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Unemployment Insurance Statistics

November 1990

Seasonally Adjusted Data

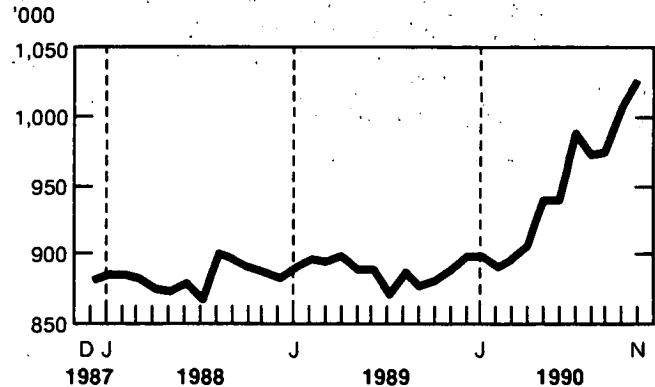
- For the week ended November 17, 1990, the preliminary estimate of the number of beneficiaries¹ receiving regular unemployment insurance benefits stood at 1,028,000, up 2.1% from a month earlier.
- Between October and November, the seasonally adjusted number of beneficiaries receiving regular benefits increased 7.1% in Ontario, 3.9% in Prince Edward Island, 2.9% in Newfoundland, and 1.1% in both Quebec and Nova Scotia. The number decreased 6.6% in the Yukon, and 1.6% in the Northwest Territories. There was little or no change in the other provinces.
- In November, total benefit payments (adjusted for seasonal variations and the number of working days) increased 3.4% to \$1,234 million, and the number of benefit weeks advanced 3.2% to 5.1 million.

Data Not Adjusted for Seasonal Variation

- In November 1990, the number of beneficiaries¹ (including all persons qualifying for regular and special unemployment insurance benefits) was 1,112,000, an increase of 13.3% from the same month a year ago. Over the same period, the number of male beneficiaries rose 19.3% to 602,000, while the number of female beneficiaries advanced 7.0% to 511,000.
- Benefits paid during November totalled \$1,059 million², up 22.8% from November 1989. Since the start of 1990, \$12,014 million has been paid to beneficiaries, up 14.2% from the same period a

Beneficiaries Receiving Regular Unemployment Insurance Benefits, Canada

Seasonally adjusted



year ago. For the same period, the average weekly payment increased 7.2% to \$230.44, and the number of benefit weeks advanced 6.5% to 52.1 million.

- A total of 460,000 claims² (applications) for unemployment insurance benefits were received in November, an increase of 25.7% over the same month a year earlier. Since the start of 1990, 3,307,000 claims have been received, up 14.7% compared with the same period last year.

Users should note that the Unemployment Insurance Act was amended effective October 23, 1990, and that the November 1990 data have been compiled reflecting the requirements of the revised legislation.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 26 (series 1.6), 5700-5717, 5735, and 5736. The last two matrices contain monthly data, starting in January 1984, on beneficiaries by sex and Census Metropolitan Area (CMA) or Census Agglomeration (CA).

The November 1990 issue of *Unemployment Insurance Statistics* (73-001, \$14.70/\$147), containing data for September, October, and November 1990 will be available in February 1991. See "How to Order Publications"

Unpublished beneficiaries data, including statistics for small areas defined by data users, are also available on request. For special tabulations or further information, contact André Picard (613-951-4045) or Horst Stiebert (613-951-4044), Labour Division (FAX: 613-951-4087).

¹ The number of beneficiaries represents a count of persons who qualified for unemployment insurance benefits during a specific week of the reference month.

² Benefits paid, number of benefit weeks, and number of claims received relate to a complete calendar month, and these data are usually final estimates when released. It should also be noted that these data are affected by the number of working days available during the reference month to process claims and to pay benefits. In making short-term comparisons it is not uncommon to observe different trends between these data and the number of beneficiaries.

