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## MAJOR RELEASES

### Unemployment Insurance Statistics

January 1992

#### Highlights

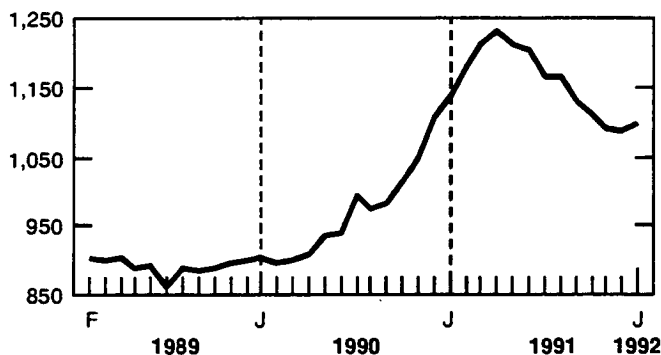
#### Seasonally Adjusted Data

- For the week ended January 18, 1992, the preliminary estimate of the number of beneficiaries<sup>1</sup> who received regular unemployment insurance benefits stood at 1,098,000, up 1.3% from a month earlier.

#### Beneficiaries Receiving Regular Unemployment Insurance Benefits, Canada

Seasonally adjusted

'000



- Between December 1991 and January 1992, the number of beneficiaries receiving regular benefits increased 3.7% in the Northwest Territories, 3.0% in Ontario, 2.0% in New Brunswick, 1.8% in Quebec and 1.6% in Alberta. The number decreased 1.7% in Nova Scotia and 1.1% in Alberta. There was little change in the other provinces and territory.
- In January 1992, total unemployment insurance disbursements<sup>2</sup>, adjusted for seasonal variations and the number of working days, decreased 3.0% to \$1,515 million. The number of benefit weeks increased 0.5% to 6.0 million.

#### Data Not Adjusted for Seasonal Variation

- In January 1992, the number of beneficiaries<sup>1</sup> (including all persons qualifying for regular and

#### Note to Users

Sub-provincial beneficiaries data are available on request; for example, tables which show the number of beneficiaries by metropolitan area and by sex and type of benefit. In addition, tabulations based on aggregations of postal codes can be produced for areas of specific interest to users.

special unemployment insurance benefits) was 1,533,000, up 0.8% from the same month a year ago. Over the same period, the number of male beneficiaries remained virtually unchanged (-0.1%) at 919,000 and the number of female beneficiaries advanced 2.0% to 613,000.

- In the following census metropolitan areas the year-over-year percentage change in the number of beneficiaries was or exceeded 5%:

	Beneficiaries January 1992	% Change January 1992/1991
Sudbury	7,950	16%
Saskatoon	8,780	10%
Saint-John (N.B.)	6,810	9%
Edmonton	33,610	8%
Chicoutimi-Jonquière	12,960	7%
Halifax	15,560	6%
Calgary	29,210	5%
Victoria	10,350	-20%
Windsor	10,960	-19%
London	13,120	-13%
Kitchener	15,120	-13%
Hamilton	22,730	-9%
Vancouver	69,750	-5%

- Unemployment insurance benefit payments during January 1992 were \$2,048 million<sup>2</sup>, up 14.5%

<sup>1</sup> The number of beneficiaries represents a count of persons who qualified for unemployment insurance benefits during a specific week of the reference month.

<sup>2</sup> Disbursements, number of benefit weeks, and number of claims received relate to a complete calendar month, and these data are usually final estimates when released. It should be noted that these estimates are affected by the number of working days available during the reference month to process claims and to pay benefits. If short-term comparisons are made, it is not uncommon to observe different trends between these data and the number of beneficiaries. Since January 1991, benefit payments shown include monies paid to institutions for training courses.



from January 1991. For the same period, the average weekly payment increased 5.4% to \$257.59 and the number of benefit weeks advanced 6.5% to 7.8 million.

- A total of 461,000 claims<sup>2</sup> (applications) for unemployment insurance benefits were received in January 1992. This represents an increase of 1.9% from the same month a year earlier.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 26 (series 1.6), 5700-5717, 5735, 5736.

The January 1992 issue of *Unemployment Insurance Statistics* (73-001, \$14.70/\$147) will be available in April and contains data for November and December 1991 and January 1992. See "How to Order Publications".

The seasonally adjusted data are revised annually when final data for a calendar year become available. The amount of benefits paid and the number of weeks released today show the revised data.

For more information, please call Carole Lacroix (613-951-4039) or André Picard (613-951-4045), Labour Division or fax (613-951-4087).

