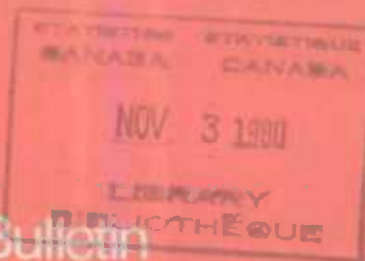


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## Housing Starts

Residential building construction continued to decline in September 1980, with housing starts in centres of 10,000 population and over decreasing 7.0% to 11,852 units from 12,742 a year earlier.

Provincial totals for the latest month were as follows, with September 1979 figures in brackets: Ontario, 3,259 (4,345); Alberta, 2,953 (1,949); Quebec, 2,514 (2,585); British Columbia, 2,194 (1,920); Saskatchewan, 322 (907); Manitoba, 182 (491); Nova Scotia, 160 (215); Newfoundland, 147 (111); New Brunswick, 112 (207); and Prince Edward Island, 9 (12).

Housing starts in centres of 10,000 population and over during the first nine months of 1980 totalled 87,678 units, down 18.7% from 107,851 in the January-September 1979 period.

For further information, order the September issue of *Housing Starts and Completions* (61-002, \$3/\$30), or contact J.P. Delisle (613-995-8213), Construction Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

## Index of Industrial Production

The seasonally adjusted index of industrial production (1971=100) increased by 0.8% in August to 131.0 from 129.9 in July. Increased output was recorded in manufacturing (+1.3%) and utilities (+1.5%) during the month, while mining production declined (-3.2%).

For further information, order the August 1980 issue of *Indexes of Real Domestic Product by Industry (including the Index of Industrial Production)* (61-005, \$3/\$30).

## Radio Broadcasting

Gross national AM and FM radio air-time sales were \$10.7 million in August 1980, an increase of 27.4% from \$8.4 million in August 1979. Net national sales after deduction of agency and other commissions amounted to \$9.1 million, up 28.2% from \$7.1 million in the previous year.

Net local air-time sales were up 19.6% to \$23.8 million in August 1980 from \$19.9 million.

Gross radio air-time sales for January to August 1980 were \$261.9 million compared to \$235.4 million in the 1979 period, an increase of 11.3%. Net sales rose 11.7% to \$244.4 million from \$218.8 million.

For further information, order the August 1980 issue of *Radio Broadcasting* (56-003, \$1.50/\$15), or contact J.R. Slatery (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V1.

## LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

### EMPLOYMENT, INCOME

			Previous Month	% Change From Year Ago
Average Weekly Earnings (\$)	July	316.28p	315.47p	8.8
Labour Income (\$ million)	July	13,462.3p	13,627.9p	9.8
Persons with Jobs (million)	Sept	10.80	11.11	2.6
Unemployed	Sept	757,000	833,000	5.3

### INVENTORIES

Department Store (\$ million)	Aug	2,530.7	2,629.9	2.4
Manufacturers' Owned (\$ million)	July	28,068.5p	28,178.5r	19.1
Wholesale (\$ million)	Aug	13,562.6	13,852.0	19.0

### ORDERS

Manufacturers' New Orders (\$ million)	July	13,211.1p	13,444.5r	12.7
Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders (\$ million)	July	18,761.2p	18,424.8r	11.9

### PRICES

Consumer Price Index (1971=100)	Sept	215.4	213.5	10.7
Non-food (CPI) Component	Sept	198.2	197.0	10.0
New House Price Index (1976=100)	Sept	120.2	119.8	7.9
22-city Composite Wage, Building (1971=100)	July	249.9p	248.3r	8.4
Industry Selling Price Index (1971=100)	Aug	248.6p	246.0r	13.0

### CONSTRUCTION

Building Permits (\$ million)	Aug	1,147.6p	9,152.1p	-1.3
Housing Starts — Urban Centres (units)	Aug	10,964	75,826	-20.3

### ENERGY

Coal Production (thousand metric tonnes)	July	3,143.6	20,392.0	7.1
Electricity Generation (terawatt hours)	July	26.8	212.2	3.2
Natural Gas Production (million cubic metres)	June	6,824.1	50,827.1	-6.7
Petroleum Refining (million cubic metres)	Aug	9.6p	74.9p	-0.7

### FOREIGN TRADE

Exports — Balance of Payments Basis (\$ million)	Aug	5,408p	48,505p	17.3
Imports — Balance of Payments Basis (\$ million)	Aug	4,667p	44,667p	12.0

### PRODUCTION

Steel (Ingots — thousand metric tonnes)	Aug	1,223.9p	10,471.0p	0.2
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### SALES

Department Store Sales (\$ million)	Aug	728.7	5,287.7	9.2
Manufacturers' Shipments (\$ million)	July	12,874.7p	93,805.3p	8.9
New Motor Vehicle Sales (\$ million)	Aug	912.9	7,784.8	-1.9
Retail Sales (\$ million)	Aug	7,155.7p	52,548.0p	7.2
Wholesale Sales (\$ million)	Aug	6,673.9	51,638.0	9.6

Statistics are not seasonally adjusted. p - preliminary. r - revised. \* - new this week.

