

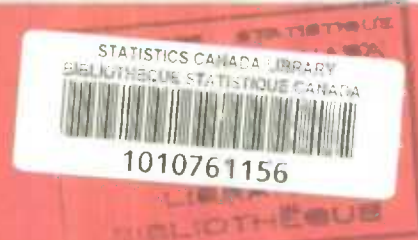


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## Consumer Price Index

The All-items Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Canada (1971=100) increased by 0.6% in December to a level of 221.3, up from 220.0 in November. Although this latest monthly advance was considerably less than the 1.2% increase experienced between October and November, the resulting 12-month rise between December 1979 and December 1980 of 11.2% was unchanged from that registered between November 1979 and November 1980.

Higher prices for selected fresh vegetables — up 9.4% on average in early December — coupled with increased prices for selected dairy products, especially for milk in the provinces of Prince Edward Island, Quebec and Alberta, and for bread were largely responsible for the 1.3% increase in the food-for-home-consumption index. In December, the index stood 14.8% above its level of December 1979. The food-away-from-home index advanced by 0.7% in December, up 8.3% over the corresponding month in 1979. As a result, the aggregate food index stood 13.4% above its level of December 1979.

Higher housing charges were the major contributing factors to the 0.4% increase in the all-items-excluding-food index. Between December 1979 and December 1980, the index advanced by 10.6%, up from the 10.5% increase observed in November.

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the All-items CPI rose 0.8% between November and December; this comprised a 1.3% rise in the food index and a 0.7% increase in the all-items-excluding-food index.

For further information, order the December 1980 issue of *The Consumer Price Index* (62-001, \$2.50/\$25).

## Help-wanted Index

The seasonally adjusted help-wanted index (1969=100) advanced to 213 in the fourth quarter of 1980, up 4% from the third quarter and 8% higher than in the same period of 1979.

The annual index for 1980 reached an all-time high of 203, surpassing the 1974 level of 199. The index was up 8% from the 1979 average of 188. Increases were registered in all areas, gains ranging from 1% in Ontario to 31% in British Columbia.

For further information, contact George Fincham (613-995-8445), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V1.

## LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

### EMPLOYMENT, INCOME

			Previous Month	% Change From Year Ago
Average Weekly Earnings (\$)	Oct.	328 72p	325 49p	10.6
Labour Income (\$ million)	Oct.	14,181.0p	14,006 5p	12.2
Persons with Jobs (million)	Dec.	10.64	10.74	2.4
Unemployed	Dec.	810 000	787 000	4.0

### INVENTORIES

Department Store (\$ million)	Nov.*	3,070.6	3,088.1	5.5
Manufacturers' Owned (\$ million)	Oct.	28,419.5p	28,242.2r	13.4
Wholesale (\$ million)	Oct.	13,422.7	13,421.8	15.0

### ORDERS

Manufacturers' New Orders (\$ million)	Oct.	15,752.1p	15,012.9r	9.4
Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders (\$ million)	Oct.	19,253.6p	19,105.5r	12.9

### PRICES

Consumer Price Index (1971=100)	Dec.*	221.3	220.0	11.2
Non-food (CPI) Component	Dec.*	203.8	202.9	10.6
New House Price Index (1976=100)	Nov.	123.2	121.7	9.6
22-city Composite Wage, Building (1971=100)	Sept.	252.1p	252.1	9.3
Industry Selling Price Index (1971=100)	Nov.	256.9p	255.1r	12.6

### CONSTRUCTION

Building Permits (\$ million)	Oct.	1,398.2p	12,316.8p	3.1
Housing Starts — Urban Centres (units)	Nov.	12,809	114,711	-17.2

### ENERGY

Coal Production (thousand metric tonnes)	Sept.	3 147.0	26 714.8	8.8
Electricity Generation (terawatt hours)	Oct.*	30.8	297.9	3.5
Natural Gas Production (million cubic metres)	Sept.	6 814.8	70 652.5	-8.6
Petroleum Refining (million cubic metres)	Sept.	7.9p	83.7p	-1.5

### FOREIGN TRADE

Exports — Balance of Payments Basis (\$ million)	Nov.*	7,046p	69,389p	16.6
Imports — Balance of Payments Basis (\$ million)	Nov.*	5,718p	62,334p	10.6

