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## Releases

## Canada's balance of international payments <br> Second quarter 2009

Canada's overall current account deficit expanded to $\$ 11.2$ billion during the second quarter of 2009, which also marked the first quarterly deficit on international trade in goods in more than 30 years. This marked the third quarterly current account deficit since the Canadian economy contracted in the fourth quarter of 2008.

Current account balance


In the capital and financial account (unadjusted for seasonal variation), net borrowing from abroad continued. In particular, cross-border financial flows in securities provided substantial inflows of funds to Canada in the second quarter of 2009. A large part of this activity was led by a surge in new issues of Canadian bonds purchased by foreign investors.

## Note to readers

The balance of payments covers all economic transactions between Canadian residents and non-residents, in two accounts - the current account and the capital and financial account.

The current account covers transactions in goods, services, investment income and current transfers. Exports and interest income are examples of receipts, while imports and interest expense are payments. The overall balance of receipts and payments is Canada's current account surplus or deficit.

The capital and financial account is mainly composed of transactions in financial instruments. Financial assets and liabilities with non-residents are presented in three functional classes: direct investment, portfolio investment and all other types of investment. These flows arise from financial activities of either Canadian residents (foreign assets of Canadian investors) or non-residents (Canadian liabilities to foreign investors). Transactions resulting in capital inflows to Canada are presented as positive values while those giving rise to capital outflows from Canada are shown as negative values.

In principle, a current account surplus corresponds to an equivalent net outflow in the capital and financial account; and, a current account deficit corresponds to an equivalent net inflow in the capital and financial account. In other words, the two accounts should add to zero. In practice, as data are compiled from multiple sources, this is rarely the case and gives rise to measurement error. The statistical discrepancy is the unobserved net inflow or outflow.

## Current account

## Balance on goods deteriorates to register first deficit since 1976

The value of Canada's international trade in goods continued to shrink in the second quarter of 2009, with the decline in exports again exceeding that of imports. Goods exports fell $\$ 9.3$ billion to $\$ 87.6$ billion, with reductions spread over most commodities. For their part, imports of goods were down $\$ 6.8$ billion to $\$ 89.4$ billion. As a result, the overall goods balance (- $\$ 1.7$ billion) posted a deficit for the first time since the first quarter of 1976. Trade flows with the United States have been a significant factor in this development as the bilateral goods surplus with the United States narrowed further, down $\$ 3.2$ billion in the second quarter from the previous quarter. Over the last three quarters, the bilateral goods surplus with the United States has fallen by $\$ 17.6$ billion.

Reductions on total exports were widespread in the second quarter. Machinery and equipment were down $\$ 3.5$ billion as volumes dropped for all components. Industrial goods fell $\$ 2.2$ billion mainly on lower volumes, amounting to a drop of almost $40 \%$ over
the last three quarters. Sales of automotive products edged down in the second quarter following a significant reduction in the previous quarter. The value of energy products sold abroad declined $\$ 1.8$ billion. Natural gas prices fell by more than one-third during the quarter, which led to a reduction of $\$ 2.3$ billion in the value of exports for that commodity; however, exports of crude petroleum were up $\$ 1.3$ billion, despite lower volumes.

Goods and other current account balances


As the Canadian dollar appreciated (+8.5\% against the US dollar), lower prices were more important in explaining overall import declines in the second quarter. Imports of machinery and equipment dominated with a decline of $\$ 3.2$ billion, about evenly accounted for by lower volumes and lower prices. Industrial goods imports fell $\$ 2.4$ billion, led by lower prices for almost all the commodities and supplemented by lower volumes for metals and metal ores. Automotive products were flat in the second quarter, following a large import decline in the first quarter. Imports of energy products were largely unchanged in the second quarter, as increases in volume of crude petroleum were more than offset by declines in the volumes of other energy products.

## Services deficit narrows, while investment income deficit expands

The overall services deficit narrowed in the second quarter as deficits in transportation and in commercial services were reduced somewhat. Both transportation payments and receipts continued to decline in line with lower activity in merchandise trade. Commercial services payments edged down, despite an increase in the commissions paid on new issues of Canadian bonds and on trade of outstanding foreign stocks. However, the travel deficit was unchanged in the second quarter at $\$ 2.9$ billion, as lower receipts from American travellers in Canada were offset by lower spending by Canadians travelling to countries other than United States.

In the second quarter, payments on investment income increased $\$ 0.7$ billion such that the deficit on investment income expanded $\$ 1.0$ billion. On the payments side, profits accruing to foreign direct investors were up $\$ 1.3$ billion, largely accounted for by the transportation equipment sector. At the same time, income receipts on portfolio assets were down $\$ 0.4$ billion.

