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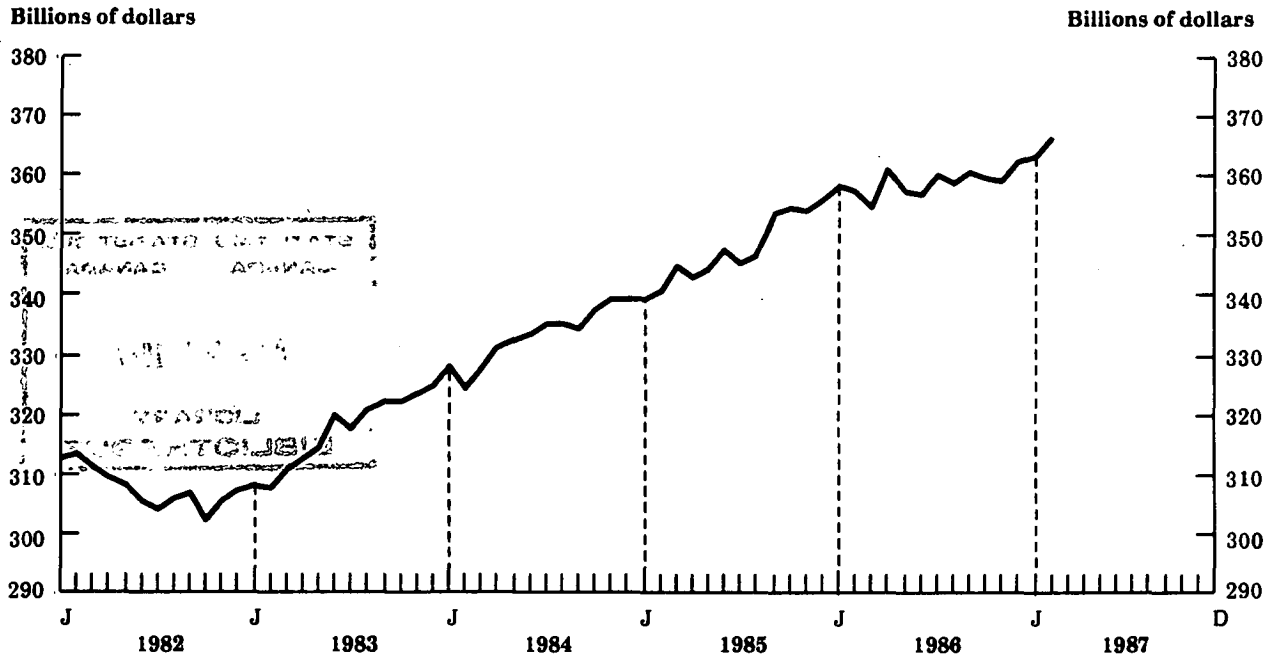
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Real Gross Domestic Product at Factor Cost, by Industry in 1981 Prices (Seasonally adjusted at annual rates)



Real Gross Domestic Product at Factor Cost, by Industry (seasonally adjusted data) February 1987

Monthly Overview

Gross Domestic Product at factor cost, in 1981 prices, increased 0.9% in February following gains of 0.1% in January and 1.0% in December. The January-February average level now stands 1.2% above the fourth quarter of 1986, whereas the quarterly growth rate averaged 0.4% over the four quarters of 1986. The February increase in economic activity was due to output advances of 0.9% in both goods-producing and services-producing industries.

Goods-producing Industries

Output of goods-producing industries increased 0.9% in February, following gains of 0.8% in

January and 1.3% in December. Most of the February growth occurred in the manufacturing, construction, other utility (electric power) and forestry industries. In manufacturing, substantial gains were reported by producers of motor vehicle parts and accessories, motor vehicles, wood, clothing, chemical, and paper products. Exports of motor vehicles and parts and accessories advanced significantly during February. The increase in the construction industry was due entirely to a strong surge in residential building activity, particularly single dwellings and apartment buildings. Increased activity for forestry operations in both British Columbia and Quebec accounted for the growth in the forestry industry.

