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MAJOR RELEASES

Labour Force Survey

March 1992

Overview

Estimates from Statistics Canada's Labour Force Survey for March 1992 show a sharp rise in the seasonally adjusted level of unemployment (+74,000) and a substantial decline in employment (-53,000). Following little change in the last quarter of 1991, the unemployment rate has been increasing since January and rose to 11.1 in March from 10.6 in February. Continuing the trend of recent months, there were losses in both full-time employment and employment in manufacturing.

Employment and Employment/Population Ratio

For the week ending March 21, 1992, the seasonally adjusted employment estimate fell 53,000 to 12,233,000, the fifth consecutive monthly decline. The decrease in the employment level in March was noted in full-time employment (-56,000) and was concentrated among women aged 25 and over. The overall employment/population ratio continued its downward trend, falling to 58.4 (-0.3) in March.

- Employment among women aged 25 and over decreased by 34,000 and their employment/ population ratio fell to 51.2 (-0.5).
- Employment fell an estimated 31,000 in manufacturing (-1.7%), 27,000 in services (-0.6%) and 20,000 in public administration (-2.3%).
 Employment increased by 26,000 in transportation, communication and other utilities (+2.8%) and by 15,000 in construction (+2.2%).
 There was little change in the remaining industries.
- The estimated level of employment fell by 4,000 (-2.1%) in Newfoundland, 6,000 (-1.6%) in Nova Scotia, 25,000 in Ontario (-0.5%) and 4,000 in Manitoba (-0.8%) and Saskatchewan (-0.9%). There was no significant change noted in the remaining provinces.

Unemployment and Participation Rate

In March 1992, the seasonally adjusted estimate of unemployment jumped 74,000 to 1,525,000. The

Note to Users

1. A new Guide to Labour Force Survey Data is now available. This publication discusses relevant concepts and terminology and explores the survey questionnaire on an item-by-item basis. It also briefly covers methodology and collection procedures and provides a summary of the available data. A useful addition to this improved publication is a new labour force survey dictionary that provides detailed definitions of survey terms and variables.

The Guide to Labour Force Survey Data (71-528, \$45) was released April 6. See "How to Order Publications" or contact your nearest Statistics Canada Regional Reference Centre.

- 2. Labour Force Annual Averages, 1991 (71-220, \$39) was released February 18. 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.
- Historical Labour Force Statistics (71-201, \$67) contains revised seasonally adjusted data and other chronological series and was released on February 12. The data in this publication will also be available on diskette in a menu-driven format. The data are now available on CANSIM.
- Monthly data are available on CANSIM on the day of release at 7 a.m. E.D.T.

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unemployment rate rose 0.5 to 11.1, the highest since January 1985. The participation rate was unchanged in March at 65.6, after having declined 0.6 over the previous four months.

 The rise in the number of unemployed occurred among adults aged 25 and over – up 37,000 for men and up 28,000 for women.

- The unemployment rate for adults rose 0.5 to 9.8, while the rate for youths aged 15 to 24 increased by 0.3 to 16.9.
- The unemployment rate for adult men rose to 10.4 (+0.5), exceeding the previous high of 10.3 in December 1982. While the unemployment rate for the overall population remains below levels experienced in the early 1980s, the higher rate for adult males reflects the severity of job losses in the goods-producing sector.
- The level of unemployment rose by 3,000 in Newfoundland, 5,000 in Nova Scotia, 20,000 in Quebec, 29,000 in Ontario, 6,000 in Manitoba, and 4,000 in Saskatchewan. There was no significant change in the remaining provinces.
- By province, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rates and the monthly changes were as follows:

	March	Month-to-Month Change
Newfoundland	20.3	+ 1.4
Prince Edward Island	17.1	+ 0.6
Nova Scotia	13.3	+1.3
New Brunswick	13.2	+ 0.5
Quebec	12.5	+ 0.6
Ontario	10.5	+ 0.6
Manitoba	9.9	+ 1.1
Saskatchewan	7.9	+0.9
Alberta	9.6	0.0
British Columbia	10.3	+ 0.3

Changes since March 1991 (Unadjusted Estimates)

- The overall employment estimate fell by 94,000 from the level of a year earlier (-0.8%). It declined by 65,000 (-1.0%) for men and by 30,000 (-0.5%) for women.
- For persons aged 15 to 24, employment decreased by 85,000 (-4.3%) and the employment/population ratio fell 2.1 to 50.2.

