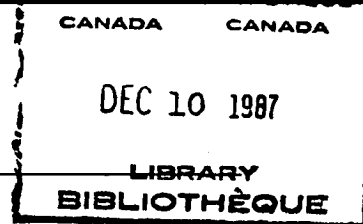


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Some of the leading indicators from Canada's largest demographic survey – the 1986 Census – are now available in profile form at the census division and census subdivision level as well as at the federal electoral district level. These profiles can be obtained on computer tapes as well as on diskettes.

The profiles provide a statistical overview of particular geographic areas, touching on a wide selection of census variables but providing a limited amount of detail for each variable. The distributions are usually univariate, with a limited number of indicators shown, such as percentages and rates.

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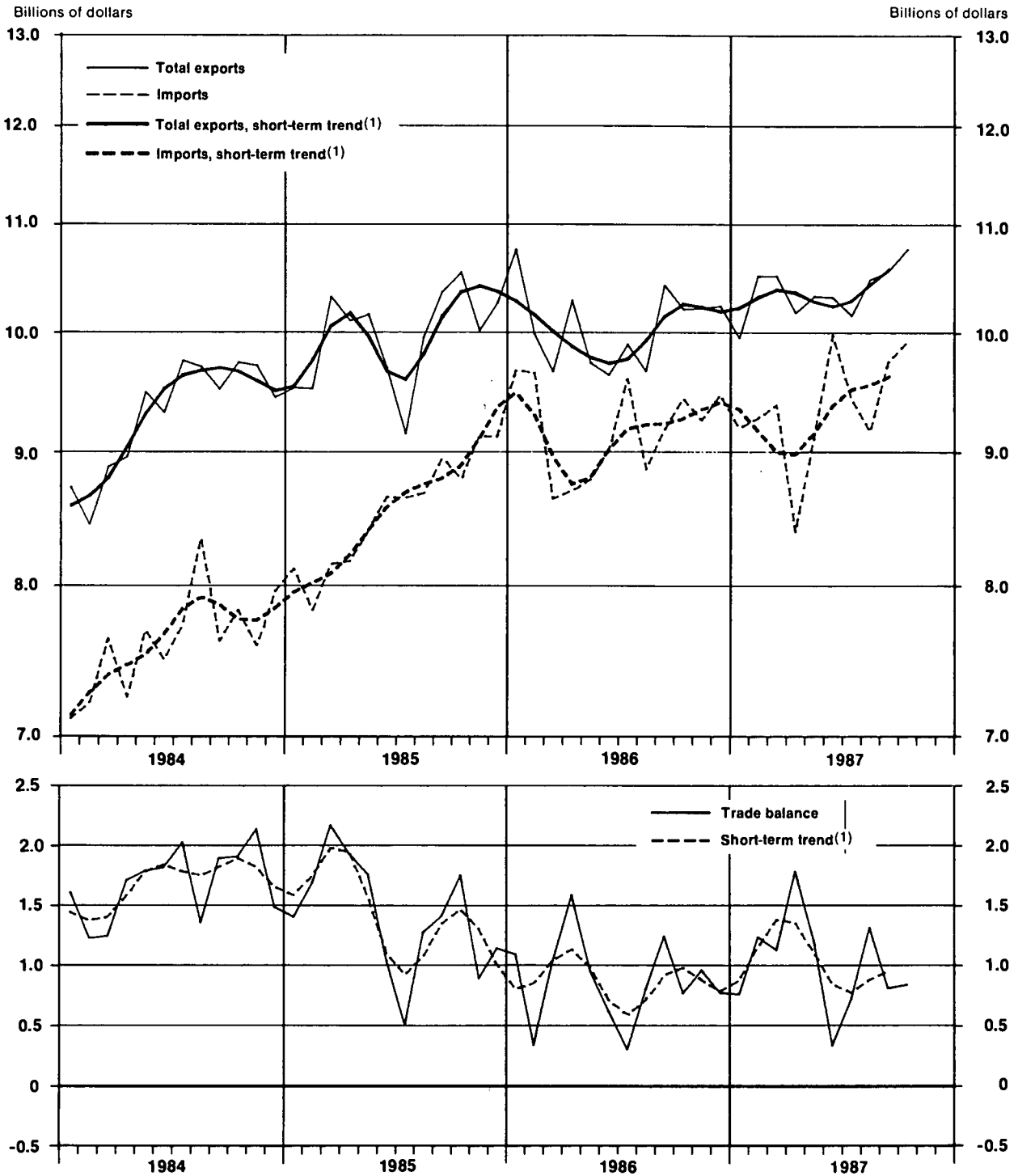
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Preliminary Statement of Canadian International Trade

