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Labour Force Survey

February 1992

Overview

Statistics Canada's Labour Force Survey showed a slight decrease in the seasonally adjusted level of employment and an increase in the level of unemployment in February 1992. February marked the fourth consecutive decrease in employment, returning it to about the same level as a year ago. The unemployment rate rose in February by 0.2 to 10.6.

Employment and Employment/Population Ratio

For the week ending February 15, 1992, the seasonally adjusted level of employment decreased slightly (-18,000). The decrease was observed in full-time employment (-32,000), while part-time employment increased by 14,000. The employment/population ratio continued to decline, falling to 58.7 (-0.1).

- Employment declined by 24,000 for males, bringing the decline over the last five months to 78,000. This decline is for both youths and adults.
- Among full-time workers, employment decreased by 22,000 in the 15-24 age group and by 10,000 in the 25 and over age group.
- Among part-time workers, employment increased by 19,000 for women aged 25 and over.
- Employment was down 7,000 (-2.6%) in other primary industries, 17,000 (-2.2%) in finance, insurance and real estate, and 22,000 (-1.2%) in manufacturing. Employment in community, business and personal services increased by 30,000 (+0.7%) after a drop of 22,000 in the previous month. There were slight variations in the other sectors.
- The level of employment was down 4,000 (-2.0%) in Newfoundland, 4,000 (-1.1%) in Nova Scotia and 8,000 (-0.6%) in Alberta. It increased 3,000 (+1.0%) in New Brunswick. The other provinces showed smaller percentage changes in their employment levels.

Notes to Users

1. *Labour Force Annual Averages, 1991* (catalogue number 71-220) is now available. This publication contains the annual averages of the estimates published each month in *The Labour Force* (catalogue number 71-001). It also contains more detailed estimates of the annual averages by province and subprovince. An article describing the profound changes in services sector employment since 1976 is also included.
2. The publication *Historical Labour Force Statistics* (catalogue number 71-201), containing revised seasonally adjusted data and other chronological series, is now available. The data in this publication will also be available on diskette and accessible through menus. The data are now available on CANSIM.
3. Last month's edition of *The Labour Force* (catalogue number 71-001) contained an article entitled "Students and Summer Jobs in Retrospective". The article compares student labour force participation in the summers of 1971 and 1991, and shows how students fared over the last three summers.
4. Monthly data are available on CANSIM on the day of release at 7 a.m. E.S.T.

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Unemployment and Participation Rate

In February 1992, the seasonally adjusted level of unemployment rose by 22,000 to 1,451,000. The unemployment rate increased by 0.2 to 10.6, while the participation rate, which has been declining since the latter part of 1990, fell to 65.6 (-0.1).

- The increase in unemployment was mainly among men. Unemployment rose by 15,000 for adult men aged 25 and over and by 9,000 for young men. The unemployment rate increased by 0.3 to 9.9 for adults and by 0.7 to 18.7 for youths.
- The increase in the level of unemployment occurred mainly in Ontario (+19,000). Following an increase of 9,000 in Manitoba in the previous month, the level of unemployment decreased by 6,000 in February. There was little or no change in the other provinces.

- By province, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rates and the monthly changes were as follows:

| | February | Month-to-Month Change |
|----------------------|----------|--------------------------|
| Newfoundland | 18.9 | 1.0 |
| Prince Edward Island | 16.5 | -0.4 |
| Nova Scotia | 12.0 | -0.1 |
| New Brunswick | 12.7 | -0.1 |
| Quebec | 11.9 | 0.1 |
| Ontario | 9.9 | 0.3 |
| Manitoba | 8.8 | -1.1 |
| Saskatchewan | 7.0 | -0.1 |
| Alberta | 9.6 | 0.2 |
| British Columbia | 10.0 | -0.2 |

Changes since February 1991 (Unadjusted Estimates)

- The overall estimate of employment was down by 34,000 (-0.3%) from a year earlier. Employment decreased by 71,000 (-1.1%) for men and increased by 37,000 (0.7%) for women.
- In the 15 to 24 age group, employment decreased by 96,000 (-4.9%). In the 25 and over age group, it declined 30,000 (-0.5%) among men and increased 92,000 (+2.0%) among women.
- Full-time employment (persons who usually work 30 hours or more a week) decreased by 73,000 (-0.7%), while part-time employment rose by 40,000 (+1.9%).
- Employment declined by 116,000 (-3.6%) in the goods-producing sector, but increased by 82,000 (+0.9%) in the services sector.
- Decreases were noted mainly in other primary industries (-15,000 or 5.6%), construction (-32,000 or 5.3%), and manufacturing (-76,000 or 4.3%).
- Two provinces showed a significant increase in the labour force – Alberta and British Columbia – with increases of 25,000 (+1.9%) and 44,000 (+2.7%), respectively. In Alberta, the labour force growth coincided with higher unemployment, while in British Columbia employment increased.

- The estimated number of unemployed rose by 61,000 to 1,575,000, an increase of 4.0%.
- The unemployment rate increased by 0.5 to 11.7.
- The participation rate dropped to 64.5 (-0.8), and the employment/population ratio fell to 57.0 (-1.0).

