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

November 2008 (preliminary)

The average weekly earnings of employees increased 0.4% from October to \$804.58 in November. Compared with November 2007, average weekly earnings rose 2.7%.

Among Canada's largest industrial sectors, between November 2007 and November 2008, earnings increased by 4.8% in educational services, 4.6% in health and social assistance, 1.6% in retail trade, 1.3% in manufacturing, and 1.0% in accommodation and food services.

Among the provinces, the strongest year-over-year earnings growth was reported in Alberta (+5.8%), Saskatchewan (+4.2%), and Newfoundland and Labrador (+4.0%).

The number of employees in November fell by 89,700 or 0.6% from the previous month. Since November 2007, the number of employees has increased by 96,000 (+0.7%).

**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 December will be released on February 26.

For more information, or to order data, contact Client Services (toll-free 1-866-873-8788; 613-951-4090; [labour@statcan.gc.ca](mailto:labour@statcan.gc.ca)). To enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Peter Lorenz (613-951-4167), Labour Statistics Division.

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

Industry group (North American Industry Classification System)	November 2007	October 2008 <sup>r</sup>	November 2008 <sup>p</sup>	October to November 2008	November 2007 to November 2008
Seasonally adjusted					
	\$			% change	
<b>Industrial aggregate</b>	<b>783.80</b>	<b>801.73</b>	<b>804.58</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>2.7</b>
Forestry, logging and support	969.52	995.48	978.31	-1.7	0.9
Mining, quarrying and oil and gas extraction	1,432.26	1,537.37	1,565.73	1.8	9.3
Utilities	1,147.85	1,185.30	1,207.65	1.9	5.2
Construction	959.11	1,015.42	1,010.05	-0.5	5.3
Manufacturing	959.04	967.92	971.36	0.4	1.3
Wholesale trade	923.79	947.19	936.52	-1.1	1.4
Retail trade	495.02	500.56	503.06	0.5	1.6
Transportation and warehousing	803.31	823.53	827.11	0.4	3.0
Information and cultural industries	986.72	991.48	1,019.35	2.8	3.3
Finance and insurance	1,019.69	999.22	1,017.75	1.9	-0.2
Real estate and rental and leasing	714.98	710.89	677.71	-4.7	-5.2
Professional, scientific and technical services	996.37	1,046.82	1,037.66	-0.9	4.1
Management of companies and enterprises	958.55	943.36	934.84	-0.9	-2.5
Administrative and support, waste management and remediation services	632.90	661.83	660.02	-0.3	4.3
Educational services	849.32	881.92	889.85	0.9	4.8
Health care and social assistance	714.43	744.08	747.41	0.4	4.6
Arts, entertainment and recreation	463.52	488.70	508.68	4.1	9.7
Accommodation and food services	331.05	345.45	334.35	-3.2	1.0
Other services (excluding public administration)	619.05	611.39	608.19	-0.5	-1.8
Public administration	986.63	978.70	980.46	0.2	-0.6
<b>Provinces and territories</b>					
Newfoundland and Labrador	724.34	746.81	752.99	0.8	4.0
Prince Edward Island	636.04	650.02	649.18	-0.1	2.1
Nova Scotia	680.79	692.63	692.73	0.0	1.8
New Brunswick	721.02	739.90	741.61	0.2	2.9
Quebec	736.13	754.51	746.68	-1.0	1.4
Ontario	814.49	834.40	835.82	0.2	2.6
Manitoba	718.04	725.33	725.17	0.0	1.0
Saskatchewan	739.31	763.72	770.06	0.8	4.2
Alberta	851.59	885.84	901.12	1.7	5.8
British Columbia	770.71	776.95	780.47	0.5	1.3
Yukon	900.33	907.48	910.58	0.3	1.1
Northwest Territories <sup>1</sup>	1,026.56	1,075.14	1,086.08	1.0	5.8
Nunavut <sup>1</sup>	953.96	952.82	951.66	-0.1	-0.2

