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#### Perspectives on Labour and Income Spring 1990 .

The new edition of Perspectives on Labour and Income, Statistics Canada's quarterly journal on labour and income issues, looks back at fundamental changes in the labour market over the past two decades.

This edition also has studies on high technology, the distribution of wealth in Canada and the United States, the performance of trusteed pension funds, how 1982 graduates have fared in the labour market, wives as primary breadwinners in the family and an unemployment rate based on hours lost.

Each quarter, Perspectives on Labour and Income, using results from several data sources, examines and offers insights on emerging issues. Articles trace recent labour market developments as well as current income and wealth issues.

The Spring issue of Perspectives on Labour and Income (75-001E, \$12.50/\$50) is now available. See "How to Order Publications"

For further information on this release, contact Ian Macredie (613-951-9456) or Cécile Dumas (613-951-4722).

#### **MAJOR RELEASE**

## The Labour Force: Into the 1990s

Labour market performance was mixed in 1989. Unemployment stalled at over a million persons and the average duration of unemployment remained unchanged at 18 weeks. Employment grew by about a quarter of a million, however, and the unemployment rate fell back, to-its-pre-recession-level—of 7.5%

"The Labour Force: Into the 1990s" is one of the seven studies featured in the Spring 1990 issue of the quarterly, Perspectives on Labour and Income (75-001E). The article looks at the labour market during the past year as well as highlighting the sweeping changes which have occurred in the labour force, employment and unemployment over the past two decades.

#### Highlights include:

 Women comprised 44% of the labour force in 1989, up from 33% in 1969. Almost two-thirds of women with pre-school age children were either employed or looking for work.

- The labour force is aging: 15-24 year olds made up only 20% of the labour force in 1989, down from a peak of 27% in 1974.
- About 94% of employment growth during the last decade was attributable to the service sector, compared to 79% during the 1970s.
- In line with the more rapid expansion of the service sector, white-collar employment was up 30% over the decade, while blue-collar employment increased only 3%.
- Unemployment among persons with eight years of schooling or less worsened over the decade. Their unemployment rate was 11.1% in 1989, up from 8.8% in 1979. The rate for persons with a university degree was 3.7% in 1989.

To obtain "The Labour Force: Into the 1990s", order the Spring 1990 issue of *Perspectives on Labour and Income* (75-001E, \$12.50/\$50). See "How to Order Publications".

For further information, contact Michel Côté (613-951-6896).

#### DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **Vending Machine Operators** 1988

#### **Highlights**

- Vending machine operators in Canada reported sales of \$424 million in 1988, an increase of 6% over the 1987 revised total of \$400 million.
- The number of operators totalled 655, a decline of 3% from the previous year.
- The number of machines in operation increased 26% to 213,000 units.
- All provinces reported increased sales, ranging from 21% in Prince Edward Island, to 3% in British Columbia.
- The two largest commodity categories continued to show opposite trends. Coffee machine sales were up 15% to \$124 million, representing 29% of total sales. Sales through cigarette vending machines declined to \$93 million, accounting for 22% of total vending machine revenue.
- Business offices and industrial plants continued to be the most popular locations for vending machines.

The 1988 issue of *Vending Machine Operators* (63-213, \$21) will be available in April. See "How to Order Publications".

For more information on this release, contact David Roeske (613-951-9236), Retail Trade Section, Industry Division.

#### Railway Carloadings

Seven-day Period Ending February 28, 1990

Revenue freight loaded by railways in Canada during the week totalled 4.8 million tonnes, a decrease of 0.6% from the same period last year.

Piggyback traffic decreased 2.9% and number of cars loaded decreased 2.7% from the same period last year.

The tonnage of revenue freight loaded to date this year is 5.5% 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 further information on this release, contact Angus MacLean (613-951-2484), Surface Transport Unit, Transportation Division.

#### **Tobacco Products**

February 1990

Canadian tobacco product firms produced 3.91 billion cigarettes in February 1990, an 11.1% decrease from the 4.40 billion cigarettes manufactured during the same period in 1989. Production for January and February 1990 totalled 7.76 billion cigarettes, down 6.8% from 8.33 billion cigarettes for the corresponding period in 1989.

#### Available on CANSIM: matrix 46.

Order the February 1990 issue of *Production and Disposition of Tobacco Products* (32-022, \$4.70/\$47) or for further information contact Brian Preston (613-951-3511), Industry Division.

#### **Shipments of Rolled Steel**

January 1990

Rolled steel shipments for January 1990 totalled 1 004 649 tonnes, an increase of 17.5% over the preceding month's total of 855 308 tonnes, but a decrease of 7.9% from the year-earlier level of 1 090 507 tonnes.

## Available on CANSIM: matrices 58 and 122 (series 22-25).

The January 1990 issue of *Primary Iron and Steel* (41-001, \$4.70/\$47) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, contact Gerry Barrett (613-951-3515), Industry Division.

#### **Construction Type Plywood**

January 1990

Canadian firms produced 180 212 cubic metres of construction type plywood during January 1990, a decrease of 1.9% from the 183 718 cubic metres produced during January 1989.

#### Available on CANSIM: matrix 122 (level 1).

The January 1990 issue of Construction Type Plywood (35-001, \$4.70/\$47) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, contact Jock Dobie (604-666-2671), Pacific Region, Statistics Canada, Sinclair Centre, 757 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6C 3C9.

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Pulpwood and Wood Residue Statistics,

January 1990.

Catalogue number 25-001

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

Particleboard, Waferboard and Fibreboard,

January 1990.

Catalogue number 36-003

(Canada: \$4.70/47; Other Countries: \$5.60/\$56).

Production and Shipments of Blow-Moulded Plastic Bottles, Quarter Ended December 31, 1989.

Catalogue number 47-006

(Canada: \$6.50/\$26; Other Countries: \$7.75/\$31).

Preliminary Statement of Canadian International Trade, January 1990.

Catalogue number 65-001P

(Canada: \$5.80/\$58; Other Countries: \$7/\$70). Available Tuesday, March 20, 1990 at 8:30 a.m..

Security Transactions with Non-residents,

December 1989.

Catalogue number 67-002

(Canada: \$15/\$150; Other Countries: \$18/\$180).

Perspectives on Labour and Income, Spring 1990.

Catalogue number 75-001E

(Canada: \$12.50/\$50; Other Countries: \$15;\$60).

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