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Fifth straight decline in June

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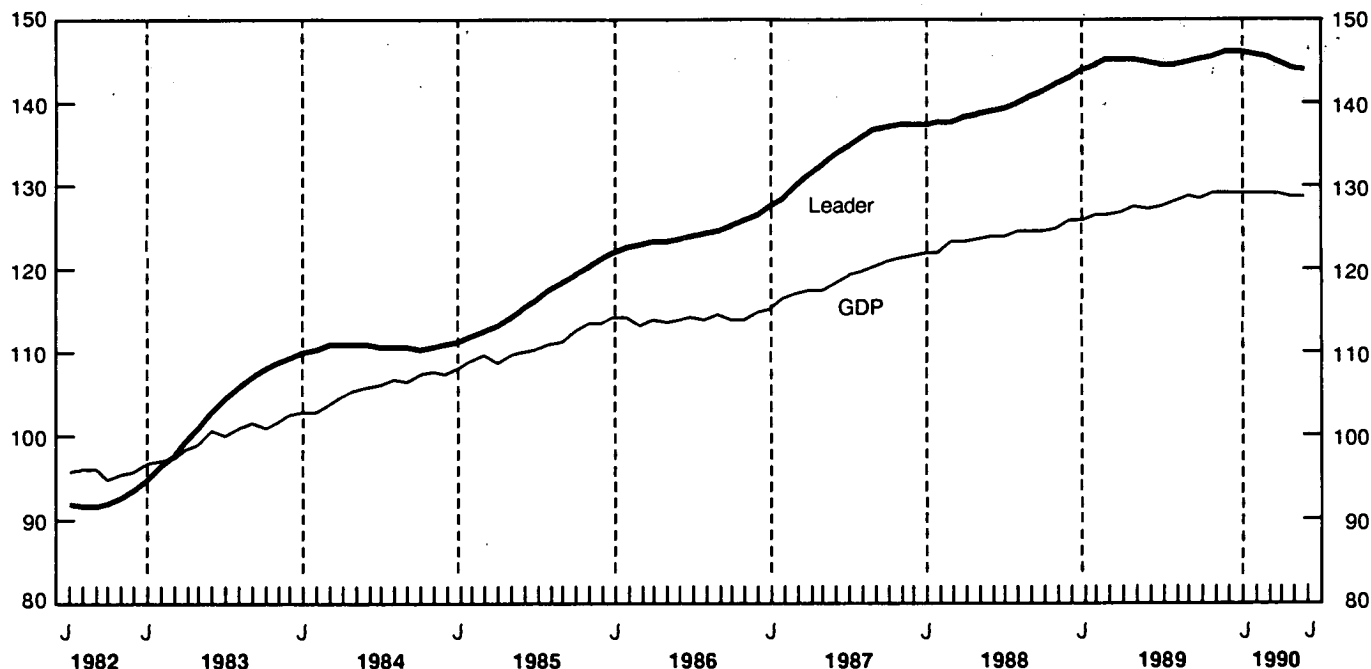
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Composite Leading Indicator and GDP

1981 = 100



Composite Leading Indicator

June 1990

The composite leading indicator fell for the fifth month in a row in June. The 0.3% decline was slightly smaller than the 0.4% drops posted in May and April, as there was a firming in manufacturing demand. Five of the 10 components decreased in June, compared to seven in May and eight in April. The weakness in the indicators of household demand was more pronounced, as disposable income fell, while the rapid decline in the financial market indicators continued.

All of the components related to household demand continued to register large declines, as disposable incomes and consumer confidence fell in the second quarter. The rate of decline in the housing index grew to 4.2%, as low levels of resale housing demand were joined by declining housing starts. In July, housing starts reached their lowest level since March 1986, following steady increases in

vacancy rates in the second quarter. Furniture and appliance sales fell steadily and at a rapid rate. Sales of other durable goods also declined, as the effect of rebates and price cuts was muted.

New orders for durable goods posted a second straight increase in June, after steady declines earlier in the year. Export demand for autos was particularly strong, as the industry was threatened by strikes for mid-September. An increase in shipments was partly met by a rundown of stocks, resulting in a levelling-off of the ratio of shipments-to-stocks after several months of decline. The average workweek remained weak after sharp declines in May and April.

The financial market indicators registered marked decreases again in June. The Toronto Stock Exchange price index fell by 1.7%, and the real money supply by 1.0%.

The U.S. leading indicator gained 0.2% in June, after a 0.1% increase in May and essentially no change earlier in the year. An upturn in auto production led the increase in the last two months

despite sluggish sales. However, consumer confidence posted a second consecutive large decline.

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951-3627), International and Financial Economics Division.

For more information on the economy, order the September issue of the *Canadian Economic Observer* (11-010, \$22/\$220), available the week of September 17. See "How to Order Publications".

Canadian Leading Indicators

	Percentage Change			Level	
	April	May	June	May	June
Composite Leading Indicator (1981 = 100)					
Smoothed	-0.4	-0.4	-0.3	144.2	143.8
Unsmoothed	-1.0	0.6	0.5	143.3	144.0
Retail trade					
Furniture and appliance sales	-0.4	-0.6	-0.6	1,075 ⁴	1,069 ⁴
Other durable goods sales	-0.4	-0.8	-0.8	3,840 ⁴	3,808 ⁴
House spending index ¹	-2.9	-3.8	-4.2	136.7	131.0
Manufacturing					
New orders - durables	-1.5	0.4	1.2	9,472 ⁴	9,581 ⁴
Shipment to inventory ratio - (finished goods ²)	-0.01	-0.01	0.00	1.41	1.41
Average workweek (hours)	-0.3	-0.3	0.0	38.3	38.3
Business and personal services employment (thousands)	0.6	0.4	0.5	1,780	1,789
United States composite leading index (1967 = 100)	0.0	0.1	0.2	193.7	194.0
TSE300 stock price index (1975 = 1000)	-2.7	-2.2	-1.7	3,651	3,589
Money supply (M1) (\$1981) ³	-0.8	1.0	-1.0	25,115 ⁴	24,859 ⁴

¹ Composite index of housing starts (units) and house sales (MLS).

