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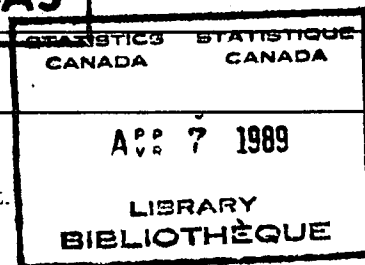
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RRSP Database for 1987 Now Available

This database, now available, contains information derived from income tax returns for 1987. The package provides data on the number of taxfilers and the aggregate dollars contributed to registered retirement savings plans. Also included in the package are other socio-economic characteristics such as the age, median total income of taxfilers, etc., for nearly 23,000 postal code areas in Canada.

The RRSP package - available on either diskette or magnetic tape - can be purchased for all of Canada and for each province or territory.

For further information, contact the Small Area and Administrative Data Division (613-951-9720).



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Major Releases

Labour Force Survey

March 1989

Overview

Estimates from Statistics Canada's Labour Force Survey for March 1989 show little overall change in the labour market. The seasonally adjusted level of employment increased slightly, returning overall employment to the levels recorded in January. The unemployment rate edged down to 7.5 (-0.1).

Employment

For the week ended March 18, 1989, the seasonally adjusted level of employment was estimated at 12,438,000, an increase of 25,000 from February. The employment/population ratio remained unchanged at 62.0.

- The employment gain was due to advances posted by persons aged 15 to 24. The employment/population ratio for this age group increased 0.7 to 62.8, offsetting the decline noted in February.
- Part-time employment rose by 12,000 as the result of gains for men. Full-time employment increased by 9,000, with a gain of 20,000 for women offsetting a decline for men.
- The seasonally adjusted estimate of employment increased in public administration (+31,000), transportation, communication and other utilities (+16,000) and primary industries other than agriculture (+7,000). Employment declined in construction (-31,000) while there was little change in the remaining industries.
- The estimated level of employment rose by 36,000 in Ontario, offsetting the decline of the previous month. There was little or no change in the other provinces.

Unemployment and Participation Rate

The seasonally adjusted estimate of unemployment declined by 12,000 in March 1989 to 1,010,000 and the unemployment rate edged down to 7.5 (-0.1). The participation rate declined to 67.0 (-0.1).

- Unemployment decreased by 28,000 among persons aged 15 to 24 while it increased by 16,000 for those aged 25 and over.
- The unemployment rate dropped to 10.6 (-1.0) among persons aged 15 to 24 while it edged up to 6.7 (+0.1) for those aged 25 and over.

- The estimated number of unemployed declined slightly in Ontario (-14,000) while there was little or no change in the other provinces.
- The unemployment rate declined by 0.4 in Saskatchewan (7.5) and by 0.3 in New Brunswick (12.1) and Ontario (4.9). The rate also decreased slightly in Manitoba (7.4) and British Columbia (9.8). The unemployment rate advanced to 9.2 (+0.4) in Nova Scotia. The rate increased slightly in Newfoundland (15.1), Prince Edward Island (13.2) and Quebec (9.3), while it remained unchanged in Alberta (7.4).

Changes since March 1988

(unadjusted estimates)

- Employment rose by an estimated 247,000 (+2.1%) to 12,157,000.
- Full-time employment increased by 242,000 to 10,139,000 (+2.4%) and part-time employment remained virtually unchanged at 2,017,000.
- Employment grew by 2.6% in the service-producing industries while there was little change in the goods-producing industries. Strong year-over-year gains are noted in transportation, communication and other utilities (+5.6%) and in primary industries other than agriculture (+4.5%) while employment declined in agriculture (-11.6%).

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- The estimated number of unemployed fell by 16,000 (-1.4%) to 1,147,000.
- The unemployment rate decreased by 0.3 to 8.6.
- The participation rate rose by 0.3 to 66.3 and the employment/population ratio increased by 0.5 to 60.6.

Order the March 1989 issue of *The Labour Force* (71-001, \$17/\$170), available the third week of April, 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, \$6/\$60).

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

Labour Force Characteristics, Canada

	March 1989	February 1989	March 1988
Seasonally Adjusted Data			
Labour force (,000)	13,448	13,435	13,216
Employment (,000)	12,438	12,413	12,193
Unemployment (,000)	1,010	1,022	1,023
Unemployment rate (%)	7.5	7.6	7.7
Participation rate (%)	67.0	67.1	66.7
Employment/Population ratio (%)	62.0	62.0	61.5
Unadjusted Data			
Labour force (,000)	13,304	13,183	13,072
Employment (,000)	12,157	12,082	11,909
Unemployment (,000)	1,147	1,100	1,163
Unemployment rate (%)	8.6	8.3	8.9
Participation rate (%)	66.3	65.8	66.0
Employment/Population ratio (%)	60.6	60.3	60.1

Estimates of Labour Income

January 1989

The January 1989 preliminary estimate of labour income, which is approximately 50% of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in the National Income and Expenditure Accounts, totalled \$26.6 billion, up 7.3% from January 1988 but a deceleration from the December 1988 increase of 8.1%.

The decrease in the year-over-year change in labour income was in part related to the supplementary labour income estimates which reflected the reduction in the rate of employer premiums paid to unemployment insurance in January 1989. The wages and salaries¹ component of labour income increased by 7.6% in January 1989, down somewhat from the December 1988 rise of 8.0%.

