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### Help-wanted Index

October 1992

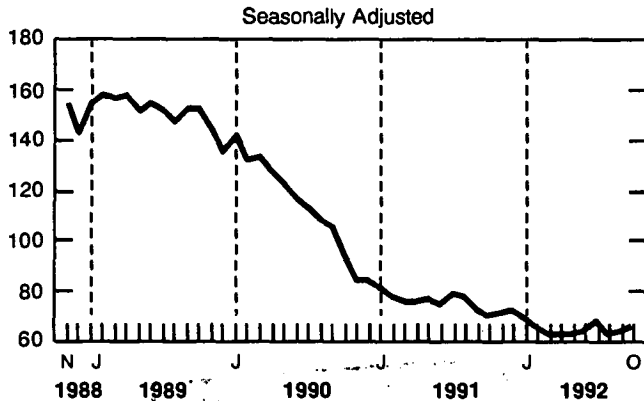
The Help-wanted Index serves as an early indicator of the demand for labour by monitoring changes in the number of help-wanted ads published in 20 major metropolitan areas.

#### Highlights - Seasonally Adjusted

- Over the past year, the Help-wanted Index for Canada (1981=100) decreased from 70 in October 1991 to 62 in March 1992. With the exception of July, the index remained virtually unchanged at 62 until August. Then, in September, the Help-wanted Index rose one point to 63. This was followed by an increase to 65 in October.

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#### Help-wanted Index, Canada (1981 = 100)



#### Changes by Region

- Between September and October 1992, the Help-wanted Index increased in all regions except Ontario, where a one-point decrease (from 61 to 60) was observed. The index rose 13 points in the Atlantic provinces (from 90 to 103), five points in British Columbia (from 69 to 74) and two points in both Quebec (from 71 to 73) and the Prairie provinces (from 41 to 43).
- Compared with October 1991, the Help-wanted Index was down in all regions except British Columbia, where it increased 1%. The index fell 12% in both Quebec and the Prairie provinces, 9% in Ontario and 2% in the Atlantic provinces.

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

Help-wanted indices for census metropolitan areas and trend-cycle estimates are available on request. The trend-cycle estimates can also be obtained directly from CANSIM.

For further information, contact Carole Lacroix (613-951-4039), Labour Division, (fax: 613-951-4087). □

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

Seasonally Adjusted

Year and Month	Canada	Atlantic Region	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Region	British Columbia
<b>1991</b>						
October	70	105	83	66	49	73
November	71	99	88	63	51	73
December	72	104	87	67	49	75
<b>1992</b>						
January	69	110	88	60	46	68
February	65	90	74	61	46	74
March	62	87	74	55	49	67
April	62	85	78	56	44	64
May	62	92	69	60	45	68
June	63	92	70	59	43	69
July	67	90	80	64	42	70
August	62	90	69	59	44	69
September	63	90	71	61	41	69
October	65	103	73	60	43	74

## DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Completeness of Enumeration of the 1991 Census

While the goal of the 1991 Census was to count every Canadian resident on Census Day, the results of any census will inevitably fall somewhat short of perfection. **Undercoverage** occurs if persons are missed by the Census. **Overcoverage** occurs if persons are counted when they should not be or are counted more than once. The net effect of these two types of errors (i.e., undercoverage minus overcoverage) is referred to as **net undercoverage**.

At the national level, the completeness of enumeration of the 1991 Census is estimated to be similar to that obtained in 1986. The rate of net undercoverage in the 1991 Census was estimated to be 3.2% for Canada and varied among the provinces from 1.2% for Prince Edward Island to 4.1% for Ontario.