² Difference from previous month.

³ Deflated by the consumer price index for all items.

⁴ Millions of 1981 dollars.

DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Air Carrier Operations in Canada

April-June 1989

Highlights

Operating Statistics

Air Canada reported a 9% increase in scheduled available seat-kilometres which was achieved as the carrier increased its fleet of Boeing 767s, from 14 in early 1988 to 21 by April 1989. Canadian Airlines International Ltd., which officially took over Wardair in April 1989, began coordinating the schedules of the two air carriers and reduced its own capacity on domestic scheduled routes. The airline reported a decrease of 12% in passengers carried on scheduled services in the second quarter of 1989, but in terms of scheduled passenger-kilometres the decrease was less than 2%; this occurred as Canadian matched its reduced domestic operations with increased longer haul international scheduled services.

Wardair, which had reported continuous, substantial growth in its operations during 1987 and 1988 due to fleet increases, experienced a 12% decrease in total passengers carried in the second quarter of 1989. Wardair's fleet decreased between the first and second quarters of 1989 as the carrier disposed of two Airbus A300s and its only McDonnell Douglas DC10. Although capacity increased somewhat on scheduled services, Wardair's charter passenger count dropped from nearly 200,000 in the second quarter of 1988 to less than 100,000 a year later, as charter hours flown dropped by nearly 45%.

Fare Basis Data

Compared to a year earlier, the second quarter 1989 economy fare index for domestic scheduled services advanced by 10% in unadjusted terms, while the discount fare index rose by 13%. For the international

markets, the economy fare index rose by nearly 5%, while the discount fare index increased by about 2%.

During the second quarter of 1989, 60% of domestic scheduled passengers travelled on discount fares, down from 62% in 1988. For the international markets, almost two of every three scheduled passengers (nearly 66%) flew on discount fares.

Four provinces (Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Alberta and British Columbia) and the territories registered an increased utilization of discount fares during the second quarter of 1989. Quebec and Ontario, with respective decreases of about seven and six percentage points compared to the same period in 1988, posted the largest declines.

The April-June 1989 issue of *Air Carrier Operations in Canada* (51-002, \$24.25/\$97) will be available shortly. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Robert Lund (819-997-6192), Aviation Statistics Centre, Transportation Division. ■

Footwear Statistics

July 1990

Canadian manufacturers produced 1,856,368 pairs of footwear in July 1990, a decrease of 6.8% from the 1,992,872^r pairs produced a year earlier.

Year-to-date production for January to July 1990 totalled 18,713,684^r pairs of footwear, down 4.0% from 19,494,716^r pairs produced during the same period in 1989.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 8.

The July 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. ■

Industrial Chemicals and Synthetic Resins

July 1990

Canadian chemical firms produced 133 281 tonnes of polyethylene synthetic resins in July 1990, an increase of 29.4% from the 103 038 tonnes produced in July 1989.

January to July 1990 production totalled 910 846 tonnes, up 15.4% from the 789 405 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 July 1990, July 1989 and corresponding cumulative figures.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 951.

The July 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. ■

Postcensal Estimates of Population by Age and Sex: Canada, Provinces and Territories

June 1, 1990

The postcensal estimates, by age and sex, at June 1, 1990 as well as components of population growth by sex and age for the year ending May 31, 1990 are available today. Direct access to these data is possible through CANSIM.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 6430-6442 (population), 6456 (births by sex), 6472-6484 (deaths), 6404-6416 (immigrants), 6417-6429 (emigrants) and 6443-6455 (interprovincial migrants).

These estimates will appear in the following publication in the near future: *Postcensal Annual Estimates of Population by Marital Status, Age, Sex and Components of Growth for Canada, Provinces and Territories*, June 1, 1990 (91-210, \$29).

For more detailed information, contact the nearest regional reference centre, or Lise Champagne (613-951-2320), Demography Division. ■

Government Revenue and Expenditure (SNA Basis)

Second Quarter 1990

Federal, provincial and local government detailed revenue and expenditure estimates on a national accounts basis for the quarter ended June 30, 1990 are now available. Revised estimates for the first quarter of 1990 are also available.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 2711 (federal), 2712 (provincial) and 2713 (local).

For further information, contact John (Sean) Bergin – federal (613-951-1815), Joumana Feghali – provincial (613-951-1824) or Paul Blouin – three levels of government (613-951-8563), Economic Statistics Section, Public Institutions Division.

Data are also available through special tabulation. For more information or general inquiries on Public Institutions Division's products or services contact Patricia Phillips, Data Dissemination Co-Ordinator (613-951-0767). ■

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Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas Production,
May 1990.

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(Canada: \$10.00/\$100.00; United States: US\$12.00/
US\$120.00; Other Countries: US\$14.00/US\$140.00).

Imports by Country, January-June 1990.

Catalogue number 65-006

(Canada: \$82.75/\$331.00; United States: US\$99.25/
US\$397.00; Other Countries: US\$115.75/
US\$463.00).

Labour Force Information, August 1990.

Catalogue number 71-001P

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