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Urban FSA and Rural Postal Code Income Data 1986

This database provides demographic and income characteristics of taxfilers for areas defined by the postal code. Up to 10 tables are available for nearly 7,000 urban FSAs (Forward Sortation Areas) and rural postal codes:

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The first table is sold for \$25, while additional tables are available at \$3 each for each urban FSA or rural postal code selected (on paper).

For further information, contact your nearest Statistics Canada regional reference centre.

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Major Releases

Estimates of Labour Income

February 1988

The February 1988 preliminary estimate of labour income, which represents approximately 50% of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in the National Income and Expenditure Accounts was estimated at \$24.2 billion, a gain of 6.6% from February 1987. The February 1988 increase is similar to both the year-to-year change in January 1988 (6.8%) and the 6.6% annual change for 1987.

Seasonally Adjusted

The seasonally adjusted estimate of wages and salaries¹ for February 1988 increased by +0.6% from the previous month. During the past 12 months the month-to-month increases in wages and salaries were between 0.2% (November) and 0.8% (May and October).

In the goods-producing industries, the estimate of wages and salaries increased by 0.7% from January 1988. Mines, quarries and oil wells recorded the largest advance (1.5%), while all other industries within this group increased except for construction (-0.4%) and agriculture, fishing and trapping (-3.2%).

In the service-producing industries, the estimate of wages and salaries increased by 0.6% in February 1988 from the previous month. Increases were noted in the health and welfare services industry (1.5%), trade (1.1%), commercial and personal services (1.0%), and transportation, communications and other utilities (0.8%). The remaining industries showed little change except for finance, insurance and real estate which declined by 1.0%.

On a provincial basis, the seasonally adjusted estimates of wages and salaries showed changes of less than 1.0% in all provinces. Wages and salaries for the Yukon and Northwest Territories (a category which also includes Canadian workers abroad) showed an increase of 1.7%.

¹ Wages and salaries account for 90% of labour income.

Note to Users

With the release of the December 1987 preliminary estimate of labour income, monthly revisions have been made back to July 1987.

These revisions affected only the Canada aggregates of labour income, supplementary labour income, and wages and salaries and have not been applied to the industrial or provincial detail. Consequently, small differences exist between the summation of the industries and/or provinces when compared to the Canada totals.

These inconsistencies will be corrected in the upcoming annual revision of the labour income estimates, the results of which will be released in early July 1988.

For further information regarding these revised estimates, please call Ed Bunko (613-951-4048) or Georgette Gauthier (613-951-4051), Labour Income Section, Labour Division.

Unadjusted for Seasonal Variation

On a year-over-year basis, the February 1988 estimate of wages and salaries in the goods-producing industries rose by 7.2% from February 1987, similar to the 7.4% recorded in January 1988. This increase was mainly due to the strong growth rates in mines, quarries and oil wells (7.3%), and manufacturing (7.5%).

In the service-producing industries, the year-over-year growth rate in wages and salaries was 6.2%, similar to the 6.4% increase noted in January 1988. Commercial and personal services (8.0%) and health and welfare services (8.3%) had the highest growth rates. The remaining industries had similar yearly rates of change in February 1988 compared to January 1988 with the exception of transportation, communications and other utilities and finance, insurance and real estate, which showed a deceleration compared to the previous month.

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At the provincial level, the yearly growth rates in wages and salaries showed little change from the previous month except for Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and British Columbia, which declined.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 1791 and 1792.

The January-March 1988 issue of *Estimates of Labour Income* (72-005, \$17.25/\$69) will be available in August. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Georgette Gauthier (613-951-4051), Labour Income Section, Labour Division.

Wages and Salaries and Supplementary Labour Income (millions of dollars)

