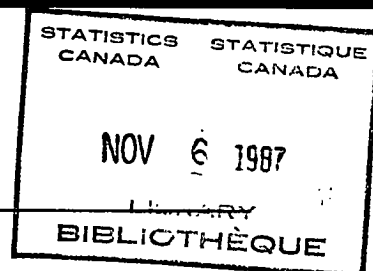


The Daily

Statistics Canada

Friday, November 6, 1987



Major Releases

- | | |
|--|---|
| Labour Force Survey, October 1987 | 2 |
| • The unemployment rate declined 0.2 to 8.4. | |
| New Housing Price Index, September 1987 | 5 |
| • New housing prices continued to move upward, rising 1.0% from August 1987 and 13.8% from a year earlier. | |

Data Availability Announcement

Steel Pipe and Tubing, September 1987	7
---------------------------------------	---

Publications Released	8
------------------------------	---

Major Release Dates, November 9-13	9
---	---



Major Releases

Labour Force Survey

October 1987

Overview

Estimates from Statistics Canada's October 1987 Labour Force Survey show that the unemployment rate fell by 0.2 to 8.4, the lowest rate recorded since November 1981. Unemployment declined for the third consecutive month, continuing the downward trend noted since the beginning of the year.

Employment posted an advance of 60,000 – a continuation of the improvement noted since July 1986.

Employment

For the week ended October 17, 1987 the seasonally adjusted level of employment was estimated at 12,091,000 – an increase of 60,000 from September. The gains were concentrated among persons aged 25 and over, and among males in particular (+35,000).

- Full-time employment rose by an estimated 66,000 – with the increase concentrated among females (+40,000). The growth of 11,000 in part-time employment was solely the result of gains for males.
- Employment rose in manufacturing (+18,000), construction (+19,000), trade (+19,000) and public administration (+10,000). It declined in agriculture (-7,000) while there was little or no change in the other sectors of the economy.
- The estimated level of employment rose by 4,000 in Nova Scotia, 25,000 in Quebec, 30,000 in Ontario and 18,000 in British Columbia. Manitoba and Saskatchewan posted slight decreases while there was little or no change in employment in the other provinces.

Unemployment

The seasonally adjusted estimate of unemployment dropped by 19,000 in October 1987, to 1,111,000. The unemployment rate declined by 0.2 to 8.4.

- Unemployment fell by 33,000 among persons aged 25 and over, but rose by 14,000 among those aged 15 to 24. For young adults, the increase in unemployment was concentrated among females (+11,000).
- The unemployment rate dropped to 7.1 (-0.4) for persons aged 25 and over, but increased to 13.2 (+0.4) for persons aged 15 to 24.
- The estimated number of unemployed fell by 2,000 in Nova Scotia, 11,000 in Quebec and 13,000 in Alberta. It rose by 3,000 in Manitoba, and 2,000 in Saskatchewan while there was little or no change in the other provinces.
- The unemployment rate fell by 0.4 in Newfoundland (17.1), 1.1 in Prince Edward Island (12.7), 0.5 in Nova Scotia (11.0), 0.3 in Quebec (9.8), 0.1 in Ontario (5.7) and 1.0 in Alberta (8.7). It rose by 0.8 in New Brunswick (13.7), 0.6 in Manitoba (8.2) and 0.5 in Saskatchewan (7.3). The rate remained unchanged in British Columbia at 11.4.

Participation Rate/Employment Ratio

The participation rate increased by 0.1 to 66.3 in October 1987. The employment/population ratio jumped 0.3 to 60.8.

- The participation rate increased by 0.8 among persons aged 15 to 24. It fell 0.1 among persons aged 25 and over, a decline solely attributable to decreases for females in this age group.

(continued on page 3)

- The employment/population ratio reached a new peak at 60.8 for persons aged 25 and over. It also continued to advance for young adults, with an increase of 0.5 taking the ratio to 60.4.

