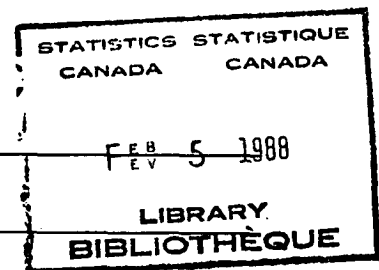


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Labour Force Survey

January 1988

Overview

Estimates from Statistics Canada's Labour Force Survey for January 1988 show that employment continued its upward trend, rising by 38,000 this month. A similar increase in the overall size of the labour force resulted in the unemployment rate remaining unchanged at 8.1.

Employment

For the week ended January 16, 1988, the seasonally adjusted level of employment was estimated at 12,228,000, up 38,000 from December. Employment gains were concentrated among persons aged 25 and over (+31,000).

- The rise in employment was led by advances of 24,000 for men aged 25 and over and 12,000 for men in the 15 to 24 age group.
- Part-time employment rose by an estimated 28,000 as the result of an increase of 22,000 for females. There was little overall change in full-time employment with an increase of 33,000 among males being offset by a decline of 30,000 for females.
- Employment gains were concentrated in community, business and personal services (+28,000) and in transportation, communications and other utilities (+17,000) while there were declines in both agriculture and the other primary industries.
- The estimated level of employment rose by 3,000 in Newfoundland, 11,000 in British Columbia, and 19,000 in Quebec while it declined by 4,000 in Nova Scotia. There was little or no change in employment in the other provinces.

Unemployment

The seasonally adjusted estimate of unemployment remained virtually unchanged in January 1988 (1,072,000). The unemployment rate was 8.1, the same as last month.

- Unemployment fell by an estimated 14,000 among men aged 25 and over while it increased by 12,000 for women in this age group. The slight increase in unemployment among persons aged 15 to 24 was equally distributed between men and women.
- The unemployment rates for persons aged 15 to 24 and for those aged 25 and over were little changed from last month at 12.7 and 6.8, respectively.
- The estimated number of unemployed fell by 21,000 in Quebec and 5,000 in British Columbia. It rose by 4,000 in Nova Scotia and 12,000 in Ontario. There was little or no change in the remaining provinces.
- The unemployment rate increased by 0.9 in Prince Edward Island (14.4), 1.0 in Nova Scotia (12.1), 0.3 in Ontario (5.6), 0.4 in Manitoba (7.5) and Saskatchewan (7.6), and 0.1 in Alberta (8.8). It fell by 0.6 in Newfoundland (17.4), 0.7 in Quebec (9.0), and 0.4 in British Columbia (10.1) while remaining unchanged at 12.5 in New Brunswick.

Participation Rate/Employment Ratio

The seasonally adjusted participation rate and employment/population ratio advanced 0.1 to 66.6 and 61.2, respectively.

- The participation rate increased by 0.5 among persons aged 15 to 24, due entirely to a rise of 0.9 in the rate for young men.

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- The employment/population ratio rose by 0.4 among persons aged 15 to 24 as the result of an advance of 0.8 in the ratio for men in this age group. The ratio rose to 61.3 (+0.1) among persons aged 25 and over.

Changes since January 1987
(unadjusted estimates)

- Employment increased by an estimated 486,000 (+4.3%), to 11,819,000.
- Full-time employment rose by 428,000 (+4.5%) to 9,843,000 and part-time employment increased by an estimated 58,000 to 1,976,000 (+3.0%).
- Employment gains in the goods-producing industries (+5.3%) were led by advances of 12.9% in construction and 5.4% in manufacturing.
- The rise of 3.9% in employment in the service-producing industries was the result of increases in finance, insurance and real estate (+6.6%) and trade (+5.4%).

- The estimated number of unemployed declined by 181,000 (-13.5%) to 1,161,000.
- The unemployment rate dropped to 8.9 (-1.7).
- The participation rate advanced 0.7 to 65.0 and the employment/population ratio jumped 1.7 to 59.2.

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

Order the January 1988 issue of *The Labour Force* (71-001, \$22/\$220), available the third week of February, or contact Ken Bennett (613-951-4720), Household Surveys Division.

For summary information, available on the day of release, order *Labour Force Information* (71-001p, \$5.50/\$55).

Labour Force Characteristics, Canada

	January 1988	December 1987	January 1987
Seasonally adjusted data			
Labour force ('000)	13,300	13,260	13,002
Employment ('000)	12,228	12,190	11,746
Unemployment ('000)	1,072	1,070	1,256
Unemployment rate (%)	8.1	8.1	9.7
Participation rate (%)	66.6	66.5	65.9
Employment/population ratio (%)	61.2	61.1	59.6
Unadjusted data			
Labour force ('000)	12,980	13,057	12,675
Employment ('000)	11,819	12,031	11,333
Unemployment ('000)	1,161	1,025	1,342
Unemployment rate (%)	8.9	7.9	10.6
Participation rate (%)	65.0	65.5	64.3
Employment/population ratio (%)	59.2	60.3	57.5

Farm Input Price Index (FIPI)

Fourth Quarter 1987

The Farm Input Price Index (1981 = 100) for the fourth quarter of 1987 stood at a preliminary level of 111.0, down 0.1% from the previous quarter but up 2.2% from a year earlier. A quarterly decline of 1.3% in the animal production component index was almost offset by small increases in the other five major group indexes.

Highlights

- The animal production index decreased mainly as a consequence of lower prices for feeder cattle (-2.0%) and weanling pigs (-1.3%). Also the feed index was down by 0.5%.

