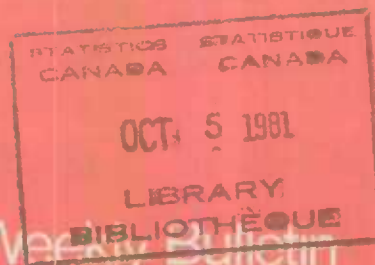


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Unemployment Insurance

Benefits paid to unemployment insurance claimants in July 1981 totalled \$298 million, a decrease of 16% from June and 7% from July 1980. Payments for the first seven months of 1981 amounted to \$2,979 million, up 7% from the same period in 1980. Payments for the year-to-date were greater in all provinces and territories except for a marginal drop in British Columbia.

The number of persons qualifying for unemployment insurance benefits for the week ending July 18 was 550,000, an increase of 1% from the previous month but 9% fewer than the 604,000 beneficiaries reported in July 1980. Slightly more than 50% of the beneficiaries in July were females, a small increase from 48% a year earlier.

Applications for benefits in July totalled 12,000, up 32% from June.

For further information, order the July-September 1981 issue of *Statistical Report on the Operation of the Unemployment Insurance Act* (73-001, \$6/\$24), or contact George Fincham (613-995-8445), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V1.

Retail Trade

Seasonally adjusted retail sales for July 1981 were \$7,956.6 million, an increase of 1.8% from the \$7,817.0 million recorded in June.

Total retail trade without seasonal adjustment was \$8,156.3 million, up 15.3% over July 1980. Sales were higher in all trade groups except furniture, TV, radio and appliance stores (down 8.6%), with the largest increases for garages (up 34.8%) and service stations (up 34.7%). Sales increased in all provinces ranging from 20.1% for Manitoba to 9.8% for New Brunswick. Montreal sales rose 9.5%; Toronto, 23.1%; Winnipeg, 17.2%; and Vancouver, 15.4%.

Revised total retail trade without seasonal adjustment for June 1981 was \$8,214.1 million, an increase of 18.1% from June 1980.

Cumulative sales for January to July 1981 were \$52,478.8 million, up 15.3% over the same period in 1980.

For further information, order the July 1981 issue of *Retail Trade* (63-005, \$3.50/\$35), or contact the Retail Trade Section (613-996-9304), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V4.

LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

EMPLOYMENT, INCOME

Average Weekly Earnings (\$)	June*	354.66p	352.41p	12.2
Labour Income (\$ million)	June	15,711.0p	15,215.4p	14.8
Persons with Jobs (million)	Aug.	11.48	11.46	3.3
Unemployed	Aug.	790,000	835,000	-5.2

INVENTORIES

Department Store (\$ million)	July	2,984.7	2,694.5	13.0
Manufacturers' Owned (\$ million)	July	32,085.2p	32,184.8r	14.3
Wholesale (\$ million)	May	17,091.0	16,923.1	...

ORDERS

Manufacturers' New Orders (\$ million)	July	15,291.2p	16,944.7r	17.2
Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders (\$ million)	July	19,870.3p	19,848.6r	6.1

PRICES

Consumer Price Index (1971=100)	Aug.	240.6	238.9	12.7
Non-food Component (CPI)	Aug.	222.6	220.7	13.0
New House Price Index (1976=100)	July	135.2	135.1	14.3
22-city Composite Wage, Building (1971=100)	Apr.	253.8p	253.8	9.2
Industry Selling Price Index (1971=100)	July	273.1p	271.9	10.9

CONSTRUCTION

Building Permits (\$ million)	June	1,475.3p	8,481.1p	28.2
Housing Starts — Urban Centres (units)	Aug.*	13,256	97,264	27.0

ENERGY

Coal Production (thousand metric tonnes)	June	3 148.1	20 042.5	15.7
Electricity Generation (terawatt hours)	June	27.6	190.9	3.0
Natural Gas Production (million cubic metres)	May	7 309.3	42 880.7	-2.5
Petroleum Refining (million cubic metres)	July	8.6p	61.3p	-7.2

FOREIGN TRADE

Exports — Balance of Payments Basis (\$ million)	July	6,788p	48,899p	12.9
Imports — Balance of Payments Basis (\$ million)	July	6,468p	46,187p	15.1

