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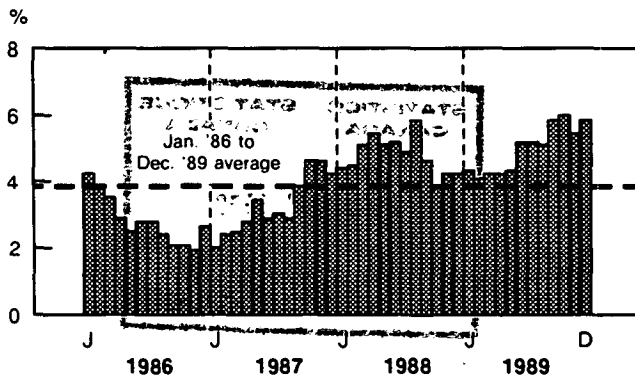
December 1989 (Unadjusted)

Industrial Aggregate Summary

The preliminary December 1989 estimate of average weekly earnings for all employees in the industrial aggregate¹ was \$497.47, an increase of 0.4% over November. Average weekly earnings increased 5.8%² (\$27.24) over December 1988. For the first 11 months of 1989, the average year-over-year increase was 5.0%.

Canada industrial aggregate employment was estimated at 10,206,000, down 220,000 (-2.1%) from November. In December, the year-to-year employment growth rate was 1.4%. The rate has been generally decelerating since March of this year.

**Year over-year Percent Change in Average Weekly Earnings
Industrial Aggregate - Canada**



¹ The industrial aggregate is the sum of all industries with the exception of agriculture, fishing and trapping, religious organizations, private households and military personnel.

² Not adjusted for inflation.

National Highlights

Average Weekly Earnings

- In December, mines, quarries and oil wells, manufacturing, community, business and personal services and public administration had higher year-to-year increases than the industrial aggregate.
- The year-to-year growth of average weekly earnings in community, business and personal services has accelerated during the past four months and reached 7.0% in December. This increase was the highest observed in this industry since the inception of the survey in 1983 and was concentrated in commercial services³.
- Compared to December 1988, growth in earnings in construction (+5.6%) decelerated for the fourth consecutive month. For the first time this year, the construction growth rate is smaller than the industrial aggregate.
- Since April 1989, the year-over-year growth in the goods-producing industries has consistently been above 5%. The December growth rate was 5.8%.

Number of Employees

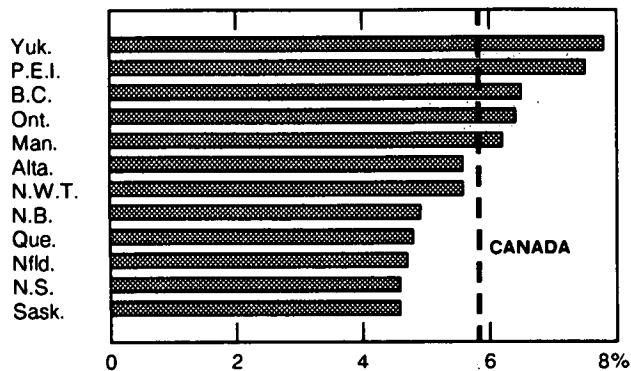
- Compared to December 1988, construction, transportation, communication, and other utilities, community, business and personal services and public administration registered employment growth greater than the industrial aggregate.
- Despite some deceleration in year-over-year growth in the last three months, construction (+6.8%) had the highest annual employment growth rate of all industries.
- In December, forestry, mines, quarries and oil wells and manufacturing all showed year-to-year declines in employment.

³ Commercial services comprise amusement and recreation services, services to business management, personal services, accommodation and food services and miscellaneous services.

Hours and Hourly Earnings

- In December 1989, average weekly hours for employees paid by the hour⁴ were estimated at 31.2, down from 31.5 a year ago.
- Average weekly hours for hourly paid employees were estimated at 37.6 in the goods-producing industries and 28.0 in the service-producing industries.
- Average hourly earnings for employees paid by the hour were estimated at \$12.44; \$14.69 in the goods-producing industries and \$10.96 in the service-producing industries.

Percent Change in Average Weekly Earnings December 1988 – December 1989



⁴ Employees paid by the hour account for approximately half of industrial aggregate employment.

Provincial and Territorial Highlights

- Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Alberta and British Columbia showed deceleration in year-over-year employment growth during the last three months of 1989.
- Manitoba recorded its fifth consecutive year-over-year decline in employment.

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The December 1989 issue of *Employment, Earnings and Hours* (72-002, \$38.50/\$385) will be available at the end of March. See "How to Order Publications".

