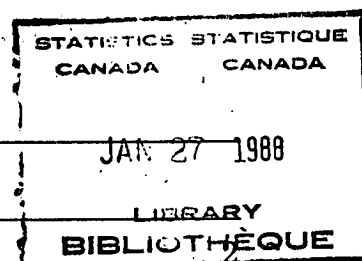


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Unemployment Insurance Statistics, November 1987

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- The number of beneficiaries receiving regular unemployment insurance benefits, adjusted for seasonal variations, decreased 0.5% from October.

Construction Union Wage Rate Index, December 1987

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- The Canada total union wage rate index for construction trades remained unchanged from November.

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Value of Building Permits Issued in Canada

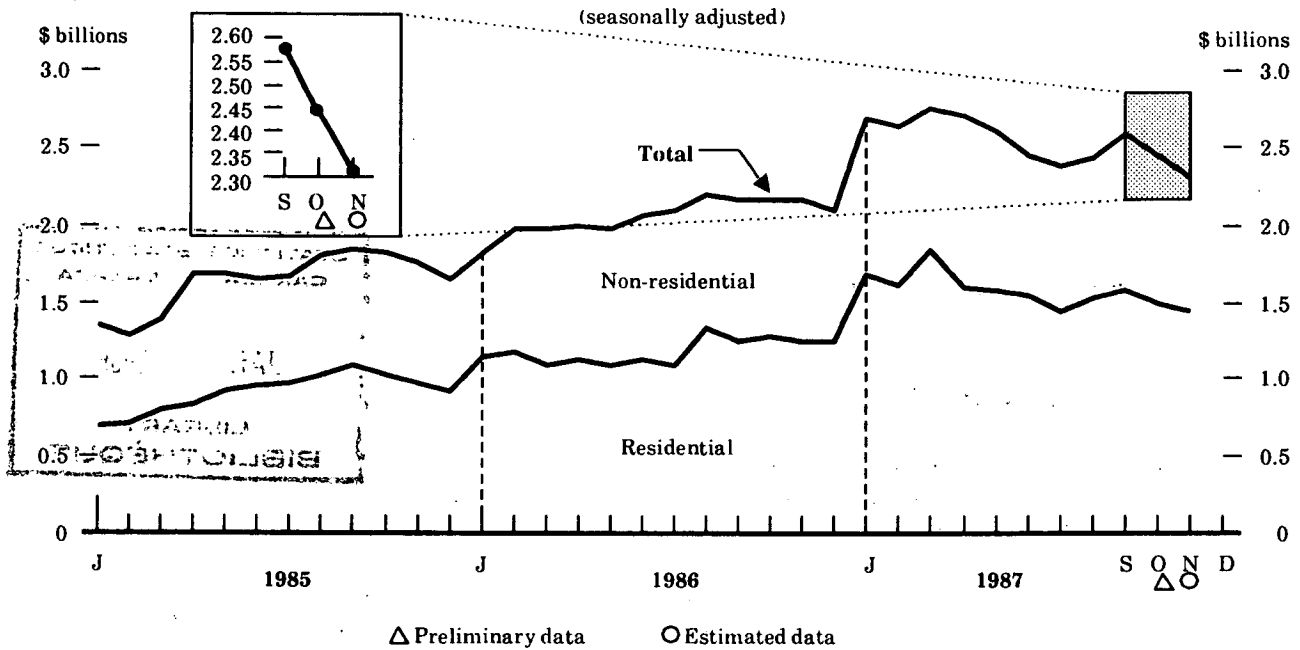


Chart 2
Filtered and Non-filtered Indexes of Building Permits Issued, Canada

Seasonally adjusted data
in constant dollars (1981 = 100)