	February 1988 ^p	January 1988 ^r	December 1987 ^f	February 1987
Unadjusted for Seasonal Variation				
Agriculture, fishing and trapping	105.5	110.2	153.6	100.9
Forestry	147.3	147.3	147.1	143.4
Mines, quarries and oil wells	567.7	561.6	550.2	529.3
Manufacturing industries	4,659.1	4,633.0	4,646.1	4,333.2
Construction industry	1,084.5	1,084.1	1,195.2	1,015.1
Transportation, communications and other utilities	2,209.8	2,214.9	2,198.3	2,115.3
Trade	3,018.4	3,051.5	3,142.4	2,833.8
Finance, insurance and real estate	1,762.1	1,794.7	1,741.1	1,657.3
Commercial and personal services	2,814.1	2,813.2	2,832.6	2,614.8
Education and related services	2,022.3	2,000.7	1,963.8	1,899.0
Health and welfare services	1,611.7	1,587.7	1,592.3	1,487.8
Federal administration and other government offices	753.1	747.0	760.1	742.0
Provincial administration	556.6	559.9	562.7	538.0
Local administration	473.6	476.4	488.1	445.7
Total wages and salaries	21,809.5	21,805.6	21,997.3	20,455.5
Supplementary labour income	2,411.8	2,411.4	2,436.0	2,261.7
Labour income	24,221.3	24,217.0	24,433.2	22,717.2
Adjusted for Seasonal Variation				
Agriculture, fishing and trapping	185.0	191.2	195.2	178.6
Forestry	163.6	162.6	163.6	158.3
Mines, quarries and oil wells	566.8	558.4	552.8	536.6
Manufacturing industries	4,767.6	4,718.2	4,729.6	4,418.2
Construction industry	1,308.3	1,312.8	1,323.7	1,232.3
Transportation, communications and other utilities	2,257.0	2,239.1	2,223.9	2,147.6
Trade	3,101.9	3,068.1	3,048.4	2,915.4
Finance, insurance and real estate	1,782.8	1,800.3	1,763.4	1,682.7
Commercial and personal services	2,927.7	2,898.0	2,893.5	2,716.9
Education and related services	1,947.1	1,944.7	1,927.2	1,833.0
Health and welfare services	1,620.7	1,596.8	1,596.2	1,531.2
Federal administration and other government offices	760.7	765.2	768.2	747.3
Provincial administration	580.0	583.5	577.2	552.7
Local administration	485.8	483.7	485.8	457.5
Total wages and salaries	22,621.7	22,483.1	22,327.9	21,150.9
Supplementary labour income	2,501.6	2,486.3	2,469.1	2,341.6
Labour income	25,123.3	24,969.4	24,797.0	23,492.5

^p Preliminary estimates.

^r Revised estimates.

^f Final estimates.

Construction Building Material Price Index: Non-residential March 1988

The price index for non-residential construction building materials (1981 = 100) rose to 137.0 in March, up 0.4% from the revised previous month's index of 136.4. The advance was mainly due to increases in prices for colourless plate and sheet glass, foamed and expanded plastics and concrete bricks and blocks, which more than offset some minor decreases observed for plywood and particleboard.

Between March 1987 and March 1988 the index moved up by 6.4%. Electrical materials increased by 8.1%, largely due to increases in building wires and cables. Mechanical materials were up 6.6%, mainly attributable to elevator and escalator equipment and air

conditioning equipment. Architectural materials rose 6.1%, due principally to increases in prices for metal roofing and siding and polyethylene film sheets. Structural materials increased 6.0%, due to higher concrete and steel product prices.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 423 (level 2).

The first quarter 1988 issue of *Construction Price Statistics* (62-007, \$16.50/\$66) will be available in June. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact the Information Service (613-951-9607), Prices Division.

Construction Building Material Price Indexes: Non-residential

March 1988
(1981 = 100)

	Mar. 1988	Feb. 1988	Mar. 1987	% Change	
				Mar. 1988/ Feb. 1988	Mar. 1988/ Mar. 1987
Total materials	137.0	136.4	128.8	0.4	6.4
Architectural materials	138.3	137.7	130.4	0.4	6.1
Structural materials	135.4	135.0	127.7	0.3	6.0
Mechanical materials	140.9	140.4	132.2	0.4	6.6
Electrical materials	130.6	129.9	120.8	0.5	8.1

Construction Building Material Price Index: Residential

March 1988

The price index for residential construction building materials (1981=100) rose to 139.8 in March, up 0.2% from the previous month. The rise mostly reflected increases in prices for concrete bricks and blocks, foamed and expanded plastics, sanitaryware and building wires and cables, which more than offset price decreases observed for plywood, particleboard and copper pipe and fittings.

Between March 1987 and March 1988 the index moved up by 5.7%. Electrical materials rose 8.6%, due principally to increases in building wires and cables. There were also increases in prices for mechanical materials

(7.8%), primarily copper pipe and fittings. Structural materials increased 5.7%, due mainly to increases in concrete bricks and blocks and lumber. Architectural materials were up 5.1%, due principally to increases in metal roofing and siding and gypsum wallboard.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 423 (level 1).

