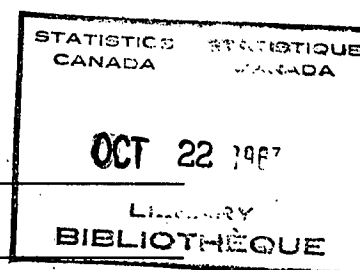


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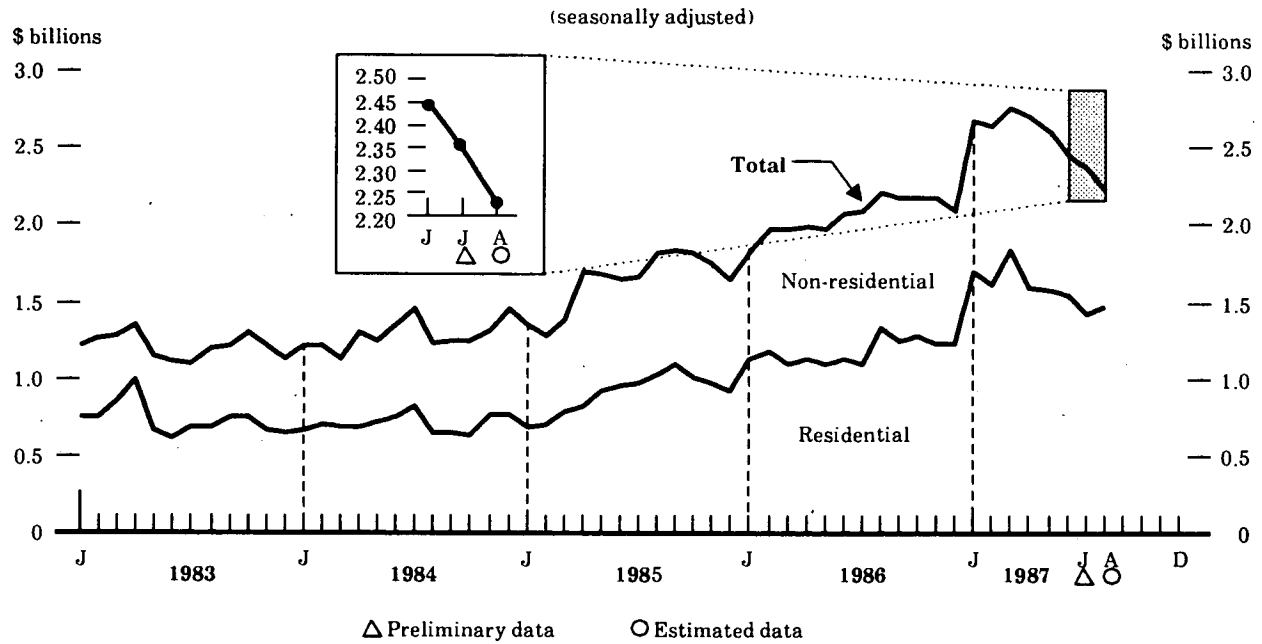


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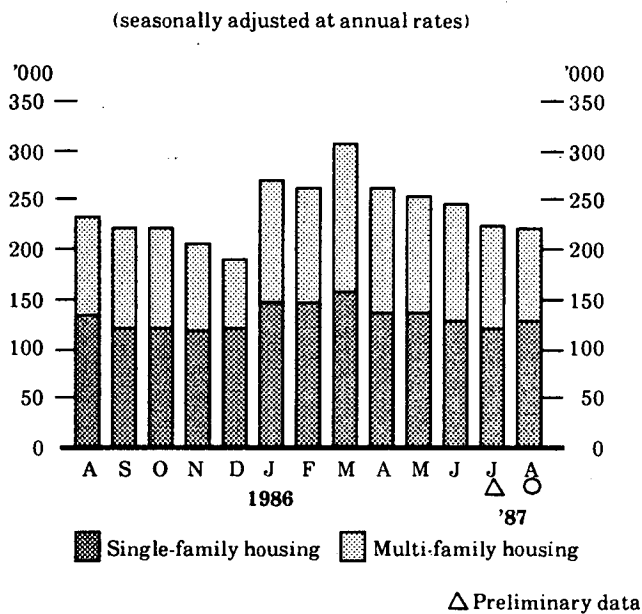
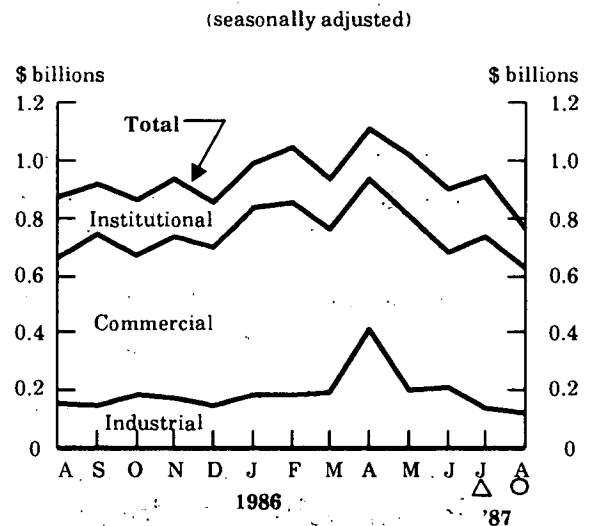