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Services-producing Industries

Growth among services-producing industries was 0.9% in February, following a decline of 0.2% in January and an increase of 0.8% in December. Output advances were widespread. Most of the advance in wholesale trade was due to wholesalers of motor vehicles and parts. Similarly, in retail trade, increases by new motor vehicle dealers accounted for most of the overall retail trade growth. Other substantial gains were recorded by professional business services, telecommunication carriers, accommodation and food services, truck transport

industries and provincial government services. Finance, insurance and real estate industries recorded a small decrease.

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Available on CANSIM: matrices 4665-4668.

Order the February 1987 issue of *Gross Domestic Product by Industry* (15-001, \$10/\$100), scheduled for release in mid-May. Contact Ron Kennedy (613-991-3673), Industry Measures and Analysis Division.

Real Gross Domestic Product at Factor Cost, by Industry, in 1981 Prices, Monthly
(Seasonally Adjusted at Annual Rates)
(\$ millions)

	1986			1987	
	February	November	December	January	February
Total economy	357,655.5	359,084.4	362,535.6	363,018.8	366,254.0
Business sector					
Agricultural and related services industries	11,618.4	11,528.4	11,476.8	11,523.6	11,440.8
Fishing and trapping industries	578.4	524.4	578.4	624.0	654.0
Logging and forestry industry	2,385.6	2,247.6	2,251.2	2,228.4	2,396.4
Mining, quarrying and oil well industries	20,071.2	18,344.4	18,742.8	18,973.2	18,633.6
Manufacturing industries	66,866.4	65,750.4	67,318.8	67,698.0	68,414.4
Construction industries	24,991.2	25,149.6	25,018.8	25,370.0	25,865.6
Transportation and storage industries	16,604.4	16,280.4	16,742.4	16,587.6	16,918.8
Communication industries	10,222.8	10,533.6	10,476.0	10,558.8	10,772.4
Other utility industries	11,248.8	11,256.0	11,143.2	11,154.0	11,360.4
Wholesale trade industries	17,406.0	17,968.8	18,430.8	18,192.0	18,637.2
Retail trade industries	22,964.4	23,415.6	23,492.4	23,342.4	23,832.0
Finance, insurance and real estate	51,459.6	52,935.6	53,143.2	53,499.6	53,239.2
Community, business and personal services	37,945.2	39,272.4	39,829.2	39,358.8	39,937.2
Non-business sector					
Mining industries	46.8	51.6	56.4	49.2	60.0
Manufacturing industries	62.4	56.4	63.6	63.6	63.6
Forestry services industry	260.4	274.8	268.8	282.0	290.4
Transportation industries	1,610.7	1,574.4	1,586.4	1,597.2	1,594.8
Communication industries	56.4	51.6	52.8	51.6	52.8
Water systems industry	546.0	547.2	546.0	546.0	556.8
Insurance and other finance industry	330.0	337.2	345.6	352.8	338.4
Government service industry	23,331.6	23,184.0	23,068.8	23,142.0	23,348.4
Community and personal services	37,048.8	37,800.0	37,903.2	37,824.0	37,846.8
Special aggregations					
Business sector:	294,362.4	295,207.2	298,644.0	299,110.4	302,102.0
- goods	137,760.0	134,800.8	136,530.0	137,571.2	138,765.2
- services	156,602.4	160,406.4	162,114.0	161,539.2	163,336.8
Non-business sector	63,293.1	63,877.2	63,891.6	63,908.4	64,152.0
- goods	655.2	655.2	666.0	658.8	680.4
- services	62,637.9	63,222.0	63,225.6	63,249.6	63,471.6
Goods-producing industries	138,415.2	135,456.0	137,196.0	138,230.0	139,445.6
Services-producing industries	219,240.3	223,628.4	225,339.6	224,788.8	226,808.4
Industrial production	98,841.6	96,006.0	97,870.8	98,484.0	99,088.8
Non-durable manufacturing industries	31,136.4	30,882.0	31,486.8	31,568.4	31,969.2
Durable manufacturing industries	35,730.0	34,868.4	35,832.0	36,129.6	36,445.2

Building Permits

February 1987

(Seasonally adjusted data and filtered indexes)

Summary

The estimated value of building permits issued in Canada in February was \$2,547.1 million compared to \$2,605.7 million in January, a 2.2% drop. This decrease was entirely attributable to the residential sector (-4.2%), while the non-residential sector remained relatively unchanged (+0.1%).

