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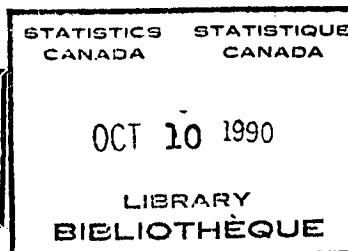
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Estimates of Labour Income

July 1990

The July 1990 preliminary estimate of labour income¹, which comprises approximately 50% of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in the National Income and Expenditure Accounts, was \$32.8 billion, an increase of 7.9% from July 1989. Although this rate of growth was slightly stronger than that occurring in June (7.3%), it was less than the average year-to-year change of 9.1% recorded in the first five months of 1990.

Highlights – Wages and Salaries Seasonally Adjusted

- The seasonally adjusted estimate of wages and salaries for July 1990 grew marginally (0.2%) from June, compared to the average monthly change of 0.5% in the preceding six months.
- Wages and salaries gains were noted in transportation, communications, and other utilities (1.7%), construction (1.2%) and trade (0.7%). These increases were offset by declines in education and related services (-0.8%), provincial administration (-1.0%) and local administration (-0.8%).
- A significant decline in wages and salaries (-3.3%) was also noted in health and welfare services in July, following a strong monthly growth of 4.5% in June. The June estimate contained large retroactive payments resulting from contract settlements in the province of Quebec.

¹ Labour income is comprised of two components – wages and salaries and supplementary labour income. Wages and salaries account for 90% of labour income.

- Prince Edward Island recorded a monthly increase of 2.6% in wages and salaries, while declines were noted in New Brunswick (-2.6%), Quebec (-1.3%), and the Yukon, Northwest Territories and Abroad (-3.5%). The remaining provinces had monthly changes of less than 1%.

Unadjusted

- The July 1990 year-over-year growth in wages and salaries was 7.0%, bringing the year-to-date increase to 7.9%. The June and July advances were notably less than those occurring in the first five months of 1990.
- The year-to-year growth rates in wages and salaries for the first seven months of 1990 decelerated in most industries compared to the same period in 1989. This decline in growth rates was particularly evident in manufacturing, construction and commercial and personal service. Accelerations were noted in education and related services, health and welfare services, and provincial and local administration during the same period.
- Decelerations in the year-over-year rates of growth occurred in both territories, and all provinces except Quebec, Saskatchewan and Alberta in the first seven months of 1990 compared to the same period in 1989.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 1791 and 1792.

The July-September 1990 issue of *Estimates of Labour Income* (72-005, \$22.50/\$90) will be available in January. See "How to Order Publications".

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

	July 1990 ^p	June 1990 ^r	May 1990 ^f	July 1989
Unadjusted for Seasonal Variation				
Agriculture, fishing and trapping	305.4	251.1	198.1	298.5
Forestry	238.3	239.7	194.8	234.5
Mines, quarries and oil wells	703.5	712.9	703.0	671.5
Manufacturing industries	5,660.9	5,672.8	5,501.5	5,483.2
Construction industry	2,288.5	2,163.8	2,020.2	2,127.7
Transportation, communications and other utilities	2,869.3	2,844.0	2,840.0	2,638.2
Trade	4,014.4	4,041.4	3,990.5	3,740.0
Finance, insurance and real estate	2,544.6	2,522.4	2,472.5	2,356.6
Commercial and personal service	4,455.6	4,364.5	4,246.6	4,110.6
Education and related services	2,042.8	2,485.5	2,468.5	1,867.8
Health and welfare services	2,004.2	2,064.6	1,952.7	1,821.8
Federal administration and other government offices	967.4	970.6	1,138.3	909.0
Provincial administration	711.8	705.6	687.7	666.5
Local administration	616.4	609.7	581.3	577.4
Total wages and salaries	29,423.2	29,648.5	28,995.6	27,503.1
Supplementary labour income	3,398.7	3,362.3	3,285.5	2,926.5
Labour income	32,821.8	33,010.8	32,281.1	30,429.6
Adjusted for Seasonal Variation				
Agriculture, fishing and trapping	216.1	208.8	206.0	212.8
Forestry	206.4	208.2	207.4	203.5
Mines, quarries and oil wells	686.7	683.0	700.5	656.3
Manufacturing industries	5,447.9	5,440.8	5,454.4	5,284.1
Construction industry	2,019.5	1,996.2	2,015.3	1,886.7
Transportation, communications and other utilities	2,802.1	2,756.4	2,809.8	2,591.8
Trade	3,984.1	3,957.5	3,956.8	3,712.2
Finance, insurance and real estate	2,449.7	2,435.6	2,421.0	2,291.1
Commercial and personal service	4,270.7	4,259.4	4,242.2	3,948.2
Education and related services	2,374.6	2,394.6	2,382.7	2,170.6
Health and welfare services	1,940.3	2,006.5	1,920.1	1,784.1
Federal administration and other government offices	929.9	925.6	1,096.0	884.2
Provincial administration	683.8	690.4	691.8	640.4
Local administration	583.2	588.0	586.0	546.8
Total wages and salaries	28,548.5	28,505.8	28,617.0	26,856.0
Supplementary labour income	3,297.6	3,232.7	3,242.6	2,858.5
Labour income	31,846.2	31,738.5	31,859.7	29,714.5

