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Reprint Series of Feature Articles from The Labour Force Publication December 1987

Over the past few years, *The Labour Force* publication (71-001) has regularly published feature articles on labour market topics. The most popular of these are now available as reprints.

The December 1987 issue of *The Labour Force* provides short abstracts of the available reprints and information on how to order them. The wide range of topics include long-term unemployment, older workers, labour force participation of immigrants, job loss and labour market adjustment, involuntary part-time employment and alternative measures of unemployment.

Order the December 1987 issue of *The Labour Force* (71-001, \$22/\$220), now available. Contact Bruce Simpson (613-951-4628), Labour and Household Surveys Analysis Division.



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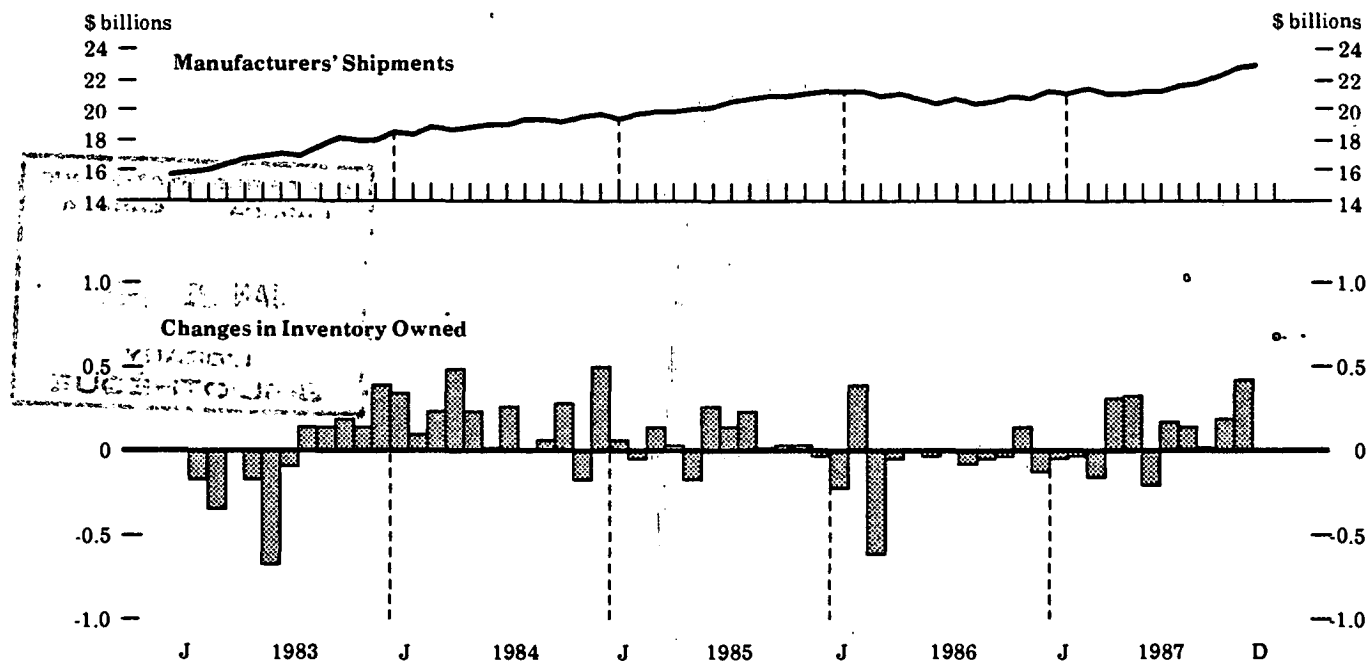
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Manufacturers' Shipments and Changes in Inventory Owned, 1983-87

(Seasonally adjusted)



Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries

November 1987

Posting an increase for the eighth consecutive month, shipments for all Canadian manufacturing industries reached a new high in November. The gain in shipments, however, was more modest than in recent months. Most of the 22 major industry groups showed moderate gains with paper and allied products industries and fabricated metal products industries registering the largest increases.

Both new orders and the backlog of unfilled orders increased after recording declines in October. The increases mainly reflected gains in the durable goods industries, notably for primary metals industries, fabricated metal products industries and electrical and electronic products industries.

