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## Labour Force Survey

April 1987

## Overview

Estimates from Statistics Canada's Labour Force Survey for April 1987 show a continuation in the growth of employment noted since last August. Employment rose by an estimated $50 ; 000 \%$ this month and unemployment decreased by 43,000 - lowering the unemployment rate to 9.3 ( -0.3 ).
SEmployment
For the week ended April 18, 1987 the
'seasonally adjusted level of employment was estimatedjaty $11 ; 850,000$ persons, up 50,000 from Märch secutive monthly employment gain, totalling 294,000, since July 1986.

- Employment increased by an estimated 38,000 for persons aged 25 and over. The gains were distributed between males $(+20,000)$ and females $(+18,000)$ within this age category. Employment among young people, led by gains for young men $(+9,000)$, rose by an estimated 12,000 .
- The seasonally adjusted estimate of fulltime employment advanced by 21,000 with growth concentrated among females $(+17,000)$. Part-time employment increased by 10,000 .
- Employment rose in manufacturing $(+29,000)$, finance, insurance and real estate ( $+12,000$ ), and in primary industries other than agriculture $(+8,000)$. There was little or no change in the remaining industries.
- Estimated levels of employment increased in British Columbia ( $+24,000$ ) and increased marginally in Ontario, Quebec, and Alberta. There was little or no change in employment levels in the remaining provinces.


## Unemployment

The seasonally adjusted estimate of unemployment declined by 43,000 in April 1987, to $1,211,000$. This represents the first significant decrease in unemployment since September 1986. The unemployment rate fell by 0.3 to 9.3 .

- The level of unemployment decreased by 29,000 among persons aged 15 to 24 . It declined by 14,000 for persons aged 25 and over, led by a decrease of 11,000 for adult males.
- Unemployment declined by an estimated 27,000 in Ontario and by 13,000 in British Columbia. There was little or no change in the remaining provinces.
- The unemployment rate for persons aged 15 to 24 declined by 0.9 to 13.9 , with decreases noted for young males ( $-1.1 \%$ ) and females $(-0.7)$. The rate declined to $8.0(-0.2)$ for adults.
- The unemployment rate rose by 0.3 in Newfoundland (20.4), and by 0.2 in Manitoba (7.6) and Saskatchewan (7.3). It declined by 0.7 in Prince Edward Island (13.7), 0.2 in New Brunswick (13.3), 0.5 in Ontario (6.4), 0.2 in Alberta (10.0) and 1.0 in British Columbia (12.6). There was no change in the rate in Nova Scotia (14.5) or Quebec (10.6).


## Participation Rate/Employment Ratio

The participation rate remained unchanged at 66.1 in April 1987. The employment/ population ratio rose by 0.2 to 59.9 .

- The participation rate declined 0.3 to 69.1 among persons in the 15 to 24 age category. The rate declined 0.4 among young males and 0.2 for young females. It increased by 0.1 among persons aged 25 and over.
- The employment/population ratio rose by 0.4 to 59.5 for persons aged 15 to 24 . The ratio advanced to $60.1(+0.2)$ for those aged 25 and over.
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## Changes Since April 1986

(Unadjusted Estimates)

- Employment increased by 210,000 (1.8\%), rising to $11,641,000$.
- Full-time employment rose $2.4 \%$, while part-time employment declined by $1 \%$ as a result of a drop in the number of males employed part-time.
- Employment rose by $2.9 \%$ in the serviceproducing industries, led by gains of $5.8 \%$ in finance, insurance and real estate, and $4.9 \%$ in the community, business and personal services.
- Employment in goods-producing industries declined by $0.7 \%$, with non-agricultural primary industries affected the most (-3.4\%).
- The estimated number of unemployed persons declined by 32,000 to $1,271,000$ $(-2.5 \%)$ !
- The unemployment rate decreased 0.4 to 9.8.
- The participation rate rose by 0.2 to 65.3 while the employment/population ratio increased to $58.9(+0.4)$.

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

Order the April 1987 issue of The Labour Force (71-001, $\$ 20 / \$ 200$ ), available the third week of May. Contact Ken Bennett (613-991-4720), Household Surveys Division.

For summary information, available on the day of release, order Labour Force Information (71-001P, \$5/\$50).

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Labour Force Characteristics, Canada

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|  | Seasonally adjusted data |  |  |
| Labour force ('000) | 13,061 | 13,054 | 12,889 |
| Employment ('000) | 11,850 | 11,800 | 11,654 |
| Unemployment ('000) | 1,211 | 1,254 | 1,235 |
| Unemployment rate (\%) | 9.3 | 9.6 | 9.6 |
| Participation rate (\%) | 66.1 | 66.1 | 65.9 |
| Employment/Population Ratio (\%) | 59.9 | 59.7 | 59.6 |
|  | Unadjusted data |  |  |
| Labour force ('000) | 12,913 | 12,906 | 12,734 |
| Employment ('000) | 11,641 | 11,508 | 11,431 |
| Unemployment ('000) | 1,271 | 1,397 | 1,303 |
| Unemployment rate (\%) | 9.8 | 10.8 | 10.2 |
| Participation rate (\%) | 65.3 | 65.3 | 65.1 |
| Employment/population ratio (\%) | 58.9 | 58.3 | 58.5 |

## Data Availability Announcements

## Mental Health Statistics <br> 1982-83 and 1983-84

## Highlights:

Mental illness continues to be one of the major health problems in Canadian society. A study of hospital days (days that patients occupy beds in hospitals) shows that almost one-quarter of psychiatric and general hospital days reported in 1982-83 were used for the treatment of patients afflicted with mental illness.