^p Preliminary estimates

^r Revised estimates

^f Final estimates

New Motor Vehicle Sales

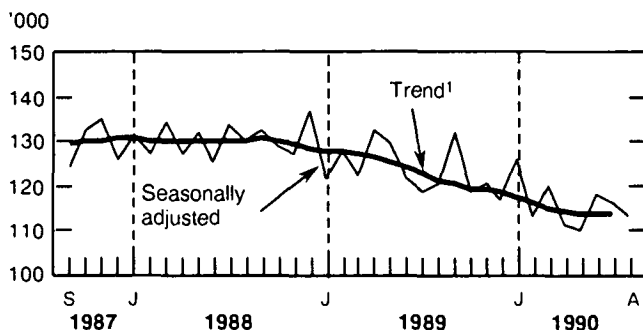
August 1990

Highlights

Seasonally Adjusted

- Adjusted for seasonal fluctuations and the number of trading days, preliminary estimates indicate that sales of all new motor vehicles totalled 113,000 units in August 1990, a decline of 3.0% from the revised July 1990 level. In August, passenger car sales decreased by 3.1%, while truck sales posted a decline of 2.8%.

Monthly Sales of New Motor Vehicles, Canada, Seasonally Adjusted, in Units, 1987-1990



¹ The short-term trend represents a weighted average of the data.

- The 3.0% decrease in August followed a 1.2% decline in July. New motor vehicle sales have experienced a generally declining trend since early 1989.
- On an origin basis, sales of North American passenger cars decreased by 4.5% in August 1990 to a level of 49,000 units, while sales of imported passenger cars recorded a decline of 0.4% to a level of 25,000 units. The August decline for North American passenger car sales followed virtually no growth in July whereas the decrease in imported car sales constitutes the second consecutive monthly decline.

Note to Users:

North American vehicles: motor vehicles manufactured or assembled in North America. These vehicles may be built by domestic or foreign-owned companies.

Imported vehicles: motor vehicles manufactured or assembled overseas and marketed in Canada by domestic or foreign-owned companies.

Unadjusted

- Sales of all new motor vehicles totalled 109,000 units in August 1990, down 10.4% from the August 1989 level. Sales of passenger cars decreased by 11.6%, while truck sales recorded a decline of 7.8%.
- Unit sales of North American passenger cars declined by 12.4%, while imported passenger cars were down by 10.1% from their level in August 1989. The decline of imported passenger cars was attributable to a 27.4% decrease in cars imported from "other countries" and to a 3.8% drop in Japanese cars.
- The Japanese share of the Canadian passenger car market rose to 29.9% in August 1990 from 27.5% a year earlier. The Japanese share grew mainly at the expense of overseas manufacturers from "other countries", as their market share declined to 8.2% from 10.0% in August 1989.
- Eight provinces registered lower unit sales of motor vehicles in August 1990 compared to August 1989. Gains were recorded in Alberta (+8.3%) and Saskatchewan (+3.1%).
- For the first eight months of 1990, total new motor vehicle sales decreased 8.0% from the same period last year to 958,000 units. Sales of domestic passenger cars were down by 11.5% to 423,000 units, while imported passenger car sales decreased by 0.5% to 218,000 units. Sales of trucks totalled 317,000 units during this period, down 7.8% from a year earlier.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 64.