## Quarterly Estimates of Income and Expenditures of Trusteed Pension Funds



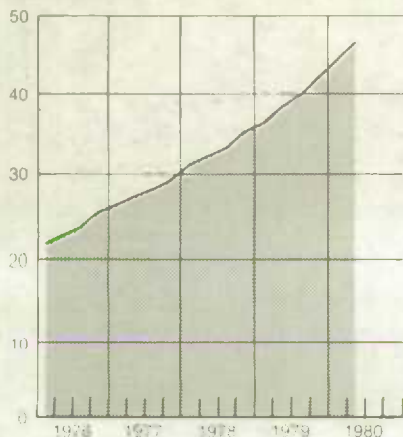
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## Trusteed Pension Funds

Quarterly Estimates of Assets Held

Billions of Dollars



Source: Quarterly Estimates of Trusteed Pension Funds (74-001)

### Trusteed Pension Funds

The book value of assets held in trusteed pension funds totalled an estimated \$46.6 billion at the end of the second quarter of 1980, an increase of \$8.1 billion over the assets held a year earlier.

For further information, order the second quarter 1980 issue of *Quarterly Estimates of Trusteed Pension Funds* (74-001, \$2.50/\$10), or contact E.S. Hanes (613-995-4476), Pensions Section, Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

### Railway Commodity Origin and Destination Statistics, 1975-78

A new series of origin and destination information for revenue freight carried by the Canadian National Railway and the Canadian Pacific Railway is now available.

For further information, order the *Railway Transport Service Bulletin*, Vol. 10, No. 9 (52-004, \$1.50/\$15), or contact the Chief (613-995-1976), Surface and Marine Transport, Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V1.

### New Catalogue Supplement Available

Now available is a supplement to the 1980 edition of the *Statistics Canada Catalogue*. This mid-year update presents abstracts for all new publications issued from January 2 to June 30, 1980. Also included are listings of recently discontinued publications along with title, price and other changes for listed publications. A title/subject index is included for new publications.

Copies of the supplement or sets (one English and one French copy) are available at no charge from the User Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6, or from any of the Statistics Canada Regional Offices.

Users who received copies of the 1980 Catalogue should note that they will automatically be sent the supplement.

## Railway Operating Statistics

Canada's seven major railways reported a combined net income from operations of \$29.0 million in July 1980, down from \$34.2 million a year earlier. Operating revenues rose 12.7% in the latest month to \$434.8 million while operating expenses increased by 15.5% to \$405.8 million.

Revenue freight ton-miles were down 0.3% in July 1980; freight train-miles showed a decrease of 2.5% and freight car-miles declined 1.0%. Average revenue per ton-mile of freight was 2.443 cents compared to 2.218 cents in July 1979. Passenger-miles increased by 9.8% to 217.2 million.

For further information, order the July 1980 issue of *Railway Operating Statistics* (52-003, \$2.50/\$25), or contact W.R. Burr (613-995-1976), or C.S. Canniff (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V1.

## Residential Building Construction Input Price Indexes

The residential building construction input price index for Canada (1971=100) stood at 224.7 in September 1980, down 0.1% from August but up 3.5% from a year earlier.

Prices of materials used in residential building construction remained unchanged over the 12 months from September 1979; labour costs rose 9.5%. During this period, residential building construction input price indexes moved higher in all regions of Canada with increases recorded as follows: Atlantic provinces, 6.2%; Prairie provinces, 4.1%; Ontario, 3.3%; Quebec, 2.5%; and British Columbia, 3.2%.

For further information, order the September 1980 issue of *Construction Price Statistics* (62-007, \$3/\$30).

## Special Care Facilities

Total estimated expenditures of special care facilities reached almost the \$2-billion mark in the 1977-78 fiscal year as cost per resident-day totalled \$28.60, up 8.6% from \$24.60 in 1976. These special care facilities are made of a variety of health and other related care institutions including: homes for the aged, residential care facilities for physically and mentally handicapped, for retarded and emotionally disturbed children, for alcoholics and drug addicts, etc.

