



The Daily

Statistics Canada

Thursday, January 17, 1991

For release at 8:30 a.m.

MAJOR RELEASE

- **Monthly Survey of Manufacturing, November 1990** 2
Shipments dropped 3.0% and new orders 2.8% in November following increases in October. Unfilled orders declined for the fourth month in a row.

DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

| | |
|---|---|
| Canadian Domestic Travel, Second Quarter 1990 | 5 |
| Steel Primary Forms, Week Ending January 12, 1991 | 5 |
| Railway Carloadings, 10-day Period Ending December 31, 1990 | 5 |

PUBLICATIONS RELEASED 6

NOT FOR LOAN
NE S'EMPRUNTE PAS

STATISTICS CANADA STATISTIQUE CANADA

JAN 17 1991

LIBRARY
BIBLIOTHÈQUE



Statistics
Canada

Statistique
Canada

Canada

MAJOR RELEASE

Monthly Survey of Manufacturing

November 1990

Seasonally Adjusted

Canadian manufacturers' shipments dropped sharply (-3.0%) in November as transportation equipment industries' shipments, notably motor vehicles, dropped off sharply following an increase in October. The current drop in shipments more than offset the increase in October. Seventeen of the remaining 21 major groups also recorded decreases.

New orders, with a drop of 2.8%, followed a similar pattern to that of shipments, decreasing for the fourth time in the last five months. Unfilled orders declined for the fourth month in a row. The large drop in shipments, together with a small decline in inventories, resulted in a jump in the inventories to shipments ratio from 1.50 to 1.55.

The **short term trend** for shipments has declined an average of 0.5% a month for the last three months. The trend for transportation equipment industries fell at a faster pace for the third consecutive month. The trend for manufacturing shipments excluding transportation equipment has declined since August 1989. The trends for unfilled orders and new orders continued to decline while the inventory trend showed no change after declining for eight consecutive months.

Highlights

- Preliminary estimates indicate that Canadian manufacturers' **shipments** dropped 3.0% to \$24.1 billion in November 1990. Eighteen of the 22 major groups recorded decreases with transportation equipment and paper and allied products industries accounting for most of the decrease.
- **Inventories** (owned) declined 0.2% to \$37.3 billion. Decreases in tobacco, fabricated metals and transportation equipment industries were partly offset by increases in refined petroleum and coal products industries. The trend, which had been declining since February 1990, remained unchanged.

- The **inventories to shipments** ratio increased sharply from 1.50 in October to 1.55 in November. The trend has been relatively stable for the last six months.

- **Unfilled orders** decreased by 0.9% to a level of \$27.0 billion, the fourth decline in a row. Increases in machinery and fabricated metal products industries were more than offset by decreases in primary metal and transportation equipment industries. The trend for unfilled orders has declined since October 1989.

Unfilled orders are the stock of orders which will generate future shipments, assuming that orders are not cancelled.

New orders are defined as the sum of shipments for the current month (i.e. orders received this month and shipped within the same month) plus the change in unfilled orders.

- **New orders** dropped 2.8% to a level of \$23.8 billion, the fourth decline in the last five months. The trend, which had increased from March to June 1990, fell for the fourth month in a row.

Year-To-Date

- Cumulative shipments for the first 11 months of 1990 were estimated at \$270.2 billion, 2.9% lower than the value for the corresponding period in 1989.

