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## Trade in Automotive Products

### Trade With the United States

Canada accumulated a record \$5.9 billion surplus in trade in automotive products with the United States during 1984. This was an 80% increase over the surplus of \$3.3 billion in 1983, and continues the run of surpluses begun in 1982 after nine years of deficits.

Both imports and exports of automotive products showed extraordinary increases. Imports in 1984 totalled \$23.9 billion, 36% more than in 1983. Nearly two-thirds of this total consisted of auto parts, which also increased in value by 36%. Exports of automotive products increased 43%, to \$29.8 billion, the growth occurring equally in all areas except trucks and other motor vehicles which grew at a relatively slower rate of 32%.

Traditionally, Canada has had a deficit with the United States in the area of automotive parts, balanced by a surplus in the area of cars. The current surplus is the result of a large increase in exports of cars (nearly tripling since 1980) compared to more moderate increases in imports of parts.

### Trade With Overseas Countries

The trade deficit in automobile products with countries other than the United States grew to \$2.9 billion, \$1.3 billion more than in 1983. This was the result of a continuing growth in imports of cars (up 36%) and parts (doubling, to \$1.3 billion), while exports showed only slight gains (up 10%) and are still below the 1982 level.

Although automotive trade with overseas countries is less than one-tenth of the corresponding trade with the United States, the deficit with overseas countries is nearly one-half the value of the trade surplus with the United States.

### Passenger Automobile Trade With the United States

The increase in passenger automobile exports in 1984 is a product of two factors, a 27% growth in the number of units exported together with an overall 13.5% rise in the average value per unit shipped. The increase in number of units came from exports of station wagons (including vans) which have more than doubled from 1983. The rise in average value was the result of a 29% increase in the price of large cars. A

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## LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

### EMPLOYMENT, INCOME

Average Weekly Earnings (\$)	Jan.*	410.14	407.99	2.5
Labour Income (\$ million)	Dec.	19,716.7	19,919.7	6.2
Persons with Jobs (million)	Feb.	10.77	10.68	2.1
Unemployed	Feb.	1,455,000	1,483,000	-1.4

### INVENTORIES

Department Store (\$ million)	Dec.	3,142.7	3,950.5	-2.5
Manufacturers' Owned (\$ million)	Dec.	33,195.8	32,770.3	8.3

### ORDERS

Manufacturers' New Orders (\$ million)	Dec.	17,830.2	19,827.3	8.7
Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders (\$ million)	Dec.	22,110.3	22,210.4	10.0

### PRICES

Consumer Price Index (1981=100)	Feb.	125.4	124.6	3.7
New House Price Index (1981=100)	Dec.	94.7	94.5	-0.1
Raw Materials Price Index (1977=100)	Jan.	222.0	221.7	3.6
Excl. coal, crude oil, nat. gas	Jan.	156.7	156.3	-0.6
Industry Selling Price Index (1971=100)	Jan.	315.5	314.3	3.3

### CONSTRUCTION

Building Permits (\$ million)	Dec.	1,217.7	15,505.3	6.4
Housing Starts — Urban Centres (units)	Jan.	7,662	7,662	-11.3

### ENERGY

Coal Production (thousand tonnes)	Dec.	5,008	57,428	28.2
Electricity Generation (terawatt hours)	Dec.	40.9	424.6	7.4
Natural Gas Production (million cubic metres)	Dec.	9,772	89,865	7.9
Petroleum Refining (million cubic metres)	Dec.	7.7	87.6	1.5

### FOREIGN TRADE

Exports — Balance of Payments Basis (\$ million)	Jan.	9,128	9,128	10.3
Imports — Balance of Payments Basis (\$ million)	Jan.	7,608	7,608	17.2

### PRODUCTION

Railway Carloadings (million tonnes)	Dec.	16.9	240.0	15.9
Steel (ingots — thousand tonnes)	Feb.	1,150	2,298	-5.6

### SALES

Department Store Sales (\$ million)	Jan.	692.7	692.7	6.7
Manufacturers' Shipments (\$ million)	Dec.	17,930.3	225,817.1	13.2
New Motor Vehicle Sales (\$ million)	Jan.	1,140.8	1,140.8	23.5
Retail Sales (\$ million)	Jan.	8,613.1	8,613.1	12.6

Statistics are in current dollars and are not seasonally adjusted.

