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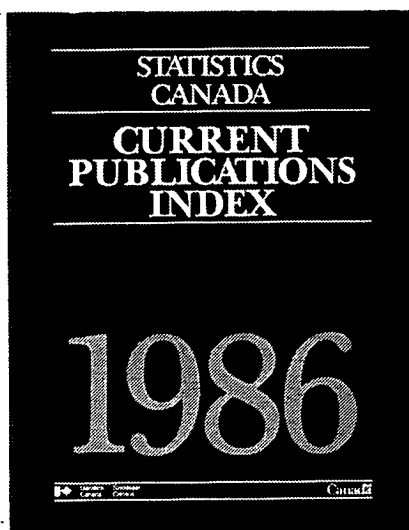
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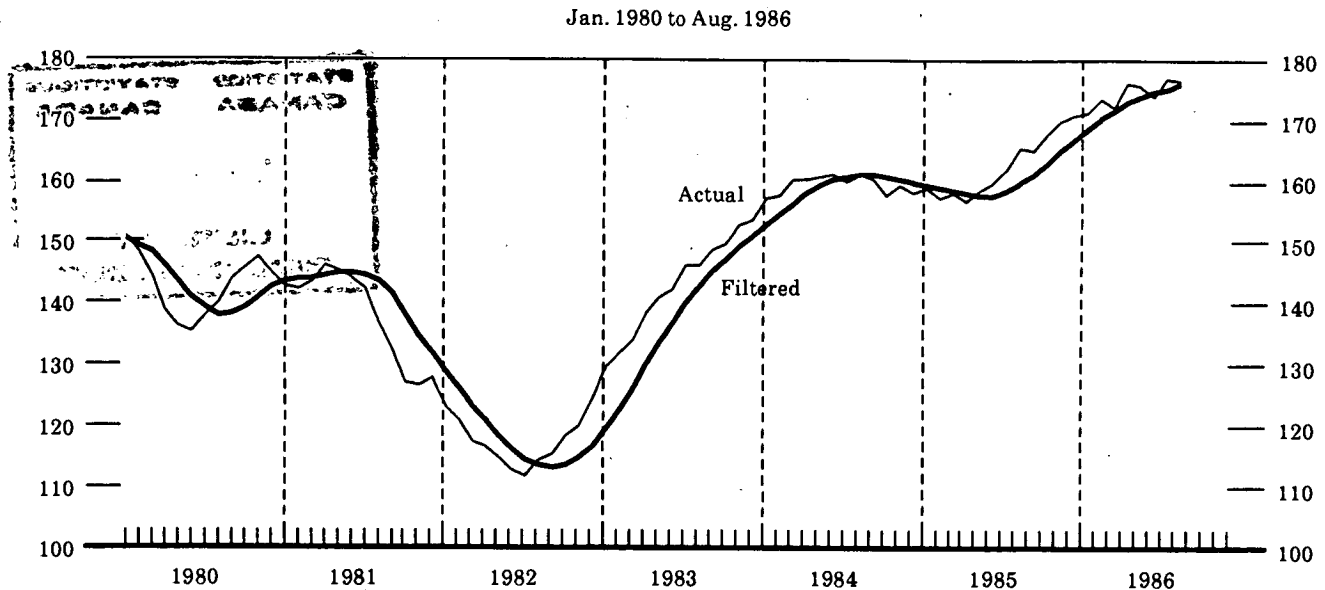
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The Canadian Composite Leading Index (1971 = 100)



Composite Leading Indicator

August 1986

In August, as in recent months, the composite leading indicator advanced moderately (up 0.3% to 175.9), signalling sustained economic growth at current rates. Real output growth was 0.6% in July, followed by no change in August.

The growth of the leading indicator in August was again primarily attributable to the components of household demand for durable goods and housing. Overall, six of the 10 components rose in the month, the same as in July. The indexes of manufacturing activity weakened in August, pushing the non-filtered level of the composite indicator down slightly (-0.2%).

Available on CANSIM: matrix 161.

Note to Users

The composite leading indicator is undergoing an updating, including a re-basing to 1981=100. It is expected that these changes will be implemented with the release of the September 1986 data.

