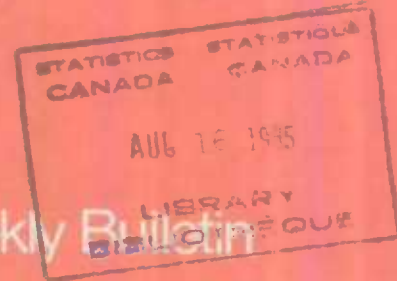


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## New Motor Vehicle Sales

### Unadjusted Sales

Sales of all new motor vehicles totalled 160,505 units in June 1985, up 20.6% over June 1984, the highest monthly total ever registered, surpassing the previous most active sales month of April 1985 when 157,681 units were sold. Compared to June 1984, sales of North American manufactured passenger cars increased by 8.6% to 84,655 units while those of commercial vehicles rose by 37.6% to 37,629 units over the same period. Sales of passenger cars built overseas rose by 40.3% to 34,125 units, while sales of overseas-built commercial vehicles increased by 18.6% to 4,096 units. For overseas-built passenger cars, this comprised increases of 6.7% for Japanese automobiles (18,069 units) and 11.6% for passenger cars imported from other countries (16,056 units).

The share of the Canadian passenger car market held by North American manufacturers in June 1985 (based on unit sales) was 71.3%, down from the 76.2% recorded in June 1984. Japanese manufacturers held a market share of 15.2% compared to 16.6% a year earlier. Manufacturers from other countries held 13.5% of the passenger car market, a substantial increase from the 7.2% held in June 1984.

The total dollar value of all new motor vehicles sold in June 1985 increased by 27.0% from a year earlier to \$2,058.6 million. Sales of North American passenger cars reached \$1,010.3 million, up 15.7% over the corresponding month in 1984. The total sales of commercial vehicles built in North

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## Composite Leading Indicator

The Canadian composite leading indicator was little changed in May after nine straight declines. Only one of the 10 components, the proxy of profit margins, was down. It has been responsible for most of the recent slump in the composite indicator. The growth in the consumer demand components slowed somewhat in May as a result of declines in the non-filtered versions. The non-filtered index rebounded from its April downturn, rising by 1.7% in response to increases in manufacturing orders and the stock index. The stability of the overall index signals little change in the outlook for continued modest growth in the near term.

Order Current Economic Indicators (13-005, \$10/\$100), or contact D. Rhoades (613-990-9161), Econometric Analysis Division.

## LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

### EMPLOYMENT, INCOME

			Previous Month	% Change From Year Ago
Average Weekly Earnings(\$)	May	417.05	416.15	3.7
Labour Income (\$ million)	May	20,520.4	20,097.1	6.0
Persons with Jobs (million)	July*	11.83	11.62	2.3
Unemployed	July*	1,272,000	1,293,000	-4.1

### INVENTORIES

Department Store (\$ million)	May	3,517.4	3,540.7	5.4
Manufacturers' Owned (\$ million)	May	33,765.4	34,032.0	3.6

### ORDERS

Manufacturers' New Orders (\$ million)	May	21,439.9	19,971.0	5.4
Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders (\$ million)	May	22,588.1	22,403.1	2.3

### PRICES

Consumer Price Index (1981 = 100)	June	127.2	126.5	4.1
New House Price Index (1981 = 100)	June	95.6	95.2	0.3
Raw Materials Price Index (1977 = 100)	June	222.1	222.8	2.1
Excl. coal, crude oil, nat. gas	June	157.5	158.0	-3.2
Industry Selling Price Index (1971 = 100)	June	318.9	318.7	2.5

### CONSTRUCTION

			Year-to-date	
Building Permits (\$ million)	May	1,743.7	6,831.1	19.9
Housing Starts - Urban Centres (units)	June	13,617	60,672	12.2

### ENERGY

Coal Production (thousand tonnes)	Apr.*	5 085	20 967	15.2
Electricity Generation (terawatt hours)	Apr.*	35 284	158 641	3.9
Natural Gas Production (million cubic metres)	Apr.*	771	35 964	12.0
Petroleum Refining (thousand cubic metres)	Apr.*	6 027	26 434	-9.3

