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Estimates of Labour Income

June 1990

The June 1990 preliminary estimate of labour income, which comprises approximately 50% of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in the National Income and Expenditure Accounts, was \$33.0 billion, an increase of 7.2% from June 1989. This growth rate is significantly lower than the average year-to-year change of 9.1% recorded in the first five months of 1990. The estimate for June 1989 contained large federal administration retroactive payments which affect the year-to-year comparison. Removing the effect of these special payments results in an annual change of 8.2%.

Highlights

Seasonally Adjusted

- The seasonally adjusted estimate of wages and salaries¹ for June 1990 decreased by 0.5% from May, compared to the average monthly change of +0.7% in the preceding five months. Larger than usual estimates of special payments, however, affected both the May and the June estimates.
- Wages and salaries in health and welfare services grew by 4.8% in June, due primarily to large retroactive payments resulting from contract settlements in the province of Quebec. Finance, insurance and real estate wages and salaries increased by 1.2%.
- Federal administration and other government offices recorded a 15.6% decline in wages and salaries following a 23.3% increase in May that was due to large retroactive payments. Declines in wages and salaries also occurred in transportation, communications and other utilities (1.7%), and mines, quarries and oil wells (1.7%).

¹ Wages and salaries account for 90% of labour income.

- Wages and salaries in construction continued to decline for the second consecutive month, partially due to the province-wide work stoppages in Ontario.
- Decreases of greater than 1% were recorded in Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, Saskatchewan and the Yukon, Northwest Territories and Abroad. New Brunswick showed an increase of 1.4%.

Unadjusted

- The June 1990 year-over-year growth in wages and salaries was 6.5%, bringing the year-to-date increase to 8.0%. The June increase marked the lowest annual change since November 1986. However, by removing the impact of large special payments in June 1989, the annual change would be 7.7%.
- The year-to-year growth rates in wages and salaries for the first six months of 1990 compared to the same period in 1989 decelerated in most industries, most notably in manufacturing, construction and commercial and related services. Accelerations were noted in transportation, communications and other utilities, health and welfare services, and provincial and local administration.
- Decelerations in the year-over-year rates of growth occurred in both territories and all provinces except Saskatchewan and Alberta.

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.

Wages and Salaries and Supplementary Labour Income

(millions of dollars)

