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Construction Building Materials Price Index: Residential

December 1989

The Residential Construction Building Materials Price Index (1981=100) declined 1.0% from the revised figure for the previous month, to 142.8 in December. It was 1.5% higher than a year ago.

Between November and December 1989, there were several price decreases, notably for plywood, other than Douglas Fir (-13.1%), Douglas Fir plywood (-6.2%), building wires and cables (-13.1%), lumber (-1.7%) and copper pipe and fittings (-10.7%), which more than offset increases for foamed and expanded plastics (0.9%), clay bricks and blocks (0.6%) and coated building paper (0.4%).

Between December 1988 and December 1989, prices for mechanical materials rose 2.2%. A decrease of 15.1% in prices for copper pipe and fittings was more than offset by increases for plumbing fittings (9.3%), hot water heating equipment

(7.4%) and sanitaryware (4.9%). A 1.6% price increase in architectural materials was due principally to wooden doors (10.6%), clay bricks and blocks (9.5%), plywood other than Douglas Fir (8.6%) and windows and sash (5.4%). Structural materials also increased 1.6%, as a result of price increases for particleboard (26.1%) and ready-mix concrete (2.9%). Electrical materials decreased 2.9%, attributable to decreases in prices for building wires and cables (-22.2%).

Available on CANSIM: matrix 423 (level 1).

The fourth quarter 1989 issue of *Construction Price Statistics* (62-007, \$17.25/\$69) will be available in March. See "How to Order Publications".

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

Construction Building Materials Price Indexes: Residential

December 1989
(1981 = 100)

	December 1989	November 1989	December 1988	% Change	
				December/ November 1989	December 1989/ December 1988
Total materials	142.8	144.3	140.7	-1.0	1.5
Architectural materials	141.7	143.1	139.4	-1.0	1.6
Structural materials	142.4	143.5	140.2	-0.8	1.6
Mechanical materials	155.2	156.5	151.9	-0.8	2.2
Electrical materials	132.5	137.9	136.5	-3.9	-2.9

Construction Building Materials Price Index: Non-residential

December 1989

The price index for non-residential construction building materials (1981=100) fell 0.6% from the revised figure for the previous month, to 143.1 in December. It was 1.5% higher than a year ago.

Between November and December 1989, a number of price decreases were observed, primarily for building wires and cables (-11.7%), plywood other than Douglas Fir (-13.1%), Douglas Fir plywood (-6.2%) and lumber (-1.7%), which more than offset increases in prices for foamed and expanded plastics (0.9%), laminated and reinforced sheets (1.5%) and clay bricks and blocks (0.6%).

Between December 1988 and December 1989, prices for mechanical materials rose 2.9%, mainly attributable to increases for plumbing fittings (9.3%), sanitaryware (4.9%), hot water heating equipment

(7.4%) and elevator and escalator equipment (1.8%). Prices for structural materials increased 2.0%, primarily due to gains for ready-mix concrete (2.9%), particleboard (26.1%) and concrete reinforcing bars (3.1%). Architectural materials were up 1.6%, due mainly to increases in prices for wooden doors (10.6%), thermal insulations (10.9%) and clay bricks and blocks (9.5%). Electrical materials decreased 1.8%, principally due to decreases in prices for building wires and cables (-15.5%).

Available on CANSIM: matrix 423 (level 2).

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Construction Building Materials Price Indexes: Non-residential

December 1989

(1981 = 100)

	December 1989	November 1989	December 1988	% Change	
				December/ November 1989	December 1989/ December 1988
Total materials	143.1	144.0	141.0	-0.6	1.5
Architectural materials	143.3	143.9	141.1	-0.4	1.6
Structural materials	140.5	140.9	137.7	-0.3	2.0
Mechanical materials	154.6	154.6	150.2	-	2.9
Electrical materials	133.8	137.9	136.3	-3.0	-1.8

Resource and Caseload Statistics for Legal Aid in Canada

1988-89

Canada, excluding Newfoundland, spent \$297.4 million to provide legal aid services in 1988-89. This represents, on an inflation-adjusted basis, an increase of 13% over the previous year.

