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## MAJOR RELEASES

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- Capacity Utilization in Canadian Manufacturing Industries, Third Quarter 1991
Capacity utilization in the manufacturing industries increased 1.4\% in the third quarter to $72 \%$ as a result of increased production.
- New Housing Price Index, October 1991

The Canada Total New Housing Price Index has shown virtually no change over the last six months.

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## MAJOR RELEASES

Capacity Utilization Rates, 1981-1991


## Capacity Utilization in Canadian Manufacturing Industries

Third Quarter 1991

Capacity utilization in the manufacturing industries increased $1.4 \%$ in the third quarter to $72 \%$ as a result of increased production. This continues the growth in capacity utilization started in the second quarter, although at a reduced pace. A comparison of utilization rates posted since the first quarter of 1981 shows that the rate of $72 \%$ is well below the $79.8 \%$ average for the period. In the durable goods manufacturing industries, all but the machinery industries posted increased rates. In the non-durable goods manufacturing industries, nine of the 13 industry major groups had higher rates.

In the durable goods industries, the capacity utilization rate rose $2.1 \%$ in the third quarter to $69.6 \%$.

- With residential construction activity expanding, capacity utilization increased $3.5 \%$ in the wood industries and $2.1 \%$ in the non-metallic mineral products industries.
- Rising exports of metals and automobiles led to capacity utilization increasing $5.4 \%$ in the primary metals industries and $2.7 \%$ in the transportation equipment manufacturing industries.
- Lower spending by business on machinery and equipment resulted in capacity utilization in the machinery industries dropping by $8.9 \%$. A small increase ( $0.8 \%$ ) was posted in the electrical and electronic products industries' rate of capacity utilization.

In the non-durable goods manufacturing industries, capacity utilization rate rose by $0.8 \%$ in the third quarter to $74.7 \%$.

- As goods production continued to grow, the manufacture of intermediate goods increased. Capacity utilization rates increased $4.7 \%$ in the primary textiles industries, $4 \%$ in the rubber products industries and $1.6 \%$ in the plastic products industries.
- Weak consumer expenditures produced mixed results. Capacity utilization increased $3.7 \%$ in the beverage industry and $0.4 \%$ in the food industry.

In the clothing industries, capacity utilization rose $2 \%$; however, in the leather and allied products industries it fell 4.2\%.

## Available on CANSIM: matrix 3540.

For further information on this release, contact David Wallace (613-951-9685) or Richard Landry (613-951-2579), Investment and Capital Stock Division

Capacity Utilization Rates in Canadian Manufacturing Industries
Third Quarter 1991 and Quarterly Percentage Changes

