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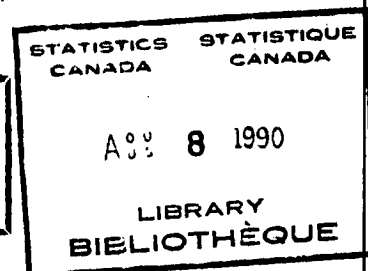
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### Help-wanted Index

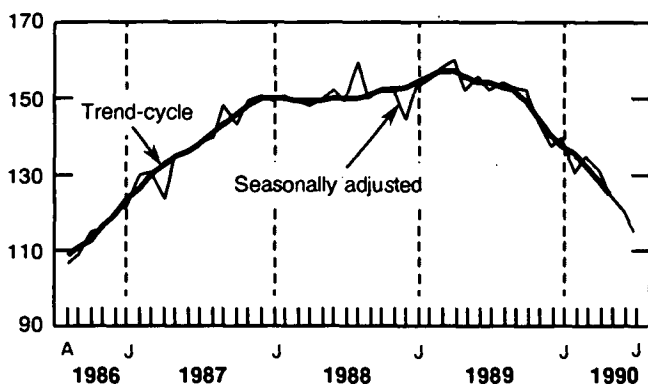
July 1990

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.

#### Highlights – Seasonally Adjusted

- The Help-wanted Index for Canada (1981 = 100) continued to decrease in July, falling six points to 114. This is the lowest level since October 1986, when the index also stood at 114.

Help-wanted Index, Canada  
(1981 = 100)



#### Changes by Region

- Between June and July 1990, the seasonally adjusted Help-wanted Index increased to 187 from 168 in the Atlantic provinces and to 83 from 80 in the Prairie provinces. It dropped sharply in Quebec (to 122 from 143), and registered smaller decreases in Ontario (to 109 from 112) and British Columbia (to 119 from 121).

#### Note to 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.

#### Highlights – Longer-term Trend

- The trend-cycle for Canada continued to decrease between April and May 1990, falling four points to 124. The index reached a peak of 157 in March 1989, and started to decline in May 1989.
- The long-term trend moved downward in all regions, although the start of the decrease varied considerably across the country. With reference to May 1990, the trend-cycle has been declining for 16 consecutive months in Ontario, 12 months in Quebec, 10 months in the Atlantic provinces, and four months in both the Prairie provinces and in British Columbia.

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

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

Year and month	Canada	Atlantic Region	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Region	British Columbia
<b>Seasonally Adjusted</b>						
<b>1989</b>						
July	152	213	171	161	90	131
August	154	181	176	159	92	132
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
<b>Trend cycle</b>						
<b>1989</b>						
May	156	201	179	170	89	130
June	154	203	178	167	90	131
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 <sup>p</sup>	124	171	140	120	86	121

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## Construction Union Wage Rate Index

June 1990

The Canada Total Union Wage Rate Index (including supplements) for construction trades (1986 = 100) rose 0.9% over the previous month, to 115.8 for June.

On a monthly basis, the indexes for Quebec City, Montreal and Chicoutimi increased by 4.3%, due to new collective agreements. A marginal increase of 0.1% was observed for Winnipeg, also due to new agreements signed in Manitoba.

On a year-over-year basis, the Canada Composite Index rose 2.7%. By city, the largest increase occurred in St. John's (11.7%), followed by

Chicoutimi (4.9%), Halifax, Quebec City and Montreal (4.8%), Vancouver (4.4%), Winnipeg (4.3%), Victoria (4.0%) and St. John (3.8%). Cities in Ontario recorded average increases of 0.1%.

**Available on CANSIM: matrices 956, 958, and 2033-2038.**

The second quarter 1990 issue of *Construction Price Statistics* (62-007, \$18/\$72) will be available in September. See "How to Order Publications".