This slowing of building permits in February did not affect the construction leading indicator which reached 115.9 in December (+2.0%).

Residential Sector

- The value of residential permits issued decreased 4.2% in February to \$1,545.7 million from \$1,613.8 million in January.
- The single-family dwelling sector registered the largest decrease (-5.6%) to \$1,084.8 million while the multi-family dwelling sector declined slightly (-0.7%) to \$460.9 million. In spite of this drop, the level of building permits remained strong in February.
- Residential building permits decreased in all regions except Ontario which remained stable. Quebec registered the sharpest drop.
- The number of dwelling units authorized in February totalled 254,100 units at an annual rate (143,000 single detached and 111,100 multiple dwellings), down 7.9% from January.
- All regions registered decreases in the number of units authorized except British Columbia where a substantial gain was recorded.
- The filtered index of residential permits increased 2.8% in December to 134.6 compared to a revised index of 130.9 in November.

Non-residential Sector

- The estimated value of non-residential permits issued remained relatively stable in February (+0.1%) at \$1,001.4 million.
- Gains were recorded in the industrial sector (+13.5%) to \$209.2 million and the institutional and governmental sector (+4.4%) to \$166.0 million. The commercial sector declined 3.4% to \$626.2 million.
- Ontario and British Columbia recorded increases in the value of non-residential permits in February while the rest of the country registered decreases.
- The filtered index of non-residential permits rose 0.7% in December to 96.2 compared to a revised index of 95.5 in November.

(see charts on page 6)

Note to users

In order to improve the timeliness of the information provided, this revised version of *Building Permits*, in addition to the usual preliminary data, presents a national estimate for the latest month. This national estimate is based upon the volume of permits issued in metropolitan areas.

This release also includes the *Leading Indicator of Construction Activity* (previously published separately). In order to reduce the number of false signals, the leading indicator is lagged two months in relation to the month of reference.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 80 (level 3, 5, 9) and 129, 137, 443, 989-991, 994, 995 and 4073.

Order the January 1987 issue of *Building Permits* (64-001, \$20/\$200), scheduled for release the second week of May. Contact Francine Monette (613-991-2583), Science, Technology and Capital Stock Division.

