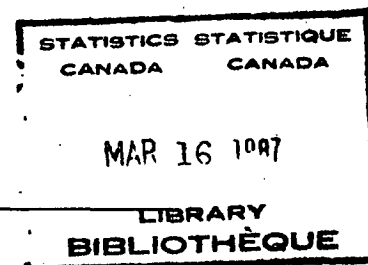


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Fourth Quarter 1986

Capacity utilization in the manufacturing industries edged up 0.3% to 77.2% in the fourth quarter of 1986 from 77.0% in the previous quarter. Although the change was small, this marked the first quarter since the third quarter of 1985 in which the utilization rates for manufacturing as a whole rose. In the fourth quarter, 17 of the 22 industry groups showed a change within plus or minus 2% and of these eight were increases.

Increased residential construction activity in the quarter led to strong increases in capacity utilization for a number of industries which produce building materials. Non-metallic mineral products industries led the way, posting a 3.3% increase in their rate. Although the wood industries recorded a decrease of 1.8%, this was attributable to a strike which ended in December. Two consumer goods-producing industries recorded increased capacity utilization rates - the food industry (1.4%) and the furniture and fixtures industry (1.0%).

Industries that produce fabricated materials for further processing and/or inclusion in end products did well this quarter: primary metal industries posted an increase of 7.7%, rubber products industries grew 1.9%; chemical and chemical products industries rose by 1.0%, primary textile industries increased by 0.6% and plastics products industries recorded a 0.5% increase.

Decreases in capacity utilization rates were recorded in the latest quarter for the tobacco products industry (-9.5%); textile products industry (-2.4%); the clothing industries (-1.7%); other manufacturing industries (-2.0%) and paper and allied industries (-0.2%). Petroleum and coal products industries posted a large drop (-5.3%) for this quarter.

Utilization rates in durable manufacturing industries increased by 0.7% in the fourth quarter of 1986 to 72.9% from 72.4% in the third quarter of 1986. In the non-durable sector, capacity utilization rates remained unchanged at 82.1%.

Note to Users:

With this release, the capacity utilization rates in Canadian manufacturing incorporated some major statistical changes. The estimates of capacity utilization which were previously based on the 1970 Standard Industrial Classification are now based on the 1980 SIC. The input data, gross domestic product and fixed capital stocks, have both been revalued from 1971 prices to 1981 prices. The period covered begins in the first quarter of 1971 rather than 1961 as had previously been the case. These changes have affected the levels of capacity utilization for all industries but in most cases the differences are small.

(see table on page 3)

Available on CANSIM: matrix 3540.

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Capacity Utilization Rates in Canadian Manufacturing
Fourth Quarter 1986 and Quarterly Percentage Changes