Seasonally Adjusted, Balance of Payments Basis

October 1987

Month-to-month Overview

Adjusted for seasonal fluctuations and on a balance of payments basis, Canada's international merchandise trade balance for October 1987 was a surplus of \$840 million, a slight increase of \$33 million from the revised balance of \$807 million recorded for September.

An increase in the surplus that Canada has had with Japan since July as well as a notable drop in the deficit with "other countries" contributed to the October increase in the overall balance, while the surplus with the United States decreased by more than \$200 million, falling to \$1.3 billion.

Exports increased by \$202 million from the level the month before, rising to \$10.7 billion in October, the highest level since January 1986. A large increase in exports of energy products contributed to the overall increase.

Imports grew by \$169 million in October from the figure the month before, climbing to \$9.9 billion. The average level of imports for the first 10 months of 1987 was \$9.3 billion, some \$200 million more than the average for the first 10 months of 1986. The rise in total imports for October was connected mainly with increased imports of automotive products.

Short-term Trend (excludes latest month)

Exports

The short-term trend for exports was up for a third straight month; however, the rate of increase was slightly lower than in the previous month, falling from 1.4% in August to 1.3% in September. The main increases were those recorded for exports of wheat (for which the rate of increase more than tripled), passenger automobiles and lumber. The largest decreases were those in the trends for exports of trucks, precious metals and fish. Following three consecutive months of upward movement, the trend for aircraft exports turned downward in September, falling by 2.3%.

Imports

The short-term trend for imports continued to increase for a fifth consecutive month, rising from a rate of increase of 0.4% in August to one of 0.7% in September. The largest increases were those for imports of passenger automobiles, motor vehicle parts and ores. The largest decreases were those for imports of aircraft, office equipment and "other end products". The trend for imports of crude petroleum, which had posted increases of 17.7% in June, 16.7% in July and 6.3% in August, turned downward in September, decreasing by 1.4%.

Commodity Highlights

Exports

Exports grew by 1.9% in October from the September level, the third increase in as many months. The rise resulted mainly from a strong recovery in the crude materials sector, where total exports rose by \$378 million, with increases of \$142 million for coal, \$91 million for copper ore, \$80 million for "other ores" and \$58 million for crude petroleum. The increase for crude petroleum took the level for that commodity to \$471 million. Since May 1987, monthly exports of crude petroleum have been \$400 million or higher. Wheat exports increased by \$137 million, rising to \$325 million. The largest declines were those for exports of industrial machinery (-\$49 million), lumber (-\$47 million) and woodpulp (-\$46 million).

Exports of passenger automobiles dropped by \$45 million in October, contrasting with the increase of nearly \$250 million reported for September.

Imports

Imports rose to \$9.9 billion in October from \$9.7 billion in September, a gain of 1.7%. The largest increases were those for imports of motor vehicle parts (+\$65 million), trucks (+\$44 million) and "other communications equipment" (+\$44 million). Imports of motor

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vehicle parts, most of which are from the United States, totalled \$13.2 billion for the first 10 months of 1987, \$1.4 billion less than in the corresponding period in 1986. For 23 commodity groups, imports decreased in October from the September levels; these decreases were marginal, except in the case of aircraft imports, which fell by \$80 million.

Trading Partner Highlights

Exports

Exports to the United States decreased by \$148 million from the level in September, totalling \$8.2 billion in October. (This was still \$248 million more than the average for the first nine months of 1987). Exports to "other EEC countries" also fell, posting a slight decrease of \$6 million. Exports to the other partners increased, with rises of \$195 million for "other countries", \$144 million for Japan, \$9 million for "other OECD countries" and \$8 million for the United Kingdom. Exports to Japan climbed to \$731 million, reaching a record level.

