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Gross Domestic Product at Factor Cost, by Industry 1982-1984

The annual benchmarks for current price Gross Domestic Product (GDP) at factor cost (remuneration of primary factors of production) by industry for the period 1982-84 are to be released today. The benchmarks are an anchor to the monthly Real Domestic Product by industry as well as to the provincial estimates of GDP by industry. These benchmarks were derived from the annual input-output tables.

The benchmarks are available on CANSIM: matrix 4663 and will be published in the forthcoming publication *The Input-Output Structure of the Canadian Economy, 1981-1984* (15-201).

Users requiring additional information may call Y. Siddiqi (613-990-8909), Input-Output Division.

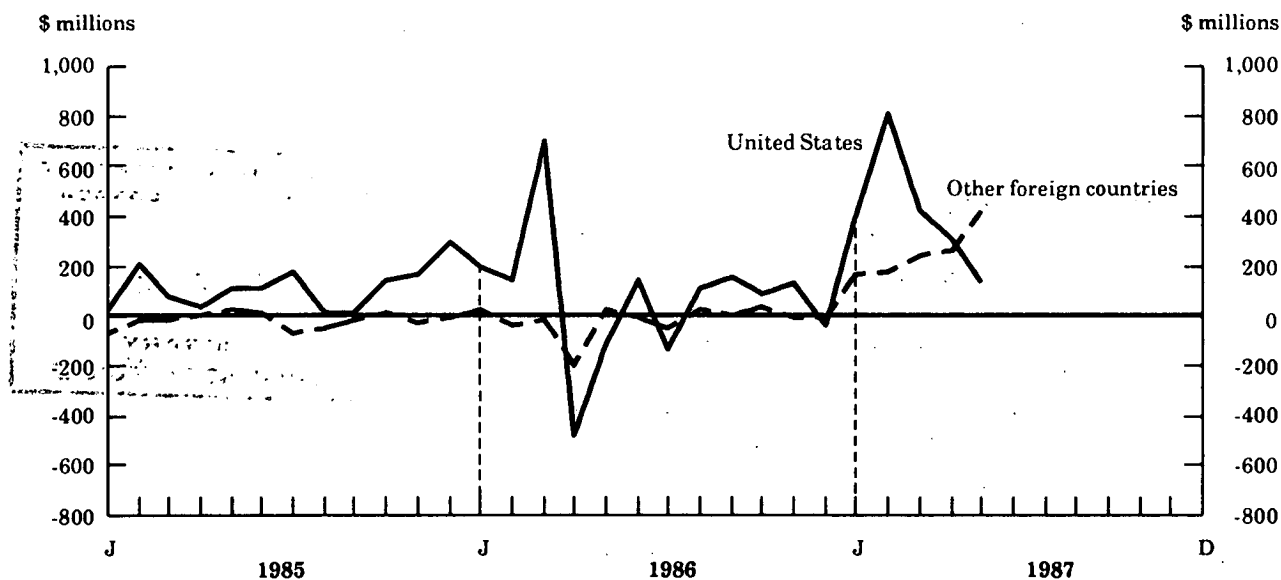


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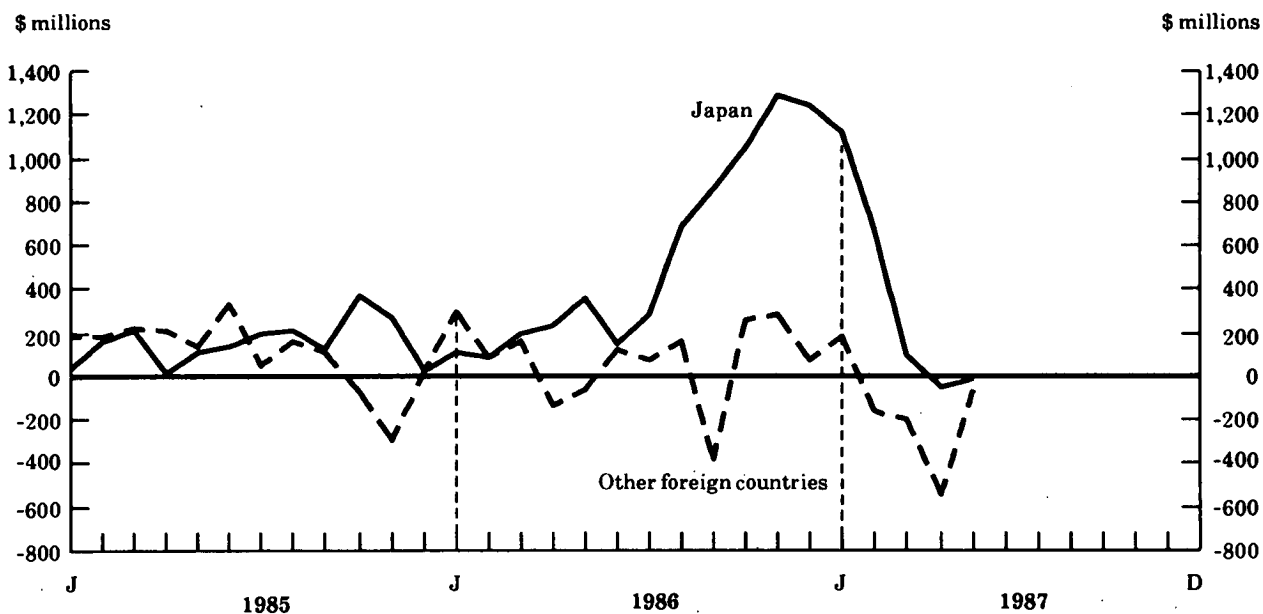
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Net Trade in Outstanding Canadian Stocks With United States and All Other Foreign Countries (Net Sales + / Net Purchases -)