During the last decade, the total number of beds in these facilities has more than doubled to reach a total of 206,174 in 1979 or 8.7 beds per 1,000 total population. (This is in addition to 177,732 beds or 7.5 beds per 1,000 population available for higher types of care in general and allied special hospitals.)

Approximately 150,000 persons were employed by special care facilities, two-thirds of whom were full-time employees. More than 65 million days of care were provided during 1977-78 in these facilities. Persons 65 years of age and over represented 70% of all residents during the period and women outnumbered men in the proportion of three to two.

Further information on the last two surveys of special care facilities for 1977-78 and 1976 may be obtained from the Institutional Statistics Section (613-995-9551), Health Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0Z5.

## Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries

The preliminary estimate of the value of new orders received by Canadian manufacturers in August 1980, seasonally adjusted, was \$13,826.5 million, down 0.5% from the revised July value of \$13,897.0 million. New orders in durable goods industries, with a preliminary estimate of \$6,043.2 million, dropped 1.4% from the July value of \$6,126.4 million. In non-durable goods industries, the preliminary estimate for new orders in August was \$7,783.3 million, 0.2% higher than the \$7,770.6 million estimate for July.

The seasonally adjusted preliminary estimate of the value of manufacturers' shipments in August was \$13,631.6 million, an increase of 0.8% over the revised estimate of \$13,520.8 million for July. Durable goods shipments at \$5,909.4 million were up 1.2% from the July value of \$5,838.2 million, while shipments in non-durable goods industries increased 0.5% during the month to \$7,722.2 million from \$7,682.6 million.

The backlog of unfilled orders, seasonally adjusted, at the end of August stood at \$18,874.0 million, 1.0% higher than the revised estimate of \$18,679.1 million a month earlier. In durable goods industries, the backlog of \$16,661.8 million was 0.8% higher than the July estimate of \$16,528.0 million, while unfilled orders in the non-durable goods industries at \$2,212.2 million were 2.8% higher than the July value of \$2,151.1 million.

The seasonally adjusted preliminary estimate of the value of inventory owned by manufacturers was \$28,763.0 million in August, 1.2% higher than the \$28,417.1 million estimate as revised for July. Inventory held in August at \$29,950.4 million was up 1.1% from the revised July estimate of \$29,620.7 million. Raw materials inventories were up 0.9% on the month and finished goods 2.5%. The value of goods in process was down 0.3%.

The seasonally adjusted ratio of total inventory owned to shipments in August was 2.11:1, compared with the revised July ratio of 2.10:1. The ratio of the value of finished products to shipments for August was 0.73:1, up from the revised July value of 0.72:1.

Not adjusted for seasonal variation, manufacturers' shipments in August 1980 were estimated at \$12,665.6 million, a decline of 0.7% from the revised July value of \$12,755.0 million. For the first eight months of 1980, the value of manufacturers' shipments at an estimated \$106,351.2 million was up 7.8% from the corresponding 1979 total of \$98,613.7 million.

For further information, order the August issue of *Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries* (31-001, \$3.50/\$35), or contact H.D. Wightman (613-996-7008), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.



## Building Permits

Weakness in building intentions in the non-residential sector — particularly in Ontario and Alberta — caused the total value of building permits issued in August 1980 to decrease 13.2% to a seasonally adjusted \$1,088.3 million from a revised \$1,253.1 million in July. In August 1979, building permits issued were estimated at \$1,262.3 million.

The seasonally adjusted value of building projects authorized in the non-residential sector was down 21.1% to \$509.3 million in August from \$645.7 million in July, reflecting decreases in the value of industrial plants to \$107.3 million from \$168.4 million and in commercial projects to \$273.4 million from \$349.3 million. The value of proposed institutional and governmental buildings remained practically unchanged at \$128.6 million in August (\$128.0 million in July).

Residential permit value decreased 3.7% to \$579.0 million in August, seasonally adjusted, from \$607.4 million in July, reflecting a drop in the number of new dwellings authorized to 12,494 units from 12,600; an increase in the number of multiple dwellings to 5,594 in August from 4,955 units in July was more than offset by a decrease in the number of single-detached dwellings to 6,900 from 7,645.

