

## Labour Force

Employment level, December: 10.140,000 compared with 9,729,000 in 1977. Unemployment: 870,000 compared with 882.000. The unemployment rate: 7.9 (8.3 in December last year). The participation rate and employment/population ratio were 62.1 and 57.2 against 60.9 and 55.9 a year ago.

The seasonally-adjusted employment level was 10,271,000. up 58,000 from November. The level increased 17,000 for men 15-24 with little change for women. For men and women 25 and over the level increased by 22,000

The seasonally-adjusted unemployment level, 908,000 in December, fell 11.000 from November. The level declined 4.000 for men 15-24 and 9.000 for men 25 and over For women there was little or no change. Unemployment increased in Québec [5,000) and British Columbia (7,000). decreased in Ontario (17,000), Manitoba $(3,000)$ and Alberta $(3,000)$ with remaining provinces showing little or no change.

The seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate: 8.1 down 0.2 trom November. The rate decreased 0.4 to 14.5 for men 15-24 and increased 0.2 to 14.3 for women. For men 25 and over the rate declined 0.2104 .9 and for women 0.1 to 7.4

For further information. order the December 1978 issue of the Labour Force (71-001, 55¢ / $\$ 5.50$ ).

## Unemployment Insurance Statistics

Some 608,000 claimants - 36\% aged 24 or under - drew unemployment insurance benefits for the week of October 8 , up 3\% from September and down 4\% from a year earlier. October benefits lotalled $\$ 290$ million, up 7\% from September and 8\% from 1977. Disbursements to date rose $18 \%$ to $\$ 3,877$ million from $\$ 3,273$ million in 10 months of 1977 , with $63 \%$ paid to residents of Québec and Ontario, 17\% to the Atlantic. provinces. 12\% to British Columbia and 8\% to the Prairie provinces. Claims filed reached 244.000 , up $13 \%$ from September and $1 \%$ from 1977. Claims over 10 months mse $2 \%$ to $2,223,000$ with all areas ieporting increases, from $1 \%$ in Ontario to $210 \%$ in the Northwest Territories.

For further information, order the October 1978 issue of the Statistical Report on the Operation of the Unemployment insurance Act (73-001, 406/54), or contact George Fincham (613-992-7461), Labour Division. Statistics Canada. Ottawa KIA OV1


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## Divorced/Separated Workers, 1977

Of 618,000 divorced or separated (annual average. 1977) persons in the civilian noninstitutional working-age population. 406.000 were in the labour force. This $3.8 \%$ included 171.000 males ( $42.1 \%$ ) and $235,000(57.9 \%)$ women. Of married persons in the labour force, $65.7 \%$ were men and $34.3 \%$ women.

Of the 369.000 employed out of the 406.000, $155.000(42.0 \%)$ were men and $214.000(58.0 \%)$ women. (Among employed married persons women represented only $33.2 \%$ ). Employed divorced or separated persons are generally older than employed married persons . . but enjoy about the same education. Almost 79\% of employed divorced or separaled men either did not have children or did not have their children living with them and an additional $4.5 \%$ had children who were 17 to 24 years of age. In contrast about $29 \%$ of employed married men did not have children and an additional $6.4 \%$ had children 17 to 24 years of age. A slightly lower percentage of employed divorced or separated women than employed married women had children ( $57.5 \%$ vs. $63.6 \%$ ). A major difference is that only $12.1 \%$ of employed divorced or separated women had children less than six years of age compared with $21.2 \%$ of employed married women.

Of the 37,000 divorced or separated persons who were unemployed 16,000 $(43.2 \%)$ were men and 21,000 ( $56.8 \%$ ) women. (Among unemployed married persons, women represented $50.8 \%$.) As with the employed, the unemployed divorced or separated persons are generally older than unemployed married persons (56.8\% of divorced or separated were 35 years or over compared with $46.4 \%$ of married persons).

The comparison of the labour force aclivilies of divorced or separated persons with married persons by personal characteristics yields two major conclusions:
(a) divorced or separated men have a lower participation rate and a higher unemployment rate than married men
(b) divorced or separated women have a higher participation rate than married women but the unemployment rate is about the same for the two groups.
Abstracted from a feature article entitied Labour Force Activities of Divorced or Separated Persons published in the November 1978 issue of The Labour Force (71-001. 55c/\$5.50).

