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

May 2007 (preliminary)

In May, the average weekly earnings of payroll employees (seasonally adjusted) increased \$1.47 to \$766.32 from April. The year-to-date growth, calculated as the average of the first five months of 2007 compared with the average of the same five months in 2006, was 2.9%.

Among Canada's largest industrial sectors, earnings grew for the first five months of 2007 in manufacturing (+3.5%), health and social assistance (+2.9%), and educational services (+0.4%), while they declined in retail trade (-0.6%).

Nationally, there was little change in the number of payroll jobs in May, as the total estimated number increased only 6,900 to 14,258,800. Growth among the provinces varied, with Newfoundland and Labrador showing the largest increase (+1.3%), followed by Nova Scotia (+0.5%). Nationally, year-to-date employment growth was 0.3%. Payroll employment has increased by 41,100 since the beginning of 2007.

The average hourly earnings for hourly paid employees edged up \$0.14 in May to \$19.04. The

average weekly hours for hourly paid employees decreased 1.0% to 31.2 hours.

**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, free).

Data on payroll employment, earnings and hours for June will be released on August 28.

To order data, or to obtain more information, contact Client Services (toll-free 1-866-873-8788; 613-951-4090; fax: 613-951-2869; [labour@statcan.ca](mailto:labour@statcan.ca)). To enquire about revisions, concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Shirley Steller (613-951-6501), Labour Statistics Division. □

**Average weekly earnings (including overtime) for all employees**

Industry group (North American Industry Classification System)	May 2006	April 2007 <sup>r</sup>	May 2007 <sup>p</sup>	April to May 2007	May 2006 to May 2007	Year-to-date average 2007 <sup>1</sup>
	Seasonally adjusted					
	\$			% change		
<b>Industrial aggregate</b>	<b>745.33</b>	<b>764.85</b>	<b>766.32</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>2.9</b>
Forestry, logging and support	973.32	968.55	1,019.52	5.3	4.7	1.5
Mining and oil and gas	1,341.37	1,406.05	1,423.94	1.3	6.2	4.6
Utilities	1,068.64	1,114.88	1,115.57	0.1	4.4	3.0
Construction	891.76	924.59	920.80	-0.4	3.3	2.8
Manufacturing	902.55	935.35	936.58	0.1	3.8	3.5
Wholesale trade	867.39	901.54	901.20	0.0	3.9	4.5
Retail trade	488.06	479.28	481.52	0.5	-1.3	-0.6
Transportation and warehousing	783.51	800.36	801.66	0.2	2.3	1.8
Information and cultural industries	927.79	968.14	972.62	0.5	4.8	4.0
Finance and insurance	967.68	981.15	985.63	0.5	1.9	3.0
Real estate and rental and leasing	673.81	703.61	712.63	1.3	5.8	6.0
Professional, scientific and technical services	944.80	968.27	975.16	0.7	3.2	2.6
Management of companies and enterprises	947.66	912.03	923.11	1.2	-2.6	-3.6
Administrative and support, waste management and remediation services	593.45	639.19	639.13	0.0	7.7	8.6
Educational services	817.15	824.59	821.96	-0.3	0.6	0.4
Health care and social assistance	686.73	698.31	702.92	0.7	2.4	2.9
Arts, entertainment and recreation	437.79	455.65	449.51	-1.3	2.7	2.9
Accommodation and food services	297.52	323.03	322.36	-0.2	8.3	10.3
Other services (excluding public administration)	584.89	597.88	602.22	0.7	3.0	4.7
Public administration	921.89	959.09	960.23	0.1	4.2	3.9
<b>Provinces and territories</b>						
Newfoundland and Labrador	692.98	713.47	712.38	-0.2	2.8	2.9
Prince Edward Island	600.75	634.41	635.17	0.1	5.7	5.1
Nova Scotia	652.82	673.73	675.80	0.3	3.5	2.8
New Brunswick	680.56	704.89	707.86	0.4	4.0	3.4
Quebec	700.22	718.08	731.56	1.9	4.5	3.3
Ontario	780.27	796.73	798.45	0.2	2.3	2.4
Manitoba	666.33	698.61	694.35	-0.6	4.2	3.8
Saskatchewan	694.35	713.02	710.12	-0.4	2.3	3.2
Alberta	793.65	825.33	818.87	-0.8	3.2	4.3
British Columbia	741.18	755.69	750.11	-0.7	1.2	2.1
Yukon	859.35	870.63	871.52	0.1	1.4	1.2
Northwest Territories <sup>2</sup>	989.60	1,003.47	988.02	-1.5	-0.2	0.3
Nunavut <sup>2</sup>	894.59	941.92	923.65	-1.9	3.2	4.3