Changes since October 1986
(unadjusted estimates)

- Employment rose by 442,000 (+3.8%) and was estimated at 12,162,000.
- Full-time employment grew by 437,000 (+4.4%), reaching 10,284,000 – while part-time employment remained almost unchanged at 1,878,000.
- Employment increased by 4.0% in the goods-producing industries, led by an advance of 14.2% in construction employment.
- The rise of 3.7% in employment in service-producing industries was mainly attributable to gains in finance, insurance and real estate (up 8.3%) and in community, business and personal services (3.6%).

- The estimated number of unemployed persons declined by 116,000 (-10.4%) to 1,000,000.
- The unemployment rate decreased by 1.1 to 7.6.
- The participation rate increased by 0.8 to 66.1, while the employment/population ratio rose 1.5 to reach 61.1.

(see table on page 4)

Available on CANSIM: matrices 2074, 2075, 2078-2099, 2101-2107 and table 00799999.

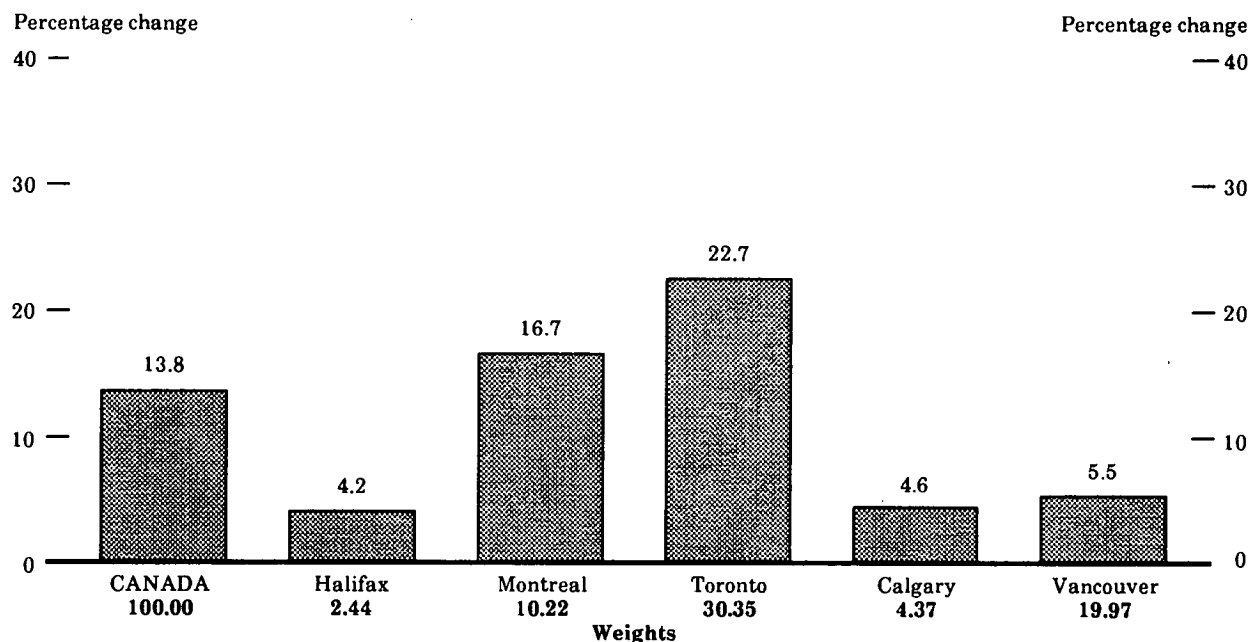
Order the October 1987 issue of *The Labour Force* (71-001, \$20/\$200), available the third week of November. Contact Ken Bennett (613-951-4720), Household Surveys Division.

For summary information, available on the day of release, order *Labour Force Information* (71-001P, \$5/\$50).

