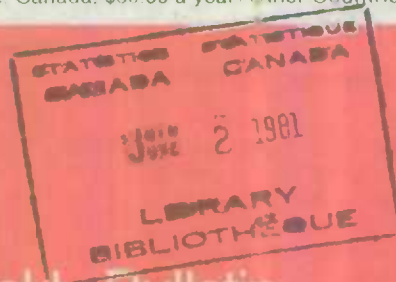


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Unemployment Insurance Statistics

Benefits paid to unemployment insurance claimants in March 1981 totalled \$530 million, an increase of 11% from February and up 21% from March 1980. Payments for the first quarter of 1981 reached \$1,494 million, up 12% from the same period in 1980. The average weekly payment, based on the three months, rose 9% to \$130.43 from \$120.17 in 1980.

Persons qualifying for benefits for the week ended March 21 numbered 849,000, down 2% from February but 1% more than in March 1980. The average weekly insurable earnings for regular beneficiaries with no earnings reported was \$222; males averaged \$244 and females, \$181.

Claims submitted by persons applying for benefits in March dropped by 3% from February to 199,000 but increased by 5% from March 1980. For the first three months of 1981, claims declined by 5% from the same period in 1980 to 710,000. Claims for the year-to-date were fewer in all areas except for the Prairie Provinces and the Territories.

For further information, order the first quarter 1981 issue of *Preliminary 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.

Wholesale Trade

Wholesale merchants' sales for March 1981 were estimated at \$7,392.5 million, up 15.0% from the \$6,427.8 million reported in March 1980.

For the first three months of 1981, wholesale merchants' sales reached \$19,916.5 million, an increase of 10.6% over the accumulated sales of \$18,013.0 million for January-March 1980.

Wholesale inventories were valued at \$14,310.1 million at March 31, an increase of 11.7% from stocks of \$12,805.6 million on hand at the end of March last year.

For further information, order the March 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 0V1.

LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

EMPLOYMENT, INCOME

		Previous Month	% Change From Year Ago
Average Weekly Earnings (\$)	Feb. 339.61p	337.40p	10.6
Labour Income (\$ million)	Feb. 14,128.6p	14,003.6p	13.4
Persons with Jobs (million)	Apr. 10.70	10.63	3.3
Unemployed	Apr. 886,000	983,000	-5.4

INVENTORIES

Department Store (\$ million)	Feb. 2,529.2	2,457.6	9.9
Manufacturers' Owned (\$ million)	Mar. 30,604.5p	30,279.5r	10.9
Wholesale (\$ million)	Mar. 14,310.1	13,636.0	11.7

ORDERS

Manufacturers' New Orders (\$ million)	Mar. 16,258.3p	14,731.7r	11.2
Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders (\$ million)	Mar. 19,580.9p	19,382.1r	1.4

PRICES

Consumer Price Index (1971=100)	Apr. 231.1	229.4	12.6
Non-food (CPI) Component	Apr. 213.1	211.7	12.0
New House Price Index (1976=100)	Mar. 130.0	128.1	12.2
22-city Composite Wage, Building (1971=100)	Dec. 253.1p	253.1	9.5
Industry Selling Price Index (1971=100)	Mar. 264.6p	263.2r	10.5

CONSTRUCTION

Building Permits (\$ million)	Feb. 949.1p	1,700.0p	3.6
Housing Starts — Urban Centres (units)	Mar. 7,741	22,538	-2.4

ENERGY

Coal Production (thousand metric tonnes)	Feb. 3,299.3	6,665.6	27.6
Electricity Generation (terawatt hours)	Feb. 32.7	69.4	0.2
Natural Gas Production (million cubic metres)	Jan. 9,733.8	9,733.8	-7.0
Petroleum Refining (million cubic metres)	Mar. 8.8p	26.9p	-8.3

FOREIGN TRADE

Exports — Balance of Payments Basis (\$ million)	Mar. 7,042p	20,034p	8.2
Imports — Balance of Payments Basis (\$ million)	Mar. 6,587p	18,280p	8.2

