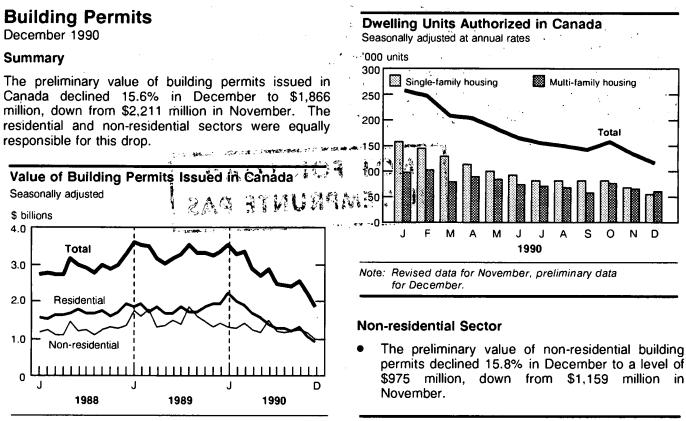




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Note: Revised data for November, preliminary data for December.

Residential Sector

- The preliminary value of residential building permits fell 15.4% in December to \$891 million, down from \$1,052 million in November.
- The single-family dwelling sector accounted for most of the decrease, falling 20.6% to \$592 million. The multi-family dwelling sector showed a smaller decline, dropping 2.8% to \$299 million.
- For the second month, all regions in Canada recorded losses in the value of residential building permits in December.
- The number of dwelling units authorized in December dropped 14.7% to 115,000 units at an annual rate (54,000 single detached and 61,000 multiple dwellings); this was the lowest level recorded since July 1982.

Value of Non-residential Permits Issued in Canada

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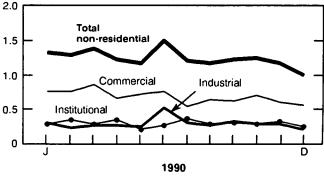
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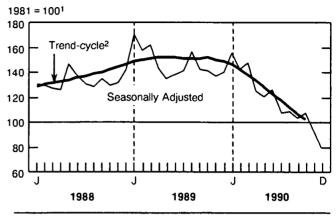
Note: Revised data for November, preliminary data for December.

- For Canada as a whole, there were declines in the value of permits issued for all major categories of non-residential building permits: industrial permits declined 23.5% to \$203 million; commercial permits fell 7.2% to \$545 million; and institutional permits dropped 25.6% to \$227 million.
- British Columbia was the only region to register a gain in the value of non-residential building permits in December.

Short-term Trend

- In October, the short-term trend (excluding engineering projects) decreased by 4.7% to 101.1. This index, which declined for the twelfth consecutive month, exhibited the largest monthly drop since June 1982.
- The trend index of residential permits fell 6.8% to a level of 98.9 while the non-residential trend index declined 2.5% to 103.3.

Building Permits Indices



¹ This series is deflated by using the construction input price index which includes cost of material and labor.

² The trend-cycle shows the seasonally-adjusted value of Building Permits without irregular influences which can obscure the short-term trend.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 80 (levels 3-7, 9-15), 129, 137, 443, 989-992, 994, 995 and 4073.

The December 1990 issue of *Building Permits* (64-001, \$22/\$220) is scheduled for release the third week of March.

For further information on statistics, contact Pierre Pichette (613-951-2585) or Marcel Poirier (613-951-2026), and for analytical information, contact Paul Gratton (613-951-2025), Investment and Capital Stock Division.

Sales of Refined Petroleum Products

January 1991

Highlights

Seasonally Adjusted Sales

- Seasonally adjusted, preliminary estimates of January sales of refined petroleum products totalled 6.7 million cubic metres (m³), an increase of 8.0% over December 1990.
- Of the four main products, only heavy fuel oil reported a decrease (-0.6%). The other three main products registered increased sales. Motor gasoline rose 5.8%, the first gain in the last three months. Light fuel oil sales posted an increase of 15.6%, reversing the four previous months' decline. Diesel fuel oil followed with a corresponding increase of 8.5%, reversing two previous losses.