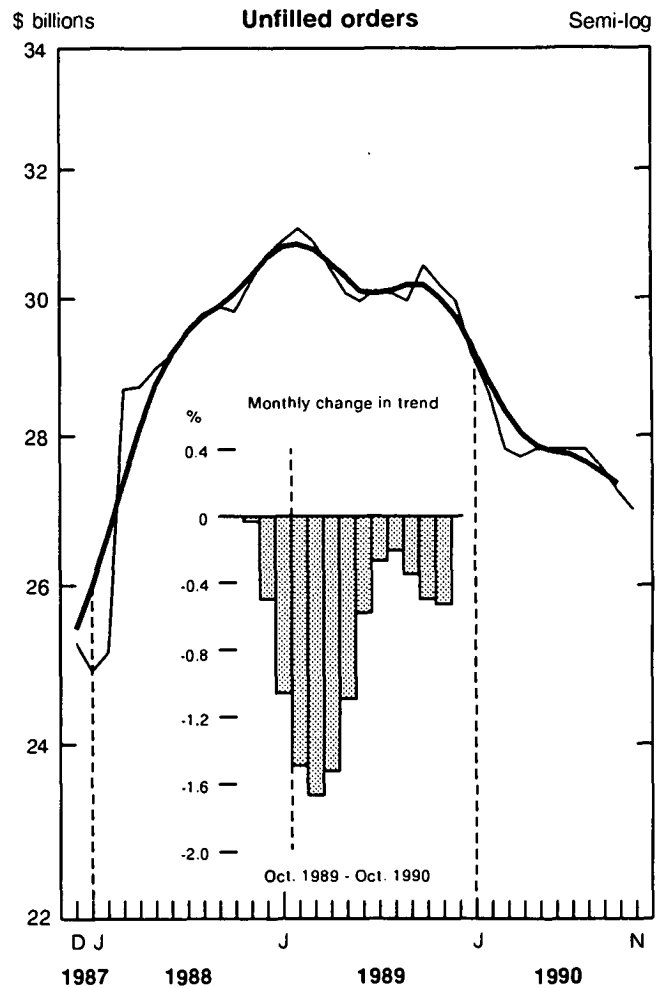
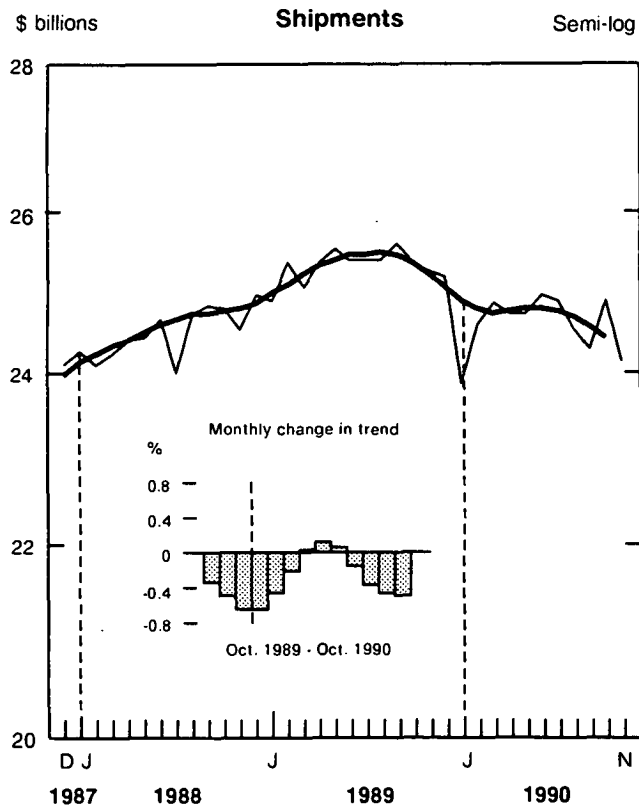
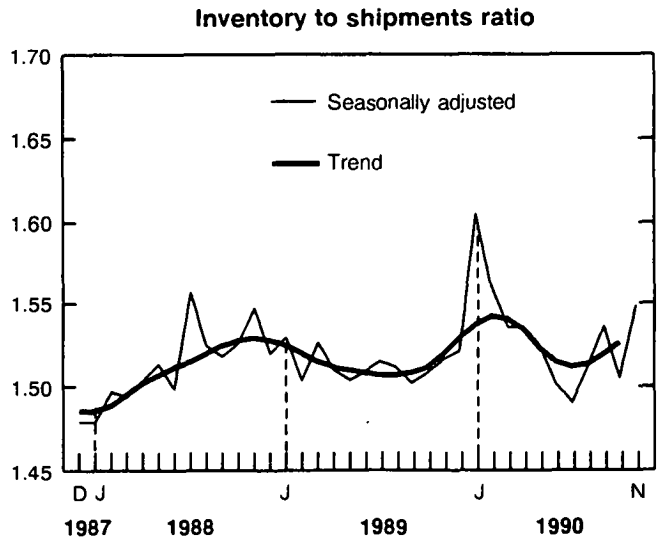
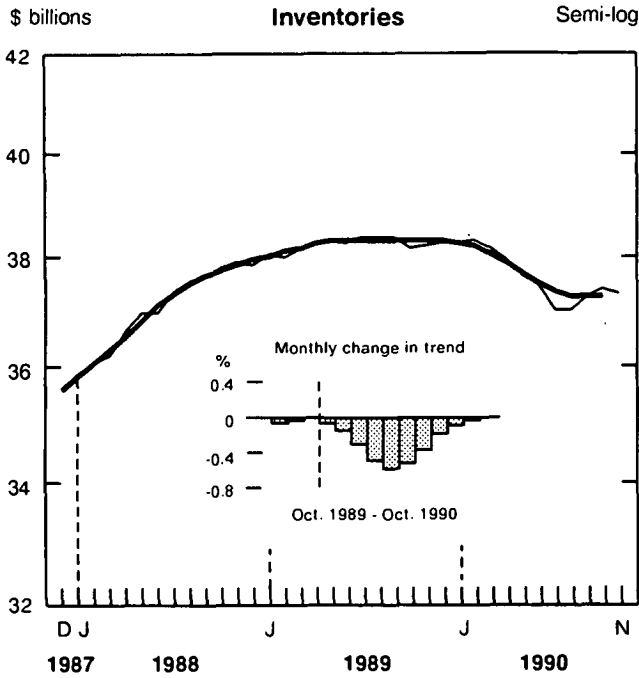
Available on CANSIM: matrices 9550-9580.