PRODUCTION

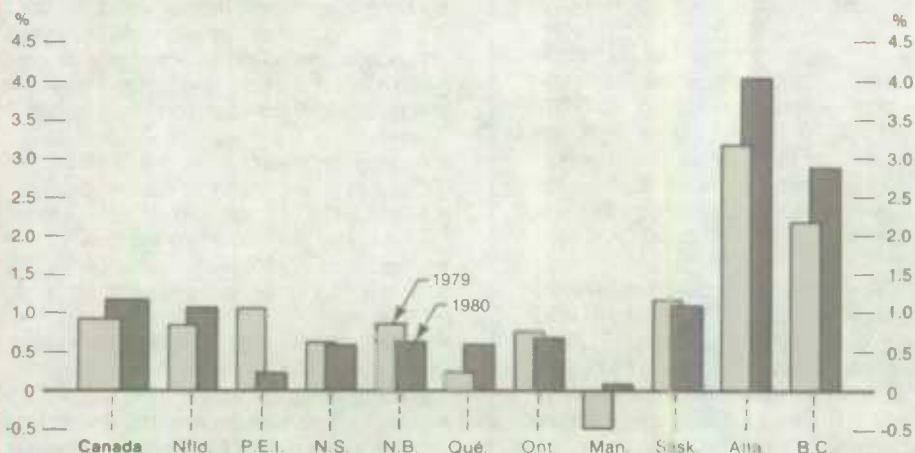
Steel (ingots — thousand metric tonnes)	Mar. 1,479.8	4,180.1	4.7
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SALES

Department Store Sales (\$ million)	Mar. 689.2	1,902.0	11.7
Manufacturers' Shipments (\$ million)	Mar. 16,059.4p	43,692.4p	9.1
New Motor Vehicle Sales (\$ million)	Mar. 1,214.2	2,842.8	3.9
Retail Sales (\$ million)	Feb. 6,337.0p	13,005.6p	14.1
Wholesale Sales (\$ million)	Mar. 7,392.5	19,916.5	10.6

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

Annual Population Growth Rate, Canada and Provinces, Jan.-Dec. 1979 and 1980



Source: Statistics Canada, Quarterly Estimates of Population for Canada and the Provinces (91-031)

Report on Education Released

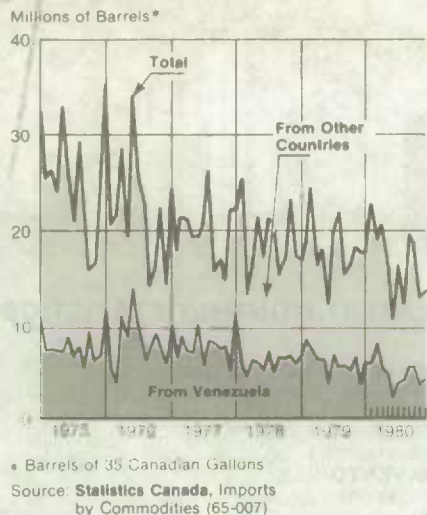
Now available is *Education in Canada, 1980*, the eighth annual review of statistics on Canadian education. This report combines data on a variety of topics to present a comprehensive overview of education in Canada for the 1979-80 academic year.

Material has been compiled from the results of regular surveys conducted by Statistics Canada. Included in the publication are time series on enrolment, educational institutions, graduates, full-time teachers and finance. Following are highlights of the report:

- Spending on education for 1979-80 is expected to rise to \$20.2 billion, accounting for 7.8% of the Gross National Product. This compares with \$18.7 billion in 1978-79 (8.1% of GNP).
- Spending on education by the three levels of government represents about 18% of their budgets.
- Elementary-secondary enrolment has been shrinking steadily during the past few years. Canadian schools had 109,600 fewer students in 1979-80 than a year earlier. However, pre-primary enrolment increased by 1%, reflecting the upturn in the number of births in 1975.
- In 1979-80, there were 276,300 full-time elementary and secondary school teachers, about 3,400 fewer than the previous year. This decrease occurred mainly in Quebec and Ontario, where estimated numbers fell by 2,300 and 1,200, respectively.
- Public school teachers earned an average salary of \$21,100 at the elementary level and \$24,900 at the secondary level.
- Enrolment in community colleges went up 1.4% from 248,000 in 1978-79 to 251,400 in 1979-80. Full-time university enrolment increased 0.9% from 368,000 to 371,400.
- In 10 years, the number of community college graduates has more than doubled, reaching 70,700 in 1978-79. At the same time, the number of bachelor's, first professional, master's and doctoral degrees awarded by universities rose 44% from 70,300 to 101,300.

