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Real Domestic Product, April 1972 — Advance information

The seasonally adjusted real domestic product index for April rose by 0.6% from its March level (which has been revised marginally to 172.7 from 172.5). This growth was achieved despite some major strikes as a result of which the number of man-days lost was by far the largest for any month since the beginning of 1961.

Manufacturing and agriculture dominated the increase in industrial production in April. Manufacturing output rose strongly, paced by the expansion in durables. Within durables manufacturing, the largest increases were in motor vehicle manufacturers, sawmills and manufacturers of household radio and television receivers. Within non-durables the dominant increases were an advance in pulp and paper and an expansion in petroleum and coal products.

After three months of declining production, agricultural output rose sharply in April. During April, poultry and livestock production increased significantly, and sales of wheat, barley and oats also increased.

Transportation, storage and communication continued to rise. Increases were recorded by air, water (the first increase in four months) and pipeline transport. Output of inter-urban bus transport fell as a result of a strike. Mining rose strongly based on increases in most components, particularly in iron and coal mining. Construction registered an increase, with all components contributing.

The strikes of more than 200,000 provincial employees in Quebec, for periods up to one and a half weeks had severe effects on education services, hospitals, and provincial administration. As a result community business and personal services fell by more than in any month since January 1961. Also the index for public administration and defence was significantly lower in April. Strikes in Toronto and Vancouver affected the local administration component.

Other industries registering significant changes were trade, which decreased mainly due to a decline in wholesale trade, and utilities which also decreased.

For further information, order the April 1972 issue of Real Domestic Product (61-005, 30¢/\$3).

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INDEXES OF REAL DOMESTIC PRODUCT
(1961=100)

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	1961 percentage weight	1972			% Change
		Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	
Real Domestic Product	100.000	171.8	172.7	173.7	0.6
Agriculture	4.525	140.2	131.0	148.5	13.4
Forestry	1.231	155.5	149.4	159.6	6.8
Fishing and trapping	0.259	69.6	92.4	90.9	- 1.7
Mines (including milling), quarries and oil wells	4.564	190.7	189.8	193.6	2.0
Manufacturing	24.943	179.1	178.8	183.5	2.7
Non-durable manufacturing	13.933	158.7	158.9	162.3	2.2
Durable manufacturing	11.010	204.8	204.0	210.3	3.1
Construction	5.803	164.5	165.9	168.3	1.4
Transportation, storage and communication	9.910	181.9	183.8	185.7	1.0
Transportation	6.873	183.9	186.4	189.0	1.4
Air transport	0.463	396.3	414.4	433.6	4.6
Railway transport	2.859	174.0	178.1	178.8	0.4
Bus transport, interurban and rural	0.096	200.0	203.1	165.7	-18.4
Urban transit systems	0.303	102.5	103.7	102.1	- 1.5
Pipeline transport	0.451	309.9	306.0	317.9	3.9
Storage	0.299	117.1	115.9	120.2	3.7
Grain elevators	0.211	105.7	103.0	109.9	6.7
Communication	2.738	183.8	184.8	184.8	-
Electric power, gas and water utilities	2.908	220.7	224.1	220.6	- 1.6
Trade	12.973	177.6	184.6	179.4	- 2.8
Wholesale trade	4.906	202.0	215.4	202.7	- 5.9
Wholesale merchants	3.491	214.9	232.7	218.3	- 6.2
Retail trade	8.067	162.8	165.8	165.2	- 0.4
Food stores	1.552	152.4	150.8	146.8	- 2.7
Department stores	1.161	184.4	187.4	189.0	0.9
General stores	0.239	107.2	110.0	108.3	- 1.5
Variety stores	0.301	180.7	179.5	179.3	- 0.1
Motor vehicle dealers	0.926	178.0	201.2	208.4	3.6
Clothing stores	0.507	150.8	155.7	157.3	1.0
Shoe stores	0.119	130.2	120.6	136.8	13.4
Hardware stores	0.167	130.8	133.1	135.1	1.5
Furniture, television, radio and appliance stores	0.345	145.0	144.5	158.5	9.7
Drug stores	0.343	177.2	173.6	172.2	- 0.8
Finance, insurance and real estate	11.831	149.1	149.8	150.0	0.2
Community, business and personal service industries	13.821	183.1	183.9	179.2	- 2.5
Education and related services	3.450	246.8	246.7	235.3	- 4.6
Health and welfare services	3.476	172.1	171.8	164.9	- 4.0
Motion picture and recreational services	0.400	188.0	185.1	179.1	- 3.2
Services to business management	1.616	182.6	184.1	183.6	- 0.3
Personal services	3.766	127.1	129.9	130.0	0.1
Hotels, restaurants and taverns	2.212	132.2	136.2	137.3	0.8
Public administration and defence	7.232	138.6	137.9	135.4	- 1.8

