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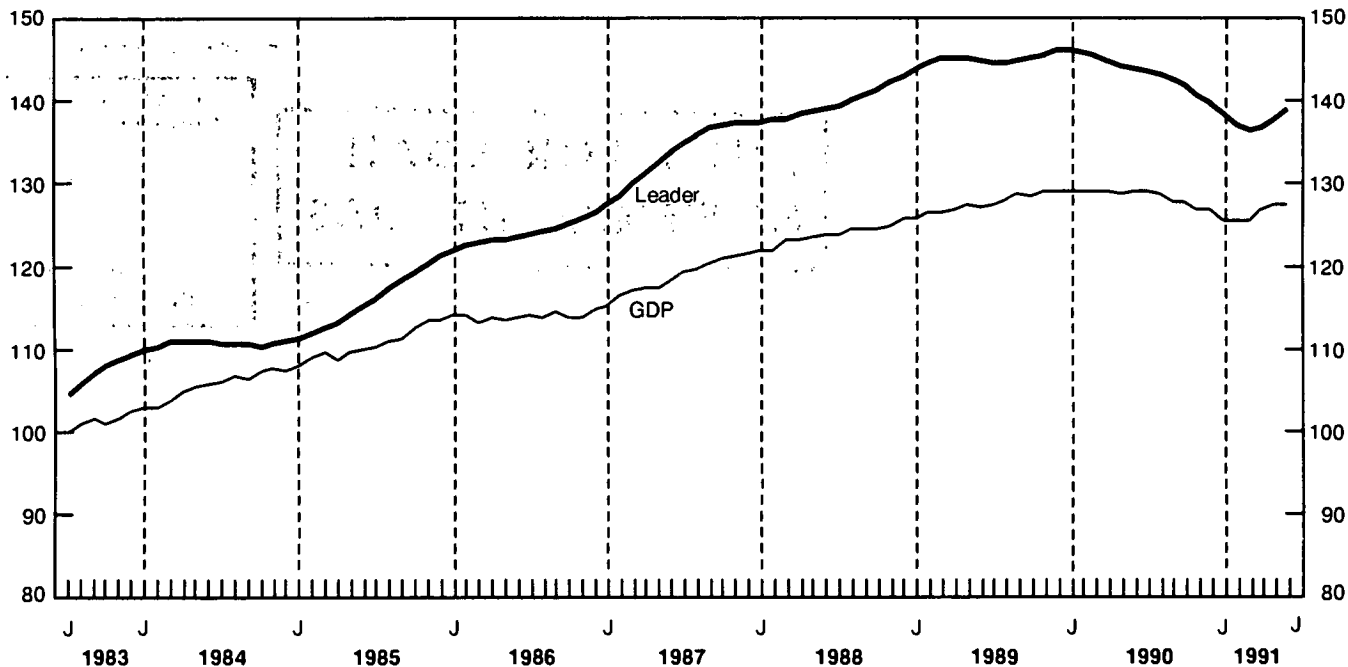
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Composite Leading Indicator and GDP

1981 = 100



Canadian Composite Leading Indicator

June 1991

The growth of the leading indicator continued to accelerate in June, to 0.9%, its third straight increase. The number of components showing gains also strengthened in May and June, notably in manufacturing. However, weakness in the financial components and in services slowed the growth in the unsmoothed index to 0.1% in June, its smallest of five consecutive increases starting in February.

The improvement in household demand remained narrowly-based. Growth in the housing index remained rapid, reaching 6.5% in June. Housing starts led the gain, with growth declining in central Canada as sales of existing homes slowed. The slowdown in house sales accompanied a softening of demand for furniture and appliances. Sales of other durable goods rose, largely due to auto sales, and incomes remained weak.

New orders for durable goods strengthened, although growth remained concentrated in industries related to autos and housing. The trend of new orders for consumer and business investment goods remained weak, while demand for business services also slowed. The ratio of shipments to stocks of finished goods rose for the second straight month as shipments of wood and cars increased. The average workweek rose slightly, the first gain since late in 1988.

The Toronto stock market posted a fifth straight gain, while the money supply rose for the third consecutive month. However, both posted declines in unsmoothed terms.

The U.S. leading indicator rose for the third month in a row in June, up 0.5%. The gain was led by consumer confidence and labour market indicators. Employment fell in July, as all of the drop in unemployment reflected a contraction of the labour force.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 191.

For more information on the economy, order the September issue of the *Canadian Economic Observer* (11-010, \$22/\$220), available the week of September 16. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, or future release dates, contact Francine Roy (613-951-3627), Current Economic Analysis Division.