Net Trade in Outstanding Canadian Bonds With Japan and All Other Foreign Countries (Net Sales + / Net Purchases -)



Transactions in Outstanding Securities with Non-residents May 1987

Outstanding Canadian Securities

In May, non-residents invested on a net basis \$558 million in outstanding Canadian stocks, a continuation of the large net investments recorded since the beginning of the year. For the year-to-date, net foreign investment in outstanding Canadian stocks totalled \$3.3 billion, compared to some \$800 million in all of 1986. While net investments from the United States have declined in recent months to only \$132 million in May, net investments from overseas countries have risen sharply to over \$400 million in the current month. The bulk of the overseas investment came from the United Kingdom and other European countries.

Non-residents reduced their holdings of Canadian bonds by \$65 million in May, bringing to over \$700 million the net reduction in holdings in the last three months. The bulk of this disinvestment resulted from trading with the United States. There has also been a small net disinvestment from Japan in recent months, in contrast to large net investments

made early in the year. The gross value of bonds traded (sales and purchases) with non-residents declined by a quarter to \$4.8 billion in May. Apart from November 1986, this was the lowest level in the last 15 months.

Outstanding Foreign Securities

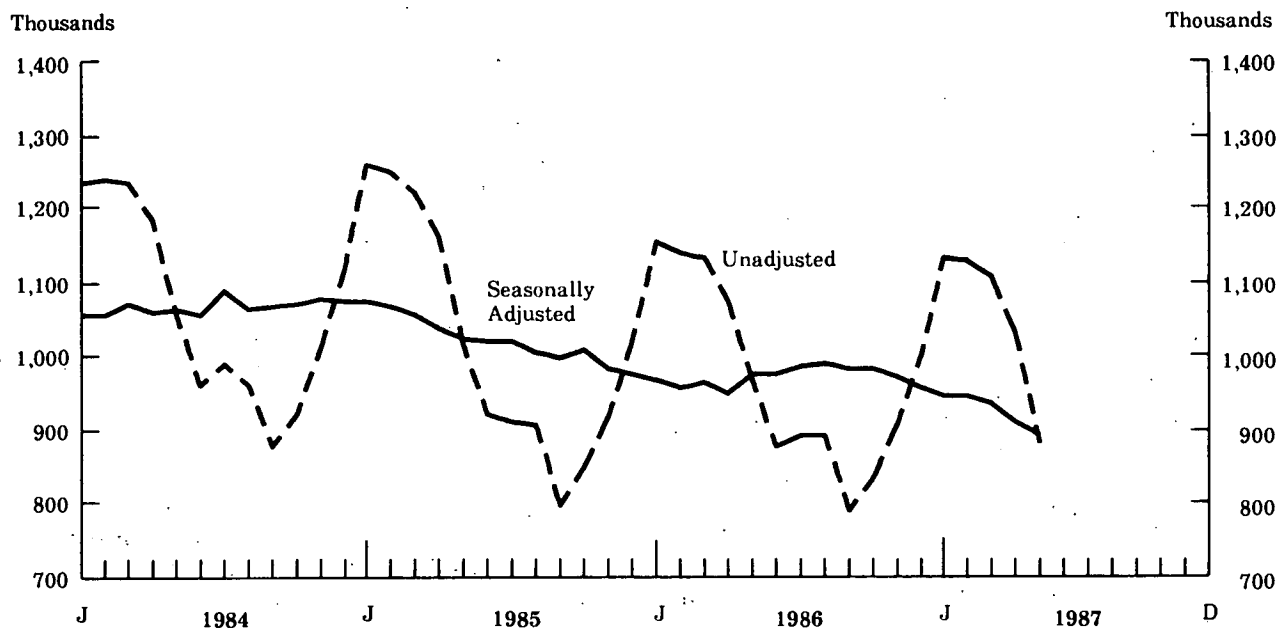
Canadian residents increased their holdings of outstanding foreign bonds by \$234 million in May, similar to the net investments recorded in the previous two months. These investments were largely channelled to the United States, principally into United States government securities. The net investment in outstanding foreign stocks was negligible in May (\$15 million), following a surge in investment in the previous month.