## New Motor Vehicle Sales

New motor vehicles sold last November fell 10.6\% to 95.948 from 1977. Automobiles made in the United States and Canada fell $9.7 \%$ to 58,152 and Canadian and U.S. commercial vehicles $1.1 \% 1026,766$.
Automobiles from overseas fell $30.7 \%$ to 10,159 from 1977 and overseas-made commercial vehicles fell $26.1 \%$ to 871 . Value of the cars fell $7.8 \%$ 10 $\$ 69.0$ million and the commercial vehicles $8.4 \%$ to $\$ 5.6$ million. Value of U.S. and Canadian cars sold decreased $1.9 \%$ to $\$ 398.3$ million: commercial vehicles rose $17.3 \%$ to $\$ 255.0$ million.
Sales value of all vehicles increased $3.4 \%$ to $\$ 727.9$ million, including 227 coaches and buses valued at $\$ 6.6$ million. Seasonally-adjusted sales of automobiles manufactured in Canada and the U.S. fell $11.5 \%$ from October to 57.467 and those of cars from overseas $1.9 \%$ to 11.195 . Seasonally-adjusted sales of all commercial vehicles fell $10.7 \%$ to 29,542 .

For 11 months of 1978 sales reached $1,292.446$ units ( $1,265,191$ in 1977), value $\$ 9,067.4$ million, up $13.3 \%$ from 1977.

For further information, see the November 1978 issue of New Motor Vehicle Sales (63007. 30¢ / \$3), or contact M. Kwilecki (613-996-9304). Retail Trade Section. Merchandising and Services Division. Statistics Canada, Otlawa K1A 0V4.

## Department Store Sales

November sales totalled $\$ 831.4$ million. Rising $10.6 \%$ from a year earlier, sales were up in all regions.

Department store sales by regions, with percentage changes from 1977 in brackets:

- Ontario, $\$ 306.4$ million ( $9.2 \%$ )
- Québec, $\$ 157.0$ million ( $19.0 \%$ )
- British Columbia, $\$ 129.8$ million ( $6.9 \%$ )
- Alberta, $\$ 111.9$ million (8.1\%)
- Atlantic Provinces, $\$ 56.3$ million ( $13.4 \%$ )
- Manitoba, $\$ 44.9$ million ( $3.2 \%$ )
- Saskatchewan, $\$ 25.2$ million ( $17.4 \%$ ).

For further information, order the November 1978 issue of Department Store Sales by Regions (63-004, \$1.50 a year).

## Refined Petroleum

Refineries produced $55,695,000$ barrels of refined petroleum products in October, an increase of $3.6 \%$ from a year earlier $(50,465,000)$. Net sales rose $6.3 \%$ to $53,646,000$ barrels from $50,466,000$.
For further information, order the October 1978 issue of Relined Petroleum Products (45-004, 406/\$4).

## Computer Service Industry's 1977 Operating Revenues $\mathbf{\$ 1 , 3 6 1 . 8 M}$.

In 1977. 596 companies provided processing. software and system, maintenance, education and other computer-related services with operating revenues of $\$ 416$ million. 48 working proprietors and 11.831 paid employees earning $\$ 160.7$ million. Another 26 companies provided sales/lease or rental of hardware services with operating revenues of $\$ 797.1$ million, 8.341 paid employees and a payroll of $\$ 168.1$ million. In addition, $\$ 148.7$ million fell to 454 companies and institutions classified to other major groups such as manufacturing, education and finance but also providing computer services to outside users as a secondary activity.

For further information, order the 1977 edition of Computer Service Industry (63222. $70 \uparrow$ ), or contact R. Bennett (613-996-9301). Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada. Ottawa K1A OV4.