Labour Force Characteristics, Canada

	October 1987	September 1987	October 1986
Seasonally Adjusted Data			
Labour Force ('000)	13,202	13,161	12,872
Employment ('000)	12,091	12,031	11,658
Unemployment ('000)	1,111	1,130	1,214
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.4	8.6	9.4
Participation Rate (%)	66.3	66.2	65.5
Employment/Population Ratio (%)	60.8	60.5	59.3
Unadjusted Data			
Labour Force ('000)	13,162	13,153	12,835
Employment ('000)	12,162	12,123	11,720
Unemployment ('000)	1,000	1,030	1,116
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.6	7.8	8.7
Participation Rate (%)	66.1	66.2	65.3
Employment/Population Ratio (%)	61.1	61.0	59.6

Percentage Change in New Housing Price Index from Same Month of the Previous Year, Canada and Selected Cities, September 1987



**New Housing Price Index
September 1987**

The New Housing Price Index (1981=100) for Canada stood at 122.0 in September, up 1.0% from August. This index of Canadian housing contractors' selling prices now stands 13.8% higher than the year-earlier level. Between August and September, the estimated house only index increased 0.3%, while the estimated land only index climbed 2.7%.

Among the cities surveyed, Hamilton recorded the largest monthly increase in new housing prices (3.6%). This advance was due entirely to increased land values, as builders passed on higher costs for serviced lots. Toronto, with a monthly increase of 0.9%, also

attributable to higher land values, continued to show the largest 12-month gain of all cities surveyed, at 22.7%, although it was followed closely by Hamilton with a yearly increase of 22.0%.

Generally, Southwestern Ontario cities together with Montreal maintained yearly gains well in excess of 10.0%. In Alberta and British Columbia index levels were still below their 1981 price reference level of 100.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 198.

Order the third quarter 1987 issue of *Construction Price Statistics* (62-007, \$15/\$60), available in December. Contact Prices Division (613-951-9607).

(continued on page 6)

New Housing Price Indexes
(1981 = 100)

	Weights ¹ 1987	Sept. '87	Aug. '87	Sept. '86	% change	
					Sept. '87/ Aug. '87	Sept. '87/ Sept. '86
Canada Total	100.0	122.0	120.8	107.2	1.0	13.8
Canada (House only)		128.7	128.3	111.9	0.3	15.0
Canada (Land only)		110.5	107.6	98.9	2.7	11.7
St. John's	0.87	113.6	113.6	108.3	-	4.9
Halifax	2.44	129.8	129.5	124.6	0.2	4.2
Saint John-Moncton	0.98	133.3	133.3	127.7	-	4.4
Quebec City	2.26	147.3	145.9	135.7	1.0	8.5
Montreal	10.22	157.3	155.4	134.8	1.2	16.7
Ottawa-Hull	5.74	139.3	138.8	131.1	0.4	6.3
Toronto	30.35	151.9	150.5	123.8	0.9	22.7
Hamilton	2.98	166.5	160.7	136.5	3.6	22.0
St. Catharines-Niagara	1.30	160.4	159.7	144.9	0.4	10.7
Kitchener-Waterloo	2.08	167.6	167.4	143.0	0.1	17.2
London	1.58	151.1	151.1	131.2	-	15.2
Windsor	0.90	122.9	122.9	114.9	-	7.0
Winnipeg	3.11	136.0	134.3	129.0	1.3	5.4
Regina	0.90	117.5	117.5	113.2	-	3.8
Saskatoon	1.30	111.2	110.3	106.8	0.8	4.1
Calgary	4.37	95.2	95.1	91.0	0.1	4.6
Edmonton	4.86	90.4	89.7	86.1	0.8	5.0
Vancouver	19.97	78.3	77.1	74.2	1.6	5.5
Victoria	2.79	70.0	70.0	69.5	-	0.7

¹ Surveys in Sudbury and Thunder Bay account for the remaining weight and are secured due to insufficient sample size. The survey has been discontinued in Prince George.