PRODUCTION

Steel (ingots — thousand metric tonnes)	Aug.	690.5	10 645.0	1.7
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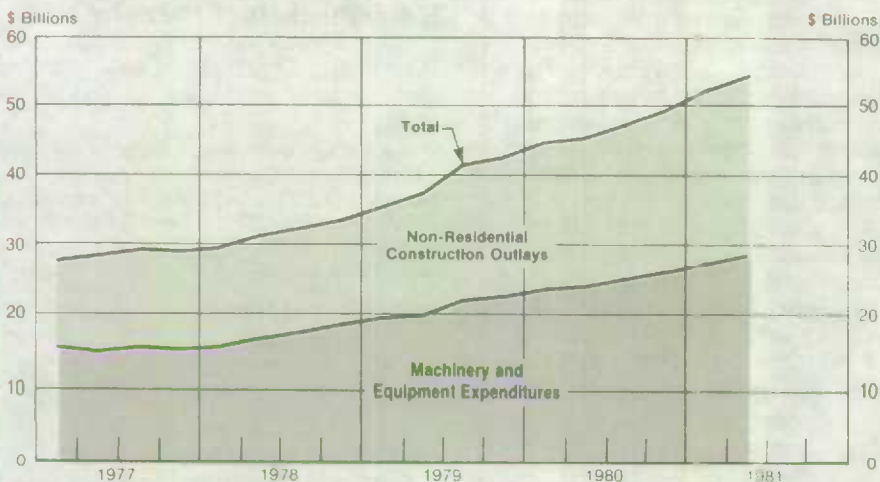
SALES

Department Store Sales (\$ million)	July	757.8	5,112.5	12.2
Manufacturers' Shipments (\$ million)	July	15,269.6p	108,452.8p	15.8
New Motor Vehicle Sales (\$ million)	July	967.4	7,524.5	9.5
Retail Sales (\$ million)	July*	8,156.3p	52,478.8p	15.3
Wholesale Sales (\$ million)	May	9,701.6p	44,570.1p	...

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

Business Investment in Plant and Equipment

Data Seasonally Adjusted at Annual Rates



Source: Statistics Canada, National Income and Expenditure Accounts (13-001)

Canada's Automotive Trade

Canada's \$1.6 billion deficit in trade in automotive products with the United States in the first six months of 1981 was unchanged from the deficit recorded at the half-way mark in 1980. Exports were up \$1.3 billion (27%) to \$6.2 billion and imports also increased \$1.3 billion (20%) to \$7.8 billion.

The deficit of \$2.6 billion on trade in motor vehicle parts for the first six months of 1981 was up \$495 million from the same period in 1980 as a result of an \$860 million (22%) rise in imports to \$4.7 billion and a \$370 million (22%) increase in exports to \$2.1 billion. However, this was almost offset by an increase of \$80 million in the surplus on passenger cars to \$340 million and a \$350 million increase in the surplus on trucks and other motor vehicles to \$645 million. Passenger car exports advanced \$400 million (19%) to \$2.5 billion while imports increased \$325 million (17%) to \$2.2 billion. Truck and other motor vehicle exports were up \$475 million (50%) to \$1.4 billion while imports rose \$125 million (19%) to \$0.8 billion. Tire and tube exports nearly doubled to \$165 million while imports were up 7% to \$90 million, leading to a \$70 million increase in the surplus to \$75 million.

Trade With Other Countries

The deficit in trade with overseas countries increased to \$380 million in the first six months of 1981, \$35 million more than in the same period last year. Imports increased \$230 million (26%) to \$1,125 million while exports rose \$195 million (36%) to \$745 million.

For further information, contact Gordon Blaney (613-995-6305), Trade Inquiries Unit, or Henry Glouchkow (613-995-6115), Trade Measures and Analysis Section, External Trade Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

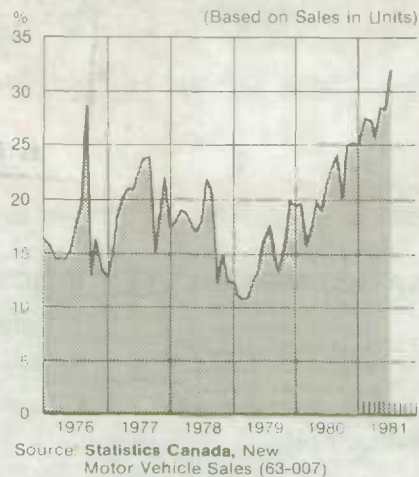
New Publication

Now available is *The Canadian Balance of International Payments and International Investment Position: A Description of Sources and Methods* by E.B. Carty. This new study includes an historical perspective of the conceptual and methodological evolution of Canada's international balance of payments and investment position. It describes how information is obtained from various sources and harmonized to reflect ever-changing international economic and financial relationships.