## Capital and financial account

## Foreign demand for Canadian bonds leads inflows of funds

Non-residents invested $\$ 38.3$ billion in Canadian securities in the second quarter of 2009, as they acquired bonds at an unprecedented rate. This activity accounted for the lion's share of inflows of funds in the quarter. Overall, non-resident investors have picked up $\$ 62$ billion of Canadian securities in the first half of 2009.

In the second quarter, foreign investors added a further $\$ 30.7$ billion of Canadian bonds to their portfolios. Nearly $70 \%$ of this activity was comprised of new issues of bonds, reflecting strong borrowing of corporations and provincial governments. The remainder of this activity was mainly the result of secondary market purchases of federal bonds, as yields on these bonds increased to levels last seen in the third quarter of 2008.

In addition, non-residents continued to buy Canadian money market instruments for the fifth straight quarter but at a much reduced pace, acquiring $\$ 1.0$ billion during the quarter compared with $\$ 19.5$ billion in the last two quarters. Although Canadian short-term interest rates remained above US rates in the second quarter, the differential has narrowed.

Foreign portfolio investment in Canada
\$ billions


Foreign investment in Canadian equities was also relatively robust as Canadian stock prices increased strongly during the quarter. The Canadian stock market rebounded between March and June with the Standard and Poor's / Toronto Stock Exchange index up nearly $20 \%$ during the period. Acquisitions of Canadian stocks by non-resident investors were up $\$ 6.6$ billion in the second quarter, as investment focused on banking and other financial shares.

## Canadian investment in foreign securities slows

Canadian investment in foreign securities slowed to $\$ 2.1$ billion in the second quarter from $\$ 13.4$ billion in the previous quarter, as investment in foreign equities was at a much reduced pace. Nevertheless, Canadian investors acquired $\$ 4.1$ billion of foreign shares in the second quarter as major global stock markets posted strong gains. Investment in the quarter was equally split between US and non-US instruments: the US mainly private equities and the European shares mainly from the consumer products sector.

Meanwhile, Canadians disposed of $\$ 1.9$ billion of foreign debt instruments, both bonds and short-term paper, during the second quarter. Transactions in US government debt instruments resulted in a substantial divestment of $\$ 3.3$ billion, partly offset by the acquisition
of $\$ 1.2$ billion of non-US debt securities. This was the first net investment in non-US debt securities since the second quarter of 2007.


## Direct investment activity remains subdued

Cross-border direct investment activity was again relatively moderate in the second quarter with little merger and acquisition activity. Canadian direct investment abroad of $\$ 3.8$ billion in the second quarter was comprised of earnings reinvested in operations of foreign subsidiaries, largely Canadian financial firms. Foreign direct investment in Canada amounted to a withdrawal of $\$ 660$ million of funds, mainly by US and British direct investors.

## Reductions of other Canadian liabilities moderate total inflows of funds

Transactions in the other investment account of the balance of payments resulted in a net outflow in the second quarter. Canadian liabilities to non-residents, essentially in the form of short-term loans and bank deposits, were down $\$ 18.7$ billion following sizable increases in the previous three quarters.

Available on CANSIM: tables 376-0001 to 376-0017 and 376-0035.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey numbers, including related surveys, 1534, 1535, 1536 and 1537.

The second quarter 2009 issue of Canada's Balance of International Payments (67-001-X, free) will be available soon.

The balance of international payments data for the third quarter of 2009 will be released on November 27.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Client Services (613-951-1855; infobalance@statcan.gc.ca), Balance of Payments Division.

Balance of payments


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## Current account



# Industrial product and raw materials price indexes 

July 2009
The Industrial Product Price Index (IPPI) and the Raw Materials Price Index (RMPI) declined 0.5\% and 3.8\% respectively in July compared with June, mainly due to falling petroleum prices.


July's decrease in the IPPI followed an increase of $0.5 \%$ in June. The index registered its lowest level in the past 18 months. Furthermore, it was down $7.0 \%$ from the peak reached in August 2008.

The IPPI was pulled down to a large extent by the $5.2 \%$ reduction in petroleum and coal prices. The decline in petroleum and coal prices in July followed three consecutive monthly increases, including a substantial 10.8\% gain in June.

In July, excluding petroleum and coal prices, the IPPI remained unchanged after declining for three consecutive months. The decreases observed for fruit, vegetables and feed products and for motor vehicles and other transport equipment were offset by increases in other groups, led by lumber and other wood products as well as primary metal products.

