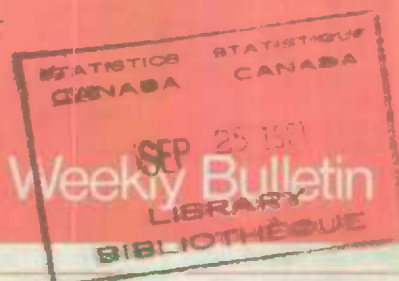



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Building Permits

The seasonally adjusted value of building permits authorized by Canadian municipalities decreased 0.4% in June 1981 to \$1,531.6 million from \$1,537.4 million (revised) in May as a decline in the residential sector was almost offset by an increase in non-residential projects. In June 1980, the value of all building permits issued was \$1,214.7 million.

Residential permits, which had decreased 12.9% in May to \$895.1 million, fell a further 13.8% in June to \$771.2 million. This reflected a drop in approvals for the construction of single-detached homes to 7,519 from 8,811 in May and a decrease in multiple units to 7,618 from 7,847.

Non-residential permits totalled \$760.4 million in June, seasonally adjusted, up 16.3% from a revised May total of \$642.3 million. By category, industrial projects value decreased 12.1% to \$105.0 million from \$119.4 million, commercial projects rose 33.9% to \$521.4 million from \$389.4 million and government and institutional projects remained stable at \$134.0 million (\$133.4 million in May).

For further information, order the June 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.

Labour Income

Labour income for June 1981 was estimated at \$15,711.0 million, an increase of \$2,028.6 million or 14.8% from June 1980.

Adjusted for seasonal variation, wages and salaries increased by \$109.1 million between May and June to \$14,114.4 million.

The estimates will be published in the April-June 1981 issue of *Estimates of Labour Income* (72-005, \$5/\$20).

Refined Petroleum Products

Preliminary data show net sales in Canada of all refined petroleum products amounted to 7 967.0 thousand cubic metres in July 1981, down 1.9% from 8 169.2 thousand cubic metres a year earlier.

Canadian refineries produced 8 621.0 thousand cubic metres of refined petroleum products in the latest month, a drop of 14.0% from 10 021.4 thousand cubic metres in July 1980.

For further information, order the July 1981 issue of *Refined Petroleum Products* (45-004, \$3.50/\$35).

LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

EMPLOYMENT, INCOME

		Previous Month	% Change From Year Ago
Average Weekly Earnings (\$)	May	347.84p	12.4
Labour Income (\$ million)	June*	15,711.0p	14.8
Persons with Jobs (million)	Aug.	11.46	3.3
Unemployed	Aug.	790,000	-5.2

INVENTORIES

Department Store (\$ million)	July*	2,694.5	13.0
Manufacturers' Owned (\$ million)	July*	32,085.2p	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)	July	13,161	84,008	29.5

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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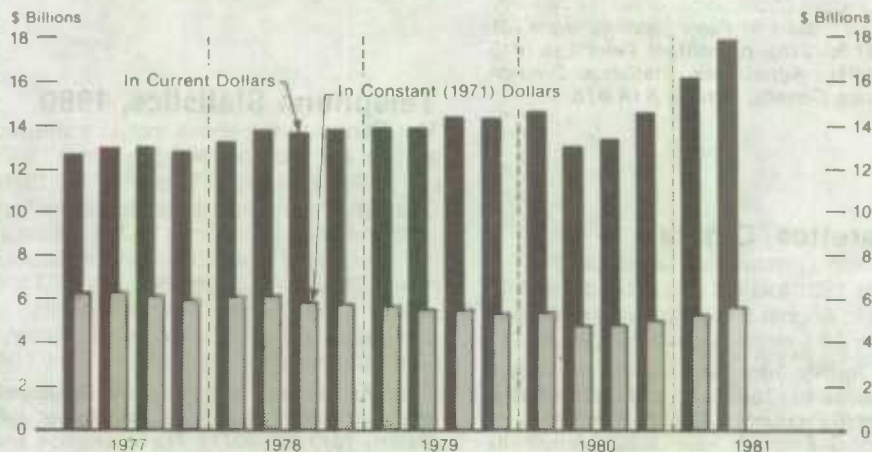
SALES

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)	June*	8,193.0p	44,301.4p	15.2
Wholesale Sales (\$ million)	May	9,701.6p	44,570.1p	...

