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Employment, Earnings and Hours

Average weekly earnings in Canadian industry at \$177.28 in June were up 10.3% from \$160.74 a year earlier.

First estimates show that average weekly earnings (by industry division) were highest in construction (\$250.38), followed by mining (\$232.69), forestry (\$204.79), transportation, communication and other utilities (\$201.34), manufacturing (\$184.05), finance, insurance and real estate (\$174.23), trade (\$142.84) and service (\$124.04).

Average weekly earnings in June were highest in British Columbia (\$198.72), followed by Ontario (\$181.41), Alberta (\$179.40), Quebec (\$170.99), Newfoundland (\$169.21), Manitoba (\$162.10), Saskatchewan (\$159.29), New Brunswick (\$152.64), Nova Scotia (\$151.61) and Prince Edward Island (\$126.72).

Hourly earnings averaged \$6.26 in construction, \$5.48 in mining and \$4.34 in manufacturing.

For further information, order the June 1974 issue of *Employment, Earnings and Hours* (72-002, 55¢/\$5.50), or contact R. Ouellette (613-992-5613), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0P3.

LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

		Latest Month	Previous Month	Change From Year Ago %
EMPLOYMENT, INCOME				
Average Weekly Earnings (\$)	June	177.28P	175.33P	10.3
Labour Income (\$ million)	May	6,120P	5,921P	15.0
Persons with Jobs (million)	July	9.68	9.40	4.8
Unemployed	July	465,000	469,000	0.9
INVENTORIES				
Department Store (\$ million)	June	1,244	1,360	24.7
Manufacturers' Owned (\$ million)	June	12,389P	12,152P	27.1
Wholesale (\$ million)	June	5,649	5,366	28.4
ORDERS				
Manufacturers' New Orders (\$ million)	June	6,775P	7,154P	18.9
Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders (\$ million)	June	9,154P	9,045P	48.7
PRICES				
Consumer Price Index (1961=100)	July	168.0	166.7	11.3
Industry Selling Price Index (1961=100)	June	169.3	167.9P	20.1
Wholesale Price Index (1935-39=100)	June	452.3	453.3P	23.0
CONSTRUCTION				
Building Permits (\$ million)	May	1,153P		Year-to-date 3,867 27.1
Housing Starts - Urban Centres (units)	June	19,528		91,016 -1.3
ENERGY				
Electricity Generation (billion Kwh.)	June	20.9	142.0	8.1
Gas Utilities' Sales (billion cu. ft.)	June	80.5	731.7	10.2
Petroleum Refining (million barrels)	June	56.6	323.9	11.2
FOREIGN TRADE				
Exports (\$ million)	June	2,657	15,109	23.2
Imports (\$ million)	June	2,695	14,774	30.7
PRODUCTION				
Motor Vehicles (thousand units)	June	128.3	856.0	-5.8
Steel (ingots - thousand tons)	July	1,206	8,447	-0.9
SALES				
Department Store Sales (\$ million)	June	413	2,133	19.1
Manufacturers' Shipments (\$ million)	June	6,666P	38,089	20.4
New Motor Vehicle Sales (\$ million)	June	596	3,201	9.8
Retail Sales (\$ million)	June	3,761	20,437	13.7
Wholesale Sales (\$ million)	June	3,939	21,097	30.5

Statistics are not seasonally adjusted. P - preliminary, P - revised.

Consumer Credit

Consumer credit outstanding on the books of selected credit holders reporting monthly totalled \$15.07 billion at the end of June, an increase of 17.4% from a year earlier.

Personal cash loans by chartered banks rose to \$10.01 billion in the latest month, up 21.4% from June 1973.

Sales finance and consumer loan companies held \$1.21 billion balances of retail instalment sales paper (an expansion of 11.8% from a year earlier) and had \$1.50 billion outstanding of personal cash loans (up 10.3%).

For further information, order the June 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 0P6.

