

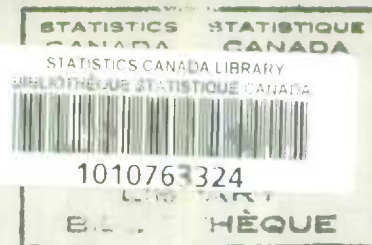


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Consumer Price Indexes for Regional Cities

Consumer price indexes rose in all regional cities and city combinations in June, increases ranging from 0.8% in Winnipeg to 1.5% in Vancouver.

Food indexes climbed in all cities, higher charges for a wide range of home-consumed items and for restaurant meals outweighing generally lower prices for meat, poultry and eggs. Indexes for housing, clothing, transportation and recreation, education and reading also advanced in every city. Some major contributors were higher costs for fuel oil, appliances, footwear, new cars, gasoline, sports and camping equipment and driving lessons.

In the 12 months from June 1973, consumer price index rose in every city, with increases as follows: St. John's 13.7%; Halifax 10.5%; Saint John 10.9%; Quebec City 12.1%; Montreal 11.9%; Ottawa 11.6%; Toronto 11.1%; Thunder Bay 11.4%; Winnipeg 11.5%; Saskatoon-Regina 9.4%; Edmonton-Calgary 10.3%; Vancouver 12.0%.

For further information, order the June 1974 issue of *Prices and Price Indexes* (62-002, 55¢/\$5.50).

Retail Trade

Retail sales in May rose to \$4.0 billion, an increase of 20.2% from May 1973.

Year-to-year gains were registered in all trade groups, ranging from a high of 31.4% for fuel dealers to a low of 12.1% for variety stores.

All provinces recorded higher sales in the latest month with the largest increases in Alberta (24.0%) and New Brunswick (23.1%).

Seasonally adjusted, May retail sales showed an increase of 5.0% from the previous month to a level of \$3.68 billion with increases in fourteen of the eighteen trade groups.

For further information, order the May 1974 issue of *Retail Trade* (63-005, 40¢/\$4), or contact B. Theriault (613-996-9304), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V4.

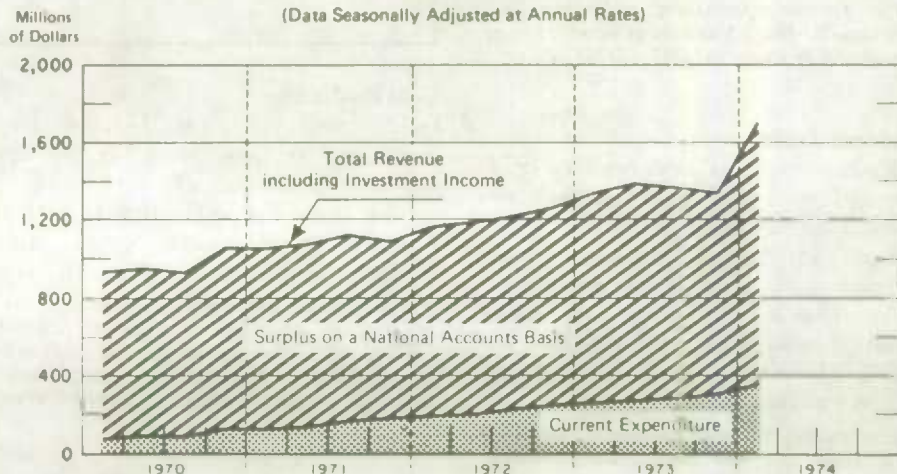
LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

		Latest Month	Previous Month	Change From Year Ago %
EMPLOYMENT, INCOME				
Average Weekly Earnings (\$)	Apr.	172.21P	170.65P	9.2
Labour Income (\$ million)	Apr.	5,911P	5,867P	14.1
Persons with Jobs (million)	June	9.40	9.15	3.2
Unemployed	June	469,000	524,000	-6.8
INVENTORIES				
Department Store (\$ million)	May	1,360	1,265	26.1
Manufacturers' Owned (\$ million)	Apr.	11,824P	11,639P	24.6
Wholesale (\$ million)	May	5,366	5,141	23.3
ORDERS				
Manufacturers' New Orders (\$ million)	Apr.	6,623P	6,610P	22.9
Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders (\$ million)	Apr.	8,815P	8,564P	46.1
PRICES				
Consumer Price Index (1961=100)	June	166.7	164.6	11.4
Industry Selling Price Index (1961=100)	May	167.7	165.5P	20.2
Wholesale Price Index (1935-39=100)	May	453.5	453.0P	26.0
CONSTRUCTION				
Building Permits (\$ million)	Apr.	819.3P	2,597	20.3
Housing Starts - Urban Centres (units)	May	19,880	71,488	0.3
ENERGY				
Electricity Generation (billion Kwh.)	May	22.6	120.6	8.7
Gas Utilities' Sales (billion cu. ft.)	May	121.0	553.4	13.4
Petroleum Refining (million barrels)	Apr.	50.4	215.3	10.4
FOREIGN TRADE				
Exports (\$ million)	May	3,051P	12,450	24.0
Imports (\$ million)	May	2,934P	12,082	29.7
PRODUCTION				
Motor Vehicles (thousand units)	Apr.	143.4	578.9	-1.1
Steel (ingots - thousand tons)	June	1,247	7,299	0.2
SALES				
Department Store Sales (\$ million)	May	421	1,721	20.1
Manufacturers' Shipments (\$ million)	Apr.	6,372P	24,521	20.3
New Motor Vehicle Sales (\$ million)	May	699	2,606	10.1
Retail Sales (\$ million)	May	3,997	16,696	14.1
Wholesale Sales (\$ million)	May	4,351	17,159	29.9