### FOREIGN TRADE

Exports - Balance of Payments Basis (\$ million)	June	10,325	60,311	9.4
Imports - Balance of Payments Basis (\$ million)	June	8,683	50,325	9.5

### PRODUCTION

Railway Carloadings (million tonnes)	June*	20.4	118.6	1.0
Steel (ingots - thousand tonnes)	June	1 240	7 279	-4.0

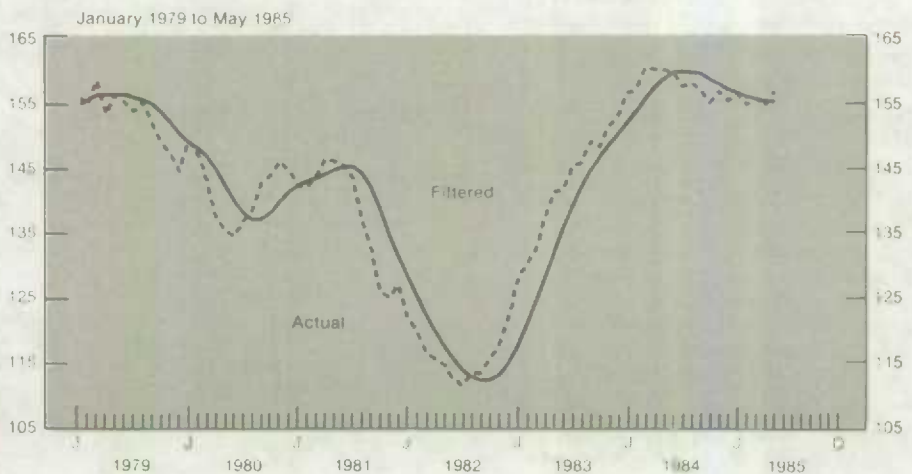
### SALES

Department Store Sales (\$ million)	June*	928.2	5,008.4	3.7
Manufacturers' Shipments (\$ million)	May	21,254.8	98,160.8	6.2
New Motor Vehicle Sales (\$ million)	June*	2,058.6	10,193.2	22.1
Retail Sales (\$ million)	May	11,565.1	48,966.9	10.2

Statistics are in current dollars and are not seasonally adjusted.

\* - new this week.

## The Canadian Composite Leading Index (1971=100)



Source: Statistics Canada, Current Economic Indicators (13-005)

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### ... New Motor Vehicle Sales

America amounted to \$597.9 million, up 40.9%. Sales of overseas passenger cars rose 41.6% to \$404.5 million, while sales of commercial vehicles increased 23.5% to reach \$45.9 million.

Total sales in units reported for the first six months of 1985 increased 15.9% over the same period last year to reach 800,090 units, valued at \$10,193.2 million, a gain of 22.1%.

#### Seasonally Adjusted Sales

Adjusted for seasonal fluctuations and the number of trading days, preliminary estimates of unit sales of passenger cars built in North America totalled 67,424 units, up 5.9% from the previous month. Seasonally adjusted sales of passenger cars built overseas increased 12.7% to reach 30,479 units, while total sales of commercial vehicles, both domestic and overseas, were higher by 12.2% reaching 34,545 units.

Order the June 1985 issue of **New Motor Vehicle Sales** (63-007, \$8/\$80), or contact Michael Kwilecki (613-991-3549), or Lina Di Piéto (613-990-9824), Industry Division.

### Civil Courts in Canada

**Civil Courts in Canada**, a new report prepared by the Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, contains useful and timely information on civil courts operating across Canada. This publication presents a general model of civil process and discusses the major themes and issues in civil justice today. One of the publication's primary purposes is to provide a contextual framework within which future national civil court statistics can be analyzed. There is a special section on the Small Claims Court, as well as an examination of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms and recent developments at the federal and provincial levels.

Order **Civil Courts in Canada** (85-509, Canada: \$25; Other Countries: \$26.50), or contact Robert Kingsley (613-990-6610), Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics.

