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## Canadian Corporations, 1979

By all measurements, the leading 500 non-financial enterprises maintained their market share in 1979. Their percentage of industry sales, assets and profits moved marginally to 53.6%, 65.3% and 67.0%, respectively. Payments to non-residents increased by 0.7 of a percentage point to 74.4%. The foreign-controlled sector was dominant within the leading 500, in financial terms and accounted for 271 enterprises, a decrease from 272 in 1978.

Differences between Canadian and foreign-controlled enterprises were particularly evident in the leading 25 enterprises. Within this group, which accounted for 21% of sales, 30% of assets, and 28% of profits, the foreign-controlled sector had a turnover ratio nearly two times higher than its Canadian counterpart and was more profitable.

The share of total assets held by non-financial foreign-controlled corporations declined by 0.3 percentage points to 28.5% in 1979. Assets of foreign-controlled corporations rose by 15.7% to \$115.5 billion while those of Canadian-controlled corporations rose by 17.8% to \$275.5 billion.

The foreign-controlled share of total non-financial sales declined 0.2 of a percentage point to 33.3%. Foreign-controlled corporations reported sales of \$160.4 billion, an increase of 17.7% over 1978. Canadian-controlled corporations reported sales of \$295.8 billion, an increase of 19.5% over 1978.

The share of profits of foreign-controlled corporations, at 38.4%, was up by 1.5 percentage points from 1978. Profits earned by foreign-controlled corporations rose by 47.5% to \$14.6 billion while profits of corporations identified as Canadian-controlled rose by 38.6% to \$22.3 billion. Profits recorded by small businesses rose 29.3%.

Within the foreign sector, corporations classified to United States control have had a dominant position, particularly in terms of profits. In 1979 such corporations accounted for 74.5% of the assets and 78.2% of sales and 82.9% of profits of foreign-controlled, non-financial firms. Corporations classified to British control accounted for a further 9.4% of assets, 9.6% of sales and 7.3% of profits.

The share of total taxable income of non-financial industries generated by foreign-

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## LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

### EMPLOYMENT, INCOME

			Previous Month	% Change From Year Ago
Average Weekly Earnings (\$)	Sept.	363.81p	358.11p	11.7
Labour Income (\$ million)	Sept.	16,199.5p	15,452.0p	15.3
Persons with Jobs (million)	Nov.	10.85	10.99	1.0
Unemployed	Nov.	928,000	891,000	17.9

### INVENTORIES

Department Store (\$ million)	Oct.*	3,769.4	2,775.9	20.8
Manufacturers' Owned (\$ million)	Oct.*	32,626.9p	32,352.4r	16.0
Wholesale (\$ million)	May	17,091.0	16,923.1	

### ORDERS

Manufacturers' New Orders (\$ million)	Oct.*	16,314.7p	16,558.6r	3.5
Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders (\$ million)	Oct.*	19,213.4p	19,480.3r	4.8

### PRICES

Consumer Price Index (1971=100)	Nov.*	246.9	244.8	12.2
Non-food Component (CPI)	Nov.*	230.5	227.8	13.6
New House Price Index (1976=100)	Oct.	134.4	134.7	10.4
22-city Composite Wage, Building (1971=100)	Sept.*	273.5p	273.3p	8.1
Industry Selling Price Index (1971=100)	Oct.	278.3p	276.6r	8.7

### CONSTRUCTION

Building Permits (\$ million)	Oct.*	1,281.6p	14,983.8p	19.3
Housing Starts — Urban Centres (units)	Nov.*	9,535	128,342	11.9

### ENERGY

Coal Production (thousand metric tonnes)	Sept.	3,147.4	28,978.3	8.4
Electricity Generation (terawatt hours)	Sept.*	28.5	276.8	3.6
Natural Gas Production (million cubic metres)	Sept.*	7,084.6	71,025.6	-0.9
Petroleum Refining (million cubic metres)	Oct.*	7.7p	86.8p	-6.3

### FOREIGN TRADE

Exports — Balance of Payments Basis (\$ million)	Oct.	7,317p	69,400p	11.0
Imports — Balance of Payments Basis (\$ million)	Oct.	6,753p	65,217p	14.6

