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Consumer Price Index (CPI)

(1961=100)

The Consumer Price Index for Canada rose 0.5% to 176.6 in January from 175.8 in December, registering its smallest month-to-month movement since October 1973.

In the latest month, lower retail prices for sugar, beef and poultry largely offset higher prices for fresh milk, eggs and cereal and bakery products — limiting the rise in the food index to 0.3%.

The index for all-items other than food moved up 0.6%, mainly due to higher electricity and gas rates, increased prices of alcoholic beverages, advances in rail fares and higher prices for overseas-manufactured automobiles.

Between January 1974 and January 1975, the All-Items Consumer Price Index advanced 12.1%.

During this period, the following component index increases were recorded:

- Food, up 16.3%; tobacco and alcohol, 13.3%; recreation, education and reading 11.9%; health and personal care, 10.8%; transportation, 10.6%; housing, 10.2%; and clothing, 9.0%.

For further information, order the January 1975 issue of *Consumer Price Movements* (62-001, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact Retail Prices Section (613-992-5805), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Department Store Sales by Regions

Department store sales in December rose to \$733.4 million, up 12.7% from a year earlier. Increases were recorded in all regions of Canada.

Department store sales by regions in the latest month, with percentage gains over December 1973 in brackets:

- Ontario, \$282.2 million (10.2%); Quebec, \$134.7 million (16.9%); British Columbia, \$114.0 million (6.4%); Alberta, \$87.6 million (18.4%); Atlantic Provinces, \$53.2 million (22.9%); Manitoba, \$42.7 million (10.6%); and Saskatchewan, \$19.1 million (16.9%).

For further information, order the December 1974 issue of *Department Store Sales by Regions* (63-004, \$1.50 per year).

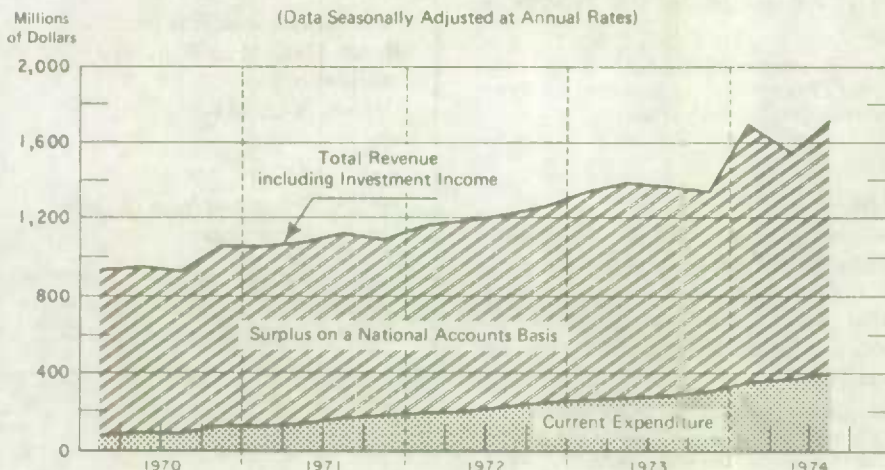
LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

	Latest Month	Previous Month	Change From Year Ago %
EMPLOYMENT, INCOME			
Average Weekly Earnings (\$)	Nov. 187.92P	187.10P	13.9
Labour Income (\$ million)	Nov. 6,572P	6,609P	16.9
Persons with Jobs (million)	Dec. 9.12	9.19	3.8
Unemployed	Dec. 597,000	493,000	16.6
INVENTORIES			
Department Store (\$ million)	Nov. 1,562	1,576	28.2
Manufacturers' Owned (\$ million)	Nov. 13,802P	13,618P	33.5
Wholesale (\$ million)	Nov. 5,818	5,897	32.7
ORDERS			
Manufacturers' New Orders (\$ million)	Nov. 7,316P	7,662P	16.1
Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders (\$ million)	Nov. 10,327P	10,234P	40.6
PRICES			
Consumer Price Index (1961=100)	Jan. 176.6	175.8	12.1
Industry Selling Price Index (1961=100)	Nov. 182.4	179.7P	21.3
Wholesale Price Index (1935-39=100)	Nov. 490.9	478.1P	20.1
CONSTRUCTION			
Building Permits (\$ million)	Nov. 576.4P	Year-to-date 8,711	10.1
Housing Starts — Urban Centres (units)	Dec. 9,358	169,437	-19.9
ENERGY			
Coal Production (thousand tons)	Nov. 2,240	20,924	1.7
Electricity Generation (billion Kwh.)	Nov. 23.9	253.7	7.0
Natural Gas Production (billion cu. ft.)	Sept. 253.7	2,537	-0.6
Petroleum Refining (million barrels)	Nov. 53.5	587.5	5.1
FOREIGN TRADE			
Exports (\$ million)	Dec. 2,676	31,946	26.3
Imports (\$ million)	Dec. 2,756	31,527	35.3
PRODUCTION			
Motor Vehicles (thousand units)	Dec. 94.7	1,524.9	-3.2
Steel (ingots — thousand tons)	Dec. 1,246	14,783	1.6
SALES			
Department Store Sales (\$ million)	Nov. 545	4,326	18.0
Manufacturers' Shipments (\$ million)	Nov. 7,222P	72,665	21.5
New Motor Vehicle Sales (\$ million)	Dec. 345	5,921	10.3
Retail Sales (\$ million)	Nov. 3,994	39,258	14.9
Wholesale Sales (\$ million)	Nov. 3,705	39,965	28.0