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### Gross Domestic Product

(Seasonally Adjusted)

1971 dollars  
(\$ billions)



Source: Statistics Canada, Gross Domestic Product by Industry (61-005)

### Security Transactions

Foreign investment in outstanding Canadian securities resulted in a net capital inflow of \$529 million in June, some \$200 million higher than in May. Net sales to non-residents of outstanding Canadian bonds doubled to \$401 million, largely reflecting an increase in investments from the United States. Gross bond trading activity involving non-residents reached a record \$3.8 billion in June. Net sales of Canadian equities remained virtually unchanged at \$128 million. Foreign investments in Canadian equities, largely from the United States, totalled nearly \$500 million in the first half of 1985, in contrast to a net disinvestment recorded in each of the last four years.

In trade in outstanding foreign securities, Canadian residents reduced their holdings of foreign equities by \$70 million in June, bringing the overall reduction in the second quarter to some \$300 million. However, residents increased their investments in foreign bonds by \$136 million in June.

Order the June 1985 issue of **Security Transactions with Non-residents** (67-002, \$15/\$150), or contact J. Motala (613-990-9051), International and Financial Economics Division.

### Department Store Sales by Regions

Department stores in Canada reported sales totalling \$928.2 million in June 1985, a decrease of 1.4% from a year earlier.

Cumulative sales for the period January to June 1985 totalled \$5,008.4 million, up 3.7% from the same period in 1984.

On a regional basis, department store sales during the month were as follows (percentage change from June 1984 in parentheses):

- Atlantic Provinces, \$69.9 million (+4.6%);
- Quebec, \$176.1 million (-1.2%);
- Ontario, \$344.9 million (-1.1%);
- Manitoba, \$47.7 million (-3.1%);

### Gross Domestic Product and Industrial Production

Gross Domestic Product in constant 1971 prices advanced 0.4% in May 1985, following no growth in April. Industrial production slipped 0.1% in May following modest increases in March and April.

Wholesale and retail trade accounted for about 65% of the overall growth in GDP in May. Wholesalers of motor vehicles and parts, and electrical machinery and equipment reported strong gains. In retail trade, increases were recorded by department stores, clothing, drug, and auto parts and accessories stores.

Other service-producing industries which showed growth this month included telephone systems, security dealers and brokers, hotels, motels and restaurants.

The major increase in the goods-producing sector in May occurred in the construction industry which advanced 2.5%, the strongest monthly gain in 24 months. The gain in construction was due to increased residential and non-residential building activity.

Output of manufacturers was up 0.3% in May compared to a 0.9% increase the previous month. Significant output increases were reported by manufacturers of metal fabricated products, machinery and equipment, petroleum, and non-metallic mineral products. Production decreases were recorded in manufacturing of food and beverages, paper products, chemicals, primary metals, and transportation equipment.

Goods-producing industries recording declines during May included agriculture, forestry and utilities.

Order the May 1985 issue of **Gross Domestic Product by Industry** (61-005, \$10/\$100), or contact Ron Kennedy (613-990-9145), Industry Measures and Analysis Division.

### Farm Cash Receipts

Farm cash receipts for the period January-June 1985 reached an estimated \$10,057.8 million, up 4.7% from the revised January-June 1984 estimate of \$9,606.7 million.

Receipts from the sale of field crops were estimated at \$4,954.8 million, an increase of 8.2% over last year's estimate of \$4,580.0 million. Cash receipts from the sale of livestock and livestock products totalled \$4,812.2 million, up 1.8% from the revised 1984 level of \$4,727.7 million. Other cash receipts were down 2.7% to \$290.8 million from the year-earlier total of \$299.0 million.

Order the January-June 1985 issue of **Farm Cash Receipts** (21-001, \$7/\$70), or contact Lambert Gauthier (613-990-8706), Agriculture and Natural Resources Division.

