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## Average Earnings

Average weekly earnings rose $9.1 \%$ to $\$ 290.66$ in July from $\$ 266.33$ in 1978. Average hourly earnings in manufacturing reached $\$ 7.49$ (from $\$ 6.81$ ). in construction $\$ 10.88$ ( $\$ 10.07$ ) and in mining $\$ 9.46$ (\$8.67).

Provincial breakdowns show average weekly earnings were highest in British Columbia ( $\$ 328.58$ ) and followed by Alberta (\$310.58), Ontario (\$288.09), Québec (\$286.56). Saskatchewan (\$281.16). Newfoundland (\$275.91). Manitoba (\$261.91), New Brunswick (\$254.35). Nova Scotia (\$248.53) and Prince Edward Island (\$211.48)

Average weekly earnings by industry Givision were: construction $\$ 428.93$ : mining \$40E O4; forestry \$329.11; transportation. comenunication and other utilities \$344.36; manutacturing $\$ 309.97$ : finance, insurance and real estare $\$ 273.35$; trade $\$ 224.94$ and service $\$ 195.77$

For further information, order the July 1979 issue of Employment, Earnings and Mours (72-002), or contact R. Ouellotte (613-9925613), Labour Division, Statistics Canada,

## Trade

On a seasonally-adjusted, balance-ofpayments basis August exports rose 3.1\% to $\$ 5.31$ billion following a $6.7 \%$ increase in July. Imports advanced $6.4 \%$ to $\$ 5.45$ billion after increasing 10.8\% in July. The trade balance was a deficit of $\$ 141$ million compared with surpluses of $\$ 28$ million in July and $\$ 206$ million in June.

The short-term trend-cycle for exports advanced $0.7 \%$ in June following increases of $0.5 \%$ in May and $0.3 \%$ in April. The import Irend-cycle advanced $1.4 \%$ in June after increases of $0.9 \%$ and $0.4 \%$. Taken together, the trend-cycle for the balance showed a surplus of $\$ 87$ million in June following surpluses of $\$ 118$ million in May and $\$ 136$ million in Aprit

For further information on area and commodity trade, order the August 1979 issue of Summary of External Trade (65-001, 406/\$4).

## Road Motor Vehicles

The 1978 licencing year saw 9,744,994 passenger automobile registrations (regisra:kns of trucks and buses: 2,770,798; moiorcycles: 341,381 ; mopeds: 56,772 )

For further information, contact M. Vallieres (613-996-9271). Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa KiA otb.

## LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

|  |  | Month | Ago |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| EMPLOYMENT, INCOME |  |  |  |
| Average Weekly Earnings (\$) . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . June | 289.63p | 285.18p | 8.4 |
| Labour Income (\$ million). . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . July | $12.130 .7 p$ | 12.373.6r | 10.5 |
| Persons with Jobs (million). . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Aug. | 10.91 | 10.88 | 3.9 |
| Unemployed . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Aug. | 772,000 | 793,000 | -12.5 |
| INVENTORIES |  |  |  |
| Department Siore ( $\$$ million) . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . June | 2,227.9p | 2,434.4p | 17.1 |
| Manufacturers' Owned (\$ million) . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . June | 23,244.0p | 23,002.3r | 18.7 |
| Wholesale ( $\$$ million) . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . July | 10,421.1p | 10,382.4p | 26.3 |
| ORDERS |  |  |  |
| Manufacturers' New Orders (\$ million) . . . . . . . . . . . June | 13,381.4p | 13.550.7r | 13.0 |
| Manulacturers Unfilled Orders (\$ million)........... . June | 16,380.3p | 16,164.9r | 33.2 |
| PRICES |  |  |  |
| Consumer Price Index (1971=100) . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Aug, | 192.8 | 192.1 | 8.4 |
| Non-food (CPI) Component . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Aug. | 178.2 | 177.0 | 8.3 |
| New House Price Index ( $1976=100$ ) . . . . . . . . . . . . Aug.* | 110.6 | 109.9 | 3.8 |
| 22 -city Composite Wage, Building (1971=100) ..... May | 229.0 | 220.0 | 7.1 |
| Industry Selling Price Index (1971=100) . .......... July | 217.0p | 215.3 r | 14.2 |
| CONSTRUCTION |  | Year- | date |
| Building Permits (\$ million).......................... . July | 1,225.0 | 7.412 .7 | 4.5 |
| ENERGY |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| Coal Production (thousand metric ionnes) . . . . . . . . . June | 2753.6 | 16450.9 | 11.4 |
| Electricity Generation (terawatt hours) . . . . . . . . . . . . . June | 25.8 | 179.9 | 5.6 |
| Natural Gas Production (million cubic metres). . . . . . May | 8477.9 | 46583.6 | 8.1 |
| Petroleum Refining (million cubic metres) . . . . . . . . . . July | $9.70 p$ | $65.55 p$ | 9.6 |
| FOREIGN TRADE |  |  |  |
| Exports - Customs Basis (\$ million) . . . . . . . . . . . . . Aug. ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 5,362.9p | 40,917.8p | 21.8 |
| Imports - Customs Basis (\$ million) . . . . . . . . . . . . . Aug.* | 5,641.0p | 41,026.5p | 28.4 |
| PRODUCTION |  |  |  |
| Steel (ingots - thousand metric lonnes) .......... Aug. | 1313.5 | 10465.6 | 9.1 |
| SALES |  |  |  |
| Department Store Sales (\$ million) . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . July* | 620.9p | 4,131.1p | 11.7 |
| Manufacturers' Shipments (\$ million) . . . . . . . . . . . . . . June | 13.166 .0 p | 62,073.9p | 18.9 |
| New Motor Vehicle Sales (\$ million). . . . . . . . . . . . . . . July | 1,070.8 | 7.067 .7 | 20.2 |
| Retail Sales (\$ million). . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . July | 6.393.9p | 42,274.9p | 12.9 |
| Wholesale Sales (\$ million) . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . July | 6,354.4p | 42,408.7p | 20.7 |
| Statistics are not seasonally adjusted. p-preliminary. | revised. | now this week |  |