Order the May 1987 issue of *Security Transactions with Non-residents* (67-002, \$15/\$150), available in August. Contact J. Motala (613-990-9052), Balance of Payments, International and Financial Economics Division.

Transactions in Outstanding Securities with Non-residents May 1987 (\$ millions)

Type of security	Sales to Non-residents	Purchases from Non-residents	Net Sales (+)
Canadian securities:			
Bonds	2,391	2,456	-65
Common and preferred stocks	2,764	2,206	+558
Total - May 1987	5,155	4,662	+493
Total - April 1987	6,181	6,177	+4
Foreign securities:			
Bonds	3,792	4,026	-234
Common and preferred stocks	2,256	2,270	-15
Total - May 1987	6,048	6,297	-249
Total - April 1987	7,750	8,298	-548

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



Unemployment Insurance Statistics May 1987

Seasonally Adjusted Data - Beneficiaries Receiving Regular Benefits

Highlights

- For the week ending May 16, 1987, preliminary seasonally adjusted estimates show that the number of beneficiaries¹ receiving regular unemployment insurance benefits totalled 891,000 - down 2.2% 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 April and May 1987 in Alberta (-6.3%), Manitoba (-4.2%), British Columbia (-2.6%), Saskatchewan

(-2.5%), Quebec (-2.3%), Nova Scotia (-2.3%), Prince Edward Island (-1.9%), and New Brunswick (-1.8%). Increases occurred in the Northwest Territories (+5.8%) and the Yukon (+2.6%). There was little or no change in Ontario and Newfoundland.

Data Not Adjusted for Seasonal Variations

- In May 1987, the total number of beneficiaries¹ (including all persons qualifying for regular and special unemployment insurance benefits) stood at 1,006,000 - a decrease of 8.1% from May 1986. The number of male beneficiaries decreased to 551,000 or by 11.7% compared to May 1986. Over the same period, the number of female beneficiaries declined by 3.4% to 455,000.

(continued on page 5)

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 May 1987 totalled \$831 million², decreasing by 2.1% from May 1986. For the first five months of 1987, benefit payments amounted to \$4,989 million, a slight increase of 0.2% from the same period last year. The year-to-date change resulted from a 6.1% increase in the average weekly payment (to \$191.70 from \$180.63) which was partially offset by a 5.6% decrease in the number of benefit weeks (to 26.0 million from 27.6 million).
- A total of 202,000 claims² (applications) for unemployment insurance benefits were received in May 1987, down 8.8% from the same month last year. Since the start of 1987, the number of claims received was 1,208,000 – a decrease of 6.9% compared to the same period a year earlier.

(see table on page 6)

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

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

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.

Unemployment Insurance Statistics

					% change from	
	May 1987	April 1987	March 1987	May 1986	April 1987	May 1986
Benefits						
Amount paid (\$000)	830,839	988,837	1,117,258	848,933	-16.0	-2.1
Weeks of benefit (000)	4,386	5,149	5,791	4,723	-14.8	-7.1
Average weekly benefit (\$)	189.45	192.06	192.92	179.75	-1.4	5.4
Claims received (000)	202	227	241	221	-11.1	-8.8
Beneficiaries¹ (000)						
Total	1,006 ^p	1,166 ^p	1,251 ^r	1,095 ^r	-13.7	-8.1
Regular benefits	880 ^p	1,028 ^p	1,106 ^r	968 ^r	-14.4	-9.1
Regular benefits – Seasonally adjusted	891 ^p	911 ^p	935 ^r	976 ^r	-2.2	
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	January to May				% change	
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	1987			1986	1987/1986	
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Benefits						
Amount paid (\$000)	4,989,015			4,978,799		-0.2
Weeks of benefit (000)	26,025			27,564		-5.6
Average weekly benefit (\$)	191.70			180.63		6.1
Claims received (000)	1,208			1,298		-6.9
Beneficiaries – Year-to-date average ¹ (000)	1,193 ^p			1,228 ^r		-2.8

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.