### PRODUCTION

Steel (ingots — thousand metric tonnes)	Nov.*	944.7	13,562.3	-5.7
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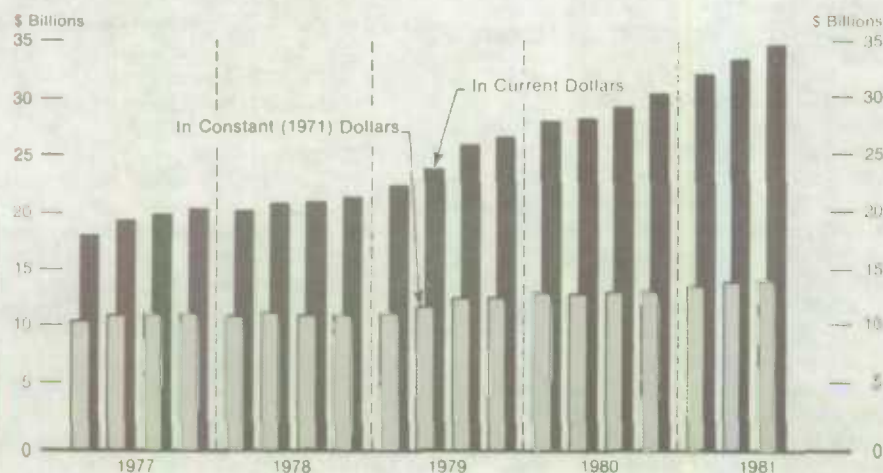
### SALES

Department Store Sales (\$ million)	Oct.	892.3	7,639.6	10.4
Manufacturers' Shipments (\$ million)	Oct.*	16,581.7p	157,508.1p	14.4
New Motor Vehicle Sales (\$ million)	Oct.	890.7	10,145.0	3.9
Retail Sales (\$ million)	Oct.	8,318.6p	76,297.8p	13.3
Wholesale Sales (\$ million)	May	9,701.6p	44,570.1p	

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

## Non-Residential Construction Expenditures

Data Seasonally Adjusted at Annual Rates



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



controlled corporations amounted to 43.1%, down 0.4 percentage points from 1978. The full impact of fiscal changes introduced in previous years reduced the effective tax rate on book profits of corporations with assets greater than \$10 million. The effective tax rate fell from 29.4% to 25.8% for large foreign-controlled corporations and from 18.2% to 17.3% for their Canadian-controlled counterpart.

Payments to non-residents totalling \$5,778 million, were \$366 million higher than in 1978. Interest payments continued to rise in 1979, reaching \$1,123 million. This represented an increase of \$35 million over 1978. Dividend payments to non-residents rose by \$91 million to \$2,385 million in 1979. Business service payments increased by \$242 million to \$2,272 million in 1979.

For further information, order the 1979 edition of *Corporations and Labour Unions Returns Act, Part I, Corporations* (61-210, \$15), or contact W.E. Krause (613-995-9547), Business Finance Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

## Refined Petroleum Products

Preliminary data show net sales in Canada of all refined petroleum products fell 10.4% in October 1981 to 7 823.1 thousand cubic metres from 8 729.8 thousand cubic metres a year earlier.

Canadian refineries produced 7 671.3 thousand cubic metres of refined petroleum products in the latest month, down 14.4% from 8 967.5 thousand cubic metres in October 1980.

For further information, order the October 1981 issue of *Refined Petroleum Products* (45-004, \$3.50/\$35), or contact G. O'Connor (613-996-3139), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

## Wholesale Trade

Sales by wholesale merchants for October 1981 rose 2.4% from September 1981. Increased sales were recorded in four provinces, gains ranging from 2.0% for Alberta to 16.1% for Saskatchewan.

Wholesale inventories in October 1981 were up 0.3% from the preceding month.

For further information, order the October 1981 issue of *Wholesale Trade* (63-008, \$1.50/\$15), or contact the Wholesale Trade Section (613-996-9307), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V4.

## Petroleum/Natural Gas

Canadian production of crude petroleum and equivalent hydrocarbons during September 1981 totalled 6 454 700 cubic metres, down 6.0% from 6 866 300 cubic metres a year earlier.

Net new production of natural gas rose 4.0% to 7 084.6 million cubic metres in the latest month from 6 814.8 million cubic metres in September 1980.