The Canadian dollar edged up $0.4 \%$ in July in relation to the US dollar. Some Canadian producers who export their products to the United States are

## Note to readers

The Industrial Product Price Index (IPPI) reflects the prices that producers in Canada receive as the goods leave the plant gate. It does not reflect what the consumer pays. Unlike the Consumer Price Index, the IPPI excludes indirect taxes and all the costs that occur between the time a good leaves the plant and the time the final user takes possession of it, including the transportation, wholesale, and retail costs.

Canadian producers export many goods. They often quote their prices in foreign currencies, particularly for motor vehicles, pulp and paper products, and wood products. Determining the full effect of fluctuating exchange rates on the IPPI is a difficult analytical task. However, it should be noted that many prices collected to calculate the IPPI are quoted in US dollars and then converted into Canadian dollars. Therefore, a rise or fall in the value of the Canadian dollar against its US counterpart affects the IPPI.

The conversion of prices received in US dollars is based on the average monthly exchange rate (noon spot rate) established by the Bank of Canada, and it is available on CANSIM in table 176-0064 (series v37426). Monthly and annual variations in the exchange rate, as described in the text, are calculated according to the indirect quotation of the exchange rate (for example, CAN\$1 = US\$X).

The Raw Materials Price Index (RMPI) reflects the prices paid by Canadian manufacturers for key raw materials. Many of these prices are set in a world market. Unlike the IPPI, the RMPI includes goods that are not produced in Canada.
generally paid in prices set in US dollars. Consequently, the relative weakness of the US dollar in relation to the Canadian dollar had the effect of reducing the corresponding prices in Canadian dollars. If the exchange rate used to convert these prices had remained unchanged, the IPPI would have declined $0.4 \%$ instead of $0.5 \%$.

## 12-month change: Fifth consecutive decline in the Industrial Product Price Index

Year over year, the IPPI declined 6.9\% in July, strengthening the downward trend for a fifth consecutive month.

The IPPI was pulled down mainly by the prices for petroleum and coal products ( $-41.1 \%$ ) and primary metal products ( $-17.7 \%$ ). This decline in prices was mainly tempered by higher prices for motor vehicles and other transport equipment (+7.9\%).

Year over year, the prices for products excluding petroleum and coal fell $1.1 \%$ in July following a $0.3 \%$ drop in June.

Since July 2008, the Canadian dollar has lost 9.8\% of its value against its US counterpart, and if the direct effect of the exchange rate had been excluded, the IPPI would have fallen $9.7 \%$ instead of $6.9 \%$.

Raw Materials Price Index: Index pulled down by lower prices for crude oil

The RMPI fell 3.8\% in July, in contrast with increases of $2.2 \%$ in May and $6.2 \%$ in June.

Prices for mineral fuels fell $6.8 \%$ in July, following two consecutive monthly increases, including a 12.4\% rise in June. The drop in mineral fuels was mainly due to the $7.2 \%$ decrease in the price for crude oil. Excluding mineral fuels, the RMPI declined 0.8\%, after rising 0.7\% in June.


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Industrial product price indexes