| Industry | $\begin{gathered} \text { QIIII } \\ 1991 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { QII } \\ 1991 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { OI } \\ 1991 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { QIV } \\ 1990 \end{array}$ | Quarterly \% Change |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { OIII 1991/ } \\ \text { Oll } 1991 \end{gathered}$ | Qll1991/ <br> Ol 1991 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { QI 1991/ } \\ & \text { OIV 1990 } \end{aligned}$ |
| Total Manufacturing | 72.0 | 71.0 | 69.8 | 72.7 | 1.4 | 1.7 | -4.0 |
| Durable Manufacturing Industries | 69.6 | 68.2 | 65.7 | 69.8 | 2.1 | 3.8 | -5.9 |
| Wood Industries | 71.0 | 68.6 | 63.2 | 69.6 | 3.5 | 8.5 | -9.2 |
| Furniture and Fixtures | 66.7 | 65.1 | 64.1 | 66.4 | 2.5 | 1.6 | -3.5 |
| Primary Metals | 84.2 | 79.9 | 76.7 | 75.8 | 5.4 | 4.2 | 1.2 |
| Fabricated Metal Products | 68.4 | 67.0 | 66.2 | 70.5 | 2.1 | 1.2 | -6.1 |
| Machinery | 50.9 | 55.9 | 60.2 | 65.3 | -8.9 | -7.1 | -7.8 |
| Transportation Equipment | 67.4 | 65.6 | 61.4 | 67.3 | 2.7 | 6.8 | -8.8 |
| Electrical and Electronic Products | 72.1 | 71.5 | 70.4 | 73.2 | 0.8 | 1.6 | -3.8 |
| Non-metallic Mineral Products | 67.8 | 66.4 | 61.3 | 68.9 | 2.1 | 8.3 | -11.0 |
| Other Manufacturing Industries | 67.7 | 66.6 | 63.8 | 66.5 | 1.7 | 4.4 | -4.1 |
| Non-durable Manutacturing Industries | 74.7 | 74.1 | 74.3 | 75.9 | 0.8 | -0.3 | -2.1 |
| Food Industry | 77.8 | 77.5 | 77.4 | 78.8 | 0.4 | 0.1 | -1.8 |
| Beverage Industry | 76.1 | 73.4 | 73.8 | 76.8 | 3.7 | -0.5 | -3.9 |
| Tobacco Products | 82.7 | 69.7 | 69.6 | 68.4 | 18.7 | 0.1 | 1.8 |
| Rubber Products | 70.8 | 68.1 | 65.6 | 70.5 | 4.0 | 3.8 | -7.0 |
| Plastic Products | 65.0 | 64.0 | 60.0 | 63.8 | 1.6 | 6.7 | -6.0 |
| Leather and Allied Products | 59.9 | 62.5 | 62.0 | 66.5 | -4.2 | 0.8 | -6.8 |
| Primary Textiles | 71.0 | 67.8 | 64.2 | 63.6 | 4.7 | 5.6 | 0.9 |
| Textile Products | 62.6 | 62.3 | 62.8 | 66.4 | 0.5 | -0.8 | -5.4 |
| Clothing Industry | 61.1 | 59.9 | 60.4 | 63.7 | 2.0 | -0.8 | -5.2 |
| Paper and Allied Products | 81.5 | 80.2 | 82.9 | 78.7 | 1.6 | -3.3 | 5.3 |
| Printing, Publishing and Allied Industries | 61.9 | 62.7 | 64.0 | 67.6 | -1.3 | -2.0 | -5.3 |
| Refined Petroleum and Coal Products | 85.2 | 87.2 | 83.3 | 90.8 | -2.3 | 4.7 | -8.3 |
| Chemicals and Chemical Products | 81.6 | 82.3 | 82.3 | 85.2 | -0.9 | 0.0 | -3.4 |

## New Housing Price Index

October 1991
The new housing price index $(1986=100)$ for Canada stood at 134.4 in October, unchanged from September 1991. The estimated house only index increased $0.1 \%$ while the land only index decreased $0.2 \%$.

The largest monthly decreases in new housing prices were registered in Victoria ( $-1.1 \%$ ) and Sudbury-Thunder Bay ( -0.5 ) while the largest monthly increase was recorded in Vancouver ( $0.7 \%$ ).

This index of Canadian housing contractors' selling prices now stands $4.1 \%$ lower than the yearearlier level. Toronto was mainly responsible for this downward movement with a yearly decrease of $11.2 \%$ since October 1990.

Prices Division has calculated an analytical index in which current regulations concerning the GST and relevant new housing and federal sales tax rebates are applied to the current price sample to calculate an index that includes the estimated net effect of the GST on purchasers of these houses. In October 1991, this index was 140.0 , up $0.1 \%$ from the Canada Total level of 139.9 for September 1991.

Percentage Change in New Housing Price Index from Same Month of the Previous Year, Canada and Selected Cities, October 1991


## Available on CANSIM: matrix 2032.

The fourth quarter 1991 issue of Construction Price Statistics ( $62-007, \$ 18 / \$ 72$ ) will be available in March 1992. See "How to Order Publications". For more detailed information on this release, please contact the information and Current Analysis Unit (613-951-9607), Prices Division.

