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JAN 28 1987 Wednesday, January 28, 1986 LIBRARY BIBLIOTHÈQUE Major Release Unemployment Insurance Statistics, November 1986 On a seasonally adjusted basis the number of beneficiaries receiving regular benefits decreased slightly (-1.2%) from October Data Availability Announcements Steel Ingots, Week Ending January 24, 1987 Chain Store Stocks, November 1986 Number of Census Families: Canada, the Provinces and Territories, June 1, 1982-1986 **Publications Released** 5 Regional Offices

Major Release

Unemployment Insurance Statistics November 1986

Data Not Adjusted for Seasonal Variations
The number of persons receiving unemployment insurance benefits during the week ending November 15, 1986, was 1,029,000 - up 10.9% from the previous month, but down 1.9% from November 1985 (there is usually an increase in the number of beneficiaries between October and November). By sex, 54.1% of the beneficiaries were male and 45.9% were temale. Between October and November 1986, the number of males who received unemployment insurance benefits increased by 15.3% to 557,000 while the number of female beneficiaries advanced by 6.0% to 472,000.

Benefits paid during November 1986 totalled \$736 million¹, down 2.1% from a month earlier, but up 3.3% from November 1985. For January-November 1986, unemployment insurance payments amounted to \$9,534 million, up 1.0% 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 \$180.30 from \$170.40) which was partially offset by a 4.5% decrease in the number of benefit weeks (to 52.9 million from 55.4 million).

A total of 330,000 claims for unemployment insurance benefits were received during November 1986, virtually unchanged from a month earlier, but down 6.5% from November 1985. Since January 1986, a total of 3.0 million claims have been received, almost unchanged from the same period a year earlier.

Seasonally Adjusted Data

For the week ending November 15, 1986, preliminary estimates show that the number of beneficiaries receiving regular unemployment insurance benefits totalled 960,000 - down 1.2% from the previous month. The number of beneficiaries has been relatively stable since the beginning of 1986.

Between October and November 1986, decreases in the number of beneficiaries receiving regular benefits were observed in Ontario (-2.9%), Quebec (-1.3%) and New Brunswick (-1.3%). Increases occurred in British Columbia (4.5%), the Northwest Territories (3.6%), Manitoba (2.9%), Alberta (2.1%) and Saskatchewan (1.1%). The remaining provinces showed little or no change.

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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 5700-5717 and 26 (series 1.6).

Data for the months of September, October and November 1986 will be published in the November 1986 issue of *Unemployment Insurance Statistics* (73-001, \$12/\$120), available at the beginning of February. 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 (613-991-4044) or J.-P. Maynard (613-991-4045), Labour Division.

Unemployment Insurance Statistics

	Nov. 1986	Oct. 1986	Sept. 1986	Nov. 1985	% change from		
					Oct. 1986	Nov. 1985	
Benefits ¹	·						
Amount paid (\$000)	736,053	751,714	764,563	712,420	-2.1	3.3	
Weeks of benefit (000)	4,006	4,137	4,240	4,104	-3.2	-2.4	
Average weekly benefit (\$)	183.53	181.31	179.94	173.27	1.2	5.9	
Claims received (000)	330	331	289	353	-0.1	-6.5	
Beneficiaries² (000)							
Total	1,029 P	928 P	ا 902	1,048 °	10.9	-1.9	
Regular benefits	898 P	821 P	792 r	920 r	9.4	-2.4	
Regular benefits - Seasonally adjusted	960 P	972 ₽	983 「	982 r	-1.2		
	January to November				% change		
	1986		1985		1986/1985		
Benefits ¹			•				
Amount paid (\$000)	9,534,342		9,439,984			1.0	
Weeks of benefit (000)	52,873		55,369			-4.5	
Average weekly benefit (\$)	180.30		170.40		5.8		
Claims received (000)	2,995		3,000			-0.2	
Beneficiaries - Year-to-date average ² (000)	1,088 p		1,144 ^r			-4.9	

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.

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.

Preliminary figures.

Revised figures.

Data Availability Announcements

Steel Ingots

Week Ending January 24, 1987

Preliminary estimates indicate that Canadian steel ingot production for the week ending January 24, 1987 totalled 293 914 tonnes, a decrease of 2.0% from the preceding week's total of 299 767 tonnes but up 6.9% from the year-earlier level of 274 973 tonnes.

The cumulative total in 1987 was 1 120 339 tonnes, an increase of 7.1% from 1045868 tonnes for the same period in 1986.

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

Chain Store Stocks

November 1986

Highlights

- Retail chain store stocks totalled \$4,961 million at the end of November 1986, up 5.1% from the level reached in November 1985.
- The inventories to sales ratio stood at 1.20:1 in November 1986, down marginally from the average ratio of 1.23:1 observed in the first 10 months of the year.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 194.

Order the November 1986 issue of Merchandising Inventories (63-014, \$12/\$120). available the fourth week of February. Contact: Emma MacPhail (613-990-9824), Retail Trade Section, Industry Division.

Census Families - Canada, the **Provinces and Territories**

June 1, 1982-1986

The estimates of the number of census families as well as components of growth for Canada, the provinces and territories are now available. The information can also be obtained from all regional offices of Statistics Canada.

Please note that these data are estimates (based on the 1981 Census) and not 1986 Census figures.

Contact: Lise Champagne (613-991-2320), Demography Division, or the nearest regional office of Statistics Canada.

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