Exports of Canadian Wheat



Index of Industrial Production

(1961=100)

The seasonally-adjusted index of industrial production increased 0.5% in June to 222.5 from 221.4 in May and stood 2.7% higher than the June 1973 level of 216.7.

Total manufacturing output was up 0.4% in the latest month; non-durable manufacturing increased 1.8% while durable manufacturing dropped 1.0%. Mining output showed a 2.2% advance but utilities output was off 0.6%.

For further information, order the June 1974 issue of *Indexes of Real Domestic Product by Industry* (61-005, 40¢/\$4).

Refined Petroleum Products

Canadian refineries produced 56.6 million barrels of refined petroleum products in June, an increase of 15.4% from a year earlier.

Domestic sales of refined petroleum products at 43.3 million barrels showed a decrease of 2.1% from June 1973.

For further information, order the June 1974 issue of *Refined Petroleum Products* (45-004, 40¢/\$4), or *Energy Statistics Service Bulletin*, Vol. 9, No. 72 (57-002, \$4.20 a year), or contact Ian Cavanagh (613-992-6014), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Gas Utilities

Canadian consumers purchased 80.5 billion cubic feet of natural gas in June, down 0.2% from a year earlier. Exports decreased 6% to 74.4 billion cubic feet.

Cumulatively, sales to Canadian consumers during the first six months of 1974 totalled 731.7 billion cubic feet, up 10.2% from the January-June 1973 period.

For further information, order the June 1974 issue of *Gas Utilities* (55-002, 30¢/\$3), or *Energy Statistics Service Bulletin*, Vol. 9, No. 74 (57-002, \$4.20 a year), or contact Ian Cavanagh (613-992-6014), Energy and Minerals Section, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Direct Selling in Canada, 1973

Direct selling to household consumers by manufacturers and specialist direct-sellers increased 10.6% in 1973 to \$1.03 billion from \$934.7 million (revised) in 1972. (These sales represented 2.7% of the total \$38.24 billion retail sales reported for 1973.)

Door-to-door canvassing accounted for 63.4% of 1973 direct sales, mail order sales for 15.0% and counter sales at manufacturing premises for 18.4%.

Further details will be published in *Direct Selling in Canada, 1973* (63-218, 70¢). Additional advance information is available on request from the Special Projects Section, Merchandising and Services Division (613-996-9278), Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V4.

THESE REPORTS SCHEDULED FOR COMING TWO WEEKS

Department Store Sales by Regions, July

Estimates of Labour Income, June

General Wholesale Price Index, July

New Motor Vehicle Sales, July

Summary of Foreign Trade, July

Building Permits

Building permits taken out in Canada in May reached a record \$1.15 billion, an increase of 30.5% from \$883.5 million in May 1973.

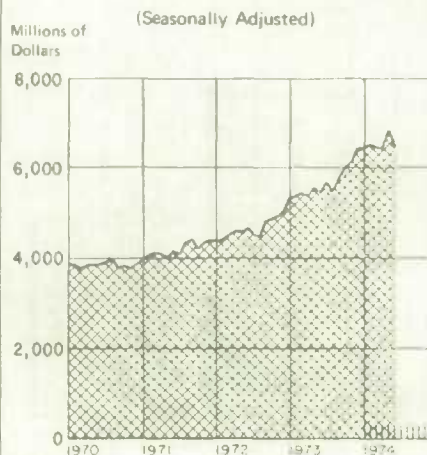
Higher totals were recorded in the latest month for residential permits at \$569.0 million (\$528.1 million a year earlier), industrial permits at \$288.8 million (\$73.1 million) and commercial permits at \$215.7 million (\$185.4 million). Permits taken out for institutional and governmental construction declined to \$79.0 million from \$96.9 million.

