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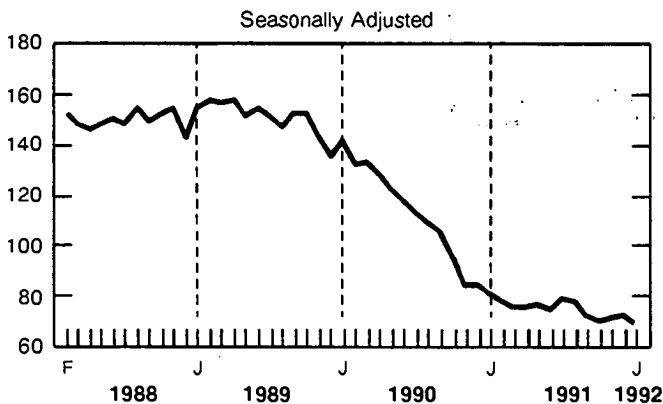
## MAJOR RELEASES

### Help-wanted Index

January 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.

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



#### Highlights - Seasonally Adjusted

- After reaching a peak of 157 in April 1989, the Help-wanted Index for Canada (1981=100) started a decline which accelerated in 1990 (to 84 in December from 141 in January). In 1991, the downward trend slowed, and the index fell eight

#### Note to Users

The seasonally adjusted indices are revised once a year, and this release shows the revised estimates. Help-wanted Indices for census metropolitan areas and trend-cycle estimates are available on request, or trend-cycle estimates can be obtained directly from CANSIM.

points between January and December (to 72 from 80). In January 1992, the Help-wanted Index continued its decline, falling by three points to 69.

#### Changes by Region

- Between December 1991 and January 1992, the Help-wanted Index decreased 10.4% in Ontario (to 60 from 67), 9.3% in British Columbia (to 68 from 75), and 6.1% in the Prairie provinces (to 46 from 49). The index increased 5.8% in the Atlantic provinces (to 110 from 104) and 1.1% in Quebec (to 88 from 87).
- Compared with January 1991, the Help-wanted Index was lower in all regions, falling 27% in the Prairie provinces, 22% in British Columbia, 18% in Ontario, 2% in the Atlantic provinces and 1% in Quebec.

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

For further information, contact Carole Lacroix (613-951-4039) or André Picard (613-951-4045), 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>						
January	80	112	89	73	63	87
February	77	120	86	70	58	79
March	75	114	77	72	56	80
April	75	108	87	68	56	81
May	76	118	90	67	53	78
June	74	102	84	70	53	82
July	78	108	86	74	52	84
August	77	115	83	74	54	81
September	72	107	84	67	47	79
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

## Non-residential Building Construction Price Index

(1986 = 100)

Fourth Quarter 1991

The composite price index for non-residential building construction in Canada (excluding the Goods and Services Tax) remained steady at 121.1 in the fourth quarter of 1991. Although prices were virtually unchanged from the third quarter, the price index did fall 3.4% from the same period one year ago.

Of the seven cities surveyed, only Toronto (at an index level of 124.6) showed a decrease from the previous quarter (-0.2%). Changes for the other cities ranged from Calgary (121.8, 0.0%), Halifax (109.0, 0.1%), Montreal (114.0, 0.1%), Ottawa (124.7, 0.2%), Edmonton (123.5, 0.2%) to Vancouver with the largest increase (115.9, 0.7%).

In a comparison with prices from the fourth quarter 1990, the changes in ascending order of magnitude were Edmonton -0.6%, Calgary -1.0%, Ottawa -1.5%, Halifax -3.0%, Vancouver -3.1%, Montreal -3.4% and Toronto -3.9%.