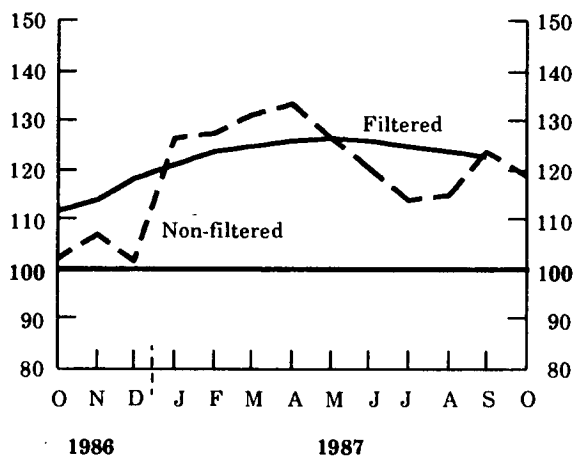
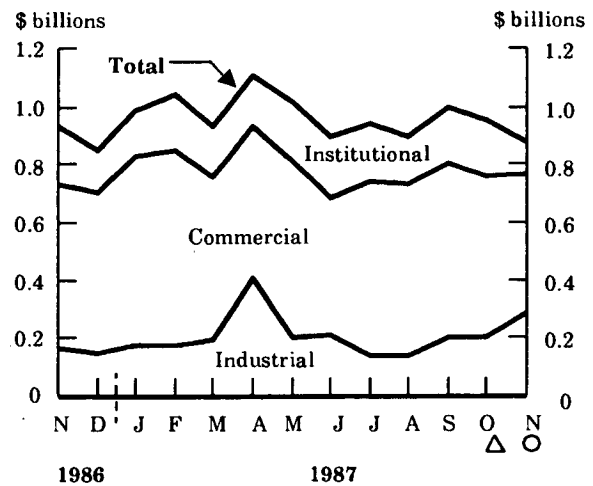


Chart 3
Value of Non-residential Permits Issued in Canada

(seasonally adjusted)



Building Permits

November 1987

(Seasonally adjusted data and construction leading indicator)

Summary

The estimated value of building permits issued in Canada in November was \$2,313.1 million, down 5.2% from \$2,439.0 million in October. This drop was attributable to both the non-residential sector and, to a lesser extent, the residential sector.

Recent fluctuations in the value of building permits continued to affect the construction leading indicator which dropped 0.9% to 122.4 in September.

Residential Sector

- The estimated value of residential building permits decreased 3.4% in November to \$1,437.0 million from \$1,488.0 million in October.
- This drop was mostly attributable to the multi-family sector, which decreased 9.8% to \$429.5 million while the single-family sector edged down 0.4% to \$1,007.5 million.
- The residential sector decrease was widespread over all Canadian regions.
- The number of dwelling units authorized at an annual rate totalled 217,400 units in November (116,100 single-detached and 101,300 multiple dwellings), a 3.5% drop.
- Residential sector activity, as reflected by the filtered residential index, declined 1.1% in September to 143.8 compared to 145.4 in August.

Non-residential Sector

- The estimated value of non-residential permits issued decreased 7.9% in November to \$876.1 million.

- The industrial component was the only one to register a gain in November, up 41.9% to reach \$286.7 million. The stimulus for this sharp upward movement came from the Quebec region where the value of industrial permits registered a strong increase. The commercial component recorded a loss of 14.0% to \$481.2 million in November and the institutional component fell 42.8% to \$108.2 million.
- Gains in the non-residential sector were recorded only in the Quebec region while all other regions recorded decreases in November.
- The filtered index of the non-residential sector slipped 0.8% in September to 99.8.

Note to Users:

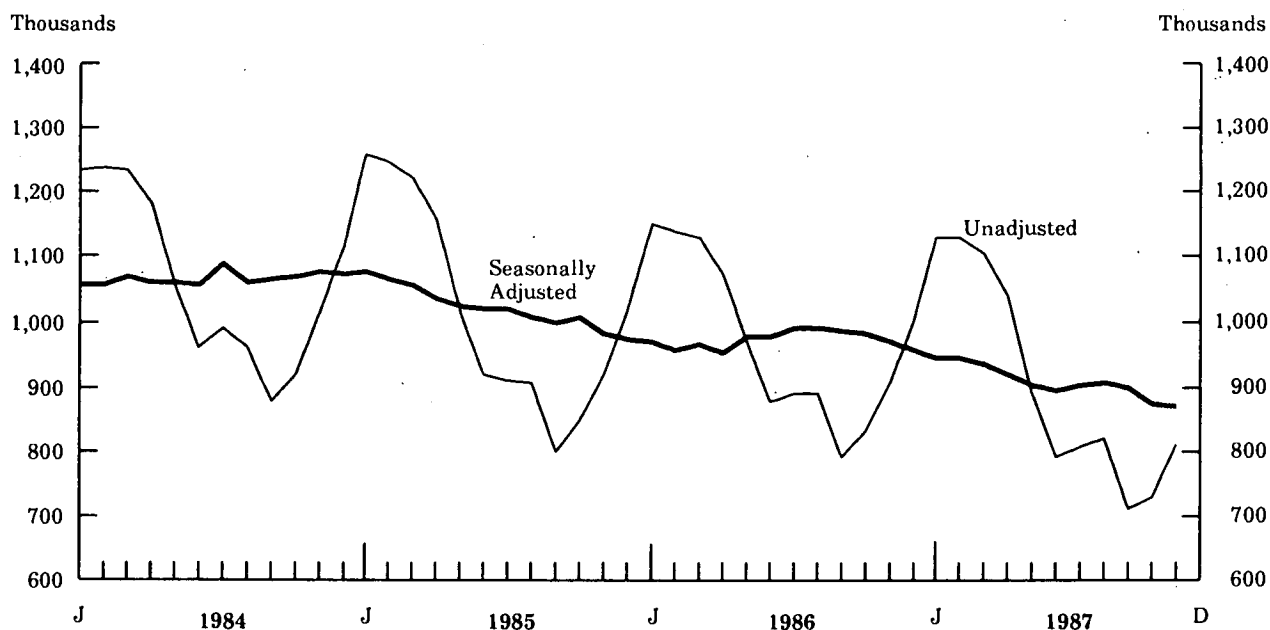
The leading indicator is a short-term investment anticipator for the construction sector. It is based on the value of the building permits issued and comprises the following stages: deflating (1981 = 100), seasonal adjustment and filtering to get a trend-cycle.

