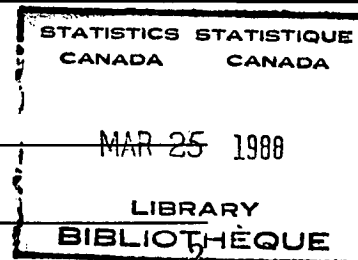


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### Financial Institutions: Financial Statistics, Fourth Quarter 1987

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### Sales of Natural Gas, January 1988

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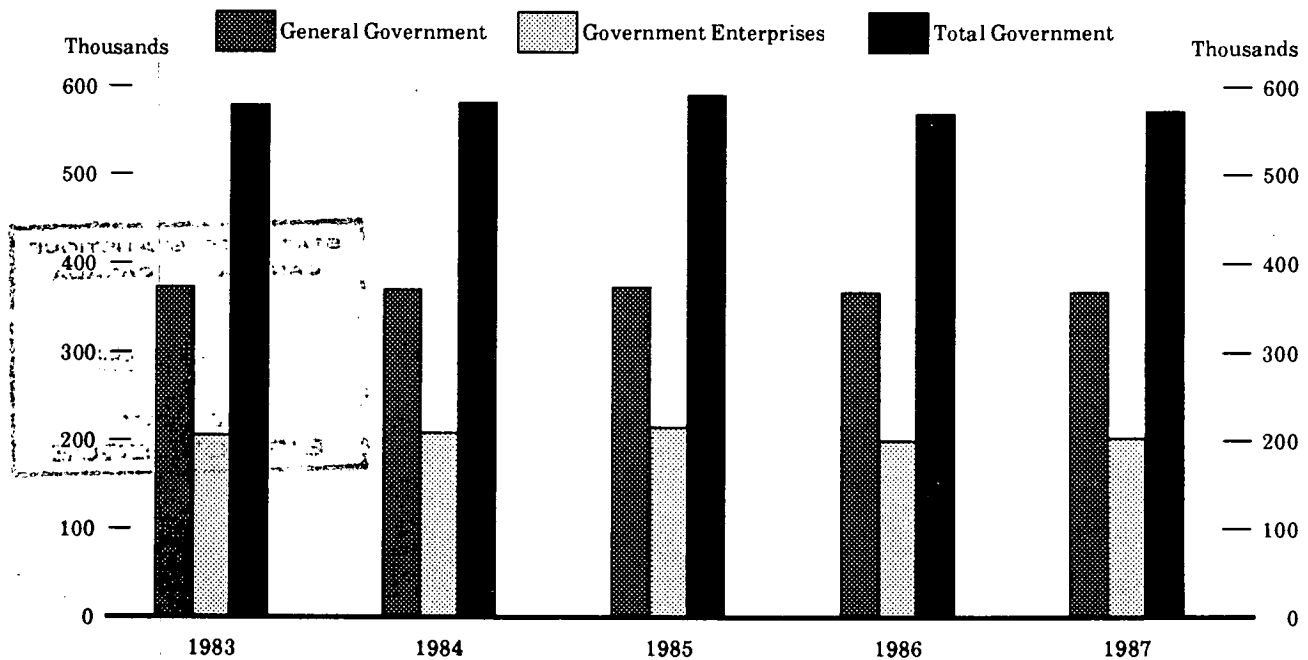
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## Major Releases

### Federal Government Employment, December 1983-1987



### Federal Government Employment December 1987

#### Highlights

- There were 367,676 federal (general government) employees in December 1987 compared to 369,087 in December 1986, a decrease of 0.4% or 1,411 employees. The general government category includes departments, ministries, boards, commissions and agencies, but excludes government enterprises.

Significant variations in general government employment occurred in the following departments:

#### Decreases

- Indian Affairs and Northern Development -646 (-11.9%)
- Statistics Canada -407 (-7.9%)

- Supply and Services -377 (-3.7%)
- Employment and Immigration -739 (-2.8%)

#### Increases

- Public Works 393 (5.2%)
- National Revenue 672 (2.4%)
- Royal Canadian Mounted Police 539 (2.4%)

- The decrease in employment at Indian Affairs and Northern Development was due to the continuing transfer of programs in the areas of self-government and education from the federal government to Native control and that of architectural and engineering services to Public Works. The decline at Statistics Canada was caused by the termination of temporary employees previously hired for the one-time occurrence of the June 1986 Census.

