

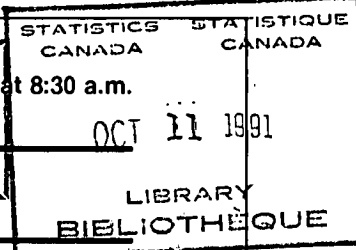


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Labour Force Survey

September 1991

Overview

Estimates from Statistics Canada's Labour Force Survey for September 1991 showed the estimated level of unemployment declined by 52,000 while employment rose slightly. The unemployment rate fell to 10.2 (-0.4); returning to the level observed last April. The participation rate decreased to 66.2 (-0.2).

Employment

For the week ending September 21, 1991, the estimated level of employment increased to 12,366,000 (+28,000). The rise in this month's employment was noted mainly among men aged 15 to 24 who experienced a smaller than usual decline for this time of the year. The overall employment/population ratio rose to 59.4 (+0.1), the first increase since last May.

- Employment increased by 21,000 (+1.1%) in manufacturing and by 19,000 (+2.3%) in public administration while it declined by 15,000 (-2.1%) in construction. There was little or no change in the other industries.
- The estimated level of employment rose by 5,000 (+2.6%) in Newfoundland, by 4,000 (+0.8%) in Manitoba and by 20,000 (+1.3%) in British Columbia. There was little or no change noted in the other provinces.
- Full-time employment growth, evenly distributed between men and women, was partly offset by a decline in part-time employment among women.

Unemployment and Participation Rate

In September 1991, the seasonally adjusted estimate of unemployment decreased by 52,000 to 1,410,000. The unemployment rate dropped 0.4 to 10.2 while the participation rate declined for a third consecutive month.

- The decline in the level of unemployment was noted among young men (-21,000), adult women (-21,000) and adult men (-11,000).

Note to users

1. The publication *Methodology of the Canadian Labour Force Survey* (catalogue 71-526), describing the current sample design of the survey, is available. It can be ordered from Publication Sales, Statistics Canada, Ottawa, K1A 0T6, 1-800-267-6677.
2. The document *Historical Labour Force Estimates, 3-Month Moving Averages, July 1991* was recently released. It contains the labour force characteristics at the subprovincial, provincial and national levels. It is available on paper or computer diskettes. The price for this data is as follows: \$60 for the paper document (314 pages), \$30 for the diskettes. Data for individual regions can be purchased separately.
3. Monthly data are available on CANSIM on the day of release at 7 a.m. E.D.T. For further information call:
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- The level of unemployment fell by 40,000 in Ontario and was accompanied by a decline in labour force participation (-29,000). Unemployment declined slightly in Newfoundland (-3,000) and there was little or no change in the remaining provinces.
- The unemployment rate declined to 16.4 among youths (-0.8) and to 8.9 among adults (-0.2).
- By province, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rates and the monthly changes were as follows:

	September	Month to Month Change
Newfoundland	17.8	-1.4
Prince Edward Island	17.3	+1.2
Nova Scotia	12.6	-0.2
New Brunswick	12.8	--
Québec	12.1	+0.1
Ontario	9.2	-0.7
Manitoba	9.3	-0.4
Saskatchewan	7.5	--
Alberta	8.0	+0.1
British Columbia	9.7	-0.3

Changes since September 1990 (Unadjusted Estimates)

- The overall estimate of employment declined by 199,000 from the level a year ago (-1.6%).
- Among persons aged 15 to 24, employment fell by 144,000 (-6.7%) and it declined by 56,000 (-0.5%) for those aged 25 and over.
- The employment/population ratio decreased to 54.2 (-3.6) for youths and to 61.1 (-1.6) for adults.
- Full-time employment decreased by 297,000 (-2.8%) with losses of 227,000 among men and 70,000 among women. Part-time employment increased by 98,000 (+5.1%), with increases noted mostly among men (+79,000).
- Employment was down by 178,000 in the goods-producing industries (-4.7%) and was little changed in the service-producing sector.
- Declines were noted in construction (-10.8%), manufacturing (-4.7%), trade (-4.3%), and transportation, communication and other utilities (-4.1%). Employment rose by 3.6% in agriculture.
- The estimated level of unemployment rose by 221,000 to 1,282,000, an increase of 20.8%.
- The unemployment rate rose by 1.6 to 9.3.
- The participation rate dropped to 66.0 (-1.0).