For further information, order the September 1981 issue of *Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas Production* (26-006, \$2.50/\$25), or contact M. Lefebvre (613-996-3139), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

## Consumer Price Index

The All-items Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Canada (1971=100) increased 0.9% to 246.9 in November 1981 from 244.8 in October. As a result, the 12-month rise between November 1980 and November 1981 stood at 12.2%, down from the increase of 12.7% registered in October. The latest monthly advance was largely attributable to higher transportation costs (up 2.5%), increased prices for tobacco and alcohol products (up 2.6%) and to higher housing charges (up 0.4%). Largely as a result of these increases, the all-items-excluding-food index advanced 1.2% in the latest month (down marginally from 1.3% in the previous month). For the third consecutive month, food prices registered a decline (down 0.2% after decreases of 0.1% in October and 0.2% in September).

Lower prices for fresh fruit, selected beef and pork cuts, sugar, butter, coffee and for tea were largely responsible for the 0.4% decrease in the food-for-home-consumption index. Dampening the impact of these price declines were higher prices for milk (especially in the provinces of Ontario, Manitoba and Saskatchewan) and for fresh vegetables. In November, the index stood 7.1% above its level of November 1980. The food-away-from-home index advanced 0.9% in November, up 9.9% over the corresponding month of 1980. As a result, the aggregate food index was up 7.7% over the latest 12 months.

Higher 1982 new car retail purchase prices which on average, after adjustment for quality changes, were up 6.0% over 1981 model car prices, were largely responsible for the 1.2% increase in the all-items-excluding-food index. Between November 1980 and November 1981, the index increased 13.6%, down slightly from the increase of 13.7% recorded between October 1980 and October 1981.

Viewed in terms of goods and services, the price level for goods advanced by 0.8% while that for services increased by 1.0%. As a result, between November 1980 and November 1981, the price level for goods advanced by 11.6%, while that for services rose by 13.3%.

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the all-items CPI rose 0.7% between October and November; this comprised a 0.1% increase in the food index and a 0.9% increase in the all-items-excluding-food index.

## City Highlights

Between October and November, consumer prices rose in all cities for which CPIs are produced with increases ranging from 0.5% in both Toronto and Winnipeg to 1.3% in Halifax, Saskatoon and Edmonton. City CPI increases for the 12-month period November 1980 to November 1981 ranged from 10.8% in Regina to 14.5% in Vancouver.

For further information, order the November 1981 issue of the *Consumer Price Index* (62-001, \$2.50/\$25).

## Building Permits

Building permits issued by Canadian municipalities were at a seasonally adjusted level of \$1,170.6 million in October 1981, up marginally from \$1,167.8 million in September, but down 16.6% from \$1,403.9 million in October 1980.

Residential permits continued to trend downward and dropped 5.8% in October to an 18-month low of \$520.7 million from \$552.7 million in September. Month-to-month decreases occurred in both single-detached dwellings (to 3,763 units from 4,432) and multiples (to 5,921 units from 6,341) and were reflected in all provinces except Quebec and Alberta.

Non-residential permits recovered slightly in October but remained weak at a seasonally adjusted level of \$649.9 million, up 5.7% from September's \$615.1 million. By category, industrial projects value dropped 21.3% to \$117.7 million from \$147.7 million, and decreases were recorded in all provinces except Quebec and Alberta. Commercial developments rose 13.1% to \$387.5 million from \$342.5 million; the most notable increases were in New Brunswick — where a commercial complex of \$15.6 million was authorized in Saint John — and in Quebec and Alberta where construction of several office buildings and hotels was approved. Government-initiated projects rose 15.8% to \$144.8 million from \$125.0 million in September.

For further information, order the October 1981 issue of *Building Permits* (64-001, \$3.50/\$35), or contact J.P. Delisle (613-995-8213), Construction Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0Z7.

## Trusted Pension Plans, 1980

The book value of assets of trusted pension funds amounted to \$51.7 billion at December 31, 1980, an increase of \$8.5 billion from a year earlier. These assets were held for three million pension plan members, equivalent to an average of \$16,956 of invested reserves for each member. As in 1978 and 1979, the market value of the assets, \$54.0 billion, exceeded book value.

For further information, contact Hubert Frenken (613-995-4476), Pensions Section, Labour Division, Statistics Canada, or order the publication *Trusted Pension Plans, Financial Statistics, 1980* (74-201, \$6).

## Computer Service Industry

In 1980, the 1,036 companies in Canada primarily engaged in providing processing, software and systems and other computer-related services had total operating revenues of \$819.8 million.

Another 29 companies primarily engaged in the sale, lease and rental of hardware reported total operating revenue of \$1,110.7 million.

