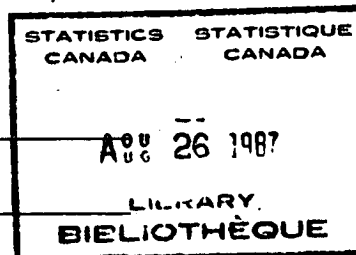


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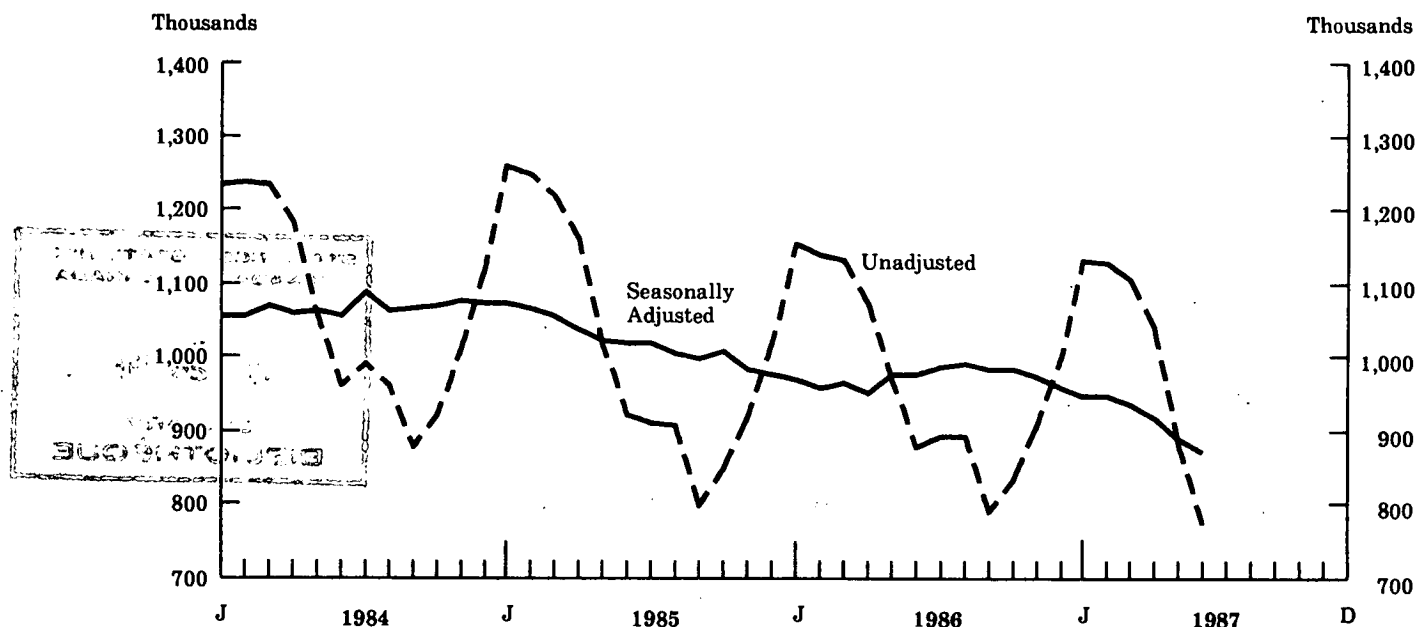


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Major Release

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



Unemployment Insurance Statistics June 1987

Seasonally Adjusted Data - Beneficiaries Receiving Regular Benefits

Highlights

- For the week ending June 20, 1987, preliminary seasonally adjusted estimates show that the number of beneficiaries¹ receiving regular unemployment insurance benefits totalled 872,000 - down 2.0% from the preceding month. The number of beneficiaries has been declining since August 1986, when it stood at 990,000.
- By province, the seasonally adjusted number of beneficiaries receiving regular benefits decreased between May and June 1987 in Alberta (-4.8%), New Brunswick (-3.8%), British Columbia (-3.0%), Prince Edward Island (-2.6%), Ontario (-1.7%) and

Quebec (-1.6%). Increases occurred in Manitoba (+1.7%) and the Yukon (+1.4%). There was little or no change in the remaining provinces.

Data Not Adjusted for Seasonal Variations

- In June 1987, the total number of beneficiaries¹ (including all persons qualifying for regular and special unemployment insurance benefits) stood at 873,000 - a decrease of 11.4% from June 1986. The number of male beneficiaries decreased to 441,000 or by 16.0% compared to June 1986. Over the same period, the number of female beneficiaries declined by 6.1% to 432,000.

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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 June 1987 totalled \$761 million², down by 2.1% from June 1986. For the first six months of 1987, benefit payments amounted to \$5,750 million, a slight decrease of 0.1% from the same period last year. A 5.8% increase in the average weekly payment (to \$190.87 from \$180.35) was more than offset by a 5.6% decrease in the number of benefit weeks (to 30.1 million from 31.9 million).
- A total of 247,000 claims² (applications) for unemployment insurance benefits were received in June 1987, up 5.5% from the

same month last year. Since the start of 1987, the number of claims received was 1,455,000 – a decrease of 5.1% from the same period a year earlier.

