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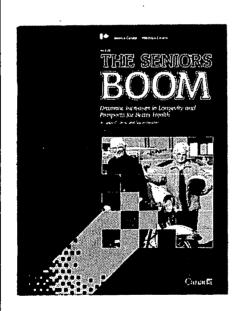
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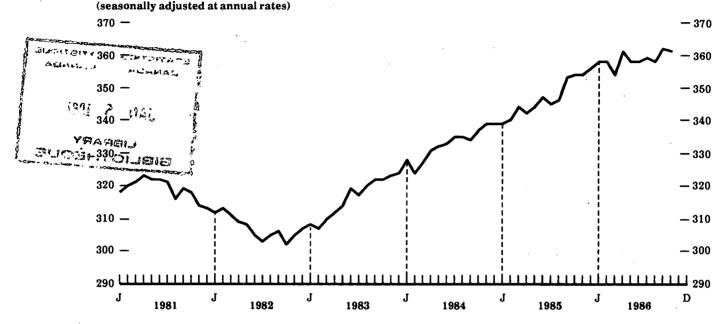
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Real Gross Domestic Product at Factor Cost, by Industry, in 1981 Prices (millions of dollars)



Real Gross Domestic Product at Factor Cost, by Industry

(seasonally adjusted data)
October 1986

Monthly Overview

Gross Domestic Product at factor cost, in 1981 prices, declined 0.1% in October, following a 0.7% gain in September. To date in 1986, GDP has recorded five months of growth and five months months of decline. The year-over-year growth rate in October now stands at 2.0%, the lowest year-over-year growth rate recorded to date in 1986. Industrial production advanced 1.2% in October.

Goods-producing Industries

Although overall economic activity declined slightly in October, output of goods-producing industries grew 0.8% following modest declines

in both August and September. Most of the October gain occurred in manufacturing industries, followed by lesser increases in construction and mining.

Within manufacturing, substantial production increases were recorded by some exportoriented industries, especially manufacturers of pulp and paper products, iron and steel, motor vehicles, and motor vehicle parts and accessories; to a lesser extent, producers of chemicals, and non-metallic mineral products also reported output gains in October. The growth in the construction industry during October was due almost entirely to increased residential building activity. Increased production of gold, copper, nickel, iron ore and coal accounted for most of the growth within mining.

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Services-producing Industries

Output of services-producing industries fell 0.6% in October, the steepest monthly decline since July 1985. Production decreases were widespread.

The most significant decline during October occurred in the finance, insurance and real estate industry, principally among some types of financial institutions and real estate agencies. Other substantial declines occurred in wholesale trade and retail trade, where wholesalers of farm machinery, and lumber and building materials, as well as new motor vehicle dealers all showed output decreases.

Much of the decline in the community, business and personal services industry stemmed from a decrease in the accommodation and food service industry.

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Real Gross Domestic Product at Factor Cost, by Industry, in 1981 Prices Monthly (Seasonally Adjusted at Annual Rates) (\$ millions)

	1985	1986			
	October	July	August	September	October
Total Economy	354,582.0	360,494.4	359,452.8	362,085.6	361,738.8
Business sector					•
Agricultural and related services industries	10,554.0	11,775.6	11,670.0	11,607.6	11,629.2
Fishing and trapping industries	494.4	500.4	506.4	510.0	516.0
Logging and forestry industry	2,244.0	2,414.4	2,542.8	2,659.2	2,259.6
Mining, quarrying and oil well industries	19,986.0	18,165.6	18,871.2	18,410.4	18,530.4
Manufacturing industries	66,522.0	66,697.2	64,490.4	64,623.6	65,674.8
Construction industries	24 ,555.6	22,765.2	23,696.4	23,376.0	23,608.8
Transportation and storage industries	16,069.2	16,107.6	16,048.8	16,156.8	16,018.8
Communication industries	9,831.6	10,527.6	10,303.2	10,462.8	10,479.6
Other utility industries	10,705.2	10,892.4	10,914.0	11,074.8	11,074.8
Wholesale trade industries	17,166.0	17,893.2	17,629.2	18,194.4	17,860.8
Retail trade industries	22,758.0	23,425.2	23,565.6	23,773.2	23,532.0
Finance, insurance and real estate	53,643.6	55,024.8	55,196.4	56,700.0	56,288.4
Community, business and personal services	37,304.4	40,380.0	40,197.6	40,524.0	40,281.6
Non-business sector					
Mining industries	56.4	85.2	19.2	55.2	38.4
Manufacturing industries	64.8	67.2	63.6	60.0	62.4
Forestry services industry	273.6	252.0	266.4	250.8	236.4
Transportation industries	1,567.2	1,557. 6	1,545.6	1,564.8	1,549.2
Communication industries	52.8	52.8	51.6	49.2	50.4
Water systems industry	534.0	547.2	552.0	556.8	548.4
Insurance and other finance industry	307.2	333.6	339.6	334.8	339.6
Government service industries	23,251.2	23,239.2	23,205.6	23,248.8	23,248.8
Community and personal services	36,640.8	37,790.4	37,777.2	37,892.4	37,910.4
Special aggregations					
Business sector:	291,834.0	296,569.2	295,632.0	298,072.8	297,754.8
Goods	135,061.2	133,210.8	132,691.2	132,261.6	133,293.6
Services	156,772.8	163,358.4	162,940.8	165,811.2	164,461.2
Non-business sector:	62,748.0	63,925.2	63,820.8	64,012.8	63,984.0
Goods	655.2	699.6	634.8	672.0	649.2
Services	62,092.8	63,225.6	63,186.0	63,340.8	63,334.8
Goods-producing industries	135,716.4	133,910.4	133,326.0	132,933.6	133,942.8
Services producing industries	218,865.6	226,584.0	226,126.8	229,152.0	227,796.0
Industrial production	97,868.4	96,454.8	94,910.4	94,780.8	95,929.2
Non-durable manufacturing industries	30,703.2	31,512.0	30,814.8	30,768.0	31,198.8
Durable manufacturing industries	35,818.8	35,185.2	33,675.6	33,855.6	34,476.0

The Seniors Boom: Dramatic Increases in Longevity and Prospects for Better Health

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The Seniors Boom looks at various aspects of health, functional capacity and behaviour conducive to good health. Patterns or trends shown include the following:

- In a short space of five years (from 1976 to 1981), the proportion of able-bodied seniors exercising regularly has risen from less than 50% to nearly 60%. During this period seniors recorded a more impressive increase in the proportion carrying on regular exercise than any other age group.
- In 1981, more than 70% of the women in the 65-69 age group were non-smokers, compared with slighty less than 60% of the men.

• In 1979, 75% of men who have never married and 60% of divorced men tended to spend their free time alone.

In documenting the recent increases in longevity among the oldest Canadians, the book shows that:

- During the period from 1976 to 1981, there was a drop of 14% in the mortality rate of males aged 50 to 54.
- Two graphs based on Statistics Canada projections show that 75% of men and 80% of women in the 75-79 age group in 2016 will live another five years. Of these women who will survive to 2021, 70% will live even longer and be in the 85-89 age group in 2026.

This publication also charts some of Statistics Canada's latest estimates and forecasts regarding:

- The rapid growth in the elderly population;
- Differences in age composition between the urban and rural populations; and
- the imbalance between the sexes.

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