The August 1990 issue of *New Motor Vehicle Sales* (63-007, \$9/\$90) will be available the third week of December. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Roger Laplante (613-951-3552) or Maurice Massaad (613-951-9682), Retail Trade Section, Industry Division. □

New Motor Vehicle Sales - Canada

August 1990

	Seasonally Adjusted			
	May 1990 r	June 1990 r	July 1990 r	August 1990p
	Units % Change	Units % Change	Units % Change	Units % Change
Total New Motor Vehicles	109,944 -1.0	117,494 +6.8	116,118 -1.2	112,609 -3.0
Passenger Cars by Origin:				
North America	48,201 -1.0	51,721 +7.3	51,736 -	49,420 -4.5
Overseas	25,214 -0.3	28,485 +13.0	25,574 -10.2	25,475 -0.4
Total	73,414 -0.8	80,206 +9.3	77,310 -3.6	74,895 -3.1
Trucks, Vans and Buses	36,530 -1.4	37,287 +2.1	38,808 +4.1	37,714 -2.8
	Unadjusted			
	August 1990	Change 1990/89	January- August 1990	Change 1990/89
	Units	%	Units	%
Total New Motor Vehicles	109,062	-10.4	958,233	-8.0
Passenger Cars by Origin:				
North America	46,112	-12.4	423,297	-11.5
Japan	22,270	-3.8	173,535	+3.6
Other Countries (Including South Korea)	6,126	-27.4	44,559	-13.8
Total	74,508	-11.6	641,391	-8.0
Trucks, Vans and Buses by Origin:				
North America	28,130	-9.2	265,651	-9.8
Overseas	6,424	-1.2	51,191	+4.1
Total	34,554	-7.8	316,842	-7.8

New Housing Price Index

August 1990

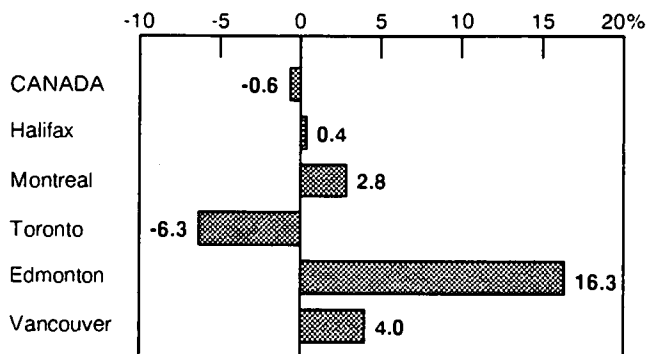
The New Housing Price Index (1986=100) for Canada stood at 141.2 in August, down 1.1% from July 1990. Decreases in Vancouver (-3.3%), Sudbury-Thunder Bay (-2.4%), Victoria (-1.7%) and Toronto (-1.4%) all contributed to this decline. The estimated House Only Index decreased 1.2%, while the estimated Land Only Index decreased 0.9%.

Since Toronto accounts for over one-third of the Canada total index weight, Toronto's significant decrease was a major factor in the Canada level decrease. Vancouver's decrease also had a notable impact on the Canada total index.

This index of Canadian housing contractors' selling prices now stands 0.6% lower than the year-earlier level. This annual change represents the first negative movement at the Canada total level since May 1985. Toronto was the major factor in this downward movement with a 6.3% yearly decrease in August 1990.

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Percentage Change in New Housing Price Index from Same Month of the Previous Year, Canada and Selected Cities, August 1990



The third quarter 1990 issue of *Construction Price Statistics* (62-007, \$18/\$72) will be available in December. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, please contact the Information and Current Analysis Unit (613-951-9607), Prices Division.