<sup>r</sup> revised

<sup>p</sup> preliminary

1. Rate of change for the first five months of 2007 compared with the same months for 2006.

2. Data not seasonally adjusted.

## Number of employees

Industry group (North American Industry Classification System)	December 2006	March 2007	April 2007 <sup>r</sup>	May 2007 <sup>p</sup>	March to April 2007	April to May 2007	December 2006 to May 2007
	Seasonally adjusted						
	thousands				% change		
<b>Industrial aggregate</b>	<b>14,217.7</b>	<b>14,250.6</b>	<b>14,251.9</b>	<b>14,258.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.3</b>
Forestry, logging and support	57.5	55.7	54.6	57.1	-2.0	4.6	-0.7
Mining and oil and gas	186.8	192.3	189.9	184.4	-1.2	-2.9	-1.3
Utilities	121.0	121.6	121.1	120.7	-0.4	-0.3	-0.2
Construction	752.6	756.2	759.1	770.9	0.4	1.6	2.4
Manufacturing	1,832.2	1,813.4	1,809.3	1,817.2	-0.2	0.4	-0.8
Wholesale trade	750.1	751.5	753.1	757.0	0.2	0.5	0.9
Retail trade	1,754.6	1,772.8	1,771.6	1,774.3	-0.1	0.2	1.1
Transportation and warehousing	639.7	645.6	654.1	655.8	1.3	0.3	2.5
Information and cultural industries	353.9	351.5	353.4	352.6	0.5	-0.2	-0.4
Finance and insurance	615.7	623.1	622.2	623.2	-0.1	0.2	1.2
Real estate and rental and leasing	246.4	247.1	248.0	248.9	0.4	0.4	1.0
Professional, scientific and technical services	714.4	724.9	725.1	725.4	0.0	0.0	1.5
Management of companies and enterprises	97.4	97.2	97.6	98.7	0.4	1.1	1.3
Administrative and support, waste management and remediation services	706.0	703.7	704.8	708.5	0.2	0.5	0.4
Educational services	1,061.4	1,066.7	1,065.5	1,069.4	-0.1	0.4	0.8
Health care and social assistance	1,456.8	1,463.9	1,465.3	1,468.1	0.1	0.2	0.8
Arts, entertainment and recreation	239.5	240.7	238.0	236.5	-1.1	-0.6	-1.3
Accommodation and food services	1,028.0	1,033.1	1,033.5	1,037.1	0.0	0.3	0.9
Other services (excluding public administration)	517.8	521.2	521.6	521.7	0.1	0.0	0.8
Public administration	815.3	821.2	819.1	819.4	-0.3	0.0	0.5
<b>Provinces and territories</b>							
Newfoundland and Labrador	177.6	177.7	178.3	180.6	0.3	1.3	1.7
Prince Edward Island	57.0	59.0	58.3	57.6	-1.2	-1.2	1.1
Nova Scotia	386.0	385.7	385.1	387.1	-0.2	0.5	0.3
New Brunswick	309.4	312.1	303.5	304.3	-2.8	0.3	-1.6
Quebec	3,260.6	3,260.4	3,261.0	3,267.5	0.0	0.2	0.2
Ontario	5,455.3	5,472.7	5,474.4	5,473.1	0.0	0.0	0.3
Manitoba	530.2	534.6	535.1	537.5	0.1	0.4	1.4
Saskatchewan	419.4	421.2	422.5	423.7	0.3	0.3	1.0
Alberta	1,709.8	1,720.0	1,711.7	1,705.8	-0.5	-0.3	-0.2
British Columbia	1,852.3	1,858.3	1,864.6	1,871.3	0.3	0.4	1.0
Yukon	17.2	17.4	17.6	17.5	1.1	-0.6	1.7
Northwest Territories <sup>1</sup>	22.7	23.5	23.1	23.2	-1.7	0.4	2.2
Nunavut <sup>1</sup>	10.8	10.4	10.6	10.9	1.9	2.8	0.9

<sup>r</sup> revised

<sup>p</sup> preliminary

1. Data not seasonally adjusted.

## Cereals and oilseeds review May 2007

There has been a steady and significant annual increase in total direct feed grain purchases from farmers and grain dealers since 2003/2004. In the last complete crop year (2005/2006), about 872 000 metric tonnes of feed grains were purchased directly by feed mills.