- Saskatchewan, \$28.6 million (-3.1%);
- Alberta, \$119.8 million (-4.0%);
- British Columbia, \$141.3 million (-0.2%);

Order the June 1985 issue of **Department Store Sales by Regions** (63-004, \$4/\$40), or contact Michel Kwilecki (613-991-3549), Industry Division.



## The Labour Force

The seasonally adjusted estimate of employment for the week ending July 20, 1985 was 11,312,000, an increase of 30,000 from the previous month's level. There were employment increases of 12,000 among females aged 15 to 24 and of 14,000 among males aged 25 and over. These modest increases resulted in total employment levels of 2,393,000 for persons aged 15 to 24 and of 8,919,000 for those aged 25 and over.

Full-time employment increased by an estimated 62,000, to a level of 9,564,000 in July. There was an increase of 37,000 in the level of full-time employment among males and of 25,000 among females. Part-time employment declined by 24,000 to 1,751,000, mainly as the result of a 22,000 decline in the level among males.

Employment increased by 9,000 in the primary industries other than agriculture, by 8,000 in transportation, communications and utilities, and by 10,000 in trade. There was a decline of 6,000 in agriculture while little change was recorded in the other sectors.

The seasonally adjusted level of unemployment in July 1985 showed little change from the previous month, declining slightly to 1,314,000. Unemployment declined by 15,000 for persons aged 15 to 24, to 459,000 and there was a slight increase of 10,000, to 855,000 for those aged 25 and over.

Unemployment declined by an estimated 3,000 in Newfoundland, by 4,000 in Alberta, and by 11,000 in British Columbia. There was an increase in unemployment of an estimated 17,000 in Ontario while there was little or no change in the other provinces.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate declined by 0.1 to 10.4 in July 1985. The rate fell by 0.5 to 16.1 for those aged 15 to 24, declining for both males and females in this age category. The unemployment rate remained unchanged at 8.7 for persons aged 25 and over.

The rate declined by 2.0 to 21.3 in Newfoundland, by 0.1 to 11.7 in Quebec, by 0.3 to 8.4 in Manitoba, by 0.3 to 9.5 in Alberta, and by 0.8 to 14.0 in British Columbia. It increased by 0.7 to 12.2 in Prince Edward Island, by 0.2 to 14.3 in Nova Scotia, by 0.2 to 15.5 in New Brunswick, and by 0.3 to 8.0 in Ontario. The unemployment rate remained unchanged at 7.9 in Saskatchewan.

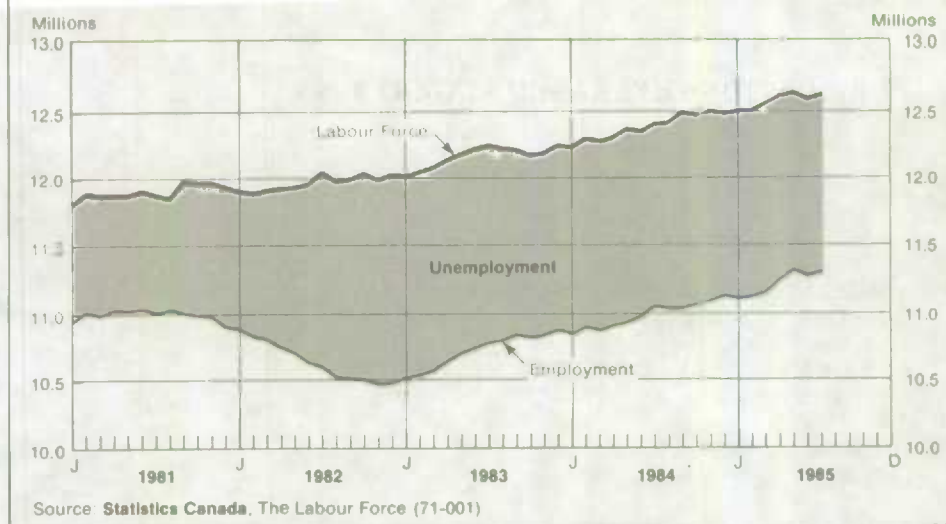
The unadjusted estimate of employment for July 1985 was 11,832,000, an increase of 269,000 (+2.3%) over the level of the previous year. Unemployment was estimated at 1,272,000, a decrease of 54,000 (-4.1%) below the level of last July. The unemployment rate was 9.7 this month, 0.6 below the rate of last year. The participation rate was 67.6 in July, 0.3 above the rate of a year ago. The employment/population ratio was 61.0 this July, 0.7 above the ratio of last year.

