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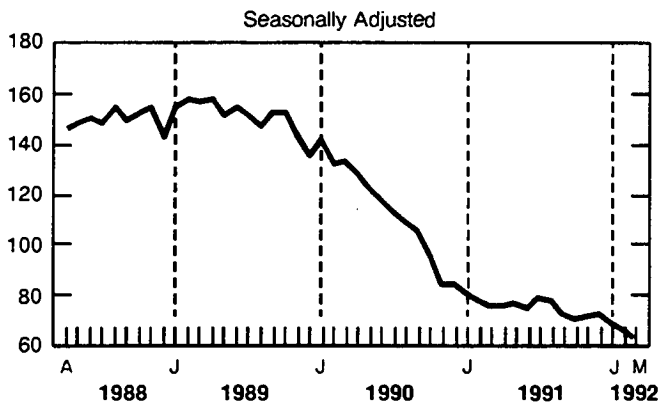
March 1992

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.

#### Highlights - Seasonally Adjusted

- After reaching a peak of 157 in February 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 to 72 in December 1991. During the first quarter of 1992, the index continued its decline, falling to 62 in March.

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



#### Note to Users

Help-wanted indices for census metropolitan areas and trend-cycle estimates are available on request. The trend-cycle estimates can also be obtained directly from CANSIM.

The Help-wanted indices for the trend-cycle estimates are revised annually once the data for a complete calendar year have stabilized. The trend-cycle estimates released today on CANSIM show the revised data.

#### Changes by Region

- Between February and March 1992, the Help-wanted Index decreased 10% in Ontario (to 55 from 61), 9% in British Columbia (to 67 from 74) and 3% in the Atlantic provinces (to 87 from 90). The index remained unchanged at 74 in Quebec and increased 7% in the Prairie provinces (from 46 to 49).
- Compared with March 1991, the Help-wanted Index was lower in all regions, falling 24% in the Atlantic provinces and Ontario, 16% in British Columbia, 13% in the Prairie provinces and 4% 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 or 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>						
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
February	65	90	74	61	46	74
March	62	87	74	55	49	67

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## DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products

February 1992

Data on factory shipments of steel wire and specified wire products for February 1992 are now available, as are production and export market data for selected commodities.

Shipments totalled 52 348 tonnes in February 1992, a 6.6% increase from the 49 090<sup>r</sup> (revised) tonnes shipped during the previous month.

**Available on CANSIM: matrix 122 (series 19).**

The February 1992 issue of *Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products* (41-006, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Bruno Pépin (613-951-9837), Industry Division. ■

### Steel Primary Forms

February 1992

Steel primary forms production for February 1992 totalled 1 106 651 tonnes, a 0.7% increase from 1 099 156 tonnes the previous year.

Year-to-date production totalled 2 169 127 tonnes, down 1.6% from 2 204 019 tonnes a year earlier.

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For more detailed information on this release, contact Greg Milsom (613-951-9827), Industry Division. ■

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February 1992

Data on sales of storage batteries are now available.

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For more information on this release, contact L. Vincent (613-951-3523), Industry Division. ■

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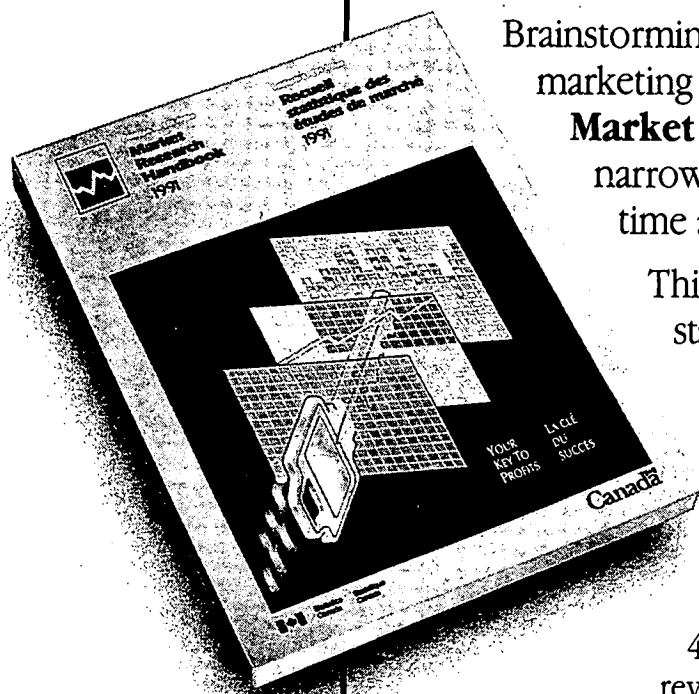
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