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Help-wanted Index

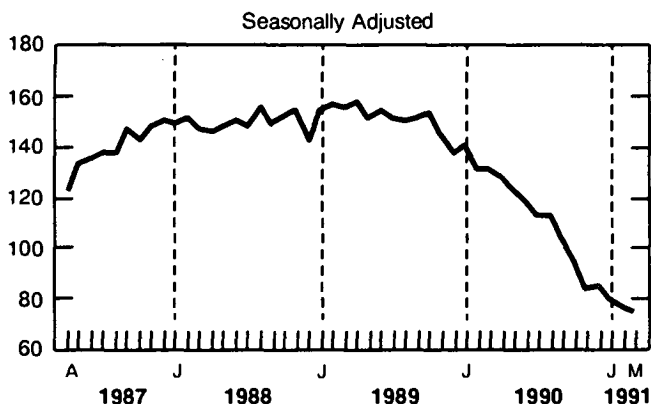
March 1991

The Help-wanted Index serves as an early indicator of the demand for labour by monitoring changes in the number of help-wanted ads published in 20 major metropolitan areas.

Highlights - Seasonally Adjusted

- The Help-wanted Index for Canada (1981 = 100) declined 2.6% (to 74 from 76) in March 1991. With the exception of Ontario, the index decreased in all regions. After reaching a peak of 157 in April 1989, the trend of the Canada index has declined for the past 23 months.

Help-wanted Index, Canada (1981 = 100)



Note to Users:

The seasonally adjusted indices are revised annually when final data for a complete calendar year become available. This release shows the revised estimates.

Effective with the January 1991 release, only seasonally adjusted data will be shown in *The Daily*. Users interested in trend-cycle estimates can obtain these indices from CANSIM or on request. Also, 12-month averages are now available for 1990, and a report providing historical data and technical notes will be available during the third week of April.

Changes by Region

- Between February and March 1991, the Help-wanted Index decreased 7.1% in Quebec (to 78 from 84) and 5.0% in the Atlantic provinces (to 114 from 120). There were only small changes in the other regions.
- Compared with March 1990, the Help-wanted Index decreased in all regions, falling 46.9% in Quebec, 45.8% in Ontario, 38.1% in British Columbia, 37.4% in the Atlantic provinces, and 37.1% in the Prairie provinces.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 105 (levels 5 and 7).

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Help-wanted Index (1981 = 100), Canada and Regions

Year and month	Canada	Atlantic Region	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Region	British Columbia
Seasonally Adjusted						
1990						
March	131	182	147	131	89	126
April	128	176	143	126	89	140
May	123	162	142	119	86	117
June	118	165	137	111	79	120
July	113	182	119	108	81	117
August	112	157	122	107	77	119
September	104	159	112	100	77	116
October	94	138	109	87	71	97
November	84	124	99	74	69	93
December	85	135	96	77	68	87
1991						
January	79	117	88	73	63	85
February	76	120	84	70	57	79
March	74	114	78	71	56	78

Therapeutic Abortions

1989

- In 1989, 70,779 therapeutic abortions were performed in Canadian hospitals¹, an increase of 6.8% over the 66,251 abortions performed in 1988.
- Quebec is the only province where therapeutic abortions outside the hospital setting were reported to Statistics Canada. The total number of such therapeutic abortions in Quebec² was 5,676 in 1989, or about 23% more than the 4,617 abortions reported in 1988. In addition, 1,383 therapeutic abortions for 1989 were reported in respect of Centres locaux de services communautaires (CLSC) in Quebec³. This marks the first year in which CLSC data have been included in this report.
- Based on information supplied by the states along the Canada-United States border⁴, 1,551 legal abortions were performed on Canadian women visiting these states in 1989, or 20% fewer than the 1,939 abortions reported in 1988.
- The combined total of clinic therapeutic abortions in Quebec, legal abortions reported from the United States and hospital therapeutic abortions for Canadian women amounted to 79,315 in 1989, up 9.1% from the total of 72,693 reported in 1988.
- The therapeutic abortion rate (number of hospital-performed therapeutic abortions per 100 live births) was 18.0 in 1989 compared to 17.6 in

1988. The addition of abortion figures from clinics in Quebec and from the United States increased the abortion rate to 20.2 in 1989, compared to 19.3 in 1988.