In order to reduce the number of false signals in the construction activity series, the leading indicator is lagged two months in relation to the month of reference.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 80 (levels 3, 5, 9-15) and 129, 137, 443, 989-991, 994, 995 and 4073.

Order the October 1987 issue of *Building Permits* (64-001, \$20/\$200); scheduled for release the third week of February. Contact Francine Monette (613-951-2583), Science, Technology and Capital Stock Division.

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



Unemployment Insurance Statistics November 1987

Seasonally Adjusted Data - Beneficiaries Receiving Regular Benefits

- For the week ending November 14, 1987, preliminary estimates show that the number of beneficiaries¹ receiving regular unemployment insurance benefits totalled 868,000 - down 0.5% from the preceding month. The November decrease continued a trend which commenced in early 1983.
- Between October and November 1987, the seasonally adjusted number of beneficiaries receiving regular benefits increased in all but the following three provinces: Ontario (-3.9%), British Columbia (-2.3%) and Alberta (-2.1%). Beneficiaries increased 2.8% in Newfoundland, 1.6% in New Brunswick and Saskatchewan, 1.3% in

Prince Edward Island, Quebec, and Manitoba, and 1.2% in the Northwest Territories. There was little change in Nova Scotia.

Data Not Adjusted for Seasonal Variations

- In November 1987, the total number of beneficiaries¹ (including all persons qualifying for regular and special unemployment insurance benefits) stood at 920,000 - a decrease of 11.9% from November 1986. The number of male beneficiaries decreased to 464,000 or by 17.9% compared to November 1986. For the same period, the number of female beneficiaries declined by 4.9% to 456,000.

¹ The number of beneficiaries represents a count of persons who qualified for unemployment insurance benefits during a specific week of the reference month.

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- Benefits paid during November 1987 totalled \$758 million², up 2.9% from November 1986. For January to November 1987, benefit payments amounted to \$9,543 million, virtually unchanged from the previous year. Over the same period, the average weekly payment increased by 5.1% to \$189.52, while the number of benefit weeks decreased by 4.8% to 50.4 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.

(see table on page 6)

Available on CANSIM: matrices 26 (series 1.6), 5700-5717, 5735 and 5736. The last two matrices are new; they contain monthly data, starting in January 1984, on beneficiaries by sex and Census Metropolitan Areas (CMAs) or Census Agglomerations (CAs).

Data for the months of September, October, and November 1987 will be published in the November 1987 issue of *Unemployment Insurance Statistics* (73-001, \$13/\$130), available at the beginning of February. 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 (613-951-4045) or Horst Stiebert (613-951-4044), Labour Division.