Direct wheat purchases reached 311 000 tonnes, followed closely by barley (308 000 tonnes). There were 164 000 tonnes of corn purchased, including 128 000 tonnes of imported corn. Peas represented 50 000 tonnes, and oats 27 000 tonnes. In addition, some of these feed mills also purchased grain

from licensed grain companies. Grain products were excluded from the survey.

In the August-to-December period of the current 2006/2007 crop year, total direct feed grain purchases declined marginally from the same five months a year earlier, and there were less feed grains purchased domestically. There was a surge in the purchases of imported corn by feed mills, although overall corn imports to Western Canada remained stable.

Feed wheat purchases plunged, as a result of large drops in wheat bought from Saskatchewan and, to a lesser extent, from the other Western Provinces. The quality of the wheat crop produced in 2006 was better

than in the previous two years, limiting the availability of feed wheat and increasing its cost early in the crop year.

Overall, direct barley purchases were fairly stable, with a shift to more direct purchases from Saskatchewan and fewer from Manitoba. More corn was purchased from Manitoba farmers and grain dealers, the result of abundant supplies from the near-record 2006 crop.

Total direct oat purchases by feed mills rose marginally, as larger purchases from Manitoba more than offset lower purchases from the rest of the Western Provinces. In Manitoba, oat supplies were back to normal after the 2005 crop failure. The highest prices in several years reduced demand in 2006/2007.

Feed pea purchases fell 44% from the same period a year earlier, with the largest drop observed in purchases of Alberta peas. Strong demand and high prices from the food market may have encouraged farmers to deliver their peas for food instead of feed, prompting feed mills to substitute less costly inputs.

Statistics Canada surveyed feed mills in Western Canada to obtain data on direct purchases of feed grains from farmers and grain dealers by province of origin. These data represent grain deliveries in addition to the licensed deliveries currently reported by the Canadian Grain Commission. Feed lots were not included in the initial phase of this project. The purpose of this on-going, semi-annual survey is to identify the amount of grain delivered by these direct methods and to identify inter-provincial grain movement. This will lead to improvements in grain delivery data, which are important in the verification of farm stocks and production as well as in the calculation of farm cash receipts.

**Definitions, data sources and methods: survey numbers, including related surveys, 3401, 3403, 3404, 3443, 3464, 3476 and 5046.**

The May 2007 issue of *Cereals and Oilseeds Review*, Vol. 30, no. 5 (22-007-XIB, free), is now available from the *Publications* module of our website.

This issue contains the first "Feed grains supplement."

For more information on the "Feed grains supplement," contact Karen Gray (204-983-2856; [karen.gray@statcan.ca](mailto:karen.gray@statcan.ca)), Agriculture Division.

For more information on the *Cereals and Oilseeds Review*, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Client Services (toll-free 1-800-465-1991; [agriculture@statcan.ca](mailto:agriculture@statcan.ca)), Agriculture Division. ■

## Crushing statistics

June 2007

Oilseed processors crushed 293 813 metric tonnes of canola in June. Oil production in June totalled 127 213 tonnes, while meal production amounted to 173 212 tonnes.

**Available on CANSIM: table 001-0005.**

**Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 3404.**

The June 2007 issue of *Cereals and Oilseeds Review* (22-007-XIB, free) will be available in August.

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## Deliveries of major grains

June 2007

Data on June major grain deliveries are now available.

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**Definitions, data sources and methods: survey numbers, including related surveys, 3403, 3404 and 3443.**

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## Stocks of frozen and chilled meats

July 2007

Stocks of red meat in cold storage amounted to 83 967 metric tonnes in July, down 5% from a year earlier and down 9% from April. Stocks of frozen poultry meat totalled 65 086 metric tonnes on July 1, down 9% from a year earlier, but up 20% from April.

This release contains details for various cuts of pork, beef, veal, poultry, mutton and lamb as well as fancy meats at the Canadian level. At the regional level, it contains totals for the red meats. This release also contains the holdings of imported meat at the national level for the same periods.

**Available on CANSIM: tables 003-0081 and 003-0082.**

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

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