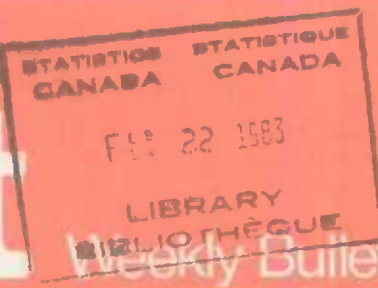




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## Farm Cash Receipts

Farm cash receipts for the year 1982 totalled an estimated \$18,521.8 million, down 0.9% from the 1981 level of \$18,681.3 million.

Receipts from the sale of field crops dropped 7% in 1982 to \$8,403.5 million. This decline is primarily due to lower Canadian Wheat Board payments (\$568 million in 1982 compared with \$1,243 million in 1981) and lower initial prices for wheat, partly offsetting were deferred grain receipts liquidated in 1982. Despite the lower wheat board payments and initial prices, grain volumes were 9% higher than in 1981 for barley and 16% higher for wheat.

Cash receipts from the sale of livestock and livestock products increased 6% in 1982 from the 1981 level. Higher hog and dairy prices and, consequently, receipts, offset decreases in cattle and poultry receipts.

For further information, order the January-December 1982 issue of *Farm Cash Receipts* (21-001, \$1.55/\$15.50), or contact Peter Lys (613-995-4895), Agriculture Statistics Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

## New Motor Vehicle Sales

The continuing recession prevailing in 1982 had a major impact on Canadian sales of new motor vehicles. Total retail sales for the year 1982 (920,902 units) showed a 22.7% drop compared to 1981. The retail value of these sales decreased 17.6% to \$9,824.0 million. There were 489,435 North American passenger cars (-24.3%) sold for \$4,856.3 million (-19.5%) and 166,986 North American commercial vehicles (-33.4%) for \$2,423.0 million (-27.3%). Sales of overseas manufactured passenger cars decreased 12.9% from 1981 to 224,046 units for a retail value of \$2,181.2 million (-2.6%), while sales of overseas built commercial vehicles increased 12.6% to 40,435 units valued at \$363.4 million (+16.7%). In 1982, 3,519 buses or coaches were sold (-15.4%) for \$195.0 million (-20.3%).

Calculated on an annual basis (for passenger car sales only), the market share of North American manufacturers declined to 68.5% in 1982 from 71.5% in 1981. On the

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## LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

### EMPLOYMENT, INCOME

Average Weekly Earnings (\$)	Nov.*	398.74p	399.95p	8.2
Labour Income (\$ million)	Nov.*	16,686.8p	16,850.7p	2.7
Persons with Jobs (million)	Jan.	10.06	10.25	-3.4
Unemployed	Jan.	1,598,000	1,494,000	45.8

### INVENTORIES

Department Store (\$ million)	Dec.*	2,939.0	3,324.7	3.3
Manufacturers' Owned (\$ million)	Nov.	31,849.6p	32,132.3r	-3.5

### ORDERS

Manufacturers' New Orders (\$ million)	Nov.	15,829.7p	14,828.6r	3.5
Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders (\$ million)	Nov.	17,361.9p	16,764.9r	-9.7

### PRICES

Consumer Price Index (1971=100)	Dec.	271.1	271.0	9.3
New House Price Index (1976=100)	Dec.	129.6	129.7	-3.9
Raw Materials Price Index (1977=100)	Dec.	201.6p	200.7p	8.2
Excl. coal, crude oil, nat. gas	Dec.	144.0p	142.7p	-0.8
Industry Selling Price Index (1971=100)	Dec.	292.3p	291.2p	4.4

### CONSTRUCTION

Building Permits (\$ million)	Nov.	964.5p	11,498.6p	-31.3
Housing Starts — Urban Centres (units)	Dec.	10,498	104,792	-26.4

### ENERGY

Coal Production (thousand tonnes)	Dec.*	3,806	42,814	6.8
Electricity Generation (terawatt hours)	Dec.*	35.1	375.4	-0.8
Natural Gas Production (million cubic metres)	Oct.	7,925.6	79,776.4	0.5
Petroleum Refining (million cubic metres)	Nov.	7.8p	82.7p	-13.0

### FOREIGN TRADE

Exports — Balance of Payments Basis (\$ million)	Dec.	7,026p	84,253p	0.0
Imports — Balance of Payments Basis (\$ million)	Dec.	5,000p	66,436p	-13.6

### PRODUCTION

Railway Carloadings (million tonnes)	Jan.*	13.8p	13.8p	-7.7
Steel (ingots — thousand tonnes)	Jan.*	842.4p	842.4p	-30.3

