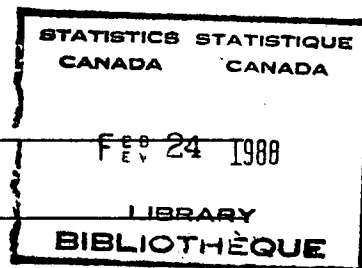


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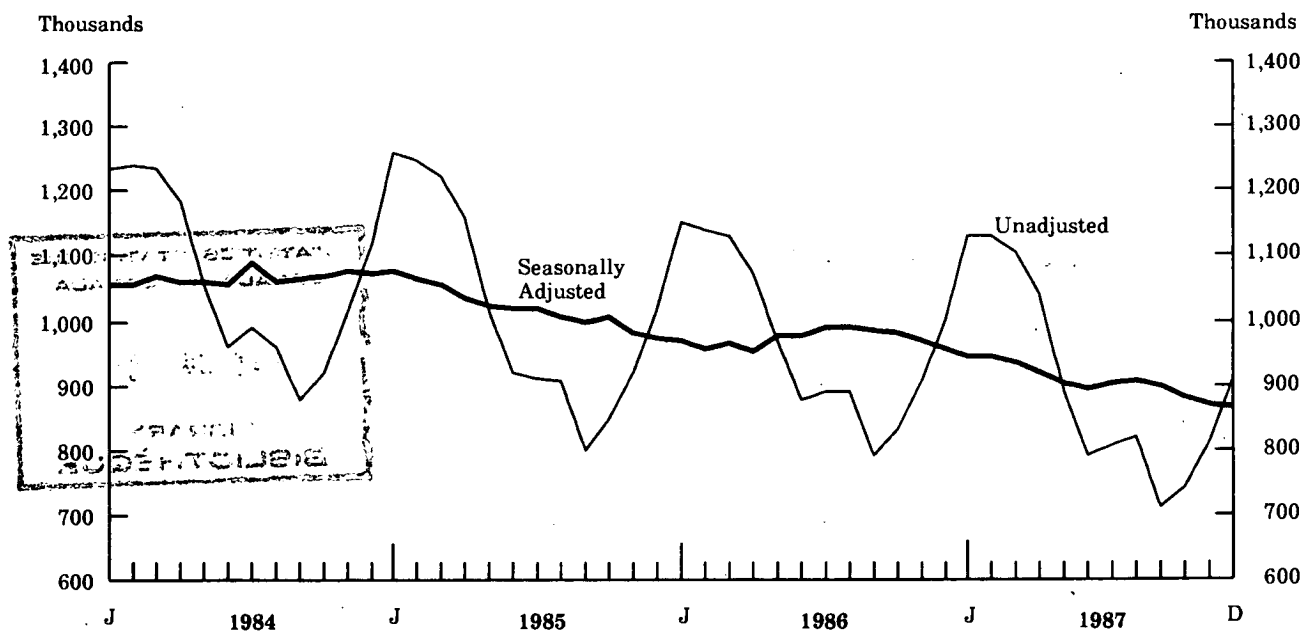
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## Major Releases

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



### Unemployment Insurance Statistics December 1987

#### Seasonally Adjusted Data - Beneficiaries Receiving Regular Benefits

- For the week ending December 12, 1987, preliminary estimates show that the number of beneficiaries<sup>1</sup> receiving regular unemployment insurance benefits totalled 866,000 - down 0.5% from the preceding month. The December decrease continued a trend which commenced in early 1983.
- Between November and December 1987, the seasonally adjusted number of beneficiaries receiving regular benefits decreased 7.3% in the Northwest Territories, 5.3% in Ontario, and 1.4% in Saskatchewan, while it increased 1.5% in Newfoundland and 1.5% in Prince Edward Island. There was little change in the remaining provinces.

#### Data Not Adjusted for Seasonal Variations

- In December 1987, the total number of beneficiaries<sup>1</sup> (including all persons qualifying for regular and special unemployment insurance benefits) stood at 1,051,000 - a decrease of 8.1% from December 1986. The number of male beneficiaries decreased to 575,000 or by 11.4% compared to December 1986. For the same period, the number of female beneficiaries declined by 3.9% to 476,000.