Chart-1
Value of Building Permits Issued in Canada

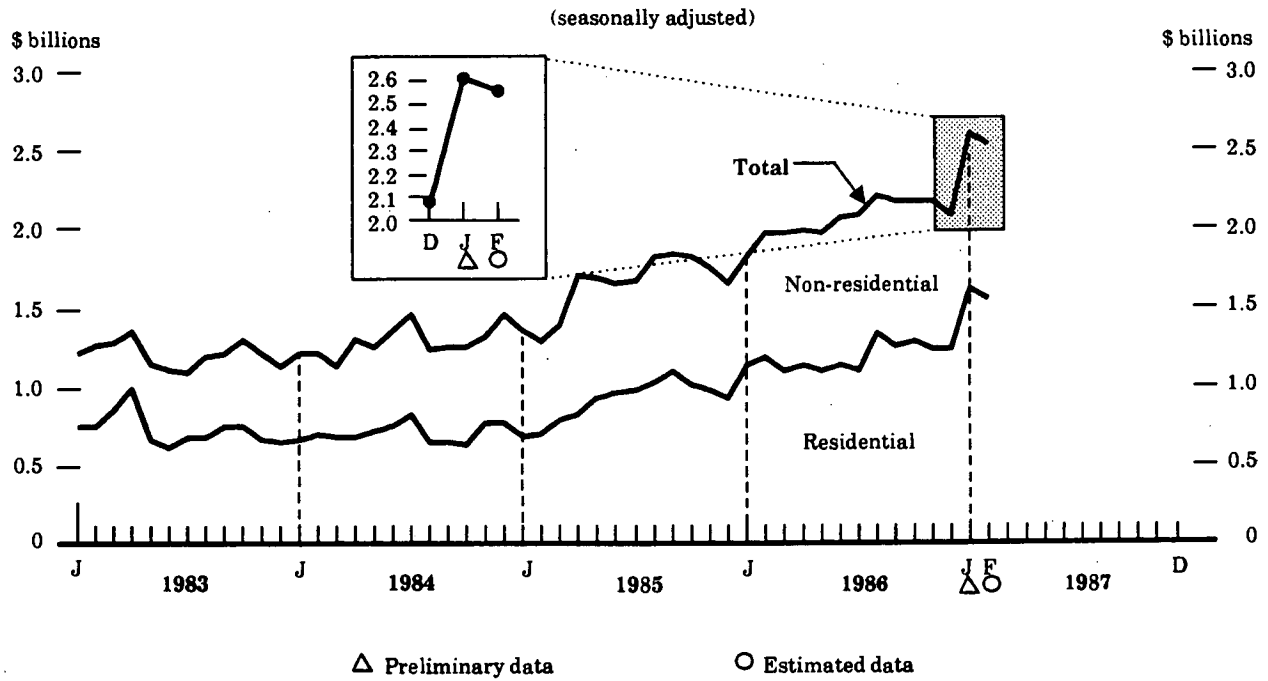


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Dwelling Units Authorized in Canada

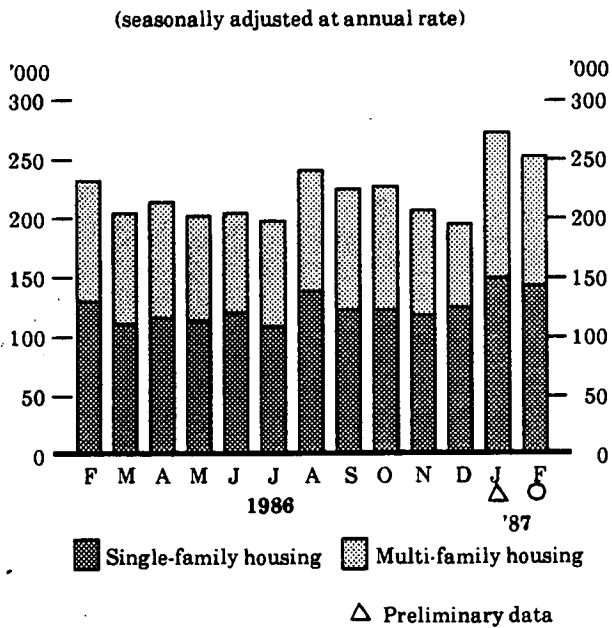
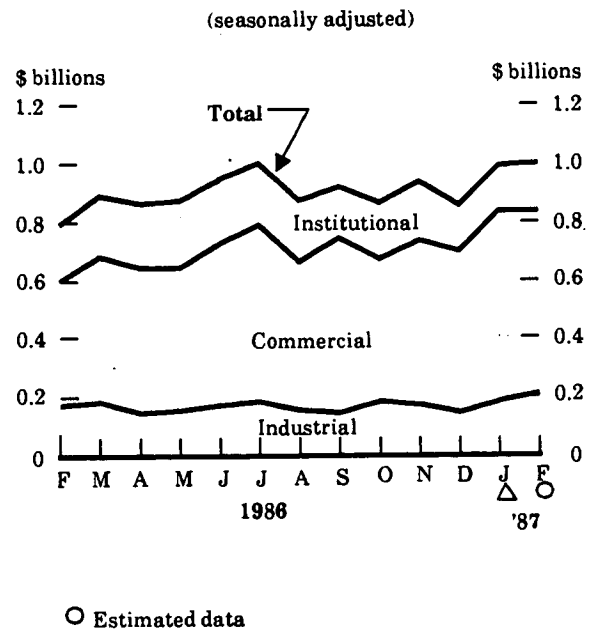


Chart-3
Value of Non-residential permits issued in Canada



Data Availability Announcements

Government Expenditures on Culture 1985-86

Preliminary information regarding federal, provincial and municipal government expenditures on culture in 1985-86 is now available.