### PRODUCTION

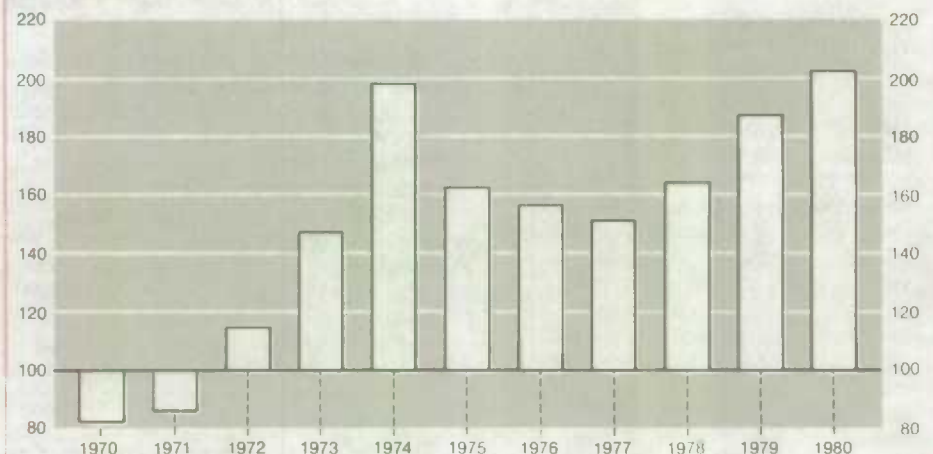
Steel (ingots — thousand metric tonnes)	Nov.	1 310.9	14 386.4	-0.7
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### SALES

Department Store Sales (\$ million)	Nov.*	993.6	7,913.0	9.5
Manufacturers' Shipments (\$ million)	Oct.	15,604.0p	136,805.0p	8.5
New Motor Vehicle Sales (\$ million)	Nov.	882.2	10,648.8	-1.3
Retail Sales (\$ million)	Nov.*	7,693.0p	74,863.0p	8.5
Wholesale Sales (\$ million)	Oct.	7,697.4	66,562.0	10.0

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

## Help-wanted Index, Canada (1969=100)



Source: Statistics Canada, Daily Bulletin



## Canada's Foreign Trade in Automotive Products

Canada's deficit on merchandise trade in automotive products with the United States at \$1.91 billion for the first nine months of 1980 was \$239 million lower than the \$2.15 billion deficit recorded in the January-September 1979 period.

The narrowing in the deficit was due to a \$268 million reduction in the deficit on trade in automotive parts to \$2.88 billion in 1980 from \$3.15 billion in 1979. Exports of parts were down more than imports in terms of the percentage decrease, but not in terms of the decrease in value — exports dropped 31% or \$1.09 billion to \$2.39 billion while imports fell 20.5% or \$1.36 billion to \$5.27 billion. A \$94 million reduction in the surplus on cars to \$0.50 billion was offset by a \$98 million increase in the surplus on trucks and other motor vehicles to \$0.46 billion. Exports of cars were down 10.1% or \$327 million to \$2.91 billion while imports were down slightly less by 8.8% or \$233 million to \$2.41 billion. Exports of trucks and other motor vehicles were down 23% or \$418 million to \$1.40 billion while imports were down more substantially by 35.6% or \$516 million to \$0.93 billion.

### Trade with Other Countries

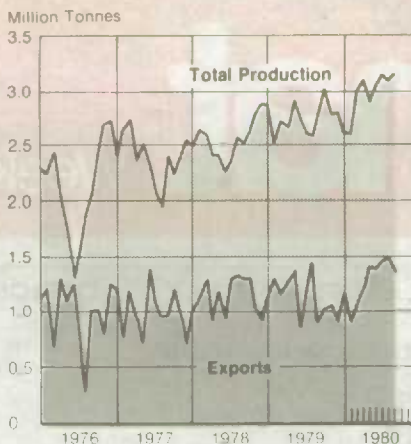
The deficit on automotive trade with countries other than the United States almost tripled to \$460 million in January-September 1980 from \$155 million in the same period of 1979, largely as a result of significant growth in imports of passenger cars. Passenger car imports at \$730 million were two-thirds higher than in the first nine months of 1979 while exports were up 9% to \$260 million. Imports of trucks were up 11% to \$80 million while exports dropped 12% to \$136 million thus reducing the surplus on trucks by \$27 million to \$54 million. Parts imports increased 3% to \$275 million while exports were down 16% to \$310 million, leading to a \$66 million deterioration in the surplus on parts to \$34 million.

For further information, contact the Trade Measures and Analysis Section (613-995-6115), External Trade Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

### Social Indicators Identified

The Institute of Public Affairs at Dalhousie University recently released a report entitled *Blueprint for Core Social Indicators*. These are proposed indicators suggested as being required for meeting the social data needs in the 1980s. Specifically these are indicators which could be collected through household surveys. This report was commissioned by Statistics Canada and as well as identifying social indicators it suggests a plan for reporting on these indicators. Copies of the report may be obtained for \$7.50 from the Institute of Public Affairs, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

## Coal Production, Canada and Exports



Source: Statistics Canada, Coal and Coke Statistics (45-002)

### Coal and Coke Statistics

Canadian production of coal increased 4.5% to 3 155 195 tonnes in October 1980 from 3 019 217 tonnes a year earlier. Landed imports declined 13.6% to 1 537 102 tonnes from 1 778 806 tonnes.