<sup>1</sup> 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 December 1987 totalled \$896 million,<sup>2</sup> down 8.5% from December 1986. In 1987, benefit payments amounted to \$10,439 million, down 0.7% from last year. For the same 12-month period, the average weekly payment increased by 5.1% to \$190.28, while the number of benefit weeks decreased by 5.5% to 54.9 million.
- A total of 362,000 claims<sup>2</sup> (applications) for unemployment insurance benefits were received in December 1987, up 1.3% from the same month a year ago. The increase is in part explained by the greater number of days to process claims in December 1987 as compared to the same month in 1986. In 1987, the total number of claims received was 3.22 million, a decrease of 3.9% from 1986.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

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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 October, November, and December 1987 will be published in the December 1987 issue of *Unemployment Insurance Statistics* (73-001, \$13/\$130), available at the beginning of March. See "How to Order Publications". Unpublished beneficiaries data are also available on request, including statistics for small areas as defined by data users.

For special tabulations and further detailed information concerning this release, contact J.-P. Maynard (613-951-4045) or Horst Stiebert (613-951-4044), Labour Division.

## Unemployment Insurance Statistics

					% change from	
	December 1987	November 1987	October 1987	December 1986	November 1987	December 1986
<b>Benefits</b>						
Amount paid (\$000)	896,043	757,715	661,786	979,215	18.3	-8.5
Weeks of benefit (000)	4,509	3,932	3,483	5,191	14.7	-13.1
Average weekly benefit (\$)	198.70	192.70	190.02	188.65	3.1	5.3
<b>Claims received (000)</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>1.3</b>
<b>Beneficiaries<sup>1</sup> (000)</b>						
Total	1,051 <sup>p</sup>	920 <sup>p</sup>	853 <sup>r</sup>	1,144 <sup>r</sup>	14.3	-8.1
Regular benefits	911 <sup>p</sup>	810 <sup>p</sup>	741 <sup>r</sup>	1,003 <sup>r</sup>	12.5	-9.1
Regular benefits— Seasonally adjusted	866 <sup>p</sup>	870 <sup>p</sup>	881 <sup>r</sup>	956 <sup>r</sup>	-0.5	
				January to December		% change
				1987	1986	1987/1986
<b>Benefits</b>						
Amount paid (\$000)		10,439,361		10,513,557		-0.7
Weeks of benefit (000)		54,864		58,063		-5.5
Average weekly benefit (\$)		190.28		181.07		5.1
<b>Claims received (000)</b>		<b>3,221</b>		<b>3,353</b>		<b>-3.9</b>
<b>Beneficiaries – Year-to-date average<sup>1</sup> (000)</b>		<b>1,031 <sup>p</sup></b>		<b>1,095 <sup>r</sup></b>		<b>-5.9</b>

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>p</sup> Preliminary figures.

<sup>r</sup> Revised figures.

## Crude Oil and Natural Gas

November 1987

### Highlights

- Preliminary figures indicate that production of crude oil and equivalent hydrocarbons in November 1987 amounted to 8.2 million cubic metres, an increase of 11.0% over November 1986.
- Crude oil exports, down 0.4%, decreased for the first time since April of this year. Imports of crude oil continued to reflect increased demand by eastern refineries. During the past three months imports have risen an average of 16.3%. For 1987 to date, import levels are 12.7% above those for the first 11 months of 1986.

- Marketable production of natural gas sustained its upward trend, reaching 7.7 billion cubic metres in November, an increase of 9.5% over November 1986. Despite some recent signs of growth, domestic sales of natural gas retreated below November 1986 levels, posting a decline of 7.3%. Exports of natural gas continued their return to 1985 levels, rising 51.8% over November 1986.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 127 and 128.

The November 1987 issue of *Crude Oil and Natural Gas Production* (26-006, \$8/\$80) will be available the second week of March.

For further detailed information concerning this release, contact Gérard O'Connor (613-951-3562), Industry Division.