Imports

Canadian imports from the United States totalled \$6.9 billion, an increase of \$99 million from September. Imports from Japan and the United Kingdom also increased, rising by \$124 million and \$45 million respectively, reversing the decreases reported for the previous month. However, imports fell for "other EEC countries" (-\$53 million), "other OECD countries" (-\$29 million) and "other countries" (-\$16 million).

Note to Users

Significant revisions have been made to the international merchandise trade statistics for the current year. Imports and exports of automotive products have been revised upward as a result of mistakes made in the reporting of statistics by a Canadian manufacturer of automotive products. Exports of zinc ores have been revised as a result of a change in the seasonal adjustment for that series. Exports to the United States have been revised as a result of changes made in adjustment for reconciliation of the statistics for trade between Canada and the United States.

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Available on CANSIM: matrices 3651-3678, 3685-3713, 3718 and 3719.

Order the October 1987 issue of *Summary of Canadian International Trade* (65-001, \$15/\$150), available the fourth week of December. Contact Gordon Blaney (613-951-9647), Trade Information Unit, or Jean-Pierre Simard (613-951-9787) (analysis information) or John Butterill (613-951-4804) (price-index information), Trade Measures and Analysis Section, International Trade Division.

For summary information, available the day of release, order the *Preliminary Statement of Canadian International Trade* (65-001P, \$5/\$50).

Table 1
Merchandise Trade of Canada
October 1987
Balance of Payments Basis

	Exports ¹ raw	Imports raw	Exports ¹ S.A. ³	Imports S.A. ³	Balance S.A. ³	Period-to-period change ²		
						Exports ¹ S.A. ³	Imports S.A. ³	Balance S.A. ³
			\$ millions			%	%	\$ millions
1981	84,432	77,140	84,432	77,140	7,292	10.1	13.6	-1,486
1982	84,393	66,739	84,393	66,739	17,654	0.0	-13.5	10,362
1983	90,556	73,098	90,556	73,098	17,457	7.3	9.5	-197
1984	111,730	91,493	111,730	91,493	20,237	23.4	25.2	2,780
1985	119,566	102,641	119,566	102,641	16,926	7.0	12.2	-3,312
1986	120,593	110,205	120,593	110,205	10,388	0.9	7.4	-6,538
1985								
First quarter	28,728	23,676	29,355	24,106	5,249	1.6	3.1	-275
Second quarter	31,409	27,180	29,948	25,226	4,721	2.0	4.6	-528
Third quarter	27,982	25,352	29,459	26,274	3,185	-1.6	4.2	-1,537
Fourth quarter	31,447	26,433	30,805	27,034	3,770	4.6	2.9	586
1986								
First quarter	29,554	27,031	30,386	27,943	2,443	-1.4	3.4	-1,328
Second quarter	31,182	28,936	29,629	26,495	3,134	-2.5	-5.2	692
Third quarter	28,558	26,769	29,956	27,630	2,326	1.1	4.3	-809
Fourth quarter	31,299	27,469	30,622	28,137	2,486	2.2	1.8	160
1987								
First quarter	30,203	27,394	30,930	27,827	3,103	1.0	-1.1	618
Second quarter	32,153	29,376	30,775	27,456	3,319	-0.5	-1.3	215
Third quarter	29,975	27,473	31,146	28,310	2,836	1.2	3.1	-482
1986								
January	10,192	9,079	10,752	9,665	1,087	4.8	5.9	-49
February	9,504	9,385	9,980	9,647	333	-7.2	-0.2	-754
March	9,858	8,566	9,654	8,632	1,022	-3.3	-10.5	689
April	10,678	10,098	10,276	8,698	1,578	6.4	0.8	556
May	10,246	9,374	9,728	8,783	945	-5.3	1.0	-634
June	10,257	9,463	9,626	9,014	612	-1.1	2.6	-333
July	9,311	9,672	9,889	9,594	295	2.7	6.4	-316
August	8,610	8,221	9,653	8,859	794	-2.4	-7.7	498
September	10,637	8,877	10,414	9,177	1,237	7.9	3.6	442
October	10,790	9,763	10,195	9,430	765	-2.1	2.8	-471
November	10,498	9,136	10,204	9,249	955	0.1	-1.9	190
December	10,011	8,569	10,224	9,458	766	0.2	2.3	-188
1987								
January	9,325	8,501	9,938	9,186	752	-2.8	-2.9	-14
February	10,053	9,028	10,496	9,265	1,231	5.6	0.9	479
March	10,824	9,865	10,495	9,375	1,120	0.0	1.2	-111
April	10,479	9,322	10,163	8,382	1,781	-3.2	-10.6	661
May	10,707	9,450	10,312	9,106	1,206	1.5	8.6	-576
June	10,967	10,604	10,300	9,967	333	-0.1	9.5	-873
July	9,626	9,471	10,139	9,420	719	-1.6	-5.5	387
August	9,492	8,502	10,464	9,154	1,310	3.2	-2.8	590
September	10,857	9,500	10,543	9,736	807	0.8	6.4	-503
October	11,261	10,073	10,745	9,905	840	1.9	1.7	33
Year-to-date								
1986	100,084	92,500	100,166	91,498	8,667	0.9	8.4	-6,236
1987	103,592	94,315	103,596	93,498	10,098	3.4	2.2	1,431

