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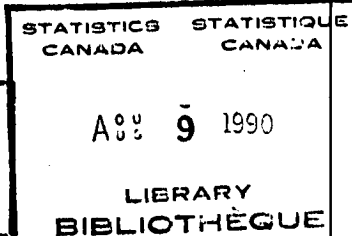
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### Estimates of Labour Income

May 1990

The May 1990 preliminary estimate of labour income, which comprises approximately 50% of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in the National Income and Expenditure Accounts, was \$32.2 billion, an increase of 9.4% over May 1989. This was a slight acceleration in the growth rate, compared to the average increase of 9.0% in the first four months of 1990.

#### Highlights

##### Seasonally Adjusted

- The seasonally adjusted estimate of wages and salaries<sup>1</sup> for May 1990 rose by 1.3% over April, substantially greater than the average monthly change of 0.6% occurring in the previous four months of 1990. A much larger than usual estimate for special payments contributed to the strong May growth.
- Wages and salaries in federal administration and other government offices posted a substantial gain (+21.0%), due to large retroactive payments. Strong growth was also noted in education and related services (3.1%), and in transportation, communications and other utilities (2.0%) due to large retroactive payments resulting from contract settlements in the province of Quebec.
- Wages and salaries in construction declined 1.8% in May. This industry was affected by province-wide work stoppages in Ontario.

- All provinces and both territories showed changes of 1.0% or more in wages and salaries, with the exception of Nova Scotia (0.8%) and New Brunswick (0.9%).

##### Unadjusted

- The May 1990 year-over-year growth in wages and salaries was 8.7%, bringing the year-to-date increase to 8.4%. This represented a significant deceleration from the 9.5% rate of growth posted in 1989.
- The year-to-year growth rates in wages and salaries for the first five months of 1990, compared to the same period in 1989 decelerated in all industries, with the exception of federal, provincial and local administration, and transportation, communications and other utilities.
- Decelerations in the year-over-year rates of growth were noted in all provinces and both territories, with the exception of Alberta and Saskatchewan.

##### Available on CANSIM: matrices 1791 and 1792.

The April-June 1990 issue of *Estimates of Labour Income* (72-005, \$22.50/\$90) will be available in October. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information, contact Georgette Gauthier (613-951-4051), Labour Income Section, Labour Division. ☐

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<sup>1</sup> Wages and salaries account for 90% of labour income.

# Wages and Salaries and Supplementary Labour Income

(millions of dollars)

	May 1990 <sup>p</sup>	April 1990 <sup>r</sup>	March 1990 <sup>f</sup>	May 1989
<b>Unadjusted</b>				
Agriculture, fishing and trapping	198.1	158.7	141.6	194.3
Forestry	194.4	162.8	170.9	187.6
Mines, quarries and oil wells	687.4	669.0	671.5	666.4
Manufacturing industries	5,542.5	5,441.7	5,385.9	5,261.8
Construction industry	2,017.2	1,876.4	1,718.8	1,859.4
Transportation, communications and other utilities	2,818.0	2,723.1	2,701.3	2,565.7
Trade	3,982.1	3,928.4	3,892.7	3,688.7
Finance, insurance and real estate	2,468.5	2,420.6	2,373.4	2,295.2
Commercial and personal service	4,231.1	4,127.4	4,101.7	3,846.8
Education and related services	2,466.2	2,399.8	2,395.4	2,225.8
Health and welfare services	1,933.5	1,893.3	1,873.5	1,792.1
Federal administration and other government offices	1,105.9	883.9	884.5	835.0
Provincial administration	677.2	668.6	672.5	631.6
Local administration	576.6	568.2	561.3	533.8
<b>Total wages and salaries</b>	<b>28,898.7</b>	<b>27,922.0</b>	<b>27,545.0</b>	<b>26,584.1</b>
Supplementary labour income	3,274.8	3,225.4	3,117.4	2,831.4
<b>Labour income</b>	<b>32,173.5</b>	<b>31,147.4</b>	<b>30,662.4</b>	<b>29,415.5</b>
<b>Seasonally Adjusted</b>				
Agriculture, fishing and trapping	206.0	210.6	208.4	202.7
Forestry	207.0	206.0	201.8	200.0
Mines, quarries and oil wells	688.4	682.8	674.2	667.6
Manufacturing industries	5,500.7	5,495.2	5,488.8	5,221.1
Construction industry	2,015.7	2,052.2	2,043.4	1,863.4
Transportation, communications and other utilities	2,804.8	2,749.3	2,722.7	2,554.0
Trade	3,948.5	3,951.3	3,936.8	3,658.1
Finance, insurance and real estate	2,426.7	2,409.8	2,396.2	2,268.6
Commercial and personal service	4,246.6	4,209.4	4,209.5	3,862.0
Education and related services	2,380.6	2,308.9	2,301.6	2,148.4
Health and welfare services	1,905.3	1,899.2	1,882.0	1,765.9
Federal administration and other government offices	1,076.4	889.4	892.2	814.3
Provincial administration	681.1	679.2	684.9	635.1
Local administration	581.3	587.1	585.8	538.3
<b>Total wages and salaries</b>	<b>28,676.6</b>	<b>28,320.9</b>	<b>28,154.9</b>	<b>26,324.9</b>
Supplementary labour income	3,249.6	3,271.5	3,186.4	2,802.2
<b>Labour income</b>	<b>31,926.2</b>	<b>31,592.4</b>	<b>31,341.3</b>	<b>29,127.1</b>