New Housing Price Indexes

1986 = 100

	August 1990	July 1990	August 1989	August 1990/ July 1990	August 1990/ August 1989
				% change	
Canada Total	141.2	142.7	142.0	-1.1	-0.6
Canada (House Only)	131.2	132.8	135.2	-1.2	-3.0
Canada (Land Only)	168.0	169.5	160.8	-0.9	4.5
St. John's	118.4	118.4	112.2	-	5.5
Halifax	109.6	109.6	109.2	-	0.4
Saint John-Moncton-Fredericton	113.5	113.5	112.0	-	1.3
Quebec City	131.5	130.4	127.4	0.8	3.2
Montreal	134.2	133.9	130.6	0.2	2.8
Ottawa-Hull	122.9	123.0	119.5	-0.1	2.8
Toronto	170.8	173.2	182.3	-1.4	-6.3
Hamilton	143.9	144.6	142.3	-0.5	1.1
St. Catharines-Niagara	138.0	138.3	130.6	-0.2	5.7
Kitchener-Waterloo	140.2	140.8	138.7	-0.4	1.1
London	145.5	145.2	138.5	0.2	5.1
Windsor	128.8	128.8	123.9	-	4.0
Sudbury-Thunder Bay	131.4	134.7	125.5	-2.4	4.7
Winnipeg	109.1	109.1	106.6	-	2.3
Regina	108.8	108.8	107.4	-	1.3
Saskatoon	107.7	107.7	106.6	-	1.0
Calgary	137.1	136.8	121.6	0.2	12.7
Edmonton	139.0	138.3	119.5	0.5	16.3
Vancouver	132.2	136.7	127.1	-3.3	4.0
Victoria	120.6	122.7	116.0	-1.7	4.0

DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sugar Sales

September 1990

Canadian sugar refiners reported total sales of 80 590 tonnes for all types of sugar in September 1990, comprising 74 929 tonnes in domestic sales and 5 661 tonnes in export sales. The 1990 year-to-date sales reported for all types of sugar totalled 709 630 tonnes: 661 726 tonnes in domestic sales and 47 904 tonnes in export sales.

This compares to total sales of 79 750 tonnes in September 1989, of which 77 331 tonnes were domestic sales and 2 419 tonnes were export sales. The 1989 year-to-date sales reported for all types of sugar totalled 735 843 tonnes: 697 005 tonnes in domestic sales and 38 838 tonnes in export sales.

The September 1990 issue of *The Sugar Situation* (32-013, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

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

Industrial Chemicals and Synthetic Resins

August 1990

Canadian chemical firms produced 97 025 tonnes of polyethylene synthetic resins in August 1990, a decrease of 3.1% from the 100 172 (revised) tonnes produced in August 1989.

January to August 1990 production totalled 1 007 871 tonnes, up 13.3% from the 889 577 tonnes produced during the same period in 1989.

Data are also available on Canadian production of three other types of synthetic resins and 24 industrial chemicals for August 1990, August 1989 and corresponding cumulative figures.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 951.

The August 1990 issue of *Industrial Chemicals and Synthetic Resins* (46-002, \$5.60/\$56) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

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

Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products

August 1990

Factory shipments of steel wire and specified wire products for August 1990 are now available, as are production and export market data for selected commodities.

Shipments totalled 46 206 tonnes in August 1990, a decrease of 23.6% from the 60 494 tonnes shipped during the previous month.

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The August 1990 issue of *Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products* (41-006, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Bruno Pépin (613-951-9837), Industry Division. ■

Footwear Statistics

August 1990

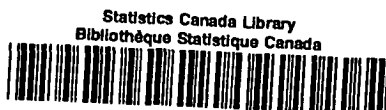
Canadian manufacturers produced 2,889,864 pairs of footwear in August 1990, a decrease of 7.0% from the 3,106,886 (revised) pairs produced a year earlier.

Year-to-date production for January to August 1990 totalled 21,603,660 pairs of footwear, down 4.4% from 22,601,602 pairs produced during the same period in 1989.

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