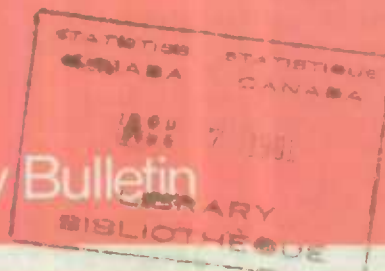


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Merchandise Trade

From preliminary results, it is estimated that on a seasonally adjusted balance-of-payments basis, Canada's exports increased 7.8% or \$537 million to \$7,441 million in June 1981 after a slight decrease of 0.2% in May, a 5.3% increase in April and a 2.4% decrease in March. Imports increased 6.7% or \$428 million to \$6,871 million following a 6.7% decrease in May, a 14.3% increase in April and a 3.3% decrease in March. As a result, the merchandise trade balance increased by \$109 million from a surplus of \$461 million in May to \$570 million in June.

Second quarter 1981 exports increased 4.8% or \$1.0 billion from the first quarter to \$21.3 billion following a 1% decrease in the first quarter. Second quarter 1981 imports increased more substantially than exports with a 9.5% or \$1.7 billion increase to \$20.2 billion following a 4.4% increase in the first quarter. For the first half of 1981, the merchandise trade surplus was \$2.9 billion, a little higher than the \$2.7 billion surplus recorded at the half-way mark in 1980.

Commodity Analysis

On a customs basis, for seasonally adjusted domestic exports the largest increases in value for June 1981 were for petroleum and coal products (up \$80 million to \$230 million following a \$60 million decrease in May), non-ferrous metals (up \$70 million to \$470 million following a \$105 million decrease in May) and motor vehicle products (up \$60 million to \$1,180 million).

For imports, the largest increases in value for June 1981 over May were for motor vehicle parts (up \$60 million to \$860 million), passenger cars (up \$45 million to \$515 million) and petroleum and coal products (up \$45 million to \$90 million). Precious metals were down \$105 million to \$115 million and crude petroleum declined \$55 million to \$670 million.

Trading Partner Analysis

Exports to the United States in June increased 11% or \$520 million to \$5.13 billion after decreasing 2.8% in May. Exports to the United Kingdom rose by 9.0% to \$250 million following a 33% decrease the previous month. Exports to Japan increased 12.6% or \$40 million to \$370 million following a 27.0% increase in May from a very low level in April. Exports to "Other EEC" countries decreased slightly to \$405 million following a 30% decrease in May. Exports to "Other OECD" countries (continued on next page)

LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

EMPLOYMENT, INCOME

Average Weekly Earnings (\$)	Apr.*	346.82p	344.07p	11.5
Labour Income (\$ million)	Apr.*	14,591.4p	14,301.3p	12.5
Persons with Jobs (million)	June*	11.32	11.03	3.5
Unemployed	June*	855,000	854,000	-3.6

INVENTORIES

Department Store (\$ million)	May*	3,038.4	3,104.4	9.1
Manufacturers' Owned (\$ million)	May*	31,668.1p	31,530.6r	12.4
Wholesale (\$ million)	May*	17,091.0	16,923.1	

ORDERS

Manufacturers' New Orders (\$ million)	May*	16,322.7p	16,329.6r	22.3
Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders (\$ million)	May*	20,234.8p	19,953.4r	7.7

PRICES

Consumer Price Index (1971=100)	June	236.8	233.2	12.8
Non-food Component (CPI)	June	219.1	215.9	13.0
New House Price Index (1976=100)	June*	135.1	134.4	14.6
22-city Composite Wage, Building (1971=100)	Jan.	253.6p	253.5r	9.7
Industry Selling Price Index (1971=100)	June*	271.9p	269.6p	11.6

CONSTRUCTION

Building Permits (\$ million)	May*	1,589.4p	6,731.4p	30.0
Housing Starts — Urban Centres (units)	June*	16,470	70,847	31.8