For more information, please consult the November 1990 issue of *Monthly Survey of Manufacturing* (31-001, \$17.30/\$173), available shortly.

Data for shipments by province in greater detail than normally published may be available on request. For further information, please contact Bob Traversy (613-951-9497) or the Monthly Survey of Manufacturing Section (613-951-9832), Industry Division.

Note: The appendix in the March 1990 issue of catalogue 31-001 contains estimated values of shipments, inventories and orders revised back to January 1987. ☐

Manufacturers' Inventories, Shipments and Unfilled Orders, November 1990



Shipments, Inventories and Orders in all Manufacturing Industries

November, 1990

| Period | Not seasonally adjusted | | | | Seasonally adjusted | | | |
|----------------|-------------------------|------------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------------|------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| | Shipments | Inven- tories | Unfilled orders | New orders | Shipments | Inven- tories | Unfilled orders | New orders |
| \$ millions | | | | | | | | |
| November 1989 | 26,012 | 37,865 | 29,590 | 25,647 | 25,229 | 38,216 | 30,177 | 24,912 |
| December 1989 | 22,926 | 37,681 | 29,095 | 22,431 | 25,161 | 38,255 | 29,927 | 24,911 |
| January 1990 | 22,546 | 38,406 | 29,103 | 22,555 | 23,856 | 38,237 | 29,139 | 23,068 |
| February 1990 | 23,117 | 38,944 | 28,861 | 22,875 | 24,564 | 38,316 | 28,619 | 24,044 |
| March 1990 | 26,276 | 38,646 | 28,374 | 25,789 | 24,844 | 38,135 | 27,803 | 24,028 |
| April 1990 | 24,452 | 38,456 | 28,210 | 24,288 | 24,706 | 37,926 | 27,687 | 24,590 |
| May 1990 | 26,795 | 37,878 | 28,404 | 26,989 | 24,706 | 37,642 | 27,826 | 24,845 |
| June 1990 | 26,465 | 37,333 | 27,869 | 25,931 | 24,940 | 37,438 | 27,807 | 24,920 |
| July 1990 | 22,702 | 36,745 | 27,833 | 22,665 | 24,859 | 37,014 | 27,802 | 24,854 |
| August 1990 | 24,326 | 36,918 | 27,861 | 24,354 | 24,516 | 37,021 | 27,788 | 24,502 |
| September 1990 | 24,706 | 36,855 | 27,360 | 24,205 | 24,255 | 37,238 | 27,545 | 24,012 |
| October 1990 | 26,689 | 37,017 | 26,931 | 26,260 | 24,847 | 37,362 | 27,221 | 24,524 |
| November 1990 | 24,616 | 36,930 | 26,554 | 24,239 | 24,093 | 37,296 | 26,977 | 23,849 |