Canadian Leading Indicators

	Percentage Change			Level	
	April	May	June	May	June
Composite Leading Indicator (1981 = 100)					
Smoothed	0.2	0.7	0.9	137.7	139.0
Unsmoothed	3.2	0.9	0.1	142.8	143.0
Retail Trade					
Furniture and appliance sales	-0.8	-0.3	-0.2	979 ⁴	977 ⁴
Other durable goods sales	0.0	0.5	1.1	3,506 ⁴	3,545 ⁴
Housing Index¹	3.4	6.2	6.5	110.7	117.9
Manufacturing					
New orders – durables	-0.5	0.4	1.9	8,481 ⁴	8,641 ⁴
Shipment to inventory ratio (finished goods) ²	0.00	0.01	0.02	1.35	1.37
Average workweek (hours)	-0.3	0.0	0.3	37.5	37.6
Business and personal services employment (thousands)	0.3	0.4	0.2	1,767	1,771
United States composite leading index (1967 = 100)	0.1	0.3	0.5	187.7	188.6
TSE 300 stock price index (1975 = 1000)	1.7	1.9	1.4	3,391	3,438
Money supply (M1) (\$1981)³	0.2	0.2	0.2	23,955 ⁴	24,001 ⁴

¹ Composite index of housing starts (units) and house sales (MLS).

² Difference from previous month.

³ Deflated by the consumer price index for all items.

⁴ Millions of 1981 dollars.

Advance Statistics of Education

1991-92

The 1991-92 academic year (beginning in September) will likely see an increase of 3% in full-time university enrolment to 547,800 and a 2% increase in full-time enrolment in community colleges to 330,900.

Other estimates for this school year are:

- The number of students in Grades 1 to 6 is estimated to reach 2,410,400 in 1991-92, about 29,600 more students than in 1990-91. The decline in enrolment in Grades 1 to 6, which had started in 1969-1970, ended in 1985-86 as the 6 to 11-year-old population began to increase.
- Enrolment in Grade 7 and up is expected to be 2,338,900, up by about 2% from the previous year. Enrolment in these grades had dropped between 1977-78 and 1986-87, corresponding with the decrease in the 12 to 17-year-old population, but began to slightly rise in 1987-88 and is expected to continue to increase as the decline in the 12 to 17-year-old population levelled off in 1990 and this age group is expected to start to increase in 1991.
- An increase of 2% is anticipated in the number of full-time elementary/secondary teachers, bringing their number to 298,700.
- Total spending on education at all levels is expected to reach \$50.6 billion, an increase of 6% over 1990-91. About \$32.7 billion will be spent on elementary/secondary education, \$10.3 billion on universities, \$4.0 billion on community colleges and \$3.6 billion on vocational training. About 90% of all education expenditures in Canada are publicly funded.
- The 1991 calendar year will likely see 114,400 bachelor degrees and first professional degrees awarded (up 29,500 from 1981); 18,100 master's degrees granted (up 5,200 from 1981); and 2,800 doctorates conferred (up 1,000 from 1981).

Advance Statistics of Education, 1991-92 (81-220, \$22) is now available. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information, contact Edith Rechnitzer (613-951-9167), Projections and Analysis Section, or Bernard Bourgoin (613-951-1506), Finance Section, Education, Culture and Tourism Division. ■

DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Electric Power Statistics

June 1991

Highlights

- Net generation of electric energy in Canada in June 1991 increased to 35 101 gigawatt hours (GWh), up 5.5% from the corresponding month in 1990. Exports increased 19.4% to 1 511 GWh, while imports decreased from 1 843 GWh to 864 GWh.
- Year-to-date figures show net generation at 247 618 GWh, up 5.7% from last year's period. Exports, at 8 860 GWh, were up 42.5%, while imports, at 3 609 GWh, were down 68.7%.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 3987-3999.

The June 1991 issue of *Electric Power Statistics* (57-001, \$9/\$90) will be available shortly. See "How to Order Publications".

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

Rigid Insulating Board

July 1991

Shipments of rigid insulating board totalled 3 837 thousand square metres (12.7 mm basis) in July 1991, an increase of 32.8% compared to 2 890^r (revised) thousand square metres (12.7 mm basis) in July 1990.

For January to July 1991, year-to-date shipments amounted to 21 132^r thousand square metres (12.7 mm basis) compared to 21 246^r thousand square metres (12.7 mm basis) for the same period in 1990, a decrease of 0.5%.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 31 (series 1) and 122 (series 4-7).

The July 1991 issue of *Rigid Insulating Board* (36-002, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Sandra Bohatyretz (613-951-3531), Industry Division. ■

Process Cheese and Instant Skim Milk Powder

July 1991

Production of process cheese in July 1991 totalled 6 727 997 kilograms, staying at the same level as the revised June 1991 figure and an increase of 27.2% from the revised July 1990 figure. The 1991 year-to-date production totalled 44 424 004^r (revised) kilograms, compared to the corresponding 1990 amount of 47 632 305^r.