¹ Exports = Domestic Exports + Re-exports.

² Year-to-year, quarter-to-quarter, month-to-month.

³ Seasonally Adjusted.

Note: Due to rounding monthly data may not add up to quarterly data and quarterly data may not add up to annual data.

Table 2
Merchandise Trade by Principal Trading Areas

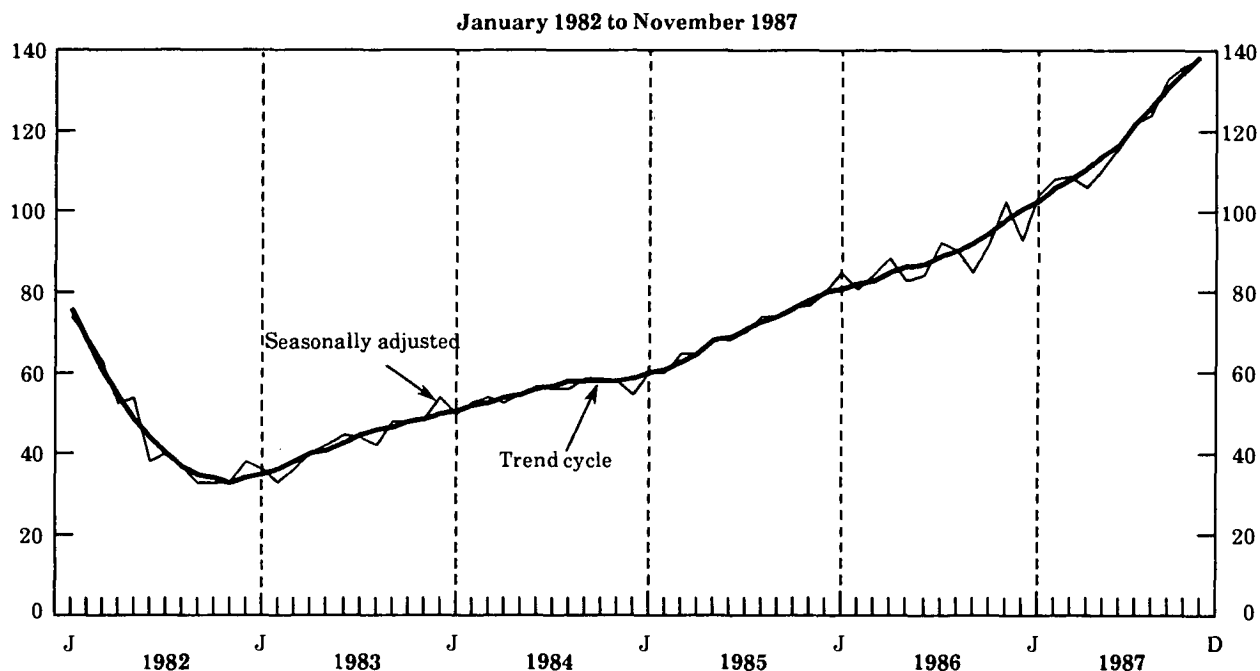
October 1987
Seasonally Adjusted, Balance of Payments Basis