<sup>p</sup> Preliminary estimates

<sup>r</sup> Revised estimates

<sup>f</sup> Final estimates

## New Housing Price Index

June 1990

The New Housing Price Index (1986=100) for Canada stood at 143.6 in June, down 1.4% from May 1990. Decreases in Toronto (-2.3%), Hamilton (-2.0%), St. Catharines-Niagara (-1.8%), and Vancouver (-1.7%) all contributed to this decline.

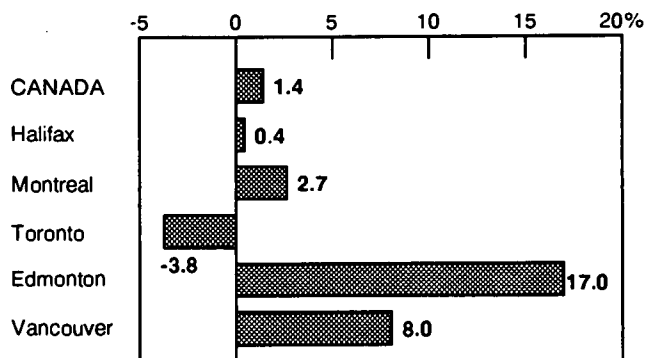
Since Toronto accounts for over one-third of the Canada total index weight, Toronto's significant decrease was a major factor in the Canada level decrease.

Between May 1990 and June 1990, the estimated House Only Index decreased 2.1%, while the estimated Land Only Index decreased 0.3%.

This index of Canadian housing contractors' selling prices now stands 1.4% higher than the year-earlier level. This increase represents a considerably slower rate of increase when compared with the same period last year, when the index stood 14.3% higher on a yearly basis. Toronto was a major factor in this deceleration with a yearly decrease of 3.8% in June 1990, compared with a yearly increase of 24.5% in June 1989.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 2032.

## Percentage Change in New Housing Price Index from Same Month of the Previous Year, Canada and Selected Cities, June 1990



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, please contact the Information and Current Analysis Unit (613-951-9607), Prices Division.

## New Housing Price Indexes

1986 = 100

	June 1990	May 1990	June 1989	June 1990/ May 1990	June 1990/ June 1989
				% change	
Canada Total	143.6	145.6	141.6	-1.4	1.4
Canada (House Only)	134.1	137.0	135.4	-2.1	-1.0
Canada (Land Only)	169.6	170.1	158.3	-0.3	7.1
St. John's	115.8	115.8	112.2	-	3.2
Halifax	109.6	109.6	109.2	-	0.4
Saint John-Moncton-Fredericton	113.5	113.5	111.9	-	1.4
Quebec City	130.0	129.8	127.1	0.2	2.3
Montreal	133.9	133.6	130.4	0.2	2.7
Ottawa-Hull	124.3	124.4	119.9	-0.1	3.7
Toronto	175.2	179.4	182.2	-2.3	-3.8
Hamilton	144.5	147.4	141.4	-2.0	2.2
St. Catharines-Niagara	139.8	142.3	129.4	-1.8	8.0
Kitchener-Waterloo	141.3	142.2	137.5	-0.6	2.8
London	145.2	145.1	137.5	0.1	5.6
Windsor	128.8	128.3	123.9	0.4	4.0
Sudbury-Thunder Bay	134.7	135.0	125.4	-0.2	7.4
Winnipeg	109.1	108.8	106.3	0.3	2.6
Regina	108.8	108.8	106.8	-	1.9
Saskatoon	107.7	107.5	106.6	0.2	1.0
Calgary	137.9	137.9	119.6	-	15.3
Edmonton	138.2	138.2	118.1	-	17.0
Vancouver	136.6	139.0	126.5	-1.7	8.0
Victoria	125.0	125.6	114.4	-0.5	9.3