The unadjusted unemployment rate for returning students aged 15 to 24 was 14.4 in July 1985, 0.5 below the rate of the previous year. The rate for those aged 15 to 19 was 16.0, down from 16.8 last July. It was 9.7 for students aged 20 to 24, up slightly from the 9.4 recorded last year.

Order the July 1985 issue of *The Labour Force* (71-001, \$20/\$200), or contact Ken Bennett (613-990-9448), Household Surveys Division.

## The Labour Force

(Seasonally Adjusted)



## Telecommunication Statistics

Telelobe Canada and CNCP Telecommunications report quarterly revenue of \$148.7 million in the second quarter of 1985, up 6.3% from the second quarter of 1984. Operating expenses were \$106.6 million, an increase of 3.4% over the same period in 1984. Net operating revenue was \$42.2 million, compared with \$36.9 million in the second quarter of 1984.

Order the Communications Service Bulletin, *Telecommunications Statistics, Second Quarter 1985* (56-001, \$6.50/\$39), or contact J.R. Slattery (613-990-8693), Services Division.

## Railway Carloadings

Revenue freight loaded by railways in Canada totalled 20.4 million tonnes in June 1985, a decrease of 0.9% from the previous year. The carriers received an additional 1.1 million tonnes from the United States, a decrease of 11.6% from June 1984.

Commodities registering notable changes in volumes loaded for the latest month were: wheat (-24.9%); coal (+18.5%); iron ore and concentrates (+13.6%); and pulpwood chips (-15.5%).

The total loadings in Canada for the year-to-date figures showed an increase of 1.0% from the 1984 period, while receipts from United States connections decreased by 3.2%.

Order the June 1985 issue of *Railway Carloadings* (52-001, \$7.50/\$75), to be released the last week of August. For seasonally adjusted revenue freight loadings, contact the Rail Unit (613-990-8700), Transportation Division.

## Restaurants, Caterers and Taverns

Restaurant, caterer and tavern receipts totalled \$1,053.0 million for June 1985, an increase of 8.8% over the \$968.0 million reported for the same period last year.

Order the June 1985 issue of *Restaurants, Caterers and Taverns* (63-011, \$5/\$50), or contact E. Yablonski (613-990-9662), Services Division.

## Aviation Statistics

The Aviation Statistics Centre Service Bulletin presents selected series and summaries from the various surveys conducted by the Aviation Statistics Centre. The highlights are:

- Advance operational data for May 1985 show that passenger-kilometres for major air carriers increased 8.4% over May 1984.
- Passenger traffic at the top 30 Canadian airports showed an increase of 7.3% in the third quarter 1984 relative to the same period in the previous year.
- Total aircraft movements at airports with towers declined 8.2% in January and 16.2% in February 1985 from the same months in 1984.
- The number of international charter passengers at Mirabel during the first nine months of 1984 was up 68.4% over the same period in 1983.

The bulletin also features a special review of charter passenger kilometres and goods tonne-kilometres for Canadian air carriers for 1981, 1982 and 1983.

Order the July 1985 issue of *Aviation Statistics Centre Service Bulletin, Vol. 17, No. 6* (51-004, \$8.50/\$85), or contact the Transportation Division (819-997-1986).

## Special Trades Contracting

The 93,869 establishments classified in the special trades contracting, mechanical contracting and electrical contracting industries recorded total operating revenues of \$17,673,477,313 in 1983. This total includes \$17,384,668,974 of operating revenues derived from new and repair construction activity, and \$288,808,339 of revenues from various non-construction sources (e.g. retail and wholesale sales of materials, manufacturing or fabricating activities).

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