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OTHER RELEASES

Help-wanted Index

July 2002

The Help-wanted Index (1996=100) increased slightly to 128.3 in July, up 0.5% from June. This is the sixth consecutive month of small increases, following 15 straight months of declines from November 2000 to January 2002. Ontario, Quebec and New Brunswick led the turnaround in the Index.

In July, the largest month-to-month increases were in Alberta (+1.8%), Nova Scotia (+1.8%) and British Columbia (+1.6%). The British Columbia figure should be interpreted cautiously: it is based on a modeled estimate of the number of help-wanted ads for Vancouver, where an actual count was not available because of the recent newspaper strike.

The national index was 13.9% lower than in July 2001.

Help-wanted Index

(1996=100)

	July 2002	June 2002	July 2001	June to July 2002	July to July 2001
	Seasonally adjusted and smoothed			% change	
Canada	128.3	127.6	149.0	0.5	-13.9
Newfoundland and Labrador	179.0	181.2	190.6	-1.2	-6.1
Prince Edward Island	209.5	208.0	219.4	0.7	-4.5
Nova Scotia	134.5	132.1	150.8	1.8	-10.8
New Brunswick	169.8	169.0	162.2	0.5	4.7
Quebec	121.0	121.2	138.6	-0.2	-12.7
Ontario	134.5	134.8	155.5	-0.2	-13.5
Manitoba	145.1	147.9	162.2	-1.9	-10.5
Saskatchewan	130.4	130.4	143.0	0.0	-8.8
Alberta	140.2	137.7	172.3	1.8	-18.6
British Columbia	97.9	96.4	117.5	1.6	-16.7

Note: The Help-wanted Index is compiled from the number of help-wanted ads published in 22 newspapers

in 20 major metropolitan areas and is considered an indicator of labour demand, measuring companies' intentions to hire new workers. These indices have been seasonally adjusted and smoothed to ease month-to-month comparisons.

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Industrial chemicals and synthetic resins

June 2002

Chemical firms produced 252 230 metric tonnes of polyethylene synthetic resins in June, up 19.8% from 210 623 tonnes (revised) in June 2001.

Year-to-date production at the end of June totalled 1 723 409 tonnes, up 15.1% from 1 496 983 tonnes (revised) produced in the same period of 2001.

Data are also available on production of three other types of synthetic resins and 24 industrial chemicals.

Available on CANSIM: table 303-0014.

The June 2002 issue of *Industrial chemicals and synthetic resins*, Vol. 45, no. 6 (46-002-XIB, \$5/\$47) is now available. See *How to order products*.

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Industrial chemicals and synthetic resins,
June 2002, Vol. 45, no. 6
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Catalogue number 71-001-PIB (\$8/\$78).
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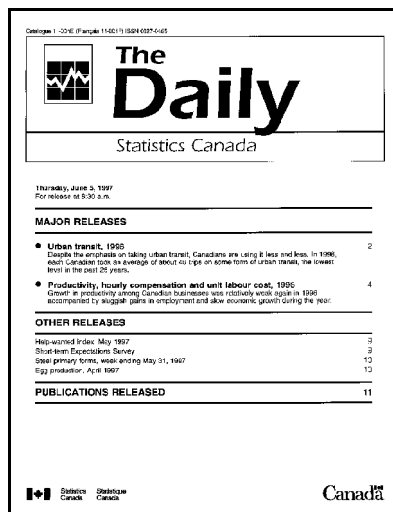
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