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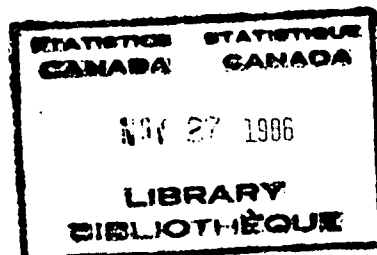
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Unemployment Insurance Statistics September 1986

Seasonally Adjusted Data

For the week ending September 20, 1986, preliminary estimates show that the number of beneficiaries receiving regular unemployment insurance benefits totalled 972,000, down 0.9% from the preceding month. The beneficiaries data have been relatively stable during the first nine months of 1986.

Between August and September 1986, decreases in the number of beneficiaries were observed in Manitoba (-2.3%), Quebec (-1.9%), Alberta (-1.7%), Saskatchewan (-1.3%) and Ontario (-1.1%). Increases occurred in the Northwest Territories (2.8%), the Yukon (2.6%) and Prince Edward Island (1.6%). The remaining three provinces showed little or no change.

Data Not Adjusted for Seasonal Variations

The number of persons receiving unemployment insurance benefits¹ during the week ending September 20, 1986, stood at 882,000, down 9.4% from the previous month and a decrease of 2.2% from September 1985. By sex, 51.5% of the beneficiaries were male and 48.5% were female. Between August and September 1986, the number of males who received unemployment insurance benefits declined 6.5% to 454,000 while the number of female beneficiaries decreased 12.4% to 428,000.

Benefits paid during September 1986 totalled \$765 million¹, increasing 5.4% from a month earlier and 11.6% from September 1985. The advances are the result of a greater number of days available to process benefit payments during September 1986 as compared with the previous month or the same month in 1985. For the first three quarters of 1986 unemployment insurance payments amounted to \$8,047 million, up 0.8% over the same period in 1985. The change in the year-to-date payments is the result of a 5.8% increase in the average weekly benefit (to \$179.92 from \$170.12) which was offset by a 4.6% decrease in the number of benefit weeks (to 44.7 million from 46.9 million).

A total of 289,000 claims¹ were received for unemployment insurance benefits during September 1986, up 34.1% from a month earlier and an increase of 6.1% over September 1985; however, the number of claims received in September are still below the level of two months ago. (Increases in the number of claims are commonly observed between August and September.) Since January 1986, a total of 2.33 million claims have been received, 0.8% more than during the same period last year. (see table on page 3)

1 The count of beneficiaries cannot be directly related to the benefit payments made during any one month. Whereas the latter figure covers all disbursements during a month, the count of beneficiaries represents the number of persons who qualified for benefits during a specific week of a month. The number of days available during a month to process claims and to pay benefits influences the levels and trends of the benefits and claims data. However, the beneficiaries count is not affected since it relates to a single week. In making short-term comparisons it is not uncommon to observe different trends between the beneficiaries data and the other data series.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 26 (series 1.6) and 5700-5717.

Data for the months of July, August and September 1986 will be published in the September 1986 issue of *Unemployment Insurance Statistics* (73-001, \$12/\$120), available at the beginning of December. Unpublished beneficiaries data are also available on request, including statistics for small areas as defined by data users. For special tabulations and further information contact H. Stiebert or J.-P. Maynard (613-990-9900), Labour Division.

Unemployment Insurance Statistics

	Sept. 1986	August 1986	July 1986	Sept. 1985	% change from	
					August 1986	Sept. 1985
Benefits¹						
Amount paid (\$000)	764,563	725,323	800,742	685,164	5.4	11.6
Weeks of benefit (000)	4,240	4,065	4,509	4,035	4.3	5.1
Average weekly benefit (\$)	179.94	178.04	177.31	169.26	1.1	6.3
Claims received (000)	289	215	298	272	34.1	6.1
Beneficiaries² (000)						
Total	882 ^p	974 ^p	991 ^r	902 ^r	-9.4	-2.2
Regular benefits	777 ^p	879 ^p	891 ^r	798 ^r	-11.6	-2.6
Regular benefits - Seasonally adjusted	972 ^p	981 ^p	989 ^r	997 ^r	-0.9	

	January to September		% change
	1986	1985	1986/1985
Benefits¹			
Amount paid (\$000)	8,046,575	7,981,995	0.8
Weeks of benefit (000)	44,730	46,909	-4.6
Average weekly benefit (\$)	179.92	170.12	5.8
Claims received (000)	2,334	2,315	0.8
Beneficiaries - Year-to-date average² (000)	1,108 ^p	1,176 ^r	-5.8

¹ Amount paid and weeks of benefit include work sharing and job creation. However, average weekly benefit excludes these amounts in order to maintain comparability with previous data.

² The beneficiaries include all claimants who receive benefits through the computer pay system. Excluded are year-round fishermen, a few seasonal fishermen and a small number of work sharing and job creation claimants who are paid through the manual pay system.

^p Preliminary figures.

^r Revised figures.