## New Housing Price Indexes <br> $1986=100$

|  | October 1991 | $\begin{array}{r} \text { September } \\ 1991 \end{array}$ | October 1990 | \% change |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | October 1991/ <br> September 1991 | October 1991/ October 1990 |
| Canada Total | 134.4 | 134.4 | 140.2 | - | -4.1 |
| Canada (House only) | 125.6 | 125.5 | 130.4 | 0.1 | -3.7 |
| Canada (Land only) | 160.6 | 160.9 | 166.6 | -0.2 | -3.6 |
| St.John's | 126.5 | 126.5 | 119.1 | - | 6.2 |
| Halifax | 109.5 | 109.2 | 109.6 | 0.3 | -0.1 |
| Saint John-Moncton-Fredericton | 114.2 | 114.3 | 113.6 | -0.1 | 0.5 |
| Quebec City | 134.4 | 134.8 | 132.1 | -0.3 | 1.7 |
| Montreal | 135.0 | 134.7 | 134.4 | 0.2 | 0.4 |
| Ottawa-Hull | 123.0 | 122.8 | 123.1 | 0.2 | -0.1 |
| Toronto | 146.4 | 146.8 | 164.8 | -0.3 | -11.2 |
| Hamilton | 133.9 | 134.4 | 141.5 | -0.4 | -5.4 |
| St. Catharines-Niagara | 133.5 | 133.7 | 136.4 | -0.1 | -2.1 |
| Kitchener-Waterloo | 128.8 | 129.1 | 137.8 | -0.2 | -6.5 |
| London | 147.3 | 147.3 | 145.7 | - | 1.1 |
| Windsor | 127.1 | 127.1 | 128.8 | - | -1.3 |
| Sudbury-Thunder Bay | 132.3 | 133.0 | 133.1 | -0.5 | -0.6 |
| Winnipeg | 108.0 | 108.1 | 109.1 | -0.1 | -1.0 |
| Regina | 112.1 | 111.7 | 109.3 | 0.4 | 2.6 |
| Saskatoon | 106.7 | 106.7 | 107.7 | - | -0.9 |
| Calgary | 132.2 | 132.4 | 136.4 | -0.2 | -3.1 |
| Edmonton | 141.2 | 141.1 | 139.7 | 0.1 | 1.1 |
| Vancouver | 127.1 | 126.2 | 126.3 | 0.7 | 0.6 |
| Victoria | 122.1 | 123.4 | 119.3 | -1.1 | 2.3 |

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## DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Department Store Sales by Province and Metropolitan Area <br> October 1991

## Highlights

- Department stores sales including concessions totalled $\$ 1,098$ million in October 1991. After removing federal sales tax from the 1990 data and allowing for differences in trading days, department store sales decreased $7.3 \%$ from October 1990. Concessions sales totalled $\$ 66.5$ million, $6.1 \%$ of total department store sales.
- Department store sales during October 1991 for the provinces and the 10 metropolitan areas surveyed were as follows:


## Department Store Sales Including Concessions

## Province

- Newfoundland,
- Prince Edward Island,
- Nova Scotia,
- New Brunswick,
- Quebec,
- Ontario,
- Manitoba,
- Saskatchewan,
- Alberta,
- British Columbia,


## Metropolitan Area

- Calgary,
- Edmonton,
- Halifax-Dartmouth,
- Hamilton,
- Montreal,
- Ottawa-Hull,
- Quebec City,
- Toronto,
- Vancouver,
- Winnipeg,
$\$ 15.1$ million;
$\$ 4.4$ million;
$\$ 36.6$ million;
$\$ 25.2$ million;
$\$ 208.4$ million;
$\$ 445.9$ million;
$\$ 44.9$ million;
$\$ 31.0$ million;
$\$ 125.1$ million;
$\$ 161.2$ million.
$\$ 46.6$ million;
$\$ 53.8$ million;
$\$ 19.3$ million;
\$31.1 million;
$\$ 114.1$ million;
$\$ 50.8$ million;
$\$ 28.6$ million;
$\$ 177.8$ million;
$\$ 86.9$ million;
$\$ 39.0$ million.


## Note to Users:

Department store sales estimates for 1991 exclude the Goods and Services Tax (GST), as well as provincial sales taxes. Prior to January 1991, sales data included the Federal Sales Tax (FST). Due to this change in indirect taxes, data for 1991 are not strictly comparable with those of previous years. For users interested in deriving comparable data, it is estimated that the amount of FST included in department store sales for Canada in 1990 represented $3.5 \%$ of total sales. The reliability of this estimate does not permit adjustments at the provincial or metropolitan area level.