For further information, order *Computer Service Industry, 1980* (63-222, \$4.50/\$45), or contact R. Bennett (613-996-9301), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V4.



## Manufacturing Industries

Preliminary estimates show the value of new orders received by all Canadian manufacturing industries fell 2.6% in October 1981 to a seasonally adjusted level of \$15,493.0 million from the revised September value of \$15,906.7 million. New orders received in durable goods industries dropped 5.3% to \$6,401.2 million from \$6,755.9 million, with the decrease largely centred in machinery industries. New orders in non-durable goods industries declined 0.6% to \$9,091.8 million from \$9,150.8 million.

Canadian manufacturers' shipments in October 1981, seasonally adjusted, were estimated at \$15,646.8 million, 0.2% lower than the revised September value of \$15,679.2 million.

The level of the orders backlog in all manufacturing industries decreased 0.8% to \$19,468.3 million at the end of October from the revised September estimate of \$19,622.1 million. Unfilled orders for durable goods decreased 0.5% to \$17,148.2 million from \$17,239.0 million, while those for non-durable goods were down 2.6% to \$2,320.1 million from \$2,383.1 million.

The seasonally adjusted value of total inventory owned by manufacturers increased 1.2% to \$33,211.4 million in October from \$32,809.9 million as revised for September, with increased levels in 16 of the 20 major groups of industries. Total inventory held rose 1.2% to \$34,914.3 million from \$34,486.7 million (revised), with increases in the value of raw materials of 1.5%, in goods in process of 1.2% and in finished products of 1.0%.

The seasonally adjusted ratio of total inventory owned to shipments at the end of October at 2.12:1 was up from 2.09:1 (revised) in September. The finished products to shipments ratio increased to 0.70:1 from 0.69:1.

Not adjusted for seasonal variation, manufacturers' shipments in October 1981 were estimated at \$16,581.7 million. Cumulative shipments for the first 10 months of 1981 were \$157,508.1 million, up 14.4% from the corresponding 1980 value of \$137,670.2 million.

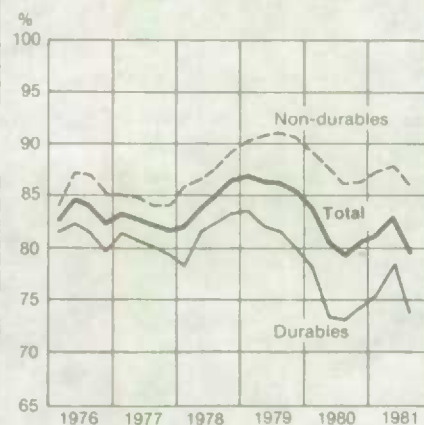
For further information, order the October 1981 issue of *Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries* (31-001, \$3.50/\$35), or contact H.D. Wightman (613-996-7008). *Shipments, Inventories and Orders Section, Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.*

## Industrial Production

The seasonally adjusted index of industrial production (1971=100) declined by 1.1% to 132.8 in October 1981 from 134.3 in September. Mining, manufacturing and electric power, gas and water utilities all contributed to the decrease. This marked the fourth consecutive monthly decline of more than 1% for industrial production.

For further information, order the October 1981 issue of *Gross Domestic Product by Industry* (61-005, \$3/\$30), or contact Erika Young (613-995-0568). *Industry Product Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.*

## Capacity Utilization Rates in Canadian Manufacturing



Source: Statistics Canada, Capacity Utilization Rates in Canadian Manufacturing (31-003)

## Gross Domestic Product

Preliminary estimates indicate that Gross Domestic Product in constant 1971 prices fell 0.6% to 142.5 in October 1981 from 143.4 in September. Economic activity has declined substantially in three of the latest four months, dropping to a level 2.3% below the peak recorded in June 1981. In October, widespread declines were recorded in all sectors except forestry, and public administration and defence services. Industrial production, which fell for the fourth consecutive month, has declined 6.1% since June 1981 and was 1.5% below the year-earlier level.

The weakening trend in October was most pronounced in the manufacturing sector, which fell a further 1.0% following decreases of 1.3% in September, 3.0% in August and 2.2% in July. Main contributors to the output decline included producers of primary metals, rubber and plastics, metal fabricated products, food and beverages and petroleum products.

Construction was down sharply for the fourth consecutive month, mostly due to a further drop in residential building activity. Housing starts for both single and multiple dwellings were down over 40% from the September level.

