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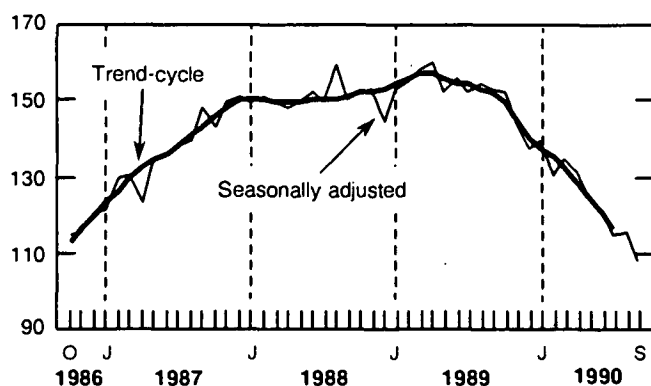
## MAJOR RELEASE

### Help-wanted Index

September 1990

The Help-wanted Index serves as an early indicator of the demand for labour by monitoring changes in the number of help-wanted ads published in 20 major metropolitan areas.

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



#### Highlights - Seasonally Adjusted

- After decreasing between April and July 1990, the Help-wanted Index for Canada (1981=100) advanced slightly in August and then dropped eight points in September.

#### Changes by Region

- Between August and September 1990, the seasonally adjusted Help-wanted Index decreased in Quebec (to 114 from 127), Ontario (to 102 from 110), and British Columbia (to 119 from 123).

#### Note to Data Users

Seasonally adjusted data include irregular components which can obscure the short-term trend. While these data are useful for examining month-to-month changes in the Help-wanted Index, smoothed seasonally adjusted data or trend-cycle estimates are also provided for readers interested in the longer-term trend. Trend-cycle estimates for the two most recent months are not shown because they can change significantly as new data become available.

The index registered small advances in the Atlantic provinces (to 164 from 162), and in the Prairie provinces (to 79 from 78).

#### Highlights - Longer-term Trend

- The Canada trend-cycle estimate continued to decrease between June and July 1990, falling four points to 116. The index has been declining since May of last year, after reaching a peak of 157 in March 1989.
- The long-term trend is downward in all regions. However, in British Columbia the index was unchanged between June and July, following declines since February. The onset of the drop in the indices varied considerably across the country. With reference to July 1990, the trend-cycle has been declining for 18 consecutive months in Ontario, 14 months in Quebec, 12 months in the Atlantic provinces, and six months in the Prairie provinces.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 105 (series levels 5 and 7).

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

Year and month	Canada	Atlantic Region	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Region	British Columbia
<b>Seasonally Adjusted</b>						
<b>1989</b>						
September	153	204	177	161	93	128
October	152	190	168	171	91	129
November	144	182	160	154	91	139
December	137	164	153	150	89	132
<b>1990</b>						
January	139	183	159	145	83	131
February	130	173	143	139	89	121
March	134	186	149	135	89	129
April	131	181	145	128	91	138
May	124	158	148	120	87	117
June	120	168	143	112	80	121
July	114	187	122	109	83	119
August	115	162	127	110	78	123
September	107	164	114	102	79	119
<b>Trend-cycle</b>						
<b>1989</b>						
July	154	204	176	164	90	131
August	153	203	174	161	91	130
September	152	199	171	159	91	130
October	149	192	167	156	91	131
November	145	186	162	153	91	132
December	140	181	157	149	90	132
<b>1990</b>						
January	137	179	152	145	90	132
February	135	177	149	139	89	129
March	132	175	147	132	88	126
April	128	173	144	126	87	123
May	124	169	143	120	85	121
June	120	166	137	115	83	120
July <sup>p</sup>	116	165	131	111	81	120

<sup>p</sup> Preliminary.

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## DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### Field Crop Reporting Series, No. 7 – September Estimate of Production of Principal Field Crops, Canada 1990

The September estimate of the 1990 production of the major Canadian grains will be released on Wednesday, October 3 at 15:00 hrs. This is the second production estimate for 1990, and is valuable to grain trading companies and the end-users of grains and oilseeds in planning their purchase and sales programs for the coming year.

**Note:** Please note that the next issue of the Field Crop Reporting Series, scheduled for November 30, 1990, will be released at 8:30 a.m. local Ottawa time instead of 3:00 p.m. This change reflects a general move to earlier release times for most Statistics Canada data products.

