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Labour Force Survey

December 1991

Overview

Seasonally adjusted estimates from Statistics Canada's Labour Force Survey showed little change in the labour market for the month of December. While the seasonally adjusted level of employment decreased slightly, the unemployment rate was unchanged at 10.3.

Employment and Employment/Population Ratio

For the week ending December 14, 1991, the seasonally adjusted level of employment decreased slightly (-24,000) to 12,317,000. The employment/population ratio decreased by 0.2 following a drop of 0.3 in November.

- The decrease in employment was mainly among men aged 25 and over (-21,000) and represents the second consecutive monthly decline for this group. Full-time employment was affected most by the decrease.
- Manufacturing employment decreased by 17,000, bringing the total decline over the past three months to 68,000.
- The seasonally adjusted estimate of employment was down 24,000 (-0.5%) in Ontario, 16,000 (-0.5%) in Quebec, and 5,000 (-2.5%) in Newfoundland. Following a decrease in November, the employment level in Alberta gained 14,000 (+1.1%). The seasonally adjusted level of employment increased 4,000 (+1.1%) in Nova Scotia and showed little change in the other provinces.

Unemployment and Participation Rate

In December 1991 the seasonally adjusted level of unemployment was almost unchanged at 1,420,000. The unemployment rate was 10.3 for the third consecutive month, and the participation rate decreased (-0.2) to 65.8.

Notes to Users

1. *Labour Force Annual Averages 1991* (catalogue no. 71-220) will be available at the end of February. This publication contains annual averages for those estimates published monthly in *The Labour Force* (catalogue no. 71-001). It also contains a broader range of provincial and sub-provincial annual average estimates.
2. The publication *Historical Labour Force Statistics* (Catalogue 71-201), containing revised seasonally adjusted data and other historical series, will be published towards the beginning of February 1992. The publication's data will also be available on diskette. Contact Labour Force Survey Sub-division.
3. The release dates for 1992 will be:

February 7	August 7
March 6	September 4
April 10	October 9
May 8	November 6
June 5	December 4
July 10	January 8/93
4. Monthly data are available on CANSIM on the day of release at 7 a.m. E.S.T.

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- The unemployment rate for men 25 years and over increased 0.1 to 9.5, while the participation rate for this group decreased 0.3 to 75.5. Among women 25 years and over, both the unemployment rate and participation rate decreased 0.1 to 8.7 and 56.5, respectively.
- The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate among young people dropped by 0.3 to 15.7, which is 2.0 less than six months ago. This decrease is largely the result of a withdrawal from the labour market by many young people who had previously been looking for work.
- The seasonally adjusted estimate of unemployment was down slightly in Manitoba (-3,000), and little or no change occurred in the other provinces.

- By province, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rates and the monthly changes were as follows:

	December	Month-to-Month Change
Newfoundland	16.7	...
Prince Edward Island	16.8	0.1
Nova Scotia	12.3	-0.3
New Brunswick	13.1	0.2
Quebec	11.8	-0.1
Ontario	9.7	0.1
Manitoba	8.2	-0.5
Saskatchewan	7.2	-0.3
Alberta	9.1	0.2
British Columbia	10.0	0.1

Changes since December 1990 (Unadjusted estimates)

- The overall estimate of employment was down by 119,000 (-1.0%) from a year earlier. Employment decreased by 91,000 (-4.4%) for youths and by 61,000 (-1.1%) for adult men. Employment increased by 34,000 (+0.7%) for adult women.
- Full-time employment declined by 126,000 (-1.2%), while part-time employment showed little change. Decreases in full-time employment were noted among youths (-91,000 or -7.7%) and men aged 25 and over (-69,000 or -1.3%).
- Employment decreased by 149,000 (-4.4%) in the goods-producing sector, and increased by 30,000 (+0.3%) in the services sector.
- The estimated level of employment decreased by 93,000 (-4.9%) in manufacturing, by 70,000 (-3.1%) in trade, and by 42,000 (-6.1%) in construction. Employment rose by 69,000 (+1.6%) in community, business and personal services and by 40,000 (+5.0%) in public administration.

- The estimated number of unemployed increased by 122,000 (+9.7%) to 1,384,000.
- The unemployment rate increased by 0.9 to 10.2.
- The participation rate declined by 1.0 to 64.7.
- The employment/population ratio decreased to 58.1 (-1.4). The ratio fell to 53.0 (-2.3) for youths, 67.4 for adult men (-2.1) and it declined to 51.5 (-0.5) for adult women.

Comparison of Annual Averages between 1991 and 1990

Overview

Compared to 1990, annual average employment declined by 232,000 (-1.8%) and the level of unemployment increased by 308,000 (+27.7%). This brought the employment/population ratio to 59.5 (-2.0) and the unemployment rate to 10.3 (+2.2). Employment fell in all provinces except British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan. The number of unemployed increased in all provinces, with Ontario accounting for more than half of the increase at the national level.

