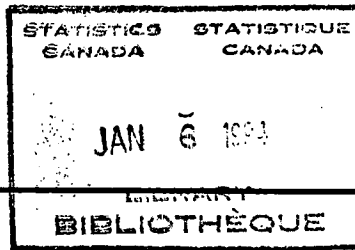


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Help-wanted Index

December 1993

Seasonally adjusted, the Help-wanted Index for Canada (1991=100) decreased by 4% to 85 in December. Declines occurred in the three eastern regions; the index increased in the Prairie provinces and remained unchanged in British Columbia.

The Help-wanted Index peaked at 217 at the beginning of 1989. The subsequent decline in the trend came to a halt at 83 in March 1992. The recovery was interrupted in May 1993 when the index crested at 95. Since then, the index has fluctuated around the December level of 85.

Note to users

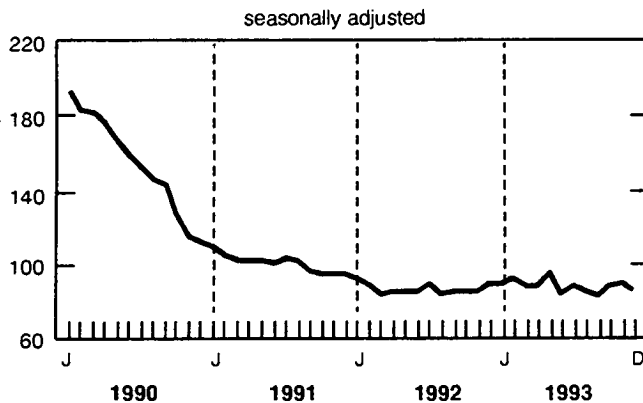
The Help-wanted Index serves as an early indicator of changes in the demand for labour by monitoring the number of help-wanted ads published in 20 major metropolitan areas.

Regional changes

Between November and December 1993, the index advanced 5% in the Prairie provinces and it remained unchanged in British Columbia. The Help-wanted Index decreased 11% in the Atlantic provinces, 10% in Ontario and 2% in Quebec.

Comparing 1992 and 1993 averages, Help-wanted Index for Canada increased 1% (from 86 to 87). By region, the indexes advanced 6% in Quebec (from 87 to 92), 3% in the Prairie provinces (from 81 to 83) and 2% in the Atlantic provinces (from 87 to 89). The index remained unchanged at 86 in Ontario. In British Columbia, the average decreased 3% (from 87 to 84).

Help-wanted index
(1991 = 100)



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

Help-wanted indexes for metropolitan areas included in the survey and trend-cycle estimates are available on request.

For further information, contact Carole Lacroix (613-951-4039) or André Picard (613-951-4045), Labour Division (fax: 613-951-4087).

Help-wanted Index
(1991 = 100)

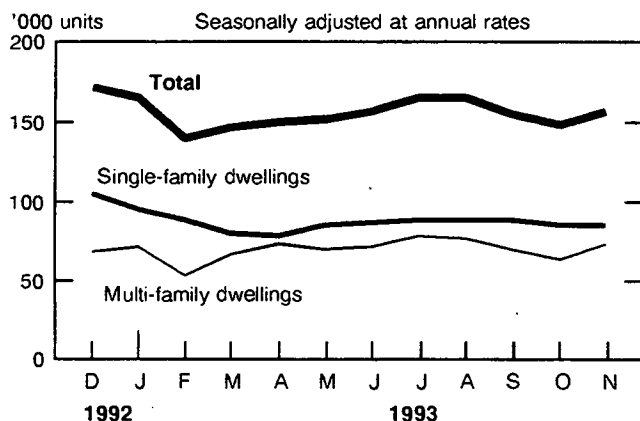
	December 1992	October 1993	November 1993	December 1993	December 1992 to December 1993	November 1993 to December 1993
	seasonally adjusted				% change	
Canada	88	87	89	85	-3	-4
Atlantic provinces	91	77	95	85	-7	-11
Quebec	87	92	95	93	7	-2
Ontario	91	85	90	81	-11	-10
Prairies provinces	83	86	81	85	2	5
British Columbia	89	85	80	80	-10	0

Residential Building Permits

November 1993 (Advance Estimate)

After three consecutive monthly decreases, the number of residential building permits issued by municipalities in November jumped 6.3% to 156,000 units at a seasonally adjusted annual rate, from October's revised level of 147,000 units.