ENERGY

Coal Production (thousand metric tonnes)	May*	2,979.6	16,894.3	18.4
Electricity Generation (terawatt hours)	May*	29.1	163.3	2.2
Natural Gas Production (million cubic metres)	Mar.	8,857.2	27,418.7	-4.2
Petroleum Refining (million cubic metres)	May*	8.1p	43.7p	-6.6

FOREIGN TRADE

Exports — Balance of Payments Basis (\$ million)	June*	7,842p	42,199p	13.3
Imports — Balance of Payments Basis (\$ million)	June*	7,380p	39,703p	14.4

PRODUCTION

Steel (ingots — thousand metric tonnes)	May	1,484.4	7,103.2	5.4
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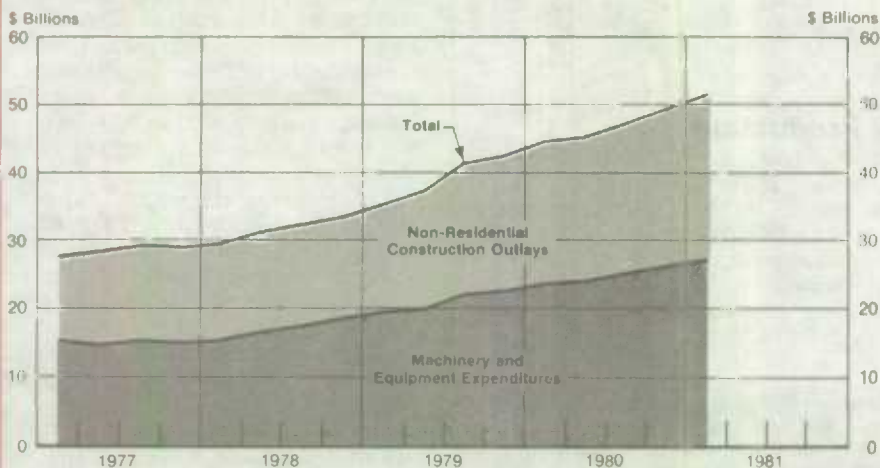
SALES

Department Store Sales (\$ million)	May	823.0	3,518.8	11.5
Manufacturers' Shipments (\$ million)	May*	16,041.3p	75,942.7p	13.1
New Motor Vehicle Sales (\$ million)	June*	1,194.5	6,557.1	11.7
Retail Sales (\$ million)	May	8,278.4p	36,126.9p	14.7
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)

were up 20% to \$195 million. Exports to "Other America" decreased 10.8% or \$40 million to \$330 million, after a 12.6% increase in May.

Imports from most major sources increased in June. Imports from the U.S. increased 2.3% or \$105 million to \$4.82 billion, following a 1.5% increase in May. One exception was imports from the U.K., which were down 30% or \$55 million to \$130 million. Imports from "Other EEC" countries rose 13% or \$40 million to \$330 million. Imports from Japan increased 26% or \$75 million to \$370 million after decreasing 27% in May and imports from "Other America" nearly doubled from \$315 million in May to \$615 million in June, largely as a result of increased imports of crude petroleum from Mexico and Venezuela.

For further information, order the June 1981 issue of *Summary of External Trade* (65-001, \$3/\$30), or 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.

Export/Import Indexes

The export price index, based on the fixed weight Laspeyres index formula, increased 1.4% in May, reversing decreases of 0.1% in April and 1.1% in March. Aided by the appreciation in recent months of the Canadian dollar against many major currencies apart from the United States dollar, the import price index slowed from a 2.3% increase in February 1981 to a 0.9% increase in March and a 0.5% increase in April and decreased 0.2% in May. The export current weighted price index (deflator) decreased 0.1% in May and the import deflator increased 2.5%.

The seasonally adjusted domestic export volume index decreased 0.5% in May following a 5% increase in April and a 4.7% decrease in the first quarter from 1980 fourth quarter levels. The import volume index was down 6.3% in May, cancelling most of the 7.7% increase recorded in April and a 0.7% increase in the first quarter.