Student Data

From May to September inclusive, data on the participation of students in the labour market are collected through the Labour Force Survey. Persons aged 15 to 24 who were attending school full-time in March 1991 are asked additional questions. The information

is compiled for two categories of students: those who plan to return to school in the fall of 1991 and those who do not plan to return at that time or are uncertain of their intentions.

Returning Students

- The number of returning students increased by 86,000 over last year and the unadjusted level of employment declined slightly to 701,000. The employment/population ratio decreased to 38.1 (-2.6).
- The overall participation rate for returning students declined by 1.9 to 44.0.
- The unemployment rate was estimated at 13.4 in September, an increase of 2.0 from the rate of a year ago.

Other Students

- The number of students in this group increased by 17,000 over last year and their employment level remained virtually unchanged at 246,000. The employment/population ratio decreased by 2.7 to 68.2.
- The unemployment rate was estimated at 18.2, up 1.7 over last year. The participation rate declined by 1.4 to 83.5.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 2074-2075, 2078-2099, 2101-2107 and table 00799999.

Order the September 1991 issue of *The Labour Force* (71-001, \$17.90/\$179), available the third week of October, or contact Doug Drew (613-951-4720), Household Surveys Division.

For summary information, available on the day of release, order *Labour Force Information* (71-001P, \$6.30/\$63). □

Labour Force Characteristics, Canada

	September 1991	August 1991	September 1990
	Seasonally Adjusted Data		
Labour Force (,000)	13,776	13,800	13,745
Employment (,000)	12,366	12,338	12,579
Unemployment (,000)	1,410	1,462	1,166
Unemployment Rate (%)	10.2	10.6	8.5
Participation Rate (%)	66.2	66.4	67.1
Employment/Population Ratio (%)	59.4	59.3	61.4
	Unadjusted Data		
Labour Force (,000)	13,743	14,182	13,721
Employment (,000)	12,461	12,762	12,660
Unemployment (,000)	1,282	1,419	1,061
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.3	10.0	7.7
Participation Rate (%)	66.0	68.2	67.0
Employment/Population Ratio (%)	59.9	61.4	61.8

Farm Product Price Index

August 1991

The Farm Product Price Index (1986=100) for Canada fell in August to 92.3, the lowest level recorded since July 1979. The overall index dropped 7.1% from the revised July level of 99.4 as both the crops (-17.4%) and the livestock and animal products (-1.1%) indexes declined. The sharp drop in the crops index reflects lower Canadian Wheat Board (CWB) initial prices for wheat and barley which came into effect on August 1, the beginning of the 1991-92 crop year.

The percentage changes in the index between July and August 1991, by province, were as follows:

• Newfoundland	+ 1.7%
• Prince Edward Island	+ 4.9%
• Nova Scotia	-1.1%
• New Brunswick	+ 5.9%
• Quebec	-0.1%
• Ontario	-0.7%
• Manitoba	-12.9%
• Saskatchewan	-21.6%
• Alberta	-11.5%
• British Columbia	no change
• Canada	-7.1%

Crops

The crops index fell 17.4% in August to a level of 80.1. A sharp drop in the cereals index (-30.1%) more than offset an increase in the potatoes (+1.7%) index.

- The cereals index, which recorded a 30.1% drop in August, stood at 62.0, its lowest level since January 1973. The decline in the cereals index resulted from the lower CWB initial prices for wheat and barley, effective August 1, 1991. Initial prices were set at lower levels because of the low prices prevailing in export markets. The 1991-92 initial price for #1 Canada Western Red Spring Wheat was set at \$95/tonne, almost 30% below the previous year's level of \$135/tonne. Similar declines were recorded in the initial prices for the standard grades of durum wheat (-28%), feed barley (-22%) and designated (malting) barley (-30%).