Most of the decrease in transportation, storage, communication and public utilities was attributable to declines in telephone systems, electric power generation, and truck and pipeline transport.

For further information, order the October 1981 issue of *Gross Domestic Product by Industry* (61-005, \$3/\$30), or contact Ron Kennedy (613-995-0568). *Industry Product Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.*

## Cigarette/Cigar Production

Canadian production of cigarettes for the month of November 1981 was 6.9 billion, up from 6.2 billion a year earlier. Production of cigars declined to 40.2 million from 41.6 million.

For further information, order the November 1981 issue of *Production and Disposition of Tobacco Products* (32-022, \$1.50/\$15).

## 1982 Release Dates Consumer Price Index (CPI)

Index for the Month of	Release Date
December 1981	January 19, 1982
January 1982	February 19, 1982
February 1982	March 19, 1982
March 1982	April 21, 1982
April 1982	May 21, 1982
May 1982	June 22, 1982
June 1982	July 20, 1982
July 1982	August 17, 1982
August 1982	September 21, 1982
September 1982	October 19, 1982
October 1982	November 16, 1982
November 1982	December 21, 1982
December 1982	January 21, 1983

## Labour Force Survey (LFS)

Survey for the Month of	Release Date
December 1981	January 8, 1982
January 1982	February 5, 1982
February 1982	March 12, 1982
March 1982	April 8, 1982
April 1982	May 7, 1982
May 1982	June 4, 1982
June 1982	July 9, 1982
July 1982	August 6, 1982
August 1982	September 10, 1982
September 1982	October 8, 1982
October 1982	November 5, 1982
November 1982	December 3, 1982
December 1982	January 7, 1983

## Preliminary Statement of Canadian Trade

Reference Month	Release Date
November 1981	January 7, 1982
December 1981	February 3, 1982
January 1982	March 4, 1982
February 1982	April 6, 1982
March 1982	May 6, 1982
April 1982	June 4, 1982
May 1982	July 6, 1982
June 1982	August 5, 1982
July 1982	September 3, 1982
August 1982	October 6, 1982
September 1982	November 4, 1982
October 1982	December 7, 1982
November 1982	January 11, 1983
December 1982	February 4, 1983

## Gross National Product (GNP)

Statistical Quarter	Approximate Release Date
Oct.-Dec. 1981	March 1, 1982
Jan.-Mar. 1982	June 14, 1982
Apr.-June 1982	August 30, 1982
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62-003	\$1.50/\$15	\$1.80/\$18
61-001	\$1.50/\$15	\$1.80/\$18
61-210	\$15	\$18
64-001	\$3.50/\$35	\$4.20/\$42
13-577	\$7	\$8.40
65-003	\$10/\$40	\$12/\$48
65-006	\$7.50/\$30	\$9/\$36
65-001	\$3/\$30	\$3.60/\$36
66-001	\$7.50/\$30	\$9/\$36
11-006	\$5/\$20	\$6/\$24
12-201	\$7	\$8.40
72-005	\$5/\$20	\$6/\$24
73-001p	N/C	N/C
36-205	\$4.50	\$5.40
45-002	\$2.50/\$25	\$3/\$30
33-003	\$1.50/\$15	\$1.80/\$18
57-001	\$2.50/\$25	\$3/\$30
43-005	\$1.50/\$15	\$1.80/\$18
31-001	\$3.50/\$35	\$4.20/\$42
32-001	\$1.50/\$15	\$1.80/\$18
55-001	\$2.50/\$25	\$3/\$30
36-003	\$1.50/\$15	\$1.80/\$18
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41-011	\$1.50/\$15	\$1.80/\$18
35-002	\$2.50/\$25	\$3/\$30
26-225	\$4.50	\$5.40
57-003	\$6/\$24	\$7.20/\$28.80
46-002	\$1.50/\$15	\$1.80/\$18
41-002	\$1.50/\$15	\$1.80/\$18
63-218	\$4.50	\$5.40
63-014	\$2.50/\$25	\$3/\$30
63-011	\$1.50/\$15	\$1.80/\$18
62-007	\$3/\$30	\$3.60/\$36
62-007	\$3/\$30	\$3.60/\$36
68-202	\$6	\$7.20
72-007	\$5/\$20	\$6/\$24
52-212	\$4.50	\$5.40
52-214	\$8	\$9.60
56-002	\$1.50/\$15	\$1.80/\$18
53-003	\$1.50/\$15	\$1.80/\$18

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