Wholesale Trade

September 1986

Sales

- Preliminary estimates indicate that wholesale merchants' sales for September 1986 advanced 15.2% above the September 1985 level. This year-over-year rise follows a gain of 8.5% registered between August 1985 and August 1986. In the first nine months of 1986, sales were up 12.0% compared to the corresponding period in 1985.
- In September 1986, all major trade groups registered increased sales from a year earlier. The trade groups having the most significant impact on the overall sales increase were wholesalers of electrical and non-electrical machinery, equipment and supplies (+ 17.8%) and lumber and building materials (+ 28.3%).
- Wholesale trade increases between September 1985 and September 1986 were posted in all regions, ranging from 20.3% in Ontario to 9.5% in the Atlantic provinces.

Inventories

- Inventory levels in September 1986 were 8.5% higher than those reported in September 1985. In each of the first nine months of 1986 the inventory levels reported have been higher than those for the corresponding months of 1985.
- The ratio of inventories to sales at the end of September 1986 stood at 1.44:1, down from the 1.53:1 recorded a year earlier. For the first nine months of 1986, this ratio has averaged 1.59:1, down from the 1.63:1 registered for the corresponding months in 1985; this decline in the ratio is due to the higher relative increases in sales as compared to those for inventories over this period.
(see table on page 5)

Available on CANSIM: matrix 44.

Order the September 1986 issue of *Wholesale Trade* (63-008, \$5/\$50), available the third week of December. Contact: Gilles Berniquez (613-991-3537), Wholesale Trade Section, Industry Division.

Wholesale Trade

Percentage Change in Sales and Inventories for September 1986/1985

Major trade groups - Regions	Sales			Inventories		Stocks/Sales Ratios	
	Aug. 1986/85 ^r	Sept. 1986/85 ^p	Jan.-Sept. 1986/85 ^p	Aug. 1986/85 ^r	Sept. 1986/85 ^p	Sept. 1985 ^r	Sept. 1986 ^p
Total all trades	8.5	15.2	12.0	8.8	8.5	1.53	1.44
Food	-4.7	4.6	1.8	-5.0	-3.8	0.74	0.68
Tobacco, drugs and toilet preparations	4.9	8.3	12.4	11.7	8.7	0.89	0.89
Apparel, dry goods, furniture and general merchandise	11.5	24.6	12.6	3.1	2.2	2.04	1.67
Motor vehicles and accessories	5.2	15.0	15.6	14.3	13.0	1.78	1.75
Farm machinery, equipment and supplies	29.1	39.7	24.2	-7.2	-6.4	3.99	2.67
Other machinery, equipment and supplies ¹	14.0	17.8	15.6	15.5	16.6	1.78	1.76
Metals, hardware, plumbing and heating equipment	2.4	9.4	3.6	6.3	6.3	1.60	1.55
Lumber and building materials	22.9	28.3	24.8	11.4	6.3	1.34	1.11
Other wholesalers ²	8.8	12.9	9.9	11.6	10.5	1.47	1.44
Regions							
Atlantic provinces	1.7	9.5	3.5	4.8	8.4	1.38	1.36
Quebec	6.6	13.2	7.9	12.5	11.5	1.37	1.35
Ontario	12.6	20.3	17.1	10.6	11.1	1.50	1.39
Prairie provinces	4.9	10.6	7.5	5.2	3.8	2.07	1.94
B.C., Yukon and Northwest Territories	7.1	11.0	13.0	3.7	2.6	1.35	1.25

¹ Includes: electrical machinery, equipment and supplies; and machinery and equipment, n.e.s.

² Includes: farm products (excluding grain); paper and paper products; scrap and waste materials; and wholesalers, n.e.s.

^r Revised figures.

^p Preliminary figures.

Data Availability Announcements

Steel Ingots

Week Ending November 22, 1986

Preliminary estimates indicate that Canadian steel ingot production for the week ending November 22, 1986 totalled 298 478 tonnes, an increase of 10.1% from the preceding week's total of 271 042 tonnes but down 1.3% from the year-earlier level of 302 258 tonnes.

The cumulative total in 1986 was 12 418 615 tonnes, a decrease of 4.5% from 13 000 738 tonnes for the same period in 1985.

Contact: Gerry W. Barrett (613-991-3515), Industry Division.

Oilseed Crushings

October 1986

Domestic crushings of vegetable oilseeds and the subsequent production of oil and meal for the latest periods were as follows:

- Canola-rape seed, October 1986: 137 917 tonnes of crushings, with 56 215 tonnes of oil and 80 529 tonnes of meal produced.
- Soybeans, October 1986: 84 745 tonnes of crushings, with 13 782 tonnes of oil and 65 389 tonnes of meal produced.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5687.

Order the October 1986 issue of *Cereals and Oilseeds Review* (22-007, \$10/\$100), scheduled for release at the end of December. Contact: Allister Hickson (204-949-2856), Agriculture/Natural Resources Division, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 0K4 or A. Dupuis (613-991-3871), Agriculture/Natural Resources Division, Ottawa.

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