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## Canada — United States Trade in Automotive Products

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Source: Statistics Canada, Daily Bulletin (11-001E)

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### ... Trade in Automotive Products

45% increase in the number of units of large cars exported was entirely offset by a corresponding decline in the number of smaller cars shipped.

The number of passenger automobiles imported from the United States increased 13%, while the average price per unit rose 10.5%. The largest increases in price occurred for large cars and station wagons. The proportion of each class of automobile imported remained virtually unchanged with a slight propensity towards smaller cars.

### Sources of Passenger Automobile Imports

The number of passenger automobiles imported in 1984 from all countries rose 16%, to 862,600. Of this number, 70% came from the United States, down from 72% in 1983. The number of Japanese cars imported, restricted by a quota system, rose less than 4% so that the Japanese share of the import market, in numbers, fell from 23.3% to 20.8%. However, average prices for Japanese cars increased 15% compared to 10.5% for cars from the United States and 9.5% for all countries. Imports of cars from other countries are acquiring an increased share.

Contact G. Blaney (613-990-9647), Trade Information Unit, or John Butterill (613-990-9784), Trade Measures and Analysis Section, International Trade Division.

### Local Government Employment

At the end of December 1984, the number of employees involved in general government services of local governments across Canada was 291,349, down 2.8% from the 299,688 reported at the end of the previous quarter but up 1.1% over December 1983.

The gross payrolls of local governments for the fourth quarter of 1984 amounted to \$1,700,354,000, down 4.6% from the \$1,783,059,000 reported for the previous quarter and up 3.9% over October-December 1983.

Order the October-December 1984 issue of Local Government Employment (72-009, \$12/\$48), or contact the Public Institutions Division (613-990-8305).

### Federal Government Employment

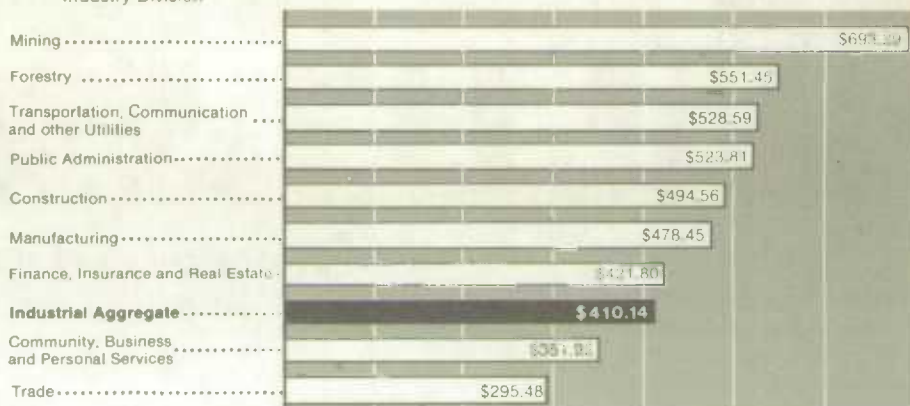
Employees of the federal government (including members of the Canadian Armed Forces) and government enterprises numbered 582,928 as of December 1984, an overall increase of 2,197 (0.3%) from December 1983. General government employees increased by 2,737 (0.6%), while those in government enterprises declined by 540 (-0.4%).

The growth in general government employment was due primarily to increased term employment in the Canada Post Corporation and in a number of other departments, along with higher establishments in the Correctional Service Program of the Solicitor General, in Fisheries and Oceans, and in the National Research Council of

## Average Weekly Earnings in Canadian Industry

January 1985\*

Industry Division



Source: Statistics Canada, Employment, Earnings and Hours (72-002)

\* Preliminary Estimates

### Wholesale Trade

#### Sales

Wholesale merchants' sales rose at a stronger pace in January 1985, advancing 11.8% over the same period last year. Revised sales for December 1984 were up 7.0% from the December 1983 level.