During the January-August 1980 period, the unadjusted value of permits issued by Canadian municipalities at \$9,152.1 million was 1.3% lower than in the corresponding period of 1979. Decreases occurred in all but three provinces: Newfoundland, Alberta and British Columbia. Proposed residential construction was up in Newfoundland and British Columbia in the latest period, while non-residential permit value increased in Newfoundland, Alberta, British Columbia and Ontario. In the latter province, sluggishness in residential construction more than offset the increase in non-residential construction.

For further information, order the August 1980 issue of *Building Permits* (64-001, \$3.50/\$35), or contact J.P. Delisle (613-995-8213), Construction Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

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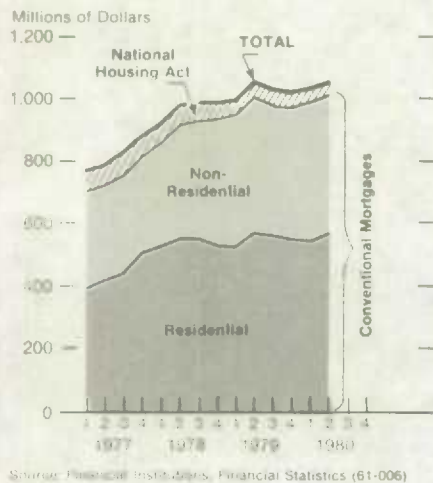
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## Campus Book Stores

Preliminary estimates show that retail sales of 210 campus book stores during the 1979-80 academic year increased 15.3% over the previous year to \$116.3 million. Employment of 1,494 personnel during the last week of November 1979 was 1.3% more than a year earlier and the annual payroll expanded 10.7% to \$15.8 million. Text books accounted for 64.0% of the total sales; other books, 10.1%; stationery and supplies, 15.5% and miscellaneous items, 10.4%.

Further details will be published in *Campus Book Stores, 1979-1980* (63-219, \$4.50), or contact the Retail Trade Section (613-996-9304 or Telex 053-3385), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V4.

## Oil Pipe Line Transport

Canadian oil pipe lines received 395 396 cubic metres daily of crude oil, condensate, pentanes plus and refined petroleum products in July 1980, a decrease of 3.7% from 410 604 m3D a year earlier. Receipts of domestic petroleum and products declined 3.3% to 359 131 m3D, while those of imported petroleum and products were down 7.8% to 36 254 m3D.

For further information, order the July 1980 issue of *Oil Pipe Line Transport* (55-001, \$2.50/\$25), or contact G. Kitchen (613-996-3139), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

## The Dairy Review

Milk sold off Canadian farms for all purposes in August 1980 totalled an estimated 671 142 kilolitres, 0.2% more than in August 1979.

This brought the total estimate of milk sold off Canadian farms during the first eight months of 1980 to 4 970 333 kilolitres, an increase of 5.2% over the January-August 1979 figure.

For further information, order the September issue of *The Dairy Review* (23-001, \$2.50/\$25), or contact C.M. Riach (613-995-4853), Agriculture Statistics Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

## Key Economic Series

During the coming month, the release of Key Economic Series data is expected to be in accordance with the schedule outlined below.

**November 3 to 5:** Industry Selling Price Index, month of September;

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**November 12:** Labour Force Survey, month of October;

**November 12 to 14:** Retail Trade, month of September;

**November 14:** The Consumer Price Index, month of October;

**November 18:** Preliminary Statement of Canadian Trade, month of September;

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**November 19 to 21:** Index of Industrial Production, month of September;

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**November 21 to December 1:** Labour Income, month of September;

**November 26 to December 5:** Gross National Product, third quarter 1980;

**November 27 to December 1:** Inventories, Shipments and Orders, month of September;

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**November 28 to December 2:** Real Domestic Product, month of September;

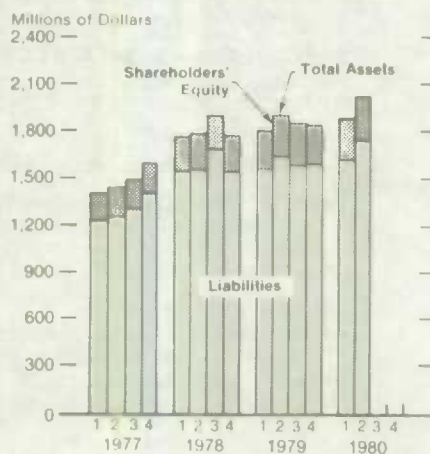
**November 28 to December 3:** Housing Starts in Urban Centres of 10,000 Population and Over, month of October;

**November 28 to December 5:** Building Permits, month of September.

For any enquiry concerning the release of these series, contact Jack Kerr (613-992-1548), Production Planning and Scheduling Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

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