#### Estimated Population Net Undercoverage in the 1991 Census by Province/Territory of Residence

Province or Territory	Estimated Rate (%)	Standard Error <sup>1</sup> (%)
Newfoundland	2.2	0.3
Prince Edward Island	1.2	0.3
Nova Scotia	2.3	0.4
New Brunswick	3.4	0.4
Quebec	2.8	0.2
Ontario	4.1	0.3
Manitoba	1.9	0.4
Saskatchewan	2.1	0.4
Alberta	2.3	0.3
British Columbia	3.2	0.3
Yukon	4.1	0.6
Northwest Territories	6.1	0.6
<b>Canada</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>0.1</b>

<sup>1</sup> The standard error is a statistical measure of the potential error due to sampling. Assuming no non-sampling error, 19 times out of 20 (i.e., 95% of the time) the estimate provided by the sample will be within two standard errors of the results which would have been obtained from a complete study.

The net undercoverage rates were estimated from evaluation studies based on relatively small samples and hence are themselves subject to error, including both sampling error and measurement bias. Estimates of the magnitude of sampling error are shown in the table in the form of "standard errors," which provide an indication of the range of sampling error to which the estimates are subject.

More detailed information on coverage will be released when available. For further information on coverage errors in the Census, contact D. Royce (613-951-6940), Social Survey Methods Division. ■

### Railway Carloadings

Seven-day Period Ending October 21, 1992

#### Highlights

- Revenue freight loaded by railways in Canada during the seven-day period totalled 4.5 million tonnes, a decrease of 4.3% from the same period last year.
- Piggyback traffic decreased 2.3% from the same period last year. The number of cars loaded decreased 2.7% during the same period.
- The tonnage of revenue freight loaded as of October 21, 1992 decreased 3.6% from the previous year.

**Note:** Piggyback traffic includes trailers and containers on flat cars. Piggyback traffic numbers are included in total carload traffic. All 1991 figures and 1992 cumulative data have been revised.

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

## Industrial Chemicals and Synthetic Resins

September 1992

Canadian chemical firms produced 130 056 tonnes of polyethylene synthetic resins in September 1992, a 9.4% decrease from the 143 579<sup>r</sup> (revised) tonnes produced in September 1991.

January to September 1992 production totalled 1 235 294 tonnes, up 6.9% from the 1 155 623<sup>r</sup> tonnes produced during the same period in 1991.

Data are also available on Canadian production of three other types of synthetic resins and 24 industrial chemicals for September 1992 and September 1991.

**Available on CANSIM: matrix 951.**

The September 1992 issue of *Industrial Chemicals and Synthetic Resins* (46-002, \$5.60/\$56) will be available at a later date.

For more detailed information on this release, contact Raj Sehdev (613-951-3513), Industry Division.

## Coal and Coke Statistics

August 1992

### Highlights

- Canadian production of coal totalled 5 240 kilotonnes in August 1992, down 13.4% from August 1991. In August 1992, the year-to-date production figure stood at 45 109 kilotonnes, down 3.7% from the previous year.
- Exports in August fell to 2 483 kilotonnes, down 18.2% from August 1991, while imports decreased 7.5% to 1 306 kilotonnes. From January to August 1992, exports totalled 20 719 kilotonnes, 8.1% below the year-earlier total.
- Coke production in August decreased to 330 kilotonnes, down 1.7% from August 1991.

**Available on CANSIM: matrix 9.**

The August 1992 issue of *Coal and Coke Statistics* (45-002, \$10/\$100) will be available the first week of November. See "How to Order Publications".

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

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- **Real Gross Domestic Product at Factor Cost by Industry, July 1992** 2  
Gross Domestic Product at factor cost rose 0.7% in July 1992.
- **Unemployment Insurance Statistics, July 1992** 6  
The number of beneficiaries receiving regular unemployment insurance benefits, including the seasonal workers, increased 4.4% to 2.6 million.
- **Building Permits, July 1992** 7  
The preliminary total of building permits issued in Canada declined 4.4% to \$2.15 billion in July, after rising \$2.01 billion in June.
- **Impaired Driving - Canada, 1991** 10  
From 1987 to 1991, the number of persons charged with impaired driving in Canada decreased 2.4%, from 10,248 to 11,127.

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