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### Perspectives on Labour and Income

Winter 2005

The Winter 2005 edition of *Perspectives on Labour and Income* contains four articles, all of which have appeared previously in its online edition.

The article "Out-of-pocket spending on prescription drugs" reveals that while spending on prescription drugs still constitutes less than 1% of the overall household budget, the average expenditure rose 71% between 1992 and 2002.

"Post-retirement employment" looks at the growing phenomenon of retirees rejoining the work force after retirement. While most do so for financial reasons, non-financial considerations are also important.

"Who's missing out on the GIS?" examines the case of eligible seniors not receiving the Guaranteed Income Supplement. A misunderstanding of the rules and requirements is the principal reason.

"Youth and labour market" documents the growth in youth employment between 1997 and 2004 on the basis of age, sex, industry and province.

The section "Key labour and income facts" features two new fact sheets: Education indicators and minimum wage. "What's New?" highlights recent studies of interest from Statistics Canada and other organizations. This issue also contains a cumulative subject index of articles from 1989 to 2005.

The Winter 2005 issue of *Perspectives on Labour and Income*, Vol. 17, no. 4 (75-001-XPE, \$20/\$63) is now available. See *How to order products*.

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## **Payroll employment, earnings and hours**

October 2005 (preliminary)

The average weekly earnings of payroll employees edged up \$1.76 from September to October to \$738.73 (seasonally adjusted).

The year-to-date annual growth rate for 2005 is 3.0%. This rate of change is obtained by comparing the average weekly earnings of the first 10 months of 2005 with the average of the same months of 2004. Industries showing the strongest year-to-date annual increase include information and culture (+5.4%), accommodation and food services (+5.1%), mining and oil and gas (+5.0%), construction (+4.0%), and forestry, logging and support (+3.9%).

There were 13,785,800 employees receiving payroll employment in October, almost unchanged from the previous month (+4,300). Employment has increased by 1.2% (+164,500 jobs) since the beginning of the year, with Nova Scotia (+2.7%) and Alberta (+2.4 %) showing the highest growth rates among the provinces.

**Available on CANSIM: tables 281-0023 to 281-0046.**

**Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2612.**

Detailed industry data, data by size of enterprise based on employment, and other labour market indicators will be available soon in the monthly publication *Employment, Earnings and Hours* (72-002-XIB, \$26/\$257).

Data on payroll employment, earnings and hours for November will be released January 26, 2006.

For general information or to order data, contact Client Services (1-866-873-8788; 613-951-4090; fax: 613-951-2869; [labour@statcan.ca](mailto:labour@statcan.ca)). To enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Robert Frindt (613-951-4069), Labour Statistics Division.

**Average weekly earnings for all employees**

Industry group (North American Industry Classification System)	October 2004	September 2005 <sup>r</sup>	October 2005 <sup>p</sup>	September to October 2005	October 2004 to October 2005	Year-to-date average 2005 <sup>1</sup>
	seasonally adjusted					
	\$			% change		
<b>Industrial aggregate</b>	<b>707.48</b>	<b>736.97</b>	<b>738.73</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>3.0</b>
Forestry, logging and support	880.02	909.29	906.14	-0.3	3.0	3.9
Mining and oil and gas	1,271.55	1,320.74	1,327.87	0.5	4.4	5.0
Utilities	1,064.30	1,072.42	1,075.05	0.2	1.0	0.4
Construction	853.78	892.59	891.06	-0.2	4.4	4.0
Manufacturing	862.91	900.67	900.63	0.0	4.4	2.6
Wholesale trade	803.43	843.41	844.61	0.1	5.1	3.0
Retail trade	456.35	470.00	474.14	0.9	3.9	3.7
Transportation and warehousing	761.63	787.47	794.37	0.9	4.3	2.6
Information and cultural industries	830.06	905.45	909.99	0.5	9.6	5.4
Finance and insurance	912.76	953.19	949.82	-0.4	4.1	3.5
Real estate and rental and leasing	624.32	653.57	654.39	0.1	4.8	3.8
Professional, scientific and technical services	923.42	964.83	961.34	-0.4	4.1	2.6
Management of companies and enterprises	843.95	906.44	925.88	2.1	9.7	4.9
Administrative and support, waste management and remediation services	566.01	578.10	574.63	-0.6	1.5	3.1
Educational services	779.93	814.33	817.57	0.4	4.8	3.3
Health care and social assistance	632.42	669.79	670.96	0.2	6.1	2.4
Arts, entertainment and recreation	416.31	426.80	429.68	0.7	3.2	0.9
Accommodation and food services	297.71	322.06	318.93	-1.0	7.1	5.1
Other services (excluding public administration)	550.01	566.73	570.49	0.7	3.7	3.7
Public administration	878.06	902.73	906.69	0.4	3.3	2.8
<b>Provinces and territories</b>						
Newfoundland and Labrador	646.21	671.76	681.58	1.5	5.5	1.8
Prince Edward Island	554.89	579.24	585.09	1.0	5.4	2.4
Nova Scotia	612.59	646.95	649.55	0.4	6.0	4.3
New Brunswick	643.11	672.63	676.83	0.6	5.2	3.4
Quebec	670.72	700.84	693.83	-1.0	3.4	2.2
Ontario	748.43	778.14	779.78	0.2	4.2	2.6
Manitoba	641.66	661.86	662.84	0.1	3.3	3.9
Saskatchewan	651.35	677.53	684.62	1.0	5.1	4.1
Alberta	737.33	777.72	783.13	0.7	6.2	5.3
British Columbia	697.36	724.62	724.38	0.0	3.9	2.3
Yukon	805.50	826.42	839.13	1.5	4.2	4.0
Northwest Territories <sup>2</sup>	927.78	988.58	998.45	1.0	7.6	4.1
Nunavut <sup>2</sup>	770.56	890.24	892.92	0.3	15.9	10.8