			Period-to-period change				Year-to-date	Change over previous year	
	Sept.	Oct.	Sept.	Oct.	Sept.	Oct.			
	\$ millions		%	%	\$ millions		\$ millions	%	\$ millions
Exports to:									
United States	8,320.4	8,173.0	4.3	-1.8	346.2	-147.5	79,499.3	1.7	1,366.7
Japan	586.9	730.5	1.5	24.5	8.4	143.6	5,465.1	10.3	510.8
United Kingdom	205.4	213.6	-20.0	4.0	-51.4	8.2	2,505.7	11.4	257.0
Other EEC Countries	475.6	469.4	-10.0	-1.3	-53.0	-6.2	5,124.9	16.7	733.5
Other OECD Countries*	188.1	197.1	24.1	4.8	36.5	9.0	2,019.6	12.9	230.4
Other Countries	766.5	961.5	-21.3	25.4	-207.7	195.0	8,981.4	3.8	332.0
Total	10,542.9	10,745.0	0.8	-1.9	79.0	202.1	103,596.0	3.4	3,430.4
Imports from:									
United States	6,752.7	6,852.0	9.9	1.5	606.6	99.3	63,962.4	1.2	734.6
Japan	550.2	674.3	-2.8	22.6	-15.6	124.1	6,092.0	-3.0	-187.6
United Kingdom*	330.1	374.8	-20.8	13.5	-86.6	44.6	3,704.0	23.7	709.3
Other EEC Countries	759.9	706.5	8.1	-7.0	57.2	-53.4	7,420.9	-0.4	-27.4
Other OECD Countries*	279.7	250.7	30.9	-10.4	66.1	-29.0	2,609.5	11.5	269.2
Other Countries*	1,063.4	1,047.0	-4.1	-1.5	-45.6	-16.3	9,709.1	5.4	501.4
Total	9,736.0	9,905.4	6.4	1.7	581.9	169.4	93,497.9	2.2	1,999.5
Balance with:									
United States	1,567.7	1,321.0			-260.4	-246.7	15,536.9		632.1
Japan	36.7	56.1			24.0	19.5	-626.9		698.5
United Kingdom	-124.7	-161.2			35.3	-36.5	-1,198.3		-452.4
Other EEC Countries	-284.3	-237.1			-110.2	47.2	-2,296.0		760.9
Other OECD Countries*	-91.6	-53.7			-29.6	37.9	-589.9		-38.7
Other Countries	-296.9	-85.6			-162.1	211.3	-727.7		-169.4
Total	806.9	839.6			-503.0	32.7	10,098.1		1,430.9

* Series has no seasonality. Figures are unadjusted.

Note: Beginning with 1986 Portugal and Spain are included in the EEC.

Help-wanted Index, Canada (1981 = 100)



Help-wanted Index

November 1987

The Help-wanted Index monitors the space devoted to help-wanted ads published in 18 major metropolitan area newspapers and serves as an indicator of the demand for labour.

- The seasonally adjusted Help-wanted Index for Canada (1981 = 100) continued to increase between October and November 1987 (to 138 from 136). This is the seventh consecutive month for which the index has been at its highest level since 1962, the first year for which data are available.
- Between October and November, the index increased in all provinces except in Ontario where it remained at 184. The index increased to 153 from 147 in Quebec, to 174 from 168 in the Atlantic region, to 59 from 55 in the Prairie region, and to 57 from 54 in British Columbia.

- In November 1987, the Canada trend-cycle¹ continued its advance which commenced in December 1982 (see chart).

(see table on page 9)

¹ The trend cycle provides an indication of the direction in the demand for labour as estimated by the Help-wanted Index. It is calculated by the X-11 ARIMA seasonal adjustment program. Essentially, the calculation involves a 13-term Henderson moving average which smooths irregular fluctuations in seasonally adjusted data.