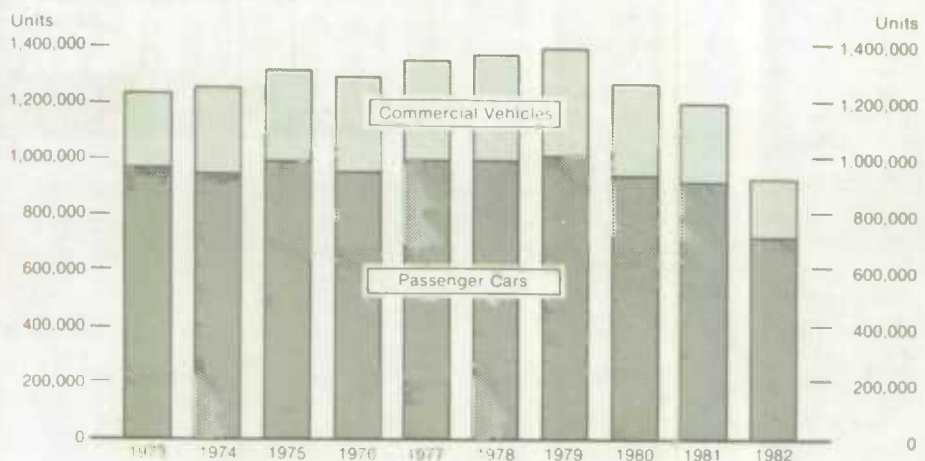
### SALES

Department Store Sales (\$ million)	Dec.	1,608.3	10,206.4	-0.1
Manufacturers' Shipments (\$ million)	Nov.	15,232.7p	168,542.3p	-3.4
New Motor Vehicle Sales (\$ million)	Dec.*	729.5	9,824.0	-17.6
Retail Sales (\$ million)	Dec.	10,612.7p	97,351.6p	3.2

Statistics are in current dollars and are not seasonally adjusted.

p - preliminary, r - revised, \* - new this week.

## Canadian Sales of New Motor Vehicles



Source: Statistics Canada, New Motor Vehicle Sales (53-C07)

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other hand, Japanese and European manufacturers both registered an increase, with 25.0% and 6.4%, respectively, in 1982 compared to 23.0% and 5.5% in 1981.

In December 1982, retail sales (units) in Canada of all new motor vehicles showed an increase for the first time since November 1981. Below market rate financing programs offered by North American manufacturers contributed to the overall 4.8% sales increase from December 1981 to 66,818 units. Sales of North American manufactured passenger cars were up 20.3% to 38,949 units, while those of domestic commercial vehicles decreased 16.9% to 10,998 units. In contrast, sales of passenger cars built overseas decreased by 12.5% from the previous year to 13,049 units, while overseas commercial vehicles were 19.5% higher with 3,822 units sold.

As a result of the voluntary agreement limiting the number of Japanese vehicles imported into Canada (which ended in December 1982) there were only a minimum number of Japanese-manufactured passenger cars available during the month and sales declined by 13.7% from year-earlier levels. The import limitation, together with the below market rate financing offered by the North American manufacturers, resulted in a substantial decline in the share of the passenger car market held by the Japanese manufacturers in December 1982 — 18.5% of the total unit sales, while the North American and European models had 74.9% and 6.6%, respectively. The corresponding market shares for December 1981 were 23.5% for Japanese, 68.5% for North American and 8.0% for European manufacturers.

Total value of all new motor vehicles sold in December 1982 increased 5.1% over December 1981 to \$729.5 million. Sales of North American passenger cars totalled \$393.9 million (+24.0%) while those of commercial vehicles amounted to \$162.2 million (-19.2%). The value of overseas manufactured passenger cars sold decreased 6.0% to \$138.6 million while that of commercial vehicles went up by 21.8% to \$34.8 million. Included in total commercial vehicles sold were 218 coaches or buses (-37.9%) valued at \$19.3 million (-6.9%).

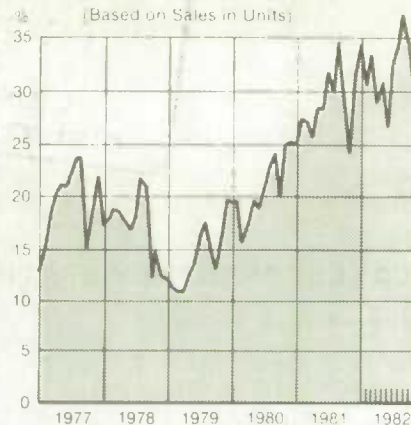
For further information, order the December 1982 issue of *New Motor Vehicle Sales* (63-007, \$2.50/\$25), or contact Jean-Pierre Simard (613-996-9304), Retail Trade Section, Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 9Z9.

## International Travel

Total non-resident visitors to Canada numbered 1.8 million in December 1982, down 7.3% from a year earlier. Residents of Canada re-entering this country from international trips increased by 7.7% to 2.4 million.