Chart 3
Value of Non-residential permits issued in Canada



Building Permits

August 1987

(Seasonally adjusted data and construction leading indicator)

Summary

The estimated value of building permits issued by Canadian municipalities registered a fifth consecutive drop in August to \$2,231.8 million, down 5.6% from \$2,365.6 million in July. This decrease was entirely attributable to the non-residential sector.

The ongoing decrease in the value of building permits resulted in the first drop in three and a half years in the construction leading indicator. Following several months of slow growth, the leading indicator slipped slightly in June (-0.1%) to 125.7 from 125.8 in May.

Residential Sector

- After four consecutive decreases, the estimated value of residential building permits issued increased in August (+2.9%) to \$1,469.0 million from \$1,428.1 million in July.
- This increase was entirely attributable to the single-family dwelling sector which reached \$1,045.7 million in August, a 6.6% gain. The multi-family sector decreased 5.3% to \$423.3 million.
- On a regional basis, the value of residential building permits rose in the Atlantic region, Ontario and British Columbia while Quebec and the Prairies registered decreases.
- The number of dwelling units authorized decreased slightly in August (-0.6%), totaling 227,600 units at an annual rate (132,300 single detached and 95,300 multiple dwellings).

- The filtered index of residential building permits remained unchanged in June at 149.9.

Non-residential Sector

- The estimated value of non-residential building permits issued fell 18.6% to \$762.8 million in August.
- All components of the non-residential sector recorded decreases in August. The governmental sector registered the largest decrease (-31.0% to \$139.9 million), followed by the industrial sector (-16.3% to \$121.8 million) and the commercial sector (-14.9% to \$501.1 million).
- The non-residential sector decrease was widespread in all Canadian regions.
- Reflecting these decreases, the filtered index of the non-residential sector declined slightly (-0.2%) in June to 100.4 from 100.6 in May.

Note to Users:

The leading indicator is a short-term investment anticipator for the construction sector. It is based on the value of building permits issued and comprises the following stages: deflating (1981 = 100), seasonal adjustment and filtering to get a trend-cycle.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 80 (levels 3, 5, 7, 9-15) and 129, 137, 443, 989-991, 994, 995 and 4073.

Order the July 1987 issue of *Building Permits* (64-001, \$20/\$200), scheduled for release the second week of November. Contact Francine Monette (613-951-2583), Science, Technology and Capital Stock Division.

Trends in Government Employment 1976-1986

Government employment in the past decade has been more stable than employment in the non-government sector – less sensitive to upswings and downswings in the economy – but it has also grown more slowly (18% compared to 23%).

"Trends in Government Employment, 1976-1986", the feature article published in the September issue of *The Labour Force*, examines characteristics of government employees at the federal, provincial and local levels, making comparisons to workers in non-government sector industries. The article also looks at the different ways of defining "government".