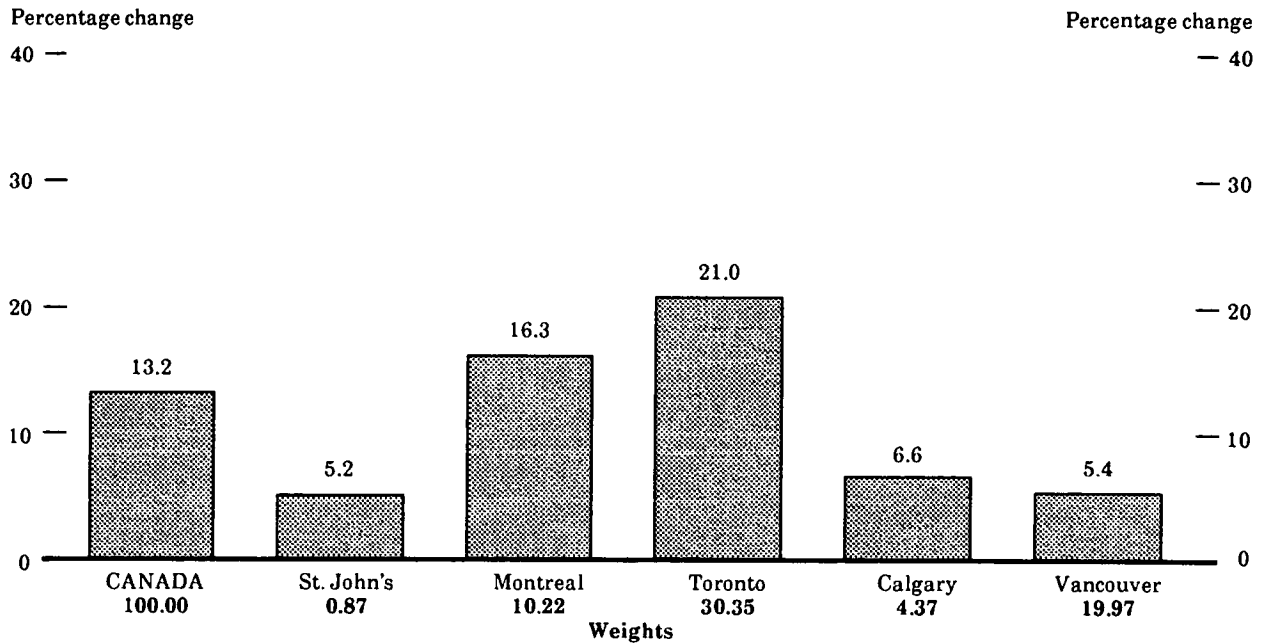
Available on CANSIM: matrix 105.

Contact Jean-Pierre Maynard (613-951-4045) or Horst Stiebert (613-951-4044), Labour Division.

Help-wanted Index (1981 = 100), Canada and Regions
(Seasonally Adjusted)

Year and month	Canada	Atlantic Region	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Region	British Columbia
1986						
November	103	119	121	128	46	40
December	93	108	97	130	44	37
1987						
January	104	138	105	145	48	39
February	108	142	118	144	47	40
March	109	129	128	140	47	39
April	106	130	119	141	46	44
May	111	140	119	151	51	47
June	116	134	135	149	54	49
July	122	146	138	166	50	49
August	124	158	131	170	53	53
September	133	169	146	178	60	49
October	136	168	147	184	55	54
November	138	174	153	184	59	57

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



New Housing Price Index
October 1987

The New Housing Price Index (1981=100) for Canada stood at 122.5 in October, up 0.4% from September. This index of Canadian housing contractors' selling prices now stands 13.2% higher than the year-earlier level. Between September and October, the estimated house only index increased 0.3%, while the estimated land only index increased 0.5%.

Among the cities surveyed, October's increases in new housing prices were generally lower than in previous months with the notable exception of Calgary, which recorded the largest monthly increase (2.0%). Toronto, with a monthly increase of 0.6% continued to show the largest 12-month increase (21.0%) of all

cities surveyed, although it was followed closely by Hamilton which recorded a yearly increase of 20.9%.

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

(see table on page 11)

Available on CANSIM: matrix 198.