For further information, order the December 1982 issue of *International Travel* — *Advance Information* (66-002, \$1.50/\$15), or contact Paul L. Paradis (613-995-0847), International Travel Section, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0Z8.

## Share of Canadian New Car Market Held by Overseas Manufacturers



## Employment in Industry

First estimates show that the Canada industrial composite index of employment (1961=100) increased 0.2% in November 1982 from the October level. Higher employment levels were registered in manufacturing, construction, transportation, communication and other utilities and service but employment declined in the remaining industry divisions.

Average weekly earnings at the Canada industrial level increased by 0.7% to \$399.90 in November from \$397.17 in October. Increases were recorded in all industry divisions except mining (including milling) and service which declined.

Average weekly hours increased in construction and remained unchanged in mining (including milling) and manufacturing. Average hourly earnings increased in mining (including milling), manufacturing and construction.

Detailed information for September and October will be published in the November 1982 issue of *Employment, Earnings and Hours* (72-002, \$4/\$40).

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## Help-wanted Index

The seasonally adjusted Help-wanted Index (1981=100) for January 1983 stood at 38, almost unchanged from December 1982. The component for the Atlantic provinces rose, while the indexes for the other regions remained the same or declined slightly.

On a year-over-year basis, the Canada Help-wanted Index showed a drop of 50% in January 1983.

Inquiries about the index should be directed to Horst Stiebert (613-995-8445), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V1.

## Labour Income

Labour income for the month of November 1982 was estimated at \$16,686.8 million, an increase of \$432.4 million or 2.7% from November 1981.

Adjusted for seasonal variation, wages and salaries increased by \$134.2 million between October and November 1982 to \$15,438.7 million.

The estimates will be published in the October-December 1982 issue of *Estimates of Labour Income* (72-005, \$5/\$20). For further information, contact G. Gauthier (613-995-8431), Labour Income Section, Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

## Canadian Coal Production

Production of coal in Canada declined to 3 806 kilotonnes in December 1982 from 3 980 KT a year earlier. Landed imports dropped to 653 KT from 1 786 KT and exports were down to 1 208 KT from 1 393 KT.

Coal production during 1982 totalled 42 814 KT, up 6.8% from 40 088 KT in 1981. Landed imports rose to 15 481 KT from 14 837 KT and exports were up to 16 004 KT from 15 821 KT.

For further information, order the December 1982 issue of *Coal and Coke Statistics* (45-002, \$2.65/\$26.50), or contact Dave Madsen (613-996-3139), Energy Section, Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

## Electric Power Statistics

Net generation of electricity in Canada totalled 35 073 gigawatt hours in December 1982, down from 36 088 GW.h a year earlier. Exports declined to 3 041 GW.h from 3 205 GW.h, while imports rose to 146 GW.h from 93 GW.h.

In 1982, electric power generation was 375 449 GW.h, down 0.8% from 378 531 GW.h in 1981. Exports of electricity decreased to 34 214 GW.h from 35 372 GW.h, while imports increased to 848 GW.h from 1 497 GW.h.

For further information, order the December 1982 issue of *Electric Power Statistics* (57-001, \$2.65/\$26.50), or contact Dave Madsen (613-996-3139), Energy Section, Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.



## Department Store Sales

Department store sales in Canada were \$1,608.3 million in December 1982, up 4.3% from December 1981. Sales were up in 27 of the 40 departments with the largest gains recorded in repairs and services (+39.9%), plumbing, heating and building materials (+30.8%) and women's and girls' hosiery (+16.2%). The largest decreases were posted in furs (-9.5%), women's and misses' coats and suits (-7.8%) and hardware, paints, wallpaper, etc. (-5.7%). Sales were up from a year earlier in all the provinces with the exception of Alberta (-3.0%) and the Yukon and Northwest Territories (-1.2%). The most notable sales increases were reported in Nova Scotia (+13.4%), Prince Edward Island (+11.4%) and Saskatchewan (+10.6%). For the 10 metropolitan areas covered by the survey, the largest sales increase was in Halifax-Dartmouth (+17.4%), while the biggest drop occurred in Calgary (-6.2%).

Sales of major department store organizations in December 1982 totalled \$1,009.3 million, up 3.8% from December 1981, while junior department store organizations had sales of \$599.0 million, up 5.0% from a year earlier.

The selling value of stocks held in December 1982 at \$2,939.0 million showed an increase of 3.3% from December 1981.

For further information, order the December 1982 issue of *Department Store Sales and Stocks* (63-002, \$3/\$30), or contact the Retail Trade Section (613-996-9304), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0Z9.

