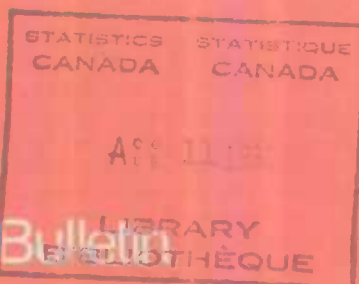


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Capital Expenditure, 1980

A mid-year review of intended capital expenditures shows some added strength over earlier estimates for this year. The new total of \$65,936 million (in current dollars) is 2.5% higher than the first expectations of \$64,337 million and 14.8% above the \$57,441 million of 1979.

Construction is expected to reach \$39,817 million, 2.6% above the first estimate of \$38,797 million and 12.2% over the \$35,471 million last year. In this construction activity, the housing portion at \$11,366 million is down 1.4% from the initial projection of \$11,530 million and 1% below the \$11,482 million for 1979. The current estimate for housing is based on 165,000 starts, compared with the 175,000 used earlier for 1980 and the 197,000 used for the 1979 estimates. Non-residential construction, at \$28,451 million, is 4.3% above the first estimate of \$27,267 million and 18.6% over the \$23,989 million in 1979.

Capital spending for machinery and equipment is expected to continue at the 1979 rate of increase with the current total of \$26,119 million increasing by a further 2.3% over the \$25,540 million estimated earlier for 1980 to reach 18.9% above \$21,970 million last year. The 1979-over-1978 increase was 19.1%.

Both the business and social capital groups register a further increase in total outlays at mid-year, business increasing 20.9% over 1979 compared with 16.8% reported earlier for 1980 (21.1% in 1979 over 1978) and institutions and government departments rising another 2.3% for a total gain of 8.5% over 1979 (still below the 9.7% gain of last year over 1978). The increases for the business sector are evident in most groups except for agriculture and fishing where 1980 is now expected to be up only 5.9% over 1979 compared with 25.4% shown for last year over 1978. The mining, petroleum and gas group reports the most strength with an added 8.7% at mid-year, raising the group to 47.7% over 1979 after a year-over-year gain of 35.1% last year.

Manufacturing, as the second-ranking increase, has added a further \$469 million or 5.2% to capital spending intentions so that 1980 is now reported at 30.3% over 1979 compared with the 18.5% last year over 1978. Enlarged programs for the paper products group (up \$212 million, 19.1%) make up a large part of the gain at mid-year followed by chemical products (\$48 million,

LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

EMPLOYMENT, INCOME

Average Weekly Earnings (\$)	May	312.39p	310.76r	9.2
Labour Income (\$ million)	May	13,281.1p	12,903.8p	11.0
Persons with Jobs (million)	June	10.94	10.61	3.0
Unemployed	June	887,000	904,000	11.2

INVENTORIES

Department Store (\$ million)	Mar.	2,412.4p	2,300.3p	7.8
Manufacturers' Owned (\$ million)	Apr.	27,444.4p	27,025.8r	22.0
Wholesale (\$ million)	May	14,097.2p	13,635.2r	27.5

ORDERS

Manufacturers' New Orders (\$ million)	Apr.	13,189.3p	12,369.2r	6.6
Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders (\$ million)	Apr.	18,396.4p	18,539.5r	16.7

PRICES

Consumer Price Index (1971=100)	June	209.9	207.6	10.1
Non-food (CPI) Component	June	193.9	192.4	10.2
New House Price Index (1976=100)	May	117.1	116.4	7.1
22-city Composite Wage, Building (1971=100)	Apr.	230.9	230.9	4.9
Industry Selling Price Index (1971=100)	June*	244.0p	243.0r	13.0

CONSTRUCTION

Building Permits (\$ million)	May	1,174.8p	5,079.6p	1.2
Housing Starts — Urban Centres (units)	June	11,406	53,745	-20.0

ENERGY

Coal Production (thousand metric tonnes)	May	2 907.6	14 186.6	3.6
Electricity Generation (terawatt hours)	May	27.5	159.9	3.7
Natural Gas Production (million cubic metres)	Apr.*	7 742.2	36 370.9	-4.5
Petroleum Refining (million cubic metres)	May	8.54p	46.26p	0.7

FOREIGN TRADE

Exports — Balance of Payments Basis (\$ million)	June*	6,366.0p	37,230.0r	19.9
Imports — Balance of Payments Basis (\$ million)	June*	5,594.0p	34,598.0r	15.1

PRODUCTION

Steel (Ingots — thousand metric tonnes)	June	1 322.3p	8 062.1p	1.8
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SALES

