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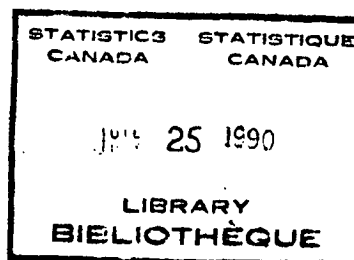
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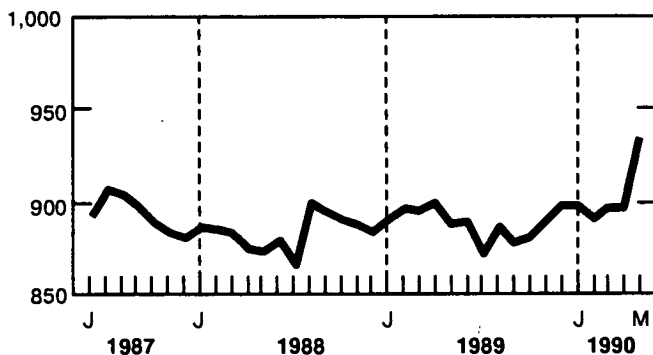
Seasonally Adjusted Data

- For the week ended May 19, 1990, preliminary estimates show that the number of beneficiaries¹ receiving regular unemployment insurance benefits totalled 935,000, up 4.3% over April 1990.

Beneficiaries Receiving Regular Unemployment Insurance Benefits, Canada

Seasonally adjusted

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- Between April and May, the seasonally adjusted number of beneficiaries receiving regular benefits increased in all provinces and territories. Advances between 3% and 5% were observed in British Columbia (3.1%), Quebec (3.4%), Alberta (3.9%), the Yukon (4.4%), and Ontario (4.8%). Increases exceeding 6% were recorded in Nova Scotia (6.6%), Manitoba (7.4%), and Saskatchewan (9.6%). The remaining provinces and the Northwest Territories registered only small changes.
- While total benefit payments (adjusted for seasonal variations and the number of working days) remained virtually unchanged in May at \$1,047 million, the number of benefit weeks increased 2.9% to 4.6 million.

¹ The number of beneficiaries represents a count of persons who qualified for unemployment insurance benefits during a specific week of the reference month.

Unadjusted

- In May 1990, the total number of beneficiaries¹ (including all persons qualifying for regular and special unemployment insurance benefits) stood at 1,062,000, up 5.6% over the same month a year ago. For the same period, the number of male beneficiaries rose 10.2% to 582,000, and the number of female beneficiaries increased 0.6% to 480,000.
- Benefits paid during May totalled \$1,168 million², up 8.4% over May 1989. For the first five months of 1990, \$6,091 million has been paid to beneficiaries, a 9.2% increase over the same period last year. During this period, the average weekly payment increased 7.3% to \$232.59, and the number of benefit weeks advanced 1.8% to 26.2 million.
- A total of 249,000 claims² (applications) for unemployment insurance benefits were received in May, up 15.6% over the same month a year ago. Since the start of 1990, 1,354,000 claims have been received, up 10.2% over the same period last year.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 26 (series 1.6), 5700-5717, 5735, and 5736. The last two matrices contain monthly data, starting in January 1984, on beneficiaries by sex and Census Metropolitan Area (CMA) or Census Agglomeration (CA).

The May 1990 issue of *Unemployment Insurance Statistics* (73-001, \$14.70/\$147), containing data for March, April and May 1990 will be available in August 1990. See "How to Order Publications".

Unpublished beneficiaries data, including statistics for small areas defined by data users, are also available on request. For special tabulations or further information, contact André Picard (613-951-4045) or Horst Stiebert (613-951-4044), Labour Division.

² Benefits paid, number of benefit weeks, and number of claims received relate to a complete calendar month, and these data are usually final estimates when released. It should also be noted that these data are affected by the number of working days available during the reference month to process claims and to pay benefits. In making short-term comparisons it is not uncommon to observe different trends between these data and the number of beneficiaries. ☐

Unemployment Insurance Statistics

	May 1990	April 1990	March 1990	May 1989	May1990/ April1990
Seasonally adjusted					% change
Benefits					
Amount paid (\$000)	1,046,618	1,045,381	1,043,862	966,216	0.1
Weeks of benefit (000)	4,648	4,518	4,476	4,552	2.9
Beneficiaries - Regular benefit (000)	935^P	897^P	897^r	888	4.3
	May 1990	April 1990	March 1990	May 1989	May 1990/ May 1989
Unadjusted					% change
Benefits					
Amount paid (\$000)	1,167,894	1,199,110	1,232,844	1,077,061	8.4
Weeks of benefit (000)	5,074	5,132	5,290	5,028	0.9
Average weekly benefit (\$)	230.16	233.67	233.07	214.19	7.5
Claims received (000)	249	230	256	216	15.6
Beneficiaries (000)					
Total	1,062 ^P	1,182 ^P	1,242 ^r	1,005	5.6
Regular benefits	899 ^P	1,011 ^P	1,069 ^r	862	4.3
January to May					1990/1989
	1990		1989		
Benefits					% change
Amount paid (\$000)	6,091,152		5,577,543		9.2
Weeks of benefit (000)	26,189		25,735		1.8
Average weekly benefit (\$)	232.59		216.73		7.3
Claims received (000)	1,354		1,229		10.2
Beneficiaries					
Year-to-date average (000)	1,199^P		1,178		1.8

^P Preliminary figures.^r Revised figures.

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Mineral Wool Including Fibrous Glass Insulation

June 1990

Manufacturers shipped 2 808 966 square metres of R12 factor (RSI 2.1) mineral wool batts in June 1990, up 0.9% from the 2 784 569 square metres shipped a year earlier, and up 11.9% from the 2 510 894 square metres shipped the previous month.

Year-to-date shipments to the end of June 1990 totalled 18 201 939 square metres, a decrease of 7.1% from the same period in 1989.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 40 and 122 (series 32 and 33).

The June issue of *Mineral Wool Including Fibrous Glass Insulation* (44-004, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

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

Production, Shipments and Stocks of Sawmills East of the Rockies

May 1990

Production of lumber in sawmills east of the Rockies decreased 0.9% to 2 029 077 cubic metres in May 1990 from 2 047 800 cubic metres after revisions in May 1989.

Stocks on hand at the end of May 1990 totalled 2 736 835 cubic metres, an increase of 3.3% compared to 2 649 311 cubic metres in May 1989.

Year-to-date production in 1990 amounted to 9 657 968 cubic metres, a decrease of 2.2% compared to 9 870 213 cubic metres after revisions for the same period in 1989.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 53 and 122 (series 2).

The May 1990 issue of *Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills East of the Rockies* (35-002, \$10/\$100) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, contact Jacques Lepage (613-951-3516), Industry Division. ■

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Monthly Survey of Manufacturing, May 1990.

Catalogue number 31-001

(Canada: \$17.30/\$173.00; United States: US\$20.80/US\$208.00; Other Countries: US\$24.20/US\$242.00).

Factory Shipments of High Pressure Decorative Laminate Sheet, Quarter Ended June 1990.

Catalogue number 47-005

(Canada: \$4.75/\$19.00; United States: US\$5.75/US\$23.00; Other Countries: US\$6.75/US\$27.00).

Salaries and Salary Scales of Full-Time Teaching Staff at Canadian Universities, 1989-90

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