekly hours (including overtime) for hourly paid employees were up 0.2 hours in November to 31.4 hours per week, although average overtime hours remained unchanged for the same period. While average weekly hours have not changed from November 1998, total paid hours for hourly employees have increased in the last year due to increases in the number of hourly employees.

Payroll employment increased substantially in November, continuing the upward trend that began in mid-1999. Total employment increased by 56,000 in November, with strong gains in manufacturing, construction and business services. Employment levels increased in almost all provinces with the

strongest growth in Ontario, Quebec, Alberta and British Columbia.

Note: 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 its data. To minimize impacts, data from the Survey of 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, 4493, 4494, 9438-9452, 9639-9664 and 9899-9911.

Detailed industry data and other labour market indicators will be available in February through standard tables in the monthly publication *Employment, earnings and hours* (72-002-XPB, \$32/\$320). Annual averages for 1998 are now available through CANSIM, on diskette, CD-ROM, via the Internet and by custom tabulations from Labour Statistics Division. See *How to order publications*.

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Average weekly earnings for all employees

Industry group (1980 S.I.C.)	November 1998	October 1999 ^r	November 1999 ^p	October to November 1999	November 1998 to November 1999
	seasonally adjusted				
	\$			% change	
Industrial aggregate	607.23	613.75	616.04	0.4	1.5
Logging and forestry	759.20	785.26	797.45	1.6	5.0
Mining, quarrying and oil wells	1,106.25	1,111.24	1,115.44	0.4	0.8
Manufacturing	755.29	753.78	756.61	0.4	0.2
Construction	696.34	700.69	708.52	1.1	1.7
Transportation and storage	741.38	739.93	739.87	0.0	-0.2
Communication and other utilities	797.40	815.71	814.12	-0.2	2.1
Wholesale trade	665.36	662.45	662.05	-0.1	-0.5
Retail trade	370.93	372.50	375.62	0.8	1.3
Finance and insurance	805.62	804.34	815.14	1.3	1.2
Real estate operators and insurance agencies	644.44	643.83	644.85	0.2	0.1
Business services	692.14	702.87	705.45	0.4	1.9
Education-related services	659.18	672.59	673.70	0.2	2.2
Health and social services	521.06	527.21	527.29	0.0	1.2
Accommodation, food and beverage services	233.62	235.84	239.34	1.5	2.4
Public administration	727.83	746.36	746.34	0.0	2.5
Miscellaneous services	405.17	412.02	414.47	0.6	2.3
Provinces and territories					
Newfoundland	538.63	545.38	543.68	-0.3	0.9
Prince Edward Island	482.50	473.30	480.04	1.4	-0.5
Nova Scotia	512.94	518.28	519.49	0.2	1.3
New Brunswick	523.04	540.64	542.21	0.3	3.7
Quebec	571.24	574.01	575.13	0.2	0.7
Ontario	645.55	656.84	658.91	0.3	2.1
Manitoba	548.28	541.70	545.81	0.8	-0.5
Saskatchewan	544.71	544.12	548.98	0.9	0.8
Alberta	617.84	623.81	630.61	1.1	2.1
British Columbia	620.49	625.69	627.97	0.4	1.2
Yukon	661.11	696.26	690.23	-0.9	4.4
Northwest Territories and Nunavut	726.89	788.67	793.56	0.6	9.2

^r Revised estimates.

^p Preliminary estimates.

Number of employees

Industry group (1980 S.I.C.)	September 1999	October 1999 ^f	November 1999 ^p	September to October 1999	October to November 1999
	seasonally adjusted				
	thousands			% change	
Industrial aggregate	11,844	11,887	11,943	0.4	0.5
Logging and forestry	65	65	66	0.0	1.5
Mining, quarrying and oil wells	134	136	140	1.5	2.9
Manufacturing	1,929	1,946	1,957	0.9	0.6
Construction	519	524	535	1.0	2.1
Transportation and storage	502	502	503	0.0	0.2
Communication and other utilities	386	389	392	0.8	0.8
Wholesale trade	777	777	782	0.0	0.6
Retail trade	1,434	1,424	1,421	-0.7	-0.2
Finance and insurance	533	528	522	-0.9	-1.1
Real estate operators and insurances agencies	194	195	195	0.5	0.0
Business services	867	880	894	1.5	1.6
Education-related services	924	923	924	-0.1	0.1
Health and social services	1,218	1,221	1,220	0.2	-0.1
Accommodation, food and beverage services	850	854	857	0.5	0.4
Public administration	678	679	681	0.1	0.3
Miscellaneous services	703	709	712	0.9	0.4
Provinces and territories					
Newfoundland	155	156	155	0.6	-0.6
Prince Edward Island	53	53	53	0.0	0.0
Nova Scotia	330	330	334	0.0	1.2
New Brunswick	267	268	268	0.4	0.0
Quebec	2,806	2,811	2,823	0.2	0.4
Ontario	4,677	4,686	4,703	0.2	0.4
Manitoba	460	464	466	0.9	0.4
Saskatchewan	353	353	357	0.0	1.1
Alberta	1,228	1,235	1,246	0.6	0.9
British Columbia	1,472	1,480	1,491	0.5	0.7
Yukon	15	16	16	6.7	0.0
Northwest Territories and Nunavut	27	27	27	0.0	0.0