Users should note that the year-over-year movement for Prince Edward island has been affected by a major structural change. The comparisons should therefore be used with caution.
information on department store sales and stocks by major commodity lines and seasonally adjusted estimates will be released in The Daily on December 23.

## Department Store Sales excluding Concessions

## Province

- Newfoundland,
- Prince Edward Island,
- Nova Scotia,
- New Brunswick,
- Quebec,
- Ontario,
- Manitoba,
- Saskatchewan,
- Alberta,
- British Columbia,


## Metropolitan Area

- Calgary,
- Edmonton,
- Halifax-Dartmouth,
- Hamilton,
- Montreal,
- Ottawa-Hull,
- Quebec City,
- Toronto,
- Vancouver,
- Winnipeg,
$\$ 13.5$ million;
$\$ 4.2$ million;
$\$ 34.7$ million;
$\$ 23.7$ million;
$\$ 198.1$ million;
$\$ 417.5$ million;
$\$ 41.3$ million;
$\$ 28.8$ million;
$\$ 117.6$ million;
$\$ 151.9$ million.
$\$ 43.3$ million;
$\$ 50.8$ million;
$\$ 18.3$ million;
$\$ 29.0$ million;
$\$ 108.6$ million;
$\$ 48.0$ million;
$\$ 27.2$ million;
$\$ 167.6$ million;
$\$ 82.0$ million;
$\$ 35.4$ million.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 111 and 112 (series 10 to 12).

The October 1991 issue of Department Store Monthly Sales, by Province and Selected Metropolitan Areas ( $63-004, \$ 2.70 / \$ 27$ ) will be available the fourth week of December. Contact Roger Laplante (613-9513552) or Maurice Massaad (613-951-9682), Retail Trade Section, Industry Division.

## Estimates of Population for Census Divisions and Census Metropolitan Areas

 June 1, 1991 (Regression Method)Postcensal annual estimates of population for census divisions and census metropolitan areas as of June 1, 1991 are available today.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 6485 (for the population estimates by census division) and 6495 (for the estimates by census metropolitan area).

Please note that the estimates are not 1991 census counts but in fact estimates produced using the regression method and according to the 1986 geographical census boundaries.

These estimates will appear in the publication Postcensal Annual Estimates of Population for Census Divisions and Census Metropolitan Areas, June 1, 1991 (Regression Method) (91-211, \$17). For further information, contact Lise Champagne (613-951-2320), Demography Division or the nearest regional reference centre.

## Oll Pipeline Transport

September 1991

## Highlights

- In September, net receipts of crude oil and refined petroleum products into Canadian pipelines increased $0.7 \%$ from the same period last year to 14065585 cubic metres ( $\mathrm{m}^{3}$ ). Year-to-date receipts, at $128554082 \mathrm{~m}^{3}$, were up 1.6\% from 1990.
- Pipeline exports of crude oil increased 6.2\% compared to September 1990 while pipeline imports rose $42.9 \%$ for the same period. On a cumulative basis, exports in 1991 were up 18.8\% from 1990 levels, while imports rose $38.5 \%$.
- Deliveries of crude oil by pipeline to Canadian refineries in September declined 3.7\% from 1990 while deliveries of liquid petroleum gases and refined petroleum products decreased $42.5 \%$.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 181.
The September 1991 issue of Oil Pipeline Transport (55-001, $\$ 10 / \$ 100$ ) will be available the third week of December. See "How to Order Publications". For more detailed information on this release, contact G. O'Connor (613-951-3562), Energy Section, Industry Division.

## Motor Carrier Freight Quarterly Survey (Large Carriers) <br> Second Quarter 1991

- During the second quarter of 1991, 50 large forhire trucking carriers reported operating revenues of $\$ 795.2$ million and operating expenses of $\$ 787.5$ million.

Vol.7, No. 6 of the Surface and Marine Transport Service Bulletin ( $50-002, \$ 9.40 / \$ 75$ ) will be available shortly. See "How to Order Publications". Data are available in standard format or special tabulations. For more information on this release, contact Robert Larocque (613-951-2486; FAX: 613-951-0579), Surface and Marine Transport Unit, Transportation Division.