Department Store Sales (\$ million)	June*	702.4p	3,850.8p	9.5
Manufacturers' Shipments (\$ million)	Apr.	13,332.5p	52,947.1p	11.4
New Motor Vehicle Sales (\$ million)	June*	1,005.1p	5,868.4p	-2.1
Retail Sales (\$ million)	May	7,319.9p	31,406.6p	8.4
Wholesale Sales (\$ million)	May	6,894.8p	31,517.1p	12.9

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

Canadian Merchandise Exports and Imports*

Quarter-by-Quarter Movements



* Balance of Payments Basis
Source: Summary of External Trade (65-001)

4.4%), non metallic mineral products (\$35 million, 9.5%), machinery (\$34 million, 13%), food and beverages (\$22 million, 3.0%) and metal fabricating (\$21 million, 6.9%). All other groups in manufacturing register increases except for transportation equipment, products of petroleum and coal and furniture. In the case of transportation equipment the decline of only \$15 million or 1.1% at mid-year does not change significantly their currently large 1980 program of \$1,412 million after capital expenditures of \$660 million in 1979.

The trade-finance-commercial group also indicates some further strength (\$415 million, 4.8%) in acquisitions of machinery and equipment for leasing, in real estate development and in wholesale and retail trade. Increases for the group of transportation, communications and other utilities are dominant in the transportation group (\$257 million, 8.0%) where pipelines report significant upward revisions for 1980 and further gains are shown for air transport and gas distribution. Railways report a lower total of \$998 million, down 3.9% from earlier expectations for this year but still 37.6% above 1979. The capital spending programs for electric power in the category of other utilities remains almost unchanged in the new total of \$6,620 million at 2.6% above 1979.

In the social capital group of institutions and government departments the largest mid-year revision is for municipal governments (\$118 million, 4.1%) to raise the 1980 program to \$3,019 million (10.5% above 1979). Government departments at all three levels are currently expected to reach \$6,829 million (7.7%) over last year. Institutions will now total \$1,953 million (11.5%) after a further gain of \$60 million for hospitals and \$13 million for universities.

Provincially, the following are the new year-over-year changes for 1980 with the mid-year revision in parenthesis: British Columbia 26.7% (7.7%), Yukon and the Northern Territories 22.9% (12.1%), Alberta 22.4% (5.9%), Newfoundland 18.0% (8.3%), Ontario 16.2% (1.7%), Saskatchewan 9.9% (-4.6%), Manitoba 5.2% (0.2%), Québec 5.0% (-1.0%), Nova Scotia 4.8% (-3.7%), Prince Edward Island 2.7% (-7.1%), New Brunswick -7.9% (2.0%).

For further information, contact Duncan Lusick (613-995-9013), Construction Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Crude Petroleum/Natural Gas

Crude petroleum production, April, averaged 231 700 cubic metres/day, down 11.5% from 261 900 cubic metres/day, a year earlier. Net new production of natural gas averaged 258 000 thousand cubic metres/day, down 14.6% from 302 300 thousand cubic metres/day.

For further information, order the April 1980 issue of *Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas Production* (26-006, \$2.50/\$25), or contact G. Kitchen (613-992-4021), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Raw Materials Price Index

The Raw Materials Price Index (1977=100) declined 0.1% from May to June to stand at 145.9. Most of the component indexes moved in the same direction, only the indexes for vegetable products and non-ferrous metals showing an increase. Higher prices for grains, rapeseed and fresh vegetables more than offset declines in price for fresh fruit, sugar and coffee in the vegetable component. Precious metals raised the non-ferrous metals index despite a general decrease in the rest of the commodities in this group. The ferrous materials index decreased the most (6.1%) mainly due to a fall in prices for ferrous scrap. This is the third consecutive month's fall for this index. Indexes for non-metallic minerals and coal, crude oil and natural gas showed no change.

Over 12 months, the index rose 9.0%, most components increasing, led by vegetable products, up 22%, and non-ferrous metals, up 31% mainly due to precious metals prices. Two components declined: animals and animal products, down 6%, and ferrous materials, down 10%.

Data users: indexes for six months are subject to revision. For further information, order the June 1980 issue of *Industry Price Indexes* (62-011, \$3.50/\$35), or contact the Information Unit, *Industrial Prices* (613-995-5738), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V5.

Urban Transit

June saw 62 urban transit systems collect 102,360,639 initial passenger fares with total distance run 33,457,062 miles (53 843 922 km) and operating revenues of \$42,466,185.

For further information, contact the Head (613-995-1976), Surface Transport Section, Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V1, or order the June 1980 issue of *Urban Transit* (53-003, \$1.50/\$15).

Farm Input Price Index

Unusual second quarter 1980 downward movement in the Index deriving from the animal production component results from a rather large drop in feeder cattle prices (12.6% from first quarter, Canada level). Two possible explanations for this are lower prices for finished cattle and/or droughts in the West. On an annual basis, higher prices for new machinery and petroleum products were responsible for the increase in the machinery and motor vehicles index whereas virtually all items in the crop production index rose considerably, grass seed being the only exception. The mortgage interest component rose somewhat faster than its non-mortgage counterpart.