For further information, order the June issue of the *Summary of External Trade* (65-001, \$3/\$30).

Coal Production

Canadian production of coal increased 2.4% in May 1981 to 2 979 591 metric tonnes from 2 907 654 a year earlier. Landed imports decreased 50.3% to 1 042 841 tonnes from 2 097 001.

Coal production for the first five months of 1981 totalled 16 894 340 tonnes, up 18.4% from 14 260 775 in the same period in 1980.

For further information, order the May 1981 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.

Legal Aid 1981

Spending on legal aid plans totalled \$89 million in 1978-79, with 90% of these funds coming from government sources, according to *Legal Aid, 1981*, a new Statistics Canada publication.

An estimated 320,000 persons or 2% of adult Canadians came to legal aid offices for professional help in 1978-79. The majority of legal problems were family and other civil law cases, while criminal cases accounted for 45% of cases recorded during the year.

Legal Aid, 1981 provides a profile of provincial and territorial legal aid plans and discusses similarities and differences among Canadian jurisdictions. Statistics are presented for 1975-76 to 1978-79 on services to the public and legal aid expenditures.

Highlights of *Legal Aid, 1981* include:

- Total spending on legal aid plans amounted to \$89 million in the fiscal year 1978-79, with a per capita expenditure of \$3.81, up from expenditures of \$62 million and a per capita expense of \$2.71 in 1975-76;
- Per capita spending has tended to be lower in the Atlantic provinces and Alberta, above average in Quebec and close to the national average in Ontario and most western provinces;
- Between 1975-76 and 1978-79 per capita spending declined in New Brunswick, remained the same in Manitoba and increased in all other provinces and territories;
- Ninety per cent of the funds for legal aid came from government;
- Theft, break and enter was probably the largest single category of criminal offense for which legal aid was given; other important categories were drunk and impaired driving, assault and narcotics offenses, while homicide accounted for 1.0% of criminal cases.

Priced at \$7 a copy in Canada, \$8.40 elsewhere, *Legal Aid, 1981* (Catalogue 85-507) may be obtained from Publication Sales and Services, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V7. For further information, contact H. Mimoto at 613-995-9544.

A companion document, *Legal Aid Services in Canada, 1979/80* has been prepared recently on behalf of the Implementation Work Group on Justice Information and Statistics. It provides separate profiles of different provincial and territorial plans, and therefore complements *Legal Aid, 1981*. Copies are available from the Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics (613-995-0709), Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

New Motor Vehicle Sales

New motor vehicles sold in June 1981 totalled 118,796 units, up 6.2% from a year earlier. This included 63,167 passenger cars (down 5.8%) and 26,890 commercial vehicles (down 2.3%) manufactured in Canada and the United States, and 25,114 passenger cars (up 61.3%) and 3,625 commercial vehicles (up 108.8%) manufactured overseas.

Total sales value increased 18.8% to \$1,194.5 million. Canadian and U.S. passenger cars sold for \$591.5 million (up 7.2%) and commercial vehicles for \$350.0 million (up 8.1%). Sales of passenger cars from overseas increased 86.8% to \$221.3 million and those of commercial vehicles increased 138.3% to \$31.7 million. Included in total commercial vehicles sold were 385 units of coaches and buses valued at \$16.7 million.

For the first six months of 1981, total sales reached 667,455 units (663,844 in 1980) with an accumulated value of \$6,557.1 million. This represented an increase of 11.7% in value over sales for January-June 1980.

For further information, order the June 1981 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.

Government Finance

Consolidated revenue for all levels of government for the fiscal year ending nearest December 31, 1978 totalled \$92,084 million, an increase of \$9,589 million (11.6%) over 1977. Income taxes, property and related taxes and consumption taxes amounted to \$59,130 million, an increase of \$4,107 million (7.5%) over 1977.