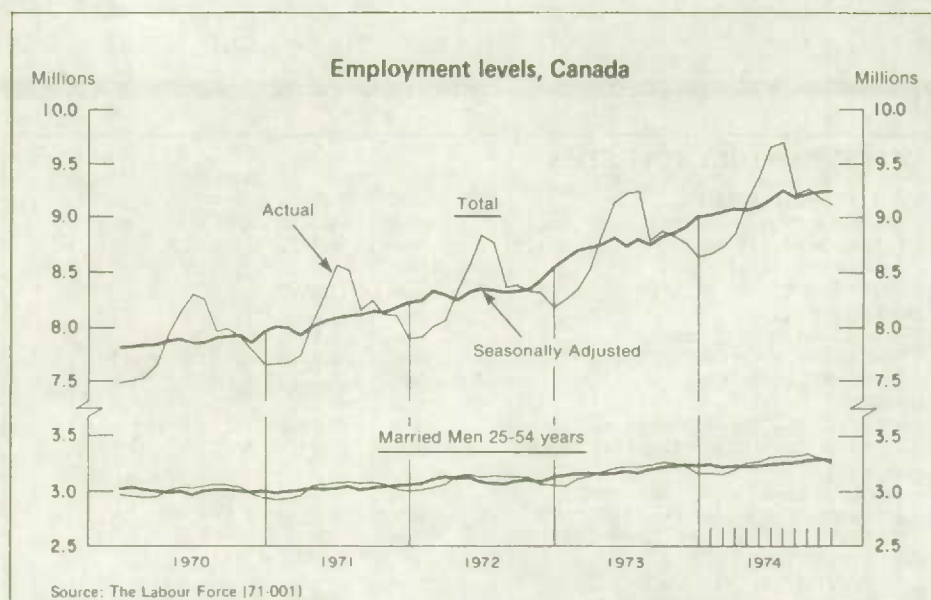
Statistics are not seasonally adjusted. P - preliminary, R - revised.

Canada Pension Plan

(Data Seasonally Adjusted at Annual Rates)



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



Residential Building Construction Input Price Index

(1971=100)

The residential building construction input price index for Canada declined to 133.8 in December, down 2.9% from the previous month's level but still up 4.3% from a year earlier.

Prices of building materials used in residential construction increased 0.7% over the twelve months from December 1973; labour costs rose 10.6%.

(Note: Materials prices used in this index are manufacturers' selling prices f.o.b. factory, adjusted for federal sales tax. Consequently, they reflect the tax changes introduced in the November budget.)

For further information, order the December 1974 issue of *Construction Price Statistics* (62-007, \$4 per year).

Iron Ore

Canadian mines shipped 4.46 million tons of iron ore in December compared with 4.48 million tons a year earlier. This brought total 1974 output to 52.10 million tons compared with 52.36 million tons in 1973.

For further information, order the December 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.

Gold Production

Production of gold declined to 138,063 troy ounces in November from 151,655 a year earlier.

Gold production for the first eleven months of 1974 at 1.54 million troy ounces showed a drop of 12.9% from 1.77 million in January-November 1973.

For further information, order the November 1974 issue of *Gold Production* (26-004, 15¢/\$1.50).

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Motor Vehicle Production

Canadian production of motor vehicles totalled 94,740 units in December, an increase of 8.5% from a year earlier.

Passenger car production rose 4.8% to 70,050 units, production of commercial vehicles increased 20.8% to 24,690 units.

For the year 1974, Canadian production of motor vehicles totalled 1,524,874 units, down 3.2% from 1,574,820 units in 1973.

For further information, order the December 1974 issue of *Motor Vehicle Shipments* (42-002, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact J.S. More (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

The Wheat Review

Total exports of wheat from the four traditional major exporters during August-November 1974 amounted to 621.8 million bushels, down 13% from the August-November 1973 record level of 715.8 million.

Total supplies of wheat remaining in these countries at December 1, 1974 for export and for carryover at the end of their respective crop years plus the year-end (November 30) carry-over stocks in both Australia and Argentina amounted to 1,505.6 million bushels, up 3% from 1,456.3 million a year earlier.