Sales of Refined Petroleum Products

Unadjusted Sales

 Preliminary estimates indicate that total sales of refined petroleum products in January 1991 declined 5.4% from January 1990, recording a volume of 6.5 million m³. Sales of motor gasoline and light fuel oil remained at the same level as in the previous year. Heavy fuel oil sales declined 18.9% and diesel fuel oil 9.8%. ť

Available on CANSIM: matrices 628-642 and 644-647.

The January 1991 issue of *Refined Petroleum Products* (45-004, \$18.20/\$182) will be available the third week of April. See "How to Order Publications".

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

	October 1990 r	November 1990 r	December 1990 r	January 1991P	January 1991/ December 1990
		Adjus	ted for Seasonal Va	ariation	
		(tt	nousands of cubic met	res)	%
Total, All Products	7 055.1	6 745.5	6 221.3	6 720.0	8.0
Main Products:					
Motor Gasoline	2 882.9	2 763.2	2 663.1	2 818.4	5.8
Diesel Fuel Oil	1 491.7	1 393.8	1 228.9	1 333.0	8.5
Light Fuel Oil	571.3	516.4	474.2	548.1	15.6
Heavy Fuel Oil	804.6	654.6	668.0	664.2	-0.6
	January 1989	January 1990	January 1991 P	January 1990/ January 1989	January 1991/ January 1990
		Unadju	isted for Seasonal V	arlation	
		(tt	nousands of cubic met	res)	%
Total, All Products	7 028.7	6 888.1	6 517.1	-2.0	-5.4
Main Products:					
Motor Gasoline	2 582.5	2 478.7	2 478.8	-4.0	0.0
Diesel Fuel Oil	1 207.7	1 255.6	1 133.2	3.9	-9.8
Light Fuel Oil	1 037.9	1 018.2	1 021.0	-1.9	0.3
Heavy Fuel Oil	911.1	884.7	717.8	-3.0	-18.9

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Construction Union Wage Rate Index

January 1991

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The Canada Total Union Wage Rate Index (including supplements) for construction trades (1986 = 100) showed no change in January from December's revised figure of 119.8. On a year-over-year basis the composite index increased by 5.4% to 119.8 from 113.7.

The table below shows wage rates for bricklayers, plasterers and cement finishers.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 956, 958 and 2033-2038.

The first quarter 1991 issue of *Construction Price Statistics* (62-007, \$18/\$72) will be available in June. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, contact the Information and Current Analysis Unit (613-951-9607), Prices Division.

Construction Union Wage Rates1

January 1991

	Trades						
	Ε	Bricklayer		Plasterer		Cement Finisher	
	Basic Rate	Basic Rate and selected pay supplements	Basic Rate	Basic Rate and selected pay supplements	Basic	Basic Rate and selected pay supplements	
			(in	dollars)			
St. John's	18.06	21.40	18.06	21.40	18.06	21.40	
Halifax	20.49	23.64	17.06	18.58	16.90	18.27	
Saint John	18.01	21.75	18.01	21.75	18.01	21.75	
Montreal	21.07	24.86	20.29	24.00	19.51	23.13	
Ottawa	23.35	27.75	20.32	23.87	19.93	23.46	
Toronto	24.22	29.64	20.50	25.09	20.65	25.28	
Thunder Bay	22.75	27.96	19.28	23.75	18.45	22.86	
Winnipeg	19.50	22.05	19.30	21.55	16.55	18.46	
Regina	17.80	20.47			16.12	18.93	
Edmonton			18.85	21.34			
Vancouver	22.42	28.28	23.67	28.04	20.46	26.19	

¹ Rates are available for other trades and other cities.

. Figures not available.

Basic Rate and selected pay supplements: vacation pay, statutory holiday pay, employer's contribution to health and welfare and pension plans.

DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Births in Canada

A total of 392,661 live births were recorded in Canada in 1989, an increase of 4.2% over 1988.

The 1989 crude birth rate (number of live births per 1,000 population) of 15.0 was 3.4% more than the 1988 rate of 14.5.

The total fertility rate (average number of children born to a woman during her reproductive years), based on current year's of fertility experience, increased to 1.77 in 1989 from 1.69 in 1988.