<sup>r</sup> Revised.

<sup>p</sup> Preliminary.

1. Rate of change for the first 10 months of 2005 compared to the same months for 2004.

2. Data not seasonally adjusted.

## Number of employees

Industry group (North American Industry Classification System)	August 2005	September 2005 <sup>r</sup>	October 2005 <sup>p</sup>	August to September 2005	September to October 2005
	seasonally adjusted				
	'000			% change	
<b>Industrial aggregate</b>	<b>13,741.7</b>	<b>13,781.5</b>	<b>13,785.8</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>
Forestry, logging and support	49.8	49.0	49.0	-1.6	0.0
Mining and oil and gas	163.2	162.4	163.3	-0.5	0.6
Utilities	120.2	120.6	121.0	0.3	0.3
Construction	686.4	689.8	690.1	0.5	0.0
Manufacturing	1,945.1	1,944.9	1,938.2	0.0	-0.3
Wholesale trade	737.7	739.1	736.0	0.2	-0.4
Retail trade	1,698.7	1,702.8	1,704.7	0.2	0.1
Transportation and warehousing	627.6	627.4	627.9	0.0	0.1
Information and cultural industries	344.8	344.2	348.7	-0.2	1.3
Finance and insurance	582.6	585.1	586.5	0.4	0.2
Real estate and rental and leasing	240.7	243.3	243.5	1.1	0.1
Professional, scientific and technical services	665.3	666.8	667.4	0.2	0.1
Management of companies and enterprises	95.9	97.7	97.5	1.9	-0.2
Administrative and support, waste management and remediation services	669.9	678.1	677.3	1.2	-0.1
Educational services	1,000.1	995.9	1,002.3	-0.4	0.6
Health care and social assistance	1,411.7	1,415.1	1,419.1	0.2	0.3
Arts, entertainment and recreation	245.8	247.3	246.7	0.6	-0.2
Accommodation and food services	956.6	960.7	955.2	0.4	-0.6
Other services (excluding public administration)	508.0	509.7	509.2	0.3	-0.1
Public administration	787.1	791.0	792.8	0.5	0.2
<b>Provinces and territories</b>					
Newfoundland and Labrador	179.5	179.7	177.1	0.1	-1.4
Prince Edward Island	65.6	66.1	65.4	0.8	-1.1
Nova Scotia	388.7	389.3	389.7	0.2	0.1
New Brunswick	298.4	300.7	297.0	0.8	-1.2
Quebec	3,218.7	3,216.9	3,210.4	-0.1	-0.2
Ontario	5,352.7	5,376.7	5,388.8	0.4	0.2
Manitoba	533.8	537.9	538.4	0.8	0.1
Saskatchewan	410.3	413.2	411.8	0.7	-0.3
Alberta	1,537.7	1,545.1	1,546.0	0.5	0.1
British Columbia	1,707.6	1,712.2	1,712.3	0.3	0.0
Yukon	16.9	16.9	16.7	0.0	-1.2
Northwest Territories <sup>1</sup>	23.7	23.5	22.4	-0.8	-4.7
Nunavut <sup>1</sup>	11.5	11.8	11.2	2.6	-5.1

<sup>r</sup> Revised.

<sup>p</sup> Preliminary.

1. Data not seasonally adjusted.

## Railway carloadings

October 2005

Canadian railways loaded 5.7% more goods in October than they did the month before, their best October in six years.

Driven by a continuous demand for Canadian primary goods from China and other emerging Asian countries, as well as the increasing need in Canada for finished goods, railways reported loadings in excess of 25.3 million metric tonnes.

Intermodal loadings, that is, containers and trailers hauled on flat cars, rose 5.1% from September to a record high of 2.5 million metric tonnes. This type of freight is mostly made up of finished goods.

The non-intermodal portion of freight consisting mostly of goods moved in bulk totalled 22.8 million metric tonnes, up 5.8% from September. Just over 289,000 railcars were needed to carry all of October's non-intermodal freight.