Total production of instant skim milk powder during the month was 273 739 kilograms, a decrease of 26.5% from June 1991, but an increase of 11.2% from July 1990. Cumulative year-to-date production totalled 2 594 617 kilograms, compared to the 2 653 770 kilograms reported for the corresponding period in 1990.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 188 (series 1.10).

The July 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 Peter Zylstra (613-951-3511), Industry Division. ■

Railway Carloadings

Seven-day Period Ending August 21, 1991

Highlights

- Revenue freight loaded by railways in Canada during the week totalled 4.2 million tonnes, a decrease of 4.0% from the same period last year.
- Piggyback traffic decreased 13.5% from the same period last year. The number of cars loaded also decreased 2.0% during the same period.
- The tonnage of revenue freight loaded to date this year is 0.5% lower than that loaded in the previous year.

Note: Piggyback traffic includes trailers and containers on flat cars. Piggyback traffic numbers are included in total carload traffic. All 1990 figures and 1991 cumulative data have been revised.

For more detailed information on this release, contact Angus MacLean (613-951-2484), Surface Transport Unit, Transportation Division. ■

Steel Primary Forms

Week Ending August 24, 1991

Preliminary estimates indicate that Canadian steel primary forms production for the week ending August 24, 1991 totalled 262 369 tonnes, an increase of 2.0% from the preceding week's total of 257 289 tonnes and up 53.8% from the year-earlier level of 170 609 tonnes. The cumulative total in 1991 was 8 280 646 tonnes, a decrease of 7.4% from 8 939 678 tonnes for the same period in 1990.

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

Adult Education and Training Survey Microdata Tape

1990

Highlights

- Some 22.8% of adult Canadians (4,525,000) indicated that they had taken some form of structured education or training between December 1989 and November 1990.
- Of these adult Canadians who had received education or training during this time, approximately 1.4 million took full-time programs and 3.2 million took short-term or part-time courses.
- About 84% of adults taking short-term or part-time courses during the reference period were employed.
- For 83% of the adult Canadians taking full-time programs, the most important reasons given were for improving job opportunities or career development.

A microdata tape containing information on the 1990 Adult Education and Training Survey is now available.

Inquiries regarding ordering this data set should be forwarded to Mike Sivy (613-951-4598; Fax: 613-951-0562). For other questions concerning the design, contents, methodology, etc., contact Stephen Arrowsmith (613-951-0566; Fax: 613-951-0562). ■

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Fourth Quarter 1990.

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(Canada: \$23.00/\$92.00; United States: US\$27.50/
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Advance Statistics of Education, 1991-92.

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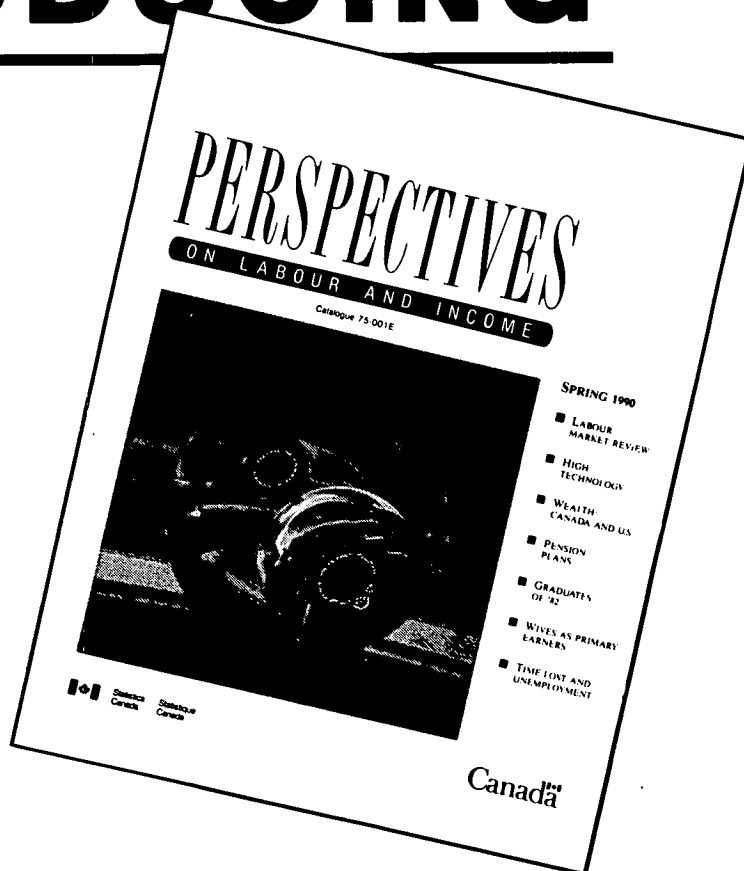
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