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

Order the December 1991 issue of *The Labour Force* (71-001, \$17.90/\$179), available the third week of January 1992, 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

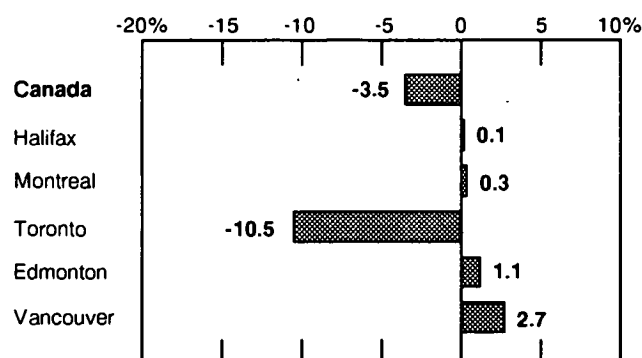
	December 1991	November 1991	December 1990
	Seasonally Adjusted Data		
Labour Force ('000)	13,737	13,765	13,721
Employment ('000)	12,317	12,341	12,440
Unemployment ('000)	1,420	1,424	1,281
Unemployment Rate (%)	10.3	10.3	9.3
Participation Rate (%)	65.8	66.0	66.7
Employment/Population Ratio (%)	59.0	59.2	60.5
	Unadjusted Data		
Labour Force ('000)	13,513	13,644	13,510
Employment ('000)	12,129	12,269	12,248
Unemployment ('000)	1,384	1,375	1,262
Unemployment Rate (%)	10.2	10.1	9.3
Participation Rate (%)	64.7	65.4	65.7
Employment/Population Ratio (%)	58.1	58.8	59.5

New Housing Price Index

November 1991

The New Housing Price Index (1986=100) for Canada stood at 133.9 in November, its lowest level since April 1991. The estimated house only index decreased 0.5%, while the land only index decreased 0.3%.

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



The largest monthly decreases in new housing prices were registered in Toronto (-1.3%) and London (-1.1%), while the largest monthly increase was recorded in Victoria (0.8%).

This index of Canadian housing contractors' selling prices now stands 3.5% lower than the year-earlier level. Toronto was mainly responsible for this downward movement with a yearly decrease of 10.5% since November 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 November 1991, this index was 139.5, down 0.4% from the Canada total of 140.0 for October 1991.

Users should note that the NHPI reflects selling price changes from the contractor's perspective rather than the purchaser's. The analytical index more closely follows a purchase-price concept, although it has not been adjusted for all possible costs.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 2032.

The fourth quarter 1991 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. □

New Housing Price Indexes

1986 = 100

	November 1991	October 1991	November 1990	% change	
				November 1991/ October 1991	November 1991/ November 1990
Canada Total	133.9	134.4	138.8	-0.4	-3.5
Canada (House Only)	125.0	125.6	128.6	-0.5	-2.8
Canada (Land Only)	160.1	160.6	165.6	-0.3	-3.3
St. John's	126.5	126.5	119.1	-	6.2
Halifax	109.4	109.5	109.3	-0.1	0.1
Saint John-Moncton-Fredericton	114.4	114.2	113.5	0.2	0.8
Quebec City	134.7	134.4	132.9	0.2	1.4
Montreal	134.8	135.0	134.4	-0.1	0.3
Ottawa-Hull	122.4	123.0	123.9	-0.5	-1.2
Toronto	144.5	146.4	161.4	-1.3	-10.5
Hamilton	134.4	133.9	140.0	0.4	-4.0
St. Catharines-Niagara	133.1	133.5	137.0	-0.3	-2.8
Kitchener-Waterloo	128.6	128.8	134.8	-0.2	-4.6
London	145.7	147.3	146.1	-1.1	-0.3
Windsor	127.6	127.1	128.8	0.4	-0.9
Sudbury-Thunder Bay	132.8	132.3	133.0	0.4	-0.2
Winnipeg	108.4	108.0	109.1	0.4	-0.6
Regina	112.9	112.1	109.3	0.7	3.3
Saskatoon	106.7	106.7	107.7	-	-0.9
Calgary	131.5	132.2	136.7	-0.5	-3.8
Edmonton	141.5	141.2	139.9	0.2	1.1
Vancouver	127.7	127.1	124.4	0.5	2.7
Victoria	123.1	122.1	117.6	0.8	4.7

- Nil or zero.

DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Department Store Sales by Province and Metropolitan Area

November 1991

- Department stores sales including concessions totalled \$1,420 million in November 1991. After removing federal sales tax from the 1990 data and allowing for differences in trading days, department store sales decreased 5.1% from November 1990. Concessions sales totalled \$75.6 million, 5.3% of total department store sales.
- Department store sales during November 1991 for the provinces and the 10 metropolitan areas surveyed were as follows:

Department Stores Sales Including Concessions

Province

• Newfoundland	\$22.5 million;
• Prince Edward Island	\$6.3 million;
• Nova Scotia	\$54.3 million;
• New Brunswick	\$36.4 million;
• Quebec	\$252.6 million;
• Ontario	\$591.0 million;
• Manitoba	\$58.2 million;
• Saskatchewan	\$41.9 million;
• Alberta	\$154.5 million;
• British Columbia	\$202.3 million.