| Industry | IV 1986 | QIV '86/ QIII '86 | QIII 1986 | QIII '86/ QII '86 | QII 1986 | QII '86/ QI '86 | QI 1986 |
|--|------------|----------------------|--------------|----------------------|-------------|--------------------|------------|
| Total manufacturing | 77.2 | 0.3 | 77.0 | -1.0 | 77.8 | -1.0 | 78.6 |
| Durable manufacturing industries | 72.9 | 0.7 | 72.4 | -2.0 | 73.9 | -2.0 | 75.4 |
| Wood industries | 72.6 | -1.8 | 73.9 | -9.7 | 81.8 | 1.5 | 80.6 |
| Furniture and fixture | 86.7 | 1.0 | 85.8 | 3.6 | 82.8 | -1.8 | 84.3 |
| Primary metal | 76.6 | 7.7 | 71.1 | -0.7 | 71.6 | -4.8 | 75.2 |
| Fabricated metal products | 80.9 | -1.3 | 82.0 | 0.9 | 81.3 | -0.9 | 82.0 |
| Machinery | 62.3 | -0.8 | 62.8 | -0.5 | 63.1 | -0.5 | 63.4 |
| Transportation equipment | 61.9 | -0.8 | 62.4 | -6.7 | 66.9 | -4.8 | 70.3 |
| Electrical and electronic products | 73.7 | -0.5 | 74.1 | -1.1 | 74.9 | -0.1 | 75.0 |
| Non-metallic mineral products | 82.3 | 3.3 | 79.7 | 0.3 | 79.5 | -2.2 | 81.3 |
| Other manufacturing industries | 77.1 | -2.0 | 78.7 | 2.9 | 76.5 | -1.0 | 77.3 |
| Non-durable manufacturing industries | 82.1 | 0.0 | 82.1 | 0.0 | 82.1 | 0.0 | 82.1 |
| Food | 79.8 | 1.4 | 78.7 | -0.8 | 79.3 | -1.4 | 80.4 |
| Beverage | 73.2 | 0.0 | 73.2 | -5.2 | 77.2 | 2.9 | 75.0 |
| Tobacco products | 66.7 | -9.9 | 74.0 | 14.0 | 64.9 | -11.3 | 73.2 |
| Rubber products | 78.8 | 1.9 | 77.3 | -2.4 | 79.2 | -2.8 | 81.5 |
| Plastics products | 100.0 | 0.5 | 99.5 | 1.9 | 97.6 | 0.1 | 97.5 |
| Leather and allied products | 83.4 | -1.3 | 84.5 | -2.3 | 86.5 | -0.8 | 87.2 |
| Primary textile | 90.9 | 0.6 | 90.4 | 0.4 | 90.0 | 1.8 | 88.4 |
| Textile products | 97.6 | -2.4 | 100.0 | 5.8 | 94.5 | -4.4 | 98.8 |
| Clothing | 94.5 | -1.7 | 96.1 | 2.1 | 94.1 | 0.6 | 93.5 |
| Paper and allied products | 85.6 | -0.2 | 85.8 | -0.1 | 85.9 | 0.5 | 85.5 |
| Printing, publishing and allied industries | 100.0 | 0.5 | 99.5 | 1.5 | 98.0 | 0.6 | 97.4 |
| Refined petroleum and coal products | 64.2 | -5.3 | 67.8 | 6.8 | 63.5 | 1.3 | 62.7 |
| Chemical and chemical products | 60.4 | 1.0 | 59.8 | -3.9 | 62.2 | 1.1 | 61.5 |

Data Availability Announcements

Restaurants, Caterers and Taverns January 1987

Restaurant, caterer and tavern receipts totalled \$950.8 million for January 1987, an increase of 6.9% over the \$889.8 million reported for the same period last year.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 52.

Order the January 1987 issue of *Restaurants, Caterers and Taverns* (63-011, \$5/\$50), available in approximately three weeks time. Contact: the Services Division (613-991-3494).

Air Passenger Origin and Destination Statistics - Domestic Report

Third Quarter 1986

Air passenger origin and destination data indicate that 3,337,380 passengers travelled on domestic scheduled services during the third quarter of 1986, up 9.2% from the 3,056,570 passengers recorded for the third quarter of 1985.

The success of Expo 86 during the summer brought many travellers to Vancouver. In fact, most of the increase in traffic during the third quarter of 1986 was recorded between Vancouver and other Canadian cities. For example, traffic between Toronto and Vancouver in the third quarter of 1986 increased by 123.5% over the same period a year earlier with a total of 289,700 passengers. This city-pair was ranked number one during this period, topping for the first time the city-pair Montreal-Toronto which recorded 278,930 passengers.

Order the Vol. 19, No. 4 issue of the *Aviation Statistics Centre Service Bulletin* (51-004, \$8.50/\$85), available the first week of April. Contact: A. MacDonald (819-997-1989), Aviation Statistics Centre, Transportation Division.

Air Passenger Origin and Destination Statistics, Canada-U.S. Report

Second Quarter 1986

Air passenger origin and destination data indicate that 1,957,900 passengers travelled between Canada and the United States on scheduled services during the second quarter of 1986, up 17.1% from the 1,671,720 passengers recorded for the second quarter of 1985.

The success of Expo 86 brought many travellers to Vancouver. In fact, most of the increase in traffic during the second quarter of 1986 compared to the second quarter of 1985 was recorded between Vancouver and major American cities. For example, city-pair traffic increased for Vancouver-Los Angeles (34.9%), Vancouver-San Francisco/Oakland (81.7%), Vancouver-Seattle/Tacoma (100.8%) and for Vancouver-New York (92.5%).

