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Major Causes of Death at Different Ages, Canada, 1985

Now available are two colour posters illustrating the relative importance of major causes of death and cancer deaths at different ages. The posters vividly show how accidents predominate as causes of death in children and young adults, how the pattern changes in mid-life when cancer and coronary heart disease become the leading causes of death and how, at older ages, coronary heart disease and stroke increase in importance while the relative importance of cancer declines.

The posters - published jointly by Health and Welfare Canada and Statistics Canada and intended to serve as an aid in health education and in increasing public awareness of major health problems - can be obtained free (while supplies last) by contacting Kathy Kennedy (613-990-8293), Communications Division. For further information contact Nelson Nault (613-990-8552), Vital Statistics and Health Status Section.

Canadian Health and Disability Survey, Public Use Micro-data File, 1983-84

Stored on magnetic tape, this public use file includes a comprehensive data user's guide. The data base will be of interest to researchers in government, industry, education, health care services, the media and other groups who wish to explore the effect of disability on Canadians.

Users can determine characteristics of those reporting a disability, types and causes of disability, use of aids and prostheses and identify the socio-economic disadvantage resulting from disability plus examine causes and the effects of disability in Canadian children.

The micro-data file is composed of two separate data bases: the first contains detailed information on 15,854 adults who reported a disability, while the second covers 3,382 children aged 0-14 years who reported a disability.

The Canadian Health and Disability Survey Micro-data File is available for \$1,000 from the Survey Statistics Section (613-990-8575), Health Division.

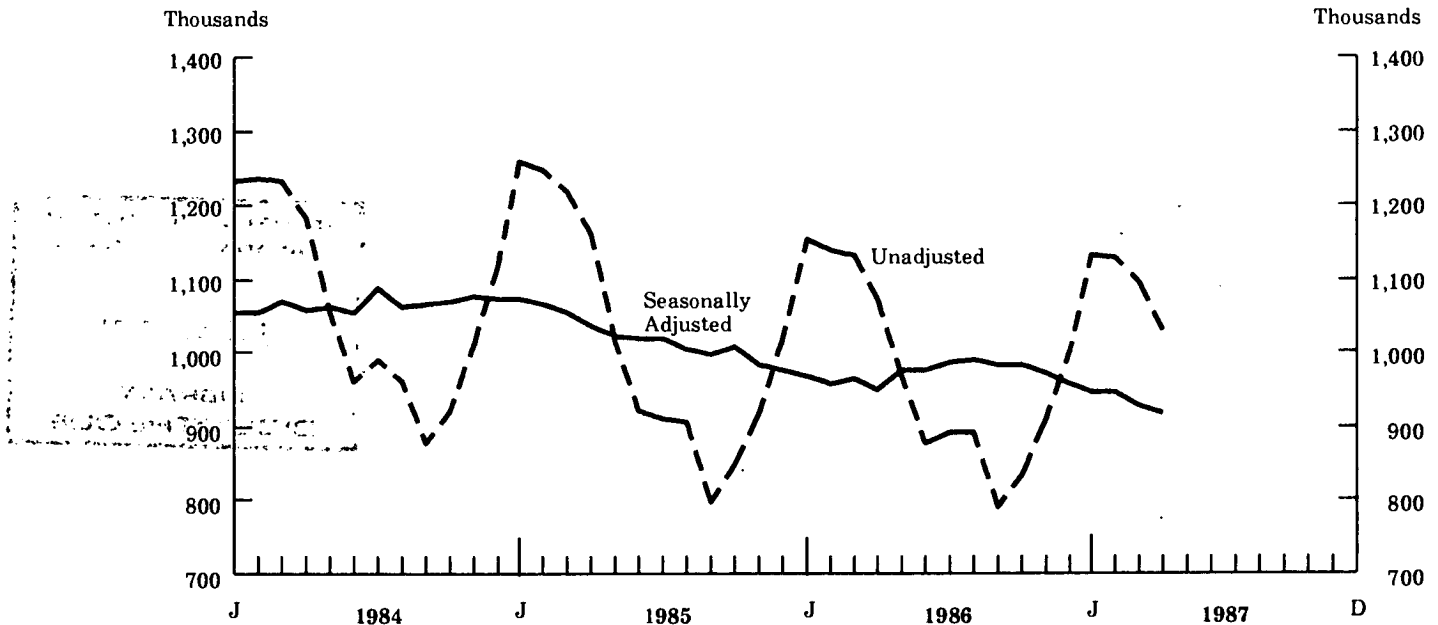


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Number of Beneficiaries Receiving Regular Benefits, Canada, 1984-1987