Freight coming from the United States either destined for or passing through Canada reached 2.4 million tonnes, up 12.0% from September and the highest amount since the record of 2.5 million tonnes set in May 2005.

On a year-over-year basis, non-intermodal tonnage was up 4.6% from October 2004. Intermodal traffic was up 3.3% while traffic received from the United States was up 7.3%.

Available on CANSIM: table 404-0002.

**Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2732.**

The October issue of *Monthly Railway Carloadings*, Vol. 82, no. 10 (52-001-XIE, \$9 / \$83) 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 the Dissemination Unit (1-866-500-8400; fax: 1-613-951-0009; [transportationstatistics@statcan.ca](mailto:transportationstatistics@statcan.ca)), Transportation Division. ■

**Natural gas sales**

October 2005 (preliminary)

Natural gas sales totalled 4 657 million cubic metres in October, down 12.9% from October 2004. Weaker sale volumes across all sectors reflected warmer than normal temperatures during the month. Sales in the industrial sector (including direct sales) fell by 13.8%, followed by declines of 13.5% in the commercial sector and 9.0% in the residential sector.

Year-to-date sales at the end of October were down 2.4% from the same period of 2004. Both the residential (-1.7%) and the commercial (-2.7%) sectors posted declines. Use of natural gas by the industrial (including direct sales) sector also declined, falling by 2.4% so far this year.

**Natural gas sales**

	October 2005 <sup>P</sup>	October 2004	October 2004 to October 2005
	thousands of cubic metres		% change
<b>Total: Natural gas sales</b>	<b>4 657 063</b>	<b>5 343 922</b>	<b>-12.9</b>
Residential	903 671	993 521	-9.0
Commercial	688 645	796 465	-13.5
Industrial	1 424 271	1 658 355	-13.8
Direct	1 640 476	1 895 581	
	year-to-date		
	2005 <sup>P</sup>	2004	2004 to 2005
	thousands of cubic metres		% change
<b>Total: Natural gas sales</b>	<b>56 072 712</b>	<b>57 426 178</b>	<b>-2.4</b>
Residential	12 946 844	13 177 363	-1.7
Commercial	9 581 119	9 841 954	-2.7
Industrial	15 710 895	15 975 518	-2.5
Direct	17 833 854	18 431 343	

<sup>P</sup> Preliminary.

**Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2149.**

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**Canadian Travel Survey: Domestic travel 2003**

The Canadian Travel Survey provides a yardstick for identifying who is travelling, the types of trips they are taking and how much they are spending.

Throughout 2003, about 170,000 Canadians were interviewed about their trips in Canada, and about themselves and their households.

This survey provides valuable information for tourism industry decision-makers who seek ways of selling Canada as a tourist destination for Canadians through marketing strategies and product development.

**Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 3810.**

The publication *Canadian Travel Survey: Domestic Travel*, 2003 (87-212-XIE, \$38) is now available. The publication contains several historical tables (1998 to 2003), which include revised 1998 to 2001 estimates that are comparable with those of 2002 and 2003. See *How to order products*.

For more information, contact Tourism Client Services (613-951-9169; toll free 1-800-307-3382; fax: 613-951-2909; [cult.tourstats@statcan.ca](mailto:cult.tourstats@statcan.ca)), Culture, Tourism and the Centre for Education Statistics. ■

**Logging**

2000 to 2003

Principal statistics and data on products shipped by the logging industry are now available for Canada, the provinces and the territories for reference years 2000 to 2003.

Available on CANSIM: table 301-0004.

**Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2107.**

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### Placement of hatchery chicks and turkey poults

November 2005 (preliminary)

Placements of hatchery chicks onto farms were estimated at 49.0 million birds in November, down 2.4% from November 2004. Placements of turkey poults on farms decreased 7.7% to 1.3 million birds.

**Available on CANSIM: table 003-0021.**

**Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 5039.**

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### Stocks of frozen and chilled meats

December 2005

Total frozen and chilled red meat in cold storage at the opening of the first business day of December amounted to 92 569 metric tonnes, up 3% from 89 736 tonnes in November and up 12% from 82 875 tonnes in December 2004.

**Available on CANSIM: tables 003-0005 and 003-0041.**

**Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 3423.**

The December issue of *Stocks of Frozen and Chilled Meats* (23-009-XIE, free) is now available online. From the *Our products and services* page, under *Browse our Internet publications*, choose *Free*, then *Agriculture*.

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**Retail Trade**, October 2005, Vol. 77, no. 10  
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**Canada's International Investment Position**, Third  
quarter 2005, Vol. 3, no. 3  
**Catalogue number 67-202-XIE** (\$23/\$51).

**Perspectives on Labour and Income**, Winter 2005,  
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Growth in productivity among Canadian businesses was modestly weak again in 1996, accompanied by sluggish gains in employment and slow economic growth during the year.

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