This publication will fulfill a need by academics and economists for a comprehensive treatment of this topic. The volume contains 481 pages including a detailed index.

For further information, order the above-mentioned publication (67-506E, Canada: \$20; Other Countries: \$24), or contact the Balance of Payments Division (613-995-0743), Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0Z8.

Share of Canadian Passenger Car Market Held by Overseas Manufacturers



Industrial Production

The seasonally adjusted index of industrial production (1971=100) is estimated to have decreased 2.2% in July to a level of 135.6. Mining, manufacturing and electric power, gas and water utilities all contributed to the decrease. Major strikes disrupted production in wood industries and in paper and allied industries and may have contributed to the decline in economic activity. Excluding the strike-bound industries the index declined by 0.9%.

For further information, contact Erika Young (613-995-0568), Industry Product Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Restaurant Statistics

Canadian restaurants, caterers and taverns had sales totalling \$900.0 million in July 1981, according to preliminary estimates. Final estimates for June 1981 indicate sales amounted to \$848.4 million.

For further information on sales of chains versus independents and provincial sales by kind of business, order the July 1981 issue of *Restaurant Statistics* (63-011, \$1.50/\$15), or contact R. Bennett (613-996-9301), Services Section, Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Refrigerators/Freezers

Domestic production of refrigerators during the month of August 1981 was 32,296 units. Home freezer production totalled 27,948 units.

For further information, order the August 1981 issue of *Domestic Refrigerators and Freezers* (43-001, \$1.50/\$15), or contact G. Elliot (613-996-3226), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Washers/Dryers

Canadian production of electric automatic washing machines during the month of August 1981 was 29,862 units.

Production of electric automatic clothes dryers for August was 21,769 units.

For further information, order the August 1981 issue of *Domestic Washing Machines and Clothes Dryers* (43-002, \$1.50/\$15).

Average Weekly Earnings

First estimates show that average weekly earnings in Canadian industry totalled \$354.66 in June 1981, an increase of 12.2% over \$316.07 a year earlier.

Average weekly earnings in June were highest in British Columbia (\$404.79), followed by Alberta (\$391.58), Quebec (\$351.09), Ontario (\$347.56), Saskatchewan (\$341.83), Newfoundland (\$322.92), Manitoba (\$315.02), New Brunswick (\$307.64), Nova Scotia (\$295.63) and Prince Edward Island (\$243.19).

By industry division, average weekly earnings in June were as follows: construction, \$521.02; mining (including milling), \$520.82; forestry, \$441.84; transportation, communications and other utilities, \$421.51; manufacturing, \$383.11; finance, insurance and real estate, \$354.75; trade, \$263.33; and service, \$234.14.

For further information, order the June 1981 issue of *Employment, Earnings and Hours* (72-002, \$4/\$40), or contact R. Queltette (613-992-5613), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Federal Employees

Employees of the federal government (including members of the Canadian Armed Forces) and government enterprises numbered 596,605 as of June 1981, an overall increase of 5,594 from June 1980. General government employees increased by 12,404 over the 12 months, while those in government enterprises decreased by 6,810. The major portion of the growth in general government was due to increased employment in National Revenue, National Defence, Canada Post and Environment Canada.

Gross payroll, including overtime and retroactive payments, for April-June 1981 was \$3,144.3 million, an increase of \$412.6 million over the corresponding quarter in 1980.

The April-June 1981 issue of *Federal Government Employment* (72-004, \$5/\$20) will be released at a later date.

Railway Transport, 1980

Railway operating revenues rose 12.2% from the preceding year to \$5,333.8 million in 1980, while operating expenses rose 13.4% to \$5,003.0 million. As a result, the industry reported an operating income of \$330.8 million, down from \$340.4 million in 1979.

Freight revenues in 1980 rose 11.1% and accounted for 77.5% of the total operating revenues. Federal government payments to the railways increased 12.2% to \$541.3 million.

Railway operating expenses for road and equipment maintenance were up 10.5% to \$1,748.3 million (these two accounts were responsible for 34.9% of total operating costs). Expenses for transportation operations accounted for 41.6%.