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

Residential Construction Expenditures

Data Seasonally Adjusted at Annual Rates



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

International Travel

Preliminary statistics for July 1981 show that 5.8 million United States residents entered Canada, down 0.8% from last year. Visitors from countries other than the U.S. increased by 0.9% to 417,000. Canadian residents returning from visits to the U.S. numbered 4.2 million, up 1.1% from July 1980, while residents returning from other countries declined by 10.5% to 119,000.

From January to July 1981, the figures were as follows: 24.2 million U.S. residents entered Canada, up 11.7% from 1980; visitors from other countries increased by 1.7% to 1.2 million; Canadian residents returning from the U.S. numbered 19.8 million, down 2.0%; and the number of residents returning from other countries declined by 9.0% to 906,000.

For further information, order the July 1981 issue of *International Travel — Advance Information* (66-002, \$1.50/\$15), or contact Paul Paradis (613-995-0847), International Travel Section, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0Z8.

Farm Cash Receipts

Farm cash receipts are estimated at \$10.8 billion for the January-July 1981 period, an increase of 26% over the \$8.5 billion estimated for the same period in 1980. All provinces recorded increases in cash receipts.

Receipts from the sale of crops were up 46% with higher prices for wheat, barley and potatoes all contributing. Livestock receipts rose 10% as reduced cattle and calves receipts (down 3%) were more than offset by higher receipts for hogs (30%), dairy products (16%), poultry (18%) and eggs (16%).

Total estimates include: cash receipts from the sale of farm products; Canadian Wheat Board participation payments on previous years' grain crops; cash advances on 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-July 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.

Cigarettes/Cigars

Canadian production of cigarettes in August 1981 totalled 5.4 billion, up from 4.7 billion in August 1980. Production of cigars rose to 33.5 million from 25.5 million.

For further information, order the August 1981 issue of *Production and Disposition of Tobacco Products* (32-022, \$1.50/\$15), or contact G. Elliot (613-996-3226), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Dwelling Units Under Construction

(centres 10,000 population and over)



Family Incomes, 1980

Average family income (total income before taxes or other deductions) in Canada rose to \$26,610 in 1980 from \$24,245 in 1979, an increase of 10%. However, after taking account of the increase in the CPI which rose 10.1% in 1980, real income was basically the same as in 1979. This represents the fourth consecutive year with little or no real change in average family income.

Preliminary estimates were prepared from data collected by a sample survey of 17,000 dwellings taken in the spring of 1981. These estimates — which exclude households in the Yukon and Northwest Territories, on Indian reserves and the institutional population — are subject to revision and the usual errors present in sample surveys.

For further information, order *Income Distributions by Size in Canada, Preliminary Estimates, 1980* (13-206, Canada: \$4.50; other countries: \$5.40), or contact the Data Dissemination Unit (613-996-5294), Consumer Income and Expenditure Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Telephone Statistics, 1980

The Canadian telephone industry showed an after-tax profit of \$565.8 million in 1980, up 2.2% from \$553.5 million in 1979. Operating revenues totalled \$5,848 million, an increase of 13.5% from \$5,151 million in the preceding year. Operating expenses rose 15.6% to \$4,019 million from \$3,476 million. The number of telephones in operation increased 4.4% to 16.5 million from 15.8 million.

For further information, order *Telephone Statistics, 1980* (56-203, \$6), or contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V1.

Retail Trade

Retail trade in June 1981, seasonally adjusted, totalled \$7,797.0 million, an increase of 0.7% from the \$7,743.4 million recorded in May. Sales rose in 15 of 23 trade groups. The largest gains were in specialty shoe stores (up 18.0%), household appliance stores (up 11.2%) and furniture, TV, radio and appliance stores (up 9.4%). The largest decrease was in sporting goods and accessories stores (down 12.2%). Five provinces reported increased sales from May, ranging from 6.1% for Prince Edward Island to 1.3% for Alberta.