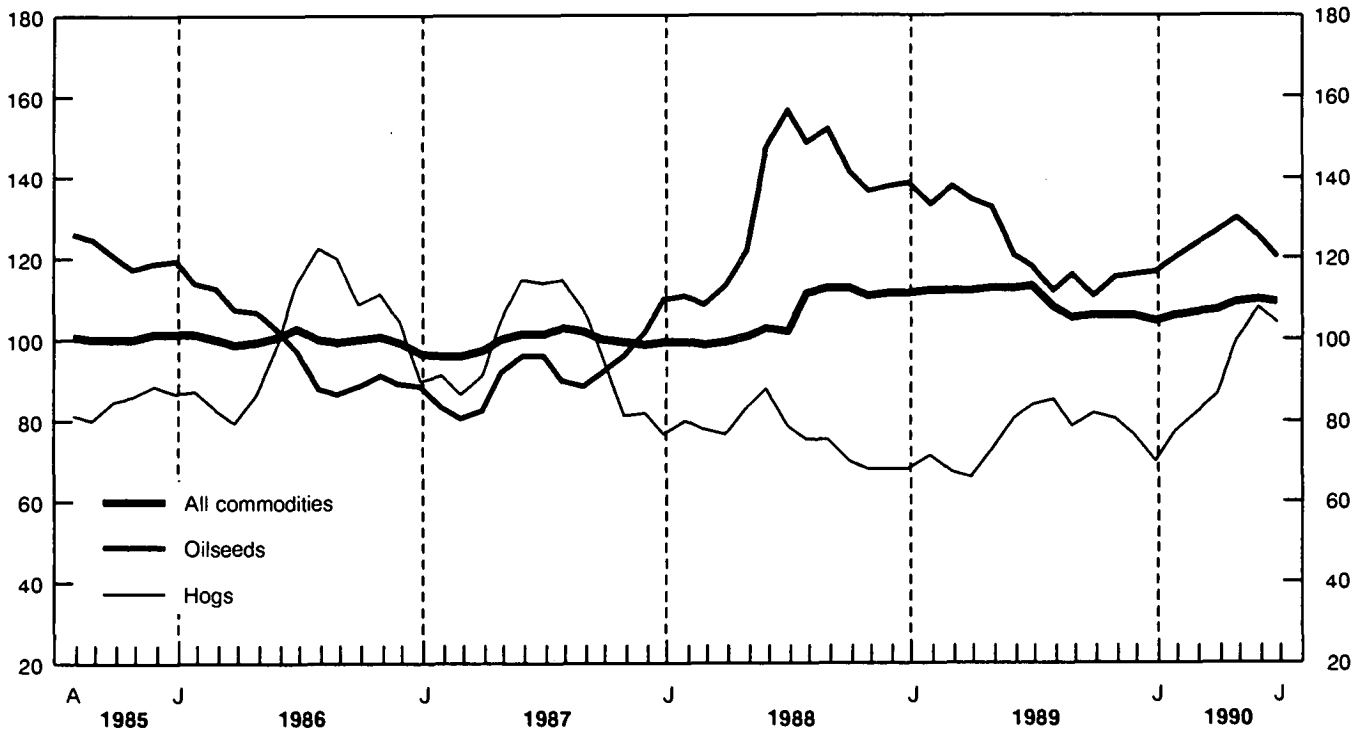
	June 1990 ^p	May 1990 ^r	April 1990 ^f	June 1989
Unadjusted for Seasonal Variation				
Agriculture, fishing and trapping	251.1	198.1	158.7	248.0
Forestry	236.9	194.8	163.0	229.6
Mines, quarries and oil wells	719.4	704.1	669.0	686.5
Manufacturing industries	5,676.8	5,501.9	5,409.5	5,472.4
Construction industry	2,162.9	2,021.8	1,876.4	2,029.3
Transportation, communications and other utilities	2,850.9	2,841.5	2,723.1	2,628.9
Trade	4,049.6	3,990.5	3,927.8	3,770.7
Finance, insurance and real estate	2,522.6	2,472.6	2,422.2	2,345.7
Commercial and personal service	4,372.4	4,246.6	4,127.4	3,991.5
Education and related services	2,455.8	2,468.5	2,400.4	2,240.3
Health and welfare services	2,051.0	1,952.7	1,893.3	1,785.7
Federal administration and other government offices	970.2	1,138.3	893.1	1,174.2
Provincial administration	705.3	688.8	669.4	651.4
Local administration	607.1	581.0	567.6	564.3
Total wages and salaries	29,632.0	29,001.2	27,901.0	27,818.7
Supplementary labour income	3,358.7	3,286.2	3,222.9	2,961.6
Labour income	32,990.7	32,287.3	31,123.8	30,780.3
Adjusted for Seasonal Variation				
Agriculture, fishing and trapping	208.8	206.0	210.6	206.8
Forestry	205.7	207.4	206.2	199.6
Mines, quarries and oil wells	693.0	705.1	682.8	661.6
Manufacturing industries	5,452.0	5,460.3	5,462.6	5,256.5
Construction industry	1,999.3	2,020.4	2,052.2	1,884.1
Transportation, communications and other utilities	2,779.7	2,828.2	2,749.3	2,563.4
Trade	3,965.5	3,956.8	3,950.7	3,693.2
Finance, insurance and real estate	2,460.4	2,430.8	2,411.4	2,289.0
Commercial and personal service	4,273.9	4,262.1	4,209.4	3,903.5
Education and related services	2,366.1	2,382.7	2,309.5	2,158.1
Health and welfare services	2,017.3	1,924.2	1,899.2	1,755.8
Federal administration and other government offices	935.0	1,108.0	898.7	1,133.4
Provincial administration	690.1	692.8	680.0	637.5
Local administration	585.5	585.8	586.5	544.4
Total wages and salaries	28,490.3	28,622.6	28,246.1	26,881.2
Supplementary labour income	3,229.3	3,243.3	3,262.7	2,861.2
Labour income	31,719.6	31,865.9	31,508.9	29,742.4

^p Preliminary estimates

^r Revised estimates

^f Final estimates

Farm Product Price Index (1986 = 100)



Farm Product Price Index
July 1990

The Farm Product Price Index (1986 = 100) for Canada stood at 108.9 in July, down 0.8% from the revised June level of 109.8. Both the crops, and the livestock and animal products indexes fell (1.0% and 0.7%). The overall index remained 3.5% below the year-earlier level of 112.9. Cereal and oilseed prices for the 1989-90 crop year (August 1-July 31) have been much lower than in the previous crop year, as 1989 North American grain production rebounded from the drought-reduced 1988 level.

The percentage changes in the index between June and July 1990 by province were as follows:

● Newfoundland	-1.2%
● Prince Edward Island	-3.8%
● Nova Scotia	-0.5%
● New Brunswick	-0.2%
● Quebec	-1.0%
● Ontario	-1.2%
● Manitoba	-1.7%
● Saskatchewan	-0.7%
● Alberta	+0.3%
● British Columbia	-0.8%
● Canada	-0.8%

Crops

The crops index fell 1.0% in July to a level of 113.1, as prices for cereals, oilseeds, and potatoes all decreased. The index stood 13.7% below the year-earlier level of 131.0. Grain prices in 1988-89 were the highest in four years, as drought in North America reduced crop production.