For further information, order *Education in Canada, 1980* (81-229, Canada: \$10; elsewhere: \$12), or contact Zoltan Zsigmond (613-995-9692), Education, Science and Culture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Canadian Imports of Crude Petroleum



Marriage/Divorce/Death

Detailed indicators of marriage, divorce and mortality for the Canadian population are presented in a new study by O.B. Adams and D.N. Nagnur entitled *Marriage, Divorce and Mortality: A Life Table Analysis for Canada, 1975-77* (84-536, \$7).

Some of the highlights of the study include:

- A male exposed to the married schedule of age-specific death rates could expect, on average, to live 72.07 years at birth, while a female remaining married through her lifetime after age 15 could expect to live 78.85 years. A male remaining unmarried throughout his lifetime from birth could expect to live nearly eight years less (64.53) and a female approximately three years less (75.89).
- The life expectancy of a male either widowed or divorced during his lifetime was 10 years less than the average life expectancy for all males in 1975-77; average life expectancy for widowed or divorced females was about five years less than the average for all females.
- About one in two marriages of females ends in widowhood, while one in five ends in death; the opposite result is indicated for males, for whom one in five marriages ends in widowhood and one in two ends in death.
- Approximately one in 10 persons in Canada never marry in their lifetime.
- Some 37% of men and 31% of women who marry subsequently remarry.
- One in five widowed males eventually remarries, compared to fewer than one in 10 females.
- More than four out of five divorced males, and three of four divorced females, subsequently remarry.
- In 1971 it was expected that one in four current marriages would end in divorce, but by 1976 this number had increased to better than one in three.

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. Where a range of dates is given for a series, this represents the period within which publication of the data can be reasonably expected, the variability taking account of circumstances peculiar to each series. Any range may be exceeded on rare occasions, for reasons unpredictable at this time.

May 29 to June 1: Industrial Corporations' Financial Statistics (Preliminary Data), First Quarter 1981;

May 29 to June 4: Real Domestic Product, March 1981;

May 29 to June 5: Labour Income, March 1981;

June 3: Preliminary Statement of Canadian Trade, April 1981;

June 4 to 10: Canadian Composite Leading Index, March 1981;

June 4 to 11: Employment, Earnings and Hours, March 1981;

June 5: Labour Force Survey, May 1981;

June 5 to 10: Industry Selling Price Index, April 1981;

June 8: Quarterly Estimates of the Canadian Balance of International Payments, First Quarter 1981;

June 10 to 12: Farm Cash Receipts, January-April 1981;

June 12: The Consumer Price Index, May 1981;

June 12 to 19: Gross National Product, First Quarter 1981;

June 15 to 17: Retail Trade, April 1981;

June 15 to 18: Wholesale Trade, April 1981;

June 19 to 23: Index of Industrial Production, April 1981;

June 19 to 25: Inventories, Shipments and Orders, April 1981;

June 22 to 30: Building Permits, March 1981;

June 24 to 30: Real Domestic Product, April 1981;

June 26 to 30: Housing Starts in Urban Centres of 10,000 Population and Over, May 1981;

June 29 to July 3: Unemployment Insurance Statistics, April 1981;

June 29 to July 3: Industrial Corporations' Financial Statistics (Final Data), First Quarter 1981;

June 29 to July 6: Labour Income, April 1981.

Notice of advance information availability: *Field Crop Reporting Series*, No. 4, Preliminary Estimates of Crop and Summerfallow Area, Canada, to be released on June 26 at 3 p.m. E.D.S.T.