|  | Relative importance ${ }^{1}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { July } \\ 2008 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { June } \\ & 2009^{r} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { July } \\ 2009^{p} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { July } \\ 2008 \\ \text { to } \\ \text { July } \\ 2009 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { June } \\ \text { to } \\ \text { July } \\ 2009 \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | (1997=100) |  |  |  | \% chan |  |
| Industrial Product Price Index (IPPI) | 100.00 | 124.5 | 116.5 | 115.9 | -6.9 | -0.5 |
| IPPI excluding petroleum and coal products | 94.32 | 112.0 | 110.8 | 110.8 | -1.1 | 0.0 |
| Aggregation by commodities |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Meat, fish and dairy products | 5.78 | 113.2 | 112.9 | 112.8 | -0.4 | -0.1 |
| Fruit, vegetables, feeds and other food products | 5.99 | 121.1 | 119.0 | 117.6 | -2.9 | -1.2 |
| Beverages | 1.57 | 126.7 | 129.8 | 129.8 | 2.4 | 0.0 |
| Tobacco and tobacco products | 0.63 | 220.5 | 223.4 | 223.4 | 1.3 | 0.0 |
| Rubber, leather and plastic fabricated products | 3.30 | 118.7 | 120.0 | 120.1 | 1.2 | 0.1 |
| Textile products | 1.58 | 100.5 | 102.2 | 102.1 | 1.6 | -0.1 |
| Knitted products and clothing | 1.51 | 105.0 | 104.8 | 105.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| Lumber and other wood products | 6.30 | 82.1 | 80.3 | 81.0 | -1.3 | 0.9 |
| Furniture and fixtures | 1.59 | 123.7 | 124.7 | 124.4 | 0.6 | -0.2 |
| Pulp and paper products | 7.23 | 107.2 | 107.7 | 107.6 | 0.4 | -0.1 |
| Printing and publishing | 1.70 | 119.6 | 123.8 | 123.7 | 3.4 | -0.1 |
| Primary metal products | 7.80 | 151.6 | 124.2 | 124.7 | -17.7 | 0.4 |
| Metal fabricated products | 4.11 | 135.7 | 131.5 | 131.6 | -3.0 | 0.1 |
| Machinery and equipment | 5.48 | 105.9 | 110.7 | 110.7 | 4.5 | 0.0 |
| Motor vehicles and other transport equipment | 22.16 | 86.8 | 93.9 | 93.7 | 7.9 | -0.2 |
| Electrical and communications products | 5.77 | 90.3 | 94.4 | 94.2 | 4.3 | -0.2 |
| Non-metallic mineral products | 1.98 | 125.3 | 128.6 | 128.6 | 2.6 | 0.0 |
| Petroleum and coal products ${ }^{2}$ | 5.68 | 355.9 | 221.4 | 209.8 | -41.1 | -5.2 |
| Chemicals and chemical products | 7.07 | 143.4 | 132.9 | 133.1 | -7.2 | 0.2 |
| Miscellaneous manufactured products | 2.40 | 121.9 | 123.4 | 122.8 | 0.7 | -0.5 |
| Miscellaneous non-manufactured products | 0.38 | 303.3 | 260.7 | 268.4 | -11.5 | 3.0 |
| Intermediate goods ${ }^{3}$ | 60.14 | 132.4 | 119.3 | 118.7 | -10.3 | -0.5 |
| First-stage intermediate goods ${ }^{4}$ | 7.71 | 156.4 | 123.9 | 125.6 | -19.7 | 1.4 |
| Second-stage intermediate goods ${ }^{5}$ | 52.43 | 128.7 | 118.6 | 117.6 | -8.6 | -0.8 |
| Finished goods ${ }^{6}$ | 39.86 | 112.7 | 112.4 | 111.7 | -0.9 | -0.6 |
| Finished foods and feeds | 8.50 | 119.1 | 120.5 | 120.5 | 1.2 | 0.0 |
| Capital equipment | 11.73 | 97.0 | 103.0 | 102.7 | 5.9 | -0.3 |
| All other finished goods | 19.63 | 119.4 | 114.6 | 113.2 | -5.2 | -1.2 |

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1. The relative importance is based on the 1997 values of production at December 1996 prices.
2. This index is estimated for the current month.
3. Intermediate goods are goods used principally to produce other goods.
4. First-stage intermediate goods are items used most frequently to produce other intermediate goods.
5. Second-stage intermediate goods are items most commonly used to produce final goods.
6. Finished goods are goods most commonly used for immediate consumption or for capital investment.

Raw materials price indexes

|  | Relative importance ${ }^{1}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { July } \\ 2008 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { June } \\ & 2009^{r} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { July } \\ 2009^{p} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { July } \\ 2008 \\ \text { to } \\ \text { July } \\ 2009 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { June } \\ \text { to } \\ \text { July } \\ 2009 \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | (1997=100) |  |  |  | \% change |  |
| Raw Materials Price Index (RMPI) | 100.00 | 234.3 | 159.8 | 153.7 | -34.4 | -3.8 |
| Mineral fuels | 35.16 | 458.4 | 250.6 | 233.6 | -49.0 | -6.8 |
| Vegetable products | 10.28 | 136.6 | 115.3 | 109.6 | -19.8 | -4.9 |
| Animals and animal products | 20.30 | 109.5 | 110.5 | 110.3 | 0.7 | -0.2 |
| Wood | 15.60 | 81.5 | 76.6 | 76.6 | -6.0 | 0.0 |
| Ferrous materials | 3.36 | 181.5 | 127.8 | 128.1 | -29.4 | 0.2 |
| Non-ferrous metals | 12.93 | 190.5 | 161.9 | 162.0 | -15.0 | 0.1 |
| Non-metallic minerals | 2.38 | 170.8 | 177.2 | 176.8 | 3.5 | -0.2 |
| RMPI excluding mineral fuels | 64.84 | 130.7 | 117.8 | 116.8 | -10.6 | -0.8 |

## revised

preliminary

1. The relative importance is based on the 1997 values of intermediate inputs at December 1996 prices.

## Payroll employment, earnings and hours

June 2009 (preliminary)
Total non-farm payroll employment fell by 47,000 in June, down $0.3 \%$ from May, bringing total losses to 442,600 since the peak in October 2008. The proportion of industries experiencing job losses in June edged down to $60 \%$.