In 1988-89, Canada's legal aid plans received \$297.1 million from various revenue sources. As in earlier years, government contributions comprised the largest proportion of total revenue (84%), followed by contributions from the legal profession (9%), clients (4%) and other miscellaneous sources (3%).

Privately retained lawyers and staff lawyers assist recipients of legal aid in Canada. Taken together, these lawyers comprised 30% of the total bar member count in 1988-89 (Newfoundland and Nova Scotia data are not included due to non-availability).

Payments made to private law firms totalled \$173.0 million or 58% of the total legal aid budget in 1988-89 (Newfoundland and Northwest Territories are not included). This proportion has remained relatively constant since 1981-82.

A total of 531,651 legal aid applications were approved for services in 1988-89 (excluding Newfoundland). For most provinces less than 40% of total caseloads were civil, the remaining percentage being criminal; major exceptions to this on civil matters were Quebec (65%) and Nova Scotia (57%). The highest proportion of approved applications that

dealt with criminal matters were reported in New Brunswick (88%).

Per capita expenditures for legal aid services in 1988-89 for Canada and each province were as follows:

Per capita expenditures 1988-89	
(current dollars)	
Canada	\$11.43
Newfoundland	not available
Prince Edward Island	\$ 2.47
Nova Scotia	\$ 7.60
New Brunswick	\$ 2.63
Quebec	\$11.96
Ontario	\$15.03
Manitoba	\$11.28
Saskatchewan	\$ 6.08
Alberta	\$ 7.08
British Columbia	\$ 8.97
Northwest Territories	\$61.22
Yukon Territory	\$30.83

Resource and caseload statistics for legal aid in Canada for fiscal year 1988-89 are available as of February 15, 1990 by contacting the Legal Aid Program, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics.

For further information contact Carol Hayduk (613-951-6659) or Edward Lander (613-951-6643), Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics. ■

DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Business Services

1985-1987

Revised data are now available on the number of businesses and total revenues for the Business Service (SIC Major Group 77) and Other Service (SIC Major Group 99) Industries. (Preliminary estimates were released in September 1989.) Business Services include employment agencies and personnel suppliers, computer services, advertising services, engineering and scientific services, and other business services. Included in the Other Service Industries are rental and leasing services (automobiles, trucks, machinery, furniture, and audio-visual equipment), repair services, services to buildings and dwellings, and travel services.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 41 and 42.

Additional information such as revenue, expense, client base and employment distributions will be published in *Business Services, 1985-1987* (63-232, \$29), scheduled for release in February. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, contact M. Sterparn (613-951-3490), Services, Science and Technology Division. ■

Leisure and Personal Services

1985-1987

Data are now available on the number of businesses and total revenues for the Amusement and Recreational (SIC Major Group 96) and Personal and Household Service (SIC Major Group 97) Industries. Amusement and Recreational Services include film/video production, distribution and exhibition, sports and recreation clubs, and commercial spectator sports. Included in the Personal and Household Service Industries are barber and beauty shops, laundries and cleaners, funeral services and other personal and household services.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 41 and 42.

Additional information such as revenue, expenses, client base and employment distributions will be published in *Leisure and Personal Services, 1985-*

1987 (63-233, \$29), scheduled for release in February. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, contact Shirley Beyer (613-951-3492), Services, Science and Technology Division. ■

Railway Carloadings

Ten-day Period Ending January 31, 1990

Revenue freight loaded by railways in Canada during the period totalled 6.9 million tonnes, an increase of 9.2% over the same period last year.

Piggyback traffic increased 3.9% and the number of cars loaded increased 3.6% over the same period last year.

The tonnage of revenue freight loaded to date this year is 7.3% 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 have been revised.

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

Supply and Disposition of Major Grains and Oilseeds

1988-89

Supply and disposition tables for Canada pertaining to the major grains and oilseeds (wheat, oats, barley, rye, flax, canola, corn and soybeans) are now available for the 1988-89 crop year (August 1 to July 31).

Available on CANSIM: matrices 5629, 5674, 5679-5685 and 5688.

The December 1989 issue of *Cereals and Oilseeds Review* (22-007, \$13.10/\$131) is scheduled for release in March. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, contact A. Dupuis (613-951-3871), Agriculture Division. ■

Stocks of Frozen Poultry Products

February 1, 1990

Preliminary cold storage of frozen poultry products at February 1st, 1990 and revised figures for January 1st, 1990 are now available.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 5675-5677.