Highlights

- Preliminary estimates indicate that the seasonally adjusted value of shipments increased 0.6% in November to a level of \$22,911 million. This increase, though more modest than those recorded in recent months, marked a continuation of the gains recorded since April 1987.
- New orders rebounded in November, posting an increase of 1.7%. Though new orders have increased an average of about 1% per month since March 1987, monthly changes have been more volatile over the past four months - ranging from -0.3% to 4.1%.

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- Seasonally adjusted, inventories owned by manufacturers increased 1.3% to \$34,549 million in November. This was the seventh increase in the last eight months.
- The ratio of seasonally adjusted total inventory owned to seasonally adjusted shipments was 1.51:1 in November. This ratio has remained near a record low for the last three months.
- The seasonally adjusted unfilled orders backlog, at \$24,691 million, increased 0.3% in November, extending the upward trend experienced since April 1987.
- Not adjusted for seasonal variation, manufacturers' shipments in November were estimated at \$23,112 million, 12.0% higher

than the November 1986 level. Cumulative shipments for the first 11 months of 1987 have been estimated at \$239,708 million, 4.3% higher than the value for the corresponding period in 1986.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 9550-9580.

Order the November 1987 issue of *Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries* (31-001, \$16.50/\$165), available in about three weeks time. Data for shipments by province in greater detail than normally published may be available on request. Contact Peter Hower (613-951-9497) or the Shipments, Inventories and Orders Section (613-951-9832), Industry Division.

Estimated Value of Shipments, Inventories and Orders in All Manufacturing Industries

Based on 1983 Census of Manufactures Benchmarks
(millions of dollars)

	Nov. 1987 ^p	Oct. 1987 ^r	Sept. 1987	Nov. 1986
Not adjusted for seasonal variation				
Shipments - Total	23,111.8	23,645.0	23,248.2	20,640.3
New orders - Total	22,977.0	23,439.5	23,438.7	20,449.3
Unfilled orders - Total	24,495.7	24,630.5	24,835.9	23,802.2
Inventory owned - Total	34,343.0	33,974.7	33,776.5	33,302.4
Adjusted for seasonal variation				
Shipments - Total	22,910.7	22,782.7	22,318.3	20,788.6
New orders - Total	22,983.9	22,591.2	22,614.0	20,768.6
Unfilled orders - Total	24,690.7	24,617.6	24,809.1	23,946.8
Inventory owned - Total	34,548.6	34,121.2	33,918.7	33,507.1
Ratio of total inventories to shipments	1.51	1.50	1.52	1.61

^p Preliminary figures.

^r Revised figures.

Sales of Refined Petroleum Products

November 1987

Highlights

Seasonally Adjusted

- Seasonally adjusted, November sales of refined petroleum products totalled 6 942 019 cubic metres (m³), up 2.8% over October and the second increase in the last five months. As a result of the November gain, cumulative sales for 1987 were 3.6% above those for the same period last year.
- Results for the four main products were mixed. Motor gasoline sales, up 4.4%, posted the fifth increase this year while heavy fuel sales (+13.5% to 697 128 m³) recorded their highest volume since August 1983 (834 770 m³). Diesel fuel sales shrank marginally by 0.4% – the second decline in as many months – while light fuel sales, down 1.6%, posted the sixth decline this year.

Unadjusted Sales

- Total sales of refined petroleum products in Canada in November rose 8.1% over November 1986, recording a sales volume of 6 863 100 m³. This represents the tenth increase this year. Gains by three of the four main products were largely responsible for the November increase. Following a decline in October, motor gasoline sales,

up 6.4%, rose for the eighth time in 1987. Diesel fuel sales, up 11.4%, posted a ninth consecutive gain while heavy fuel sales rose 38.3%, registering the fifth increase in as many months. The only main product to register a decline was light fuel, where sales – down 9.6% – decreased for a fourth successive month. Excluding these main products, which accounted for 80% of all product sales in November, sales for the remaining 13 products rose 4.8%.