Farm Net Income, Canada*


[^0]Source: Farm Net income (21-202)
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## Key Economic Series

During October, release of key economic series data is to be as outlined below. Where a range of dates applies, this represents the period within which publication can be reasonably expected given the circumstances peculiar to each series. (A range may be exceeded on occasion.)
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For any inquiry concerning the release of these series, contact Henri Sarrazin (613-9921566). Production Planning / Scheduling. Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6.

## Vending Machines, 1978

Total sales through 112,531 vending machines as reported by 630 vending machine operators for 1978 reached $\$ 296,927,400$, up $3.6 \%$ from 1977. Cigarette machine ( 29,568 units) sales expanded $4.2 \%$ to $\$ 127,358,400$, coffee machine ( 13.195 units) sales $4.0 \%$ to $\$ 54.486 .200$, soft drink machine ( 19,868 units) sales $1.7 \%$ to $\$ 44,948,100$, packaged confectionery, pastry and snack food machine ( 11,003 units) sales $13.5 \%$ to $\$ 29,671,700$ and packaged milk and juice machine (2,269 units) sales $4.2 \%$ to $\$ 10,673,600$.

Further information will be contained in the publication Vending Machine Operators, 1978 (63-213), or contact the Retail Trade Section, Merchandising and Services Division (613-996-9304 or Telex 053-5585), Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OV4.

## Dairy Review

July saw 657395 kilolitres of milk sold off farms for all purposes, down $4.6 \%$ from a year earlier.

For further information, order the August 1979 issue of the Dairy Review (23-001), or contact C.M. Riach (613-995-4853), Agricutture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OTG.

## Restaurant Statistics

Restaurants throughout Canada increased their January-July receipts a total of $9.0 \%$ to $\$ 1,656.4$ million from a year earlier. Breakdown per province: Ontario $\$ 632.1$ million $(9.7 \%)$, Québec $\$ 488.2$ million ( $8.1 \%$ ), British Columbia, Yukon and Territories $\$ 180.1$ million ( $10.4 \%$ ), Alberta $\$ 156.7$ million ( $9.9 \%$ ), Manitoba $\$ 75.6$ million $(6.5 \%)$, Saskatchewan $\$ 43.5$ million ( $6.5 \%$ ), New Brunswick $\$ 30.7$ million ( $5.1 \%$ ), Nova Scotia $\$ 29.1$ million ( $11.8 \%$ ), Newfoundland $\$ 12.5$ million ( $7.8 \%$ ) and Prince Edward Island $\$ 3.7$ million ( $6.5 \%$ ).

July over July 1978: Canada increased receipts $79 \%$ to $\$ 268.3$ million. Ontario $\$ 102.8$ million ( $7.9 \%$ ). Québec $\$ 75.9$ million ( $6.7 \%$ ), British Columbia, Yukon and Territories $\$ 29.6$ million ( $9.9 \%$ ), Alberta $\$ 26.6$ million ( $9.8 \%$ ). Manitoba $\$ 12.9$ million ( $7.5 \%$ ), Saskatchewan $\$ 7.3$ million ( $10.0 \%$ ). New Brunswick $\$ 4.6$ million ( $3.2 \%$ ), Nova Scotia $\$ 5.7$ million ( $8.9 \%$ ), Newfoundland $\$ 2.0$ million ( $1.4 \%$ ) and Prince Edward Island $\$ 882,000$ ( $9.3 \%$ ).