Demographic Characteristics

- Of the Canadian women who obtained therapeutic abortions in hospitals during 1989, approximately 22% were below the age of 20 years, 54% were between 20 and 29 years, another 22% were between 30 and 39 years and the remaining 2% were 40 years or over. Of the total, 65% were single, 23% married and the remaining 12% separated, divorced, widowed or living common-law. At the time of abortion about 90% of the women were pregnant for less than 13 weeks, 7.5% between 13-16 weeks and the remaining 2.5% more than 16 weeks.

Provincial Rates

Compared to the 1989 national therapeutic abortion rate of 18.0 per 100 live births, the provincial and territorial rates based on the same sources (with 1988 rates in brackets) were: Yukon, 28.3 (22.6); British Columbia, 25.4 (25.5); Ontario, 21.8 (20.9); Northwest Territories, 17.6 (17.9); Nova Scotia, 16.2 (14.2); Manitoba, 16.0 (16.6); Alberta, 15.2 (15.0); Quebec, 15.0 (14.7); Saskatchewan, 8.0 (7.7); Newfoundland, 6.0 (6.3); New Brunswick, 5.3 (4.9) and Prince Edward Island, 0.4 (3.5). Rates for Quebec, if clinic abortions are added, were 22.6 in 1989 and 20.0 in 1988.

Further tabulations of 1989 therapeutic abortion statistics may be obtained by ordering the Standard Table - Therapeutic Abortions, 1989 (Billing Number 41020, \$10.00), *Health Reports* (Volume 3, No. 1), available in June.

For further information, contact Surinder Wadhera (613-951-1764), Canadian Centre for Health Information. □

¹ Based on reports from the 10 provinces and the two territories.

² Source: Régie de l'assurance-maladie du Québec.

³ Source: ministère de la Santé et des Services Sociaux du Québec.

⁴ Voluntary system of reporting from states along the Canada-United States border.

Therapeutic Abortions, Numbers and Rates per 100 Live Births, Canada, 1981-1989

Year	Therapeutic abortions ¹	Therapeutic Abortions on Canadian Residents Based on Reports				Therapeutic Abortion Rate for Canadian Residents per 100 Live Births			
		In Canada		From U.S. ⁴	Total	In Canada		From U.S.	Total
		Hospital events	Clinic events ²			Hospital events	Clinic events		
1981	65,127	65,053	4,207	2,651	71,911	17.5	1.1	0.7	19.3
1982	66,319	66,254	4,506	4,311	75,071	17.8	1.2	1.2	20.2
1983	61,800	61,750	3,635	3,983	69,368	16.5	1.0	1.1	18.6
1984	62,291	62,247	3,571	3,631	69,449	16.5	0.9	1.0	18.4
1985	62,740	62,712	3,706	2,798	69,216	16.7	1.0	0.7	18.4
1986	63,508	63,462	3,498	2,612	69,572	17.0	0.9	0.7	18.6
1987	63,662	63,585	3,681	2,757	70,023	17.2	1.0	0.7	18.9
1988	66,251	66,137	4,617	1,939	72,693	17.6	1.2	0.5	19.3
1989	70,779	70,705	7,059 ³	1,551	79,315	18.0	1.8	0.4	20.2

¹ Relates to hospital therapeutic abortions (including non-residents) reported by the 10 provinces and the two territories.

² Relates to therapeutic abortions performed in clinics (cabinets privés), province of Quebec and paid as number of claims to doctors for their services by Régie de l'assurance-maladie du Québec.

³ Includes 1,383 therapeutic abortions performed in clinics (Centres locaux de services communautaires - CLSC), province of Quebec.

⁴ Relates to legal abortions performed on Canadian women visiting especially the states along Canada-United States border.

DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Unemployment Insurance Statistics

January 1991

Preliminary data are now available for January 1991 and final data are available for November 1990.

A comparison of data from January 1991 with data from a year earlier show that there have been some dramatic increases in the number of regular unemployment insurance beneficiaries with no earnings. The table below shows these changes for 25 of the 266 census divisions for which data are available.

	% Change
Toronto - 3520	97
Kitchener-Waterloo - 3530	95
Hamilton - 3525	86
Middlesex (London) - 3539	62
St. Catharines-Niagara - 3526	46
Ottawa-Carleton - 3506	36
Thunder Bay - 3558	32
Vancouver - 5915	30
Victoria - 5917	27
Durham (Oshawa) - 3518	23
Calgary - 4806	20
Sherbrooke - 2436	19
Montréal - 2465	19
Halifax - 1209	18
Sudbury - 3553	17
Regina - 4706	16
Saint Maurice (Trois-Rivières) - 2443	14
Winnipeg - 4611	14
Edmonton - 4817	12
Québec - 2420	12
Chicoutimi-Jonquière - 2494	11
Saskatoon - 4711	4
Essex (Windsor) - 3537	2
Saint John - 1301	2
St. John's - 1001	-3
Canada	23

For further information, contact the Small Area and Administrative Data Division (613-951-9720).

Process Cheese and Instant Skim Milk Powder

February 1991

Production of process cheese in February 1991 totalled 6 636 067 kilograms, an increase of 21.2% from the revised total for January 1991 and an increase of 3.1% from the revised total in February 1990. The 1991 year-to-date production totalled 12 112 094 (revised) kilograms, compared to the corresponding 1990 amount of 14 084 099.

Total production of instant skim milk powder during the month was 395 421 kilograms, an increase of 10.1% from January 1991 and an increase of 29.4% from February 1990. Cumulative year-to-date production totalled 754 597 kilograms, compared to the 758 761 kilograms reported for the corresponding period in 1990.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 188 (series 1.10).

The February 1991 issue of *Production and Inventories of Process Cheese and Instant Skim Milk Powder* (32-024, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Brian Preston (613-951-3511), Industry Division.

Coal and Coke Statistics

January 1991

Highlights

- Canadian production of coal totalled 5 936 kilotonnes in January 1991, down 5.9% from the corresponding month last year.
- Exports in January rose 9.6% from January 1990 to 2 604 kilotonnes.
- Coke production decreased to 285 kilotonnes, a difference of 22.8% from January 1990.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 9.

The January 1991 issue of *Coal and Coke Statistics* (45-002, \$9/\$90) will be available the second week of April. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Dave Madsen (613-951-9823), Energy Section, Industry Division. ■

Pack of Processed Brussel Sprouts 1990

The data on pack of processed brussels sprouts for 1990 are now available. *Pack of Selected Processed Vegetables* (32-240, \$13) will be released at a later date.

For further information, contact Brian Preston (613-951-3511), Industry Division. ■

Pack of Processed Peaches 1990

The data on pack of processed peaches for 1990 are now available. *Pack of Selected Processed Fruits (Excluding Apples)* (32-234, \$13) will be released at a later date.

For further information, contact Brian Preston (613-951-3511), Industry Division. ■

Pack of Processed Beets 1990

The data on pack of processed beets for 1990 are now available. *Pack of Selected Processed Vegetables* (32-240, \$13) will be released at a later date.

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Pack of Processed Raspberries 1990

The data on pack of processed raspberries for 1990 are now available. *Pack of Selected Processed Fruits (Excluding Apples)* (32-234, \$13) will be released at a later date.

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Pack of Processed Strawberries 1990

The data on pack of processed strawberries for 1990 are now available. *Pack of Selected Processed Fruits (Excluding Apples)* (32-234, \$13) will be released at a later date.

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Pack of Processed Pears 1990

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Pack of Processed Lima Beans 1990

The data on pack of processed lima beans for 1990 are now available. *Pack of Selected Processed Vegetables* (32-240, \$13) will be released at a later date.

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Pack of Processed Mushrooms 1990

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