Highlights from the article include:

- In 1986, government workers (excluding those in Crown Corporations or regulated private companies) accounted for 6.9% of total employment, a slight decrease from 7.2% in 1976.
- Federal government employees made up 35% of all government employment in 1986. A decade earlier, the federal government share was 40%. Over the same period, provincial governments increased their share slightly (to 33% from 30%) as did local governments (to 32% from 29%).
- As a result, provincial and local governments have both grown more rapidly than their federal counterpart. Provincial government employment rose by 30% over the decade, and local government by 27%. In contrast, federal government employment grew 4%.
- Part-time workers (those usually working under 30 hours per week) are much less common in government than in non-government industries. Among federal and provincial government employees, just 5% worked part-time in 1986, compared to over 15% of non-government sector paid workers. With 11% of its work force employed part-time, only local government approached the proportion of part-time workers employed in non-government sector industries.

Order the September 1987 issue of *The Labour Force* (71-001, \$20/\$200), now available. Contact David Gower (613-951-4616), Labour and Household Surveys Analysis Division.

Crude Oil and Natural Gas

July 1987

Highlights

- Preliminary figures indicate that production of crude oil and equivalent hydrocarbons in July 1987 amounted to 8 293.8 thousand cubic metres, a 2.9% increase over July 1986.
- On a year-to-year basis, crude oil exports increased for the sixth time this year, rising 15.2% over July 1986. Following a decrease of 12.0% in June, crude oil imports rose 7.4% in July. On a cumulative basis, imports were 10.7% greater than those for the same period last year.

- Marketable production of natural gas, at 5 087.6 million cubic metres, increased 8.9% over July 1986. For the first time since May 1986, domestic sales of natural gas increased, rising 1.7% over July 1986. Exports of natural gas rose for the seventh consecutive month, posting a gain of 37.6%.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 127 and 128.

Order the July 1987 issue of *Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas Production* (26-006, \$8/\$80), to be released the second week of November. Contact Gerard O'Connor (613-951-3562), Industry Division.

Crude Oil and Natural Gas

	July 1987	% Change from July 1986	Jan.- July 1987	% Change from Jan.- July 1986
(thousands of cubic metres)				
Crude oil and equivalent				
Production	8 293.8	2.9	53 937.1	3.0
Exports	3 253.9	15.2	20 968.6	8.5
Imports	2 169.3	7.4	12 389.3	10.7
Refinery receipts	7 433.4	2.5	45 970.0	2.7
(millions of cubic metres)				
Natural gas				
Marketable production	5 087.6	8.9	43 020.8	3.1
Exports	1 866.2	37.6	14 808.9	26.0
Canadian sales	2 392.2	1.7	28 020.1	-6.6

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Railway Carloadings

Nine-day Period Ending September 30, 1987

Highlights

- Revenue freight loaded by railways in Canada during the week totalled 6.6 million tonnes, an increase of 12.4% from the previous year.
- Piggyback traffic increased 12.3% from the same period last year. The number of cars loaded increased 11.7%.
- The tonnage of revenue freight loaded to date this year is 2.8% more than that loaded in the previous year.

Stocks of Frozen Meats

October 1, 1987

Total frozen meat in cold storage at the opening of the first business day of October amounted to 28 371 tonnes, up from 27 778 tonnes last month and 26 924 tonnes a year ago.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 87 and 9517-9525.

Order the October issue of *Stocks of Frozen Meat Products* (32-012, \$10/\$100), scheduled for release November 4th. Contact P.L. Beerstecher (613-951-8714), Agriculture Division.

	Nine-day Period ending September 30, 1987	Year-to-date
Carload Traffic		
Tonnes	6 634 066	181 265 619
% change from previous year	12.4	2.8
Cars	98,390	2,680,905
% change from previous year	10.8	1.1
Piggyback Traffic		
Tonnes	356 299	9 351 987
% change from previous year	12.3	4.1
Cars	12,319	336,418
% change from previous year	11.7	3.4

Note: Piggyback traffic includes trailers and containers on flat cars. The 1986 figures and the 1987 year-to-date figures have been revised. Piggyback traffic numbers are included in total carload traffic.

Contact Angus McLean (613-951-2484), Surface Transport Unit, Transportation Division.

Publications Released

Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas Production, June 1987.

Catalogue number 26-006

(Canada: \$8/\$80; Other Countries: \$9/\$90).

Apparent Per Capita Food Consumption in Canada (Reference Manual for Catalogue 32-229 and 32-230).

Catalogue number 32-509E

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Catalogue number 51-004

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Catalogue number 53-226

No charge.

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