For further information, order the 1980 edition of *Railway Transport: Part II* (52-208, \$6).

Employment/Earnings

The first estimate of the Canada industrial composite index of employment (1961=100) for June 1981 showed a 0.1% increase from May. Employment rose in mining (including milling), manufacturing and trade and declined in the remaining industry divisions. All regions contributed to the increase except the Atlantic and Prairie regions which registered losses.

Average weekly earnings remained virtually unchanged at the national industrial level. Forestry, manufacturing, construction and service increased while the remaining industry divisions declined. In the regions, Ontario and the Prairies rose while the others declined.

Average weekly hours decreased in mining (including milling), in manufacturing and in construction. Average hourly earnings rose in manufacturing and in construction but decreased in mining (including milling).

As a result of updating the seasonal adjustment program, new seasonal factors have been derived for 1981 which may result in changes to the previously published seasonally adjusted series. Data for January to date have been revised and are available from the Labour Division. Detailed information for April and May will be published in the June issue of *Employment, Earnings and Hours* (72-002, \$4/\$40) and is also available from R. Ouellette (613-992-5613), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Petroleum/Natural Gas

Canadian production of crude petroleum and equivalent hydrocarbons during June 1981 amounted to 6 304 000 cubic metres, a drop of 16.8% from 7 574 900 cubic metres a year earlier.

Net new production of natural gas amounted to 7 014.4 million cubic metres in the latest month, up 2.8% from 6 824.1 million cubic metres in June 1980.

For further information, order the June 1981 issue of *Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas Production* (26-006, \$2.50/\$25).

Farm Wages in Canada

Average wages of farm help per hour (without board) at August 15, 1981 were as follows: the Maritimes (Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick), \$4.10; Quebec, \$4.19; Ontario, \$4.22; Manitoba, \$4.89; Saskatchewan, \$5.09; Alberta, \$5.03; British Columbia, \$5.34; **Canada, \$4.53.**

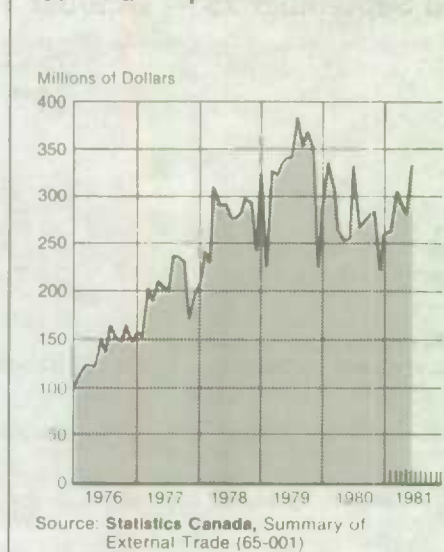
For further information, order *Farm Wages in Canada* (21-002, \$10 per year), or contact Michael Trant (613-995-4895), Agriculture Statistics Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

The Dairy Review

An estimated 715 242 kilolitres of milk were sold from Canadian farms for all purposes in July 1981, 1.0% more than in July 1980.

This brought the total estimate of milk sold from farms during the first seven months of 1981 to 4 385 854 kilolitres, an increase of 2.1% over the January — July 1980 period.

Canadian Exports of Lumber



Corporation Financial Stats

Financial characteristics reported by corporations in Canada in 1979 reflected continuation of rapid growth. The book value of assets of all companies rose 18% to \$847 billion. In the financial sector, total assets reached \$442 billion, up 19% from 1978, while assets in the non-financial sector increased by 18% to \$405 billion.

Total revenue of all industries reached \$551 billion in 1979, an advance of 21% following a 14% increase in the previous year. The financial sector experienced the higher rate of growth, with total revenue up 26% to \$58 billion. Revenue in the non-financial sector rose by 20% to \$494 billion.

Pretax profits for all industries increased \$12.8 billion to \$46.1 billion in 1979, up 38% after a 29% increase in the previous year. Pretax profits in the non-financial sector rose 43% to \$38.1 billion, while in the financial sector, profits were up 19% to \$8.0 billion.

In the resource sector, gold mines reflected the sharp increase in world prices for precious metals, and pretax profits at \$228 million were more than double those of the previous year. Iron mines, which had suffered a sharp decline in 1978 to \$26 million because of strikes and sharply reduced sales, reported profits of \$248 million in 1979. Oil and gas wells showed a \$2 billion increase in profits to \$4.8 billion, up 69% from 1978.

