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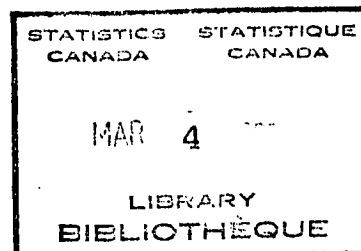
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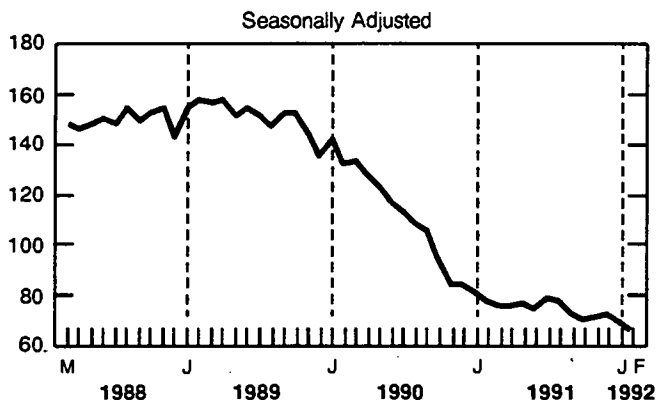
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The Help-wanted Index serves as an early indicator of the demand for labour by monitoring changes in the number of help-wanted ads published in 20 major metropolitan areas.

Highlights – Seasonally Adjusted

- After reaching a peak of 157 in April 1989, the Help-wanted Index for Canada (1981=100) started a decline that accelerated in 1990 (from 141 in January to 84 in December). The downward trend slowed during the following year and the index fell eight points between January and December 1991 (from 80 to 72). In 1992, the Help-wanted Index continued its decline, falling to 69 in January and to 65 in February.

Help-wanted Index, Canada (1981 = 100)



Note To Users

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.

Changes by Region

- Between January and February 1992, the Help-wanted Index decreased 18% in the Atlantic provinces (to 90 from 110) and 16% in Quebec (to 74 from 88). The index remained unchanged at 46 in the Prairie provinces, and it increased 9% in British Columbia (to 74 from 68) and 2% in Ontario (to 61 from 60).
- Compared with February 1991, the Help-wanted Index was lower in all regions, falling 25% in the Atlantic provinces, 21% in the Prairie provinces, 14% in Quebec, 13% in Ontario and 6% in British Columbia.

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

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

Year and month	Canada	Atlantic Region	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Region	British Columbia
1991						
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
1992						
January	69	110	88	60	46	68
February	65	90	74	61	46	74

Sentencing in Youth Courts

1986-87 to 1990-91

Highlights

- In 1990-91, 60,101 cases were heard in youth courts across Canada (excluding Ontario), an increase of 14% from the total youth court caseload in 1986-87.
- The proportion of males to females appearing before youth courts remained relatively constant from 1986-87 to 1990-91, with males representing over 80% of the total caseload.
- In 1990-91, three-quarters of the cases heard in youth courts resulted in a finding of guilt as the most serious decision.
- In 1990-91, almost half (48%) of all cases found guilty received a term of probation as the most serious disposition, while 14% received a term of open custody, and 12% received a term of secure custody.
- In 1990-91, over half (54%) of all cases with guilty findings involved youths aged 16 and 17 years.
- In 1990-91, custody was the most common disposition for cases involving murder/manslaughter (95%), attempted murder (80%), robbery (54%), and escape from custody/failure to appear (48%). In terms of volume, a vast majority of cases disposed of with a custody order involved property offences.
- From 1986-87 to 1990-91, the proportion of short-term custodial sentences ordered by youth courts gradually increased while the proportion of long-term sentences gradually decreased.

Juristat Service Bulletin: Sentencing in Youth Courts, 1986-87 to 1990-91, Vol. 12, No. 4 (85-002, \$3.60/\$90) is now available. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, contact Information and Client Services (613-951-9023) or the Youth Justice Program (613-951-6647), Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics. ■

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December 1991

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Highlights

- Net generation of electric energy in Canada in December 1991 increased to 47 337 gigawatt hours (GWh), up 1.8% from the corresponding month in 1990. Exports increased 25.3% to 2 215 GWh, while imports decreased from 767 GWh to 457 GWh.
- Year-to-date figures showed net generation at 489 227 GWh, up 5.0% over the previous year's period. Exports were up 35.8% at 24 614 GWh, while imports dropped 64.7% to 6 283 GWh.

The December 1991 issue of *Electric Power Statistics* (57-001, \$10/\$100) will be available the second week of March. 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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