Coal production during the first 10 months of 1980 at 29 870 030 tonnes showed an increase of 8.3% from 27 581 284 tonnes in the January to October period of 1979.

For further information, order the October 1980 issue of *Coal and Coke Statistics* (45-002, \$2.50/\$25), or contact Dave Madsen (613-996-3139), Energy Section, Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

### Electric Power Statistics

Net generation of electricity in Canada increased to 30.8 TW.h in October 1980 from 29.4 TW.h in October 1979. Hydro generation rose 7.3% while thermal production decreased 1.7%.

Total generation during the first 10 months of 1980 reached 297.9 TW.h, up 3.5% from the January-October period in 1979.

For further information, order the October 1980 issue of *Electric Power Statistics* (57-001, \$2.50/\$25), or contact David Madsen (613-996-3139).

### The Residential General Building Contracting Industry, 1979

A release is now available that provides information from a sample of some 905 general contractors primarily engaged in residential building during 1979. The businesses covered by this sample reported revenues during 1979 of \$2.0 billion. It is anticipated that full census data for this sector will be available by mid-1981. However, the sample from which the information is derived is large enough to permit the release of ratios which will not vary appreciably from those derived from the completed census.

For further information, contact P.M. Schneider (613-995-8424), Construction Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

## Index of Industrial Production

The seasonally adjusted index of industrial production (1971=100) increased by 0.8% to 135.3 in November from 134.2 in October. Output levels were higher in manufacturing (+0.5%), mining (+2.2%) and utilities (+1.0%) during the month.

For further information, order the November issue of *Indexes of Real Domestic Product by industry* (including the *Index of Industrial Production*) (61-005, \$3/\$30), or contact Erika Molnar (613-995-0568), Industry Product Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

## Federal Government Employment in Metropolitan Areas

General government employees of the Federal Government working in Canadian metropolitan areas numbered 276,422 in September 1980, with a regular monthly payroll of \$431.2 million. The data include 36,052 members of the Canadian Armed Forces with military pay and allowances totalling \$64.3 million.

The September 1980 issue of the publication *Federal Government Employment in Metropolitan Areas* (72-205, \$6) will be released at a later date. Additional information may be obtained by contacting T. Moore (613-995-9894), Public Finance Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

## Railway Carloadings

Revenue freight loaded by railways in Canada totalled 21.1 million short tons (19.2 million t) in November 1980, a decrease of 6.5% from a year earlier. The carrier received an additional 1.6 million short tons (1.4 million t) from the United States, a decline of 12.6% from November 1979.

Commodities registering notable changes in volumes loaded in the latest month included: sulphur (up 46.7%); wheat (up 26.3%); coal (up 17.0%); iron ore and concentrates (down 23.6%); and grain, other than wheat (down 31.8%).

Total revenue freight loadings in Canada during January to November 1980 showed a decrease of 0.2% from the 1979 level while receipts from U.S. connections declined by 13.1%.

For further information, order the November issue of *Railway Carloadings* (52-001, \$1.50/\$15). For seasonal adjusted revenue freight loadings, contact C.S. Canniff (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V1.

## Fruit and Vegetable Production

Featured in the January issue of the *Fruit and Vegetable Production* publication is a supplement reviewing the 1980 season. A brief summary of the growing conditions along with a discussion of fruit and vegetable production for the major horticultural regions is presented.

Also in the January publication are the results of the 1980 survey on area production and value of processing vegetables.

For further information order the January 1981 issue of *Fruit and Vegetable Production* (22-003, \$2.50/\$25).



### Refined Petroleum Products

Preliminary data show that net sales in Canada of all refined petroleum products amounted to 8 088.2 thousand cubic metres in November 1980, a decrease of 3% from the year-earlier total of 8 817.0 thousand cubic metres.

Canadian refineries produced 9 223.4 thousand cubic metres of refined petroleum products in the latest month, down 3.9% from 9 595.8 thousand cubic metres in November 1979.

For further information, order the November 1980 issue of *Refined Petroleum Products* (45-004, \$3.50/\$35), or contact George Kitchen (613-996-3139), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

### Motion Picture Theatres, 1979

Receipts from paid admissions (excluding amusement taxes) to the 1,070 regular motion picture theatres and the 292 drive-ins operating in Canada during 1979 amounted to \$277.5 million. Revenue from all other sources including concessions and vending machines totalled \$74.3 million. There were 98.2 million paid admissions and amusement taxes amounted to \$10.4 million. Salaries and wages paid to the 13,659 employees totalled \$65.9 million.

For further information, contact Ms. S. Beyer (613-996-9301), Services Section, Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V4.