Dwelling units authorized

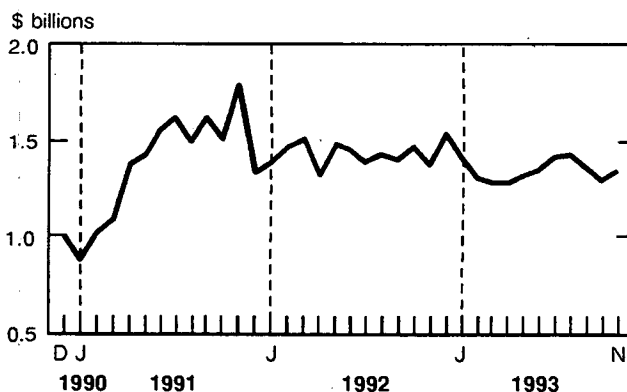


This upturn in seasonally adjusted residential building intentions was entirely attributable to the multi-family dwelling sector (+16.0% to 72,000 units). The single-family dwelling sector recorded a decrease in November (-0.9% to 84,000 units).

The British Columbia region (+32.0%) accounted for most of the increase in the number of dwelling units authorized, while the Prairie region reported the largest decrease (-12.0%).

The value of building permits rose 4.2% to \$1,338 million in November, from \$1,284 million in October. This sharp increase was attributed to the multi-family dwelling sector (+22.4%), particularly in the British Columbia (+63.1%) and Atlantic (+54.1%) regions.

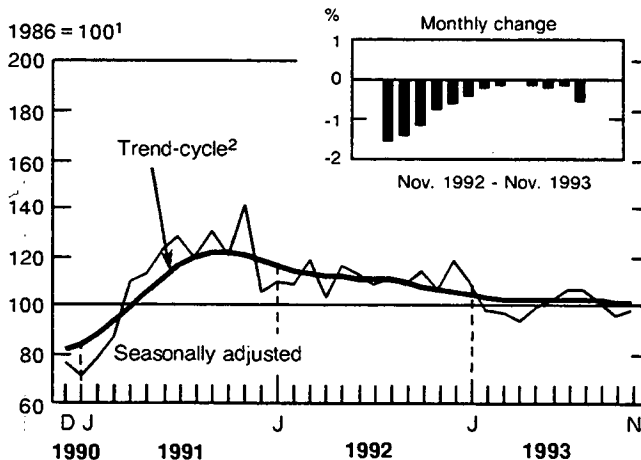
Value of residential building permits



Residential Building Permits Index

In November 1993, the short-term trend index for residential permits (which smooths irregular month-to-month movements not sustained over a longer period) edged down a slight 0.5% to 100.0. The residential trend index had stayed relatively stable at 101.0 over the preceding five months.

Residential building permits indexes



¹ This series is deflated by using the construction input price index, which includes cost of material and labor.

² The trend-cycle shows the seasonally adjusted value of building permits without irregular influences that can affect the short-term trend.

The residential building permits advance estimate is based on results received from over 90.0% of the municipalities surveyed.

The residential and non-residential building permits preliminary estimate for November 1993 will be released on January 18.

For further information, contact Nathalie Léveillé (613-951-2025), Current Investment Indicators Section, Investment and Capital Stock Division.

Value of residential building permits (advance estimate)

	Value			
	October 1993 ^r	November 1993 ^a	October 1993 ^r to November 1993 ^a	November 1992 to November 1993 ^a
	\$ thousands		% change	
Canada				
Seasonally adjusted	1,284,410	1,337,948	4.2	-1.9
Unadjusted	1,332,955	1,300,891	-2.4	8.0

Number of dwelling units authorized (advance estimate)

	Annual Rate			
	October 1993 ^r	November 1993 ^a	October 1993 ^r to November 1993 ^a	November 1992 to November 1993 ^a
	units		% change	
Canada				
Seasonally adjusted	147,120	156,384	6.3	0.0
Unadjusted	154,920	157,272	1.5	10.1

^a Advance figures.