^f Revised estimates.

^p Preliminary estimates.

Coal production 1999 (preliminary)

Lower demand in export and domestic markets as well as production problems in Nova Scotia in 1999 led to a decline in coal production for the second consecutive year, according to preliminary estimates. Production is expected to fall 4.0% from 1998 levels to 72.3 million metric tonnes.

British Columbia is the only producing province expected to register an increase in coal production. The value of coal production is expected to decline 15.9% to \$1.5 billion as stiff competition in export markets is leading to steep price cuts at the expiry of export contracts. The price per ton of Canadian coal is the lowest since 1977.

Coal production by province

	1998 (final)		1999 (estimate)	
	'000's of metric tonnes	\$ '000	'000's of metric tonnes	\$ '000
Canada	75,360	1,764,770	72,310	1,484,390
Nova Scotia	2,120	129,610	1,560	101,060
New Brunswick	270	22,850	260	21,600
Saskatchewan	11,790	126,140	11,590	127,280
Alberta				
Sub-bituminous	25,290	238,960	24,200	236,410
Bituminous	11,090	291,220	9,770	193,260
Total	36,380	530,180	33,970	429,670
British Columbia	24,800	955,990	24,930	804,780

For more information, or to enquire about the methods, concepts and data quality of this release, contact Serge Grenier (613-951-3566; grenser@statcan.ca), Energy Section, Manufacturing, Construction and Energy Division.

Steel primary forms

Week ending January 22, 2000 (preliminary)

Steel primary forms production for the week ending January 22, 2000 totalled 309 689 tonnes, down 6.1% from the week-earlier 329 885 tonnes and up 17.1% from the year-earlier 264 500 tonnes. The cumulative total at the end of the week was 991 793 tonnes, an 18.2% increase compared with 838 936 tonnes for the same period in 1999.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Greg Milsom (613-951-7093; milsomg@statcan.ca), Manufacturing, Construction and Energy Division. ■

Civil aviation operating statistics

November 1999

In November, Canadian Airlines reported an 8% increase in their domestic operations (seasonally adjusted passenger-kilometres). This is the second consecutive monthly increase.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 385 (series 1 to 6).

The November 1999 data on civil aviation (operational data) for Air Canada and Canadian Airlines will appear in the February issue of *Aviation: Service*

bulletin (51-004-XIB, \$8/\$82), which will be available shortly. A print-on-demand service is also available at a different price. See *How to order publications*.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods and data quality of this release, contact Robert Lund (613-951-0125), Aviation Statistics Centre, Transportation Division. ■

Stocks of frozen meat products

January 2000

Total frozen meat in cold storage at the opening of the first business day of January amounted to 60,988 tonnes, up from 57,154 tonnes last month and 55,500 tonnes in January 1999.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 87 and 9518-9525.

Tables for stocks of frozen meat (23-009-XIE) are available free on Statistics Canada's Web site (www.statcan.ca) under *Products and services* followed by *Downloadable publications (free)*.

For more information, call 1 800 216-2299. To enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Jamie Duffy (613-951-6356; duffjam@statcan.ca) or Robert Plourde (613-951-8716), Agriculture Division. ■

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Quarterly financial statistics for enterprises, third quarter 1999
Catalogue number 61-008-XPB
(Canada: \$35/\$114; outside Canada: US\$35/US\$114).

Imports by commodity, November 1999
Catalogue number 65-007-XPB
(Canada: \$78/\$773; outside Canada: US\$78/US\$773).

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Growth in productivity among Canadian businesses was modestly weak again in 1995, accompanied by sluggish gains in employment and slow economic growth during the year.

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