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Employment, Earnings and Hours

December 1989

(data not seasonally adjusted)

Industry Group – Canada (1970 S.I.C.)	Number of employees*					
	December 1989 ^p	November 1989 ^r	December 1988	December 1989/88	January- December 1989/88	January- December 1988/87
	Thousands			Year-over-year % change		
Industrial aggregate	10,205.9	10,426.5	10,068.0	1.4	2.3	1.6
Goods-producing industries	2,520.6	2,640.1	2,554.3	-1.3	1.7	1.7
Forestry	52.7	59.5	58.5	-10.0	-0.1	2.1
Mines, quarries and oil wells	143.7	146.2	153.1	-6.2	-3.5	2.1
Manufacturing	1,856.3	1,905.7	1,893.7	-2.0	0.9	1.0
Construction	467.9	528.7	448.9	4.2	6.8	4.0
Service-producing industries	7,685.3	7,786.4	7,513.6	2.3	2.6	1.6
Transportation, communication and other utilities	861.5	858.9	821.9	4.8	3.5	0.9
Trade	1,892.7	1,902.1	1,883.6	0.5	1.3	2.6
Finance, insurance and real estate	649.0	650.0	643.4	0.9	0.4	5.2
Community, business and personal services	3,591.7	3,685.6	3,502.3	2.6	3.4	0.7
Public administration	690.4	689.8	662.5	4.2	2.8	1.3
Newfoundland	138.5	147.3	137.3	0.9	2.9	4.9
Prince Edward Island	34.6	35.4	35.1	-1.3	1.2	5.6
Nova Scotia	293.1	300.8	284.8	2.9	4.9	2.4
New Brunswick	218.7	229.4	213.1	2.7	3.4	3.0
Quebec	2,492.7	2,535.4	2,484.5	0.3	1.0	1.6
Ontario	4,212.5	4,301.7	4,171.7	1.0	2.4	0.6
Manitoba	378.3	387.0	385.2	-1.8	-0.1	1.3
Saskatchewan	301.4	309.0	293.3	2.8	0.9	2.0
Alberta	970.6	988.0	943.9	2.8	3.6	3.4
British Columbia	1,135.4	1,162.4	1,089.7	4.2	4.5	3.1
Yukon	10.5	10.4	9.9	5.6	7.1	6.6
Northwest Territories	19.6	19.8	19.6	0.3	2.1	7.1

^p preliminary estimates

^r revised estimates

* all employees

Employment, Earnings and Hours - Concluded

December 1989

(data not seasonally adjusted)

Industry Group - Canada (1970 S.I.C.)	Average weekly earnings*					
	December 1989 ^p	November 1989 ^r	December 1988	December 1989/88	January- December 1989/88	January- December 1988/87
	Dollars			Year-over-year % change		
Industrial aggregate	497.47	495.52	470.23	5.8	5.0	4.8
Goods-producing industries	600.30	610.47	567.48	5.8	5.4	4.8
Forestry	626.95	648.79	623.71	0.5	5.9	0.5
Mines, quarries and oil wells	834.65	839.33	786.76	6.1	6.5	6.2
Manufacturing	582.87	589.33	549.04	6.2	5.1	4.9
Construction	594.50	619.09	563.17	5.6	6.4	4.3
Service-producing industries	463.75	456.54	437.17	6.1	4.9	4.7
Transportation, communication and other utilities	625.42	621.46	609.99	2.5	4.1	4.1
Trade	367.37	362.68	347.10	5.8	5.6	4.1
Finance, insurance and real estate	540.40	534.19	513.90	5.2	4.2	5.0
Community, business and personal services	425.79	418.95	397.93	7.0	4.9	5.2
Public administration	651.63	637.67	611.80	6.5	4.7	4.6
Newfoundland	477.24	470.22	456.03	4.7	5.0	4.8
Prince Edward Island	416.51	414.39	387.48	7.5	5.7	4.7
Nova Scotia	443.89	437.60	424.25	4.6	3.6	4.5
New Brunswick	453.32	453.93	432.34	4.9	5.1	3.4
Quebec	483.09	478.51	461.04	4.8	4.1	5.4
Ontario	519.36	520.02	488.25	6.4	5.5	5.8
Manitoba	456.41	450.12	429.75	6.2	5.5	3.5
Saskatchewan	436.07	431.75	416.85	4.6	3.6	1.3
Alberta	491.00	490.92	465.03	5.6	4.7	2.8
British Columbia	506.61	502.75	475.47	6.5	5.4	2.9
Yukon	603.91	609.59	560.22	7.8	5.4	8.4
Northwest Territories	672.21	671.94	636.56	5.6	7.0	1.8

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^r revised estimates

* for all employees



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