Patients discharged from psychiatric hospitals accounted for 7.2 million days of hospital stay in 1982-83, a $64 \%$ drop from 19.8 million in 1971. This decline in hospital days is due to such factors as the reduction in the number of psychiatric hospitals and the number of beds in these hospitals, the decline of long-stay patients through earlier discharges, and the increasing utilization of general hospitals, residential care facilities, and community mental health services for the care and treatment of the mentally ill.

In 1982-83, hospital days for mental illness in general hospitals numbered 4.2 million, an increase of $75 \%$ over the 2.4 million days reported in 1971. The percentage of hospital days attributed to mental illness in general hospitals has increased from $6 \%$ of the total hospital days utilized for all conditions in 1971 to $10 \%$ in 1982-83. Treatment for mental illness in general hospitals takes place in both the psychiatric wards as well as in the nonspecialized wards.

The median length of hospital stay for patients afflicted with mental illness has been relatively stable during the period from 1971 to 1982-83 with those discharged in 1982-83 having a median stay of 29 days in psychiatric hospitals and 10 days in general hospitals.

The annual report Mental Health Statistics, 1982-83 and 1983-84 (83-204, \$15), a vailable the third week of May, combines, for the first time, statistical information on the medical and demographic characteristics of psychiatric patients discharged from general hospitals and psychiatric hospitals. Contact Rod Riley (613-991-1641), Health Care Section, Health Division.

## Electrical Appliances <br> March 1987

Canadian electrical appliance firms produced 107,427 kitchen appliances in March 1987, up $1.0 \%$ from the 106,368 appliances produced a year earlier. Production of household vacuum cleaners totalled 26,940 - a drop of $19.5 \%$ from 33,479 in March 1986.

Production of home comfort products totalled 37,235 in March 1987 - an increase of $39.6 \%$ from the previous year's level of 26,681 .

Year-to-date production in March 1987 amounted to 530,379 units. Corresponding data for March 1986 are 547,503.

Order the March 1987 issue of Specified Domestic Electrical Appliances (43-003, $\$ 4 / \$ 40$ ), to be released the week of May 19. Contact J.P.Beauparlant (613-991-3526), Industry Division.

## Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products <br> March 1987

Factory shipments of steel wire and specified wire products for March 1987 are now available, as are production and export market data for selected commodities.

Factory shipments of steel wire and specified wire products totalled 67597 tonnes in March 1987, an increase of $22.5 \%$ from the 55174 tonnes shipped the previous month.

Year-to-date shipments of steel wire and specified wire products reached 172872 tonnes in 1987, an increase of $3.1 \%$ from the 167595 (revised figure) tonnes shipped during the same period in 1986.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 122 (series 19).
Order the March 1987 issue of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products (41-006, \$4/\$40), to be released the week of May 25. Contact Michel J. Cormier (613-991-3522), Industry Division.

## Estimates of Poultry Consumption 1986 (Preliminary)

Per capita consumption of poultry in 1986 totalled 25.9 kilograms ( kg ), up from 25.1 kg in 1985. Consumption of eggs in 1986 reached 17.9 dozen compared to 17.6 dozen in 1985.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 1136, 1137 and 1139-1141.

Order the 1986 issue of Production of Poultry and Eggs (23-202, \$30), scheduled for release June 9. Contact P. Beerstecher (613-991-2505), Agriculture/Natural Resources Division.

## Poultry Products Industry <br> 1985 Census of Manufactures

In 1985, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the poultry products industry (SIC 1012) totalled $\$ 1,551.4$ million, up $6.7 \%$ from $\$ 1,454.0$ million in 1984.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5381 and to be released shortly in catalogue $32-250 \mathrm{~B} 1012$. Commodity data for this industry will become available in August.

Contact 'Brian Preston (613-991-3511), Industry Division.

## Coffin and Casket Industry 1985 Census of Manufactures

In 1985, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the coffin and casket industry (SIC 2581) totalled $\$ 41.2$ million, up $6.0 \%$ from $\$ 38.9$ million in 1984.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5468 and to be released shortly in catalogue $35-250 \mathrm{~B} 2581$. Commodity data for this industry will become available in August.

Contact Katherine Blais (613-991-3531), Industry Division.

## Waferboard Industry <br> 1985 Census of Manufactures

In 1985, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the waferboard industry (SIC 2593) totalled $\$ 232.1$ million, up $2.3 \%$ from $\$ 188.7$ million in 1984.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5471 and to be released shortly in catalogue 35-250B 2593. Commodity data for this industry will become available in August.

Contact Katherine Blais (613-991-3531), Industry Division.

