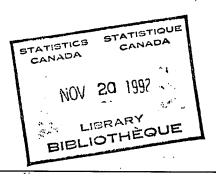


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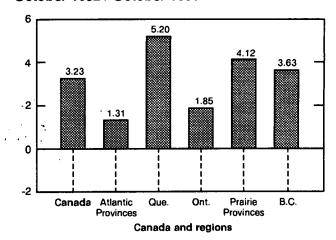
The Canada Total Union Wage Rate Index (including supplements) for construction trades (1986 = 100) did not change in October from September's level of 131.1. The index for Winnipeg increased by 0.2% due to increases that occurred in existing contracts; however, the increase was not sufficient to alter the Canada total index.

On a year-over-year basis, the composite index increased by 3.2%, from 127.0 in October 1991 to 131.1 in October 1992.

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

The fourth quarter 1992 issue of *Construction Price Statistics* (62-007, \$18/\$72) will be available in March 1993. See "How to Order Publications".

Percentage change in the Union Wage Rate Indexes, Basic + Supplement October 1992 / October 1991



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

Construction Union Wage Rate Indexes, Basic Rate plus Supplements October 1992 (1986 = 100)

	October 1992	September 1992	October 1991	% change	
				October 1992/ September 1992	October 1992 October 1991
Canada	131.1	131.1	127.0	-	3.2
St. John's	125.6	125.6	119.6	-	5.0
Halifax	120.2	120.2	120.2	-	
Saint John	130.8	130.8	130.8	_	
Quebec City	139.4	139.4	132.5	-	5.2
Chicoutimi	139.3	139.3	132.5	-	5.1
Montreal	139.5	139.5	132.6	-	5.2
Ottawa	136.4	136.4	133.9	-	1.9
Toronto	139.5	139.5	136.8	-	2.0
Hamilton	133.2	133.2	130.7	-	1.9
St. Catharines	136.4	136.4	133.9	-	1.9
Kitchener	131.3	131.3	129.1	_	1.7
London	135.3	135.3	132.9	-	1.8
Windsor	136.2	. 136.2	133.4	_	2.1
Sudbury	137.0	137.0	134.2	-	2.1
Thunder Bay	135.7	135.7	134.0	-	1.3
Winnipeg	121.8	121.5	119.7	0.2	1.8
Regina*	100.3	100.3	100.3	-	•
Saskatoon*	100:3	100.3	100.3	-	
Calgary	122.5	122.5	115.8	-	5.8
Edmonton	120.0	120.0	114.8	-	4.
Vancouver	128.5	128.5	123.9	-	3.7
Victoria	128.5	128.5	124.2	-	3.5

Based on average hourly earnings data.

Nil or zero.

DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Short-term Debt of Local Governments September 1992

At September 30, 1992, the estimates on the short-term debt (treasury bills and other short-term paper) of local governments totalled \$255 million, down \$140 million from June 1992 and down \$62 million from September 30, 1991. Revised estimates for previous quarters are also available.

For further information on these data, contact Marlene Vollmer (613-951-1830), Public Institutions Division.

Data are also available through custom and special tabulations. For more information or general inquiries on Public Institutions Division products or services, contact Patricia Phillips, Data Dissemination and External Relations Coordinator (613-951-0767).

Local Government Long-term Debt

October 1992

Estimates of the accumulated long-term debt of local governments for all provinces except Ontario are now available.

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Selected Financial Indexes

October 1992

October 1992 figures are now available for the selected financial indexes.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 2031.

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

Average Prices of Selected Farm Inputs October 1992

October 1992 average prices for selected farm inputs are now available by geographic region.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 550-582.

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

Canadian Potato Production

1987-1991 and 1992

For 1987 to 1990, revised data on the potato area planted and harvested are now available as are data on production and value.

For 1991, revised data on production and value are now available.

For 1992, data on the area planted and harvested along with preliminary data on production are now available.

All data are available by province.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 1044.

To order Canadian Potato Production (\$21), contact Guy Gervais (613-951-2453), Agriculture Division.

For more detailed information on this release, please contact the Agriculture Division in either the Atlantic Region Office, Barb McLaughlin (902-893-7251) or the Ottawa Office, Mike Trant (613-951-8718).

Railway Operating Statistics August 1992

The seven major railways in Canada reported a combined net gain of \$4.4 million in August 1992. Operating revenues totalled \$533.6 million, down \$30.8 million or 5.5% from August 1991.

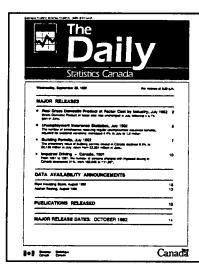
Revenue freight tonne-kilometres in August were down 1.2% from August 1991. During the same period, freight train-kilometres decreased 0.6% and freight car-kilometres decreased 0.8%.

All 1991 figures have been revised.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 142.

The August 1992 issue of Railway Operating Statistics (52-003, \$10.50/\$105) will be released at a

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