- The index for supplies and services rose 1.3%, as prices for small tools rose by 2.7% and for furnace oil by 9.2%.
- An increase in the machinery and motor vehicles index, 0.3%, was the net result of higher prices for motor vehicle replacement (+11.9%) and lower prices for machinery replacement (-0.7%).

Available on CANSIM: matrices 1900-1909.

Order the fourth quarter 1987 issue of *Farm Input Price Indexes* (62-004, \$11.25/\$45), available at the end of February. Contact: Information and Current Analysis Unit (613-951-9607), Prices Division.

Farm Input Price Indexes
(1981 = 100)

	% change				
	4 th Quarter 1987	3 rd Quarter 1987	4 th Quarter 1986	4 th Quarter 1987/ 3 rd Quarter 1987	4 th Quarter Q 1987/ 4 th Quarter 1986
Eastern Canada					
Total farm input ^P	112.3	111.2	108.7	1.0	3.3
Building and fencing	139.6	138.3	134.3	0.9	3.9
Machinery and motor vehicles	119.4	118.5	116.4	0.8	2.6
Crop production	110.7	109.1	104.6	1.5	5.8
Animal production	109.2	108.2	105.5	0.9	3.5
Supplies and services	134.6	131.4	126.9	2.4	6.1
Hired farm labour	137.4	136.2	131.0	0.9	4.9
Property taxes ^P	135.2	135.2	128.3	0.0	5.4
Interest ^P	77.0	76.7	79.9	0.4	-3.6
Farm rent ^P	78.0	78.0	75.7	0.0	3.0
Western Canada					
Total farm input ^P	110.0	111.1	108.6	-1.0	1.3
Building and fencing	127.7	127.5	125.5	0.2	1.8
Machinery and motor vehicles	116.5	116.4	115.8	0.1	0.6
Crop production	93.6	93.8	97.8	-0.2	-4.3
Animal production	118.2	122.4	112.3	-3.4	5.3
Supplies and services	125.1	124.9	122.7	0.2	2.0
Hired farm labour	122.9	122.4	121.7	0.4	1.0
Property taxes ^P	144.5	144.5	140.9	0.0	2.6
Interest ^P	75.9	75.5	77.9	0.5	-2.6
Farm rent ^P	94.9	94.9	97.1	0.0	-2.3
Canada					
Total farm input ^P	111.0	111.1	108.6	-0.1	2.2
Building and fencing	133.9	133.1	130.0	0.6	3.0
Machinery and motor vehicles	117.5	117.2	116.0	0.3	1.3
Crop production	100.3	99.8	100.4	0.5	-0.1
Animal production	113.7	115.2	108.9	-1.3	4.4
Supplies and services	129.5	127.9	124.6	1.3	3.9
Hired farm labour	131.1	130.2	127.0	0.7	3.2
Property taxes ^P	141.3	141.3	136.5	0.0	3.5
Interest ^P	76.4	76.0	78.7	0.5	-2.9
Farm rent ^P	91.1	91.1	92.3	0.0	-1.3

^P Preliminary figures.

Data Availability Announcements

Federal Government Employment in Metropolitan Areas

September 1987

- Federal (general government) employment in metropolitan areas numbered 237,954 in September 1987 compared to 240,437 in September 1986, a decrease of 1.0% or 2,483 employees. This marks the second consecutive year of slight decline.
- The general government category includes departments, ministries, boards, commissions and agencies, but excludes government enterprises.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 2719.

The 1987 issue of *Federal Government Employment in Metropolitan Areas* (72-205, \$24), will be released in March. Contact: T. Moore (613-951-8306) or M. Fathy (613-951-1843), Public Institutions Division.

Particleboard, Waferboard and Hardboard

November 1987

Canadian firms produced 138 454 cubic metres of waferboard in November 1987, an increase of 30.8% from the 105 814 cubic metres produced a year earlier. Particleboard production reached 116 271 cubic metres in November 1987, up 26.0% from 92 302 cubic metres the previous year. Production of hardboard for November 1987 was 4 139 thousand square metres, basis 3.175 mm (44,550 thousand square feet, basis 1/8 inch). Production figures for November 1986 are confidential.

Production of waferboard during January to November 1987 totalled 1 484 467 cubic metres, up 18.6% from the 1 251 348 cubic metres produced during the same period a year earlier. Particleboard production was 1 237 064 cubic metres, up 18.8% from 1 041 410 cubic metres in January to November

1986. Production of hardboard reached 40 246 thousand square metres, basis 3.175 mm (433,203 thousand square feet, basis 1/8 inch). Production figures for January to November 1986 are confidential.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 31 (series 2, 3 and 4) and matrix 122 (series 8 and 34).

Order the November 1987 issue of *Particleboard, Waferboard and Hardboard* (36-003, \$4.50/\$45), to be released the week of February 15. Contact: Jacques Lepage (613-951-3516), Industry Division.

Cement Industry

1986 Census of Manufactures

In 1986, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the cement industry (SIC 3521) totalled \$831.7 million, up 4.5% from \$795.6 million in 1985.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 6851 and to be released in catalogue 44-250B 3521.

Contact: Sharon Boyer (613-951-3520), Industry Division.

Precious Metal Secondary Refining Industry

1986 Census of Manufactures

In 1986, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the precious metal secondary refining industries (SIC 3922) totalled \$245.0 million, down 0.9% from \$247.1 million in 1985.

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Contact: R. Wright (613-951-3514), Industry Division.

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Actual Data, Seasonal Factors,
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