Total payroll employment


These data come from the Survey of Employment, Payrolls and Hours (SEPH). SEPH is a business survey that provides a detailed portrait of employees from an industry perspective, complementing information on total employment from the Labour Force Survey (LFS), which is a survey from a household perspective.

In June, 183 of the 305 (60\%) industries covered by the survey experienced declines, down from 186 (61\%) in May. During this current economic downturn, the highest proportion of industries shedding jobs was in January at $75 \%$.

Most of the job losses in June were in the service sector while losses within the goods sector were mainly in manufacturing.

Payroll employment fell in most provinces in June, particularly in Ontario and Alberta. Manitoba was the only province with a significant increase in payroll employment during the month.

The average weekly earnings of payroll employees, including overtime, was $\$ 823.23$ in June. This increase

## Note to readers

Unless otherwise specified, data in this release refer to payroll employment and earnings data obtained from the Survey of Employment, Payrolls and Hours (SEPH).

Each month, Statistics Canada now provides enhanced analysis of the current labour market situation, using SEPH and other sources. The Labour Force Survey (LFS) will provide the first picture of overall labour market conditions, with unemployment and total employment and who is affected by changes in the labour market. Later in the month, Statistics Canada will provide additional detail by industry through the SEPH Daily release, and regional detail through the Employment Insurance statistics.

With the release of January 2009 SEPH data on March 31, 2009, an improved estimation method for earnings and hours data was introduced and estimates back to 2001 were revised to ensure continuity in data series.
of $1.8 \%$ from June 2008 was at a faster pace than the $1.3 \%$ gain observed between May 2008 and May 2009, but was down considerably from the most recent year-over-year peak in average weekly earnings of 3.0\% in October 2008.

## Heavy job losses in retail and wholesale trade

Payroll employment in services declined by $29,200(-0.3 \%)$ in June. Nearly half of these job losses were in the retail and wholesale trade sector ( $-14,400$ ). The largest payroll employment declines in this sector were in electronics and appliance stores $(-2,100)$; department stores $(-2,000)$; computer and communications equipment and supplies wholesaler-distributors ( $-2,000$ ); and grocery stores $(-1,800)$.

Employees in professional, scientific and technical services also experienced job losses, particularly those in accounting, tax preparation, bookkeeping and payroll services ( $-2,600$ ); computer systems design and related services ( $-1,700$ ); and management, scientific and technical consulting services $(-1,100)$.

In June, the number of employees also fell in full-service restaurants ( $-3,200$ ); business support services (-2,100); traveller accommodation (-2,000); and employment services ( $-1,700$ ).

Despite fairly widespread losses in the service sector, some industries experienced job growth in June, such as elementary and secondary schools ( $+3,400$ ); universities $(+2,600)$; and insurance carriers $(+2,200)$.

## Job losses in fewer industries within manufacturing sector

There were job losses in 51 of 86 (59\%) manufacturing industries in June, the fewest number of declines within manufacturing since July 2008.

In June, one-third of the 12,900 job losses in manufacturing were in plastic products $(-1,800)$; architectural and structural metals $(-1,400)$ and seafood product preparation and packaging $(-1,100)$. The remaining job losses were spread out among 48 other manufacturing industries.

An increase in the number of non-residential construction employees $(+2,200)$ in June was largely offset by a decline among building equipment contractors ( $-1,800$ ), leaving overall construction payroll employment little changed from the month before. Since peaking in October 2008, the number of employees in construction has declined by 62,600 (-7.4\%).

Proportion of industries experiencing a month-tomonth change in payroll employment, June 2008 to June 2009


## A review of recent trends in payroll employment by industry

Since labour market conditions began to deteriorate last autumn, payroll employment has fallen considerably. Since October 2008, at a detailed industry level, the largest declines have been in employment services (-29,100); support activities for mining and oil and gas extraction (-22,400); motor vehicle parts manufacturing $(-18,500)$; and architectural, engineering and related services (-16,400).

Many other industries remain in sharp job decline, while a few have rebounded, or have experienced modest growth during the downturn.

## Employment losses tied to the goods sector

Many of the industries to have payroll employment declines since October 2008 were in the goods sector, particularly manufacturing, construction and mining, or were in services with close ties to these goods industries. These include employment services (-29,100); architectural, engineering and related services ( $-16,400$ ); both specialized $(-10,000)$ and general ( $-7,100$ ) freight trucking; automobile dealers $(-5,500)$; and building supplies dealers $(-4,800)$.