Special industry groupings

Real Domestic Product less agriculture	95.475	173.3	174.7	174.9	0.1
Goods-producing industries	44.233	175.8	175.0	180.2	3.0
Goods-producing industries less agriculture	39.708	179.9	180.0	183.8	2.1
Service-producing industries	55.767	168.6	170.8	168.5	- 1.3
Commercial industries	85.478	172.5	173.5	175.7	1.3
Commercial industries less agriculture	80.953	174.3	175.9	177.3	0.8
Non-commercial industries	14.522	167.9	167.6	161.7	- 3.5
Index of Industrial Production	32.415	184.5	184.4	188.3	2.1

Manufacturing Industries of Canada: Type of Organization and Size of Establishment, 1969 - Advance information

Province	Establishments and Total Employees in the Manufacturing Industries, 1969										Head offices, sales offices and auxiliary units	Total
	by Total Employed per Establishment*											
	Under 5	5 to 14	15 to 49	50 to 99	100 to 199	200 to 499	500 to 999	1,000 to 1,499	1,500 and more			
Newfoundland:												
Establishments .	97	55	53	26	(----- 26 --)	—	—	2**	—	X	259	
Employees	85	453	1,484	1,812	(---- 5,554 --)	—	—	2,747**	—	167	12,302	
Prince Edward Island:												
Establishments .	68	(----- 75 -----)	(----- 5 --)	—	—	—	—	—	—	X	148	
Employees	82	(----- 1,550 -----)	(----- 974 --)	—	—	—	—	—	—	X	2,606	
Nova Scotia:												
Establishments .	283	240	195	72	24	24	(----- 8 -----)	—	—	X	846	
Employees	406	1,999	5,020	5,048	3,553	7,411	(----- 9,137 -----)	—	—	655	33,229	
New Brunswick:												
Establishments .	196	168	147	51	39	(----- 24 ---)	(----- 3 ---)	—	—	X	628	
Employees	269	1,361	4,048	3,483	5,442	(---8,953 ---)	(---4,282 ---)	—	—	1,146	28,984	
Quebec:												
Establishments .	3,264	2,755	2,468	934	564	334	99	26	22	X	10,466	
Employees	4,893	22,177	68,497	65,038	77,319	102,526	69,047	31,709	59,241	28,580	529,027	
Ontario:												
Establishments .	3,548	3,575	3,050	1,166	808	586	155	42	41	X	12,971	
Employees	5,329	29,300	83,491	82,148	113,597	176,551	105,279	52,579	141,249	35,939	825,462	
Manitoba:												
Establishments .	475	372	308	111	72	33	(----- 10 ---)	—	—	X	1,381	
Employees	709	3,101	8,398	7,915	10,169	9,348	(--- 8,206 ---)	—	—	1,593	49,439	
Saskatchewan:												
Establishments .	315	234	128	45	(----- 26 -----)	—	—	—	—	X	748	
Employees	497	1,860	3,278	3,155	(----- 5,799 -----)	—	—	—	—	678	15,267	
Alberta:												
Establishments .	661	614	363	113	67	34	(----- 9 ---)	—	—	X	1,861	
Employees	1,164	5,001	9,754	7,928	9,601	10,071	(--- 6,595 ---)	—	—	2,240	52,354	
British Columbia:												
Establishments .	1,224	983	664	197	141	85	25	6	4	X	3,329	
Employees	2,004	8,094	18,176	14,045	19,644	25,594	16,771	6,994	9,943	5,184	126,449	
Yukon and Northwest Territories:												
Establishments .	19	(----- 13 -----)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	32	
Employees	34	(----- 179 -----)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	213	
Canada:												
Establishments .	10,150	9,050	7,403	2,722	1,751	1,135	305	84	69	X	32,669	
Employees	15,472	73,798	202,894	191,101	244,433	343,430	209,293	103,183	215,546	76,182	1,675,332	

* Total employed" include working owners and partners in addition to employees.
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Further information will be published in Manufacturing and Primary Industries of Canada: Type of Organization and Size of Establishment, 1969 (31-201,\$1).

1970, Census of Manufactures — Advance information

The non-metallic mineral products industries (major group 17) shipped \$1,265 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1970. This was 1.7% less than in 1969. The total value added by these industries decreased 1.8% to \$751 million, the number of employees decreased 5.4% to 49,101, and total salaries and wages decreased 0.2% to \$357 million.

The plastic fabricators n.e.s. shipped \$438 million worth of products of own manufacture in 1970. This was 1.4% more than in 1969. The total value added by the industry increased 1.0% to \$235 million, the number of employees increased 0.3% to 20,157, and total salaries and wages increased 6.5% to \$115 million.

These increases, small in comparison with the rapid growth rates of previous years, reflect depressed conditions in 1970 in this industry.

For further information order 1970 Census of Manufactures Preliminary Bulletin (\$3.50 for the series) or the publication Plastic Fabricators, n.e.s., 1970 (47-208, 50¢).

Electric Power Statistics (Generating Capacity), 1971 — Advance information

Total installed generating capacity in Canada increased 9.0% by December 31, 1971 to 46,675,733 kw. from 42,825,645 kw. a year earlier.