<sup>r</sup> revised

<sup>p</sup> preliminary

1. Data not seasonally adjusted.

## Number of employees

Industry group (North American Industry Classification System)	December 2007	November 2007	October 2008 <sup>r</sup>	November 2008 <sup>p</sup>	October to November 2008	November 2007 to November 2008	December 2007 to November 2008
Seasonally adjusted							
	thousands				% change		
<b>Industrial aggregate</b>	<b>14,427.5</b>	<b>14,427.9</b>	<b>14,613.6</b>	<b>14,523.9</b>	<b>-0.6</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.7</b>
Forestry, logging and support	54.9	56.4	49.4	47.4	-4.0	-16.0	-13.7
Mining, quarrying and oil and gas extraction	195.7	194.6	208.9	206.8	-1.0	6.3	5.7
Utilities	123.7	124.3	127.7	127.8	0.1	2.8	3.3
Construction	808.1	814.8	847.8	834.9	-1.5	2.5	3.3
Manufacturing	1,748.9	1,769.0	1,693.9	1,666.5	-1.6	-5.8	-4.7
Wholesale trade	761.7	763.5	760.9	760.2	-0.1	-0.4	-0.2
Retail trade	1,819.6	1,812.1	1,857.7	1,856.8	0.0	2.5	2.0
Transportation and warehousing	656.0	650.9	660.9	656.7	-0.6	0.9	0.1
Information and cultural industries	354.1	355.0	363.1	361.7	-0.4	1.9	2.1
Finance and insurance	631.9	631.4	649.2	646.7	-0.4	2.4	2.3
Real estate and rental and leasing	253.4	254.4	253.1	250.3	-1.1	-1.6	-1.2
Professional, scientific and technical services	730.7	730.7	747.5	739.8	-1.0	1.2	1.2
Management of companies and enterprises	100.4	98.7	103.3	102.5	-0.8	3.9	2.1
Administrative and support, waste management and remediation services	723.1	723.5	714.9	707.5	-1.0	-2.2	-2.2
Educational services	1,085.6	1,096.9	1,107.1	1,109.3	0.2	1.1	2.2
Health care and social assistance	1,487.4	1,486.0	1,523.9	1,527.6	0.2	2.8	2.7
Arts, entertainment and recreation	241.6	241.7	243.5	240.8	-1.1	-0.4	-0.3
Accommodation and food services	1,064.9	1,066.9	1,090.7	1,084.1	-0.6	1.6	1.8
Other services (excluding public administration)	530.9	529.8	538.9	533.1	-1.1	0.6	0.4
Public administration	835.4	831.8	859.2	860.2	0.1	3.4	3.0
<b>Provinces and territories</b>							
Newfoundland and Labrador	183.8	182.9	189.3	189.0	-0.2	3.3	2.8
Prince Edward Island	59.4	59.7	59.6	59.4	-0.3	-0.5	0.0
Nova Scotia	390.7	390.5	395.6	393.1	-0.6	0.7	0.6
New Brunswick	302.1	305.9	308.8	305.7	-1.0	-0.1	1.2
Quebec	3,281.3	3,288.4	3,322.0	3,310.4	-0.3	0.7	0.9
Ontario	5,521.7	5,517.8	5,562.4	5,521.4	-0.7	0.1	0.0
Manitoba	537.0	538.1	548.0	544.1	-0.7	1.1	1.3
Saskatchewan	430.8	427.3	439.1	441.2	0.5	3.3	2.4
Alberta	1,741.5	1,746.2	1,793.9	1,786.8	-0.4	2.3	2.6
British Columbia	1,919.1	1,910.8	1,940.3	1,929.5	-0.6	1.0	0.5
Yukon	18.0	18.0	18.3	18.2	-0.5	1.1	1.1
Northwest Territories <sup>1</sup>	23.4	23.2	24.2	25.3	4.5	9.1	8.1
Nunavut <sup>1</sup>	10.5	11.0	10.8	10.3	-4.6	-6.4	-1.9

<sup>r</sup> revised

<sup>p</sup> preliminary

1. Data not seasonally adjusted.

## Railway carloadings

November 2008

The Canadian railway industry loaded 22.4 million metric tonnes in November, down 8.3% from November 2007 and the lowest amount loaded for the month of November in six years.

Both non-intermodal and intermodal transportation systems experienced decreased activity for the month.

Non-intermodal loadings fell 7.5% from November 2007 to 20.2 million metric tonnes. Overall, 39 of the 64 commodity groups registered decreased activity for the month. These commodities with losses in tonnage loaded represented 58.9% of the total non-intermodal loadings. The drop was heavily influenced by reduced

loadings of coal, potash, lumber, wood pulp and other basic chemicals. These five commodity groups accounted for 30.0% of the total non-intermodal loadings.

Despite the overall decline in non-intermodal loadings, some major commodity groups saw increased activity. These included wheat (+39.7%), colza seeds (+8.2%) and iron ore and concentrates (+4.9%).

Intermodal loadings fell 15.5% to 2.2 million metric tonnes from November 2007. Containerized cargo and trailers on flat cars decreased by 15.7% and 10.5% respectively.

Rail freight traffic coming from the United States fell to 2.8 million metric tonnes, down 6.5% compared with November 2007.

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**Available on CANSIM: table 404-0002.**

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

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For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact the Dissemination Unit (toll-free 1-866-500-8400; fax: 613-951-0009; [transportationstatistics@statcan.gc.ca](mailto:transportationstatistics@statcan.gc.ca)), Transportation Division. ■

### **Placement of hatchery chicks and turkey poults**

December 2008 (preliminary)

Placements of hatchery chicks on farms totalled 57.3 million birds in December, down 3.6% from December 2007. Placements of turkey poults on farms decreased 11.6% to 1.5 million birds.

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### **Production and disposition of tobacco products**

December 2008

Canadian manufacturers produced 1.1 billion cigarettes in December, down 36.9% from November. The total number of cigarettes sold increased by 31.4% to 1.7 billion and closing inventories decreased by 27.4% to 1.8 billion cigarettes in December.

**Note:** This survey collects data on the production of tobacco products in Canada by Canadian manufacturers and the disposition or sales of this production. It does not collect data on imported tobacco products. Therefore, sales information in this release is not a proxy for domestic consumption of tobacco products.

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The current account surplus with the rest of the world (on a seasonally adjusted basis) increased sharply to \$5.5 billion in the first quarter of 2008, led by higher prices for several export commodities combined with a lower trade deficit. In the financial account, foreign investment flows into Canada slowed significantly from the expansion-driven pace of the previous quarter, while Canadian direct investment abroad continued to strengthen.

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