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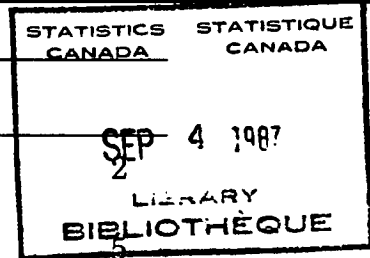
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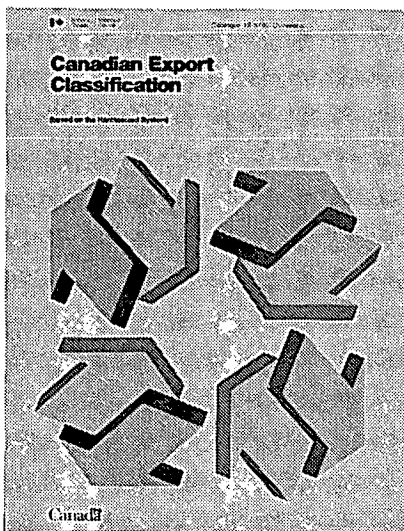
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The Canadian Export Classification, 1988 (based on the Harmonized System)



Commencing January 1, 1988, Canadian exporters or their agents will be required to assign an export harmonized system (H.S.) number to all export transactions.

The Canadian Export Classification, which lists all possible export H.S. codes and their accompanying descriptions will therefore be an essential tool in the preparation of customs export documentation. To assist in coding, the publication's introduction includes, among other things, an outline of the classification structure, an overview of the classification of goods, and the general rules for the interpretation of the harmonized system.

Order the *Canadian Export Classification* (12-578E, \$35/\$48) from Publication Sales (613-993-7276). Contact Robert Gordon (613-990-9792) or Gordon Blaney (613-990-9647), International Trade Division.



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Major Releases

Labour Force Survey

August 1987

Overview

Estimates from Statistics Canada's August 1987 Labour Force Survey indicate a resumption of the employment increases noted since July 1986 following a slight decline last month. The increase of 42,000 in employment, combined with a decrease of 39,000 in the estimated number of unemployed persons reduced the unemployment rate to 8.8.

Employment

For the week ended August 15, 1987, the seasonally adjusted level of employment was estimated at 11,979,000 – an increase of 42,000 from July. This increase was concentrated almost entirely among persons aged 25 and over with a gain of 40,000 – the thirteenth consecutive monthly increase for this age group.

- Continuing the growth begun in October 1986, full-time employment advanced by 58,000 – with an increase of 31,000 among females. Part-time employment declined by 23,000 – a decrease that was also concentrated among females (-17,000).
- Employment rose in the construction (+12,000), finance, insurance and real estate (+10,000) and public administration (+14,000) sectors. The agricultural sector posted a decrease of 9,000 while there was little change in employment in the remaining industries.
- The estimated level of employment rose by 3,000 in New Brunswick and 21,000 in Quebec. Employment advanced slightly in the other provinces, except in Nova Scotia and Saskatchewan, where there was no change.

Unemployment

The seasonally adjusted estimate of unemployment declined by 39,000 in August, resulting in a 0.3 drop in the unemployment rate. With unemployment declining to 1,151,000 persons, the unemployment rate fell to 8.8, the same as the rate recorded in February 1982.

- There were unemployment declines for both males (-21,000) and females (-18,000), particularly among those aged 25 and over, for whom unemployment fell by a total of 33,000.
- The unemployment rate decreased by 0.3 among persons aged 25 and over, and by 0.2 among persons aged 15 to 24.
- The estimated level of unemployment declined by 3,000 in New Brunswick, 16,000 in Quebec, 9,000 in Ontario and 12,000 in British Columbia. There was little or no change in the other provinces.
- The unemployment rate decreased by 0.9 in New Brunswick (12.6), 0.5 in Quebec (10.5), 0.2 in Ontario (5.8), and 0.8 in British Columbia (11.6). It increased by 0.7 in Newfoundland (18.2), 0.2 in Prince Edward Island (13.2), 0.2 in Nova Scotia (11.7) and 0.3 in Manitoba (7.4), while it remained unchanged at 7.7 in Saskatchewan and 9.9 in Alberta.

Participation Rate/Employment Ratio

The seasonally adjusted participation rate posted a second consecutive decrease of 0.1, falling to 66.1, back to the rate recorded in April 1987. However, the employment/population ratio advanced by 0.1, rising to 60.3.

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- The employment/population ratio advanced by 0.2 among youths aged 15 to 24 and by 0.1 among persons aged 25 and over.