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- The decline at Employment and Immigration was due to staff reductions administered by the Employment Maintenance Program, while the decrease at the Department of Supply and Services was the result of cutbacks.
- The increase in employment at Public Works was due to the consolidation of architectural and engineering services resources from other departments, which resulted in the transfer of employees from the Departments of Transport and Indian Affairs and Northern Development. The rise in employment in National Revenue stemmed mainly from a growth in the Taxation Program.
- The increase in employment in the Royal Canadian Mounted Police was due to increased recruitment of members of the Force for diplomatic security and police services under contract to provinces, territories and municipalities.

#### **Federal Government Enterprises**

- There were 205,167 employees of government enterprises in December 1987 as compared to 204,227 in December 1986, up 0.5% or 940 employees.
- The rise in government enterprise employment from the previous year was due primarily to the acquisition of Air Ontario and Gelco Express Ltd. by Air Canada, and employment growth at Canada Post Corporation. These increases and other smaller ones were partly offset by decreases caused by the sale to the private sector of Fishery Products International and Tele-globe Canada during the year.

#### **Total Government Employment**

- General government and government enterprise employment totalled 572,843 in December 1987, compared to 573,314 in December 1986, a decrease of 0.08% or 471 employees.

Available on CANSIM: quarterly data are located in matrix 2717, monthly data by province in matrix 2718 and Canadian Armed Forces data in matrix 2720.

The October-December 1987 issue of *Federal Government Employment* (72-004, \$22/\$88) will be released by the end of April. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact T. Moore (613-951-8306) or M. Fathy (613-951-1843), Public Institutions Division.

## **Financial Institutions: Financial Statistics**

Fourth Quarter 1987

### **Investment Funds**

Canadian sales of investment funds stood at \$3.17 billion in the fourth quarter of 1987, an increase of 19.5% over sales for the same quarter in 1986. Net sales however, due to record redemptions of \$3.47 billion, were -\$305 million, a dramatic change from the \$1.14 billion recorded for the fourth quarter of 1986.

Total assets of investment funds at market value were \$29 billion, a decline of about 11% from the third quarter. This reflects both the negative net sales for the quarter and a drop of 12.5% in market value of common and preferred shares from the end of the third quarter. However, total assets were still \$5 billion higher than the market value of total assets at the end of 1986.

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Available on CANSIM: matrices 3800-3809, 3815, 3820, 3834-3845, 3849, 3857-3859 and 3883-3886.

The fourth quarter 1987 issue of *Financial Institutions* (61-006, \$40/\$160) will be available in early May. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Robert Moreau (613-951-2512) or Garry Somers (613-951-9851), Financial Institutions Section, Industrial Organization and Finance Division.

**Financial Institutions**  
Fourth Quarter 1987

	Fourth Quarter 1987	Change from previous quarter	Change from same period a year earlier	
		millions of dollars		%
<b>Trust companies</b>				
Mortgages	55,871	2,038	8,100	17.5
Total assets	89,958	1,618	8,214	10.3
Deposits	80,474	1,879	8,465	12.0
<b>Mortgage companies</b>				
Mortgages	64,317	4,253	16,014	32.8
Total assets	77,460	4,800	21,093	36.5
Deposits	56,345	3,902	17,846	44.1
<b>Financial corporations</b>				
Retail sales financing:				
Industrial and commercial	5,211	241	987	23.5
Consumer	6,770	476	868	14.7
Wholesale financing	3,927	519	787	21.9
Personal loans	851	40	83	10.8
Total assets	20,191	1,483	4,779	27.0
<b>Finance leasing corporations</b>				
Lease contracts outstanding	4,130	146	234	6.3
Total assets	5,109	187	713	16.6
<b>Investment funds</b>				
Total assets:				
Cost	27,765	-254	4,328	20.9
Market	28,987	-3,505	5,199	21.8
Total portfolio:				
Cost	26,798	153	4,374	22.1
Market	28,021	-3,103	5,196	22.8
<b>Property and casualty insurance companies</b>				
Net premiums earned	2,954	83	273	10.2
Underwriting gains	-390	-225	-188	...
Total assets	25,341	688	3,022	13.8

... Figures not appropriate or not applicable.

## Sales of Natural Gas

January 1988

Sales of natural gas (including direct sales) in Canada during January 1988 totalled 6 467.1 million cubic metres, an 11.8% increase from the level recorded the previous year.