For further information, order the second quarter issue of *Farm Input Price Indexes* (62-004, \$4/\$16), or contact the Information Unit (613-995-5738), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V5.

Electric Power Statistics

May's net generation decreased to 27.5 TW.h from 27.7 TW.h a year earlier. Hydro generation fell 2.6% and thermal production rose 5.1%. Year-to-date total generation: 159.9 TW.h, up 3.7% from 1979.

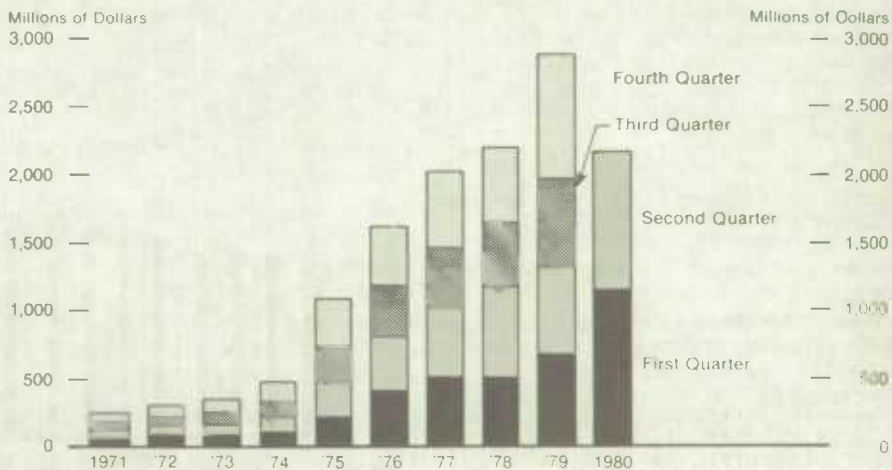
For further information, order the May 1980 issue of *Electric Power Statistics* (57-001, \$2.50/\$25), or contact David Madsen (613-996-3139), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Washing Machines/Clothes Dryers

June production of washing machines (electric, automatic): 47,760; clothes dryers, 36,862.

For further information, order the June 1980 issue of *Domestic Washing Machines and Clothes Dryers* (43-002, \$1.50/\$15), or contact B. Preston (613-996-3226), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Canadian Exports of Natural Gas to the United States



Source: Summary of External Trade (65-001)

Industry Selling Price Index

The Industry Selling Price Index for manufacturing (1971=100) increased 0.4% to 244.0 in June from revised May's level of 243.0. Against last year the June Index shows an increase of 13% — the lowest it has been since the January 1979 level of 128%. (After having peaked this January, the year-to-year comparison has shown a decline each month except for May.)

Most industries showed increases in June, the most prominent being the wood industries and primary metals. However, significant contributions to the change in the Index were made by the food and beverage industries, leather industries and the paper and allied industries, all of which showed decreases.

The food and beverage industries declined 0.2% from May to a level of 248.9 from 249.5. The major group rose 7.7% from a year earlier. The main contributors to the decrease were slaughtering and meat processors (down 0.7%), fish products industries (down 2.1%) and cane and beet sugar processors (down 6.3%).

- Fish product industries fell for the second month in a row. 2.1% from May and 2.2% below June 1979
- Leather industries declined 1.0% to a level of 238.3 (compared to 1979, the major group declined 4.0%)
- Paper and allied industries declined 1.1% (largest downward influence on the total Industry Selling Price Index manufacturing level — compared to 1979 it has a 15.8% increase)
- Primary metal industries increased 0.9% — the primary metal industries had the second largest upward influence on the total manufacturing Industry Selling Price Index with the strongest contributor to the major group, the smelting and refining industry, increasing 2.4% from May and 26.1% from 1979.

Data users: indexes for six months are subject to revision. For further information, order the June 1980 issue of Industry Price Indexes (62-011, \$3.50/\$35), or contact the Information Unit, Industrial Prices (613-995-5738), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Refrigerators/Freezers

Domestic production of refrigerators and freezers, June, was 55,322 and 35,137.

For further information, order the June 1980 issue of Domestic Refrigerators and Freezers (43-001, \$1.50/\$15), or contact B. Preston (613-996-3226), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Cement

June saw manufacturers ship 1 044 771 metric tonnes (1,151,672 tons) of Portland cement.

For further information, order the June 1980 issue of Cement (44-001, \$1.50/\$15), or contact J. Dornan (613-996-3226), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

International Air Charter Statistics for March, 1980 are now available. For additional information, contact the Aviation Statistics Centre (819-997-1986), Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0N9.

