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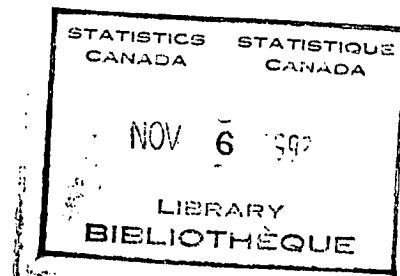
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Labour Force Survey

October 1992

Overview

Seasonally adjusted estimates from Statistics Canada's Labour Force Survey for October 1992 indicate little change in employment and unemployment. The unemployment rate edged down by 0.1 to 11.3.

Employment and Employment/Population Ratio (seasonally adjusted estimates)

Over the last six months, employment has increased moderately (+64,000), in contrast to employment losses (-193,000) during the six months preceding April. For the week ending October 17, 1992, the estimate of employment edged up slightly to 12,240,000 (+13,000).

- Employment in manufacturing fell by 28,000, returning to the level of last March. October's decline was concentrated in Ontario.
- Employment increased in public administration (+18,000) with small increases in other service-producing industries.
- Employment rose in British Columbia (+16,000), Manitoba (+5,000), Saskatchewan (+3,000) and Prince Edward Island (+1,000), but it fell by 4,000 in both Newfoundland and New Brunswick. There were no significant changes noted in the other provinces.
- The employment/population ratio remained at 57.9 for the fourth consecutive month.

Unemployment and Participation Rate (seasonally adjusted estimates)

In October 1992, the seasonally adjusted level of unemployment was 1,561,000, little changed from September. The participation rate edged down 0.1 to 65.2.

- The continued withdrawal of youths from the labour force (-23,000) put downward pressure on their unemployment rate, which dropped 0.8 to 17.1.

Notes to Users

Monthly data are available on CANSIM on the day of release at 7 a.m. E.S.T.

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- Youths aged 15 to 24 accounted for the decline in the overall unemployment rate from 11.6 in June to 11.3 in October. Over this period, the unemployment rate and participation rate have been little changed among adults.
- Unemployment fell by 3,000 (-6.1%) in Manitoba, and by 2,000 (-4.9%) in New Brunswick, but it rose by 6,000 (+13.3%) in Newfoundland. There were no significant changes in the other provinces.
- By province, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rates and the monthly changes were as follows:

	October	Month-to-month Change
Newfoundland	21.6	+2.4
Prince Edward Island	17.0	-0.9
Nova Scotia	12.5	+0.2
New Brunswick	11.9	-0.4
Québec	12.7	+0.2
Ontario	11.2	-0.1
Manitoba	8.6	-0.6
Saskatchewan	8.4	0.0
Alberta	9.4	+0.2
British Columbia	10.6	0.0

Changes since October 1991 (unadjusted estimates)

- The overall employment estimate fell by 108,000 from the level of a year earlier (-0.9%), down 81,000 among men (-1.2%) and 28,000 among women (-0.5%).
- Overall, full-time employment fell 138,000 (-1.3%). Declines were most pronounced among youths aged 15 to 24, down 86,000 (-7.5%).
- Part-time employment was up 30,000 (+ 1.4%).
- Employment was down by 127,000 in the goods-producing industries, with declines noted in all sectors except agriculture.

- The estimated level of unemployment rose by 134,000 to 1,433,000 (+ 10.3%) and the unemployment rate increased 1.0 to 10.4.

- The participation rate fell by 0.9 to 65.1 and the employment/population ratio fell by 1.5 to 58.3.

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

The October 1992 issue of *The Labour Force* (71-001, \$17.90/\$179) will be available the third week of November. For summary information, available on the day of release, order *Labour Force Information* (71-001P, \$6.30/\$63). See "How to Order Publications".

For more information, contact Doug Drew (613-951-4720), Household Surveys Division.