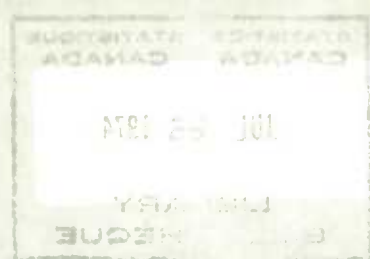
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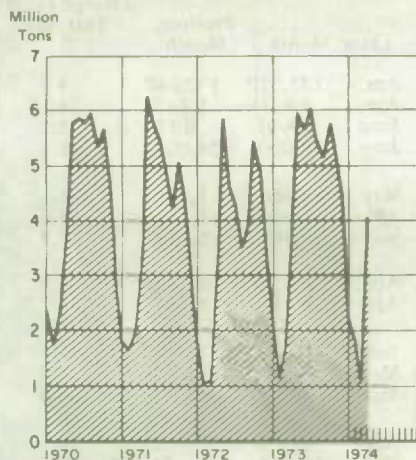
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Source: National Income and Expenditure Accounts (13-001)



Canadian Producers' Shipments of Iron Ore



Source: Iron Ore (26-005)

Index Numbers of Farm Prices of Agricultural Products

(1961=100)

The May index number of farm prices of agricultural products for Canada at 209.0 showed a decrease of 0.1% from 209.2 in April.

On a provincial basis, increases in farm prices were registered in Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Manitoba and Alberta.

Over the twelve months from May 1973, the index has recorded an advance of 24.5%.

For further information, order the May 1974 issue of *Index Numbers of Farm Prices of Agricultural Products* (62-003, 15¢/\$1.50).

Wholesale Trade

Wholesale merchants' sales for May 1974 were estimated at \$4,350.6 million, up 38.8% from May 1973.

Significant changes from a year earlier included groceries and food specialties, up 16.0%, and industrial and transportation equipment and supplies, up 29.7%. Inventories were valued at \$5,366.3 million, up 23.3%.

For further information, order the May 1974 issue of *Wholesale Trade* (63-008, 15¢/\$1.50).

Housing

Housing starts in areas of 10,000 population and over totalled 19,880 in May, up from 15,800 the previous month.

The latest monthly figures brought residential construction to date in 1974 to 71,488 units, up 0.3% from the five-month total in 1973.

The May starts included, 9,178 single dwellings, 1,173 doubles, 993 row houses and 8,536 apartments.

For further information, order the May 1974 issue of *Housing Starts and Completions* (64-002, 40¢/\$4).

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Gold Production

Gold production was 145,496 troy ounces in May, down from 179,708 troy ounces in the same month of 1973.

This put 1974 production to date at 732,537 troy ounces, down from 833,968 in 1973.

For further information, order the May 1974 issue of *Gold Production* (26-004, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Art Symons (613-992-0491), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Consumer Credit

Consumer credit outstanding on the books of selected credit holders reporting monthly totalled \$14.74 billion at the end of May, an increase of 16.7% from a year earlier.

Personal cash loans by chartered banks rose to \$9.73 billion in the latest month, up 20.5% from May 1973.

Sales finance and consumer loan companies held \$1.20 billion balances of retail instalment sales paper (an expansion of 12.9% from a year earlier) and had \$1.48 billion outstanding of personal cash loans (up 10.0%).

For further information, order the May 1974 issue of *Consumer Credit* (61-004, 30¢/\$3), or contact Consumer Credit Section (613-996-9278 or Telex 053-3585), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Department Store Sales

Department store sales rose to \$420.8 million in May, up 24.9% from \$336.8 million in May 1973.

Sales rose in 38 of the 39 departments, with only furs (5.5%) down from a year earlier. Largest increases were in plumbing, heating and building materials (54.1%), television, radio and music (42.7%) and major appliances (42.2%).

All provinces showed increased sales, ranging from a high of 31.9% for both Nova Scotia and Saskatchewan to a low of 17.5% for both New Brunswick and Manitoba. Sales were up 22.8% in Vancouver, 21.2% in Montreal, 20.8% in Toronto and 16.8% in Winnipeg.

Inventories held (at selling price) were valued at \$1.36 billion, up 26.1% from May 1973.

For further information, order the May 1974 issue of *Department Store Sales and Stocks* (63-002, 30¢/\$3), or contact Mr. B. Theriault (613-996-9304), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V4.