| Period | Seasonally Adjusted | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------|-------------------------|-------|-------------|-------|---------------------------------|-------|-------------------------|-------|------------|-------|
| | Shipments | | Inventories | | Inventory to shipments ratio | | Unfilled orders | | New orders | |
| | S.A. | Trend | S.A. | Trend | S.A. | Trend | S.A. | Trend | S.A. | Trend |
| | Month to month % change | | | | Ratio | | Month to month % change | | | |
| November 1989 | -0.4 | -0.5 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 1.51 | 1.52 | -1.0 | -0.5 | -3.8 | -1.0 |
| December 1989 | -0.3 | -0.6 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 1.52 | 1.53 | -0.8 | -1.1 | 0.0 | -1.3 |
| January 1990 | -5.2 | -0.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.60 | 1.54 | -2.6 | -1.5 | -7.4 | -1.1 |
| February 1990 | 3.0 | -0.5 | 0.2 | -0.2 | 1.56 | 1.54 | -1.8 | -1.7 | 4.2 | -0.6 |
| March 1990 | 1.1 | -0.2 | -0.5 | -0.3 | 1.53 | 1.54 | -2.9 | -1.5 | -0.1 | 0.1 |
| April 1990 | -0.6 | 0.0 | -0.5 | -0.5 | 1.54 | 1.53 | -0.4 | -1.1 | 2.3 | 0.6 |
| May 1990 | 0.0 | 0.1 | -0.7 | -0.6 | 1.52 | 1.52 | 0.5 | -0.6 | 1.0 | 0.6 |
| June 1990 | 0.9 | 0.1 | -0.5 | -0.5 | 1.50 | 1.51 | -0.1 | -0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| July 1990 | -0.3 | -0.1 | -1.1 | -0.4 | 1.49 | 1.51 | 0.0 | -0.2 | -0.3 | -0.2 |
| August 1990 | -1.4 | -0.4 | 0.0 | -0.2 | 1.51 | 1.51 | -0.1 | -0.3 | -1.4 | -0.6 |
| September 1990 | -1.1 | -0.5 | 0.6 | -0.1 | 1.54 | 1.52 | -0.9 | -0.5 | -2.0 | -0.7 |
| October 1990 | 2.4 | -0.5 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 1.50 | 1.52 | -1.2 | -0.5 | 2.1 | -0.7 |
| November 1990 | -3.0 | * | -0.2 | * | 1.55 | * | -0.9 | * | -2.8 | * |

* The short-term trend represents a weighted average of the data.

DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Canadian Domestic Travel

Second Quarter 1990

Domestic travellers recorded 33.3 million trips in the second quarter of 1990, 2% more than in the corresponding quarter of 1988 and 29% above the number recorded 10 years earlier in 1980.

Most of the increase over 1988 was in same-day travel. Over 10 years, same-day travel grew 61% to 13.8 million person-trips. Overnight travel increased 13%, from 17.3 million to 19.5 million person-trips.

The microdata file for the second quarter survey will be available during February.

More information on the findings of the Canadian Travel Survey will be published in the Winter Issue of *Travel-log* (87-003, \$10.50/\$42), to be released later this month.

For additional information, contact Pierre Hubert (613-951-1513), Education, Culture and Tourism Division. ■

Steel Primary Forms

Week Ending January 12, 1991

Preliminary estimates indicate that Canadian steel primary forms production for the week ending January 12, 1991 totalled 260 200 tonnes, an increase of 26.7% from the preceding week's total of 205 446 tonnes but down 1.8% from the year-earlier level of 264 974 tonnes. The cumulative total in 1991 was 465 646 tonnes, a decrease of 8.0% from 506 053 tonnes for the same period in 1990.