To order *Production and Stocks of Eggs and Poultry* (\$115/year), a statistical bulletin, contact Guy Gervais (613-951-2453).

For further information on this release contact Ruth McMillan (613-951-2549), Livestock and Animal Products Section, Agriculture Division. ■

Other Food Products Industries Including Malt and Malt Flour Industry

1987 Census of Manufactures

In 1987, the value of shipments and other revenue for the other food products industries including malt and malt flour industry (SIC 1098) totalled \$3,293.9 million, up 0.8% over \$3,268.6 million in 1986.

Data for the industry will be published at a later date (31-203, \$58). See "How to Order Publications".

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

Other Leather and Allied Products Industry

1987 Census of Manufactures

In 1987, the value of shipments and other revenue for the other leather and allied products industry (SIC 1719) totalled \$79.3 million, down 4.3% from \$82.9 million in 1986.

Data for the industry will be published at a later date (31-203, \$58). See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, contact Andy Shinnan (613-951-3510), Industry Division. ■

Other Spun Yarn and Woven Cloth Industry

1987 Census of Manufactures

In 1987, the value of shipments and other revenue for the other spun yarn and woven cloth industry (SIC 1829) totalled \$1,371.5 million, down 0.1% from \$1,373.1 million in 1986.

Data for the industry will be published at a later date (31-203, \$58). See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, contact Andy Shinnan (613-951-3510), Industry Division. ■

Men's and Boys' Coat Industry

1987 Census of Manufactures

In 1987, the value of shipments and other revenue for the men's and boys' coat industry (SIC 2431) totalled \$321.2 million, up 30.2% over \$246.7 million in 1986.

Data for the industry will be published at a later date (31-203, \$58). See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, contact Andy Shinnan (613-951-3510), Industry Division. ■

Men's and Boys' Pants Industry

1987 Census of Manufactures

In 1987, the value of shipments and other revenue for the men's and boys' pants industry (SIC 2433) totalled \$601.7 million, up 12.0% over \$537.4 million in 1986.

Data for the industry will be published at a later date (31-203, \$58). See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, contact Andy Shinnan (613-951-3510), Industry Division. ■

Men's and Boys' Shirt and Underwear Industry

1987 Census of Manufactures

In 1987, the value of shipments and other revenue for the men's and boys' shirt and underwear industry (SIC 2434) totalled \$682.0 million, up 16.7% over \$584.1 million in 1986.

Data for the industry will be published at a later date (31-203, \$58). See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, contact Andy Shinnan (613-951-3510), Industry Division. ■

Women's Dress Industry

1987 Census of Manufactures

In 1987, the value of shipments and other revenue for the women's dress industry (SIC 2443) totalled \$420.8 million, up 5.8% over \$397.7 million in 1986.

Data for the industry will be published at a later date (31-203, \$58). See "How to Order Publications".

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Sweater Industry

1987 Census of Manufactures

In 1987, the value of shipments and other revenue for the sweater industry (SIC 2491) totalled \$297.3 million, up 6.2% over \$280.0 million in 1986.

Data for the industry will be published at a later date (31-203, \$58). See "How to Order Publications".

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Occupational Clothing Industry

1987 Census of Manufactures

In 1987, the value of shipments and other revenue for the occupational clothing industry (SIC 2492) totalled \$241.8 million, up 3.2% over \$234.5 million in 1986.

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(Canada: \$6.80/\$68; Other Countries: \$8.20/\$82).

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(Canada: \$8.90/\$89; Other Countries: \$10.70/\$107).

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**Preliminary Statement of Canadian International
Trade, December 1989.**

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(Canada: \$5.80/\$58; Other Countries: \$7/\$70).

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**Historical Labour Force Statistics - Actual Data,
Seasonal Factors, Seasonally Adjusted Data,
1989.**

Catalogue number: 71-201

(Canada: \$58; Other Countries: \$70).

**Postcensal Annual Estimates of Population by
Marital Status, Age, Sex and Components of
Growth for Canada, Provinces and Territories,
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