### Unemployment Insurance Statistics

	January 1992	December 1991	November 1991	January 1991	% change Jan. 1992/ Dec. 1991
Seasonally adjusted					
<b>Benefits</b>					
Amount paid (\$000)	1,515,011	1,562,644	1,586,585	1,324,283	-3.0
Weeks of benefit (000)	5,958	5,929	5,855	5,695	0.5
<b>Beneficiaries - Regular benefit (000)</b>	<b>1,098<sup>P</sup></b>	<b>1,085<sup>P</sup></b>	<b>1,088<sup>r</sup></b>	<b>1,136</b>	<b>1.3</b>
					% change Jan. 1992/ Jan. 1991
Unadjusted					
<b>Benefits</b>					
Amount paid (\$000)	2,047,639	1,412,509	1,316,505	1,788,018	14.5
Weeks of benefit (000)	7,797	5,282	5,059	7,319	6.5
Average weekly benefit (\$)	257.59	253.93	248.25	244.29	5.4
<b>Claims received (000)</b>	<b>461</b>	<b>369</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>453</b>	<b>1.9</b>
<b>Beneficiaries (000)</b>					
Total	1,533 <sup>P</sup>	1,361 <sup>P</sup>	1,240 <sup>r</sup>	1,521	0.8
Regular benefits	1,277 <sup>P</sup>	1,108 <sup>P</sup>	995 <sup>r</sup>	1,332	-4.1

<sup>P</sup> Preliminary figures

<sup>r</sup> Revised figures

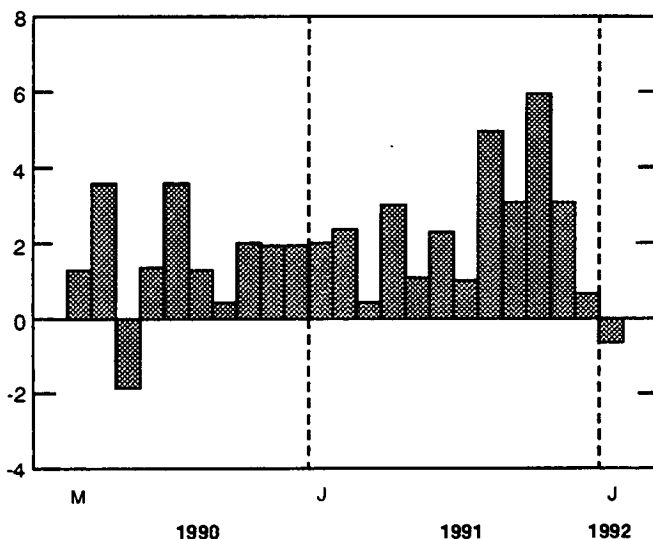


## Canada's International Transactions in Securities

(Net sales to non-residents + / net purchases from non-residents -)

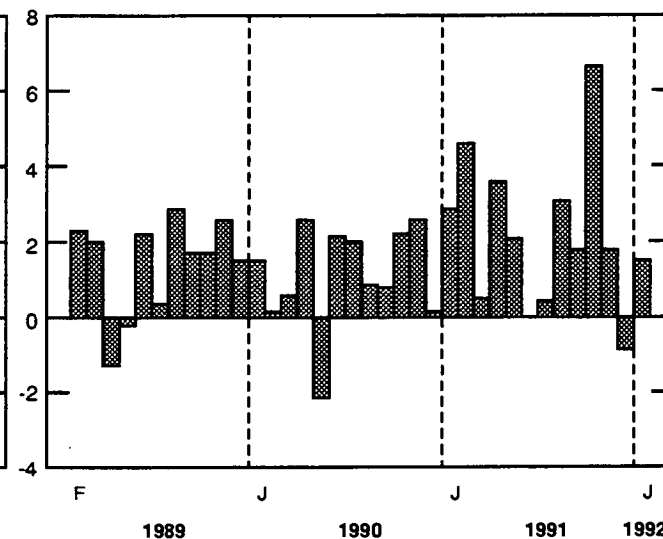
Canadian Securities<sup>1</sup>

\$ Billions



Canadian Bonds

\$ Billions



<sup>1</sup> Comprises bonds, stocks and money market paper.

## Canada's International Transactions in Securities

January 1992

### Canadian Securities

Non-residents reduced their holdings of Canadian securities by \$0.7 billion in January 1992, the first reduction in over 18 months. A massive foreign disinvestment of \$2.2 billion in the Canadian money market overpowered a net investment of \$1.5 billion in Canadian bonds, all of which were net new issues.

Non-residents reduced their holdings of Canadian money market paper by a record \$2.2 billion in January following a net investment of \$2.8 billion over the previous two months. During the month, 90% of the net disinvestment occurred in Government of Canada treasury bills, which had accumulated about 60% of the net investment in the prior two-month period. Geographically, all non-residents except those from the European Economic Community (EEC) reduced their holdings of Canadian money market

paper, most notably a net disinvestment by U.S. residents of \$1.0 billion.

Non-residents resumed their net investment in Canadian bonds in January 1992 (\$1.5 billion) following an unusual net disinvestment of \$0.9 billion in December. The net investment in the current month resulted solely from new issues (\$3.7 billion) and was partly offset by a net disinvestment of \$1.2 billion in the secondary market and \$1.0 billion of bond retirements.

