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## Major Release

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### Labour Force Survey

November 1987

#### Overview

Estimates from Statistics Canada's Labour Force Survey for November 1987 indicate that the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate declined by 0.2 to 8.2, equalling the rate recorded in October 1981. Unemployment decreased by 30,000, continuing the improvements noted since last April. The estimated employment increase of 23,000 maintained the upward trend which began in July 1986.

#### Employment

For the week ended November 14, 1987, the seasonally adjusted level of employment was estimated at 12,114,000 - up 23,000 from October. The increase in employment was concentrated among persons aged 25 and over (+39,000).

- Employment gains among persons aged 25 and over were equally distributed between men and women. Employment fell by 16,000 among persons aged 15 to 24.
- Part-time employment rose by an estimated 17,000 as the result of an increase of 16,000 for females. There was little change in full-time employment.
- Employment rose in manufacturing (+20,000) and community, business, and personal services (+17,000). It declined in public administration (-16,000), transportation, communication and other utilities (-12,000) and in finance, insurance and real estate (-9,000). There was little change in the remaining industries.
- The estimated level of employment rose by 5,000 in New Brunswick and in Manitoba. Moderate employment increases were noted in all other provinces except Quebec where it declined by 31,000.

#### Unemployment

The seasonally adjusted estimate of unemployment declined by 30,000 in November 1987, to 1,081,000. The unemployment rate fell by 0.2 to 8.2, the fourth consecutive monthly decline.

- Unemployment fell by an estimated 31,000 among persons aged 25 and over. The drop in unemployment was concentrated among males in this age group (-23,000).
- The unemployment rate declined to 6.8 (-0.3) among persons aged 25 and over. This represents the first time since March 1982 that the rate has fallen below 7% for persons in this age group. The unemployment rate for persons aged 15 to 24 edged up 0.1 to 13.3 as the result of an increase in the rate for young women (+0.4).
- The estimated number of unemployed fell by 3,000 in New Brunswick, 13,000 in Quebec, 4,000 in Manitoba and 16,000 in British Columbia. It rose by 2,000 in Nova Scotia and 10,000 in Ontario. There was little or no change in the other provinces.
- The unemployment rate fell by 0.1 in Newfoundland (17.0), 1.0 in New Brunswick (12.7), 0.3 in Quebec (9.5), 0.8 in Manitoba (7.4), 0.3 in Saskatchewan (7.0), 0.2 in Alberta (8.5) and 1.0 in British Columbia (10.4). It increased by 0.6 in Prince Edward Island (13.3), 0.4 in Nova Scotia (11.4) and 0.2 in Ontario (5.9).

#### Participation Rate/Employment Ratio

The seasonally adjusted participation rate declined by 0.1 to 66.2 in November 1987. The employment/population ratio remained unchanged at 60.8.

- The participation rate decreased by 0.3 among persons aged 15 to 24 as the result of a drop of 0.6 in the rate for young men. It declined by 0.1 among persons aged 25 and over, due to a decrease in the rate for males in this age group.

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- The employment/population ratio fell by 0.3 to 60.1 among persons aged 15 to 24, while it advanced to 61.0 for persons aged 25 and over.

**Changes since November 1986**  
(Unadjusted Estimates)

- Employment increased by an estimated 442,000 (+ 3.8%), rising to 12,049,000.
- Full-time employment rose by 415,000 (+ 4.3%) to 10,124,000 while part-time employment advanced slightly to 1,926,000 (+ 1.5%).
- Employment gains in the goods-producing industries (+ 4.8%) were led by advances of 12.4% in construction and 4.3% in manufacturing.
- The rise of 3.4% in employment in the service-producing industries was the result of increases in finance, insurance and real estate (+ 6.0%) and community, business and personal services (+ 4.3%).

- The estimated number of unemployed persons declined by 149,000 (-12.7%) to 1,024,000.

- The unemployment rate dropped to 7.8 (-1.4).