For further information, order the July 1979 issue of Restaurant Receipts (63-011).

In recent years an increasing number of tables confalning subprovincial statistics from non-census sources have appeared in Statistics Canada publications. Newcomers to urban and regional research may well have been perplexed by the wide variely of geographic and subject-malter concepts, territorial units, data sources, and other features of published small-area stalistics. A new publication called Guide to Urban Dala (Excluding Census Data), 1971 (Catalogue 12-558, \$4.50) provides information on lable headings, concepts and sources of statistics in all non-census publications at or near the last decennial Census year, 1971. Copies are available from Publications Distribution, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6. For further Information, contact Frank Jones (613-992-8571), Chief, Regional and Urban Statistics Section, Office of the Senior Adviser on Integration, Statistics Canada, Oltawa K1A OT6.

## Maple Products, 1979

A 53\% rise takes 1979's estimated maple syrup production to 2.3 million gallons from 1.5 million a year earlier.

For further information, order Production of Maple Products 1979 (22-204, 354), or contact Karen Wardley (613-995-4877), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa k1a OT6.

## Honey, 1979

At $65,586,000 \mathrm{lbs}$., the 1979 honey crop is forecast to be 3\% down from 1978's 67,426,000 lbs.

For further information, order the 1979 issue of Honey Production(23-007, 354/704), or contact Karen Wardley (613-995-4877), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6.

## Rallway Carloadings

Railways loaded 23.9 million short tons ( 21.7 miltion 1) of revenue freight in Augus! up 1.9\% gain from 1978. An additiona! 18 million short tons ( 1.6 million $t$ ) enterec irom the United States.
Commodities recording notable percsitage change include: copper-nickel ores, and concentrates up $707.6 \%$, grain other than wheat up $25.9 \%$, alumina, bauxite and other aluminum ores down $99.4 \%$ (due to a strike at Alcan) and wheat down $16.6 \%$

January-August saw freight volume loaded increase $11.4 \%$ and receipts from the U.S. up $1.7 \%$ from the year earlier period.
For further information, order the August 1979 issue of Railway Carloadings (52-001), or contact M. Vallieres (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6.

## Radio Broadcasting

Gross June air-time sales rose $19.3 \%$ to $\$ 9.9$ million from $\$ 8.3$ million in 1978. After commissions, net national sales rose $20.0 \%$ to $\$ 8.4$ million from $\$ 7.0$ million.

Net local air-time sales: up $9.2 \%$ to $\$ 21.3$ million from $\$ 19.5$ million.

Gross six months' sales: $\$ 171.4$ million ( $\$ 152.0$ million, $12.8 \%$ ). Net: $12.7 \%$ to $\$ 159.3$ million from $\$ 141.3$ million.

For further information, order the June 1979 issue of Radio Broadcasting (56-003), or contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Divison. Statistics Canada. OHawa Kla OT6.

## Urban Transit

In August, 57 urben transit systems coule ted $90,390,095$ initial passenger fares with total distance run $31,312,088$ miles ( 50391926 km ) and operating revenues of $\$ 37.748,840$.

For further information, contact the Chief (613-995-1976), Surface Transport Section, Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6, or order the August 1979 issue of Urban Transit (53-003).

## Electric Power Statistics

July net generation increased to 25.7 TW.h from 24.0 TW. h in 1978 . Hydro generation increased $1.5 \%$, thermal production $21.5 \%$. Year-to-date total generation: 205.6 TW.h. up $5.8 \%$.

For further information, order the July 1979 issue of Electric Power Statistics (57-001), or contact David Madsen (613-992-4021), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6.

## Sugar Sales

Sugar refineries reported August sales oi 107959733 kilograms ( $238,010,509 \mathrm{lbs}$; - 98560922 kilograms (217,289,675 ibs ) in domestic sales and 939881 $(20,720,834)$ exported.

For further information, contact R.E. Ralph (613-992-8619), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6.

Cable TV, 1978 - Analysis
The Canadian Radio-Television Commission held 527 cable television systems Uider licence in 1978, 64 of which were in various stages of development and not operating. There were 178 licensed sysiems in Québec, 148 in Ontario, 80 in British Columbia and 121 in the rest of Canada. These systems were controlled by 328 business organizations. In 1978 there were $3,122,507$ direct subscribers and 653,126 indirect subscribers compared with 2,776,231 and 640,992 in 1977 representing an overall increase of $10.5 \%$ in subscribers from a year earlier.