Unemployment Insurance Statistics

| | November 1990 | October 1990 | September 1990 | November 1989 | November/ October 1990 |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|
| Seasonally adjusted | | | | | % change |
| Benefits | | | | | |
| Amount paid (\$000) | 1,233,860 | 1,193,743 | 1,149,227 | 970,293 | 3.4 |
| Weeks of benefit (000) | 5,144 | 4,983 | 4,790 | 4,409 | 3.2 |
| Beneficiaries - Regular benefit (000) | 1,028^P | 1,007^P | 975^P | 890 | 2.1 |
| | November 1990 | October 1990 | September 1990 | November 1989 | November 1990/ 1989 |
| Unadjusted | | | | | % change |
| Benefits | | | | | |
| Amount paid (\$000) | 1,058,633 | 1,061,827 | 872,501 | 862,239 | 22.8 |
| Weeks of benefit (000) | 4,556 | 4,609 | 3,825 | 3,938 | 15.7 |
| Average weekly benefit (\$) | 232.38 | 230.36 | 228.10 | 218.95 | 6.1 |
| Claims received (000) | 460 | 390 | 278 | 366 | 25.7 |
| Beneficiaries (000) | | | | | |
| Total | 1,112 ^P | 988 ^P | 879 ^P | 982 | 13.3 |
| Regular benefits | 953 ^P | 846 ^P | 752 ^P | 824 | 15.6 |
| January to November | | | | | |
| | 1990 | | 1989 | | 1990/1989 |
| | | | | | % change |
| Benefits | | | | | |
| Amount paid (\$000) | 12,014,206 | | 10,517,359 | | 14.2 |
| Weeks of benefit (000) | 52,136 | | 48,947 | | 6.5 |
| Average weekly benefit (\$) | 230.44 | | 214.87 | | 7.2 |
| Claims received (000) | 3,307 | | 2,883 | | 14.7 |
| Beneficiaries | | | | | |
| Year-to-date average (000) | 1,096^P | | 1,023 | | 7.1 |

^P Preliminary figures.

^r Revised figures.

Employment, Earnings and Hours

November 1990 (Unadjusted)

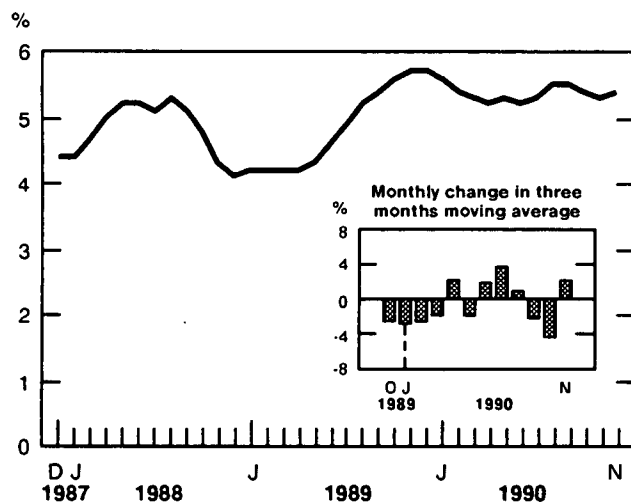
Industrial Aggregate Summary

The preliminary November 1990 estimate of average weekly earnings for all employees in the industrial aggregate¹ was \$523.03, little changed (-0.1%) from October. Earnings increased by 5.6%² (\$27.51) from November 1989.

Canada industrial aggregate employment was estimated at 10,126,000, down 120,000 (-1.2%) from the October 1990 level. On a year-over-year basis, employment decreased for the eleventh consecutive month and was down 2.9% from November 1989.

Three months moving average of the year-over-year percent change in average weekly earnings

Industrial Aggregate - Canada

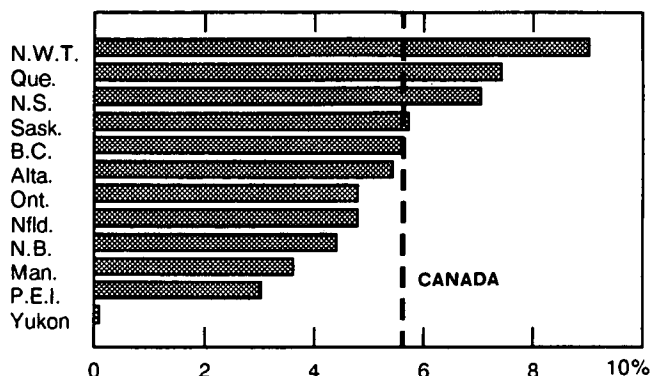


National Highlights

Average Weekly Earnings

- In November, the year-over-year growth in earnings in the goods-producing industries was 6.0%. The year-to-date growth was 5.8% compared to the 1989 annual average of 5.4%.

