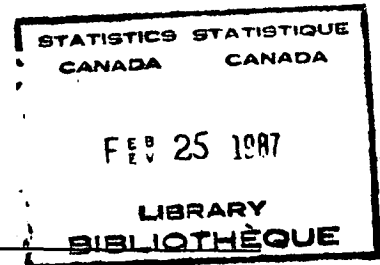


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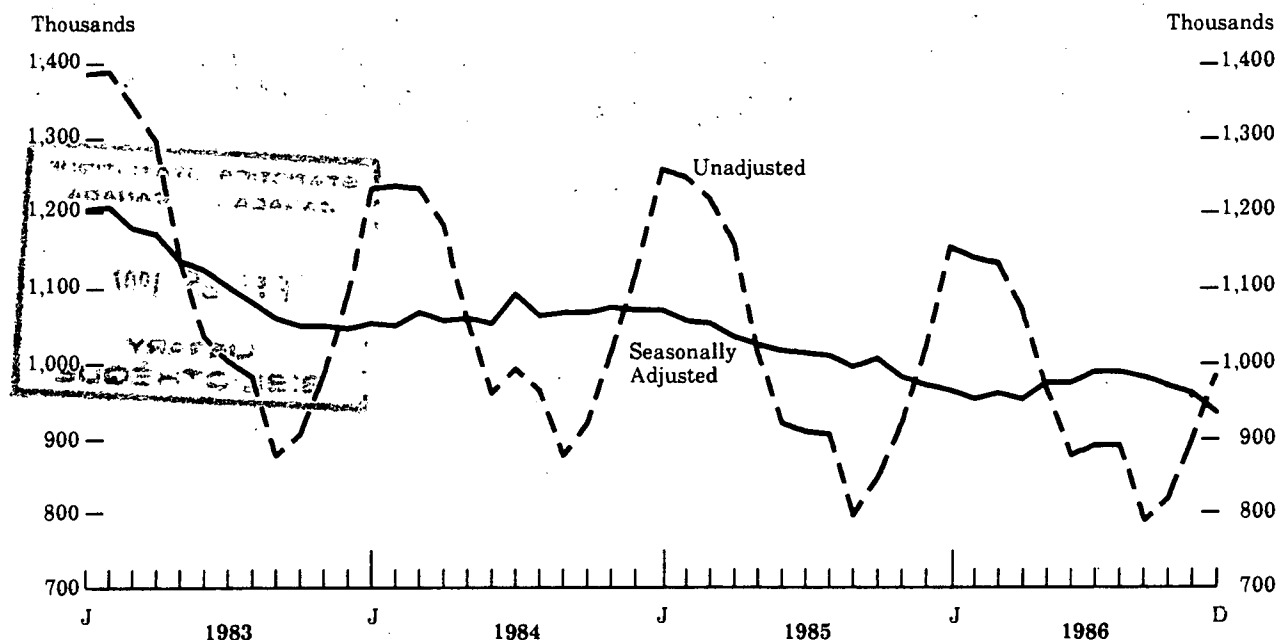
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Number of Beneficiaries Receiving Regular Benefits, Canada, 1983-1986



Unemployment Insurance Statistics December 1986

Seasonally Adjusted Data

- For the week ending December 13, 1986, preliminary estimates show that the number of beneficiaries¹ receiving regular unemployment insurance benefits totalled 946,000 - down 1.4% from the previous month. The number of beneficiaries has been declining steadily since September, following slight increases in the May to August period of 1986.
- By province, the number of beneficiaries receiving regular benefits decreased between November and December 1986 in Ontario (-5.4%), British Columbia (-1.4%), and Quebec (-1.3%). Increases occurred in the Yukon (2.9%), Nova Scotia (1.7%), and

the Northwest Territories (1.7%). The remaining provinces showed little or no change.

Data Not Adjusted for Seasonal Variations

- Benefits paid during December 1986 totalled \$979 million², an increase of 33.0% from November 1986. Compared to December 1985, benefit payments increased by 24.4%. These increases are mainly due to the greater number of processing days in December 1986, than in November 1986 and December 1985. For the 1986 calendar year, benefit payments amounted to \$10,514 million, up 2.8% from 1985. The change in the year-to-date payments was the result of a 5.9% increase in the average weekly benefit (to \$181.04 from \$170.96)

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which was partially offset by a 2.9% decrease in the number of benefit weeks (to 58.06 million from 59.79 million).