New Motor Vehicle Sales

New motor vehicles sold in June fell 22.3% to 111,875 from 1979. Automobiles made in the United States and Canada fell 25.0% to 67,043 and Canadian and U.S. commercial vehicles 29.5% to 27,522.

Automobiles from overseas rose 9.1% to 15,574 from 1979 and overseas-made commercial vehicles 43.4% to 1,736. Value of the cars rose 17.6% to 118.4 million and the commercial vehicles 52.1% to \$13.3 million. Value of U.S. and Canadian cars sold decreased 16.4% to \$549.6 million; commercial vehicles 17.9% to \$323.8 million.

Sales value of all vehicles fell 13.4% to \$1,005.1 million, including 543 coaches and buses valued at \$17.1 million. Seasonally-adjusted sales of automobiles manufactured in Canada and the U.S. rose 7.6% from May to 54,760 and those of cars from overseas decreased 0.8% to 12,618. Commercial vehicles rose 3.6% to 24,307.

For six months, sales reached 663,844 units (751,819 in 1979), value \$5,868.4 million, down 2.1% from 1979.

For further information, see the June 1980 issue of New Motor Vehicle Sales (63-007, \$2.50/\$25), or contact M. Kwilecki (613-996-9304), Retail Trade Section, Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V4.

Department Store Sales

June sales totalled \$702.4 million. Increasing 3.6% from a year earlier, sales were up in all regions but Manitoba.

Department store sales by regions, with percentage changes from 1979 in brackets:

- Ontario, \$249.0 million (1.4%)
- Québec, \$131.9 million (5.6%)
- British Columbia, \$120.4 million (7.6%)
- Alberta, \$101.6 million (6.9%)
- Atlantic Provinces, \$45.7 million (1.8%)
- Manitoba, \$34.9 million (down 4.9%)
- Saskatchewan, \$18.8 million (0.4%)

Half-year Canada sales total \$3,850.8 million, up 9.5% from a year earlier.

For further information, order the June 1980 issue of Department Store Sales by Regions (63-004, \$1.50/\$15).

Mineral Wool

June saw manufacturers ship 5 592 753 square metres (all R-factors).

For further information, order the June 1980 issue of Mineral Wool (44-004, \$1.50/\$15), or contact J. Dornan (613-996-3226), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Road Vehicles: Fuel Sales, 1979

Total gross sales of gasoline in Canada during 1979 were reported at 8,429 million gallons (38 819 000 000 l), up 3.8% from 8,119 million gallons (36 909 000 000 l) in 1978.

Reported (bar Alberta) net sales of gasoline decreased 1.32% to 7,005 million gallons (31 847 000 000 l) in 1979 from 7,099 million gallons (32 273 000 000 l) reported in 1978. Reported (bar Alberta) net sales of diesel fuel rose 7.7% to 1,138 million gallons (5 172 000 000 l) from 1,055 million gallons (4 801 000 000 l). Measured in 1979 barrels: net gasoline, 200 million; gross gasoline, 241 million; diesel, 33 million.

For further information, contact W.R. Burr (613-995-1976), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V1, or order the 1979 issue of Road Motor Vehicles — Fuel Sales (53-218, \$4.50).

Divorces, 1978-1979

Divorce decrees (absolute) granted in 1979 totalled 59,474, an increase of 4.1% from 1978's 57,155. The rate per 100,000 population rose to 251.3 in 1979 from 243.4 in 1978, up 3.2%. British Columbia maintained the highest rate (343.4) with Alberta second (324.5). Newfoundland continues to have the lowest rate (84.2). Québec and Manitoba declined in numbers and rates with the other provinces showing increases of varying magnitude, Nova Scotia registering the highest percentage increase.

Detail tabulations on divorce will appear in the Vital Statistics, Volume II, Marriages and Divorces (84-205, \$6).

Papermakers/Other Felts

Second quarter 1980 saw manufacturers ship 162 860 kg (359,045 pounds) of woven and needled papermakers' felts and jackets valued at \$7,813,612 — previous year totals: 154 647 kg, (340,939 pounds) and \$6,139,584.

For further information, order the second quarter 1980 issue of Papermakers' and Other Felts (47-003, \$2.50/\$10).

Dairy Review

An estimated 691 735 kilolitres of milk were sold off farms in May, 3.8% over May 1979. Five months' sales — 2 862 341 kilolitres — rose 6.0% from a year earlier.

For further information, order the June 1980 issue of the Dairy Review (23-001, \$2.50/\$25).

Estimates Of Employees

Monthly detailed data is published in the catalogue 72-008, \$3/\$30. *Estimates of Employees by Province and Industry*. For further information, contact G. Mahoney (613-995-6868), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V2.



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