### Motion Picture Videotape Distribution

The 92 motion picture and videotape distribution establishments operating in Canada during 1979 reported total revenues of \$212.4 million, of which \$210.5 million was derived from the sale and rental of productions. Salaries and wages paid by these establishments to their 729 full-time and 59 part-time employees amounted to \$13.1 million.

For further information, contact Ms. S. Beyer (613-996-9301), Services Section, Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V4.

### Motion Picture/Videotape Production, 1979

In 1979, there were 232 establishments in the Canadian private sector primarily engaged in motion picture production with total revenue of \$64.2 million. The 36 establishments primarily engaged in videotape production had revenues amounting to \$40.3 million. Another 46 establishments primarily engaged in motion picture laboratory operations and production services posted revenues of \$35.1 million. Salaries and wages paid by all of these establishments to their 2,165 employees totalled \$21.1 million.

For further information, contact Ms. S. Beyer (613-996-9301), Services Section, Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V4.

### Mergers, Plant Openings and Closings of Larger Transnational and Other Enterprises, 1970-1976, by J.S. McVey

One-fifth of Canada's manufacturing and mining plants operated by selected larger companies and enterprises closed down or transferred operations to other industries during the six-year period but these numbers were almost made up by added plants.

Takeovers of manufacturing and mining plants in Canada by Canadian-controlled companies outstripped those by foreign-controlled from 1970 to 1976, particularly during the latter half of this period.

These were two major findings of a study released recently which covers more than 26,000 plants, representing close to 98% of the total value of production in the manufacturing and mining industries from 1970 to 1976.

#### Plant Closings Narrowly Outnumber Openings

Of 26,419 plants, 5,230 closed down or were put to different uses outside the two industries. Another 4,641 were newly opened, or plants transferring from other industries.

For 1976, 82% of the value of production was attributable to plants which remained within the same enterprises over the entire six-year period, a further 9% to plants which underwent changes of ownership and the remaining 9% to new plants.

Fully one-quarter of the 16,064 companies owning plants in these two industries in 1976 were new to the manufacturing and mining industries since 1970. Although their output accounted for just 5% of the total for these industries, the newcomers were responsible for 40% of all additional plants and 20% of plant acquisitions over the six years.

#### Canadian-controlled Firms Active in Takeovers

During the years 1974-1976, 428 manufacturing or mining plants were acquired by Canadian-controlled companies, compared to 286 in the previous three years. In contrast, 313 plants were purchased by foreign-controlled interests during this period, only four more than in the previous three years.

The changing pattern of Canadian versus foreign acquisitions coincides with the creation of the Foreign Investment Review Agency. The Statistics Canada study suggests that at least part of the change may be due to the introduction of the investment review legislation.

Further evidence of this trend is the size of the plant acquisitions. The 1976 production value of the plants acquired between 1971-1973 by Canadian-controlled enterprises amounted to \$1,980 million in contrast to the \$3,778 million for those plants acquired between 1974 and 1976.

In terms of number of plants, some shift in balance towards foreign control was evident from the net divestment of plants. Canadian-controlled firms divested themselves of 920 plants and acquired 714; foreign firms sold 416 and acquired 622. Growth due to new plant openings and transfers from other industries, however, was significantly in favour of Canadian-controlled firms.

For further information, order *Mergers, Plant Openings and Closings of Large Transnationals and Other Enterprises, 1970-1976* (67-507, Canada: \$7; Other Countries: \$8.40), or contact John McVey (613-995-1073), Chief, Multinational Enterprises Section, Financial Flows and Multinational Enterprises Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

### Production of Cigarettes/Cigars

Canadian production of cigarettes for the month of December 1980 totalled 4.8 billion, up from 4.3 billion a year earlier.

Production of cigars increased to 30.6 million in the latest month from 27.6 million in December 1979.

For further information, order the December 1980 issue of *Production and Disposition of Tobacco Products* (32-022, \$1.50/\$15), or contact Brian Preston (613-996-3226), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

### Data Available on the Special Trades Contracting Industry, 1979

An information bulletin is now available free of charge for the 1979 reference period, showing selected financial and operational ratios for a sample of 2,319 establishments.

For copies or additional information, telephone R.Z. Dubeau (613-995-8192), or write the Construction Census Section, Construction Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

### Oil Pipeline Transport

Net receipts of crude oil, condensates, pentanes plus, liquefied petroleum gases and petroleum products through Canadian oil pipelines during October 1980 decreased 11.2% to 11 754 718 cubic metres from 13 243 500 cubic metres a year earlier.

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

### Production of Soft Drinks

Total production of soft drinks for December 1980 was 31,501,000 gallons (143 206 kilolitres), up from 29,939,000 gallons (136 107 kilolitres) a year earlier.

For further information, order the December 1980 issue of *Monthly Production of Soft Drinks* (32-001, \$1.50/\$15), or contact Brian Preston (613-996-3226), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.



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