## Industries with job growth since October 2008 have strong public sector activity

Since October 2008, of the industries that have had growth in payroll employment, many have strong ties to the public sector, including: other provincial and territorial public administration ( $+20,200$ ); nursing care facilities ( $+10,300$ ); and general medical and surgical hospitals $(+8,600)$.

## Average weekly earnings

The average weekly earnings of payroll employees, including overtime, was $\$ 823.23$ in June. This increase of $1.8 \%$ from June 2008 was at a faster pace than the $1.3 \%$ gain observed between May 2008 and May 2009, but was down considerably from the most recent year-over-year peak in average weekly earnings of $3.0 \%$ in October 2008.

Between June 2008 and June 2009, average weekly earnings in Canada's largest industrial sectors were up 6.0\% in health care and social assistance, 3.4\% in public administration, $2.8 \%$ in retail trade and $0.1 \%$ in accommodation and food services.

For the same year-over-year period, average weekly earnings fell $5.4 \%$ in manufacturing and $2.4 \%$ in educational services.

Provincially, the biggest increase in average weekly earnings was in Prince Edward Island, increasing by $6.5 \%$ from June 2008 to June 2009. Over the same period, average weekly earnings rose by $4.9 \%$ in Newfoundland and Labrador and $4.3 \%$ in Alberta. Ontario experienced the smallest year-over-year increase at $0.7 \%$.

## Total hours

Compared with a year earlier, the total hours worked by hourly paid employees in Canada fell by $1.8 \%$ in June. Since the the growth in total hours worked by hourly paid employees, including overtime, peaked in

October 2008, year-over-year growth in hours worked has slowed, slipping into negative territory in May and June.

## Comparing SEPH and LFS

Data on employment, wages and hours worked are produced by two major Statistics Canada monthly surveys: LFS and SEPH. Survey estimates differ for conceptual reasons and for methodological reasons. The information source is the key distinction between the two surveys: SEPH provides information related to occupied jobs based on a census of administrative data from businesses whereas LFS provides information on the employment characteristics of individuals based on a survey of households. While the estimates from the survey do differ, the trends in the data are quite similar.

## Non-farm payroll employment of the Survey of Employment Payrolls and Hours and total employment of the Labour Force Survey

| Non-farm payroll employment, |
| :--- |
| Survey of Employment, Payrolls |
| and Hours (SEPH) | | Total employment, Labour |
| ---: |
| Force Survey (LFS) |

$15,000,000$
$14,900,000$
$14,800,000$
$14,700,000$
$14,600,000$
$14,500,000$
$14,400,000$
$14,300,000$
$14,200,000$
$14,100,000$
$14,000,000$

Since each of these surveys addresses different needs, the choice of data depends on the users' goals. Other conceptual and methodological differences between the two surveys include: degree of coverage of industries and the self-employed, treatment of multiple-job holders, and the survey reference period. The effects of these differences vary by industry.

Available on CANSIM: tables 281-0023 to 281-0039 and 281-0041 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-X, free).

Data on payroll employment, earnings and hours for July will be released on September 30.

For more information, or to order data, contact Client Services (toll-free 1-866-873-8788; 613-951-4090; labour@statcan.gc.ca). To enquire about the revisions, or the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Jason Gilmore (613-951-7118), Labour Statistics Division.