New bond sales to non-residents, at \$3.7 billion in January 1992, were double that of the previous month but similar to the monthly average for 1991. Two-thirds of the total new bond sales to non-residents in the current month were two large U.S. dollar issues: a provincial government issue in the U.S. market and a provincial enterprise issue in the Euro-market. Placements in Canadian dollars, which represented over half of all new issues in 1991, were under 10% in the current month. Retirements fell sharply to \$1.0 billion in January 1992, two-thirds of which were corporate issues.



In the secondary market, non-residents were heavy net sellers of \$1.2 billion of Canadian bonds in January 1992, mainly federal issues. This occurred in a climate of rising Canadian and U.S. long-term interest rates and a declining Canadian dollar vis-à-vis the U.S. dollar. Heavy net selling of \$2.4 billion of Canadian bonds by European residents was somewhat offset by net buying by U.S. residents (\$0.8 billion) and Asian residents (\$0.4 billion).

Net foreign investment in Canadian stocks was virtually nil in January 1992 following a small net investment in December. The gross value of trading with non-residents was unchanged at \$2.7 billion in January. Canadian stock prices, as measured by the TSE 300 Index, recorded a healthy 4.0% gain in the first half of January, only to decline in the latter half to close 2.4% higher for the month.

### Foreign Securities

Canadian residents continued their net buying of foreign securities in January, adding a further \$0.9 billion to their holdings. Resident net investment of \$0.6 billion in foreign stocks during January was primarily in U.S. equities, and a net investment of \$0.3 billion in foreign bonds consisted largely of U.S. government bonds.

The January issue of *Canada's International Transactions in Securities* (67-002, \$15.80/\$158) will be available in April. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information in this release, contact Barry Mersereau (613-951-9052), Balance of Payments Division.

### Canada's International Transactions in Securities

Period	Canadian Securities						Foreign Securities			
	Bonds				Money market paper (net)	Stocks (net)	Total Canadian securities	Bonds (net)	Stocks (net)	Total foreign securities
	Outstanding bonds (net)	New issues	Retire- ments	Total bonds						
\$ millions										
<b>1991</b>										
Jan.	-89	3,451	-536	2,825	-428	-418	1,980	257	-169	88
Feb.	664	5,208	-1,284	4,588	-1,794	-450	2,343	-426	-328	-754
Mar.	-1,550	4,382	-2,308	525	76	-153	448	-48	-11	-59
Apr.	689	3,925	-1,024	3,590	-493	-123	2,974	-596	-421	-1,017
May	-208	2,993	-720	2,064	-790	-236	1,038	-350	-674	-1,023
June	-2,386	3,478	-1,102	-9	2,341	-44	2,288	74	-986	-912
July	-107	2,620	-2,091	423	405	186	1,014	-475	186	-290
Aug.	1,082	2,898	-919	3,061	1,751	115	4,927	426	-508	-82
Sept.	979	3,544	-2,715	1,808	1,135	134	3,077	-533	-61	-595
Oct.	708	6,699	-777	6,629	-608	-60	5,961	1,078	-452	626
Nov.	-586	4,231	-1,885	1,759	1,356	-65	3,050	-238	-733	-971
Dec.	1,440	1,817	-4,121	-864	1,477	13	626	-239	-383	-621
<b>1992</b>										
Jan.	-1,189	3,683	-990	1,503	-2,166	-	-663	-344	-572	-916
<b>Year</b>										
1990	3,043	23,431	-13,028	13,447	5,528	-1,754	17,221	-69	-1,117	-1,185
1991	641	45,245	-19,482	26,404	4,428	-1,085	29,747	-1,045	-4,806	-5,851

**Note:** A minus sign indicates the purchase of securities from non-residents, i.e., an outflow of capital from Canada.  
- Less than \$500,000.



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## DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### Railway Carloadings

14-day Period Ending March 14, 1992

#### Highlights

- Revenue freight loaded by railways in Canada during the period totalled 4.9 million tonnes, an increase of 12.5% over the same period last year.
- Piggyback traffic increased 4.6% from the same period last year. The number of cars loaded increased 6.5% during the same period.
- The tonnage of revenue freight loaded to date this year increased 7.0% 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. ■

### Canadian Civil Aviation Statistics

January 1992

Preliminary monthly operational data for January 1992 are now available. Data reported by Canadian Level I

air carriers on scheduled services show that domestic passenger-kilometres increased by 6.9% over January 1991, but international passenger-kilometres decreased by 6.3% from January 1991.

#### Available on CANSIM: matrix 385.

Preliminary civil aviation data for January 1992 will be available in the April issue of *Aviation Statistics Centre Service Bulletin* (51-004, \$9.30/\$93). See "How to Order Publications".

For more information on this release, contact Bradley Snider (819-997-6195), Aviation Statistics Centre, Transportation Division. ■

### Local Government Long-term Debt

February 1992

Estimates of the accumulated long-term debt of local governments in Canada, except Ontario, at the end of February 1992 are now available.

For further information on this release, contact Marlene Vollmer (613-951-1830), Public Institutions Division, Statistics Canada.

For more information or to make general inquiries on Public Institutions Division products or services, contact Donald Dubreuil (613-951-0767). ■

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