Note to Users

The Farm Product Price Index is a measure of the month-to-month change in the prices received by producers from the sale of agricultural commodities. These prices are measured at the point where ownership first changes hands. They include any bonuses or premiums which can be attributed to specific commodities, but exclude any storage, transportation, processing and handling charges which are deducted before the producer is paid. The prices can vary from month to month as a result of changes in price, changes in the quality of products sold or a combination of the two. As a result, the index is not a measure of pure price change, but a measure of the change in the return to producers per unit of product marketed.

A Laspeyres formula is used in calculating the index. Thus, the index expresses current farm prices as a percentage of the prices prevailing in the base period. Currently, the index is based upon products which, during the 1981-84 period, accounted for about 95% of the value of farm cash receipts in each province.

Approximately 80% of the monthly price data used in the index are collected from administrative sources. These sources include the Canadian Wheat Board, the Canadian Grain Commission, Agriculture Canada, provincial departments of agriculture, marketing boards and other federal and provincial agencies and boards. The remaining price data are obtained from a monthly survey of producers across Canada. Survey respondents are asked to report the average prices prevailing in their neighbourhoods as of the middle of the month.

Comparisons of current index numbers with those prior to August 1990 should be made subject to the following caution. The prices used in the index for wheat and barley sold to the Canadian Wheat Board (CWB) subsequent to July 1990 are initial prices only. CWB initial prices represent a minimum guaranteed price to producers for grain delivered to the Board during the crop year (August 1 to July 31) regardless of the price at which the Board is able to sell the grain. At the end of the crop year, the Board, after accounting for the expenses it incurs in purchasing and marketing the grain, distributes any surplus to producers in the form of a final payment. The final payments, if any, on the 1990-91 crops will probably not reach producers until January 1992 and will not be reflected in the index until the release of the March 1992 numbers. As a result, any comparison of the cereals, total crops and total index numbers over time should consider that upward revisions to these series are possible as wheat and barley prices are revised to include the value of final CWB payments.

- Following three months of declines, the oilseeds index remained unchanged in August at a level of 96.9. Slight increases in flaxseed and soybean prices were offset by decreased canola prices.

Livestock and Animal Products

The livestock and animal products index declined 1.1% in August to 99.8, as prices for cattle and calves, hogs, eggs and poultry all decreased. The index stood 5.8% below the year-earlier level of 106.0 and at its lowest level since January 1990.

- The hogs index fell 2.1% in August to a level of 85.5, following a 6.2% drop in July. The expectation that pork production in the United States will increase during the rest of 1991 and into 1992 was a contributing factor to the fall. The index stood 20.4% below the recent peak of 107.4 reached in June 1990 when hog prices were at their highest level in almost three years.

- The cattle and calves index decreased 1.2% in August, the third straight month that prices have declined. Cattle prices have followed those in the United States, which declined over the summer months because of more market-ready cattle on U.S. feedlots. The index, which stood at 107.1 in August, has fluctuated in a fairly narrow range between 103.5 and 113.8 over the past five years.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 176.

The August issue of the *Farm Product Price Index* (62-003, \$7.10/\$71) is scheduled for release on October 17. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, contact Ed Hamilton (613-951-2441), Farm Income and Prices Section, Agriculture Division. ■

DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Steel Primary Forms

Week Ending October 5, 1991

Preliminary estimates indicate that Canadian steel primary forms production for the week ending October 5, 1991 totalled 237 828 tonnes, a decrease of 9.4% from the preceding week's total of 262 565 tonnes but up 46.5% from the year-earlier level of 162 296 tonnes. The cumulative total in 1991 was 9 792 239 tonnes, a decrease of 1.3% from 9 920 054 tonnes for the same period in 1990.

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

Steel Primary Forms

Week Ending September 28, 1991

Preliminary estimates indicate that Canadian steel primary forms production for the week ending September 28, 1991 totalled 262 565 tonnes, an increase of 2.1% from the preceding week's total of 257 267 tonnes and up 56.0% from the year-earlier level of 168 359 tonnes. The cumulative total in 1991 was 9 554 411 tonnes, a decrease of 2.1% from 9 757 758 tonnes for the same period in 1990.