Total retail trade without seasonal adjustment reached \$8,193.0 million, up 17.8% over June 1980. Sales were higher in all trade groups, with the largest increases in household appliance stores (up 45.8%), household furniture stores (up 35.0%) and service stations (up 33.7%). All provinces recorded sales increases ranging from 22.0% for Ontario to 9.0% for Nova Scotia. Percentage increases for metropolitan areas were: Montreal, 14.2%; Toronto, 26.5%; Winnipeg, 14.9%; and Vancouver, 19.4%.

Revised total retail trade without seasonal adjustment for May 1981 was \$8,259.9 million, an increase of 12.1% from May 1980.

Cumulative sales for January to June 1981 were \$44,301.4 million, up 15.2% over the same period in 1980.

For further information, order the June 1981 issue of *Retail Trade* (63-003, \$3.50/\$35), or contact the Retail Trade Section (613-996-9304), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V4.

Radio Broadcasting

Gross national AM and FM radio air-time sales were \$14.5 million in May 1981, an increase of 40.8% from \$10.3 million in May 1980. Net national sales after deducting agency and other commissions amounted to \$12.4 million, up 41.2% from \$8.8 million in the previous year.

Net local air-time sales were up 20.2% to \$29.7 million in May from \$24.7 million.

For further information, order the May 1981 issue of *Radio Broadcasting* (56-003, \$1.50/\$15), or contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V1.

Oil Pipeline Transport

Net receipts of crude oil, condensates, pentanes plus, liquefied petroleum gases and petroleum products through Canadian oil pipelines during June 1981 decreased 3.9% to 11 550 157 cubic metres from 12 013 799 cubic metres in June 1980.

For further information, order the June 1981 issue of *Oil Pipeline Transport* (55-001, \$2.50/\$25), or contact I. Cavanagh (613-996-3139), Manufacturing and Primary Industries, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Canadian Manufacturing

The preliminary estimate of the value of new orders received in Canadian manufacturing industries in July 1981, seasonally adjusted, was \$16,698.6 million, up 4.4% from the revised June value of \$15,998.5 million. Led by a sharp recovery to May levels in machinery products industries, new orders for durable goods increased 7.6% to \$7,563.8 million from \$7,027.1 million and non-durable goods new orders rose 1.8% to \$9,134.8 million from \$8,971.4 million a month earlier.

Manufacturers' shipments in July 1981, seasonally adjusted, totalled \$16,453.1 million, 2.4% higher than the revised June value of \$16,065.6 million. Although shipments in wood industries declined sharply, the drop was more than offset by increases in most of the other industry groups. Durable goods shipments were up 2.6% to \$7,324.1 million from \$7,137.1 million in June while non-durable goods shipments rose 2.2% to \$9,129.0 million from \$8,928.5 million.

The total backlog of unfilled orders for all manufacturing, seasonally adjusted, was estimated at \$19,934.5 million in July, 1.2% higher than the revised June value of \$19,689.0 million.

The seasonally adjusted value of total inventory owned by manufacturers increased 0.9% to \$32,465.5 million in July from \$32,191.7 million (revised) in June. Total inventory held increased 0.9% to \$33,973.3 million from \$33,672.3 million with increases in the value of raw materials of 1.0%, in goods in process of 0.5% and in finished products of 1.1%.

The seasonally adjusted ratio of total inventory owned to shipments at the end of July declined to 1.97:1 from 2.00:1 (revised) in June. The finished products to shipments ratio declined to 0.67:1 from 0.68:1.

Not adjusted for seasonal variation, manufacturers' shipments in July 1981 were estimated at \$15,269.6 million, up 19.7% from \$12,755.0 million a year earlier.

For further information, order the July 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.

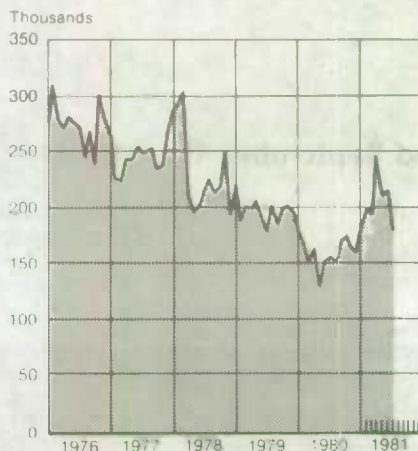
Highway Construction Index

The highway construction price index (1971=100) for Canada for the year ending March 31, 1981 reached 263.2, an increase of 13.4% from the previous fiscal year. Prices for new highway construction increased in all provinces except Newfoundland, which experienced almost no price change.

