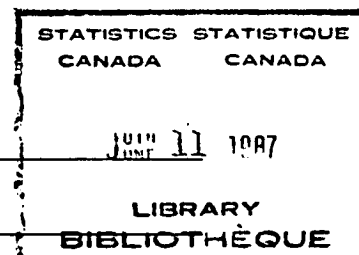


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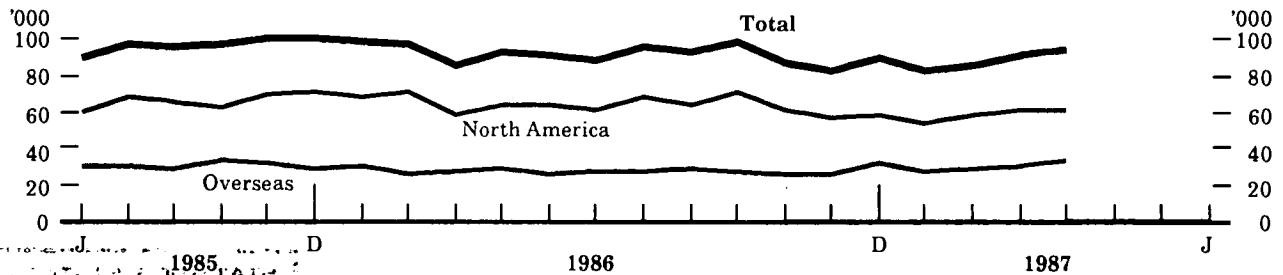
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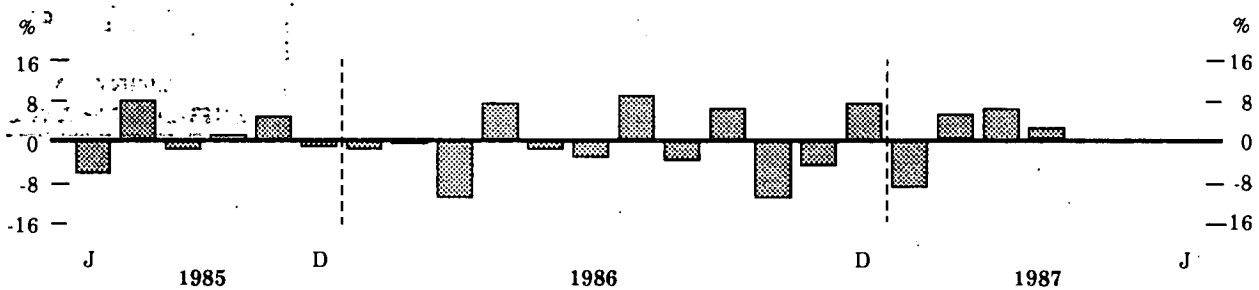
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## Major Releases

**Monthly Sales of New Passenger Cars by Origin, Canada, Seasonally Adjusted, in Units, 1985-1987**



**Month to Month Changes in Total New Passenger Car Sales (Seasonally Adjusted)**



### New Motor Vehicle Sales

April 1987

#### Highlights

#### Seasonally Adjusted Sales

- Adjusted for seasonal fluctuations and the number of trading days, preliminary estimates indicate that sales of all new motor vehicles totalled 133,089 units in April 1987, an increase of 4.3% over the revised March 1987 level of 127,615 units. In April, higher sales were posted for both commercial vehicles (+8.4%) and passenger cars (+2.7%).
- The advance in new motor vehicle sales was the third consecutive monthly increase. During the January to April period, sales advanced on average by 2.1% on a monthly basis, compared to a 1.8% average decline in the last four months of 1986.
- On an origin basis, sales of imported passenger cars increased by 10.5% in April 1987 to reach a level of 33,749 units, while sales of North American built passenger cars decreased 1.3% to 60,286 units. The decline in April for North American built passenger cars followed gains of 5.8% in March and 6.4% in February. Imported passenger car sales increased for the third consecutive month.