Changes since August 1986

(Unadjusted estimates)

- Employment grew by 352,000 (2.9%), to 12,427,000.
- Full-time employment rose by 372,000 (3.5%), while part-time employment fell by 20,000 (-1.3%). This decrease was entirely attributable to males (-31,000).
- Employment advanced by 4.4% in the goods-producing industries, mainly as a result of a 12.4% increase in the construction sector.
- The annual employment increase of 8.7% in the finance, insurance and real estate sector was a key factor in the overall advance of 2.3% in employment in the service-producing industries.
- The estimated number of unemployed persons decreased by 99,000 to 1,102,000 (-8.2%). This decrease in unemployment was concentrated among males (-86,000).
- The unemployment rate declined by 0.9 to 8.1.
- The participation rate increased by 0.5 to 68.2. The employment/population ratio jumped 1.1 to 62.6.

Student Data

From May to September inclusive, data on the participation of students in the labour market are collected through the Labour Force Survey. Persons aged 15 to 24 who were attending school full-time in March 1987 are asked additional questions. The information is compiled for two categories of students: (1) those who plan to return to school in September 1987; and (2) those who do not plan to return to school at that time, or are not certain what they will do.

Returning students aged 15 to 24:

- The unadjusted rate of unemployment in August 1987 was estimated at 8.7, a drop of 1.6 from the rate recorded last year. This decrease was experienced by both students aged 15 to 19 (-1.4) and students aged 20 to 24 (-2.0).
- The participation rate increased by 1.5 to 68.6.
- The employment/population ratio posted a considerable increase of 2.4 as a result of a rise of 37,000 in the number of employed persons, to 1,130,000 persons.

Other Students:

- The unemployment rate in August 1987 was estimated at 14.8, a decrease of 1.9 from the figure a year ago.
- The participation rate (87.0) and the employment/population ratio (74.1) posted increases of 0.4 and 1.9 respectively.

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

Order the August 1987 issue of *The Labour Force* (71-001, \$20/\$200), available the third week of September. 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).

Labour Force Characteristics, Canada

	August 1987	July 1987	August 1986
Seasonally adjusted data			
Labour Force ('000)	13,130	13,127	12,860
Employment ('000)	11,979	11,937	11,616
Unemployment ('000)	1,151	1,190	1,244
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.8	9.1	9.7
Participation Rate (%)	66.1	66.2	65.5
Employment/Population Ratio (%)	60.3	60.2	59.2
Unadjusted data			
Labour Force ('000)	13,529	13,577	13,276
Employment ('000)	12,427	12,419	12,075
Unemployment ('000)	1,102	1,158	1,201
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.1	8.5	9.0
Participation Rate (%)	68.2	68.5	67.7
Employment/Population Ratio (%)	62.6	62.6	61.5

Estimates of Labour Income

June 1987

The preliminary estimate of labour income for June 1987 was \$24,776 million, an increase of 6.5% from the same month a year earlier. Year-over-year increases in labour income have been generally rising since August 1986 when the growth rate was 5.6%.

The seasonally adjusted estimate of wages and salaries¹ increased marginally by 0.3% in June 1987 from May. The month-to-month change in wages and salaries has remained at about 0.6% for the first half of 1987 with the exception of May which showed an increase of 1.1%.

Goods-producing Industries

Adjusted for seasonal variation, the estimate of wages and salaries in the goods-producing industries increased by 0.8% in June 1987 from the previous month, compared to an average monthly change of +0.6% for 1987. All industries within this group showed at least a 0.5% increase from the previous month.

On a year-over-year basis, wages and salaries in the goods-producing industries increased by 7.4%. The growth in wages and salaries has steadily increased throughout 1987 from an annual change in January of +4.0%. All industries within this group showed large increases in the yearly growth rates of wages and salaries in June.

Service-producing Industries

The seasonally adjusted estimate of wages and salaries in the service-producing industries showed little change (-0.1) in June 1987 from May 1987, compared to an average monthly change of 0.6% for 1987. Decreases were noted in the wages and salaries of education and related services and health and welfare services.

These declines were primarily due to retroactive payments resulting from contract settlements made in May 1987. Provincial administration increased by 3.2% due to retroactive payments paid in June 1987. All other industries within this group showed little or no change from the preceding month except for commercial services which showed an increase of 1.5%.

On a year-over-year basis, wages and salaries in the service-producing industries increased by 6.0%, compared to the average change for 1987 of 6.3%. Most industries within this group showed little change in yearly growth rates of wages and salaries. The exceptions were provincial administration which increased by 8.5% due to retroactive payments made in June 1987 and federal administration which decreased by 2.3% due to retro-active payments made in June 1986.

Provincial Comparisons

Provincially, the seasonally adjusted estimates of wages and salaries in Quebec decreased by 0.8% due to retroactive payments made in May 1987. British Columbia showed a slight decline while the remaining provinces posted marginal changes.

On a year-over-year basis, Alberta increased for the third consecutive month and Quebec showed a large increase in June.

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Available on CANSIM: matrices 1791 and 1792.

Order the April-June 1987 issue of *Estimates of Labour Income* (72-005, \$15/\$60), available in October. Contact Georgette Gauthier (613-991-4051), Labour Income Section, Labour Division.