- Full-time employment (persons usually working 30 hours or more per week) decreased by 146,000 (-1.5%), but part-time employment increased by 51,000 (+2.4%).
- Employment was down by 132,000 in the goodsproducing industries (-4.1%), but it rose slightly in the service-producing sector.
- Employment in manufacturing declined by 106,000 (-5.9%). Losses were concentrated in Ontario (-93,000).
- The estimated level of unemployment rose by 103,000 to 1,695,000 (+6.5%) and the unemployment rate increased 0.8 to 12.5.
- The participation rate decreased 0.9 to 64.9 and the employment/population ratio fell 1.3 to 56.8.

Other Highlights

Since 1979, Statistics Canada has added supplementary questions to the March Labour Force Survey to provide a measure of discouraged workers. These are persons not in the labour force who want a job but who have not looked because they believe no suitable work is available.

The monthly survey provides a complementary measure of discouraged workers, but requires persons to have looked for work sometime in the last six months. See Table 35 in *The Labour Force* (71-001, \$17.90/\$179). Estimates from the March supplementary survey refer to a broader group by removing the requirement of having looked sometime in the last six months.

- An estimated 99,000 jobless Canadians were identified as discouraged workers in March, little changed from the estimate of a year earlier. For March 1992, the number of discouraged workers was equally distributed between men and women.
- Approximately 43,000 were between the ages of 25 to 44, another 37,000 were aged 45 or older, with youths making up the rest (19,000).
- Discouraged workers were concentrated in the Atlantic provinces (30,000), Quebec (32,000) and Ontario (23,000).

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

A set of standard tabulations from the March Supplementary Survey (1979-1992) will be published in the March issue of *The Labour Force* (71-001, \$17.90/\$179) and will be available the third week of April, or contact Doug Drew (613-951-4720), Household Surveys Division.

For summary information available on the day of this release, order *Labour Force Information* (71-001P, \$6.30/\$63). See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on these numbers and/or to obtain a copy of the tabulations, contact Ernest B. Akyeampong (613-951-4624), Labour and Household Surveys Analysis Division.

Labour Force Characteristics, Canada

	March 1992	February 1992	March 1991
		Seasonally Adjusted Data	
Labour Force (,000)	13,758	13,737	13,750
Employment (,000)	12,233	12,286	12,302
Unemployment (,000)	1,525	1,451	1,448
Unemployment Rate (%)	11.1	10.6	10.5
Participation Rate (%)	65.6	65.6	66.6
Employment/Population Ratio (%)	58.4	58.7	59.6
		Unadjusted Data	
Labour Force (,000)	13,595	13,498	13,586
Employment (,000)	11,899	11,922	11,994
Unemployment (,000)	1,695	1,575	1,592
Unemployment Rate (%)	12.5	11.7	11.7
Participation Rate (%)	64.9	64.5	65.8
Employment/Population Ratio (%)	56.8	57.0	58.1

Travel Between Canada and Other Countries

February 1992

Seasonally Adjusted Data

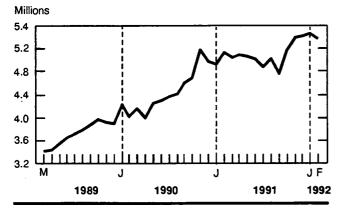
Seasonally adjusted data, which highlight month-tomonth trends in international travel, show that the overall volume of non-resident travel to Canada increased modestly in February. Meanwhile, the number of outbound Canadian travellers dropped, as a decrease in trips to the United States outweighed the increase in trips to other countries.

Highlights

 In February, same-day automobile trips by Canadian residents to the United States decreased 1.5% from January, to a seasonally adjusted level of 5.2 million. Outbound automobile trips of one or more nights also decreased, down 1.4% to 1.3 million.

Same-Day Trips by Canadian Residents to the United States, by Automobile

Seasonally adjusted

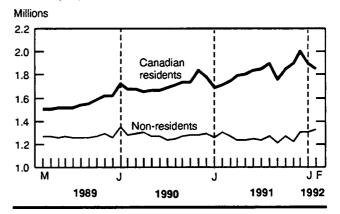


- Trips of one or more nights to the United States by Canadian residents (by all modes of travel) decreased 3.2% in February, to a seasonally adjusted level of 1.6 million trips. Meanwhile, the modest upward trend in travel to all other countries continued, increasing 1.0% to 249,000 trips.
- Trips of one or more nights to Canada by residents of the United States rose 0.5% in February to a seasonally adjusted level of 1.1 million. Comparable trips by residents of all

other countries also increased, up 3.0% to 254,000.