Contact N. Verma (613-993-6863), Education, Culture and Tourism Division.

Honey Production and Value - Updates to Quebec 1986 Preliminary Estimates 1985 and 1986

Quebec beekeepers in 1986 numbered 3,500 with 110,000 colonies. Total Quebec honey production in 1986 was 2 800 tonnes (6,173,000 pounds), for an average yield of 25 kilograms (56 pounds) per colony. Preliminary value estimates for Quebec honey and wax are also available.

The 1986 Canada estimate for colonies has been revised to 712,375. Total production is revised to 33 422 tonnes (73,682,000 pounds) for an average yield of 47 kilograms (103 pounds) per colony.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 1056.

Contact L.D. Magahay (613-990-8727), Agriculture/Natural Resources Division.

Chain Store Stocks February 1987

Highlights

- Retail chain store stocks totalled \$4,228 million at the end of February 1987, up 3.0% over the level reached in February 1986.
- The inventories to sales ratio stood at 1.35:1 in February 1987, up significantly from the average ratio of 1.06:1 observed in the three previous months.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 194.

Order the February 1987 issue of *Merchandising Inventories* (63-014, \$12/\$120), available the fourth week of May. Contact Roger Laplante (613-991-3549), Retail Trade Section, Industry Division.

Oilseed Crushings March 1987

Domestic crushings of vegetable oilseeds and the subsequent production of oil and meal for March 1987 were as follows:

- Canola-rapeseed: 144 939 tonnes of crushings, with 59 122 tonnes of oil and 84 165 tonnes of meal produced.
- Soybeans: 96 691 tonnes of crushings, with 15 916 tonnes of oil and 74 613 tonnes of meal produced.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5687.

Order the March 1987 issue of *Cereals and Oilseeds Review* (22-007, \$10/\$100), scheduled for release at the end of May. Contact Allister Hickson (204-949-2856), Agriculture/Natural Resources Division, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 0K4 or A. Dupuis (613-991-3871), Agriculture/Natural Resources Division, Ottawa.



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Leather and Allied Products Industries - Luggage, Purse and Handbag Industry, 1985 Census of Manufactures.

Catalogue number 33-251B 1713

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

Clothing Industries - Women's Coat and Jacket Industry, 1985 Census of Manufactures.

Catalogue number 34-252B 2441

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

Clothing Industries - Sweater Industry, 1985 Census of Manufactures.

Catalogue number 34-252B 2491

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

Primary Metal Industries - Other Rolled, Cast and Extruded Non-ferrous Metal Products Industries, 1985 Census of Manufactures.

Catalogue number 41-250B 2999

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

Fabricated Metal Products Industries - Basic Hardware Industry, 1985 Census of Manufactures.

Catalogue number 41-251B 3061

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

Transportation Equipment Industries - Motor Vehicle Steering and Suspension Parts Industry, 1985 Census of Manufactures.

Catalogue number 42-251B 3254

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

Factory Sales of Electric Storage Batteries, February 1987.

Catalogue number 43-005

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

Gypsum Products, February 1987.

Catalogue number 44-003

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

Production and Sales of Phonograph Records and Pre-recorded Tapes in Canada, February 1987.

Catalogue number 47-004

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

Railway Carloadings, 10-day Period Ending March 31, 1987.

Catalogue number 52-005

(Canada: \$75; Other Countries: \$100).

Retail Trade, January 1987.

Catalogue number 63-005

(Canada: \$14/\$140; Other Countries: \$15/\$150).

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