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### Unadjusted Sales

- Sales of all new motor vehicles were up 3.9% over April 1986, totalling 168,545 units in April 1987, the highest monthly level ever recorded. Passenger car sales rose a modest 1.0% to 121,121 units, while commercial vehicle sales posted a gain of 12.0% to 47,424 units.
- The April increase in passenger car sales comprised a sharp rise of 19.3% for imported passenger cars and a drop of 5.5% for North American built passenger cars. The increase in imported passenger cars was attributable to a significant 45.8% jump in Japanese car sales. Partly offsetting this increase were decreases in South Korean passenger cars (-15.2%) and in cars imported from other countries (-8.1%).
- In terms of market share, North American manufacturers held 68.9% of the Canadian passenger car market in April 1987 (based on unit sales), down from a share of 73.7% in April 1986. The Japanese market share rose to 20.5% from 14.2% a year earlier. Manufacturers from other countries (including South Korea) held 10.6% of the market in April 1987, down from 12.1% in April 1986. This decline was mainly due to a decrease in the market share held by South Korea, to 5.0% in April 1987 from 5.9% in April 1986.
- Total unit sales of passenger cars increased in April in six provinces and declined in the other four. Compared to April 1986, increases ranged from 38.7% in Newfoundland to 2.2% in Quebec. Declines

varied from 14.3% in Saskatchewan to 0.4% in Ontario. Sales of commercial vehicles increased from April 1986 in all provinces except Saskatchewan (-14.1%) and Alberta (-4.3%).

- For the first four months of 1987, total new motor vehicle sales decreased by 1.0% from the same period last year to 498,997 units. Sales of domestic cars were down 7.8% to 241,407 units, while imported passenger car sales rose 6.3% to 111,800 units. Commercial vehicle sales totalled 145,790 units during this period, up 6.5% from a year earlier.

(see table on page 4)

#### Note to Users:

North American vehicles: motor vehicles manufactured or assembled in North America. These vehicles may be built by domestic or foreign-owned companies.

Imported vehicles: motor vehicles manufactured or assembled overseas and marketed in Canada by domestic or foreign-owned companies.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 64.

Order the April 1987 issue of *New Motor Vehicle Sales* (63-007, \$8/\$80), available the fourth week of July. Contact Roger Laplante (613-991-3549), Retail Trade Section, Industry Division.