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

### Construction Union Wage Rate Indexes, Basic Rate plus Supplements

June 1990  
(1986 = 100)

	June 1990	May 1990	June 1989	% change	
				June 1990/ May 1990	June 1990/ June 1989
<b>Canada</b>	<b>115.8</b>	<b>114.8</b>	<b>112.8</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>2.7</b>
St. John's	119.6	119.6	107.1	-	11.7
Halifax	115.5	115.5	110.2	-	4.8
Saint John	116.7	116.7	112.4	-	3.8
Quebec City	124.1	119.0	118.4	4.3	4.8
Chicoutimi	124.1	119.0	118.3	4.3	4.9
Montreal	124.1	119.0	118.4	4.3	4.8
Ottawa	119.0	119.0	118.6	-	0.3
Toronto	119.1	119.1	119.1	-	-
Hamilton	118.2	118.2	118.0	-	0.2
St. Catharines	118.6	118.6	118.4	-	0.2
Kitchener	119.7	119.7	119.7	-	-
London	118.2	118.2	118.1	-	0.1
Windsor	118.0	118.0	118.0	-	-
Sudbury	118.5	118.5	118.5	-	-
Thunder Bay	118.3	118.3	118.3	-	-
Winnipeg	112.6	112.5	108.0	0.1	4.3
Vancouver	116.8	116.8	111.9	-	4.4
Victoria	115.9	115.9	111.4	-	4.0

- nil or zero.

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## DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### Sugar Sales

July 1990

Canadian sugar refiners reported total sales of 77 825 tonnes for all types of sugar in July 1990, comprising 71 289 tonnes in domestic sales and 6 536 tonnes in export sales. The 1990 year-to-date sales reported for all types of sugar totalled 543 536 tonnes: 508 656 tonnes in domestic sales and 34 880 tonnes in export sales.

This compares to total sales of 74 200 tonnes in July 1989, of which 72 786 tonnes were domestic sales and 1 414 tonnes were export sales. The 1989 year-to-date sales reported for all types of sugar totalled 565 704 tonnes: 533 080 tonnes in domestic sales and 32 624 tonnes in export sales.

The July 1990 issue of *The Sugar Situation* (32-013, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

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

### Industrial Chemicals and Synthetic Resins

June 1990

Canadian chemical firms produced 128 582 tonnes of polyethylene synthetic resins in June 1990, an increase of 13.8% over the 112 964 tonnes produced in June 1989.

January to June 1990 production totalled 777 565 tonnes, up 13.3% over the 686 367 tonnes produced during the same period in 1989.

Data are also available on Canadian production of three other types of synthetic resins and 24 industrial chemicals for June 1990, June 1989 and corresponding cumulative figures.

**Available on CANSIM: matrix 951.**

The June 1990 issue of *Industrial Chemicals and Synthetic Resins* (46-002, \$5.60/\$56) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Raj Sehdev (613-951-3513), Industry Division. ■

### Electric Storage Batteries

June 1990

Canadian manufacturers of electric storage batteries sold 166,554 automotive and heavy duty commercial replacement batteries in June 1990, a decrease of 22.8% from 215,663 batteries sold the same month a year earlier.

Cumulative sales amounted to 924,907 automotive and heavy duty commercial replacement batteries from January to June 1990, down 17.9% from 1,126,202 for the same period in 1989.

Information on sales of other types of storage batteries is also available.

The June 1990 issue of *Factory Sales of Electric Storage Batteries* (43-005, \$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. ■

### Footwear Statistics

June 1990

Canadian manufacturers produced 3,007,154 pairs of footwear in June 1990, a decrease of 10.7% from the 3,368,856 pairs produced a year earlier.

Year-to-date production for January to June 1990 totalled 16,852,605 pairs of footwear, down 3.7% from 17,501,844 pairs produced during the same period in 1989.

**Available on CANSIM: matrix 8.**

The June 1990 *Footwear Statistics* (33-002, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Don Grant (613-951-5998), Industry Division. ■

## Steel Pipe and Tubing

June 1990

Steel pipe and tubing production for June 1990 totalled 127 617 tonnes, a decrease of 8.7% from the 139 723 tonnes produced a year earlier.

Year-to-date production totalled 770 121 tonnes, down 7.9% from the 836 108 tonnes produced during the same period in 1989.

**Available on CANSIM: matrix 35.**

The June 1990 issue of *Steel Pipe and Tubing* (41-011 \$5.00/\$50) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

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

## Selected Financial Indexes

June 1990

June 1990 figures are now available for the selected financial indexes.

**Available on CANSIM: matrix 2031.**

The second quarter 1990 issue of *Construction Price Statistics* (62-007, \$18/\$72) will be available in September. See "How to Order Publications".

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