Additional data and further analysis of the Leading Indicator are available in the monthly *Current Economic Indicators* (13-005, \$10/\$100). This publication also contains the Monthly Economic Review that formerly appeared in the *DAILY*. The November issue of this publication will be released November 24. For further information on data published in this issue and the next release dates, or about ordering, contact G. Proulx (613-991-1789). For general information, contact P. Cross (613-990-9162), International and Financial Economics Division.

Canadian Leading Indicators

| | Percentage change | | | | | | Level |
|---|-------------------|-------|--------|--------|-------|--------|-----------------------|
| | March | April | May | June | July | August | August |
| Composite Leading Index (1971 = 100) | | | | | | | |
| Filtered | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 175.9 |
| Unfiltered | -0.6 | 2.3 | -0.5 | -0.8 | 1.7 | -0.2 | 176.5 |
| Retail trade | | | | | | | |
| Furniture and appliance sales | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 1.1 | 1.2 | 124,922 ⁴ |
| New motor vehicle sales | -1.5 | -1.8 | -1.9 | -2.2 | -0.4 | 0.8 | 710,203 ⁴ |
| Residential construction index ¹ | -0.4 | 1.5 | 1.3 | 0.9 | 0.7 | 1.3 | 99.5 |
| Manufacturing | | | | | | | |
| New orders - durable | -0.7 | 0.0 | -0.3 | -1.0 | -0.3 | -0.9 | 3,429 ⁵ |
| Shipment to inventory ratio - (Finished goods) ² | -0.000 | 0.008 | -0.001 | -0.009 | 0.001 | -0.000 | 1.67 |
| Average workweek (Hours) | -0.1 | -0.1 | -0.1 | -0.2 | -0.2 | -0.2 | 38.63 |
| Percentage change in price per unit labour cost ² | 0.04 | 0.05 | 0.04 | 0.02 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.01 |
| United States composite leading index (1972 = 100) | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 178.5 |
| TSE 300 stock price index (Excluding oil and gas) | 2.9 | 3.5 | 3.4 | 2.8 | 1.5 | 0.7 | 3,170.5 |
| Money supply (M1) (\$1971) ³ | -0.5 | -1.0 | -0.9 | -0.6 | -0.3 | -0.1 | 10,037.5 ⁵ |

¹ Composite index of housing starts (units), building permits (constant dollars) and mortgage loan approvals (numbers). Because of the unavailability of the actual level of mortgage loan approvals, a forecast was used in the computation of the residential index for the two last months.

² Difference from previous month.

³ Deflated by the consumer price index for all items.

⁴ Thousands of 1971 dollars.

⁵ Millions of 1971 dollars.

Data Availability Announcements

Steel Ingots and Pig Iron

October 1986

Preliminary steel ingot production for October 1986 totalled 1 160 000 tonnes, a decrease of 10.5% from 1 295 907 tonnes the previous year. Year-to-date steel ingot production totalled 11 582 870 tonnes, a decrease of 4.5% from 12 125 058 tonnes for the same period in 1985.

Preliminary pig iron production totalled 760 000 tonnes in October, down 8.0% from 825 949 tonnes a year earlier. Year-to-date pig iron production totalled 7 612 821 tonnes, a decrease of 5.6% compared to 8 066 808 tonnes for the same period the previous year.

Order the October 1986 issue of *Primary Iron and Steel* (41-001, \$4/\$40), available towards the end of December. Contact: G.W. Barrett (613-991-3515), Industry Division.

Steel Pipe, Tubing and Fittings

September 1986

Steel pipe and tubing production for September 1986 totalled 85 018 tonnes, a decrease of 32.3% from the 125 618 tonnes produced a year earlier.

Year-to-date production was 913 418 tonnes, down 18.6% from the 1 121 858 tonnes produced during the same period in 1985.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 35.

Order the September 1986 issue of *Steel Pipe, Tubing and Fittings* (41-011, \$4/\$40), to be released the week of November 24. Contact: Gerry W. Barrett (613-991-3515), Industry Division.

Exports by Commodities

September 1986

Commodity-country export trade statistics for September 1986 are now available on microfiche, computer printouts or magnetic tapes in advance of the monthly publication.

Available on CANSIM (for selected information): matrices 3686- 3713 and 3719.

Order the September 1986 issue of *Exports by Commodities* (65-004, \$50/\$500), available the first week of December. Contact: G. L. Blaney (613-990-9647), International Trade Division.

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(Canada: \$10; Other Countries: \$11.50)

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