- The cereals index decreased 0.4% in July to a level of 111.0, following three monthly increases. The drop was due to lower prices for oats and barley in most provinces. The cereals index stood 18.8% below the year-earlier level.
- The oilseeds index fell 4.6% in July to a level of 119.6, as a result of lower prices for flaxseed and canola. This was the second monthly decrease following seven months of increases. Despite this drop, oilseeds prices remained 1.8% above year-earlier levels.
- The potatoes index decreased 1.9% in July to a level of 166.4. Potato prices have been trending downwards over the last four months. The index stood 24.9% below the record level attained in July 1989. In 1988, potato production was 8.4% below 1987 levels. In 1989, potato production increased by 3.2%.
- The hogs index fell 3.4% to a level of 103.8 in July, following five months of strong price increases. Industry analysts feel that this dip is only temporary, as the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) June 1 *Hogs and Pigs Report* indicated that U.S. hog production will remain below year-earlier levels through the fourth quarter of 1990.
- The cattle index decreased 0.6% to a level of 108.4 in July. The cattle index has been quite stable during the last 12 months, fluctuating between 106.4 and 109.0. The second quarter USDA *Cattle-on-Feed Report* indicated that this stability should continue, as supplies and markets are expected to remain relatively unchanged into the fourth quarter.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 176.

Livestock and Animal Products

The livestock and animal products index decreased 0.7% in July to a level of 106.3, as both cattle and hog prices decreased. Egg prices increased 2.4%, and poultry prices increased 1.3%. The July decrease in the index was the first in the last six months.

The July issue of the *Farm Product Price Index* (62-003,\$7.10/\$71) is scheduled for release on September 21. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, contact Liz Leckie (613-951-2436), Farm Income and Prices Section, Agriculture Division. ■

DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sugar Sales

August 1990

Canadian sugar refiners reported total sales of 85 547 tonnes for all types of sugar in August 1990, comprising 78 184 tonnes in domestic sales and 7 363 tonnes in export sales. The 1990 year-to-date sales reported for all types of sugar totalled 629 027 tonnes: 586 784 tonnes in domestic sales and 42 243 tonnes in export sales.

This compares to total sales of 90 389 tonnes in August 1989, of which 86 594 tonnes were domestic sales and 3 795 tonnes were export sales. The 1989 year-to-date sales reported for all types of sugar totalled 656 093 tonnes: 619 674 tonnes in domestic sales and 36 419 tonnes in export sales.

The August 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. ■

Coal and Coke Statistics

June 1990

Highlights

- Canadian production of coal totalled 4 989 kilotonnes in June 1990, down 8.5% from the corresponding month last year. The year-to-date production figure stands at 34 516 kilotonnes, down 0.6%.
- Exports in June fell 9.5% from June 1989 to 2 196 kilotonnes while imports rose 1.8% to 2 072 kilotonnes. Cumulative figures for the year show exports of 15 703 kilotonnes, 4.5% below last year's level.
- Coke production decreased to 364 kilotonnes, a difference of 0.6% from June 1989.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 9.

The June 1990 issue of *Coal and Coke Statistics* (45-002, \$9/\$90) will be available the third week of September. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Dave Madsen (613-951-9823), Energy Section, Industry Division. ■

Blow-moulded Plastic Bottles

Second Quarter 1990

Figures for the second quarter of 1990 for blow-moulded plastic bottles are now available.

Production and Shipments of Blow-moulded Plastic Bottles (47-006, \$6.75/\$27) 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. ■

Business Services

Preliminary Estimates 1988

In 1988, total revenue for selected business service industries increased approximately 27%, more than double the growth of 10.5% in 1987. The acceleration in growth was broadly based among the industry groups. Small businesses (those earning less than \$2 million) contributed about one-half of the overall increase in revenue.

Preliminary 1988 revenue estimates for the business service industries are now available in the Volume 2, No. 4 issue of the *Service Industry Bulletin* (63-015, \$7.20/\$43). See "How to Order Publications."

For further information on this release, contact N. Preston (613-951-5682), Services, Science and Technology Division. ■

Charitable Donations Data

1988

Charitable donations data for 1988 provide demographic and socio-economic information relating to taxpayers and those taxpayers who made charitable donations. The data include the number of taxpayers, the number of donors, age groups, total and median donations as well as the median age of donors.

For further information, please contact your nearest Regional Office or call the Small Area and Administrative Data Division at (613-951-9720). ■

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Wholesale Trade, June 1990.

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(Canada: \$14.40/\$144.00; United States: US\$17.30/US\$173.00; Other Countries: US\$20.20/US\$202.00).

Touriscope - International Travel, National and Provincial Counts, April-June 1990.

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