## Railway Operating Statistics

Six major railways' October net income rose $78.0 \%$ to $\$ 36.3$ million from a year earlier, with operating revenue up 16.4810 $\$ 336.6$ million and operating expenses $11.8 \%$ to $\$ 300.3$ million. Revenue tralght ton-miles rose $6.1 \%$, freight train-miss $2.7 \%$ and freight car-miles 6.5\%. Averteg revenue per ton-mile of freight: 2.126 cent against 1.951 cents. Passenger-miles increased $11.3 \%$.

Ten months: operating revenues increased $9.3 \%$, operating expenses $8.6 \%$, net income $20.8 \%$ (to $\$ 203.5$ million). cumulative ton-miles $0.6 \%$ and passengermiles $8.7 \%$.
For further information, order the October 1978 issue of Railway Operating Statistics (52-003, 30¢/\$3). or contaci M. Vallieres (613-996-9271). Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OTG.

## Job Vacancies

Compared with the three-month period a year ago, job vacancies increased 4,200 or $9 \%$ to 48,600 in September-November 1978 (for June-August the average number of jobs vacant on a daily basis also totalled 48.600). In the latest three-month period, vacancies for fultime jobs decreased $1 \% 10$ 43,200 from June-August's 43,500 . Jobs unfilled for more than four weeks increased $5 \%$.

For every 1,000 existing jobs September-November, five were vacant as in the preceding period and the comparable period a year ago. Highest vacancy ele: Alberta ( 11 per thousand). Lowest: three per thousand (Newfoundland and ites: Brunswick).
For further information, contaci J.A. Boucek (613-992-2006) or MS M. Beaubien (613-996-7148). Labour Division. Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV1.

## Telecommunication Statistics

Teleglobe Canada. Canadian National Telecommunications and Canadian Pacific (Telecommunications Branch) report third quarter revenues of $\$ 88.2$ million, up $19.6 \%$ from third quarter 1977. Operating expenses. $\$ 68.0$ million, rose $7.5 \%$ and net operating revenue reached $\$ 20.3$ million compared with $\$ 10.5$ million.
For further information, order Communications Service Bulletin, Telecommunications Statistics, Third Quarter 1978 (56-001, \$1.40 per year), or contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9274), Transportation and Communications Division. Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6.

## Oil Pipeline Transport

Pipelines received $2,401,354$ B/D (381 599 m 3 D ) of crude oll, condensate, pentanes plus and refined petroleum product in October. 6.1\% above 2,263,100 (359 629) a year earlier. Receipt of domestic petroleum and products rose $4.2 \%$ to $2,104,300 \mathrm{~B} / \mathrm{D}(334394 \mathrm{~m} 30)$ anc imported petroleum and products 21 . $5 \% 10$ 297,000 B/D (47 196 m 3 D ).

For further information, order the October 1978 issue of Oill Pipe Line Transport (55-001, 304/\$3).

## Coal Production, Canada and Exports



## Selling Price Index, Manufacturing

The Industry Selling Price Index for Manufacturing rose $0.3 \%$ io 194.7 in November from revised October's 194.2 and $9.6 \%$ above 1977 (177.7). Major groups with most impact:

- Wood industries rose $1.3 \%$ due mainly to increases of $1.3 \%$ for sawmills and planing mills. 1.1\% for veneer and 2N. wood mills, $1.0 \%$ for sash, door and then miltwork plants and 2.0\% for nanufacturers of pre-fabricated suildings
- The food and beverage group. up 0.3\%. shew slaughtering and meat processors ise $0.7 \%$, bakeries $1.5 \%$. feed industry $1.1 \%$, poultry processors $1.7 \%$ and fish products 0.9\% (all partially offsel by declines of $6.9 \%$ in the cane and beet sugar processors index and $3.7 \%$ in the vegetable oil mills index)
- Wire and wire products manufacturers, up $0.9 \%$ contributed to a $0.4 \%$ rise in the metal labricating group index.
For further information, contact the Information Unit, Indusirial Prices (613-995-5761), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, or order the November 1978 issue of Industry Price Indexes (62-011. 554 (\$5.50).


## Provinclal Government Employment

Provincial (bar British Columbia) and territorial governments third quarter gross payroll rose $2.8 \%$ lo $\$ 1.348$ million from $\$ 1,311$ million for the previous quarter. Employees: to September, 369,754, tell $0.6 \%$ from 372.117 in June.