- The number of claims (applications) received for unemployment insurance benefits in December 1986 totalled 358,000², up 8.3% from the preceding month and up 14.5% from December 1985. For the year 1986, 3.4 million claims were received, slightly more (1.2%) than in 1985.

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¹ The number of beneficiaries represents a count of persons who qualified for unemployment insurance benefits during a specific week of the reference month.

² Benefits paid, number of benefit weeks, and number of claims received, relate to a complete calendar month. It should be noted that these

data are affected by the number of working days available during the reference month to process claims and to pay benefits. In making short-term comparisons it is not uncommon to observe different trends between these data and the number of beneficiaries.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 26 (series 1.6) and 5700-5717.

Data for the months of October, November and December 1986 will be published in the December 1986 issue of *Unemployment Insurance Statistics* (73-001, \$12/\$120), available at the beginning of March. Unpublished beneficiaries data are also available on request, including statistics for small areas as defined by data users. For special tabulations and further information contact: H. Stiebert (613-991-4044) or J.-P. Maynard (613-991-4045), Labour Division.

Unemployment Insurance Statistics

	December 1986	November 1986	October 1986	December 1985	% change from	
					November 1986	December 1985
Benefits¹						
Amount paid (\$000)	979,215	736,053	751,714	786,904	33.0	24.4
Weeks of benefit (000)	5,191	4,006	4,137	4,419	29.6	17.5
Average weekly benefit (\$)	188.58	183.53	181.31	177.97	2.8	6.0
Claims received (000)	358	330	331	312	8.3	14.5
Beneficiaries² (000)						
Total	1,129 ^p	1,029 ^p	947 ^r	1,155 ^r	9.8	-2.2
Regular benefits	992 ^p	898 ^p	834 ^r	1,021 ^r	10.5	-2.8
Regular benefits - Seasonally adjusted	946 ^p	960 ^p	980 ^r	972 ^r	-1.4	

	January to December		% change 1986/1985
	1986	1985	
Benefits¹			
Amount paid (\$000)	10,513,557	10,226,888	2.8
Weeks of benefit (000)	58,063	59,788	-2.9
Average weekly benefit (\$)	181.04	170.96	5.9
Claims received (000)	3,353	3,312	1.2
Beneficiaries - Year-to-date average² (000)	1,093^p	1,145^r	-4.6

¹ Amount paid and weeks of benefit include work sharing and job creation. However, average weekly benefit excludes these amounts in order to maintain comparability with previous data.

² The beneficiaries include all claimants who receive benefits through the computer pay system. Excluded are year-round fishermen, a few seasonal fishermen and a small number of work sharing and job creation claimants who are paid through the manual pay system.

^p Preliminary figures.

^r Revised figures.

Data Availability Announcements

Chain Store Stocks

December 1986

- Retail chain store stocks totalled \$4,187 million at the end of December 1986, up 4.1% over the level reached in December 1985.
- The inventories to sales ratio stood at 0.82:1 in December 1986, down marginally from the ratio of 0.86:1 observed a year earlier. In 1986, this ratio averaged 1.19:1, down from the ratio of 1.22:1 registered in 1985.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 194.

Order the December 1986 issue of *Merchandising Inventories* (63-014, \$12/\$120), available the fourth week of March. Contact: Emma MacPhail (613-990-9824), Retail Trade Section, Industry Division.

Mineral Wool

January 1987.

Manufacturers shipped 9 952 725 square metres of mineral wool (all R factors) in batts in January 1987, up 41.8% from the 7 020 137 square metres shipped the year earlier and up 9.9% from the 9 052 688 square metres shipped the previous month.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 40 and 122 (series 32 and 33).

Order the January 1987 issue of *Mineral Wool including Fibrous Glass Insulation* (44-004, \$4/\$40), to be released the week of March 9. Contact: Sharon M. Boyer (613-991-3520), Industry Division.

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