- The participation rate advanced by 0.6 to 65.6 and the employment/population ratio jumped 1.5 to 60.5.

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

Order the November 1987 issue of *The Labour Force* (71-001, \$20/\$200), available the third week of December. 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**

	November 1987	October 1987	November 1986
Seasonally Adjusted Data			
Labour Force ('000)	13,195	13,202	12,886
Employment ('000)	12,114	12,091	11,672
Unemployment ('000)	1,081	1,111	1,214
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.2	8.4	9.4
Participation Rate (%)	66.2	66.3	65.5
Employment/Population Ratio (%)	60.8	60.8	59.3
Unadjusted Data			
Labour Force ('000)	13,073	13,162	12,781
Employment ('000)	12,049	12,162	11,607
Unemployment ('000)	1,024	1,000	1,173
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.8	7.6	9.2
Participation Rate (%)	65.6	66.1	65.0
Employment/Population Ratio (%)	60.5	61.1	59.0

## Data Availability Announcements

### Railway Carloadings

Seven-day Period ending November 14, 1987

#### Highlights

- Revenue freight loaded by railways in Canada during the week totalled 5.8 million tonnes, an increase of 31.6% from the previous year.
- Piggyback traffic increased 27.0% from the same period last year. The number of cars loaded increased 13.7%.
- The tonnage of revenue freight loaded to date this year is 4.6% more than that loaded in the previous year.

	Seven-day Period ending November 14, 1987	Year to date
<b>Carload Traffic</b>		
Tonnes	5 824 595	216 850 532
% change from previous year	31.6	4.6
Cars	77,555	3,167,799
% change from previous year	16.2	1.8
<b>Piggyback Traffic</b>		
Tonnes	289 159	11 214 150
% change from previous year	27.0	6.1
Cars	9,096	396,611
% change from previous year	13.7	4.0

**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.

### Major Appliances

October 1987

Domestic sales of major appliances by Canadian manufacturers increased to 266,384 units in October 1987, up 21.3% from 219,524 units in September 1987 and 21.2% from the 219,729 units sold in October 1986.

Year-to-date domestic sales to October 1987 rose to 1,997,248 units from 1,813,158 units for the same period in 1986 (+ 10.2%).

Available on CANSIM: matrices 65, 66 and 122 (series 30).

Order the October 1987 issue of *Production, Sales and Stocks of Major Appliances* (43-010, \$4/\$40), to be released the week of December 14. Contact J.P. Beauparlant (613-951-3526), Industry Division.

### Road Motor Vehicles – Registrations 1986

Canada's provincial and territorial governments reported 11,477,314 passenger automobile registrations during the 1986 licence year.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 356, 359, 360, 363, 364, 367, 368, 371, 372, 375, 376, 379 and 380.

Order the 1986 issue of *Road Motor Vehicles – Registrations* (53-219, \$10/\$11), scheduled for release towards the end of December. Contact Angus McLean (613-951-2484), Transportation Division.

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## Publications Released

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**Footwear Statistics, September 1987.**

**Catalogue number 33-002**

(Canada: \$4/\$40; Other Countries: \$5/\$50).

**Exports by Country,**

**January-September 1987.**

**Catalogue number 65-003**

(Canada: \$75/\$300; Other Countries: \$85/\$340).

**Geographic Reference - Enumeration**

**Area Reference Lists - Provincial**

**Census Tracts, Western Provinces**

**and the Territories,**

**1986 Census.**

**Catalogue number 99-125**

(Canada: \$31; Other Countries: \$32.50).

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7	New Housing Price Index	October 1987
8	Financial Activity in Canada	Third Quarter 1987
8-9	Estimates of Labour Income	September 1987
9	Canadian Composite Leading Indicator	September 1987
9-10	Department Store Sales by Province and Metropolitan Area	October 1987
10	Preliminary Statement of Canadian International Trade	October 1987
10	Help-wanted Index	November 1987
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11	Farm Product Price Index	October 1987

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