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Unemployment Insurance Statistics, January 1988

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100% Data Profiles – Large Urban Centres and Census Tracts 1986 Census

Some of the leading indicators from Canada's largest demographic survey – the 1986 Census – are now available in profile form for 37 large urban centres, their major component census subdivisions and their component census tracts (small census geostatistical areas established in large urban communities; populations of CTs normally vary between 2,500 and 8,000 persons). 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 which are 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. Profiles can be used with geographic and cartographic computer files (also available from Statistics Canada) in a number of data analysis applications such as market research and the planning of numerous community and local services.

See page 5 for information on content and prices.

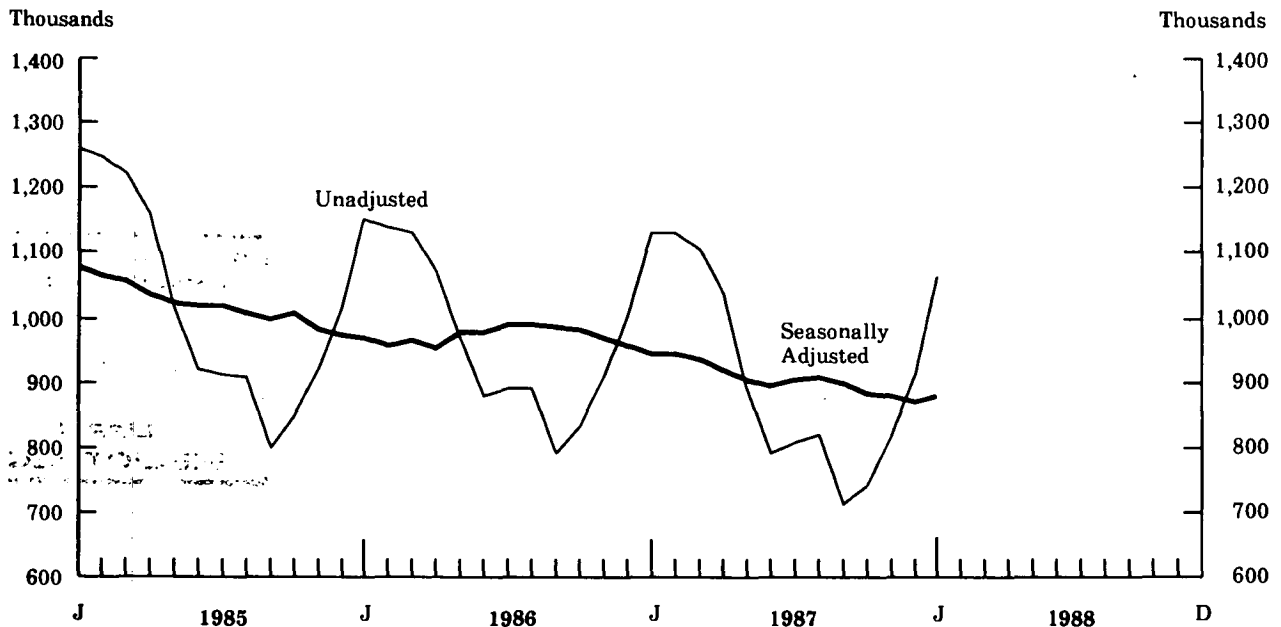


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Number of Beneficiaries Receiving Regular Benefits, Canada, 1985-1988



Unemployment Insurance Statistics January 1988

Seasonally Adjusted Data - Beneficiaries Receiving Regular Benefits

- For the week ending January 16, 1988, preliminary estimates show that the number of beneficiaries¹ receiving regular unemployment insurance benefits totalled 879,000 - up 1.0% from the preceding month. This is the first increase since August 1987 when the number of beneficiaries stood at 909,000.
- Between December 1987 and January 1988, the seasonally adjusted number of beneficiaries receiving regular benefits increased in most provinces: 2.9% in the Northwest Territories, 2.4% in Saskatchewan, 2.1% in British Columbia, 2.0% in

Prince Edward Island, 1.6% in Newfoundland, 1.6% in Manitoba, 1.3% in New Brunswick and 1.2% in Quebec. The number decreased in the Yukon (-1.1%) while Nova Scotia, Ontario and Alberta recorded little change.

Data Not Adjusted for Seasonal Variation

- In January 1988, the total number of beneficiaries¹ (including all persons qualifying for regular and special unemployment insurance benefits) stood at 1,195,000 - a decrease of 5.7% from January 1987. For the same period, the number of male beneficiaries decreased to 703,000 (-7.2%) while the number of female beneficiaries declined by 3.3% to 492,000.

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 January 1988 totalled \$1,053 million², up slightly (0.3%) from January 1987. Over the same period, average weekly payments increased 6.0% to \$202.09, while the number of weeks paid decreased by 5.4% to 5.2 million.
- A total of 309,000 claims² (applications) for unemployment insurance benefits were received in January 1988, down 2.9% from the same month a year ago. The decrease is in part explained by the greater number of days available to process claims in January 1987 than in January 1988.

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.

Note to Users

Each year the ceilings are adjusted for insurable earnings and weekly benefits. For 1988, the weekly insurable earnings maximum has been raised to \$565 from \$530, and the weekly benefit level, calculated as 60% of weekly insurable earnings, has been increased to \$339 from \$318 in 1987.

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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 November and December 1987, and January 1988 will be published in the January 1988 issue of *Unemployment Insurance Statistics* (73-001, \$13/\$130), available at the beginning of April. 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 information contact J.-P. Maynard (613-951-4045) or Horst Stiebert (613-951-4044), Labour Division.

Unemployment Insurance Statistics

					% change from	
	January 1988	December 1987	November 1987	January 1987	December 1987	January 1987
Benefits						
Amount paid (\$000)	1,052,710	896,043	757,715	1,049,946	17.5	0.3
Weeks of benefit (000)	5,209	4,509	3,932	5,508	15.5	-5.4
Average weekly benefit (\$)	202.09	198.70	192.70	190.62	1.7	6.0
Claims received (000)	309	362	344	318	-14.8	-2.9
Beneficiaries¹ (000)						
Total	1,195 ^p	1,051 ^p	934 ^r	1,267 ^r	13.7	-5.7
Regular benefits	1,063 ^p	911 ^p	820 ^r	1,133 ^r	16.7	-6.1
Regular benefits – Seasonally adjusted	879 ^p	870 ^p	879 ^r	946 ^r	1.0	

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.

Data Availability Announcement

100% Data Profiles – Large Urban Centres and Census Tracts

1986 Census

Profiles providing the information described below are now available for 37 large urban centres, their component census subdivisions and their component census tracts.

These profiles contain data gathered from all Canadian households. Supplementary data from 20% of the population, including such topics as ethnicity, education, industry, occupation, and income will become available at a later date.

Prices for tape output of the large urban centre profiles range from \$500 for the smallest centre to \$1,440 for all of Canada. Cost estimates for selected subprovincial regions or for output to diskette can be provided upon demand.

Content of Profiles

- Population, 1981
- Population, 1986
- Population, percentage change, 1981-86
- Land area in square kilometres, 1986
- Population density per square kilometer, 1986
- Sex and age groups (24)
- Marital status (5)
- Mother tongue (11)
- Dwellings (8)
- Households (12)
- Census families (27)
- Family status and living arrangements (13)
- Economic families (9)

For more detailed information on this release, contact your local Regional Reference Centre (see page 7) or the Electronic Data Dissemination Division (613-951-8200).

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