Other noticeable gains were recorded for the city-pairs Montreal-New York, up 54.4% and Montreal-Washington/Baltimore, up 98.9% from a year earlier. In both cases, a direct service had been introduced: People Express introduced direct service between Montreal and New York in July 1985 and Presidential Airways introduced a direct service between Montreal and Washington/Baltimore in March 1986.

Order the Vol. 19, No. 4 issue of the *Aviation Statistics Centre Service Bulletin* (51-004, \$8.50/\$85), available the first week of April. Contact: A. MacDonald (819-997-1989), Aviation Statistics Centre, Transportation Division.

Airport Activity Statistics: Scheduled Services

April 1986

Preliminary airport activity data indicate that over 3.1 million passengers travelling on scheduled services, enplaned and deplaned at the top 10 Canadian airports during April 1986, a slight decrease (0.7%) compared to April 1985. Eight of the top 10 airports showed decreases in traffic volumes, ranging from -1.7% at Halifax International to -9.7% at Edmonton Municipal. Gains in traffic volumes for April 1986 compared to April 1985 were only recorded for Mirabel International (+7.6%) and Lester B. Pearson International (6.0%).

Preliminary data for 30 major Canadian airports for April 1986 will appear in the Vol. 19, No. 3 *Aviation Statistics Centre Service Bulletin* (51-004, \$8.50/\$85), available early in April. Contact: K. Davidson (819-997-1386), Aviation Statistics Centre, Transportation Division.

Railway Financial and Operating Statistics

November 1986

Canada's seven major railways reported a combined net profit from operations of \$21.3 million in November 1986. Operating revenues of \$602.7 million were down \$29.2 million from the 1985 figure.

Revenue freight tonne-kilometres were up 0.4% during the month. Freight train-kilometres registered a decrease of 2.0% while freight car-kilometres decreased by 2.1%.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 142.

Order the November 1986 issue of *Railway Financial and Operating Statistics* (52-003, \$9.50/\$95), to be released the second week of April. Contact: the Rail Unit (613-990-6154), Transportation Division.

Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products

January 1987

Factory shipments of steel wire and specified wire products are now available as are production and export market data for selected commodities.

Factory shipments of steel wire and specified wire products totalled 50 101 tonnes in January 1987, an increase of 14.3% over the previous month.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 122 (series 19).

Order the January 1987 issue of *Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products* (41-006, \$4/\$40), available the week of March 23. Contact: Michel J. Cormier (613-991-3522), Industry Division.

Stocks of Frozen Poultry Products

March 1, 1987

Preliminary cold storage of frozen poultry products at March 1, 1987 and revised figures for February 1, 1987 are now available.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 5675-5677.

Order the January 1987 issue of *Production and Stocks of Eggs and Poultry* (23-003, \$10/\$100), scheduled for release April 14. Contact: P. Beerstecher (613-990-8716), Agriculture/Natural Resources Division.

Publications Released

Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries, December 1986.
Catalogue number 31-001
(Canada: \$15/\$150; Other Countries: \$16/\$160).

Refined Petroleum Products, November 1986. Catalogue number 45-004
(Canada: \$15/\$150; Other Countries: \$16/\$160).

Gas Utilities, November 1986. Catalogue number 55-002
(Canada: \$10/\$100; Other Countries: \$11/\$110).

Industrial Corporations Financial Statistics, Fourth Quarter 1986. Catalogue number 61-003P
(Canada: \$15/\$60; Other Countries: \$16/\$64).

Federal Government Enterprise Finance, 1985. Catalogue number 61-203
(Canada: \$20; Other Countries: \$21).

Farm Input Price Index, Fourth Quarter 1986. Catalogue number 62-004
(Canada: \$10/\$40; Other Countries: \$11/\$44).

Wholesale Trade, December 1986. Catalogue number 63-008
(Canada: \$5/\$50; Other Countries: \$6/\$60).

Merchandising Inventories, November 1986. Catalogue number 63-014
(Canada: \$12/\$120; Other Countries: \$13/\$130).

Exports by Commodities, December 1986. Catalogue number 65-004
(Canada: \$50/\$500; Other Countries: \$60/\$600).

Local Government Employment, July-September 1986. Catalogue number 72-009
(Canada: \$10/\$40; Other Countries: \$11/\$44).

Unemployment Insurance Statistics, December 1986. Catalogue number 73-001
(Canada: \$12/\$120; Other Countries: \$13/\$130).

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