Consolidated expenditure for all levels of government totalled \$100,436 million for the fiscal year ending nearest December 31, 1978, a rise of \$9,586 million or 10.6% over 1977. The largest expenditures were for social services at \$22,685 million (22.6% of the total), education at \$14,951 million (14.9%) and health at \$12,039 million (12.0%). These functions comprised 19.2%, 19.0% and 13.5% respectively of total consolidated government expenditure for 1970.

For further information, contact P. Doucet (613-995-9894), Consolidation and Federal Government Section, Public Finance Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

The Dairy Review

Milk sold from Canadian farms for all purposes in May 1981 totalled an estimated 700 775 kilolitres, 1.3% more than in May 1980.

This brought the estimated total of milk sold from farms during the first five months of 1981 to 2 929 854 kilolitres, up 2.5% over the January-May 1980 period.

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

Canadian/Foreign Control

Canadian-controlled enterprises accounted for 50% of manufacturing shipments in 1978. This figure continues an upward trend evident since the data series began in 1969, when Canadian-controlled enterprises accounted for 48% of manufacturing shipments. Enterprises controlled in the United States accounted for 40% of 1978 shipments and 10% were controlled in other foreign countries.

Sixty percent of total employees worked for Canadian-controlled enterprises in the manufacturing industries, up from 59% in 1976 and 56% in 1969.

The share of shipments of Canadian-controlled enterprises was lowest in Ontario (40%) and Nova Scotia (44%), and highest in New Brunswick (84%) and Saskatchewan (75%). Alberta was the only province in which the Canadian-controlled share fell between 1976 and 1978, from 54% to 53%. This downward trend in Alberta (from 61% in 1969) stems from the increasing importance of the petroleum and coal products industries and chemicals and chemical products industries in Alberta's manufacturing sector and the relatively high levels of foreign control in those industry groups.

The percentage of shipments accounted for by Canadian-controlled enterprises rose in 10 of the 20 industry groups, was unchanged in seven and declined in three. The largest change affected the petroleum and coal products industries, in which Canadian-controlled enterprises increased their share of shipments from 8% to 15%.

Further information including industry, province and metropolitan area detail and mining and logging industry data will be published later in *Domestic and Foreign Control of Manufacturing, Mining and Logging Establishments in Canada, 1978* (31-401, \$2.10). For further information, contact Ken Young (613-992-9654), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Census of Manufactures

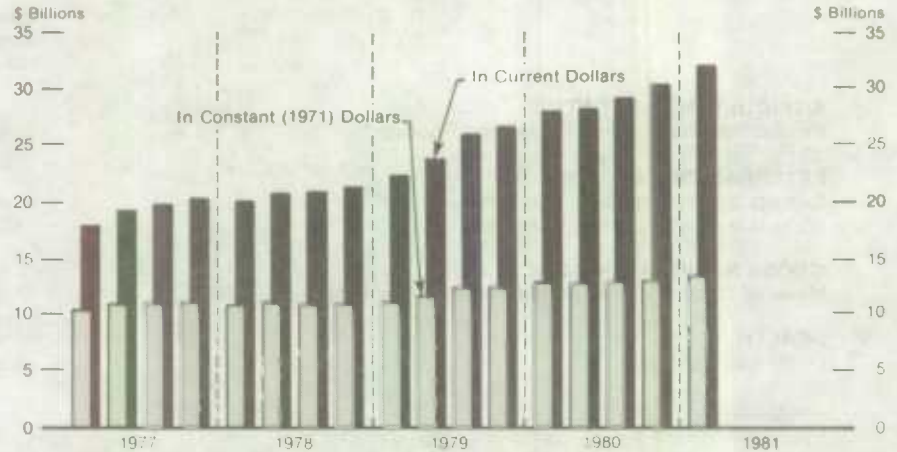
Preliminary figures from the 1979 Census of Manufactures show that 34,578 establishments reported shipments of goods of their own manufacture valued at \$152,133 million, up 18.0% from a restated \$128,889 million reported by 31,963 establishments in 1978. The value of total shipments and other revenues for 1979 came to \$176,506 million, up 18.7% from a restated \$148,743 million in 1978.