^r Revised figures.

Sales of Refined Petroleum Products

November 1993 (Preliminary)

Seasonally adjusted, sales of refined petroleum products decreased 1.3% to 6.8 million cubic metres in November 1993. This followed a 0.1% decline in October and a 2.3% gain in September.

Sales volumes for five of the seven product groups (which account for 85% of total sales) decreased in November.

Sales of petrochemical feedstocks (materials produced by refineries that are used as input by the petrochemical industry) fell 4.9% in November, the second consecutive monthly decline. Light fuel oil sales decreased 2.4% after a 2.9% decline in October. Sales of heavy fuel oil increased 1.4% in November following two consecutive monthly declines.

Unadjusted

Sales of refined petroleum products increased 2.5% from November 1992, to 6.9 million cubic

metres. Sales of two of the seven product groups (which account for 63% of total sales) increased from November 1992.

For the first 11 months of 1993, cumulative sales of refined petroleum products totalled 73.7 million cubic metres, a 0.8% increase from 1992. The largest sales increases were recorded by diesel fuel oil (+5.1%) and motor gasoline (+2.2%). Sales of heavy fuel oil decreased 10.4% from the same period in 1992, primarily reflecting reduced imports by electric utilities.

The light fuel oil and heavy fuel oil components of refined petroleum products are subject to significant month-to-month variation and revision.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 628-642 and 644-647.

The November 1993 issue of *Refined Petroleum Products* (45-004, \$18.20/\$182) will be available the third week of January. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information, contact Gérard O'Connor (613-951-3562), Energy Section, Industry Division. □

Sales of refined petroleum products

	August 1993 ^r	September 1993 ^r	October 1993 ^r	November 1993 ^p	October 1993 to November 1993
	thousands of cubic metres				% change
	seasonally adjusted				
Total, all products	6 703.3	6 860.6	6 856.6	6 764.4	-1.3
Motor gasoline	2 837.5	2 921.2	2 900.2	2 885.1	-0.5
Diesel fuel oil	1 373.5	1 407.8	1 465.5	1 457.6	-0.5
Light fuel oil	492.5	509.2	494.1	482.4	-2.4
Heavy fuel oil	655.9	607.4	592.8	601.3	1.4
Aviation turbo fuel	350.3	380.6	354.0	378.6	6.9
Petrochemical feedstocks ¹	337.2	362.6	326.6	310.6	-4.9
All other refined products	656.4	671.8	723.4	648.8	-10.3
	November 1992	November 1993 ^p	January to November 1992	January to November 1993 ^p	January- November 1992 to January- November 1993
	unadjusted				
Total, all products	6 715.0	6 884.1	73 040.2	73 652.2	0.8
Motor gasoline	2 672.6	2 839.1	30 433.1	31 097.4	2.2
Diesel fuel oil	1 324.3	1 501.1	14 626.2	15 374.8	5.1
Light fuel oil	558.6	550.5	5 021.2	5 038.9	0.4
Heavy fuel oil	779.8	689.6	7 390.2	6 621.6	-10.4
Aviation turbo fuel	384.8	368.0	4 291.0	4 136.2	-3.6
Petrochemical feedstocks ¹	334.7	310.5	3 573.0	3 487.3	-2.4
All other refined products	660.2	625.3	7 705.5	7 896.0	2.5

^p Preliminary figures.

^r Revised figures.

¹ Materials produced by refineries used as input by the petrochemical industry.

Crude Oil and Natural Gas

October 1993 (Preliminary)

Crude oil and natural gas exports to the United States continued their strong growth in October 1993. Natural gas production rose 16.0% from October 1992, reflecting robust growth in exports as well as inventory replacement.

Crude oil exports in October 1993 rose by 19.5% from October 1992, while crude oil imports were up 38.5%. Crude oil production increased 3.3% from October 1992.

Natural gas

Natural gas production rose 16.0% in October 1993 from October 1992, to 11.0 billion cubic metres. Year-to-date production was up 11.7% from the same period in 1992.