**Note:** Prices for the seven cities represent the metropolitan area in each case.

**Available on CANSIM: matrices 2042 and 2043.**

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

## Non-residential Building Construction Price Indexes

Fourth Quarter 1991

(1986 = 100)

	Seven Cities and Composite Indexes						
	Halifax	Montreal	Ottawa	Toronto	Calgary	Edmonton	Vancouver Composite
Quarterly Indexes							
<b>1990</b>							
Fourth Quarter	112.4	118.0	126.6	129.7	123.0	124.2	119.6 125.3
<b>1991</b>							
First Quarter	109.8	114.3	125.2	125.5	122.7	123.8	116.7 121.8
Second Quarter	109.6	113.8	124.3	125.4	121.9	123.4	115.4 121.4
Third Quarter	108.9	113.9 <sup>r</sup>	124.4	124.9	121.8	123.2	115.1 121.1 <sup>r</sup>
Fourth Quarter	109.0	114.0	124.7	124.6	121.8	123.5	115.9 121.1
Percentage Change							
Q.1 1991/Q.4 1990	-2.3	-3.1	-1.1	-3.2	-0.2	-0.3	-2.4 -2.8
Q.2 1991/Q.1 1991	-0.2	-0.4	-0.7	-0.1	-0.7	-0.3	-1.1 -0.3
Q.3 1991/Q.2 1991	-0.6	0.0 <sup>r</sup>	0.1	-0.4	-0.1	-0.2	-0.3 -0.3
Q.4 1991/Q.3 1991	0.1	0.1	0.2	-0.2	0.0	0.2	0.7 0.0
Q.4 1991/Q.4 1990	-3.0	-3.4	-1.5	-3.9	-1.0	-0.6	-3.1 -3.4

<sup>r</sup> Revised.

**Note:** Effective January 1, 1991, the Goods and Services tax is excluded but the Provincial Sales Tax is included (as before).

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## DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENT

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### **Specified Domestic Electrical Appliances** December 1991

Data on Canadian manufacturers' production of electrical kitchen appliances in December 1991 are now available.

Production of home comfort products totalled 9,612 in December 1991, a decrease of 26.8% from the previous year.

Year-to-date production of kitchen appliances totalled 843,990 units. Corresponding data for the same period in 1990 totalled 838,163 units.

The December 1991 issue of *Specified Domestic Electrical Appliances* (43-003, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact L.Pent (613-951-3526), Industry Division. ■

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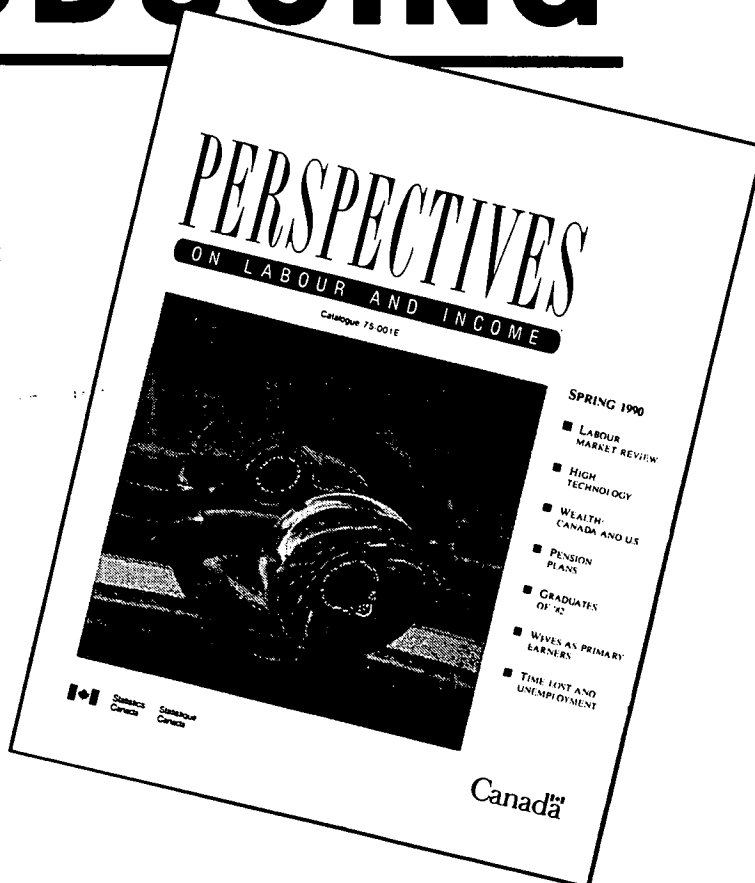
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