Other Highlights

The following highlights are taken from recently published articles:

- From 1976 to 1991, employment in the service-producing sector increased by 2.8 million to 8.9 million (+46%), while employment in the goods-producing industries remained little changed at 3.4 million. Growth in the service sector has been most dramatic in part-time employment, which has doubled from 0.9 to 1.8 million. Service industries showing the largest growth included health and social services, service to business management, retail trade, food and accommodation services, and finance, insurance and real estate. For four of these industries, adult women substantially increased their share of employment, while youths increased their share of employment in food and accommodation services. (See the 1992 release of catalogue 71-220.)
- Despite a decrease in the number of 15 to 24 year-olds, the number of students in the labour force during the summer months increased between July 1971 and July 1991. The population of 15 to 24 year-olds decreased by 209,000, while the number of students in the labour market increased by 542,000. Over the last three summers, labour market conditions for students have worsened for both the 15 to 19 and the 20 to 24 age groups. (See the January 1992 issue of catalogue 71-001.)

Available on CANSIM: matrices 2074-2075, 2078-2099, 2101-2107 and table 00799999.

The February 1992 issue of *The Labour Force* (71-001, \$17.90/\$179) will be available the third week of March.

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

For summary information, available on the day of release, order *Labour Force Information* (71-001p, \$6.30/\$63). □

Labour Force Characteristics, Canada

| | February 1992 | January 1992 | February 1991 |
|---------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Seasonally Adjusted Data | | | |
| Labour Force (,000) | 13,737 | 13,733 | 13,701 |
| Employment (,000) | 12,286 | 12,304 | 12,299 |
| Unemployment (,000) | 1,451 | 1,429 | 1,402 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 10.6 | 10.4 | 10.2 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 65.6 | 65.7 | 66.4 |
| Employment/Population Ratio (%) | 58.7 | 58.8 | 59.6 |
| Unadjusted Data | | | |
| Labour Force (,000) | 13,498 | 13,433 | 13,471 |
| Employment (,000) | 11,922 | 11,882 | 11,956 |
| Unemployment (,000) | 1,575 | 1,551 | 1,515 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 11.7 | 11.5 | 11.2 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 64.5 | 64.3 | 65.3 |
| Employment/Population Ratio (%) | 57.0 | 56.8 | 58.0 |

Crude Oil and Natural Gas

November 1991

Highlights

- Preliminary figures indicate that production of crude oil and equivalent hydrocarbons in November amounted to 8.3 million cubic metres, a decrease of 0.3% from November 1990. Year-to-date production was 88.5 million cubic metres, a 0.05% decrease from the previous year.
- Imports of crude oil increased 10.0% from November 1990 to 2.7 million cubic metres. Year-to-date imports of 28.4 million cubic metres were 1.7% ahead of last year. Exports of 3.7 million cubic metres represented an 11.8% increase over November 1990, thus bringing the year-to-date exports to 40.3 million cubic metres, a 17.2% increase over 1990.
- Deliveries to refineries were 7.2 million cubic metres, a 0.9% decrease from November 1990. Year-to-date deliveries of 77.1 million cubic

metres represented a 6.1% decrease compared to 1990.

- Marketable production of natural gas, at 9.8 billion cubic metres, rose 10.2% over November 1990, the 14th consecutive increase over the same period of the previous year. Exports of natural gas, at 4.5 billion cubic metres, increased 24.2% over November 1990, the 20th consecutive monthly increase. Exports to the end of November 1991 were 42.1 billion cubic metres, a 15.1% increase over 1990. Domestic sales including direct sales, at 5.5 billion cubic metres, were up 5.5% over November 1990.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 127 and 128.

The November 1991 issue of *Crude Oil and Natural Gas Production* (26-006, \$10/\$100) will be available during the second week of March. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Gerry O'Connor (613-951-3562), Energy Section, Industry Division.

Crude Oil and Natural Gas

| | November 1991 | % Change from November 1990 | January- November 1991 | % Change from January- November 1990 |
|---------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| thousands of cubic metres | | | | |
| Crude oil and equivalent | | | | |
| Production | 8 287.7 | -0.3 | 88 451.9 | -0.0 |
| Exports | 3 736.4 | 11.8 | 40 313.9 | 17.2 |
| Imports | 2 723.6 | 10.0 | 28 406.0 | 1.7 |
| Refinery receipts | 7 243.9 | -0.9 | 77 111.5 | -6.1 |
| millions of cubic metres | | | | |
| Natural Gas | | | | |
| Marketable production | 9 755.0 | 10.2 | 94 896.9 | 6.9 |
| Exports | 4 462.7 | 24.2 | 42 131.7 | 15.1 |
| Canadian sales | 5 476.0 | 5.5 | 48 716.4 | 1.0 |

DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Specified Domestic Electrical Appliances January 1992

Canadian electrical appliance manufacturers produced 59,913 kitchen appliances in January 1992, up 21.6% from the 49,257 appliances produced a year earlier. Data on production of home comfort products for January 1992 are now available.

The January 1992 issue of *Specified Domestic Electrical Appliances* (43-003, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date.

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

Pack of Processed Blueberries 1991

The data on pack of processed blueberries for 1991 are now available.

Pack of Selected Processed Fruits (excluding apples), 1991 (32-234, \$13) will be released at a later date.

For further information, contact Peter Zylstra (613-951-3511), Industry Division. ■

Pack of Processed Pumpkin and Squash 1991

The data on pack of processed pumpkin and squash for 1991 are now available.

Pack of Selected Processed Vegetables (32-240, \$13) will be released at a later date.

For further information, contact Peter Zylstra (613-951-3511), Industry Division. ■

Pack of Processed Broccoli 1991

The data on pack of processed broccoli for 1991 are now available.

Pack of Selected Processed Vegetables (32-240, \$13) will be released at a later date.

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