For more detailed information on this release, contact Greg Milsom (613-951-9827), Industry Division. ■

Railway Carloadings

10-day period ending December 31, 1990

Highlights

- Revenue freight loaded by railways in Canada during the week totalled 3.5 million tonnes, a decrease of 18.6% from the same period last year.
- Piggyback traffic decreased 30.6% from the same period last year. The number of cars loaded also decreased 27.1% during the same period.
- The tonnage of revenue freight loaded during the year 1990 was 1.8% lower than that loaded in the previous year.

Note: Piggyback traffic includes trailers and containers on flat cars. Piggyback traffic numbers are included in total carload traffic. All 1989 figures and 1990 cumulative data have been revised.

For more detailed information on this release, contact Angus MacLean (613-951-2484), Surface Transport Unit, Transportation Division. ■

**The
Daily**

Statistics Canada's Official Release Bulletin for Statistical Information

Catalogue 11-001E. Price: Canada: \$120.00 annually; United States: US\$144.00 annually; Other Countries: US\$168.00 annually

Published by the Communications Division
Statistics Canada, 3-N, R.H. Coats Bldg., Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Senior Editor: Greg Thomson (613-951-1116)
Editor: Bonnie Williams (613-951-1103)

Published under the authority of the Minister of Industry, Science and Technology. All rights reserved. No part of this publication may be reproduced, stored in a retrieval system or transmitted in any form or by any means, electronic, mechanical, photocopying, recording or otherwise without prior written permission of the Minister of Supply and Services Canada.



1010061281

The Daily, January 17, 1991

PUBLICATIONS RELEASED

Gross Domestic Product by Industry,
October 1990.

Catalogue number 15-001

(Canada: \$12.70/\$127.00; United States:
US\$15.20/US\$152.00; Other Countries:
US\$17.80/US\$178.00).

Particle, Waterboard and Fibreboard, November
1990.

Catalogue number 36-003

(Canada: \$5.00/\$50.00; United States:
US\$6.00/US\$60.00; Other Countries:
US\$7.00/US\$70.00).

Coal and Coke Statistics, October 1990.

Catalogue number 45-002

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

**Communications - Service Bulletin -
Telecommunication Statistics,** Second Quarter
1990.

Catalogue number 56-001

(Canada: \$8.20/\$49.00; United States:
US\$9.85/US\$98.50; Other Countries:
US\$11.50/US\$115.00).

Retail Trade, October 1990.

Catalogue number 63-005

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

**Preliminary Statement of Canadian International
Trade (H.S. Based),** November 1990.

Catalogue number 65-001P

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

Available at 8:30 a.m., Friday, January 18, 1991.

Quarterly Demographic Statistics, July-September
1990.

Catalogue number 91-002

(Canada: \$7.50/\$30.00; United States:
US\$9.00/US\$36.00; Other Countries:
US\$10.50/US\$42.00).

**Postcensal Annual Estimates of Population for
Census Divisions and Census Metropolitan
Areas,** June 1, 1990.

Catalogue number 91-211

(Canada: \$17.00; United States: US\$20.00; Other
Countries: US\$24.00).

How to Order Publications

*Statistics Canada publications may be purchased by
mail order from Publication Sales, Room 1710, Main
Building, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6 or phone
613-951-7277.*

*Please enclose cheque or money order payable to the
Receiver General for Canada Publications and provide
full information on publications required (catalogue
number, title, issue).*

*Publications may also be ordered through Statistics
Canada's offices in St. John's, Halifax, Montreal, Ottawa,
Toronto, Winnipeg, Regina, Edmonton, Calgary and
Vancouver, or from authorized bookstore agents or other
booksellers.*

*A national toll-free telephone order service is in
operation at Statistics Canada. The toll-free line
(1-800-267-6677) can be used by Canadian customers
for the ordering of Statistics Canada products and
services.*