It should be noted that the July schedule of Key Economic Series will appear in the Daily and on CANSIM on June 26, 1981. The schedule of Key Economic Series is now available on CANSIM, and can be retrieved by using the command DATES. The schedule will be issued once a month as noted above. For any inquiry concerning the release of these series, contact Jack Kerr (613-992-1548), Production Engineering, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

International Travel Account

Preliminary estimates show that Canada had an international travel account deficit of \$934 million in the first three months of 1981, almost unchanged from the January-March 1980 period. Travel receipts totalled \$881 million, up 12.7% from 1980, while Canadians travelling abroad increased their payments by 3.2% to \$1,335 million.

Receipts from the United States totalled \$273 million, while those from all other countries reached \$108 million. Payments by Canadians travelling to the U.S. were estimated at \$890 million, while those to all other countries amounted to \$445 million.

Final estimates for 1980 show that Canada earned \$3,349 million from international travel, up 16% from 1979, while Canadians' payments abroad increased 15.7% to \$4,577 million. This resulted in an estimated deficit of \$1,228 million on international travel, compared to \$1,068 million in 1979.

For further information, order the January-March 1981 issue of *Travel Between Canada and Other Countries* (66-001, \$7.50/\$30), or contact Paul L. Paradis (613-995-0847), International Travel Section, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0Z8.

Canada's School Librarians

Now available are statistical tabulations providing a 1979-80 profile of Canada's 4,000 school librarians. The following highlights emerge:

- Three-quarters of all librarians were employed at the elementary level; one-half of all librarians were in schools with enrolments of under 400 students.
- Three out of four librarians had at least one university degree.
- Average experience for librarians was 15 years, with 10 years in their current school district.

All inquiries should be directed to Michele Vigder (613-995-9795), Analyst, Elementary-Secondary Section, Education, Science and Culture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0Z5.

Electric Lamps (Light Sources)

Total sales of electric lamps (light sources) of all types including imports during the month of April 1981 were valued at \$21,756,905.

For further information, order the April 1981 issue of *Electric Lamps (Light Sources)* (43-009, \$1.50/\$15).

Canadian Exports of Crude Petroleum to the United States



Washing Machines/Clothes Dryers

Domestic production of washing machines (electric automatic) during the month of April 1981 totalled 45,473 units.

Production of clothes dryers (electric automatic) for the same month was 34,389 units.

For further information, order the April 1981 issue of *Domestic Washing Machines and Clothes Dryers* (43-002, \$1.50/\$15), or contact Brian Preston (613-996-3226), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

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Farm Cash Receipts

Preliminary estimates indicate that during the January-March period of 1981 farmers' total cash receipts from farming operations in all provinces except Newfoundland totalled \$4,939.7 million, up 30% from the \$3,798.8 million realized during the same period of 1980.

Total estimates include: cash receipts from the sale of farm products; Canadian Wheat Board participation payments on previous years' grain crops; cash advances of farm-stored grains in Western Canada; and deficiency payments made by the Agricultural Stabilization Board. No deduction is made for the cost incurred by farmers in the production of the commodities sold.

For further information, order the January-March 1981 issue of *Farm Cash Receipts* (21-001, \$1.50/\$15), or contact Peter Lys (613-995-4895), Agriculture Statistics Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Index of Industrial Production

The seasonally adjusted index of industrial production (1971=100) increased by 1.3% to 136.6 in March 1981 from 134.8 in February. Increased output was recorded in manufacturing (+1.7%) and utilities (+2.0%), while mining production declined 1.6% during the month.

For further information, order the March 1981 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.

The Dairy Review

Milk sold off Canadian farms for all purposes in March 1981 totalled an estimated 581 164 kilolitres, 4.0% more than in March 1980.

This brought the total estimate of milk sold off farms during the first three months of 1981 to 1 593 053 kilolitres, an increase of 3.2% over the January-March 1980 period.

For further information, order the April 1981 issue of *The Dairy Review* (23-001, \$2.50/\$25), or contact Ms. E. Leckie (613-995-4853), Agriculture Statistics Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.



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