Labour Force Characteristics, Canada

	October 1992	September 1992	October 1991
Seasonally Adjusted Data			
Labour Force ('000)	13,801	13,794	13,789
Employment ('000)	12,240	12,227	12,369
Unemployment ('000)	1,561	1,567	1,420
Unemployment Rate (%)	11.3	11.4	10.3
Participation Rate (%)	65.2	65.3	66.2
Employment/Population Ratio (%)	57.9	57.9	59.4
Unadjusted Data			
Labour Force ('000)	13,777	13,783	13,751
Employment ('000)	12,343	12,349	12,452
Unemployment ('000)	1,433	1,434	1,299
Unemployment Rate (%)	10.4	10.4	9.4
Participation Rate (%)	65.1	65.2	66.0
Employment/Population Ratio (%)	58.3	58.4	59.8

Farm Input Price Index

Third Quarter 1992

The Farm Input Price Index (FIPI, 1986 = 100) for the third quarter of 1992 stood at a preliminary 107.0, down 0.6% from the previous quarter. Of the seven major group indexes that are updated quarterly, three decreased, three increased and one remained unchanged. The interest and the animal production component indexes contributed most to the quarterly change.

The index dipped 0.6% below its level in the third quarter of 1991. The year-to-year change has been negative for the last six quarters.

Highlights

- The index for interest fell an estimated 5.4% compared to the previous quarter and contributed most to the third quarter decline of the FIPI. The non-mortgage component declined by 7.4% and the mortgage index was down 1.8%. Compared to a year earlier, the interest index was down by 13.6% with a 20.3% decrease in the non-mortgage and a 0.7% increase in the mortgage component.
- The animal production index was down 1.7% in the third quarter, mainly due to lower prices for feeder cattle (-3.2%), weanling pigs (-1.8%), feed (-0.6%) and artificial insemination (-1.4%). The index declined 2.7% from the year-earlier level, as lower prices for feeder livestock (-6.3%) were only partially offset by higher feed prices (0.8%).
- The machinery and motor vehicles index was up 1.2% over the previous quarter, partially offsetting the previously noted decreases. Petroleum product prices were up 6.0% and new machinery prices rose marginally by 0.1% but motor vehicle prices declined 0.7%. The index stood 2.1% above its year-earlier level.
- The Eastern Canada total index declined 1.5% from the second quarter as three of the major group indexes recorded an increase but three declined. The most significant decrease occurred in the animal production index (-4.2%), due mainly to a 12.2% decline in the feeder livestock component. The total index for Eastern Canada was unchanged from its year-earlier level.
- The Western Canada total index increased by 0.3% from its second-quarter level. Higher prices for petroleum (7.1%) and feeder cattle (4.3%) were the principal contributors. The total FIPI for the West was 0.9% below its year-earlier level as a drop in the interest index (-12.8%) was only partly offset by an increase in the crop production index (4.4%).
- By province, the total FIPI quarterly percentage changes ranged from -2.1% for Ontario to 0.6% for Manitoba.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 2050-2063.

The third quarter 1992 issue of *Farm Input Price Indexes* (62-004, \$12.25/\$49) will be available at the end of December. See "How to Order Publications".

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

Farm Input Price Indexes (1986 = 100)

		% Change	
	Third Quarter 1992	3 ^d Quarter 1992/ 2 nd Quarter 1992	3 ^d Quarter 1992/ 3 ^d Quarter 1991
Eastern Canada			
Total Farm Input	109.8	-1.5	0.0
Building and fencing	120.7	0.6	3.0
Machinery and motor vehicles	117.7	0.5	2.6
Crop production	110.4	0.0	2.7
Animal production	97.6	-4.2	-2.1
Supplies and services	121.3	-0.2	5.9
Hired farm labour	137.3	1.7	4.6
Property taxes	123.5	0.0	1.6
Interest	93.7	-5.4	-14.7
Farm rent	123.9	0.0	1.2
Western Canada			
Total Farm Input	104.9	0.3	-0.9
Building and fencing	106.9	-0.3	-1.3
Machinery and motor vehicles	111.7	1.5	1.8
Crop production	95.4	-0.1	4.4
Animal production	104.5	1.9	-3.4
Supplies and services	107.2	0.3	0.8
Hired farm labour	122.7	0.2	0.8
Property taxes	120.1	0.0	1.2
Interest	92.6	-5.3	-12.8
Farm rent	94.0	0.0	-0.3
Canada			
Total Farm Input	107.0	-0.6	-0.6
Building and fencing	114.2	0.2	1.1
Machinery and motor vehicles	113.7	1.2	2.1
Crop production	100.4	-0.1	3.4
Animal production	100.5	-1.7	-2.7
Supplies and services	114.2	0.0	3.4
Hired farm labour	130.7	1.1	2.9
Property taxes	120.8	0.0	1.3
Interest	93.0	-5.4	-13.6
Farm rent	101.6	0.0	0.2

DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sugar Sales

October 1992

Canadian sugar refiners reported total sales of 90 290 tonnes for all types of sugar in October 1992, comprising 77 022 tonnes in domestic sales and 13 268 tonnes in export sales. From January to October 1992, year-to-date sales for all types of sugar totalled 876 802 tonnes: 766 487 tonnes in domestic sales and 110 315 tonnes in export sales.

This compares to total sales of 85 493 tonnes in October 1991, of which 78 535 tonnes were domestic sales and 6 958 tonnes were export sales. Year-to-date sales in 1991 for all types of sugar totalled 793 816 tonnes: 731 472 tonnes in domestic sales and 62 344 tonnes in export sales.

The October 1992 issue of *The Sugar Situation* (32-013, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date.

For more detailed information on this release, contact Peter Zylstra (613-951-3511), Industry Division. ■

Pulpwood and Wood Residue Statistics

September 1992

Pulpwood receipts amounted to 3 374 786 cubic metres in September 1992, a decrease of 11.1% from 3 794 307^r (revised) cubic metres a year earlier. Receipts of wood residue totalled 5 672 788 cubic metres, up 16.8% from 4 855 650^r cubic metres in September 1991. Consumption of pulpwood and wood residue was 7 937 398 cubic metres, an increase of 4.9% from 7 570 161^r cubic metres the previous year. The September closing inventory of pulpwood and wood residue decreased 16.0% to 14 735 685 cubic metres, down from 17 551 866^r cubic metres a year earlier.

Year-to-date receipts of pulpwood totalled 26 050 088 cubic metres in September, a decrease of 12.0% from 29 614 870^r cubic metres a year earlier. Receipts of wood residue increased 2.3% to 45 296 938 cubic metres from the year-earlier

44 271 294^r cubic metres. Consumption of pulpwood and wood residue, at 73 365 677 cubic metres, was down 3.2% from 75 811 274^r cubic metres a year earlier.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 54.

The September 1992 issue of *Pulpwood and Wood Residue Statistics* (25-001, \$6.10/\$61) will be available at a later date.

For more detailed information on this release contact Jacques Lepage (613-951-3516), Industry Division. ■

Electric Storage Batteries

September 1992

Canadian manufacturers of electric storage batteries sold 266,053 automotive and heavy-duty commercial replacement batteries in September 1992.

From January to September 1992, units sold totalled 1,368,608 automotive and heavy-duty commercial replacement batteries, down 15.0% from the 1,609,992 units sold the previous year.

Information on sales of other types of storage batteries is also available.

The September 1992 issue of *Factory Sales of Electric Storage Batteries* (43-005, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date.

For more information on this release, contact L. Vincent (613-951-3523), Industry Division. ■

Income Estimates for Subprovincial Areas

1990

Income estimates for census divisions, census metropolitan areas and subprovincial regions for 1990 are now available.

For further information, contact Tom Greenberg (613-951-0179), Labour and Household Surveys Analysis Division. ■

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Specified Domestic Electrical Appliances, September
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New Motor Vehicle Sales, March 1992.

Catalogue number 63-007

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Summary of Canadian International Trade,
August 1992.

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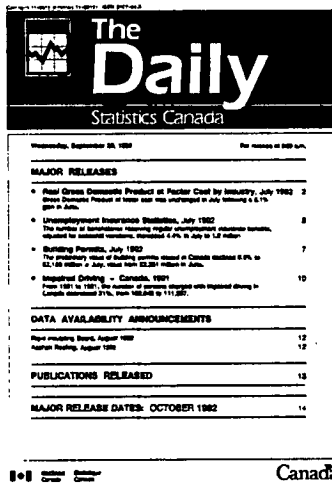
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12	New Housing Price Index	September 1992