## Folding Carton and Set-up Box Industry <br> 1985 Census of Manufactures

In 1985, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the folding carton and set-up box industry (SIC 2731) totalled $\$ 703.8$ million, up $5.9 \%$ from $\$ 664.4$ million in 1984 .

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5489 and to be released shortly in catalogue $36-250 \mathrm{~B} 2731$. Commodity data for this industry will become available in August.

Contact J. Lepage (613-991-3510), Industry Division.

## Corrugated Box Industry <br> 1985 Census of Manufactures

In 1985, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the corrugated box Industry (SIC 2732) totalled $\$ 1,394.0$ million, up $6.8 \%$ from $\$ 1,304.9$ million in 1984 .

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5490 and to be released shortly in catalogue $36-250 \mathrm{~B} 2732$. Commodity data for this industry will become available in August.

Contact J. Lepage (613-991-3510), Industry Division.

## Other Converted Paper Products Industries <br> 1985 Census of Manufactures

In 1985, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the other converted paper products industries (SIC 2799) totalled $\$ 680.8$ million, up $6.2 \%$ from $\$ 641.1$ million in 1984.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5495 and to be released shortly in catalogue $36-250 \mathrm{~B} 2799$. Commodity data for this industry will become available in August.

Contact J. Lepage (613-991-3510), Industry Division.

## Newspaper, Magazine and Periodical (Combined Publishing and Printing) Industry 1985 Census of Manufactures

In 1985, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the newspaper, magazine and periodical (combined publishing and printing) industry (SIC 2841) totalled $\$ 2,440.9$ million, up $7.7 \%$ from $\$ 2,265.9$ million in 1984 .

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5502 and to be released shortly in catalogue $36-251 \mathrm{~B} 2841$. Commodity data for this industry will beceme available in August.

Contact R. Wright (613-991-3514), Industry Division.

## Upholstery and Coil Spring Industry and Other Wire Products Industries <br> 1985 Census of Manufactures

In 1985, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the upholstery and coil spring industry and other wire products industries (SIC 3058) totalled $\$ 577.7$ million, up $1.9 \%$ from $\$ 567.1$ million in 1984 .

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5530 and to be released shortly in catalogue 41-251B 3058. Commodity data for this industry will become available in August.

Contact Michel J. Cormier (613-991-3522), Industry Division.

## Commercial Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Equipment Industry 1985 Census of Manufactures

In 1985, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the commercial refrigeration and air conditioning equipment industry (SIC 3121) totalled $\$ 328.5$ million, down $14.9 \%$ from $\$ 377.4$ million in 1984.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5542 and to be released shortly in catalogue 42-250B 3121. Commodity data for this industry will become available in August.

Contact Aldo Diaz (613-991-3523), Industry Division.

## Aircraft and Aircraft Parts Industry <br> 1985 Census of Manufactures

In 1985, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the aircraft and aircraft parts industry (SIC 3211) totalled $\$ 2,728.7$ million, up $18.7 \%$ from $\$ 2,298.8$ million in 1984.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5549 and to be released shortly in catalogue 42 -251B 3211. Commodity data for this industry will become available in August.

Contact Gerry Barrett (613-991-3515), Industry Division.

## Jewellery and Silverware Industry 1985 Census of Manufactures

In 1985, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the jewellery and silverware industry (SIC 3921) totalled $\$ 334.7$ million, up $3.6 \%$ from $\$ 322.9$ million in 1984.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 6888 and to be released shortly in catalogue $47-250 \mathrm{~B} 3921$. Commodity data for this industry will become available in August.

Contact R. Wright (613-991-3514), Industry Division.

## Broom, Brush and Mop Industry 1985 Census of Manufactures

In 1985, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the broom, brush and mop industry (SIC 3991) totalled $\$ 95.8$ million, down $5.7 \%$ from $\$ 101.6$ million in 1984.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 6893 and to be released shortly in catalogue $47-250 \mathrm{~B} 3991$. Commodity data for this industry will become available in August.

Contact R. Wright (613-991-3514), Industry Division.

## Musical Instruments and Sound Recording Industry <br> 1985 Census of Manufactures

In 1985, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the musical instruments and sound recording industry (SIC 3994) totalled $\$ 200.2$ million, down $1.9 \%$ from $\$ 204.1$ million in 1984.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 6896 and to be released shortly in catalogue 47-250B 3994. Commodity data for this industry will become available in August.

Contact R. Wright (613-991-3514), Industry Division.

## Publications Released

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Monthly Production of Soft Drinks,
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Capital and Repair Expenditures Manufacturing Sub-industries, Intentions 1987. Catalogue number 61-214 (Canada: $\$ 10$; Other Countries: $\$ 11$ ).<br>Department Store Sales and Stocks, January 1987. Catalogue number 63-002 (Canada: $\$ 13 / \$ 130$; Other Countries: $\$ 14 / \$ 140$ ).<br>Imports by Commodity, February 1987. Catalogue number 65-007 (Canada: $\$ 50 / \$ 500$; Other Countries: $\$ 60 / \$ 600$ ).

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