## Crude Oil and Natural Gas

	November 1987	% Change from Nov. 1986	Jan.- Nov. 1987	% Change from Jan.- Nov. 1986
(thousands of cubic metres)				
<b>Crude oil and equivalent</b>				
Production	8 213.4	11.0	86 699.2	3.6
Exports	2 986.8	-0.4	33 171.5	6.6
Imports	1 796.1	41.9	20 836.5	12.7
Refinery receipts	6 897.4	15.2	74 399.2	4.1
(millions of cubic metres)				
<b>Natural gas</b>				
Marketable production	7 684.2	9.5	68 985.4	7.3
Exports	3 025.3	51.8	24 635.5	32.6
Canadian sales	4 298.9	-7.3	40 900.3	-4.5

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## Data Availability Announcements

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### Chain Store Stocks

December 1987

#### Highlights

- Retail chain store stocks totalled \$4,213 million at the end of December 1987, an increase of 0.3% over the level reached in December 1986.
- The inventories to sales ratio stood at 0.74:1, down from the ratio of 0.81:1 observed in December 1986. In 1987, this ratio averaged 1.08:1, down from the ratio of 1.19:1 registered in 1986.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 194.

The December 1987 issue of *Merchandising Inventories* (63-014, \$13/\$130) will be available the third week of April.

For further detailed information concerning this release, contact Roger Laplante (613-951-3549), Retail Trade Section, Industry Division.

### Passenger Bus and Urban Transit Statistics

1986

Preliminary 1986 data for intercity passenger bus, urban transit and other passenger bus operators (school bus and charters etc.) are now available.

#### Highlights

- There were 34 intercity passenger bus establishments reporting in 1986. These carriers reported operating revenues of \$335.9 million, an increase of 1.8% over 1985 and operating expenses of \$316.1 million, up 0.8%. The number of employees reported was 4,862.
- In 1986, 70 urban transit establishments reported operating revenues of \$2.3 billion, an increase of 19.4% over 1985. Operating expenses totalled \$2.1 billion. The number of employees reported was 35,708.

- The 856 other passenger bus establishments reported \$793.9 million in operating revenues in 1986 and \$697.0 million in operating expenses.

The 1986 issue of *Passenger Bus and Urban Transit Statistics* (53-215, \$32) will be available in March.

For further detailed information concerning this release, contact Ray Forcier (613-951-8700), Surface Transport Unit, Transportation Division.

### Oils and Fats

November 1987

Production by Canadian manufacturers of all types of deodorized oils in November 1987 totalled 57 261 tonnes, an increase of 1.1% from the 56 626<sup>r</sup> (revised figure) tonnes produced in October 1987. The 1987 year-to-date production totalled 558 087 tonnes, an increase of 6.2% from the corresponding 1986 figure of 525 668<sup>r</sup> tonnes.

Manufacturers' packaged sales of shortening totalled 8 571 tonnes in November 1987, down from the 9 997<sup>r</sup> tonnes sold the previous month. Cumulative sales to date in 1987 were 94 315 tonnes, compared to cumulative sales of 88 302<sup>r</sup> tonnes in 1986.

Sales of packaged salad oil increased to 11 060 tonnes in November 1987 from 6 358<sup>r</sup> tonnes in October. The cumulative sales to date in 1987 reached 68 256 tonnes, up from sales of 61 518 tonnes in 1986.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 184.

The October 1987 issue of *Oils and Fats* (32-006, \$4/\$40) will be available the week of February 29. See "How to Order Publications".

For further detailed information concerning this release, contact Brian Preston (613-951-3511), Industry Division.

## Imports by Commodity

December 1987

Commodity-country import trade statistics for December 1987 are now available on microfiche, computer printouts or magnetic tapes in advance of the monthly publication.

Available on CANSIM (for selected information): matrices 3652-3678 and 3718.

The December 1987 issue of *Imports by Commodity* (65-007, \$50/\$500) will be available the third week of March. See "How to Order Publications".

For further detailed information concerning this release, contact Gordon Blaney (613-951-9647), International Trade Division.

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

**Vital Statistics Quarterly, October-December 1986. Catalogue number 84-001**  
(Canada: \$5/\$20; Other Countries: \$6/\$24).

**Profiles – Census Tracts, London: Part 1, 1986 Census. Catalogue number 95-125**  
(Canada: \$22; Other Countries: \$23).

**Profiles – Census Tracts, North Bay: Part 1, 1986 Census. Catalogue number 95-131**  
(Canada: \$20; Other Countries: \$21).

**Profiles – Census Tracts, Saint John: Part 1, 1986 Census. Catalogue number 95-145**  
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