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Help-wanted Index

October 2000

The Help-wanted Index (1996=100) rose by 2.3% to 178 in October, led by British Columbia (+4.1%), Quebec (+2.4%) and Manitoba (+2.4%). In all other provinces, the index either increased or remained the same, except in Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick.

Alberta, Quebec and Manitoba have shown steady growth over the last several months.

Help-wanted Index

(1996=100)

	Oct. 1999	Sept. 2000	Oct. 2000	Oct. 1999 to Oct. 2000	Sept. to Oct. 2000
seasonally adjusted and smoothed					
	% change				
Canada	164	174	178	8.5	2.3
Newfoundland	171	197	200	17.0	1.5
Prince Edward Island	194	235	234	20.6	-0.4
Nova Scotia	168	165	165	-1.8	0.0
New Brunswick	187	194	191	2.1	-1.5
Quebec	158	168	172	8.9	2.4
Ontario	182	190	192	5.5	1.1
Manitoba	167	169	173	3.6	2.4
Saskatchewan	134	137	138	3.0	0.7
Alberta	144	168	171	18.8	1.8
British Columbia	137	145	151	10.2	4.1

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. These indices have been seasonally adjusted and smoothed to ease month-to-month comparisons.

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

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Crude oil and natural gas

August 2000 (preliminary)

Crude oil production totalled 10 599 900 cubic metres in August, up 1.3% from August 1999. Lower production from Hibernia, owing to planned maintenance, was

offset by increased output in western Canada. Exports advanced 8.7%. The 51.1% increase in imports is partly the result of unusually low imports in August 1999.

Year-to-date production of crude oil increased 5.2% over the same period of 1999. Exports increased a strong 13.9% because of higher demand for Canadian crude oil by United States refineries.

Crude oil and natural gas

	Aug. 1999	Aug. 2000	Aug. 1999 to Aug. 2000
	thousands of cubic metres		% change
Crude oil and equivalent hydrocarbons¹			
Production	10 461.2	10 599.9	1.3
Exports	6 202.8	6 743.7	8.7
Imports ²	3 213.0	4 855.3	51.1
Refinery receipts	7 779.3	8 511.6	9.4
	millions of cubic metres		% change
Natural gas³			
Marketable production	13 170.1	13 750.2	4.4
Exports	8 211.2	8 085.3	-1.5
Domestic sales ⁴	3 433.4	4 124.7	20.1
	Jan. to Aug. 1999	Jan. to Aug. 2000	Jan.-Aug. 1999 to Jan.-Aug. 2000
	thousands of cubic metres		% change
Crude oil and equivalent hydrocarbons¹			
Production	80 583.2	84 812.2	5.2
Exports	47 276.4	53 857.5	13.9
Imports ²	31 474.4	35 837.7	13.9
Refinery receipts	64 719.5	66 547.2	2.8
	millions of cubic metres		% change
Natural gas³			
Marketable production	107 490.6	110 084.9	2.4
Exports	62 509.7	65 077.5	4.1
Domestic sales ⁴	44 605.2	47 743.0	7.0

¹ Disposition may differ from production because of inventory change, industry own-use, etc.

² Crude oil received by Canadian refineries from foreign countries for processing. Data may differ from International Trade Division estimates because of timing differences and the inclusion of crude oil landed in Canada for future re-export.

³ Disposition may differ from production because of inventory change, usage as pipeline fuel, pipeline losses, line-pack fluctuations, etc.

⁴ Includes direct sales.

Marketable natural gas production grew 4.4% over August 1999. Domestic sales rose a strong 20.1%, reflecting higher demand by the residential, commercial and industrial sectors. Exports of natural gas were down 1.5% from August 1999.

Year-to-date marketable production of natural gas was 2.4% higher than in the same period of 1999. Year-to-date exports of natural gas were up 4.1%, while year-to-date Canadian domestic sales rose 7.0%.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 530 and 539.

The August 2000 issue of *Supply and disposition of crude oil and natural gas* (26-006-XPB, \$19/\$186) will be available in November. See *How to order products*.

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Railway carloadings

Seven-day period ending October 7, 2000

Non-intermodal traffic loaded during the seven-day period ending October 7 was 4.7 million tonnes, 5.2% less than in the same period of 1999. The number of cars loaded decreased 5.0%.

Intermodal traffic totalled 462 000 tonnes, an 8.9% increase from the same period of 1999. Year-to-date

intermodal traffic is 0.5% higher than in the same period of 1999.

Total traffic decreased 4.1 % during the period. This brought the year-to-date total to 184.0 million tonnes, a decrease of 5.4 % from 1999.

All year-to-date figures have been revised.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Robert Larocque (613-951-2486; fax: 613-951-0009; laroque@statcan.ca), Transportation Division. ■

Light bulbs and tubes

September 2000

Light bulb and tube manufacturers sold 26.7 million light bulbs and tubes in September, a decrease of 2.9% from the 27.5 million sold in September 1999.

Year-to-date sales at the end of September totalled 199.2 million light bulbs and tubes, an increase of 16% from 172 million in the same period of 1999.

The September 2000 issue of *Electric lamps, light bulbs and tubes* (43-009-XIB, \$5/\$47) is now available. See *How to order products*.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Russell Kowaluk (613-951-0600; kowarus@statcan.ca), Manufacturing, Construction and Energy Division. ■

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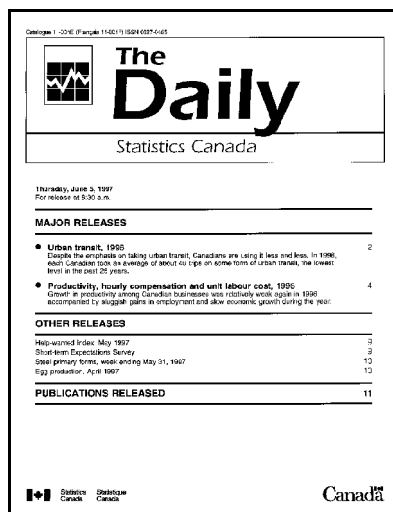
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