Building permits taken out in May (by province):

- Ontario, \$483.7 million (\$399.4 million a year earlier); Quebec, \$290.6 million (\$153.8 million); British Columbia, \$132.9 million (\$113.5 million); Alberta, \$128.8 million (\$93.1 million); Manitoba, \$32.9 million (\$26.5 million); Nova Scotia, \$28.7 million (\$13.7 million); Saskatchewan, \$23.9 million (\$24.3 million); Newfoundland \$14.9 million (\$34.7 million); New Brunswick, \$13.3 million (\$18.9 million); and Prince Edward Island, \$524,000 (\$3.6 million).

For further information, order the May 1974 issue of *Building Permits* (64-001, 55¢/\$5.50).

Manufacturers' New Orders



Source: Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries (31-001)

Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries

Manufacturers' seasonally-adjusted new orders in June were estimated at \$6.5 billion, down 5.0% from the revised May level of \$6.84 billion. New orders for durable goods dropped 7.0%, while those for non-durable goods showed a 3.1% decline.

Unfilled orders in June, seasonally adjusted, were estimated at \$9.12 billion, up 1.1% from \$9.02 billion (revised) in May.

Total inventory owned (seasonally adjusted) was 2.2% higher at \$12.4 billion.

The seasonally-adjusted ratio of total inventory owned — to shipments rose to 1.94:1 in June from 1.87:1 in May, while the finished products — to shipments ratio moved up to 0.64:1 from 0.61:1.

Manufacturers' shipments in the latest month, seasonally adjusted, were estimated at \$6.40 billion, a drop of 1.6% from the revised May value of \$6.5 billion.

Not adjusted for seasonal variations, manufacturers' shipments in June decreased 3.0% from a month earlier to reach \$6.67 billion. Shipments for the first six months of 1974 totalled \$38.0 billion, up 20.4% from \$31.62 billion in January-June 1973.

For further information, order the June 1974 issue of *Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries* (31-001, 55¢/\$5.50), or contact H.D. Wightman (613-996-7008), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Wholesale Trade

Wholesale merchants' sales in June were estimated at \$3.94 billion, up 33.4% from June 1973.

Significant sales changes from a year earlier included automotive parts and accessories, up 38.7%, and iron and steel, up 64.2%.

Wholesale inventories were valued at \$5.65 billion in the latest month, an increase of 28.4% over June of last year.

For further information, order the June 1974 issue of *Wholesale Trade* (63-001, 15¢/\$1.50).

Motive Fuel Sales, 1973

Net 1973 sales of motive fuel — consumed on public roads and highways — amounted to 6.42 billion gallons of gasoline and 860.8 million gallons of diesel oil, according to results of a new survey.

For detailed information, including provincial totals, contact M. McRae (613-996-9278), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V5.

Real Domestic Product

Canada's seasonally-adjusted index of real domestic product (1961=100) decreased by 0.2% in June from the downward-revised May level of 206.6.

Much of the weakness in output in the month can be attributed to strikes. Estimates based on preliminary figures for June indicate that the number of man-days lost due to strikes will be the highest since April 1972. Among the industries most affected by strikes were construction and forestry.

For the second quarter of 1974, real domestic product increased by 0.2%, following the first-quarter rise of 2.4%. Declines were recorded in the majority of goods-producing industries, while most of the service-producing industries registered increases — including transportation and communication despite major strikes in April.

In addition to a large number of strikes affecting the Canadian economy, particularly construction strikes during the second quarter, part of the decline can be attributed to a reduction in external demand. The export volume index was 8.3% lower for the first five months of 1974 than for the corresponding period in 1973.

In contrast, retail trade output increased 2.1% in the first quarter of 1974 and 1.8% in the second quarter, reflecting continued strong consumer demand.

For further information, order the June 1974 issue of *Indexes of Real Domestic Product by Industry* (61-005, 40¢/\$4), or contact R. W. Collins (613-995-0443), Industry Product Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0Z6.

Radio Time Sales

Gross national AM and FM radio air-time sales were \$5.17 million in April, up 10.8% from March. Gross local sales showed a 4.5% rise to \$11.53 million.