Unemployment Insurance Statistics

| | | | | | % change from | |
|---|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| | November 1987 | October 1987 | September 1987 | November 1986 | October 1987 | November 1986 |
| Benefits | | | | | | |
| Amount paid (\$000) | 757,715 | 661,786 | 751,161 | 736,053 | 14.5 | 2.9 |
| Weeks of benefit (000) | 3,932 | 3,483 | 3,978 | 4,006 | 12.9 | -1.8 |
| Average weekly benefit (\$) | 192.70 | 190.02 | 188.85 | 183.75 | 1.4 | 4.9 |
| Claims received (000) | 344 | 291 | 268 | 330 | 18.3 | 4.0 |
| Beneficiaries¹ (000) | | | | | | |
| Total | 920 ^p | 835 ^p | 821 ^r | 1,044 ^r | 10.1 | -11.9 |
| Regular benefits | 810 ^p | 728 ^p | 712 ^r | 909 ^r | 11.2 | -10.9 |
| Regular benefits – Seasonally adjusted | 868 ^p | 872 ^p | 897 ^r | 970 ^r | -0.5 | |
| | January to November | | | | | % change |
| | 1987 | | 1986 | | 1987/1986 | |
| Benefits | | | | | | |
| Amount paid (\$000) | 9,543,319 | | 9,534,342 | | | -0.1 |
| Weeks of benefit (000) | 50,355 | | 52,873 | | | -4.8 |
| Average weekly benefit (\$) | 189.52 | | 180.33 | | | 5.1 |
| Claims received (000) | 2,859 | | 2,995 | | | -4.6 |
| Beneficiaries – Year-to-date average¹ (000) | 1,027^p | | 1,091^r | | | -5.9 |

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

December 1987

The Canada total Union Wage Rate Index (including supplements) for construction trades (1981=100) for December 1987 remained unchanged from November 1987's level of 141.0. On a year-over-year basis, the 18-city Canada composite index increased by 3.1%.

The following table shows the rates for carpenters, electricians and plumbers for selected cities.

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

Order the fourth quarter 1987 issue of *Construction Price Statistics* (62-007, \$16.50/\$66), available in March. Contact the Information and Current Analysis Unit (613-951-9607), Prices Division.

Construction Union Wage Rates¹

December 1987
(In dollars)

| | Trades | | | | | |
|-------------|-----------|-------|-------------|-------|---------|-------|
| | Carpenter | | Electrician | | Plumber | |
| | B | B&S | B | B&S | B | B&S |
| St. John's | 14.84 | 17.74 | 17.37 | 21.36 | 17.37 | 20.52 |
| Halifax | 16.48 | 19.30 | 20.13 | 24.43 | 20.37 | 23.96 |
| Saint John | 15.54 | 18.12 | 17.51 | 24.72 | 18.35 | 23.05 |
| Montreal | 17.97 | 21.06 | 18.88 | 22.08 | 18.88 | 22.06 |
| Ottawa | 19.23 | 23.31 | 20.29 | 24.74 | 19.74 | 24.56 |
| Toronto | 19.65 | 24.65 | 20.17 | 25.17 | 20.41 | 25.45 |
| Thunder Bay | 21.53 | 23.75 | 19.96 | 24.03 | 19.53 | 24.16 |
| Winnipeg | 17.72 | 20.09 | 20.00 | 22.90 | 20.59 | 23.34 |
| Vancouver | 19.10 | 23.92 | 20.35 | 24.83 | 19.75 | 24.93 |

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

Air Passenger Origin and Destination Statistics - Domestic Report

Third Quarter 1987

Highlights

- Air passenger origin and destination data indicate that 3,116,470 passengers travelled on domestic scheduled services during the third quarter of 1987, down 3.4% from the 3,337,380 recorded for the third quarter of 1986.
- The large increases recorded at Vancouver during Expo 86 did not recur during the first nine months of 1987. In fact, 78% of the top 25 city-pairs recording decreases in traffic had Vancouver as one of the sites.
- Wardair's scheduled domestic services, which started in May 1986, helped to offset the decline in the third quarter of 1987. For example, traffic between Vancouver and Toronto increased 68.8% over the third quarter of 1985.

Order the *Aviation Statistics Centre Service Bulletin* (51-004, \$8.50/\$85), available the second week of February. Contact C. Walsh (819-997-6173), Aviation Statistics Centre, Transportation Division.

Steel Ingots

Week Ending January 23, 1988

Preliminary estimates indicate that Canadian steel ingot production for the week ending January 23, 1988 totalled 286 837 tonnes, a decrease of 2.3% from the preceding week's total of 293 676 tonnes and down 2.4% from the year-earlier level of 293 914 tonnes.