- Nil or zero.

Data Availability Announcement

Steel Pipe and Tubing

September 1987

Steel pipe and tubing production for September 1987 totalled 139 322 tonnes, an increase of 54.3% from the 90 269^r (revised figure) tonnes produced a year earlier.

Year-to-date production totalled 1 047 904 tonnes, up 10.5% from the 948 226^r tonnes produced during the same period in 1986.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 35.

Order the September 1987 issue of *Steel Pipe and Tubing* (41-011, \$4/\$40), to be released the week of November 30. Contact Gerry Barrett (613-951-3515), Industry Division.

Publications Released

Quarterly Economic Summary,
September 1987.

Catalogue number 13-006

(Canada: \$25/\$100; Other Countries:
\$26/\$104).

Gross Domestic Product by Industry,
July 1987. **Catalogue number 15-001**

(Canada: \$10/\$100; Other Countries:
\$11/\$110).

Metal Mines, 1985.

Catalogue number 26-223

(Canada: \$20; Other Countries: \$21).

Non-metal Mines, 1985.

Catalogue number 26-224

(Canada: \$20; Other Countries: \$21).

Imports by Commodity, August 1987.

Catalogue number 65-007

(Canada: \$50/\$500; Other Countries:
\$60/\$600).

Labour Force Information, October 1987.

Catalogue number 71-001P

(Canada: \$5/\$50; Other Countries: \$6/\$60).
Available November 6th at 7:00 a.m.

Estimates of Labour Income,

January-March 1987.

Catalogue number 72-005

(Canada: \$15/\$60; Other Countries: \$16/\$64).

Statistics Canada publications may be purchased by mail order from Publication Sales, Room 1710, Main Building, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6 or phone 613-951-7276.

Please enclose cheque or money order payable to the Receiver General for Canada/Publications and provide full information on publications required (catalogue number, title, issue).

Publications may also be ordered through Statistics Canada's offices in St. John's, Halifax, Montreal, Ottawa, Sturgeon Falls, Toronto, Winnipeg, Regina, Edmonton and Vancouver, or from authorized bookstore agents or other booksellers.

A national toll-free telephone order service is now in operation at Statistics Canada. The toll-free line (1-800-267-6677) can be used by Canadian customers for the ordering of Statistics Canada products and services.

Major Release Dates: Week of November 9-13

(Release dates are subject to change)

**Anticipated
date(s) of
release**

Title

Reference period

November

9	Travel Between Canada and Other Countries	September 1987
9-10	Canadian Composite Leading Indicator	August 1987
10	Preliminary Statement of Canadian International Trade	September 1987
10	New Motor Vehicle Sales	September 1987
10	Department Store Sales by Province and Metropolitan Area	September 1987
10	Farm Product Price Index	September 1987
12	Help-wanted Index	October 1987
12	Estimates of Labour Income	August 1987
13	Housing Starts	September 1987

**The
Daily**

Statistics Canada's Official Release Bulletin for Statistical Information

Catalogue 11-001E. Price: Canada \$100/year; other countries \$125/year

Published by the Communications Division (Director - Tim Davis)
Statistics Canada, 3-O, R.H. Coats Bldg., Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Senior Editor: Greg Thomson (613-951-1103)

Editor: Deanna Jamieson (613-951-1198)

Published under the authority of the Minister of Supply and Services
Canada. Statistics Canada should be credited when reproducing or quoting
any part of this document. Extracts from this publication may be reproduced
for individual use without permission provided the source is fully
acknowledged. However, reproduction of this publication in whole or in part
for purposes of resale or redistribution requires written permission from the
Publishing Services Group, Permissions Officer, Canadian Government
Publishing Centre, Ottawa, Canada K1A 0S9.

STATISTICS CANADA LIBRARY
BIBLIOTHÈQUE STATISTIQUE CANADA



1010496945