Construction Union Wage Rate Index

June 1987

The Canada total Union Wage Rate Index (including supplements) for construction trades (1981=100) for June 1987 remained unchanged from the May 1987 level of 140.7. On a year-over-year basis, the 18-city Canada composite index increased by 4.8%.

The accompanying table presents rates for bricklayers, cement finishers and plasterers for selected cities. There are no collective agreements for most trades in Saskatchewan and Alberta (the bricklayer agreement in Alberta is one of the exceptions). As a result, these two provinces are excluded from the index calculation.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 400-405, 956 and 958.

Order the second quarter 1987 issue of *Construction Price Statistics* (62-007, \$15/\$60), available in September. Contact the Information and Current Analysis Unit (613-990-9607), Prices Division.

Construction Union Wage Rates¹

(In dollars)
June 1987

Trades

	Bricklayer		Plasterer		Cement Finisher	
	B	B&S	B	B&S	B	B&S
St. John's	16.34	19.31	16.34	19.31	16.34	19.31
Halifax	18.65	21.43	15.50	16.89	15.61	16.90
Saint John	15.72	18.39	15.72	18.39	15.72	18.39
Montreal	18.33	21.45	17.64	20.69	16.75	19.71
Ottawa	19.89	23.18	17.37	20.47	18.02	21.21
Toronto	20.33	24.59	17.95	22.09	17.94	22.11
Thunder Bay	19.79	23.36	16.69	20.70	15.85	19.81
Winnipeg	17.75	20.04	17.00	18.95	15.70	17.62
Edmonton	16.50	18.98	-	-	-	-
Vancouver	19.19	23.98	20.26	23.80	18.25	23.33

¹ Rates are available for other trades and other cities.

B = Basic rate.

B&S = Basic rate and selected pay supplements: vacation pay, statutory holiday pay, employer's contribution to health and welfare and pension plans.

Data Availability Announcements

Private Business and Trade/Vocational Schools 1986

There were 867 licensed private business and trade/vocational schools in Canada in 1986. However, 42 or 5% of them did not provide training during that year. The 825 which did operate offered 3,677 programs of which 58 were cancelled. More than two-thirds of the programs were in two fields of study: Commerce, Management and Business Administration (36%) and Engineering and Applied Science Technologies and Trades (32%). Over three-quarters (78%) of all licensed schools were private training institutions and a further 9% were other private business firms not primarily involved in providing training.

During the schools' respective reporting periods 187,600 students registered, 56% of whom were female. There were 5,812 instructors, 2,582 (44%) of whom were full-time. Successful completions numbered 139,400 and 54% were female.

This new survey was sponsored by Employment and Immigration Canada and the data are available by special request, on a cost-recoverable basis, through Statistics Canada. A service bulletin (81-002) describing some of the data in more detail will be released in the fall of 1987.

Contact Yves Dupuis (613-991-1670), Education, Culture and Tourism Division.

Retail Chain and Department Stores

Highlights

- Retail chain organizations in Canada reported annual sales totalling \$42.2 billion in 1985, up 8.6% from the 1984 level of \$38.9 billion.

- Department store organizations recorded an increase of 5.9% in annual sales, totalling \$12.3 billion in 1985.
- The number of chain organizations in Canada increased by 57 to 1,292 in 1985. The maximum number of chain outlets operating during the year rose by 2,023 to 32,284 stores.
- The number of department store organizations decreased to 18 in 1985 from 24 in 1984, while the number of department store outlets decreased to 815 in 1985 from 819 in the previous year.

Principal statistics at the Canada level and annual sales by province for 1985 are now available. Detailed information, including sales for selected localities and kinds of business, floor area data, and certain financial statistics will be available in a few weeks.

Order *Retail Chain and Department Stores, 1985* (63-210, \$25), available in October. Contact Emma MacPhail (613-990-9824) or Michelle Brisebois (613-991-3557), Retail Trade Section, Industry Division.