On the basis of rate structure information, sales in January 1988 were broken down as follows, with the percentage changes from January 1987 in brackets: residential sales, 2 073.3 million cubic metres (+13.7%); commercial sales, 1 709.5 million cubic metres (+15.2%) and industrial sales (including direct sales) 2 684.4 million cubic metres (+8.4%).

The January 1988 issue of *Gas Utilities* (55-002, \$11.50/\$115) will be available the third week of April. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Gary Smalldridge (613-951-3567), Energy Section, Industry Division.

## Sales of Natural Gas

January 1988

Preliminary Data

	Rate structure				
	Residential	Commercial	Industrial	Direct	Total
	(thousands of cubic metres)				
New Brunswick	-	-	-	-	-
Quebec	107 612	187 065	293 776	10 069	598 522
Ontario	994 010	715 055	905 076	133 968	2 748 109
Manitoba	119 437	109 965	59 418	-	288 820
Saskatchewan	155 000	122 000	40 000	37 086	354 086
Alberta	480 515	390 805	956 457	-	1 827 777
British Columbia	216 726	184 570	156 564	91 942	649 802
<b>January 1988 - Canada</b>	<b>2 073 300</b>	<b>1 709 460</b>	<b>2 411 291</b>	<b>273 065</b>	<b>6 467 116</b>
January 1987 - Canada	1 823 871	1 483 926	2 345 127	130 778	5 783 702
% change	13.7	15.2	8.4		11.8

**Note:** Revised figures will be available in the "Gas Utilities" publication (Catalogue # 55-002) as well as on CANSIM.  
- Nil.

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## Data Availability Announcements

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### Production of Biscuits

Fourth Quarter 1987

Production of biscuits (all types) totalled 56 557 666 kilograms during the fourth quarter of 1987, an increase of 4.6% from the 54 085 693<sup>r</sup> (revised figure) kilograms produced during the fourth quarter of 1986.

The year-to-date production for 1987 was 197 265 400 kilograms, up from 186 023 285<sup>r</sup> kilograms for the same period a year earlier.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 190.

The fourth quarter 1987 issue of *Production of Selected Biscuits* (32-026, \$5/\$20) is scheduled to be released the week of March 28. See "How to Order Publications".

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

### Shipments of Office Furniture Products

Fourth Quarter 1987

For the quarter ending December 31, 1987, shipments of office furniture products totalled \$189.6 million, an increase of 13.5% compared to \$167.1<sup>r</sup> (revised figure) million shipped during the same quarter the previous year.

Cumulative shipments for 1987 amounted to \$680.1 million, an increase of 10.2% from the \$617.1<sup>r</sup> shipped during 1986.

Manufacturers' shipments of office furniture products for the fourth quarter of 1987 are now available. Data for province of destination as well as exports are also available.

The fourth quarter 1987 issue of *Quarterly Shipments of Office Furniture Products* (35-006, \$6.25/\$25) is scheduled to be released the week of March 28. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Keith Martin (613-951-3518), Industry Division.

### Leaf Tobacco Industry

1986 Census of Manufactures

In 1986, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the leaf tobacco industry (SIC 1211) totalled \$335.8 million, down 3.0% from \$346.3 million in 1985.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5407 and to be released in catalogue 32-251B 1211.

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

### Rubber Hose and Belting Industry

1986 Census of Manufactures

In 1986, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the rubber hose and belting industry (SIC 1521) totalled \$214.5 million, up 0.3% from \$213.8 million in 1985.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5411 and to be released in catalogue 33-250B 1521.

For more detailed information on this release, contact T. Raj Sehdev (613-951-3513), Industry Division.

### Chemical Fertilizer and Fertilizer Materials Industry

1986 Census of Manufactures

In 1986, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the chemical fertilizer and fertilizer materials industry (SIC 3721) totalled \$913.7 million, down 5.4% from \$966.0 million in 1985.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 6872 and to be released in catalogue 46-250B 3721.

For more detailed information on this release, contact T. Raj Sehdev (613-951-3513), Industry Division.

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**Telephone Statistics, December 1987.**  
**Catalogue number 56-002**  
(Canada: \$7.50/\$75; Other Countries:  
\$8.50/\$85).

**Employment, Earnings and Hours,**  
**December 1987. Catalogue number 72-002**  
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