Complete details for all generating stations with a capacity of 500 kw. or over will be published in Electric Power Statistics, Vol.III, Inventory of Prime Mover and Electric Generating Equipment, 1971 (57-206, \$1.50).

Commercial Failures, First Quarter 1972 (61-002, 25¢/\$1)

An estimated 883 business failures were reported under the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts in the first quarter — down 3.0% from a year earlier. Liabilities involved dropped 25.4% to \$57.9 million.

Failures in trade decreased by 11.4% to 388, liabilities by 29.1% to \$17.0 million. In manufacturing bankruptcies dropped 26.4% to 64, liabilities 56.9% to \$8.9 million. But in construction, failures increased 19.7% to 152 and liabilities 35.3% to \$17.4 million, while failures in the service industry were up 17.4% to 142 and liabilities 6.0% to \$5.6 million.

Railway Operating Statistics, January 1972 — Advance information

Revenues from Canadian operations increased by 5.9% to \$135,809,798 in January from \$128,243,025 a year earlier according to reports filed by 24 common carrier railways. Operating expenses rose 6.8% to \$141,591,781, increasing the net deficit by 32.0% to \$5,781,983.

Revenue freight ton-miles eased 1.4% to 8,139,248,000 while revenue passenger-miles increased 21.2% to 179,796,000.

For further information, order the January 1972 issue of Railway Operating Statistics (52-003, 10¢/\$1).

Railway Carloadings, May 1972 — Advance information

Railways in Canada loaded 19,699,537 tons of revenue freight during May, 1.5% more than a year earlier. Carloads increased 3.0% to 344,713. Receipts from U.S. connections increased 17.4% to 2,312,449 tons, leaving total freight carried up 2.9% at 22,011,986 tons.

Major increases occurred in loadings of coal, gypsum, logs, potash, other grains, and newsprint, while iron ore loadings were significantly lower.

Year-to-date tonnage loaded rose 4.8% to 83,859,854 tons while total tonnage carried was ahead 4.5% to 94,089,214 tons.

For further information, order the May issue of Railway Carloadings (52-001, 20¢/\$2).

Building Permits, March 1972 — Advance information

March 1972	Total number of dwelling units	Value of residential and non-residential construction				
		Residential	Industrial	Commercial	Institu- tional and govern- mental	Total
(thousands of dollars)						
Newfoundland	132	2,049	—	538	1,665	4,252
Prince Edward Island	1	26	—	15	—	41
Nova Scotia	185	2,794	977	1,024	1,066	5,861
New Brunswick	93	1,427	91	1,613	3,192	6,323
Quebec	3,500	41,740	6,052	18,947	14,955	81,694
Ontario	8,245	130,220	16,570	43,545	43,252	233,587
Manitoba	814	8,980	335	3,243	4,035	16,593
Saskatchewan	205	3,239	45,086	1,425	2,331	52,081
Alberta	1,939	27,010	2,106	12,970	6,586	48,672
British Columbia ...	2,999	45,547	2,396	16,505	7,882	72,330
Yukon	—	—	—	—	—	—
Northwest Territories	—	—	—	113	1	114
Canada	18,113	263,032	73,613	99,938	84,965	521,548

For further information, order the March issue of Building Permits (64-001, 30¢/\$3).

Production of Eggs, May 1972 (23-002, 10¢/\$1)

Canadian egg production declined by 3.2% to 42.5 million dozen in May 1972 from 43.9 million a year earlier. The average number of layers was down 6.0% to 26.9 million from 28.6 million while the number of eggs per 100 layers increased 3.0% to 1,900 from 1,844. Farm price of eggs sold for market was up 1.6% to 31.0¢ per dozen compared with 30.5¢ per dozen.

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Travel Between Canada and Other Countries, March 1972 (66-001, 40¢/\$4)

New Residential Construction, March 1972 (64-002, 40¢/\$4)

Poultry Processors, 1970 (32-227, 50¢)

Manufacturers of Major Appliances, 1970 (43-204, 50¢)

Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas Production, February 1972 (26-006, 20¢/\$2)

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Advance Release of Fish Landings, No.6, Newfoundland;

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Department Store Sales and Stocks, April 1972 (63-002, 20¢/\$2)
Consumer Credit, April 1972 (61-004, 20¢/\$2)
Campus Book Stores, 1970-71 (63-219, 50¢)
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April 1972 (32-011, 20¢/\$2)
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and Destination, 3rd Quarter 1971;
Miscellaneous Industries (47-003, \$1) Vol.1, No.4, Production and
Sales of Phonograph Records and Pre-Record Tapes in Canada,
April 1972.
Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries,
February 1972 (31-001, 40¢/\$4)
Oils and Fats, April 1972 (32-006, 20¢/\$2)
Preliminary Bulletins — Census of Manufactures, 1970 (\$3.50
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Prices and Price Indexes, April 1972 (62-002, 40¢/\$4)
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