Unemployment Insurance Statistics April 1987

Seasonally Adjusted Data - Beneficiaries Receiving Regular Benefits

- For the week ending April 18, 1987, preliminary seasonally adjusted estimates show that the number of beneficiaries¹ receiving regular unemployment insurance benefits totalled 917,000 - down 1.5% from the preceding month. The number of beneficiaries has generally been declining since February 1985, when it stood at 1,065,000.
- By province, the seasonally adjusted number of beneficiaries receiving regular benefits decreased between March and April 1987 in Alberta (-4.5%), Prince Edward Island (-3.4%), Saskatchewan (-2.7%), Nova

Scotia (-2.0%), Manitoba (-1.4%) and Quebec (-1.1%). The remaining provinces showed little or no change.

Data Not Adjusted for Seasonal Variations

- In April 1987, the total number of beneficiaries¹ (including all persons qualifying for regular and special unemployment insurance benefits) stood at 1,166,000 - a decrease of 3.6% from April 1986. The number of male beneficiaries decreased to 686,000 or by 4.5% compared to April 1986. Over the same period, the number of female beneficiaries declined by 2.3% to 480,000.

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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.

- Benefits paid during April 1987 totalled \$989 million², down by 9.0% from April 1986. A major part of the decrease was due to a smaller number of processing days in April 1987 than in April 1986. For the first four months of 1987, benefit payments amounted to \$4,158 million, up 0.7% from the same period in 1986. The year-to-date change resulted from a 6.3% increase in the average weekly payment (to \$192.16 from \$180.81) which was partially offset by a 5.3% decrease in the number of benefit weeks (to 21.6 million from 22.8 million).

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.*

- A total of 227,000 claims² (applications) for unemployment insurance benefits were received in April 1987, down 14.9% from the same month last year. For the first four months of 1987, the number of claims received was 1,006,000 – a 6.6% decrease compared to the same period a year earlier.

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

Data for the months of February, March and April 1987 will be published in the April 1987 issue of *Unemployment Insurance Statistics* (73-001, \$12/\$120), available at the beginning of July. 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

	April 1987	March 1987	February 1987	April 1986	% change from	
					March 1987	April 1986
Benefits						
Amount paid (\$000)	988,837	1,117,258	1,002,135	1,086,642	-11.5	-9.0
Weeks of benefit (000)	5,149	5,791	5,192	6,008	-11.1	-14.3
Average weekly benefit (\$)	192.06	192.92	193.03	180.86	-0.4	6.2
Claims received (000)	227	241	220	267	-5.6	-14.9
Beneficiaries¹ (000)						
Total	1,166 ^p	1,234 ^p	1,276 ^r	1,209 ^r	-5.6	-3.6
Regular benefits	1,028 ^p	1,095 ^p	1,129 ^r	1,074 ^r	-6.1	-4.2
Regular benefits - Seasonally adjusted	917 ^p	930 ^p	946 ^r	950 ^r	-1.5	
	January to April				% change	
	1987			1986	1987/1986	
Benefits						
Amount paid (\$000)	4,158,176		4,129,866			0.7
Weeks of benefit (000)	21,640		22,841			-5.3
Average weekly benefit (\$)	192.16		180.81			6.3
Claims received (000)	1,006		1,077			-6.6
Beneficiaries - Year-to-date average¹ (000)	1,236 ^p		1,261 ^r			-2.0

¹ 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.

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Steel Ingots

Week Ending June 20, 1987

Preliminary estimates indicate that Canadian steel ingot production for the week ending June 20, 1987 totalled 291 471 tonnes, an increase of 2.5% from the preceding week's total of 284 396 tonnes and up 2.3% from the year-earlier level of 284 904 tonnes.

The cumulative total in 1987 was 7 192 608 tonnes, an increase of 4.5% from 6 884 214 tonnes for the same period in 1986.

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