The cumulative total in 1988 was 935 029 tonnes, a decrease of 1.0% from 944 244 tonnes for the same period in 1987.

Contact Gerry Barrett (613-951-3515), Industry Division.

Phonograph Records and Pre-recorded Tapes

November 1987

Canadian manufacturers produced 3,915,849 phonograph records in November 1987, down 29.6% from the 5,562,953 produced a year earlier. Production of tapes decreased to 4,859,164 in November 1987, down 5.6% from 5,145,179 tapes in November 1986.

Year-to-date production of phonograph records amounted to 40,335,257 - down 11.8% from the 45,708,496 records produced during the January to November 1986 period. Cumulative production of tapes increased 5.0% to 45,743,414 from 43,576,655 tapes during the same period in 1986.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 2904.

Order the November 1987 issue of *Production and Sales of Phonograph Records and Pre-recorded Tapes in Canada* (47-004, \$4.50/\$45), to be released the week of January 25. Contact Marie-Pierre Longtin (613-951-3521) Industry Division.

Selected Financial Indexes

December 1987

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

Available on CANSIM: matrix 412.

Order the fourth quarter 1987 issue of *Construction Price Statistics* (62-007, \$16.50/\$66), available in March. Contact the Information and Current Analysis Unit (613-951-9607), Prices Division.

Publications Released

Gross Domestic Product by Industry,
October 1987. **Catalogue number 15-001**
(Canada: \$11.50/\$115; Other Countries:
\$12.50/\$125).

**Field Crop Reporting Series, No. 1: Stocks
of Canadian Grain, December 31, 1987.**
Catalogue number 22-002
(Canada: \$7.50/\$52; Other Countries:
\$8.50/\$58).
Available today at 3:00 pm.

**Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas
Production, September 1987.**
Catalogue number 26-006
(Canada: \$9/\$90; Other Countries: \$10/\$100).

**Food Industries – Prepared Flour Mixes
and Prepared Cereal Foods Industry, 1986**
Census of Manufactures.
Catalogue number 32-250B 1052
(Canada: \$4; Other Countries: \$5).

**Food Industries – Vegetable Oil Mills
(Except Corn Oil), 1986 Census of**
Manufactures.
Catalogue number 32-250B 1061
(Canada: \$4; Other Countries: \$5).

**Food Industries – Cane and Beet Sugar
Industry, 1986 Census of Manufactures.**
Catalogue number 32-250B 1081
(Canada: \$4; Other Countries: \$5).

Food Industries – Chewing Gum Industry,
1986 Census of Manufactures.
Catalogue number 32-250B 1082
(Canada: \$4; Other Countries: \$5).

**Production, Shipments and Stocks on
Hand of Sawmills in British Columbia,**
October 1987. **Catalogue number 35-003**
(Canada: \$6.50/\$65; Other Countries:
\$7.50/\$75).

Wood Industries – Wafer Board Industry,
1986 Census of Manufactures.
Catalogue number 35-250B 2593
(Canada: \$4; Other Countries: \$5).

Corrugated Boxes and Wrappers,
November 1987. **Catalogue number 36-004**
(Canada: \$4.50/\$45; Other Countries:
\$5.50/\$55).

**Paper and Allied Products – Building
Board Industry, 1986 Census of**
Manufactures.
Catalogue number 36-250B 2714
(Canada: \$4; Other Countries: \$5).

**Transportation Equipment Industries –
Motor Vehicle Industry, 1986 Census of**
Manufactures.
Catalogue number 42-251B 3231
(Canada: \$4; Other Countries: \$5).

**Non-metallic Mineral Products Industries
– Lime Industry, 1986 Census of**
Manufactures.
Catalogue number 44-250B 3581
(Canada: \$4; Other Countries: \$5).

**Refined Petroleum and Coal Products
Industries, 1985. Catalogue number 45-250**
(Canada: \$30; Other Countries: \$31.50).

Canadian Civil Aviation, 1986.
Catalogue number 51-206
(Canada: \$32; Other Countries: \$33).

Railway Carloadings, October 1987.
Catalogue number 52-001
(Canada: \$7.50/\$75; Other Countries:
\$8.50/\$85).

Department Store Sales and Stocks, July
1987. **Catalogue number 63-002**
(Canada: \$13/\$130; Other Countries:
\$14/\$140).

**The Construction Industry – Electrical
Trade Contractors, 1985.**
Catalogue number 64-205
(Canada: \$20; Other Countries: \$21).

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