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| Number of employees |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Industry group (North American Industry Classificiation System) | December | June | May | June | May | June | December <br> 2008 <br> to <br> June <br> 2009 |
|  | 2008 | 2008 | $2009{ }^{\text {r }}$ | $2009{ }^{\text {p }}$ | to | 2008 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | June | to |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | 2009 | June |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 2009 |  |
| Seasonally adjusted |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | thousands |  |  |  | \% change |  |  |
| Industrial aggregate | 14,800.4 | 14,799.3 | 14,518.3 | 14,471.3 | -0.3 | -2.2 | -2.2 |
| Forestry, logging and support | 44.7 | 47.5 | 37.9 | 38.2 | 0.8 | -19.6 | -14.5 |
| Mining and quarrying, and oil and gas extraction | 203.5 | 200.0 | 182.6 | 177.0 | -3.1 | -11.5 | -13.0 |
| Utilities | 122.7 | 120.1 | 119.5 | 119.8 | 0.3 | -0.2 | -2.4 |
| Construction | 817.7 | 832.1 | 784.1 | 785.1 | 0.1 | -5.6 | -4.0 |
| Manufacturing | 1,599.6 | 1,675.4 | 1,484.9 | 1,471.9 | -0.9 | -12.1 | -8.0 |
| Wholesale trade | 753.7 | 758.5 | 731.6 | 725.7 | -0.8 | -4.3 | -3.7 |
| Retail trade | 1,884.0 | 1,905.9 | 1,864.2 | 1,856.3 | -0.4 | -2.6 | -1.5 |
| Transportation and warehousing | 696.7 | 695.7 | 677.0 | 672.8 | -0.6 | -3.3 | -3.4 |
| Information and cultural industries | 326.3 | 324.2 | 323.5 | 323.5 | 0.0 | -0.2 | -0.9 |
| Finance and insurance | 666.4 | 655.3 | 664.2 | 668.1 | 0.6 | 2.0 | 0.3 |
| Real estate and rental and leasing | 246.8 | 254.1 | 240.1 | 239.8 | -0.1 | -5.6 | -2.8 |
| Professional, scientific and technical services | 766.6 | 750.4 | 744.2 | 733.1 | -1.5 | -2.3 | -4.4 |
| Management of companies and enterprises | 121.3 | 122.3 | 117.9 | 115.9 | -1.7 | -5.2 | -4.5 |
| Administrative and support, waste management and remediation services | 754.2 | 779.3 | 719.1 | 712.7 | -0.9 | -8.5 | -5.5 |
| Educational services | 1,147.5 | 1,136.2 | 1,145.9 | 1,151.7 | 0.5 | 1.4 | 0.4 |
| Health care and social assistance | 1,567.2 | 1,519.0 | 1,574.9 | 1,576.9 | 0.1 | 3.8 | 0.6 |
| Arts, entertainment and recreation | 242.1 | 239.5 | 250.9 | 250.3 | -0.2 | 4.5 | 3.4 |
| Accommodation and food services | 1,095.3 | 1,070.9 | 1,066.4 | 1,057.1 | -0.9 | -1.3 | -3.5 |
| Other services (excluding public administration) | 510.5 | 508.0 | 504.5 | 504.4 | 0.0 | -0.7 | -1.2 |
| Public administration | 1,024.4 | 999.9 | 1,032.1 | 1,030.0 | -0.2 | 3.0 | 0.5 |
| Provinces and territories |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Newfoundland and Labrador | 192.4 | 189.7 | 191.0 | 188.0 | -1.6 | -0.9 | -2.3 |
| Prince Edward Island | 61.5 | 60.8 | 63.0 | 63.1 | 0.2 | 3.8 | 2.6 |
| Nova Scotia | 393.0 | 397.0 | 391.6 | 390.8 | -0.2 | -1.6 | -0.6 |
| New Brunswick | 311.0 | 314.6 | 307.0 | 307.3 | 0.1 | -2.3 | -1.2 |
| Quebec | 3,393.1 | 3,368.6 | 3,345.0 | 3,341.6 | -0.1 | -0.8 | -1.5 |
| Ontario | 5,671.0 | 5,708.6 | 5,544.9 | 5,521.8 | -0.4 | -3.3 | -2.6 |
| Manitoba | 562.8 | 560.9 | 559.3 | 561.3 | 0.4 | 0.1 | -0.3 |
| Saskatchewan | 439.9 | 434.5 | 440.2 | 439.7 | -0.1 | 1.2 | 0.0 |
| Alberta | 1,789.8 | 1,768.8 | 1,728.5 | 1,713.0 | -0.9 | -3.2 | -4.3 |
| British Columbia | 1,935.0 | 1,941.3 | 1,884.3 | 1,880.4 | -0.2 | -3.1 | -2.8 |
| Yukon | 19.5 | 19.6 | 19.2 | 19.2 | 0.0 | -2.0 | -1.5 |
| Northwest Territories ${ }^{1}$ | 26.8 | 25.5 | 26.5 | 27.4 | 3.4 | 7.5 | 2.2 |
| Nunavut ${ }^{1}$ | 10.1 | 10.4 | 10.2 | 10.3 | 1.0 | -1.0 | 2.0 |