## Taxicab Industry Study <br> 1989

- Both self-employed drivers and taxicab corporations earning $\$ 25,000$ or more in gross business income reported total revenue of $\$ 588.9$ million. Total expenses for the taxi industry in 1989 amounted to $\$ 501.7$ million.

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## Railway Carloadings

October 1991
Revenue freight loaded by railways in Canada totalled 20.9 million tonnes in October 1991, a decrease of $3.9 \%$ from the October 1990 figure. The carriers received an additional 1.0 million tonnes from United States connections.

Total loadings in Canada for the year to date showed a decrease of $0.5 \%$ from the 1990 period. Receipts from United States connections also showed a decrease of $2.9 \%$.

All 1990 figures and 1991 cumulative data have been revised.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 1431.
The October 1991 issue of Railway Carloadings ( $52-001, \$ 8.30 / \$ 83$ ) is to be released the third week of December. For seasonally adjusted revenue freight loadings, contact Angus MacLean (613-951-2484), Transportation Division.

## Pulpwood and Wood Residue Statistics October 1991

Pulpwood receipts amounted to 4092748 cubic metres in October 1991, an increase of $1.3 \%$ from 4040446 (revised) cubic metres a year earlier. Receipts of wood residue totalled 5401364 cubic metres, up $2.7 \%$ from $5259112 r$ cubic metres in October 1990. Consumption of pulpwood and wood residue was reported at 8448911 cubic metres, an increase of $0.8 \%$ from 8378271 cubic metres reported the previous year. The closing inventory of pulpwood and wood residue decreased $9.9 \%$ to 18482948 cubic metres from 20512837 cubic metres a year earlier.

Year-to-date receipts of pulpwood totalled 33680641 r cubic metres, a decrease of $2.3 \%$ from $34457341^{1 r}$ cubic metres a year earlier.

Receipts of wood residue increased $6.5 \%$ to 50189991 c cubic metres from the year-earlier level of 47105032 cubic metres. Consumption of pulpwood and wood residue, at 84670927 cubic metres, was up 3.0\% from 82189537 r cubic metres a year earlier.

## Available on CANSIM: matrix 54.

The October 1991 issue of Pulpwood and Wood Residue Statistics (25-001, $\$ 5.80 / \$ 58$ ) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications". For more detailed information on this release, contact Jacques Lepage (613-951-3516), Industry Division.

## Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products October 1991

Factory shipments of steel wire and specified wire products for October 1991 are now available, as are production and export market data for selected commodities.

Shipments totalled 56884 tonnes in October 1991, a decrease of $2.0 \%$ from the 58050 (revised) tonnes shipped during the previous month.

## Available on CANSIM: matrix 122 (series 19).

The October 1991 issue of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products (41-006, $\$ 5 / \$ 50$ ) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications". For more detailed information on this release, contact Bruno Pépin (613-951-9837), Industry Division.

## Industrial Chemicals and Synthetic Resins

October 1991
Canadian chemical firms produced 133496 tonnes of polyethylene synthetic resins in October 1991, an increase of $4.3 \%$ from the 128053 (revised) tonnes produced in October 1990.

January to October 1991 production totalled 1289119 tonnes, up $1.8 \%$ from the 1266038 tonnes produced during the same period in 1990.

Data are also available on Canadian production of three other types of synthetic resins and 24 industrial chemicals for October 1991, October 1990, and corresponding cumulative figures.

## Available on CANSIM: matrix 951.

The October 1991 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.

## Blow-moulded Plastic Bottles

Third Quarter 1991
Figures for the third quarter of 1991 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.

## PUBLICATIONS RELEASED

Wholesale Trade, September 1991. Catalogue number 63-008
(Canada: $\$ 14.40 / \$ 144$; United States: US\$17.30/US\$173; Other Countries: US\$20.20/US\$202).

Exports by Commodity, September 1991. Catalogue number 65-004
(Canada: $\$ 55.10 / \$ 551$; United States:
US\$66.10/US\$661; Other Countries:
US\$77.10/US\$771).

Imports by Country, January-September 1991.
Catalogue number 65-006
(Canada: $\$ 82.75 / \$ 331$; United States:
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