Percent change in Average Weekly Earnings November 1989 - November 1990



- The year-over-year growth rates in earnings in construction (7.0%) and forestry (8.0%) were the highest of all goods-producing industries.
- The year-over-year increase in earnings in the service-producing industries was 6.2% in November. The year-to-date growth in earnings (5.8%) has accelerated relative to the 1989 annual average of 4.8%.
- The year-to-date earnings growth in non-commercial services³ (5.7%) indicated a strong acceleration relative to last year's annual average (3.6%). This contrasts with the steady deceleration in earnings observed since the beginning of the year in commercial services.

¹ The industrial aggregate is the sum of all industries with the exception of agriculture, fishing and trapping, religious organizations, private households and military personnel.

² Not adjusted for inflation.

³ Commercial services comprise amusement and recreation services, services to business management, personal services, accommodation and food services and miscellaneous services. Non-commercial services include education and health and welfare.

Number of Employees

- Employment in goods-producing industries has declined for 12 consecutive months and was down 9.8% from November 1989. While all industries contributed to this decline, manufacturing accounted for more than three-quarters of the drop.
- Commercial services³ showed a year-over-year decrease in employment (-3.7%) for the tenth consecutive month. Services to business management, personal services and accommodation and food services contributed to the November decline.
- Non-commercial services³ showed the strongest employment growth (+2.6%) of all industries. Both education and related services, and health and welfare services contributed to this increase.

Hours and Hourly Earnings

- In November 1990, average weekly hours for employees paid by the hour⁴ were estimated at 31.3, down from 31.6 a year ago.
- In the goods-producing industries, average weekly hours for hourly paid employees were estimated at 38.6, while in the service-producing industries the average was 27.9. This compares with average weekly hours of 38.7 in the goods-producing and 28.0 in the service-producing industries in November 1989.

⁴ Employees paid by the hour account for approximately half of industrial aggregate employment.

- Average hourly earnings for employees paid by the hour were estimated at \$13.15, up 5.2% from a year ago. Hourly earnings were estimated at \$15.62 in the goods-producing and \$11.57 in the service-producing industries.

Provincial and Territorial Highlights

- In November 1990, year-over-year declines in employment were noted in all provinces except for Prince Edward Island and Manitoba.
- The largest year-over-year decreases in employment were recorded in New Brunswick (-3.8%), Quebec (-3.2%), Ontario (-4.3%) and the Yukon (-4.6%).
- In November, Nova Scotia (7.0%), Quebec (7.4%), Saskatchewan (5.7%), and the Northwest Territories (9.0%) had higher year-over-year growth in earnings than the Canada industrial aggregate (5.6%).
- Year-to-date growth in earnings in Quebec and Nova Scotia showed an acceleration compared to their respective 1989 annual averages.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 8003-9000 and 9584-9638.

Data are available from the *Employment, Earnings and Hours* (72-002) and by special tabulation. For further information on this release or on the program, products and services, contact Sylvie Picard (613-951-4090), FAX (613-951-4087), Labour Division.

□

Employment, Earnings and Hours,
November 1990
(data not seasonally adjusted)