In the financial sector, however, profitability was vulnerable to the impact of rising interest rates which squeezed profit margins. Mortgage loan companies reported the sharpest decline with pretax profits dropping to \$22 million in 1979 from \$229 million in the prior year.

As in previous years, *Corporation Financial Statistics* (61-207, \$10) includes a series of key financial ratios for each of the 182 industries covered in the publication. For further information on corporation financial statistics, contact A. Dorland (613-995-9836), Business Finance Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Municipal Governments

The number of employees involved in general services of municipal governments across Canada at the end of June 1981 was 293,138, an increase of 8.5% from the 270,207 reported at the end of the first quarter of 1981.

Gross payrolls of municipalities for the second quarter of 1981 amounted to \$1,258.6 million, up 13.3% from \$1,111.4 million the preceding quarter.

Data are now available from matrix 2725 of the CANSIM data bank and from the April-June 1981 issue of *Local Government Employment* (72-009, \$4/\$16).

Key Economic Series

Key Economic Series data for October 1981 are expected to be released according to the following schedule. Under certain circumstances peculiar to each series, the release date might be changed.

September 29-October 2: Index of Industrial Production, July 1981;

October 2: Preliminary Statement of Canadian Trade, August 1981;

October 5-9: Retail Trade, July 1981;

October 5-9: Building Permits, July 1981;

October 5-9: Canadian Composite Leading Index, July 1981;

October 7-14: Industry Selling Price Index, August 1981;

October 8-15: Industrial Corporations Financial Statistics (Final Data), April-June 1981;

October 9: Labour Force Survey, September 1981;

October 9-15: Farm Cash Receipts, January-August 1981;

October 14-20: Labour Income, July 1981;

October 16: Consumer Price Index, September 1981;

October 19-22: Retail Trade, August 1981;

October 23-30: Gross Domestic Product, July 1981;

October 26-30: Inventories, Shipments and Orders, August 1981;

October 26-30: Unemployment Insurance Statistics, August 1981;

October 27-November 2: Housing Starts in Centres of 10,000 Population and Over, September 1981;

October 27-November 2: Housing Starts, All Areas, July-September 1981;

October 28-30: Employment, Earnings and Hours, July 1981.

Field Crop Report, No. 7 — September Forecast of Production of Principal Field Crops, Canada, will be released on October 2.

For further information on the release of these series, contact Jack Kerr (613-992-1548), Production Engineering, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Estimates of Employees

Monthly summary data is released on a regular basis in the *Statistics Canada Daily*, while detailed monthly information is published in catalogue 72-008, *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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Production and Stocks of Eggs and Poultry, July 1981	23-003	\$2.50/\$25	\$3/\$30
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Housing Starts and Completions, July 1981	64-002	\$3/\$30	\$3.60/\$36
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Canned and Frozen Fruits and Vegetables — Monthly, July 1981	32-011	\$1.50/\$15	\$1.80/\$18
Coal and Coke Statistics, June 1981	45-002	\$2.50/\$25	\$3/\$30
Construction Type Plywood, July 1981	35-001	\$1.50/\$15	\$1.80/\$18
Consumption, Production and Inventories of Rubber, July 1981	33-003	\$1.50/\$15	\$1.80/\$18
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Mineral Wool Including Fibrous Glass Insulation, August 1981	44-004	\$1.50/\$15	\$1.80/\$18
Monthly Production of Soft Drinks, August 1981	32-001	\$1.50/\$15	\$1.80/\$18
Particleboard and Waferboard, July 1981	36-003	\$1.50/\$15	\$1.80/\$18
Production and Disposition of Tobacco Products, August 1981	32-022	\$1.50/\$15	\$1.80/\$18
Production and Shipments of Steel Pipe, Tubing and Fittings, July 1981	41-011	\$1.50/\$15	\$1.80/\$18
Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills in British Columbia, June 1981	35-003	\$2.50/\$25	\$3/\$30
Pulpwood and Wood Residue Statistics, July 1981	25-001	\$1.50/\$15	\$1.80/\$18
Quarterly Shipments of Office Furniture Products, Quarter Ended June 30, 1981	35-006	\$2.50/\$10	\$3/\$12
Rigid Insulating Board, July 1981	36-002	\$1.50/\$15	\$1.80/\$18
Scrap Iron and Steel, 1979	41-212	\$3	\$3.60
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