Metropolitan Area

• Calgary	\$56.7 million;
• Edmonton	\$66.1 million;
• Halifax-Dartmouth	\$28.8 million;
• Hamilton	\$41.5 million;
• Montreal	\$138.1 million;
• Ottawa-Hull	\$68.4 million;
• Quebec City	\$33.7 million;
• Toronto	\$227.7 million;
• Vancouver	\$107.6 million;
• Winnipeg	\$51.6 million.

Department Stores Sales Excluding Concessions

Province

• Newfoundland	\$20.3 million;
• Prince Edward Island	\$6.1 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 January 22.

• Nova Scotia	\$51.8 million;
• New Brunswick	\$34.5 million;
• Quebec	\$241.1 million;
• Ontario	\$559.1 million;
• Manitoba	\$53.9 million;
• Saskatchewan	\$39.4 million;
• Alberta	\$146.6 million;
• British Columbia	\$191.6 million.

Metropolitan Area

• Calgary	\$53.3 million;
• Edmonton	\$63.0 million;
• Halifax-Dartmouth	\$27.6 million;
• Hamilton	\$39.0 million;
• Montreal	\$131.9 million;
• Ottawa-Hull	\$65.3 million;
• Quebec City	\$32.2 million;
• Toronto	\$216.5 million;
• Vancouver	\$102.0 million;
• Winnipeg	\$48.1 million.

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

The November 1991 issue of *Department Store Monthly Sales, by Province and Selected Metropolitan Area* (63-004, \$2.70/\$27) will be available the fourth week of January. Contact David Roeske (613-951-3559) or Maurice Massaad (613-951-9682), Retail Trade Section, Industry Division. ■

Steel Pipe and Tubing

November 1991

Steel pipe and tubing production for November 1991 totalled 149 242 tonnes, an increase of 34.8% from the 110 751 tonnes produced a year earlier.

Year-to-date production totalled 1 597 066 tonnes, up 17.0% from the 1 365 298 tonnes produced during the same period in 1990.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 35.

The November 1991 issue of *Steel Pipe and Tubing* (41-011, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Gerry Barrett (613-951-3515), Industry Division. ■

Coal and Coke Statistics

October 1991

Highlights

- Canadian production of coal totalled 6 295 kilotonnes in October 1991, down 0.1% from the corresponding month last year. The year-to-date production figure stands at 58 761 kilotonnes, up 3.1%.
- Exports in October fell 6.1% from October 1990 to 2 868 kilotonnes, while imports decreased 7.7% to 1 352 kilotonnes. Cumulative figures for the year show exports of 28 361 kilotonnes, 5.4% above last year's level.
- Coke production increased to 326 kilotonnes, up 44% over October 1990.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 9.

The October 1991 issue of *Coal and Coke Statistics* (45-002, \$10/\$100) will be available the second week of January. See "How to Order Publications".

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

Characteristics of International Travellers

First and Second Quarters of 1990

Preliminary data on the characteristics (age groups, purpose of trip, countries/states visited, etc...) of Canadians travelling abroad during the first and second quarters of 1990 are now available.

Similar data for the last two quarters of 1990 and the first two quarters of 1991 should become available within the next four months.

For more detailed information on this release, contact Paul L. Paradis (613-951-8933), International Travel Section, Education, Culture and Tourism Division. ■

Fruit and Vegetable Production

December 1991

The most recent updates to production and value of fruits and to area, production and value of vegetables in Canada are now available.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 1371-1373, 1375-1381, 1383-1386, 1388-1390, 1392-1395, 1397-1399, 1401-1406, 5587, 5588, 5614, 5615, 5617, 5619, 5620, 5623.

The December issue of *Fruit and Vegetable Production* (22-003, \$18/72) will be available in late January. For more detailed information on this release, contact L. Brazeau (613- 951-0574), Agriculture Division. ■

PUBLICATIONS RELEASED

Canned and Frozen Fruits and Vegetables - Monthly, October 1991.

Catalogue number 32-011

(Canada: \$5/\$50; United States: US\$6/US\$60; Other Countries: US\$7/US\$70).

Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills East of the Rockies, October 1991.

Catalogue number 35-002

(Canada: \$10/\$100; United States: US\$12/US\$120; Other Countries: US\$14/US\$140).

Production, Sales and Stocks of Major Appliances, November 1991.

Catalogue number 43-010

(Canada: \$5/\$50; United States: US\$6/US\$60; Other Countries: US\$7/US\$70).

Cement, November 1991.

Catalogue number 44-001

(Canada: \$5/\$50; United States: US\$6/US\$60; Other Countries: US\$7/US\$70).

Industrial Chemicals and Synthetic Resins, November 1991.

Catalogue number 46-002

(Canada: \$5.60/\$56; United States: US\$6.70/US\$67; Other Countries: US\$7.80/US\$78).

Science Statistics Service Bulletin, Vol. 15, No. 9 - **The Provincial Research Organizations**, 1990.

Catalogue number 88-001

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16	Monthly Survey of Manufacturing	November 1991
17	Preliminary Statement of Canadian International Merchandise Trade	November 1991
17	Travel Between Canada and Other Countries	November 1991