These manufacturers provided work for 1.86 million people in 1979, up 3.7% from the 1978 total of 1.79 million. Total wages and salaries paid out came to \$30,124 million, which represented a gain of 13.4% over the restated 1978 total of \$26,572 million.

For further information, contact R. Staveley (613-996-4991), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6. Complete data will be published later in *Manufacturing Industries of Canada: National and Provincial Areas, 1979* (31-203, \$15).

Non-Residential Construction Expenditures

Data Seasonally Adjusted at Annual Rates



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

Urban Transit

Canadian urban transit systems (57) collected 113,548,069 initial passenger fares in June 1981. The total distance run was 58 906 283 km and operating revenues amounted to \$50,945,306.

For further information, order the June 1981 issue of *Urban Transit* (53-003, \$1.50/\$15), or contact the head (613-995-1976), Surface Transport Unit, Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V1.

Refrigerators/Home Freezers

Domestic production of refrigerators totalled 65,514 units in June 1981. Production of home freezers amounted to 37,712 units.

For further information, order the June 1981 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.

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Local Governments

Actual general revenue raised by local governments in 1978 from their own sources — real property and other taxes, sales of services, licences, permits and other charges increased by 11.3% over the previous year to \$11,265 million. Transfers from other governments amounted to \$10,294 million or 47.7% of total general revenue. The significant portions of these transfers were the specific purpose transfers from provincial and territorial governments amounting to \$8,726 million, which represented an increase of 8% over the revised figure for 1977. Total general revenue at \$21,559 million increased by \$1,904 million or 9.6% over 1977.

General expenditure at \$23,125 million in 1978 showed an increase of 8.6% over 1977. Education expenditure at \$9,722 million was up 8% over the previous year and represented 42% of total expenditure. Expenditure on transportation and communications represented 11.6% of the total, while fiscal services represented 9.6%, environment 8.6%, protection of persons and property 7.5% and other functions of expenditure slightly smaller percentages.

Further details of these and other financial management statistics of local governments will be published in *Local Government Finance Actual, 1978* (68-204). Pending release of the publication, further information can be obtained from G.A. Marr (613-995-9897), Local Government Section, Public Finance Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Washers/Dryers

Production of washing machines (electric automatic) during the month of June 1981 was 50,719 units. Production of clothes dryers (electric automatic) for the same month was 37,196 units.

For further information, order the June 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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AGRICULTURE STATISTICS			
Production and Stocks of Eggs and Poultry, May 1981	23-003	\$2.50/\$25	\$3/\$30
EXTERNAL TRADE			
Exports by Commodities, May 1981	65-004	\$5/\$50	\$6/\$60
Imports by Commodities, April 1981	65-007	\$5/\$50	\$6/\$60
GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT			
National Income and Expenditure Accounts, First Quarter 1981	13-001	\$6/\$24	\$7.20/\$28.80
HEALTH			
Legal Aid, 1981	85-507	\$7	\$8.40
LABOUR			
Estimates of Employees by Province and Industry, April 1981	72-008	\$3/\$30	\$3.60/\$36
MANUFACTURING AND PRIMARY INDUSTRIES			
Corrugated Boxes and Wrappers, June 1981	36-004	\$1.50/\$15	\$1.80/\$18
Fruit and Vegetable Processing Industries, 1979	32-218	\$4.50	\$5.40
Papermakers' and Other Felts, Quarter Ended June 1981	47-003	\$2.50/\$10	\$3/\$12
Production of Selected Biscuits, Quarter Ended June 1981	32-026	\$2.50/\$10	\$3/\$12
Refined Petroleum Products, April 1981	45-004	\$3.50/\$35	\$4.20/\$42
MERCHANDISING AND SERVICES			
Department Store Sales and Stocks, March 1981	63-002	\$2.50/\$25	\$3/\$30
Restaurant, Caterer and Tavern Statistics, May 1981	63-011	\$1.50/\$15	\$1.80/\$18
TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS			
For-hire Trucking Survey, 1979	53-224	\$6	\$7.20

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