Trips of One or More Nights between Canada and Other Countries

Seasonally adjusted



Unadjusted Data

- In terms of actual counts, same-day trips by Canadian residents to the United States by automobile totalled 4.3 million, a 6.8% increase over February 1991. Outbound automobile trips of one or more nights also increased, up 9.3% to 654,000.
- Trips of one or more nights by Canadian residents to the United States (by all modes of travel) in February 1992 totalled 1.1 million, up 10.4% from February 1991. Similar trips to all other countries also increased compared to last year's Persian Gulf Crisis level, up 23.5% to 290,000, but did not surpass the numbers recorded in February 1989 and 1990.
- Trips of one or more nights by United States residents to Canada totalled 498,000, up 6.1% from February 1991, while comparable trips by residents of all other countries increased 6.2% to 116,000.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 2661-2697.

The February 1992 issue of *International Travel – Advance Information* (66-001P, \$6.10/\$61) will be available shortly. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, contact Paul L. Paradis (613-951-8933), International Travel Section, Education, Culture and Tourism Division.

International Travel Between Canada and Other Countries February 1992

	Nov. 1991 ^r	Dec. 1991 r	Jan. 1992 r	Feb. 1992	
		Seasonally Adjusted			
	('000)	(000)	('000)	('000')	
One or More Nights Trips ¹					
Non-resident Travellers:					
United States	973	1,039	1,053	1,059	
Other Countries ²	241	252	247	254	
Residents of Canada:					
United States	1,640	1,758	1,652	1,600	
Other Countries	255	247	247	249	
Total Trips					
Non-resident Travellers:					
United States	2,693	2,795	2,793	2,828	
Other Countries	264	275	271	284	
Residents of Canada:					
United States	7,038	7,038	7,014	6,925	
Auto Re-entries					
Same-day	5,199	5,229	5,261	5,181	
One or More Nights	1,243	1,348	1,281	1,263	
	February	% Change	JanFeb.	% Change	
	1992P	1992/1991	1992P	1992/1991	
		Unad	iusted		
	('000)		('000)		
One or More Nights Trips ¹					
Non-resident Travellers:					
United States	498	6.1	931	9.5	
Other Countries ²	116	6.2	222	3.8	
Residents of Canada:					
United States	1,096	10.4	2,305	12.3	
Other Countries	290	23.5	635	12.3	
Same-day Trips					
Residents of Canada:					
United States ¹	4,371	6.8	8,897	10.1	
Auto Re-entries	4,265	6.8	8,700	10.2	

Estimates for the United States include counts of auto and bus, and estimated numbers for plane, train, boat and other methods. Figures for "Other Countries" exclude same-day entries by land only, via the United States. Preliminary.

Revised.

Farm Product Price Index

February 1992

The Farm Product Price Index (1986 = 100) for Canada rose to 93.1 in February, a 2.3% increase from the revised January level of 91.0. The crops index increased 1.2% in February to 84.2, as the cereals, oilseeds, and potatoes indexes all increased. The livestock index rose to 98.6, a 2.8% increase caused by increases in the cattle and calves index and the hog index. The overall index has been at levels not seen since 1979, due mainly to lower Canadian Wheat Board (CWB) initial prices for wheat and barley that became effective August 1, the beginning of the 1991-92 crop year.

Percentage changes in the index between January and February 1992, by province, were as follows:

Newfoundland	+ 0.1%
Prince Edward Island	+ 5.5%
Nova Scotia	+ 1.1%
New Brunswick	+ 1.4%
Quebec	+ 2.1%
Ontario	+ 2.7%
Manitoba	+3.8%
Saskatchewan	+ 1.9%
Alberta	+ 1.8%
British Columbia	+ 1.3%
Canada	+2.3%

Crops

The crops index stood at 84.2 in February, a 1.2% increase from January, due mainly to strengthening prices for off-board grains, oilseeds, and potatoes. Despite this, the index remained 14.2% below the level of one year ago.

- The cereals index increased 1.5% to 69.3 in February, as prices for off-board grains increased due to low supplies in the United States and Canada.
- The oilseeds index rose to 96.1, a 1.5% increase, due to higher prices for canola and flaxseed. However, the index was still 8.6% below the 105.1 level recorded in February 1991.
- The index for potatoes rose 4.5% to 132.6.
 Potato prices tend to increase in the new year to compensate farmers for storage losses.

Livestock and Animal Products

The livestock and animal products index rose 2.8% to 98.6. Higher prices for cattle and calves and for hogs outweighed decreases for poultry and eggs.

- The hogs index increased 13.0% in February to 67.8. However, this level is still 27.2% below the level recorded in June 1991. Slaughter in the United States continues to exceed expectations, keeping prices low.
- The cattle and calves index rose to 102.9, an increase of 3.7%, as improved retail sales in the United States and the willingness of packers to cut margins in exchange for market share have had a positive effect on slaughter prices.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 176.