For further information, order *Construction Price Statistics* (62-007, \$3/\$30), or contact the Prices Division (613-996-3744), Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Housing Starts in Canada

Seasonally Adjusted at Annual Rates



Source: Statistics Canada, Housing Starts and Completions (64-002)

Department Stores

Department store sales were \$757.8 million in July 1981, an increase of 6.8% over July 1980. Sales were higher in 35 of the 40 departments. The largest increases were in repairs and services (up 24.4%) and china and glassware (up 22.3%). Sales rose in all provinces except Quebec (unchanged), ranging from 14.5% for Alberta to 3.5% for New Brunswick. Sales and percentage increases for metropolitan areas were: Montréal, \$82.6 million, 1.3%; Toronto, \$104.6 million, 6.3%; Winnipeg, \$35.8 million, 10.9%; and Vancouver, \$81.4 million, 6.6%.

The selling value of stocks held in July 1981 at \$2,984.7 million showed an increase of 13.0% from July 1980.

For further information, order the July 1981 issue of *Department Store Sales and Stocks* (63-002, \$2.50/\$25), or contact the Retail Trade Section (613-996-9304), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V4.

Personal Income

Preliminary estimates of personal income of Canadians in 1980 amounted to \$237,272 million, an increase of 12.2% over the revised 1979 level of \$211,394 million.

Tables showing the geographical distribution of personal income and its main components for the years 1977-1980 may be obtained from the *Gross National Product Division* (613-995-0601), Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

GDP by Industry

Preliminary estimates of gross domestic product at factor cost in 1980 amounted to \$268,422 million, an increase of 11.1% over the revised 1979 level of \$241,551 million.

For tables showing the industrial distribution of gross domestic product and its main components for the years 1977-1980, contact the *Gross National Product Division* (613-995-0601), Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Consumer Price Index

The all-items Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Canada (1971=100) increased by 0.7% in August to 240.6 from 238.9 in July. As a result, the 12-month rise between August 1980 and August 1981 stood at 12.7%, down from the 13.0% increase recorded in July. Approximately one-half of this latest monthly increase was attributable to higher housing charges while increases in each of the other six major components contributed about equally to the remainder of the overall advance. The food index, which increased by 1.3% between early June and early July, advanced by 0.3% in August. The all-items-excluding-food index rose 0.9%, up slightly from the previous month's increase of 0.7%.

Higher prices for fresh fruit (especially apples), chicken, fish and for selected beef and pork cuts were largely responsible for the 0.2% rise in the food-for-home consumption index. In August, the index stood 12.2% above its level of August 1980. The food-away-from-home index advanced 0.7%, up 9.9% over the corresponding month in 1980. As a result, the aggregate food index stood 11.7% above its level of August 1980, down from the 12.9% increase observed between July 1980 and July 1981.

Higher housing charges — primarily reflecting increased shelter costs for both rented and owned accommodation and higher rates for domestic gas and electricity — were the major contributing factors in the 0.9% increase in the all-items-excluding-food index. Between August 1980 and August 1981, the index rose 13.0%.

Viewed in terms of goods and services, the price level for goods advanced by 0.5% while that for services increased by 1.1%. Between August 1980 and August 1981, the price level for goods advanced by 13.4% while that for services rose 11.6%.

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

City Highlights

Between July and August, consumer prices rose in all cities for which CPIs are produced with increases ranging from a 0.3% in Charlottetown/Summerside to 1.2% in both Québec City and Vancouver. The major factors accounting for the variation in city price movements were the differing rates of change for food and clothing prices. As well electricity rates increased in Regina and Saskatoon while domestic gas rates rose in Thunder Bay and Vancouver. Local transit fares increased in Montréal.

City CPI increases for the 12-month period August 1980 to August 1981 ranged from 11.5% in Winnipeg to 14.7% in Vancouver.

For further information, order the August 1981 issue of *The Consumer Price Index* (62-001, \$2.50/\$25), or contact Sandra Shadlock (613-995-4078), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.



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