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### 1986 Census of Canada: Income Data

Income data from the 1986 Census will be released April 20, 1988. Further information can be obtained on or after the release date by calling any of the regional reference centres listed in *The Daily*.



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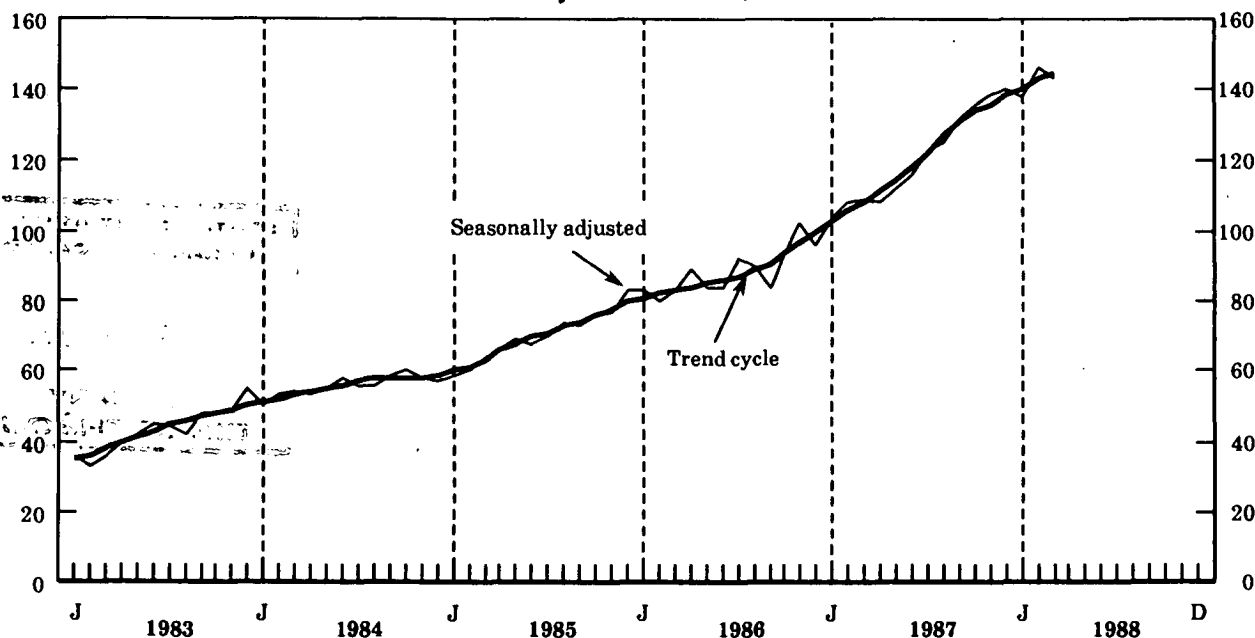
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### Help-wanted Index, Canada (1981 = 100)

January 1983 to March 1988



### Help-wanted Index March 1988

The Help-wanted Index monitors the space devoted to help-wanted ads published in 18 major metropolitan area newspapers and serves as an indicator of the demand for labour.

#### Highlights

- The seasonally adjusted Help-wanted Index for Canada (1981=100) decreased to 143 from 146 between February and March 1988, falling by 2.1% from the highest level recorded since 1962, the first year for which data are available.
- Between February and March 1988, the index also decreased from all-time highs in Quebec (to 160 from 163) and in Ontario (to 194 from 197). It increased in the Atlantic region (to 172 from 154), while there was little change in the Prairie region and in British Columbia.

- In March 1988, the Canada trend cycle<sup>1</sup> continued its advance which commenced in December 1982 (see chart).

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Available on CANSIM: matrix 105.

For historical data, covering the period from January 1962 to December 1987, order *Help-wanted Index* (71-204, \$15), to be released this month. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Jean-Pierre Maynard (613-951-4045) or Horst Stiebert (613-951-4044), Labour Division.

<sup>1</sup> The trend cycle provides an indication of the direction in the demand for labour as estimated by the Help-wanted Index. It is calculated by the X-11 ARIMA seasonal adjustment program. Essentially, the calculation involves a 13-term Henderson moving average which smooths irregular fluctuations in the seasonally adjusted data.

**Help-wanted Index (1981 = 100), Canada and Regions**  
Seasonally Adjusted

Year and month	Canada	Atlantic Region	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Region	British Columbia
<b>1987</b>						
March	109	130	128	140	48	41
April	108	132	121	146	47	45
May	112	142	122	153	52	48
June	116	137	135	151	54	49
July	123	151	142	169	51	49
August	125	164	131	171	54	53
September	132	171	146	177	60	50
October	136	170	148	185	55	55
November	139	173	154	184	59	57
December	140	164	150	189	58	55
<b>1988</b>						
January	138	181	144	190	62	58
February	146	154	163	197	58	58
March	143	172	160	194	60	56

## Data Availability Announcements

### Railway Carloadings

10-day Period Ending March 31, 1988

#### Highlights

- Revenue freight loaded by railways in Canada during the week totalled 7.2 million tonnes, an increase of 10.6% from the previous year.
- Piggyback traffic increased 17.6% from the same period last year. The number of cars loaded increased 10.4%.
- The tonnage of revenue freight loaded to date this year is 3.0% more than that loaded in the previous year.