| Industry Group - Canada (1970 S.I.C.) | Number of employees * | | | | | |
|--|-------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| | November 1990 ^p | October 1990 ^r | November 1989 | November 1990/89 | Jan.-Nov. 1990/1989 | Jan.-Dec. 1989/1988 |
| | Thousands | | | Year-over-year % change | | |
| Industrial aggregate | 10,126.3 | 10,245.9 | 10,426.5 | -2.9 | -1.6 | 2.3 |
| Goods-producing industries | 2,381.3 | 2,484.8 | 2,640.1 | -9.8 | -6.6 | 1.6 |
| Forestry | 51.9 | 57.3 | 59.5 | -12.7 | -11.7 | -0.3 |
| Mines, quarries and oil wells | 146.4 | 148.3 | 146.2 | 0.1 | -2.7 | -6.8 |
| Manufacturing | 1,709.4 | 1,755.6 | 1,905.7 | -10.3 | -7.0 | 0.8 |
| Construction | 473.7 | 523.6 | 528.7 | -10.4 | -5.9 | 6.6 |
| Service-producing industries | 7,745.0 | 7,761.1 | 7,786.4 | -0.5 | 0.1 | 2.5 |
| Transportation, communication and other utilities | 855.9 | 865.6 | 858.9 | -0.3 | 1.0 | 3.4 |
| Trade | 1,858.6 | 1,856.1 | 1,902.1 | -2.3 | -0.0 | 1.3 |
| Finance, insurance and real estate | 663.0 | 664.0 | 650.0 | 2.0 | 0.7 | 0.4 |
| Community, business and personal services | 3,672.1 | 3,676.3 | 3,685.6 | -0.4 | -0.3 | 3.4 |
| Public administration | 695.3 | 699.0 | 689.8 | 0.8 | 1.3 | 2.7 |
| Industrial aggregate - Provinces | | | | | | |
| Newfoundland | 145.4 | 148.0 | 147.3 | -1.3 | -1.1 | 2.9 |
| Prince Edward Island | 37.0 | 38.1 | 35.4 | 4.7 | 1.9 | 1.2 |
| Nova Scotia | 298.2 | 302.7 | 300.8 | -0.9 | -0.7 | 4.9 |
| New Brunswick | 220.8 | 226.7 | 229.4 | -3.8 | -0.4 | 3.4 |
| Quebec | 2,455.4 | 2,481.3 | 2,535.4 | -3.2 | -2.9 | 1.0 |
| Ontario | 4,117.2 | 4,162.6 | 4,301.7 | -4.3 | -2.7 | 2.3 |
| Manitoba | 389.1 | 393.1 | 387.0 | 0.5 | -0.6 | -0.1 |
| Saskatchewan | 302.3 | 308.2 | 309.0 | -2.2 | -0.1 | 0.8 |
| Alberta | 980.7 | 988.5 | 988.0 | -0.7 | 0.9 | 3.6 |
| British Columbia | 1,151.1 | 1,166.4 | 1,162.4 | -1.0 | 1.9 | 4.5 |
| Yukon | 10.0 | 10.4 | 10.4 | -4.6 | -7.2 | 6.8 |
| Northwest Territories | 19.2 | 19.7 | 19.8 | -3.1 | -2.5 | 2.1 |

^p preliminary estimates.

^r revised estimates.

* for all employees.

Employment, Earnings and Hours, - Concluded

November 1990

(data not seasonally adjusted)

| Industry Group - Canada (1970 S.I.C.) | Average weekly earnings * | | | | | |
|--|-------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| | November 1990 ^P | October 1990 ^r | November 1989 | November 1990/89 | Jan.-Nov. 1990/1989 | Jan.-Dec. 1989/1988 |
| | Dollars | | | Year-over-year % change | | |
| Industrial aggregate | 523.03 | 523.41 | 495.52 | 5.6 | 5.3 | 5.0 |
| Goods-producing industries | 647.20 | 644.62 | 610.47 | 6.0 | 5.8 | 5.4 |
| Forestry | 700.44 | 702.55 | 648.79 | 8.0 | 2.8 | 6.0 |
| Mines, quarries and oil wells | 886.33 | 877.06 | 839.33 | 5.6 | 5.5 | 6.5 |
| Manufacturing | 620.91 | 616.17 | 589.33 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 5.1 |
| Construction | 662.33 | 667.84 | 619.09 | 7.0 | 6.7 | 6.3 |
| Service-producing industries | 484.86 | 484.61 | 456.54 | 6.2 | 5.8 | 4.8 |
| Transportation, communication and other utilities | 664.51 | 663.72 | 621.46 | 6.9 | 4.2 | 4.1 |
| Trade | 382.06 | 381.68 | 362.68 | 5.3 | 4.8 | 5.6 |
| Finance, insurance and real estate | 538.53 | 543.48 | 534.19 | 0.8 | 1.5 | 4.2 |
| Community, business and personal services | 445.26 | 444.90 | 418.95 | 6.3 | 7.0 | 4.9 |
| Public administration | 696.42 | 689.04 | 637.67 | 9.2 | 7.3 | 4.6 |
| Industrial aggregate - Provinces | | | | | | |
| Newfoundland | 492.74 | 489.79 | 470.22 | 4.8 | 4.0 | 4.9 |
| Prince Edward Island | 426.98 | 427.43 | 414.39 | 3.0 | 4.7 | 5.6 |
| Nova Scotia | 468.39 | 462.46 | 437.60 | 7.0 | 5.9 | 3.6 |
| New Brunswick | 473.68 | 470.21 | 453.93 | 4.4 | 4.7 | 5.1 |
| Quebec | 513.97 | 513.26 | 478.51 | 7.4 | 6.2 | 4.2 |
| Ontario | 545.21 | 545.79 | 520.02 | 4.8 | 5.3 | 5.5 |
| Manitoba | 466.10 | 468.89 | 450.12 | 3.6 | 4.1 | 5.5 |
| Saskatchewan | 456.14 | 456.14 | 431.75 | 5.6 | 4.6 | 3.5 |
| Alberta | 517.26 | 520.17 | 490.92 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 4.7 |
| British Columbia | 531.03 | 533.14 | 502.75 | 5.6 | 4.9 | 5.4 |
| Yukon | 613.78 | 630.44 | 609.59 | 0.7 | 4.6 | 5.2 |
| Northwest Territories | 732.61 | 731.81 | 671.94 | 9.0 | 6.0 | 6.9 |