In January 1985, all major trade groups except farm machinery, equipment and supplies (-8.1%) registered sales increases from a year earlier. The most notable gains were reported by wholesalers of other machinery, equipment and supplies (21.8%); tobacco, drugs and toilet preparations (21.0%); metals, hardware, plumbing and heating equipment (18.5%); and apparel, dry goods, furniture and general merchandise (17.9%).

All regions posted sales increases from a year earlier, ranging from 24.0% in the Atlantic provinces to 8.9% in Ontario.

#### Inventories

Wholesale inventories in January 1985 increased by 6.9% from the corresponding period in 1984. Revised inventories for December 1984 were up 10.0% from the December 1983 level.

Order the January 1985 issue of Wholesale Trade (63-008, \$1.60/\$16), or contact the Wholesale Trade Section (613-990-9679), Industry Division.

Canada. These increases were partly offset by decreases in other departments, mainly National Defence, the House of Commons, and Indian Affairs and Northern Development. The decline in government enterprise employment was due largely to layoffs over the year by the Canadian National Railways.

Gross payroll (including overtime and retroactive payments) for October-December 1984 was \$4,405.4 million, an increase of \$200.1 million (4.8%) over the corresponding quarter in 1983.

Order the October-December 1984 issue of Federal Government Employment (72-004, \$20), or contact T. Moore or M. Fathy (613-990-8305), Public Institutions Division.

### Employment and Earnings

The preliminary estimates of employment for the Canada industrial aggregate decreased by 0.2% from December 1984 to January 1985. All industry divisions decreased except mining, manufacturing and services, which increased. All provinces and territories decreased, with the exception of Newfoundland, New Brunswick and Alberta, which registered increases.

Average weekly earnings, at the Canada industrial aggregate level, increased by 0.5%, from \$407.99 in December 1984 to \$410.14 in January 1985. All industry divisions increased except trade, finance, insurance and real estate, services and public administration, which showed decreases. All provinces and territories increased except Newfoundland and Quebec, which decreased.

Order the January 1985 issue of Employment, Earnings and Hours (72-002), or contact the Labour Division (613-990-9900).

### Estimates of Population

Post-censal estimates for Canada, the provinces and territories as of January 1, 1985 are:

- Canada, 25,262,500
- Newfoundland, 578,900
- Prince Edward Island, 126,800
- Nova Scotia, 878,300
- New Brunswick, 717,200
- Quebec, 6,562,200
- Ontario, 9,023,900
- Manitoba, 1,065,000
- Saskatchewan, 1,016,400
- Alberta, 2,337,500
- British Columbia, 2,883,000
- Yukon, 22,800
- Northwest Territories, 50,500

Order Quarterly Estimates of Population for Canada and the Provinces (91-001, \$2.75/\$11), or contact Lise Ofori-Attah (613-990-9579), Demography Division.



## Productivity and Unit Labour Cost

The preliminary estimates of output per man-hour for All Commercial Industries showed an increase of 2.0% in 1984, following an increase of 3.2% in 1983 and almost no increase in 1982. Output per man-hour in Manufacturing increased 4.0% in 1984, after an increase of 6.4% in 1983 and a decline of 2.8% in 1982.

The rate of growth of output per man-hour in 1984, for both All Commercial Industries and Manufacturing, is lower than in 1983, although the rate of increase of output in both industry groupings is significantly higher in 1984 than in 1983. The reason is the increase in man-hours worked, which showed an increase of 3.3% for All Commercial Industries and an even larger increase of 4.2% in Manufacturing. In 1983, man-hours worked had declined in both industry groupings.

Unit labour cost increased 1.0% in All Commercial Industries and declined 2.3% in Manufacturing, the first such decline registered in Manufacturing since 1964.

For further information, contact **Karnail S. Gill** (613-990-8911), *Input-Output Division*.

## Union Wage

The Canada total Union Wage Rate Index for construction trades (including supplements) registered no change between January and February 1985, remaining at a level of 127.7.

On a year-over-year basis, the Canada total index rose 0.4%. City indexes in Quebec and the Western Provinces showed no change, while Ontario and New Brunswick reported marginal increases (less than one percent). Only in Halifax did wage rates increase sharply (10.3%). Conversely, the index for St. John's, Newfoundland posted a decrease (-6.0%).