The February issue of the Farm Product Price Index (62-003, \$7.10/\$71) is scheduled for release on April 21. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, contact Steven Danford (613-951-3155), Farm Income and Prices Section, Agriculture Division.

DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Department Store Sales by Province and Metropolitan Area

February 1992

Department stores sales including concessions totalled \$746 million in February 1992. After allowing for differences in trading days, department store sales remained unchanged from February 1991. Concessions sales totalled \$48 million, 6% of total department store sales.

Department store sales during February 1992 for the provinces and the 10 metropolitan areas surveyed were as follows:

Department Store Sales Including Concessions and Annual Percentage Change

Province	Sales (\$ millions)	Annual Percentage Change
Newfoundland Prince Edward Island Nova Scotia New Brunswick Quebec Ontario Manitoba Saskatchewan Alberta British Columbia	9.6 2.8 21.7 15.1 135.4 312.0 31.7 21.5 83.2 112.7	-5.2 -8.8 -3.1 +0.6 +8.2 +6.6 +5.9 +6.2 +3.2 +5.8
Metropolitan Area		
Calgary Edmonton Halifax-Dartmouth Hamilton Montreal Ottawa-Hull Quebec City Toronto Vancouver Winnipeg	30.3 36.0 11.6 22.4 72.5 34.9 18.6 123.5 61.2 28.0	-0.6 +3.3 -2.2 +7.5 +8.4 +4.0 +13.3 +9.6 +3.9 +5.6

Note to Users

Information on department store sales and stocks by major commodity lines and a seasonally adjusted estimate at the Canada level will be released in The Daily on April 22, 1992.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 111, 112 (series 1, levels 10 to 12).

The February 1992 issue of Department Store Monthly Sales, by Province and Selected Metropolitan Area (63-004, \$2.70/\$27) will be available in May. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information, contact David Roeske (613-951-3559) or Tom Newton (613-951-3552), Retail Trade Section, Industry Division.

Passenger Bus and Urban Transit Statistics

February 1992

In February 1992, a total of 73 Canadian urban transit systems with gross annual total operating revenue of \$1 million or more (subsidies included) carried 115.2 million fare passengers, a 1.4% decrease from the previous month and a 5.7% decrease from February 1991. Operating revenues totalled \$109.1 million, down 2.3% from January 1992 but up 3.3% from February 1991.

In February, 22 passenger bus carriers that earn \$1 million or more annually from intercity and rural bus operations carried 0.9 million fare passengers, down 14.7% from the previous month and down 10.5% from February 1991. Operating revenue from the same services totalled \$17.7 million, a 13.2% decrease from January 1992 and an 8.5% decrease from February 1991.

All 1991 figures and 1992 cumulative data have been revised.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 351 and 352.

The February 1992 issue of *Passenger Bus and Urban Transit Statistics* (53-003, \$7.10/\$71) will be available the third week of April. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, contact Angus MacLean (613-951-2484), Transportation Division.

Deliveries of Major Grains

February 1992

Producer deliveries of major grains by prairie farmers showed a decrease from February 1991, except in the cases of durum wheat, oats, rye and flaxseed where marketings increased slightly. Deliveries for February 1991 and February 1992 were as follows (in thousand tonnes):

	1991	1992
Wheat (excluding durum)	1 618.4	1 355.4
Durum wheat	243.4	331.2
Total wheat	1 861.8	1 686.6
Oats	41.2	71.1
Barley	621.9	422.7
Rye	25.5	27.8
Flaxseed	32.1	48.9
Canola	273.0	209.5
Total	2 855.5	2 466.6

Available on CANSIM: matrices 976-981.

The February 1992 issue of *Cereals and Oilseeds Review* (22-007, \$13.80/\$138) is scheduled for release in May. See "How to Order Publications".

For further detailed information on this release, contact Alain Y. Bertrand (613-951-3859), Agriculture Division.

Building Board Industry

1990 Annual Survey of Manufactures

In 1990, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the building board industry (SIC 2714) totalled \$116.2 million, up 1.3% from \$114.8 million in 1989.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5486.

The data for this industry will be released in Paper and Allied Products Industries (36-250, \$35). See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Sandra Bohatyretz (613-951-3531), Industry Division.

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Building Permits, January 1992. Catalogue number 64-001

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US\$30.90/US\$309).

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16	The Consumer Price Index	March 1992
16	Preliminary Statement of Canadian International Merchandise Trade	February 1992
16	Department Store Sales - Advance Release	March 1992
16	Sales of Natural Gas	February 1992