## Raw Steel Production

Preliminary estimates show that steel ingot production dropped to 842 408 tonnes in January 1983 from 1 207 982 tonnes a year earlier.

Pig iron production fell to 507 296 tonnes in the latest month from 802 188 tonnes in January 1982.

For further information, order the January 1983 issue of *Primary Iron and Steel* (41-001, \$1.50/\$15), or contact Gerry W. Barrett (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

## Gas Utilities

Preliminary data show sales of natural gas in Canada amounted to 3 954.9 million cubic metres in November 1982, a drop of 0.8% from 3 986.4 million cubic metres a year earlier.

Exports of natural gas to the United States were 2 064.5 million cubic metres in the latest month, up 6.9% from 1 931.0 million cubic metres in November 1981.

For further information, order the November 1982 issue of *Gas Utilities* (55-002, \$2.50/\$25), or contact Gary Smalldridge (613-996-3139), Energy Section, Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

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## Railway Operating Statistics

Canada's seven major railways reported a net income from operations of \$26.5 million in November 1982, down 30.1% from the year-earlier level. Operating revenues of \$516.7 million increased by 6.6% from the 1981 figure.

Revenue freight tonne-kilometres were down by 13.2% in November 1982, freight train-kilometres decreased 16.4% and freight car-kilometres by 15.2%. Average revenue per tonne-kilometre of freight was 2.123 cents. Revenue passenger-kilometres decreased by 21.9% from November 1981 to 133.9 million.

For further information, order the November 1982 issue of *Railway Operating Statistics* (52-003, \$2.50/\$25), or contact J. Bustros (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V1.

## Railway Transport

Revenue freight traffic handled by railways in Canada in 1981 totalled 246.9 million tonnes, down 3.0% from the 1980 level. Domestic loadings decreased 2.5% to 230.3 million tonnes, while receipts from United States connections decreased by 8.9% to 16.7 million tonnes.

On a commodity basis, crude materials, which account for 51.9% of all freight traffic, decreased by 4.5% to 128.2 million tonnes.

For further information, contact J. Bustros (613-996-9271), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V1, or order the publication *Railway Transport, Part V, 1981* (52-211, \$10.60).

## Prices of Farm Products

The Canada index number of farm prices of agricultural products (1971=100) remained at 281.0 in December 1982, unchanged from November but up 0.8% from the December 1981 level of 278.9.

The index, which measures — as closely as can be determined — prices received by producers at the farm gate, is available on CAN-SIM (matrix 176) or in the publication *Index Numbers of Farm Prices of Agricultural Products* (62-003, \$1.50/\$15).

## Social Security

Now available is *Social Security National Programs: Vol. 7, Other Programs* (catalogue 86-511), one in a series of reports profiling social security programs in Canada. This report examines five programs — Veterans' Assistance and Pensions, Indian Social Welfare, New Horizons, Family Planning Grants, and National Welfare Grants.

Disability pensions and war allowances to veterans, civilians with war service and their dependents amounted to \$812 million in 1980-81, or 1.2% of federal expenditures. The report indicates that the federal government spent \$187 million on welfare services and assistance to registered Indians in 1980-81 (excluding assistance provided by Unemployment Insurance, Old Age Security and Family Allowances).

The New Horizons program enables groups of retired people to design and participate in projects and programs such as drop-in centres and sports, recreational, historical, cultural, educational and service activities. Federal contributions of \$12.6 million enabled approximately 300,000 people, most of them retired, to participate in nearly 2,000 such projects during 1980-81. Federal grants of \$1.1 million to the Family Planning Grants program in 1980-81 funded 20 projects, mainly for staff training, research, public education and services in family planning.

The National Welfare Grants program provided \$1.5 million in 1980-81 in support of core administrative expenditures of national voluntary organizations such as the Canadian Co-ordinating Council for the Disabled. In addition, \$3.2 million was provided to fund 99 welfare research and development projects.

The publication is one in a series of seven on national social security programs. Already released are Vol. 4: *Family Allowances and Related Programs* (catalogue 86-508); Vol. 5: *Old Age Security, Guaranteed Income Supplement and Spouses Allowance* (86-509); and Vol. 6: *Social Allowances and Services* (86-510). Still to be published are Vol. 1: *Overview* (86-505); Vol. 2: *Unemployment Insurance* (86-506); and Vol. 3: *Canada and Québec Pension Plans* (86-507). Each volume is priced at \$7, while the full set is available at \$35 (\$8.40 and \$42.00 respectively for orders from outside Canada). For further information, contact Hideo Mimoto (613-995-9544), Health Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0Z5.

## Urban Transit

Canadian urban transit systems (59) collected 125,681,958 initial passenger fares in December 1982. The total distance run was 65 478 151 kilometres and operating revenues amounted to \$62.1 million.

For further information, order the December 1982 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.



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