Supplies were held as follows, in millions of bushels and with last year's comparable figures in brackets: United States, 821.6 (753.0); Canada, 594.8 (682.7); Australia, 69.2 (17.8); and Argentina, 20.0 (2.8).

For further information, order the December 1974 issue of *The Wheat Review* (22-005, 40¢/\$4).

New Motor Vehicle Sales

Retail sales of new motor vehicles totalled 67,892 units in December, down 9.1% from a year earlier. Total sales value increased 1.5% to \$344.8 million.

Sales of passenger cars produced in Canada and the United States showed a 14.1% drop to 42,381 units while those of overseas-manufactured automobiles were down 10.7% to 7,649 units.

Commercial vehicle sales in December rose 6.5% from a year earlier to 17,862 units; included were 16,853 manufactured in Canada and the U.S. (up 7.7%) and 1,009 manufactured overseas (down 10.9%).

For the year 1974, total sales reached 1,249,499 units with an accumulated value of \$5.92 billion. This represented an increase of 1.9% in units and 10.3% in value over sales for 1973.

For further information, order the December 1974 issue of *New Motor Vehicle Sales* (63-007, 30¢/\$3), or contact Michael Collecki (613-996-9278), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Oil Pipe Line Transport

Canadian oil pipe lines received 2.72 million barrels per day of crude oil, condensate, pentanes plus and refined petroleum products in November, a decrease of 8.3% from a year earlier.

Receipts of domestic oils declined 9.7% to 2.27 million B/D in the latest month; imported oils were down 0.7% to 449,000 B/D.

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

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Building Permits, December

Consumer Price Movements, January

Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries, December

Real Domestic Product, December

Retail Trade, December

The Labour Force, January

Farm Input Price Index

(1961=100)

The Farm Input Price Index for Canada rose 3.9% in the fourth quarter of 1974, moving to 202.8 from the third-quarter level of 195.2. The eastern index increased 4.4% while the western index advanced 3.4%.

Higher prices for livestock feed, hired labour, machinery and motor vehicle replacement and operation, fertilizer and custom work accounted for most of the increase.

Over the twelve months from the fourth quarter of 1973, the Canada index showed a rise of 15.2%. During this period, production costs increased 15.4% for farmers in Eastern Canada and 14.8% for western farmers.

For further information, order *Farm Input Price Indexes, Fourth Quarter 1974* (62-004, 35¢/\$1.40).

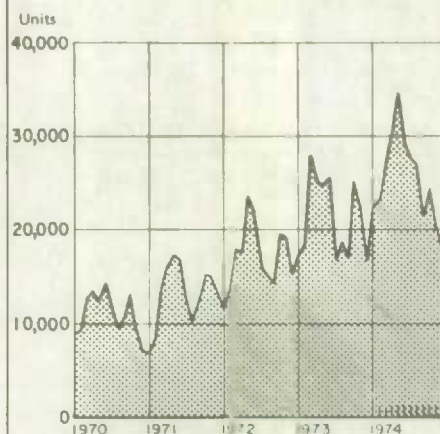
Computer Service Industry, 1973

Companies engaged in providing computer services reported operating revenue totalling \$589.7 million in 1973.

Salaries and wages amounting to \$168.4 million were earned by the 54 working proprietors and 14,119 paid employees in the industry.

For further information, order *Computer Service Industry, 1973* (63-222, \$1.05), or contact E. Yablonski (613-996-9301), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Sales of New Commercial Vehicles

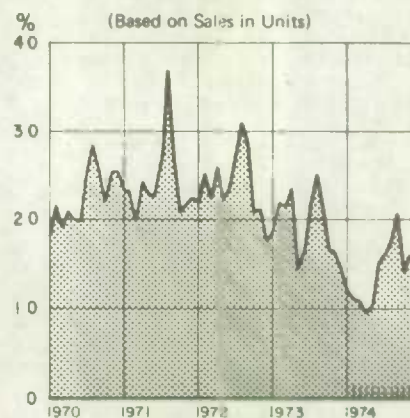


Source: New Motor Vehicle Sales (63-007)

Advance Labour Costs Information

Full details on labour costs in manufacturing (1971) and mines, quarries and oil wells (1972) are now available, in advance of the annual publications — *Labour Costs in Canada, Manufacturing* (72-612, \$2.10) and *Labour Costs in Canada, Mines, Quarries and Oil Wells* (72-613, \$1.40). Please direct requests to Miss A. Chenier (613-992-6284), Special Surveys and Quality Control Section, Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V2.

Share of Canadian Passenger Car Market Held by Overseas Manufacturers



Source: New Motor Vehicle Sales (63-007)

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