[^1]Average weekly earnings (including overtime) for all employees

| Industry group (North American Industry Classificiation System) | June | May | June | May | June |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2008 | $2009{ }^{\text {r }}$ | $2009{ }^{\text {p }}$ | to | 2008 |
|  |  |  |  | June | to |
|  |  |  |  | 2009 | June |
|  |  |  |  |  | 2009 |
| Seasonally adjusted |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | \$ |  |  | \% change |  |
| Industrial aggregate | 808.91 | 817.87 | 823.23 | 0.7 | 1.8 |
| Forestry, logging and support | 940.90 | 810.36 | 836.82 | 3.3 | -11.1 |
| Mining and quarrying, and oil and gas extraction | 1,501.91 | 1,625.78 | 1,714.51 | 5.5 | 14.2 |
| Utilities | 1,439.14 | 1,481.41 | 1,490.02 | 0.6 | 3.5 |
| Construction | 999.19 | 1,044.84 | 1,066.24 | 2.0 | 6.7 |
| Manufacturing | 960.48 | 899.94 | 908.51 | 1.0 | -5.4 |
| Wholesale trade | 942.53 | 969.98 | 1,007.25 | 3.8 | 6.9 |
| Retail trade | 470.19 | 489.66 | 483.41 | -1.3 | 2.8 |
| Transportation and warehousing | 874.49 | 882.28 | 876.02 | -0.7 | 0.2 |
| Information and cultural industries | 1,004.55 | 1,126.14 | 1,111.39 | -1.3 | 10.6 |
| Finance and insurance | 996.89 | 1,042.40 | 1,037.83 | -0.4 | 4.1 |
| Real estate and rental and leasing | 791.41 | 745.80 | 798.88 | 7.1 | 0.9 |
| Professional, scientific and technical services | 1,094.05 | 1,122.67 | 1,150.54 | 2.5 | 5.2 |
| Management of companies and enterprises | 1,083.20 | 1,090.62 | 1,165.50 | 6.9 | 7.6 |
| Administrative and support, waste management |  |  |  |  |  |
| Educational services | 872.57 | 844.23 | 851.39 | 0.8 | -2.4 |
| Health care and social assistance | 733.55 | 782.25 | 777.67 | -0.6 | 6.0 |
| Arts, entertainment and recreation | 508.13 | 509.81 | 510.30 | 0.1 | 0.4 |
| Accommodation and food services | 328.14 | 336.63 | 328.45 | -2.4 | 0.1 |
| Other services (excluding public administration) | 688.19 | 684.86 | 693.70 | 1.3 | 0.8 |
| Public administration | 1,036.14 | 1,060.25 | 1,071.77 | 1.1 | 3.4 |
| Provinces and territories |  |  |  |  |  |
| Newfoundland and Labrador | 766.97 | 803.30 | 804.81 | 0.2 | 4.9 |
| Prince Edward Island | 649.37 | 686.16 | 691.63 | 0.8 | 6.5 |
| Nova Scotia | 707.28 | 727.64 | 726.11 | -0.2 | 2.7 |
| New Brunswick | 723.90 | 738.01 | 737.45 | -0.1 | 1.9 |
| Quebec | 750.54 | 752.03 | 770.86 | 2.5 | 2.7 |
| Ontario | 837.66 | 843.11 | 843.43 | 0.0 | 0.7 |
| Manitoba | 745.40 | 763.15 | 765.26 | 0.3 | 2.7 |
| Saskatchewan | 783.53 | 802.72 | 803.77 | 0.1 | 2.6 |
| Alberta | 923.07 | 943.78 | 962.77 | 2.0 | 4.3 |
| British Columbia | 791.11 | 798.49 | 798.75 | 0.0 | 1.0 |
| Yukon | 863.26 | 891.72 | 898.96 | 0.8 | 4.1 |
| Northwest Territories ${ }^{1}$ | 1,052.89 | 1,141.62 | 1,117.62 | -2.1 | 6.1 |
| Nunavut ${ }^{1}$ | 889.17 | 879.77 | 867.31 | -1.4 | -2.5 |

[^2]
## Computer and peripherals price indexes July 2009

The price index for commercial computers decreased $0.52 \%$ in July compared with June. The index for consumer computers declined $0.86 \%$ from June.

In the case of computer peripherals, monitor prices decreased 0.83\% and printer prices fell $0.44 \%$ in July from a month earlier.

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## Commercial Software Price Index

July 2009
The Commercial Software Price Index (CSPI) increased $1.54 \%$ in July compared with a month earlier. Year over year, the CSPI rose by $5.92 \%$.

Note: The Commercial Software Price Index is a monthly series measuring the change in the purchase price of pre-packaged software typically bought by businesses and governments.

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## Placement of hatchery chicks and turkey poults <br> July 2009 (preliminary)

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[^0]:    1. A minus sign denotes an outflow of capital resulting from an increase in claims on non-residents or from a decrease in liabilities to non-residents.
    2. Transactions are recorded on a net basis.
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    preliminary

    1. Data not seasonally adjusted.
[^2]:    revised
    preliminary

    1. Data not seasonally adjusted.