Highlights

(Seasonally Adjusted Data)

- The seasonally adjusted estimate of wages and salaries for January 1989 rose by 0.5% from December 1988. The month-to-month changes in wages and salaries in 1988 ranged between +0.3% (May, October) and +1.4% (January).
- Increases in wages and salaries were noted in health and welfare services (1.4%), manufacturing (1.2%), provincial administration (1.2%), local administration (1.1%) and trade (1.0%).
- A decline in wages and salaries of 1.3% occurred in mines, quarries and oil wells.

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

- For all provinces, wages and salaries changed by less than 1.0% from their December levels. However, the estimate for the Yukon, Northwest Territories and Abroad increased by 1.5%.

(Data Unadjusted for Seasonal Variation)

- The January 1989 year-to-year growth rates of wages and salaries decelerated from December 1988 in mines, quarries and oil wells; education and related services; transportation, communications and other utilities; and finance, insurance and real estate. The deceleration in the latter two industries was the result of smaller amounts of special payments in January 1989 compared to those paid in January 1988.
- The January 1989 year-to-year growth rates in wages and salaries increased from the previous month in New Brunswick, Yukon, Northwest Territories and Abroad while decelerating in Newfoundland, Quebec, Ontario and Alberta.

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Available on CANSIM: matrices 1971 and 1972.

The January-March 1989 issue of *Estimates of Labour Income* (72-005, \$17.25/\$69) will be available in September 1989. See "How to Order Publications".

For further 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)

	January 1989 ^p	December 1988 ^r	November 1988 ^f	January 1988
Unadjusted for Seasonal Variation				
Agriculture, fishing and trapping	109.4	155.9	171.7	107.4
Forestry	164.0	163.3	183.3	145.9
Mines, quarries and oil wells	601.6	593.7	604.8	569.7
Manufacturing industries	5,145.1	5,088.0	5,080.9	4,756.8
Construction industry	1,314.4	1,420.7	1,635.6	1,171.9
Transportation, communications and other utilities	2,365.5	2,358.7	2,395.1	2,234.1
Trade	3,389.8	3,460.0	3,365.0	3,134.6
Finance, insurance and real estate	2,011.6	1,964.1	1,982.1	1,886.2
Commercial and personal service	3,285.2	3,289.8	3,315.2	3,017.3
Education and related services	2,145.2	2,116.8	2,154.3	2,006.2
Health and welfare services	1,660.4	1,664.0	1,652.2	1,548.6
Federal administration and other government offices	773.9	781.0	771.6	752.4
Provincial administration	604.3	600.0	611.8	571.8
Local administration	509.4	531.1	513.0	476.6
Total wages and salaries	24,079.6	24,187.1	24,436.5	22,379.4
Supplementary labour income	2,537.7	2,630.9	2,657.8	2,424.8
Labour income	26,617.3	26,818.0	27,094.3	24,804.3
Adjusted for Seasonal Variation				
Agriculture, fishing and trapping	195.3	194.2	192.0	191.3
Forestry	180.6	180.5	177.4	161.6
Mines, quarries and oil wells	596.8	604.9	606.3	566.7
Manufacturing industries	5,229.0	5,166.8	5,118.7	4,852.5
Construction industry	1,592.4	1,592.3	1,585.2	1,428.7
Transportation, communications and other utilities	2,389.4	2,399.5	2,397.8	2,253.8
Trade	3,399.7	3,367.1	3,342.7	3,148.3
Finance, insurance and real estate	1,992.1	1,999.3	2,007.0	1,871.6
Commercial and personal service	3,379.7	3,366.0	3,329.3	3,107.4
Education and related services	2,088.1	2,083.3	2,070.5	1,952.8
Health and welfare services	1,687.9	1,665.3	1,654.4	1,574.0
Federal administration and other government offices	794.6	795.7	786.8	771.0
Provincial administration	614.7	607.4	610.0	586.7
Local administration	522.6	516.9	511.3	490.9
Total wages and salaries	24,688.7	24,563.4	24,415.1	22,963.4
Supplementary labour income	2,601.9	2,671.8	2,655.2	2,488.4
Labour income	27,290.6	27,235.2	27,070.2	25,451.8

^p Preliminary estimates.

^r Revised estimates.

^f Final estimates.

Data Availability Announcements

Nursery Trades Industry 1986 and 1987

Final 1986 and preliminary 1987 data for the *Nursery Trades Industry in Canada* are now available in advance of the printed publication. Information is available on industry revenues and expenditures as well as the distribution of the revenues. Some internal structure analyses are also included.

For further information order *Survey of Canadian Nursery Trades Industry* (22-203, \$20), available in April. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact P. Murray (613-991-8727), Horticultural Crops Unit, Agriculture Division.

Electric Power Statistics January 1989

Highlights

- Net generation of electric energy in Canada in January 1989 decreased to 47 837 gigawatt hours (GWh), down 2.3% from the corresponding month last year. Exports decreased 40.9% to 1 907 GWh, while imports climbed from 556 GWh to 661 GWh.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 3987-3999.

The January 1989 issue of *Electric Power Statistics* (57-001, \$9/\$90) will be available the third week of April. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Dave Madsen (613-951-9823), Energy Section, Industry Division.

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Major Release Dates

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April		
10	Industrial Corporations: Financial Statistics	Fourth Quarter 1988 (Final Data)
10	New Motor Vehicle Sales	February 1989
10	New Housing Price Index	February 1989
10	Travel Between Canada and Other Countries	February 1989
10	Department Store Sales by Province and Metropolitan Area	February 1989
12	Farm Product Price Index	February 1989
12-14	Building Permits	January 1989
14	Consumer Price Index	March 1989

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