Order the fourth quarter 1987 issue of *Construction Price Statistics* (62-007, \$15/\$60), available in March 1988. Contact the Prices Division (613-951-9607).

New Housing Price Indexes
(1981 = 100)

	Weights ¹ 1987	Oct. 1987	Sept. 1987	Oct. 1986	% change	
					Oct. 1987/ Sept. 1987	Oct. 1987/ Oct. 1986
Canada Total	100.0	122.5	122.0	108.2	0.4	13.2
Canada (House only)		129.1	128.7	113.4	0.3	13.8
Canada (Land only)		111.1	110.5	98.9	0.5	12.3
St. John's	0.87	113.8	113.6	108.2	0.2	5.2
Halifax	2.44	129.9	129.8	124.7	0.1	4.2
Saint John-Moncton	0.98	133.3	133.3	127.7	-	4.4
Quebec City	2.26	149.2	147.3	136.9	1.3	9.0
Montreal	10.22	158.3	157.3	136.1	0.6	16.3
Ottawa-Hull	5.74	140.0	139.3	131.5	0.5	6.5
Toronto	30.35	152.8	151.9	126.3	0.6	21.0
Hamilton	2.98	166.5	166.5	137.7	-	20.9
St. Catharines-Niagara	1.30	160.4	160.4	146.9	-	9.2
Kitchener-Waterloo	2.08	167.7	167.6	143.0	0.1	17.3
London	1.58	151.1	151.1	131.9	-	14.6
Windsor	0.90	122.7	122.9	114.9	-0.2	6.8
Winnipeg	3.11	135.6	136.0	129.0	-0.3	5.1
Regina	0.90	117.5	117.5	113.7	-	3.3
Saskatoon	1.30	111.4	111.2	107.1	0.2	4.0
Calgary	4.37	97.1	95.2	91.1	2.0	6.6
Edmonton	4.86	90.7	90.4	86.2	0.3	5.2
Vancouver	19.97	78.3	78.3	74.3	-	5.4
Victoria	2.79	70.4	70.0	68.8	0.6	2.3

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.

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Census Divisions and Subdivisions and Federal Electoral Districts - 100% Data Profiles

1986 Census

Profiles providing the following information are now available at the census division and census subdivision level as well as at the federal electoral district level (1986 Representation Order).

These profiles contain data gathered from all Canadian households. Supplementary data from 20% of the population, including such topics as ethnicity, education, industry, occupation, and income will become available at a later date.

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- Economic families (9)

For further information, please contact your local Regional Reference Centre (see page 15) or the Electronic Data Dissemination Division (613-951-8200).

Heritage Institutions 1985-86

Preliminary data from the 1985-86 survey of heritage institutions are now available.

Tables will be published in *Heritage Institutions*, 1985-86 (87-207), to be released in the spring of 1988. For more information or special tabulations, please contact Erika Dugas (613-951-1568), Culture Sub-division, Education, Culture and Tourism Division.

Steel Ingots

Week Ending December 5, 1987

Preliminary estimates indicate that Canadian steel ingot production for the week ending December 5, 1987 totalled 272 047 tonnes, a decrease of 3.3% from the preceding week's total of 281 192 tonnes and down 3.9% from the year-earlier level of 283 102 tonnes.

The cumulative total in 1987 was 13 604 048 tonnes, an increase of 4.5% from 13 013 682 tonnes for the same period in 1986.

Contact Gerry Barrett (613-951-3515), Industry Division.

Export and Import Price Indexes

October 1987

Current and fixed weighted export and import price indexes, on a (1981=100) balance of payments basis, are now available. Price indexes are listed from January 1981 to October 1987 for the seven commodity sections and 62/61 major commodity groups.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 3633, 3635, 3636 and 3638.

Customs based current and fixed weighted U.S. price indexes are also available. Price indexes are listed from January 1981 to October 1987 on a 1981=100 basis. Included with the U.S. commodity indexes are the 10 "All Countries" and "U.S. Only" SITC section indexes.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 3639-3642.

Order the October 1987 issue of *Summary of Canadian International Trade* (65-001, \$15/\$150), available the first week of January 1988. Contact John Butterill (613-951-4804), Price Index Unit, International Trade Division.

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