¹ Wages and salaries account for 90% of labour income.

Wages and Salaries and Supplementary Labour Income (millions of dollars)

	June 1987 ^p	May 1987 ^r	April 1987 ^f	June 1986
Unadjusted for seasonal variation				
Agriculture, fishing and trapping	229.0	182.1	137.4	203.4
Forestry	184.9	148.7	121.6	172.6
Mines, quarries and oil wells	565.4	534.9	526.1	540.3
Manufacturing industries	4,690.4	4,532.7	4,430.0	4,392.7
Construction industry	1,360.5	1,256.8	1,140.5	1,238.0
Transportation, communications and other utilities	2,218.4	2,177.8	2,137.5	2,160.6
Trade	3,014.3	2,971.5	2,900.0	2,821.9
Finance, insurance and real estate	1,771.9	1,742.1	1,724.3	1,635.1
Commercial and personal service	2,876.6	2,779.7	2,718.9	2,697.2
Education and related services	1,954.0	1,972.5	1,891.7	1,827.1
Health and welfare services	1,597.1	1,673.0	1,536.9	1,474.5
Federal administration and other government offices	763.9	758.0	749.4	780.8
Provincial administration	599.4	564.4	546.8	552.7
Local administration	479.1	462.1	450.1	464.9
Total wages and salaries	22,305.1	21,756.2	21,011.0	20,961.7
Supplementary labour income	2,471.2	2,412.6	2,324.0	2,305.6
Labour income	24,776.3	24,168.9	23,335.0	23,267.3
Adjusted for seasonal variation				
Agriculture, fishing and trapping	188.8	178.3	175.7	170.1
Forestry	163.3	162.0	161.7	148.7
Mines, quarries and oil wells	551.2	548.5	548.1	523.2
Manufacturing industries	4,533.4	4,501.9	4,488.5	4,236.3
Construction industry	1,262.1	1,255.8	1,250.8	1,139.5
Transportation, communications and other utilities	2,170.6	2,176.0	2,169.7	2,113.1
Trade	2,962.2	2,950.2	2,943.8	2,758.7
Finance, insurance and real estate	1,747.7	1,732.7	1,733.3	1,612.8
Commercial and personal service	2,808.2	2,768.5	2,756.1	2,633.2
Education and related services	1,884.6	1,905.7	1,828.6	1,761.3
Health and welfare services	1,573.6	1,645.4	1,542.4	1,452.9
Federal administration and other government offices	755.2	753.8	758.7	758.4
Provincial administration	585.6	567.6	559.2	539.9
Local administration	463.3	463.6	462.6	450.9
Total wages and salaries	21,660.5	21,598.3	21,357.8	20,306.0
Supplementary labour income	2,395.3	2,388.5	2,361.9	2,232.4
Labour income	24,055.8	23,986.8	23,719.7	22,538.5

^p Preliminary estimate.

^r Revised estimate.

^f Final estimate.

The estimates of wages and salaries for the individual industries are seasonally adjusted independently from the Canada all industry aggregate. A difference may exist between the sum of the industries and the Canada all industry total. Please refer to the explanatory note in catalogue 72-005 or contact the Labour Income Section for further details.

Data Availability Announcements

Air Charter Statistics

First Quarter 1987 (Preliminary)

Preliminary first quarter 1987 data indicate that the number of passengers travelling on international commercial charter services increased to 1,497,495 – up 10.6% from 1986 figures.

Travel to Mexico increased substantially during this quarter: the largest gains were recorded at Manzanillo, 447.9% (15,337 more passengers); Puerto Vallarta, 108.7% (49,845 more passengers); and Zihuatanejo, 100.8% (7,717 more passengers). As well, Venezuela and Columbia recorded large increases in traffic again this quarter relative to the first quarter of 1986. These destinations accounted for most of the 29.3% increase to southern destinations during this period relative to the same period a year earlier.

Order the Vol. 19, No. 9 issue of the *Aviation Statistics Centre Service Bulletin* (51-004, \$8.50/\$85), available the second week of September. Contact C. Walsh (819-997-6173), Aviation Statistics Centre, Transportation Division.

Electric Lamps

July 1987

Canadian light bulb and tube manufacturers sold 19,218,908 light bulbs and tubes in July 1987, an increase of 3.3% from the 18,598,196 units sold a year earlier.

Year-to-date sales for 1987 amounted to 159,488,659 light bulbs and tubes, up 14.8% from the 138,976,588 sold during the January-July period in 1986.

Order the July 1987 issue of *Electric Lamps* (43-009, \$4/\$40), available the week of September 7. Contact J.P. Beauparlant (613-991-3526), Industry Division.

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10	Canadian Composite Leading Indicator	June 1987
10	Help-wanted Index	August 1987
10	Department Store Sales by Region and Metropolitan Area	July 1987
11	Preliminary Statement of Canadian International Trade	July 1987
11	Farm Product Price Index	July 1987
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