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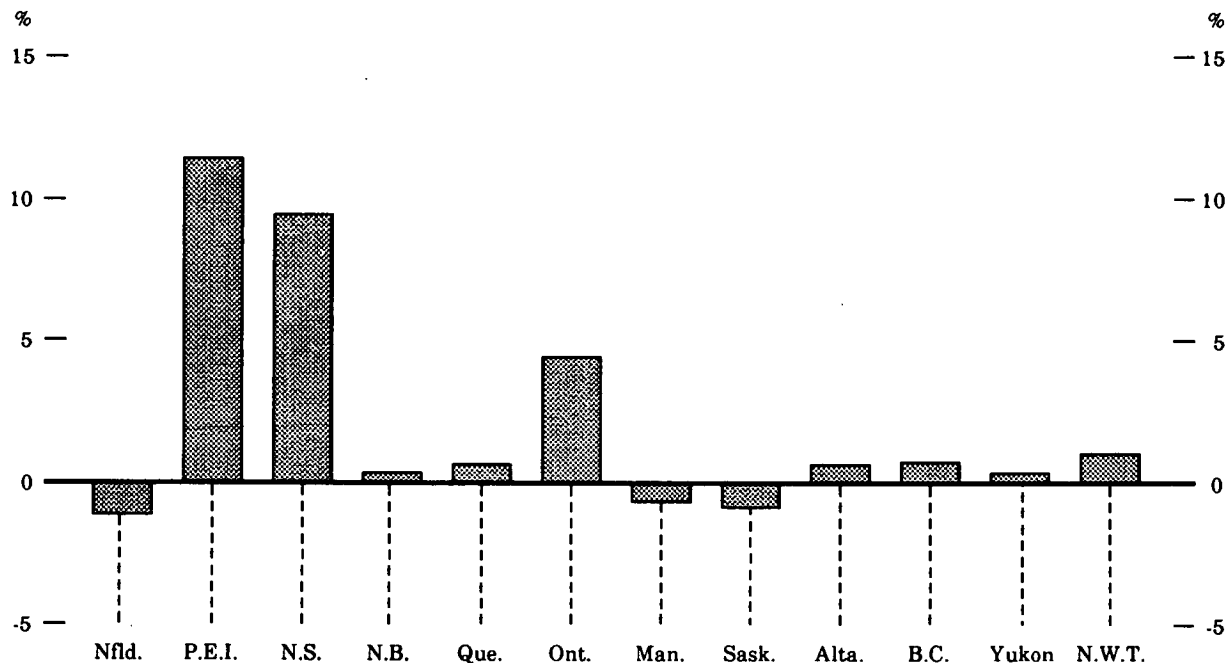
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Construction Building Material Price Indexes: Residential

March 1988
(1981 = 100)

	Mar. 1988	Feb. 1988	Mar. 1987	% Change	
				Mar. 1988/ Feb. 1988	Mar. 1988/ Mar. 1987
Total materials	139.8	139.5	132.3	0.2	5.7
Architectural materials	139.3	139.2	132.6	0.1	5.1
Structural materials	142.6	142.1	134.9	0.4	5.7
Mechanical materials	141.5	141.1	131.3	0.3	7.8
Electrical materials	129.3	128.5	119.1	0.6	8.6

Percentage Change in Local Government Services Employment, December 1987



Local Government Services Employment

December 1987

Highlights

- Employment in local government services increased in December 1987 compared to the same month the previous year. Local government services include municipalities, boards, commissions and conservation authorities, but exclude local schools and hospitals.
- There were 302,250 employees in local government services in December 1987, an increase of 2.6% or 7,583 employees from 294,667 in December 1986.

Significant increases in local government services employment occurred in the following provinces:

• Prince Edward Island	36	(11.5%)
• Nova Scotia	602	(9.5%)
• Ontario	6,236	(4.5%)

Provincial Results

- The increase in local government services employment in Prince Edward Island was provincewide.
- The rise in employment in Nova Scotia was also provincewide. However, the major portion of the increase occurred in Halifax, mainly as the result of increased employment in public works for snow and ice control, and in recreation services with the hiring of more instructors in recreational activities.

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- The rise in Ontario was largely the result of higher employment in the municipalities of Toronto, Ottawa, and St. Catharines. The increase in employment in the Toronto region was due principally to increased hiring of temporary employees for recreation services. The rise in employment in the Ottawa region occurred mainly in water and sanitation services, protection services, social services and recreation services. The higher employment in St. Catharines was mainly due to an increase in the number of firemen, school traffic guards, and building inspectors. There were also more employees in arenas and in public works.

Available on CANSIM: local government services monthly data by province and territory are located in matrix 2725, and that for municipalities over 10,000 population by metropolitan area and major urban area in matrix 2726. Data on hospitals, school boards and government enterprises from January 1985 to March 1986 are also available from CANSIM.

The October-December 1987 issue of *Local Government Employment* (72-009, \$11.50/\$46) is to be released in June. Contact M. Fathy (613-951-1843) or C. Doucet (613-951-1846), Public Institutions Division.

Data Availability Announcements

Government Expenditures on Culture

1986-87

Preliminary information regarding federal, provincial and municipal government expenditures on culture in 1986-87 is now available.

For more detailed information on this release, contact N. Verma (613-951-6863), Education, Culture and Tourism Division.

Fabricated Structural Steel Price Indexes

Fourth Quarter 1987

Price indexes for the fourth quarter of 1987 for fabricated structural steel-in-place are now available. These indexes, at the Canada level, showed an increase of 1.1% from the third quarter of 1987 and an increase of 4.5% from one year ago.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 419.

The first quarter 1988 issue of *Construction Price Statistics* (62-007, \$16.50/\$66) is scheduled to be released this week. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Bernard Lebrun (613-951-3389), Prices Division.

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