Steel Ingots

Week Ending July 25, 1987

Preliminary estimates indicate that Canadian steel ingot production for the week ending July 25, 1987 totalled 217 392 tonnes, a decrease of 12.4% from the preceding week's total of 248 161 tonnes and down 0.9% from the year-earlier level of 219 369 tonnes.

The cumulative total in 1987 was 8 472 603 tonnes, an increase of 4.2% from 8 134 754 tonnes for the same period in 1986.

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

Airport Activity Statistics: Scheduled Services

November 1986

Preliminary airport activity data indicate that 2.8 million passengers, travelling on scheduled services, enplaned and deplaned at the top 10 Canadian airports during November 1986 - virtually unchanged from to November 1985.

Of the top 10 airports, six showed decreases in traffic volumes for November 1986 compared to the previous year; the decreases ranged from 2.4% at Ottawa International to 15.6% at Halifax International. Lester B. Pearson (Toronto) International (5.6%), Calgary International (3.7%) and Vancouver International (3.5%) were the only airports recording increases in traffic volumes for November 1986 compared to November 1985.

Preliminary data for 30 major Canadian airports for November 1986 will appear in the Vol. 19, No. 8 issue of the *Aviation Statistics Centre Service Bulletin* (51-004, \$8.50/\$85), available early in August. Contact K. Davidson (819-997-1386), Aviation Statistics Centre, Transportation Division.

Oils and Fats

May 1987

Production by Canadian manufacturers of all types of deodorized oils in May 1987 totalled 51 378 tonnes, an increase of 16.3% from the 44 194 tonnes produced in April 1987. The 1987 year-to-date production totalled 243 045 tonnes, an increase of 2.0% from the corresponding 1986 figure of 238 211 (revised figure) tonnes.

Manufacturers' packaged sales of shortening totalled 8 480 tonnes in May 1987, up from the 7 781 tonnes sold the previous month. The cumulative sales to date in 1987 were 38 264 tonnes, compared to the cumulative sales of 38 308 tonnes in 1986.

Sales of packaged salad oil decreased to 4 199 tonnes in May 1987 from 5 272 tonnes in April 1987. The cumulative sales to date in 1987 were 30 642 tonnes, compared to the cumulative sales of 22 741 tonnes in 1986.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 184.

Order the May 1987 issue of *Oils and Fats* (32-006, \$4/\$40), to be released the week of August 24. Contact Brian Preston (613-991-3511), Industry Division.

Gypsum Products

June 1987

Manufacturers shipped 31 644 645 square metres of plain gypsum wallboard in June 1987, up 34.9% from the 23 453 411 square metres shipped in June 1986 and up 16.7% from the 27 111 781 square metres shipped in May 1987. Year-to-date shipments were 166 591 908 square metres, an increase of 18.5% over the January to June 1986 period.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 39 and 122 (series 11 and 12).

Order the June 1987 issue of *Gypsum Products* (44-003, \$4/\$40), to be released the first week of August. Contact Sharon M. Boyer (613-991-3520), Industry Division.

Cement

June 1987

Manufacturers shipped 1 361 598 tonnes of cement in June 1987, an increase of 34.4% from the 1 012 791 tonnes shipped a year earlier and an increase of 7.6% from the 1 265 092 tonnes shipped in May 1987.

January to June 1987 shipments reached 5 113 664 tonnes, up 19.9% from the 4 264 282 tonnes shipped during the first six months of 1986.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 92 and 122 (series 30).

Order the June 1987 issue of *Cement* (44-001, \$4/\$40), available the week of August 5. Contact Sharon M. Boyer (613-991-3520), Industry Division.

Oilseed Crashings

June 1987

Domestic crashings of vegetable oilseeds and the subsequent production of oil and meal for the latest periods were as follows:

- Canola-rapeseed, June 1987: 140 093 tonnes of crashings, with 57 655 tonnes of oil and 80 697 tonnes of meal produced.
- Soybeans, June 1987: 86 182 tonnes of crashings, with 14 335 tonnes of oil and 68 032 tonnes of meal produced.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5687.

Order the June 1987 issue of *Cereals and Oilseeds Review* (22-007, \$10/\$100), scheduled for release at the end of August. Contact Allister Hickson (204-983-2856), Agriculture Division, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 0K4 or A. Dupuis (613-991-3871), Agriculture Division, Ottawa.

Selected Financial Indexes

June 1987

June 1987 figures are now available for the selected financial indexes.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 412.

Order the second quarter 1987 issue of *Construction Price Statistics* (62-007, \$15/\$60), available in September. Contact the Information and Current Analysis Unit (613-990-9607), Prices Division.

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