Unemployment Insurance

Claimants under the Unemployment Insurance Act received \$202 million in May, 4% less than in the previous month but 13% more than a year earlier. The number of claimants (825,000) was down 14% over the month but up 2% on the year.

The \$74.34 May average was 1% smaller than in April and 10% more than in May 1973.

The 172,000 claims received in May were 11% more than in April, and 10% more than in the previous May.

For further information, order the May issue of Statistical Report on the Operation of the Unemployment Insurance Act (73-001, 40¢/\$4), or contact George Fincham (613-992-7461), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V1.

Restaurant Statistics

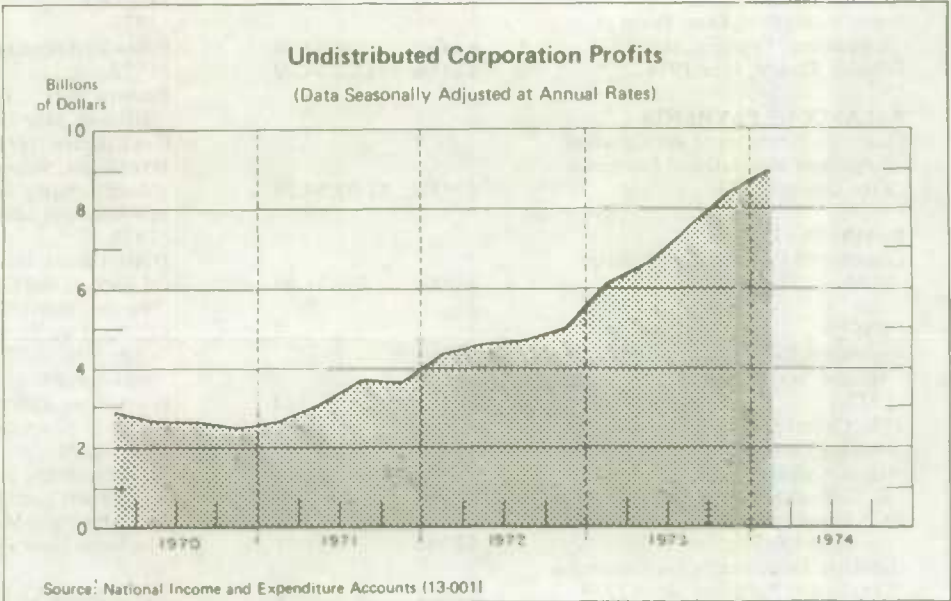
Restaurants in Canada had total estimated receipts of \$143.1 million in May, an increase of 11.6% from a year earlier. Sales were up in all provinces.

Restaurant receipts for May, by province and with percentage increases from May 1973:

- Ontario, \$53.2 million (11.9%); Quebec, \$45.9 million (11.3%); British Columbia, \$16.6 million (11.6%); Alberta, \$10.1 million (13.0%); Manitoba, \$6.4 million (12.2%); Saskatchewan, \$4.0 million (12.2%); New Brunswick, \$2.8 million (7.9%); Nova Scotia, \$2.7 million (10.4%); Newfoundland, \$1.1 million (9.5%); and Prince Edward Island, \$304,000 (9.5%).

Cumulatively, restaurant receipts for the first five months of 1974 totalled an estimated \$664.9 million, up 10.8% from January-May 1973.

For further information, order the May 1974 issue of Restaurant Statistics (63-011, 15¢/\$1.50).



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- Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries, May
- Summary of Foreign Trade, June
- Real Domestic Products, May
- New Motor Vehicle Sales, May

Travel

Preliminary statistics for May show 2.8 million United States visitors entered Canada (down 3.3% from May 1973) and 2.4 million Canadians visited the U.S. (down 6.7%). Travellers from countries other than the U.S. numbered 102,000, up 10.7%. Canadian travellers returning from countries other than the U.S. totalled 91,000, down 4.1%.

For further information, order the May 1974 issue of Travel Between Canada and Other Countries (66-001, 55¢/\$5.50), or contact M. W. Valiquette (613-995-0847), International Travel Section, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0Z8.

Farm Machinery Sales

Farm implement and equipment sales, including repair parts, totalled \$252.9 million for the first five months of 1974, up 24.7% from \$202.9 million in 1973. Repair parts accounted for \$51.5 million of current sales.

For further information, order the May 1974 issue of Farm Implements and Equipment Sales (63-009, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Mr. Y. Lebel (613-996-9307), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V4.

Railway Operating Statistics

Six major railways operating in Canada reported revenue of \$210.0 million in May, 15.1% more than in May 1973. But expenses rose 17.1% to \$205.6 million and the resulting net income of \$4.3 million was down 36.4% from a year earlier.

In the first five months of 1974, revenues were \$946.4 million, 11.8% above 1973, and expenses were \$936.9 million, up 16.6%. Net income of \$9.4 million was down 78.1%.

For further information, order the May 1974 issue of Railway Operating Statistics (52-003, 30¢/\$3), or contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9276), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V5.

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