^P preliminary estimates.

^r revised estimates.

* for all employees.

Crude Oil and Natural Gas

October 1990

Highlights

- Preliminary figures for October 1990 indicate that production of crude oil and equivalent hydrocarbons amounted to 8.6 million cubic metres, an increase of 5.8% over October 1989. This represents the third gain in the last four months. Following a decrease of 4.7% in September, October exports of crude oil rose 3.0% over the same month last year. Imports, up 30.7% over October 1989, registered the seventh increase of this year. Deliveries to refineries posted a third consecutive increase, rising 12.1% over October 1989. Year-to-date figures show production and exports down 0.9% and 0.8%, respectively, while imports are up 10.8% over the first 10 months of this year. Refinery receipts are ahead by 3.1% on a comparable basis.

- Marketable production of natural gas, at 8.6 billion cubic metres, rose 6.3% over October 1989, the seventh increase in as many months. Exports of natural gas posted their eighth gain of 1990, rising 12.8% over October 1989. Domestic sales of natural gas registered their first increase since January of this year, rising 1.0% over October 1989. On a cumulative basis, marketable production is up 1.8% over the first 10 months of last year; exports have risen 7.8% while domestic sales trail by 5.0% over the same period.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 127 and 128.

The October 1990 issue of *Crude Oil and Natural Gas Production* (26-006 \$10/\$100) will be available the second week of February. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Gerry O'Connor (613-951-3562), Energy Section, Industry Division.

Crude Oil and Natural Gas

| | October 1990 | % Change from October 1989 | January - October 1990 | % Change from January - October 1989 |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| (thousands of cubic metres) | | | | |
| Crude Oil and Equivalent | | | | |
| Production | 8 625.6 | 5.8 | 80 235.4 | -0.9 |
| Exports | 3 087.9 | 3.0 | 31 044.7 | -0.8 |
| Imports | 2 445.6 | 30.7 | 25 461.6 | 10.8 |
| Refinery receipts | 7 697.0 | 12.1 | 74 790.8 | 3.1 |
| (millions of cubic metres) | | | | |
| Natural Gas | | | | |
| Marketable production | 8 641.1 | 6.3 | 79 967.8 | 1.8 |
| Exports | 3 786.0 | 12.8 | 32 974.8 | 7.8 |
| Canadian sales | 4 094.4 | 1.0 | 42 883.1 | -5.0 |

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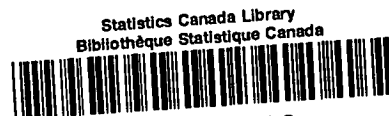
Crop Reporting Series No. 1 – Stocks of Canadian Grain

December 31, 1990

Estimates of the stocks of Canadian wheat, durum wheat, oats, barley, rye, flaxseed, canola, soybeans and corn at December 31, 1990 will be released on January 30, 1991 at 8:30 a.m. Data on stocks held both on farms and in commercial positions are included. This report provides the first mid-year information on the quantities of grains and oilseeds available for exports and domestic use for the 1990-91 crop year.

Also included in the report are the 1990 average yields of spring wheat seeded on summerfallow and stubble land in Western Canada.

For further information, contact the Crop Reporting Unit, Agriculture Division (613-951-8717). ■



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Field Crop Reporting Series, No. 1 – Stocks of Canadian Grains at December 31, 1990.

Catalogue number 22-002

(Canada: \$12.00/\$80.00; United States: US\$14.00/US\$96.00; Other Countries: US\$16.00/US\$116.00).

Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills East of the Rockies, November 1990.

Catalogue number 35-002

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

Canned and Frozen Fruits Vegetables - Monthly, November 1990.

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