**New Motor Vehicle Sales (Unadjusted) – Canada**

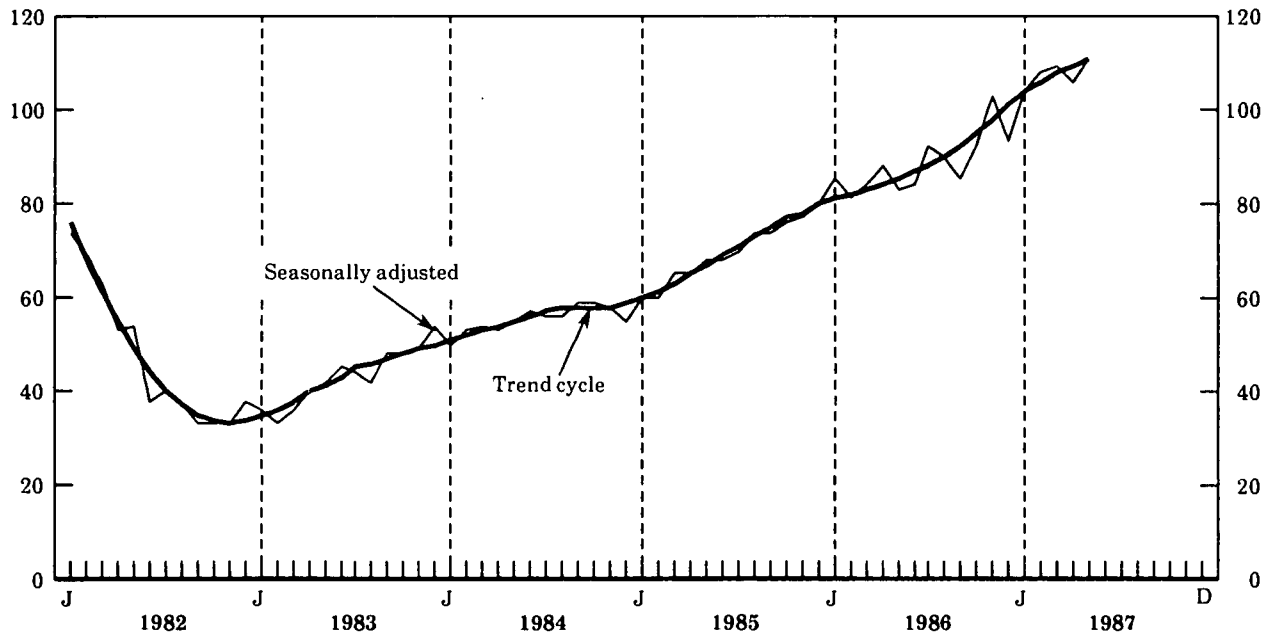
April 1987

	April 1987	Change 1987/86	Jan.-Apr. 1987	Change 1987/86 <sup>r</sup>
	Units	%	Units	%
<b>Total New Motor Vehicles</b>	<b>168,545</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>498,997</b>	<b>-1.0</b>
<b>Passenger Cars by Origin:</b>				
North America	83,462	-5.5	241,407	-7.8
Japan	24,789	45.8	72,906	22.7
Other Countries (Including South Korea)	12,870	-11.6	38,894	-15.0
(South Korea)	(6,051)	(-15.2)	(18,910)	(-22.6)
<b>Total</b>	<b>121,121</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>353,207</b>	<b>-3.8</b>
<b>Commercial Vehicles by Origin:</b>				
North America	43,023	14.0	131,217	8.5
Overseas	4,401	-4.3	14,573	-8.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>47,424</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>145,790</b>	<b>6.5</b>
	<b>Value</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>%</b>
	<b>\$000</b>		<b>\$000</b>	
<b>Total New Motor Vehicles</b>	<b>2,561,328</b>	<b>10.8</b>	<b>7,605,682</b>	<b>8.3</b>
<b>Passenger Cars by Origin:</b>				
North America	1,166,725	2.1	3,368,388	1.6
Japan	365,372	55.6	1,056,531	36.7
Other Countries (Including South Korea)	220,645	0.8	665,707	0.2
(South Korea)	(53,080)	(-11.2)	(162,394)	(-24.0)
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,752,742</b>	<b>9.8</b>	<b>5,090,626</b>	<b>7.1</b>
<b>Commercial Vehicles by Origin:</b>				
North America	740,522	13.8	2,295,731	11.3
Overseas	68,064	4.6	219,325	6.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>808,586</b>	<b>13.0</b>	<b>2,515,056</b>	<b>10.8</b>

<sup>r</sup> Revised figures.

## Help-wanted Index, Canada (1981 = 100)

January 1982 to May 1987



### Help-wanted Index May 1987

The Help-wanted Index monitors the space devoted to help-wanted ads published in 18 major metropolitan area newspapers and serves as an indicator of the demand for labour.

- The seasonally adjusted Help-wanted Index for Canada (1981=100) increased to 111 from 106 between April and May 1987. The index is at its highest level since September 1974 when it stood at 114. The Canada index has generally been increasing since December 1986 when it was 93.
- Between April and May 1987, the index increased in Ontario to 151 from 141, reaching its highest level since 1962 – the first year for which data are available. Advances in the index also occurred in the Atlantic region (to 140 from 130), in the Prairie region (to 51 from 46) and in British Columbia (to 47 from 44). The index remained unchanged at 119 in Quebec.

- In May 1987, the Canada trend-cycle<sup>1</sup> continued its advance which commenced in December 1982 (see chart).

(see table on page 6)

<sup>1</sup> The trend cycle provides an indication of the direction in the demand for labour as estimated by the Help-wanted Index. It is calculated by the X-11 ARIMA seasonal adjustment program. Essentially, the calculation involves a 13-term Henderson moving average which smooths irregular fluctuations in the seasonally adjusted data.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 105.

Contact Jean-Pierre Maynard (613-991-4045) or Horst Stiebert (613-991-4044), Labour Division.