Cable television revenues increased $17.3 \%$ to $\$ 273.2$ million from $\$ 233.0$ million. Subscription revenue from direct subscribers accounted for $\$ 232.3$ million or $84.9 \%$ of the total revenue. Operating expenses increased $20.3 \%$ from $\$ 126.9$ million to $\$ 152.7$ million. Programming expenses were $\$ 16.4$ million compared with $\$ 13.5$ million, an increase of $21.5 \%$. Total deductions from income including departmental expenses, depreciation, interest and other adjustments amounted to $\$ 220.4$ million ( $\$ 187.9$ million), an increase of $17.3 \%$.

Other adjustments include gain or loss on the sale of fixed assets and investments, interest earned, amortization of start-up expense and intangible assets and miscellaneous items. These deductions left a net profit before income taxes of $\$ 52.8$ million. 15: $17.1 \%$ from $\$ 45.1$ million in 1977.
For further information, order the September issue of Cable Television, 1978 (56-205, \$1.05).

## Railway Operating Statistics

Seven major railways' March net income from operations rose $19.6 \%$ to $\$ 39.6$ million from $\$ 33.1$ million in 1978. Operating revenues rose $15.0 \%$ to $\$ 377.8$ million and operating expenses $14.4 \%$ to $\$ 327.8$ million.
Revenue freight ton-miles rose $9.0 \%$. freight train-miles $3.6 \%$ and freight carmiles 5.4\%. Average revenue per ton-mile of freight was 2.433 cents compared with 2.332 cents in March 1978. Passengermiles rose $14.6 \%$ to 154.0 million.

For further information, order the March 1979 issue of Railway Operating Statistics (52-003), or contact M. Vallieres (613-9969271), Transportation and Communications Division, Slatistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6.

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## Unemployment Insurance Statistics

For the week of July 15,576,000 claimants qualified for unemployment insurance benefits, down $8 \%$ from June. June to July decreases ranged from $2 \%$ to $6 \%$ in the previous four years. Compared with July 1978 16\% fewer claimants qualified.

Unemployment insurance benefits in July totalling $\$ 280$ million remained virtually unchanged from the previous month and fell $9 \%$ less from $\$ 307$ million paid a year earlier. Year-to-date payments totalled $\$ 2,740$ million, down $8 \%$. (Based on seven months' payments the average weekly benefit at $\$ 108.06$ fell $1 \%$.)

Claims submitted by applicants for benefits: 196,000. up 14\% from June. Over seven months 1.453 .000 claims were received, down 7\% from the year earlier period.

For further information, order the July 1979 issue of Preliminary Unemployment insurance Statistics (73-001P), the Statistical Feport on the Operation of the Unemployment Insurance Act (73-001, Quarterly) or contact George Fincham (613-992-7461), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Oltawa K1A OV1.

## Housing Starts

Residential building in August in centres of 10,000 population and above was marked by housing starts falling 9.5\% to 14,909 from 16,480 a year earlier.

Provincial figures with August 1978 totals in brackets: Ontario 5.630 (7.283). Québec 2,853 (2,388). Alberta 2,697 (2,959), British Columbia 2,477 (1,750). Manitoba 237 (1.003). Saskatchewan 459 (360). Nova Scotia 266 (388). New Brunswick 123 (222), Newfoundland 131 (111) and Prince Edward Island 36 (16).

For further information, order the August 1979 issue of Housing Starts and Completions (64-002). or confact J.P. Délisle (613-995-8213), Construction Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6.

## Industrial Corporations

After-tax second-quarter profits of industrial corporations rose $39.6 \%$ to $\$ 4.632$ million from $\$ 3,318$ million a year earlier. Sales of $\$ 96$ billion increased $14.0 \%$.

For further information, order the 1979 second quarter issue of Industrial Corporations, Financial statistics (61-003), or contact R. Martelock (613-995-9751), Business Finance Division. Statistics Canada, Ottawa k1A OT6.

## Coal and Coke Statistics

Coal output increased $10.1 \%$ to 2595478 tonnes in July from 2356280 a year earlier. Landed imports rose $84.2 \%$ to 2235174 tonnes from 1213038.

For further information, order the July 1979 issue of Coal and Coke Statistics (45-002, 40c/\$4), or contact Dave Madsen (613-9924021). Energy Section. Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A OT6.

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