(see table on page 4)

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

Data for the months of April, May, and June 1987 will be published in the June 1987 issue of *Unemployment Insurance Statistics* (73-001, \$12/\$120), available at the beginning of September. 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 J.-P. Maynard (613-991-4045) or Horst Stiebert (613-991-4044), 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

	June 1987	May 1987	April 1987	June 1986	% change from	
					May 1987	June 1986
Benefits						
Amount paid (\$000)	760,922	830,839	988,837	777,148	-8.4	-2.1
Weeks of benefit (000)	4,099	4,386	5,149	4,352	-6.5	-5.8
Average weekly benefit (\$)	185.62	189.45	192.06	178.59	-2.0	3.9
Claims received (000)	247	202	227	234	22.3	5.5
Beneficiaries¹ (000)						
Total	873 ^p	1,006 ^p	1,183 ^r	985 ^r	-13.2	-11.4
Regular benefits	772 ^p	880 ^p	1,041 ^r	877 ^r	-12.3	-12.0
Regular benefits - Seasonally adjusted	872 ^p	890 ^p	918 ^r	976 ^r	-2.0	
January to June					% change	
	1987			1986	1987/1986	
Benefits						
Amount paid (\$000)	5,749,938			5,755,947		-0.1
Weeks of benefit (000)	30,124			31,915		-5.6
Average weekly benefit (\$)	190.87			180.35		5.8
Claims received (000)	1,455			1,533		-5.1
Beneficiaries - Year-to-date average ¹ (000)	1,143 ^p			1,188 ^r		-3.8

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.

Data Availability Announcements

Chain Store Stocks

June 1987

Highlights

- Retail chain store stocks totalled \$4,210 million at the end of June 1987, an increase of 0.9% over the level reached in June 1986.
- The inventories to sales ratio stood at 1.07:1 in June 1987, down marginally from the average ratio of 1.09:1 observed in the three previous months.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 194.

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

Steel Ingots

Week Ending August 22, 1987

Preliminary estimates indicate that Canadian steel ingot production for the week ending August 22, 1987 totalled 244 949 tonnes, a decrease of 3.6% from the preceding week's total of 254 165 tonnes but up 5.4% from the year-earlier level of 232 444 tonnes.

The cumulative total in 1987 was 9 464 752 tonnes, an increase of 4.8% from 9 029 494 tonnes for the same period in 1986.

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

Phonograph Records and Pre-recorded Tapes

June 1987

Canadian manufacturers produced 3,198,685 phonograph records in June 1987, down 10.5% from the 3,575,834 produced a year earlier. Production of tapes increased to 3,565,004 in June 1987, up 10.9% from 3,215,313 tapes in June 1986.

Year-to-date production of phonograph records totalled 21,152,201 - down 2.4% from the 21,681,108 records produced during the January to June 1986 period. Cumulative production of tapes increased 10.7% to 21,800,879 from 19,695,166 tapes during the same period in 1986.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 2904.

Order the June 1987 issue of *Production and Sales of Phonograph Records and Pre-recorded Tapes in Canada* (47-004, \$4/\$40), to be released towards the end of August. Contact Don Grant (613-993-5998), Industry Division.



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Publications Released

Farm Cash Receipts, January-June 1987.
Catalogue number 21-001
(Canada: \$10/\$36; Other Countries: \$11/\$44).

Field Crop Reporting Series, No. 5,
Stocks of Canadian Grain, July 31, 1987.
Catalogue number 22-002
(Canada: \$7/\$48; Other Countries: \$8/\$54).
Available at 3:00 p.m. today.

Clothing Industries - Occupational
Clothing Industry, 1985 Census of
Manufactures. Catalogue number
34-252B 2492
(Canada: \$4; Other Countries: \$5).

Clothing Industries - Other Clothing
and Apparel Industries n.e.c.,
1985 Census of Manufactures.
Catalogue number 34-252B 2499
(Canada: \$4; Other Countries: \$5).

Other Manufacturing Industries - Other
Manufactured Products Industries
n.c.a., 1985 Census of Manufactures.
Catalogue number 47-250B 3999
(Canada: \$4; Other Countries: \$5).

Railway Operating Statistics, January 1987.
Catalogue number 52-003
(Canada: \$9.50/\$95; Other Countries:
\$10.50/\$105).

Farm Product Price Index, June 1987.
Catalogue number 62-003
(Canada: \$6/\$60; Other Countries: \$7/\$70).

Department Store Monthly Sales, By
Province and Metropolitan Area,
June 1987. Catalogue number 63-004
(Canada: \$2/\$20; Other Countries: \$3/\$30).

Quarterly Demographic Statistics,
January-March 1987. Catalogue
number 91-002
(Canada: \$7/\$28; Other Countries: \$8/\$32).

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