**Help-wanted Index (1981 = 100), Canada and Regions**  
Seasonally Adjusted

Year and month	Canada	Atlantic Region	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Region	British Columbia
<b>1986</b>						
May	83	101	95	107	44	37
June	84	109	87	113	44	41
July	92	117	93	132	43	40
August	90	129	97	118	44	39
September	85	95	98	107	43	41
October	92	144	102	118	42	43
November	103	119	121	128	46	40
December	93	108	97	130	44	37
<b>1987</b>						
January	104	138	105	145	48	39
February	108	142	118	144	47	40
March	109	129	128	140	47	39
April	106	130	119	141	46	44
May	111	140	119	151	51	47

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## Data Availability Announcements

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### **The Canadian Renal Failure Register** 1986

Highlights of 1986 preliminary data on patients with chronic renal failure and on kidney transplant operations performed during the year show:

- The 72 renal failure treatment centres across Canada reported a total of 8,636 patients under care at year-end 1986. This represents a 51% increase in patients under care since 1981, the year the Register began operation.
- The number of kidney transplant operations increased to 871 in 1986 from 482 in 1981, an increase of 81%.
- This growth in transplant operations is reflected in increasing proportions of patients with a functioning transplant (48% of patients under care in 1986 compared with 41% in 1981) and relatively fewer patients on dialysis (52% in 1986 compared with 59% in 1981).

Contact Anita Rappaport (613-991-1775), Vital Statistics and Health Status Section, Health Division.

### **Passenger Bus and Urban Transit Statistics** April 1987

In April 1987, a total of 68 Canadian urban transit systems with gross annual total operating revenues of \$500,000 or more (subsidies included) carried 112,368,978 fare passengers, a decrease of 19.1% from the previous month. Operating revenues totalled \$75,345,283 – down 16.4% from March 1987.

During the same period, 20 passenger bus carriers earning \$500,000 or more annually from intercity and rural bus operations carried 1,644,648 fare passengers, down 8.6% from the previous month. Earnings for these carriers totalled \$16,616,510 – a 5.7% decline from March 1987 operating revenues.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 351 and 352.

Order the April 1987 issue of *Passenger Bus and Urban Transit Statistics* (53-003, \$6.50/\$65), available the fourth week of June. Contact Angus MacLean (613-991-2484), Transportation Division.

### **Steel Pipe and Tubing Production** April 1987

Steel pipe and tubing production for April 1987 totalled 110 482 tonnes, an increase of 4.7% from the 105 570<sup>r</sup> (revised figure) tonnes produced a year earlier.

Year-to-date production totalled 435 177 tonnes, down 4.3% from the 454 529 (revised figure) tonnes produced during the same period in 1986.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 35.

Order the April 1987 issue of *Steel Pipe and Tubing* (41-011, \$4/\$40), to be released the week of June 22. Contact Gerry Barrett (613-991-3515), Industry Division.

## Particleboard, Waferboard and Hardboard

April 1987

Canadian firms produced 135 643 cubic metres of waferboard in April 1987, an increase of 9.5% from the 123 922 cubic metres produced a year earlier. Particleboard production reached 115 871 cubic metres in April 1987, up 14.1% from 101 528 cubic metres the previous year. Production of hardboard for April 1987 is withheld to protect confidentiality, while production of hardboard for April 1986 was 5 105 thousand square metres, basis 3.175 mm (54,947 thousand square feet, basis 1/8-inch).

Production of waferboard during January to April 1987 totalled 489 845 cubic metres, up 2.6% from the 477 369 cubic metres produced during the same period a year earlier. Particleboard production was 435 767 cubic metres, up 10.6% from 393 867 cubic metres in January to April 1986. Production of hardboard totalled 12 872 thousand square metres, basis 3.175 mm (138,550 thousand square feet, basis 1/8-inch), a decrease of 29.3% from 18 199 thousand square metres, basis 3.175 mm (195,896 thousand square feet, basis 1/8-inch) for the four months in 1986.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 122 (series 8 and 34).

Order the April 1987 issue of *Particleboard, Waferboard and Hardboard* (36-003, \$4/\$40), to be released the week of June 22. Contact Jacques Lepage (613-991-3510), Industry Division.

## Footwear Statistics

April 1987

Canadian manufacturers produced 3,547,240 pairs of footwear in April 1987, a decrease of 14.8% from the 4,164,134<sup>r</sup> (revised figure) produced a year earlier.

Year-to-date production for January to April 1987 totalled 13,529,538 pairs of footwear, down 9.5% from 14,957,787<sup>r</sup> pairs produced during the same period in 1986.

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Order the April issue of *Footwear Statistics* (33-002, \$4/\$40), to be released the week of June 22. Contact Carla Mouradian (613-990-9834), Industry Division.

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