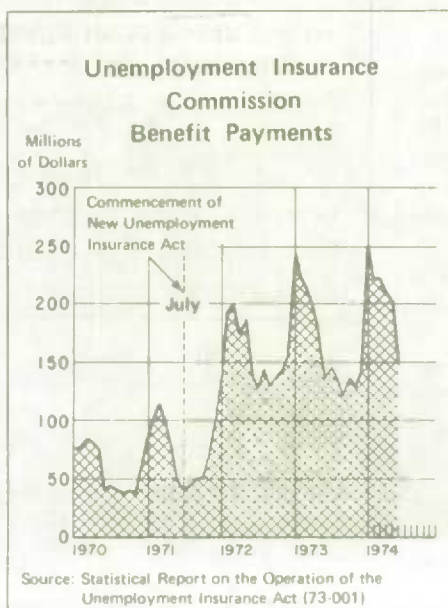
For further information, order the *Communications Service Bulletin* (56-001, \$1.40 a year), or contact P. Crosby (613-996-9274), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V5.

Gold Production

Gold production declined to 139,727 troy ounces in June from 169,139 troy ounces a year earlier.

Gold production for the first six months of 1974 at 872,264 troy ounces showed a drop of 13.0% from 1,003,107 troy ounces in January-June 1973.

For further information, order the June 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.



Unemployment Insurance

Benefit paid to claimants under the Unemployment Insurance Act totalled \$148 million in June, down 27% from \$202 million in May but 9% more than the \$136 million paid in June 1973.

The average weekly payment was \$73.57 in the latest month, up 9% from \$67.38 a year earlier.

Initial and renewal claims for unemployment insurance numbered 157,000 in June, down 9% from the May total of 172,000 but 2% more than the 154,000 received in June 1973.

For the first six months of 1974, payments under the act amounted to \$1.25 billion, an increase of 4% from \$1.20 billion disbursed in January-June 1973.

For further information, order the June 1974 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.

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Consumer Price Indexes for Regional Cities

Consumer price indexes rose in all regional cities and city-combinations in July with increases ranging from 0.5% in Toronto to 1.1% in St. John's.

Food indexes advanced in all cities except Saint John. Prices were higher in most centres for dairy, bakery and cereal products, beef, pork, beverages and food eaten away from home. In many cities, however, prices were lower for poultry, eggs and fresh produce.

Housing components rose in all cities with increased shelter costs and higher prices recorded for furniture, linens, draperies and household supplies. Recreation, education and reading indexes also moved up in all centres, mainly reflecting higher hotel and motel rates.

Over the twelve months from July 1973, consumer price indexes rose in all regional cities, with increases as follows: St. John's, 13.9%; Vancouver, 12.2%; Montreal, 12.0%; Quebec City, 11.8%; Ottawa 11.3%; Thunder Bay, 11.1%; Saint John, 11.0%; Winnipeg, 10.9%; Edmonton-Calgary, 10.9%; Toronto, 10.8%; Halifax, 10.6%; Saskatoon-Regina, 9.5%.

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

Iron Ore

Canadian mines shipped 6.18 million tons of iron ore in June compared with 5.68 million a year earlier. Output during the first six months of 1974 declined to 20.65 million tons from 20.86 million in January-June 1973.

For further information, order the June 1974 issue of *Iron Ore* (26-005, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Art Symons (613-992-0491), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Oil Pipe Line Transport

Canadian oil pipe lines received 2.64 million barrels per day of crude oil, condensate, pentanes plus and refined petroleum products in May, down 1.3% from a year earlier.

Receipts of domestic oils increased 2.3% to 2.31 million B/D in the latest month; imported oils decreased 20.5% to 332,300 B/D.

For further information, order the May 1974 issue of *Oil Pipe Line Transport* (55-001, 30¢/\$3), or *Energy Statistics Service Bulletin* (57-002, \$4.20 a year), or contact Ian Cavanagh (613-992-4021), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

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