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

Fruit and Vegetable Production

October 1991 Issue

The most recent updates to production and value of fruits and vegetables in Canada are now available. The October issue of *Fruit and Vegetable Production* will be available in late October.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 1371-1373, 1375-1386, 1388-1390, 1392-1395, 1397-1399, 1401-1406, 5614-5615, 5617, 5619-5620, 5623-5624, 5627.

For further information order the October issue of *Fruit and Vegetable Production* (22-003, \$18/\$72) or contact L. Brazeau (613-951-0574), Agriculture Division. ■

Rubber Hose and Belting Industry

1989 Annual Survey of Manufactures

In 1989, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the rubber hose and belting industry (SIC 1521) totalled \$248.6 million, up 1.4% from \$245.2 million in 1988.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5411.

The data for this industry will be released in *Rubber and Plastic Products Industries* (33-250, \$35).

For more detailed information on this release, contact T. Raj Sehdev (613-951-3513), Industry Division. ■

Shingle and Shake Industry

1989 Annual Survey of Manufactures

In 1989, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the shingle and shake industry (SIC 2511) totalled \$237.3 million, up 4.5% from \$227.0 million in 1988.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5459.

The data for this industry will be released in *Wood Industries* (35-250, \$49).

For more detailed information on this release, contact J. Lepage (613-951-3516), Industry Division. ■

Wooden Door and Window Industry

1989 Annual Survey of Manufactures

In 1989, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the wooden door and window industry (SIC 2543) totalled \$1,322.8 million, up 6.3% from \$1,244.7 million in 1988.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5465.

The data for this industry will be released in *Wood Industries* (35-250, \$49).

For more detailed information on this release, contact J. Lepage (613-951-3516), Industry Division. ■

Bed Spring and Mattress Industry

1989 Annual Survey of Manufactures

In 1989, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the bed spring and mattress industry (SIC 2691) totalled \$399.0 million, up 11.3% from \$358.5 million in 1988.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5479.

The data for this industry will be released in *Furniture and Fixtures Industries* (35-251, \$35).

For more detailed information on this release, contact Keith Martin (613-951-3518), Industry Division. ■

Hotel, Restaurant and Institutional Furniture and Fixture Industry

1989 Annual Survey of Manufactures

In 1989, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the hotel, restaurant and institutional furniture and fixture industry (SIC 2692) totalled \$872.7 million, up 7.6% from \$811.3 million in 1988.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5480.

The data for this industry will be released in *Furniture and Fixtures Industries* (35-251, \$35).

For more detailed information on this release, contact Keith Martin (613-951-3518), Industry Division. ■

Other Furniture and Fixture Industries n.e.c.

1989 Annual Survey of Manufactures

In 1989, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the other furniture and fixture industries n.e.c. (SIC 2699) totalled \$384.3 million, up 13.3% from \$339.1 million in 1988.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5481.

The data for this industry will be released in *Furniture and Fixtures Industries* (35-251, \$35).

For more detailed information on this release, contact Keith Martin (613-951-9837), Industry Division. ■

Business Forms Printing Industry

1989 Annual Survey of Manufactures

In 1989, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the business forms printing industry (SIC 2811) totalled \$1,115.5 million, up 5.0% from \$1,062.7 million in 1988.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5497.

The data for this industry will be released in *Printing, Publishing and Allied Industries* (36-251, \$35).

For more detailed information on this release, contact Bob Wright (613-951-3514), Industry Division. ■

Other Electrical Products Industries n.e.c.

1989 Annual Survey of Manufactures

In 1989, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the other electrical products industries n.e.c. (SIC 3399) totalled \$472.9 million, down 21.6% from \$603.5 million in 1988.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5586.

The data for this industry will be released in *Electrical and Electronic Products Industries* (43-250, \$35).

For more detailed information on this release, contact W.L. Vincent (613-951-3523), Industry Division. ■

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Footwear Statistics, August 1991.

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Specified Domestic Electrical Appliances, August 1991.

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Factory Sales of Electric Storage Batteries, August 1991.

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Other Countries: US\$7/US\$70).

Industrial Chemicals and Synthetic Resins, August 1991.

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17	Preliminary Statement of Canadian International Merchandise Trade	August 1991
17	Unemployment Insurance Statistics	July 1991
18	Consumer Price Index	September 1991