For further information, contact the Crop Reporting Unit, Agriculture Division (613-951-8717). ■

### Railway Carloadings

Seven-day period ending September 21, 1990

#### Highlights

- Revenue freight loaded by railways in Canada during the week totalled 4.1 million tonnes, a decrease of 20.9% from the same period last year.
- Piggyback traffic decreased 4.4% from the same period last year. The number of cars loaded decreased 6.7% during the same period.
- The tonnage of revenue freight loaded to date this year is 0.3% higher than that loaded in the previous year.

**Note:** Piggyback traffic includes trailers and containers on flat cars. Piggyback traffic numbers are included in total carload traffic. All 1989 figures and 1990 cumulative data have been revised.

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

### Specified Domestic Electrical Appliances August 1990

Canadian electrical appliance manufacturers produced 63,126 kitchen appliances in August 1990, down 23.8% from the 82,833 appliances produced a year earlier.

Production of home comfort products totalled 28,248 in August 1990, a decrease of 55.4% from the previous year.

Year-to-date production of specified domestic electrical appliances amounted to 572,632. Corresponding data for the same period in 1989 amounted to 795,746 units.

The August 1990 issue of *Specified Domestic Electrical Appliances* (43-003, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact J.-P. Beauparlant (613-951-3526), Industry Division. ■

### Rigid Insulating Board August 1990

Shipments of rigid insulating board totalled 3 623 thousand square metres (12.7 mm basis) in August 1990, a decrease of 13.5% compared to 4 187<sup>r</sup> (revised) thousand square metres (12.7 mm basis) in August 1989.

For January to August 1990, year-to-date shipments amounted to 24 699<sup>r</sup> thousand square metres (12.7 mm basis) compared to 28 750 thousand square metres (12.7 mm basis) for the same period in 1989, a decrease of 14.1%.

**Available on CANSIM: matrices 31 (series 1) and 122 (series 4-7).**

The August 1990 issue of *Rigid Insulating Board* (36-002, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

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

## Asphalt Roofing

August 1990

Shipments of asphalt shingles totalled 4 468 507 metric bundles in August 1990, an increase of 12.5% from the 3 971 704 bundles shipped a year earlier.

January to August 1990 shipments were 27 509 870 bundles, up 1.9% from 26 996 032 bundles shipped during the same period in 1989.

**Available on CANSIM: matrices 32 and 122 (series 27 and 28).**

The August 1990 issue of *Asphalt Roofing* (45-001, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

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

## Gypsum Products

August 1990

Manufacturers shipped 21 956 thousand square metres of plain gypsum wallboard in August 1990, down 10.6% from the 24 566<sup>r</sup> (revised) thousand square metres shipped in August 1989 but up 6.1% from the 20 694<sup>r</sup> thousand square metres shipped in July 1990.

Year-to-date shipments were 177 267<sup>r</sup> thousand square metres, a decrease of 5.3% from the January to August 1989 period.

**Available on CANSIM: matrices 39 and 122 (series 11).**

The August 1990 issue of *Gypsum Products* (44-003, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Roland Joubert (613-951-3527), Industry Division. ■

## Geographical Distribution of Personal Income

1989

National Income and Expenditure Accounts estimates for the geographical distribution of personal income, the industrial distribution of selected aggregates, government supplementary tables, special detail tables, reconciliation tables and other miscellaneous NIEA tables are now available.

This release includes preliminary estimates for the year 1989 and revised data for the years 1986-1988. The estimates can be obtained in computer printouts or on 5¼ inch MS-DOS format microcomputer diskettes from the Income and Expenditure Accounts Division.

**Available on CANSIM: matrices 599-600, 6655-6657, 6659-6669, 6676-6685, 6689-6691 and 6693-6698.**

These statistics, plus additional tables released in June 1990 providing an analysis of the Income and Expenditure Accounts by sectors of the Canadian economy, will appear in three to four weeks in the publication *National Income and Expenditure Accounts, Annual Estimates, 1978-1989* (13-201, \$39). See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, contact Mitzi Ross (613-951-3819), Income and Expenditure Accounts Division. ■



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Agents and Brokers, 1987.**

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**Quarterly Demographic Statistics,  
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