Provincial Details

The 1989 crude birth rates for the provinces (1988 rates in brackets) were: Alberta, 17.9 (17.5); Saskatchewan, 16.5 (16.6); Manitoba, 16.0 (15.7); Ontario, 15.2 (14.6); Prince Edward Island, 14.9 (15.4); British Columbia, 14.3 (14.4); Nova Scotia, 14.2 (13.8); Quebec, 13.8 (13.0); Newfoundland, 13.6 (13.2) and New Brunswick, 13.5 (13.8). The rates for the two territories were: Yukon, 19.0 (20.1) and Northwest Territories, 27.7 (30.1).

In 1989, the total fertility rates for the provinces ranged from 1.60 for New Brunswick and Quebec to 2.09 for Saskatchewan. (Information for Newfoundland was unavailable.) The rates for the two territories were 2.03 for Yukon and 2.96 for Northwest Territories.

To obtain data on further information on this release, contact Beth Sander (613-951-1765) or Gerry McLean (613-951-1637), Canadian Centre for Health Information.

Production and Sales of Major Appliances January 1991

Domestic sales of major appliances by Canadian manufacturers decreased to 117,247 units in January 1991, down 22.6% from 151,556 units in December 1990 and down 27.5% from the 161,661r (revised) units sold in January 1990.

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Available on CANSIM: matrices 65, 66 and 122 (series 30).

The January 1991 issue of *Production, Sales and Stocks of Major Appliances* (43-010, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact J.P. Beauparlant (613-951-3526), Industry Division.

Fabricated Structural Steel Price Indexes Fourth Quarter 1990

Price indexes for fabricated structural steel-in-place in the fourth quarter of 1990 are now available.

These indexes, at the Canada level, show an increase of 0.2% from the third quarter of 1990 and an increase of 2.1% from a year earlier.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 2044.

The fourth quarter 1990 issue of *Construction Price Statistics* (62-007, \$18/\$72) will be available in March. 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.

Precast Concrete Price Indexes Second Half 1990

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Price indexes for precast concrete-in-place in the second half of 1990 are now available. At the Canada level, these indexes show an increase of 1.3 % from the first half of 1990 and an increase of 3.1% from the second half of 1989.

Note: The conversion of the precast concrete price indexes to a 1986 = 100 reference base will be delayed until the second quarter of this year.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 421.

The fourth quarter 1990 issue of *Construction Price Statistics* (62-007, \$18/\$72) will be available in March. 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.

Selected Financial Indexes

January 1991

January 1991 figures are now available for the Selected Financial Indexes.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 2031.

The first quarter 1991 issue of *Construction Price Statistics* (62-007, \$18/\$72) will be available in June. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact the Information and Current Analysis Unit (613-951-9607), Prices Division.



Production and Stocks of Tea, Coffee and Cocoa, Quarter ended December 1990. Catalogue number 32-025 (Canada: \$6.75/\$27.00; United States: US\$8.00/US\$32.00: Other Countries: US\$9.50/US\$38.00).

Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills in British Columbia, December 1990. Catalogue number 35-003 (Canada: \$7.10/\$71.00; United States: US\$8.50/US\$85.00; Other Countries: US\$9.90/US\$99.00).

Mineral Wool Including Fibrous Glass Insulation. January 1991.

Catalogue number 44-004 (Canada: \$5.00/\$50.00; United States: US\$6.00/US\$60.00; Other Countries: US\$7.00/US\$70.00).

Railway Operating Statistics, November 1990. Catalogue number 52-003 (Canada: \$10.50/\$105.00: United States: US\$12.60/US\$126.00: Other Countries: US\$14.70/US\$147.00).

Passenger Bus and Urban Transit Statistics, August 1990. Catalogue number 53-003 (Canada: \$7.10/\$71.00; United States: US\$8.50/US\$85.00: Other Countries: US\$9.90/US\$99.00).

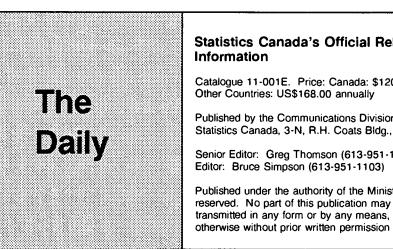
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