- Nil or zero.

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### Passenger Bus and Urban Transit Statistics

June 1990

In June 1990, a total of 70 Canadian urban transit systems with gross annual total operating revenues of \$500,000 or more (subsidies included) carried 121,687,250 fare passengers, an increase of 3.3% over the previous month. A comparison with the same period in 1989 showed a decrease of 5.4%. Operating revenues totalled \$98,460,145, up 5.3% over May 1990 and 2.2% over June 1989.

During the same period, 23 passenger bus carriers earning \$500,000 or more annually from intercity and rural bus operations carried 1,183,507 fare passengers, up 8.4% over the previous month, but down 17.5% from the same month last year. Earnings of these carriers totalled \$20,974,702, an 8.8% increase over the May 1990 operating revenues, and an 9.6% increase over June 1989.

All 1989 figures and 1990 cumulative data have been revised.

**Available on CANSIM: matrices 351 and 352.**

The June 1990 issue of *Passenger Bus and Urban Transit Statistics* (53-003, \$7.10/\$71) will be available the fourth week of August. See "How to Order Publications".

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

### Pulpwood and Wood Residue Statistics

June 1990

Pulpwood receipts amounted to 3 210 655 cubic metres in June 1990, a decrease of 15.3% from 3 792 777 cubic metres a year earlier. Receipts of wood residue totalled 4 573 036 cubic metres, down 9.7% from 5 066 609 cubic metres in June 1989. Consumption of pulpwood and wood residue was reported at 8 035 133 cubic metres, a decrease of 3.8% from 8 354 702 cubic metres reported the previous year. The closing inventory of pulpwood and wood residue remained virtually unchanged at 18 666 969 cubic metres, from 18 674 798 cubic metres a year earlier.

Year-to-date receipts of pulpwood totalled 18 903 779 cubic metres, a decrease of 9.6% from 20 909 945 cubic metres a year earlier. Receipts of wood residue increased 1.5% to 28 387 808 cubic metres from the year earlier level of 27 981 888 cubic metres. Consumption of pulpwood and wood residue, at 50 401 102 cubic metres, was down 2.0% from 51 433 015 cubic metres a year earlier.

**Available on CANSIM: matrix 54.**

The June 1990 issue of *Pulpwood and Wood Residue Statistics* (25-001, \$6.10/\$61) 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. ■

### Particleboard, Waferboard and Fibreboard

June 1990

Canadian firms produced 162 443 cubic metres of waferboard in June 1990, a decrease of 10.3% from the 181 005 cubic metres produced in June 1989. Particleboard production reached 123 750 cubic metres, up 6.3% over the 116 372 cubic metres produced the previous year. Production of fibreboard for June 1990 was 8 794 thousand square metres, basis 3.175mm, an increase of 3.1% over the 8 531 thousand square metres, basis 3.175mm, of fibreboard produced in June 1989.

Cumulative production of waferboard during the year 1990 totalled 1 091 326 cubic metres, up 7.0% over the 1 020 360 cubic metres produced during the previous year. Particleboard production was 622 657 cubic metres, down 0.5% from the 625 582 cubic metres produced during the January to June 1989 period. Year-to-date production of fibreboard reached 50 786 thousand square metres, basis 3.175mm, up 5.2% over the 48 266 thousand square metres, basis 3.175mm, for the same period in 1989.

**Available on CANSIM: matrices 31 (series 2, 3 and 4) and 122 (series 8 and 34).**

The June 1990 issue of *Particleboard, Waferboard and Fibreboard* (36-003, \$5/\$50) 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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