	10-day Period Ending March 31, 1988	Year to date
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#### Carload Traffic

Tonnes	7 208 913	61 567 573
% change from previous year	10.6	3.0
Cars	103,628	895,491
% change from previous year	5.8	0.1

#### Piggyback Traffic

Tonnes	426 900	3 422 459
% change from previous year	17.6	9.0
Cars	13,862	114,083
% change from previous year	10.4	1.1

Note: Piggyback traffic includes trailers and containers on flat cars. The 1987 figures and the 1988 year-to-date figures have been revised. Piggyback traffic numbers are included in total carload traffic.

For more detailed information on this release, contact Angus McLean (613-951-2484), Surface Transport Unit, Transportation Division.

### Oils and Fats

February 1988

Production by Canadian manufacturers of all types of deodorized oils in February 1988 totalled 53 958 tonnes, an increase of 15.6% from the 46 664 tonnes produced in January 1988. The 1988 year-to-date production totalled 100 622 tonnes, an increase of 5.4% from the corresponding 1987 figure of 95 512<sup>r</sup> (revised figure) tonnes.

Manufacturers' packaged sales of shortening totalled 8 258 tonnes in February 1988, up from the 6 711 tonnes sold the previous month. The cumulative sales to date in 1988 were 14 969 tonnes, compared to the cumulative sales of 14 447<sup>r</sup> tonnes in 1987.

Sales of packaged salad oil increased to 6 121 tonnes in February 1988 from 5 114 tonnes in January 1988. The cumulative sales to date in 1988 were 11 235 tonnes, compared to cumulative sales of 9 878<sup>r</sup> tonnes in 1987.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 184.

The February 1988 issue of *Oils and Fats* (32-006, \$4.50/\$45) is scheduled to be released the week of April 18. See "How to Order Publications".

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

## **Sugar Sales** March 1988

Canadian sugar refiners reported total sales of 87 581 220 kilograms for all types of sugar in March 1988, comprising 80 688 580 kilograms in domestic sales and 6 892 640 kilograms in export sales. The 1988 year-to-date sales reported for all types of sugar totalled 222 105 855 kilograms: 208 597 515 kilograms in domestic sales and 13 508 340 kilograms in export sales.

This compares to total sales of 78 844 000 kilograms in March 1987, of which 73 855 000 kilograms were domestic sales and 4 989 000 kilograms were export sales. The 1987 year-to-date sales reported for all types of sugar totalled 228 776 000 kilograms: 212 867 000 kilograms in domestic sales and 15 909 000 export sales.

The March 1988 issue of *The Sugar Situation* (32-013, \$4.50/\$45) is scheduled to be released the week of May 2. See "How to Order Publications".

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

## **Corrugated Boxes and Wrappers** February 1988

Canadian domestic shipments of corrugated boxes and wrappers totalled 181 722 thousand square metres in February 1988, an increase of 7.2% from the 169 523<sup>r</sup> (revised figure) thousand square metres shipped a year earlier.

January to February 1988 domestic shipments totalled 371 763<sup>r</sup> thousand square metres, up 11.7% from the 332 962<sup>r</sup> thousand square metres for the same period in 1987.

The February 1988 issue of *Corrugated Boxes and Wrappers* (36-004, \$4.50/\$45) is scheduled to be released the week of April 25. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Sandra Bohatyretz (613-951-3531), Industry Division.

## **Sawmills in British Columbia** January 1988

Sawmills in British Columbia produced 2 935 200 cubic metres (1,243.9 million board feet) of lumber and ties in January 1988, a decrease of 4.0% from the 3 058 500 cubic metres (1,296.1 million board feet) produced in January 1987.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 53 (series 1.2 and 2.2).

The January 1988 issue of *Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills in British Columbia* (35-003, \$6.50/\$65) is scheduled to be released the week of April 18. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Jock Dobie (604-666-2671), Pacific Region, Sinclair Centre, 757 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6C 3C9.



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## Publications Released

### **Production and Stocks of Eggs and Poultry, January 1988.**

**Catalogue number 23-003**

(Canada: \$11/\$110; Other Countries:  
\$12/\$120).

### **Primary Iron and Steel, December 1987.**

**Catalogue number 41-001**

(Canada: \$4.50/\$45; Other Countries:  
\$5.50/\$55).

### **Railway Operating Statistics, November 1987. Catalogue number 52-003**

(Canada: \$9.50/\$95; Other Countries:  
\$10.50/\$105).

### **Electric Power Statistics, December 1987.**

**Catalogue number 57-001**

(Canada: \$9/\$90; Other Countries: \$10/\$100).

### **Consumer Price Index, March 1988.**

**Catalogue number 62-001**

(Canada: \$8.50/\$85; Other Countries:  
\$9.50/\$95).

Available April 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 a.m.

### **Quarterly Demographic Statistics, July- September 1987. Catalogue number 91-002**

(Canada: \$7/\$28; Other Countries: \$8/\$32).

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