- On a regional basis, gains outnumbered declines by a margin of nine to three. The largest volume increase, at 164 600 m³ (+7.4%) was recorded in Ontario, while the greatest decline was experienced in New Brunswick (-7 800 m³, -3.3%).
- On a cumulative January-November basis, 1987 total sales were up 3.4% over the corresponding period in 1986. Within this total, heavy fuel sales climbed 14.9%, diesel fuel 5.3% and motor gasoline 1.2%, while light fuel sales fell 9.9%.

(see table on page 5)

Available on CANSIM: matrices 628-642 and 644-647.

Order the November 1987 issue of *Refined Petroleum Products* (45-004, \$16.50/\$165), available the second week of February. Contact Gerard O'Connor (613-951-3562), Energy Section, Industry Division.

Sales of Refined Petroleum Products

	August 1987	Sept. 1987	Oct. 1987 ^r	Nov. 1987 ^p	Nov. '87/ Oct. '87
(thousands of cubic metres)					%
Adjusted for seasonal variation					
Total, all products	6 533.3	6 924.7	6 755.2	6 942.0	2.8%
Main products:					
Motor gasoline	2 604.5	2 837.4	2 718.7	2 839.3	4.4%
Diesel fuel oil	1 290.3	1 369.8	1 357.9	1 352.2	-0.4%
Light fuel oil	501.2	548.3	520.1	511.6	-1.6%
Heavy fuel oil	612.3	690.7	614.0	697.1	13.5%
	Nov. 1987 ^p	Nov. 1986	Total Jan.-Nov. 1986	Total Jan.-Nov. 1987	Cum. '87/ Cum. '86
(thousands of cubic metres)					%
Not adjusted for seasonal variation					
Total, all products	6 863.1	6 346.2	70 671.8	73 090.2	3.4
Main products:					
Motor gasoline	2 726.6	2 562.1	30 025.7	30 374.4	1.2
Diesel fuel oil	1 367.4	1 227.8	13 714.0	14 445.6	5.3
Light fuel oil	611.4	676.1	5 966.1	5 372.8	-9.9
Heavy fuel oil	771.8	558.2	5 500.2	6 320.3	14.9

^p Preliminary figures.

^r Revised figures.

Data Availability Announcements

100% Data Profiles – Enumeration Areas 1986 Census

Some of the leading indicators from Canada's largest demographic survey – the 1986 Census – are now available in profile form at the enumeration area level. These profiles can be obtained on computer tapes as well as on diskettes.

Profiles provide a statistical overview of particular geographic areas, touching on a wide selection of census variables but providing a limited amount of detail for each variable. The distributions are usually univariate, with a limited number of indicators such as percentages and rates shown.

The profiles now available contain information collected from all Canadian households. They are designed to yield quick answers to the fundamental information requirements of the majority of Census data users.

Prices for tape output of the enumeration area profiles range from \$515 for the Yukon to \$7,105 for all of Canada. Cost estimates for selected subprovincial regions or for output to diskette can be provided upon demand.

Content of Profiles:

- Population, 1986
- Sex and age groups (24)
- Marital status (5)
- Mother tongue (14)
- Dwellings (8)
- Households (12)
- Census families (27)

Available on CANSIM: table EAP86A11.

Supplementary data from 20% of the population, including such topics as ethnicity, education, industry, occupation, and income will be available at a later date.

For further information, please contact your local Regional Reference Centre (see page 8) or the Electronic Data Dissemination Division (613-951-8200).

High Pressure Decorative Laminate Sheet Fourth Quarter 1987

For the quarter ending December 31, 1987, domestic shipments of high pressure decorative laminate sheet (3.175 millimetres thickness and under) totalled 1 862 932 square metres valued at \$13,955,737. In the same quarter of the previous year, shipments amounted to 1 942 702 square metres valued at \$14,260,792.

Cumulative shipments for 1987 amounted to 8 172 422 square metres, an increase of 10.3% from the 7 409 390 square metres for 1986.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 2906.

Order the Fourth Quarter 1987 issue of *Factory Shipments of High Pressure Decorative Laminate Sheet* (47-005, \$4.25/\$17), to be released the week of February 8. Contact Raj Sehdev (613-951-3513), Industry Division.

Publications Released

**The Construction Industry -
Non-residential General Contractors
and Developers, 1985.**
Catalogue number 64-207
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The Labour Force, December 1987.
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