Order Construction Price Statistics (62-007, \$3.30/\$33), or contact **Prices Division** (613-990-9601).

## University Graduations

Graduations were up again in 1983, by 2.5% over 1982, or 122,507 degrees, diplomas and certificates granted compared to 119,460 the year before. The rise was much higher at the graduate level: 6% for the masters and doctorate levels and 10% for graduate diplomas and certificates.

Contact **Tom Bird** or **Mongi Mouelhi** (613-990-8287), *Postsecondary Education Section, Education, Culture and Tourism Division*.

## Telecommunications

Telelobe Canada and CNCP Telecommunications report quarterly revenue of \$143.3 million in the fourth quarter of 1984, up 9.8% from the fourth quarter of 1983. Operating expenses were \$107.0 million, an increase of 11.1% over the same period in 1983. Net operating revenue was \$36.3 million, compared with \$34.2 million in the fourth quarter of 1983.

Order the Communications Service Bulletin (56-001, \$1.55/\$15.50), or contact **J. R. Slatery** (613-990-8693), *Services Division*.

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### The Daily

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A new feature of the *Daily* will be a regular monthly *Index to Data Releases*. The *Index* for the month of April will be published in the May 1, 1985 *Daily*. A supplementary *Index to Data Releases* for the first quarter of 1985 will be available, upon request, from the Communications Division or from any Statistics Canada Regional Office.

## Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas

During December 1984, production of crude oil and equivalent hydrocarbons amounted to 7 806.3 thousand cubic metres, up 3.0%. Exports were up 28.2%, to 1 952.4 thousand cubic metres and imports rose 55.9%, to 1 404.8 thousand cubic metres. Canadian refinery receipts of crude oil totalled 6 996.7 thousand cubic metres, up 0.7%.

Production of natural gas during December amounted to 9 780.0 million cubic metres, up 0.2%. Exports, at 2 606.8 million cubic metres, were up 1.1%, whereas sales in Canada were down 3.6%, to 5 506.9 million cubic metres.

Total production of crude oil and equivalent hydrocarbons for 1984 amounted to 103 203.0 thousand cubic metres, up 6.6%. Exports rose 21.9%, to 20 673.9 thousand cubic metres, while imports, at 14 229.7 thousand cubic metres, were down 0.9%. Canadian refinery receipts of crude oil totalled 82 523.6 thousand cubic metres, up 0.9%.

During the same period, production of natural gas amounted to 89 904.3 million cubic metres, up 7.9%; exports rose 6.1%, to 21 401.4 million cubic metres; and sales in Canada, at 47 590.0 million cubic metres, were up 8.6%.

The above comparisons were calculated

## Sawmills East of the Rockies

Production of lumber in sawmills East of the Rockies decreased in January 1985 to 617,496,000 feet board measure (1 457 131 cubic metres) from 637,514,000 feet board measure (1 504 365 cubic metres), after revisions, in January 1984.

Stocks on hand at the end of January 1985 totalled 1,052,903,000 feet board measure (2 484 574 cubic metres).

Order the January 1985 issue of *Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills East of the Rockies* (35-002, \$8/\$80), or contact **Patrick E. Martin** (613-990-9826), *Industry Division*.

## Sawmills in British Columbia

Sawmills in British Columbia produced 1,148.9 million feet board measure (2 711.1 cubic metres) of lumber and ties in January 1985 compared to the year-earlier total of 1,129.8 million feet board measure (2 666.0 cubic metres).

Order the January 1985 issue of *Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills in British Columbia* (35-003, \$6/\$60), or contact **Patrick E. Martin** (613-990-9826), *Industry Division*.

## Mineral Wool

During February 1985, manufacturers shipped 4 436 226 square metres of mineral wool (all R factors), down 22% from the 5 699 156 square metres shipped in the same period last year.

Order the February 1985 issue of *Mineral Wool Including Fibrous Glass Insulation* (44-004, \$4/\$40), or contact **K.C. Wardley** (613-990-9835), *Industry Division*.

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against data for the corresponding period in 1983.

Order the December 1984 issue of *Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas Production* (26-006, \$8/\$80) or contact **Ian Cavanagh** (613-990-9823), *Industry Division*.



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