For further information, order the third quarter 1978 issue of Provincial Employment (72-007. \$1.05/\$4.20), or contact WL. Vincent (613-995-8201), Public Finance Division.

## Eggs

Egg production fell $1.4 \%$ to 37.1 million doter in October from 37.6 million dozen a yose sarlier.
For further information, order the October ${ }_{125} 8$ issue of Production of Eggs and Poultry (23-0)13, 30c $\$ 3$ ) or contact J.H. Dickson (613-995-4853), Agriculture Division, Statisfics Canada, Otlawa KIA OLT.

## International Travel

November saw 1.7 million United States visitors, up $22 \%$ from 1977. Canadian residents returning from the U.S. fell $0.4 \% 10$ 2.3 million. Visitors from abroad: up $18.6 \%$ to 65,000 . Residents returning from such countries fell 2.4\% to 81,000. Over 11 months: 30.0 million U.S. visitors, down $0.9 \%$ from January-November 1977, and residents returning from the U.S. totalled 35.1 miltion, down $1.8 \%$. Visitors from abroad increased $17.6 \%$ to 1.6 million and residents returning from such countries rose $1.1 \%$ to 1.7 million.

For further information, order the November 1978 issue of International Travel - Advance Information (66-002, 156/\$1.50), or contact $M$. Valiquetfe (613-995-0847), International Travel Section, Statistics Canada. Ollawa K1A OT6.

## Housing Starts

Residential building last November in centres of 10,000 population and above was marked by housing starts rising $0.7 \%$ to 18,150 from 18,022 a year earlier

Provincial figures with November 1977 totals in brackets: Ontario $7.010(5,826)$. Québec $3.329 \quad(3,959)$, Alberta 4.503 (3.377), British Columbia 1.420 (2,614). Manitoba 578 (562), Saskatchewan 577 (952), Nova Scotia 418 (383), New Brunswick 215 (130). Newfoundland 69 (210) and Prince Edward Island 31 (9).

For further information, order the NovemDer 1978 issue of Housing Star's and Completions (64-002. 55c/\$5.50), or contact J.P. Délisle (613-995-8213), Construction Division. Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6.

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Steel ingots production, November: 1.377 .937 shont tons ( 1250043 1)

For further information, order the November 1978 issue ol Steel Ingots and Pig Iron (41-001, 15c/\$1.40), or contact J.L. Barnes (613-992-0388).

## Farm Products Indexes

November's Farm Products Index: 209.5. up 0.3\% from October.

For further information, order Industry Price Indexes, November 1978 (62-011, $550 / \$ 5.50$ ), or contact Information Unit, Industrial Prices (613-995-5761).

## CItizenship For 123,655

In 1977, cilizenship was granted to 123,655 applicants, 6,379 more than the preceding year. Approximately $52 \%$ resided in Ontario. 18\% in Québec, British Columbia (17\%), the Prairies ( $11 \%$ ), the Allantic provinces, the Yukon and the Northwest Territories (2\%). Although the 1976 Census indicated $76 \%$ ol Canada's population lived in urban areas and $24 \%$ in rural areas there was a higher concentration of urban dwellers among persons granted cilizenship during 1977: 95\% resided in urban areas and $5 \%$ in rural areas former citizens of the United Kingdom numbered 24.354 (approximately $20 \%$ of the total). Comparatively large numbers were previously citizens of Italy ( $14,250,12 \%$ ), India ( $6,805,6 \%$ ). the Philippines $(5,637,5 \%)$ and China $(4.723,4 \%)$. Of major groupings. approximately $45 \%$ previously owed allegiance to countries which are part of the Eritish Commonwealth, $33 \%$ to European countries, $15 \%$ to Asiatic countries, $2 \%$ to the United States. The remaining 5\% previously were citizens of other non-Commonwealth countries in different parts of the world (particularly Latin American countries).

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Order Operating Results, Independent Retail Hardware Stores, 1976 (63-605. 706 in Canada, 85c elsewhere). For further intormation, contact David Van Luven (613-996-9301). Analysis and Development Section. Merchandising and Services Division. Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6.

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