Natural gas exports increased 8.9% from October 1992, to 5.3 billion cubic metres. Year-to-date exports increased 9.2% from 1992.

Domestic sales of natural gas increased 1.4% from October 1992, to 4.5 billion cubic metres. Year-to-date sales were 6.5% higher than in 1992.

Crude oil

Crude oil production increased 3.3% in October 1993 from October 1992, to 9.2 million cubic metres. Year-to-date production increased 4.1% over the same period in 1992.

Note to users

The crude petroleum and natural gas industry (SIC 071) is an important sector of the economy, especially in Western Canada. In 1992, the total value of crude oil and natural gas production amounted to \$19.3 billion, of which \$11.0 billion was exported. (Crude oil production was valued at \$10.9 billion and natural gas at \$8.4 billion). The industry employs 30,000 and has annual capital expenditures of \$6.0 billion.

Crude oil exports were up 19.5% from October 1992, to 4.9 million cubic metres. Year-to-date exports rose 8.4% to 43.9 million cubic metres.

Imports of crude oil increased 38.5% to 3.0 million cubic metres in October 1993. Year-to-date imports were up 17.4% over 1992, at 28.1 million cubic metres.

October refinery receipts were up 12.6% at 7.5 million cubic metres, while year-to-date receipts were up 6.8%.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 530 and 539.

The October 1993 issue of *Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas Production* (26-006, \$10/\$100) will be available the last week of January. See "How to Order Publications".

For detailed information on this release, contact Brian Preston (613-951-3563), Energy Section, Industry Division. □

Crude oil and natural gas

	October 1992	October 1993	October 1992 to October 1993	January 1992 to October 1992	January 1993 to October 1993	January- October 1992 to January- October 1993
	thousands of cubic metres		% change	thousands of cubic metres		% change
Crude oil and equivalent hydrocarbons¹						
Production	8 898.7	9 195.4	3.3	84 008.8	87 453.2	4.1
Exports	4 099.5	4 899.9	19.5	40 483.7	43 868.5	8.4
Imports	2 135.4	2 957.2	38.5	23 956.4	28 129.3	17.4
Refinery receipts	6 659.7	7 501.7	12.6	67 132.2	71 707.3	6.8
	millions of cubic metres		% change	millions of cubic metres		% change
Natural gas²						
Marketable production	9 518.8	11 046.9	16.0	94 673.5	105 775.1	11.7
Exports	4 898.1	5 335.1	8.9	47 064.5	51 385.0	9.2
Canadian sales ³	4 417.6	4 478.7	1.4	44 567.3	47 459.6	6.5

¹ Disposition may differ from production due to inventory change, industry own-use, etc.

² Disposition may differ from production due to inventory change, usage as pipeline fuel, pipeline losses, line-pack fluctuations, etc.

³ Includes direct sales.

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- Advances in Education in Saskatchewan, 1992-93
Saskatchewan's advances in education in 1992-93 were modest, but rose from 18.3 billion in an equivalent 1992-93 to 19.5 billion in 1993-94. The 0.2% increase from 1992-93 was the smallest increase in a decade.

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November 1993

Shipments of steel wire and specified wire products totalled 56 633 tonnes in November 1993, down 5.3% from 59 786 tonnes the previous month.

Data on factory shipments of steel wire and specified wire products are now available for November 1993, as are production and export market data for selected commodities.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 122 (series 19).

The November 1993 issue of *Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products* (41-006, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date.

For detailed information on this release, contact Bruno Pépin (613-951-9837), Industry Division. ■

Railway Operating Statistics

October 1993

The seven selected railways reported a net gain of \$33.1 million in October 1993. Operating revenues totalled \$593.0 million, an increase of 4.5% from October 1992.

Revenue-freight tonne-kilometres increased by 11.1% for the same period.

At the end of October 1993, year-to-date operating revenues decreased 0.3% from the same period of 1992.

Data for 1993 and previous years have been revised.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 142.

The October 1993 issue of *Railway Operating Statistics* (52-003, \$10.50/\$105) will be released later.

For detailed information on this release, contact Angus MacLean (613-951-2528, fax: 613-951-0579), Transportation Division. ■

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