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Employment, Earnings and Hours

(Unadjusted data)

March 1992

National Summary

In March, the preliminary estimate of average weekly earnings for all employees in the industrial aggregate¹ was \$551.87, down 0.2% from February. Earnings increased 3.7%² (\$19.53) compared to March 1991.

Canada industrial aggregate employment was estimated at 9,178,000, up 1.3% from February, the second consecutive monthly increase. On a year-over-year basis, employment decreased by 3.0%, the smallest decrease in 16 months.

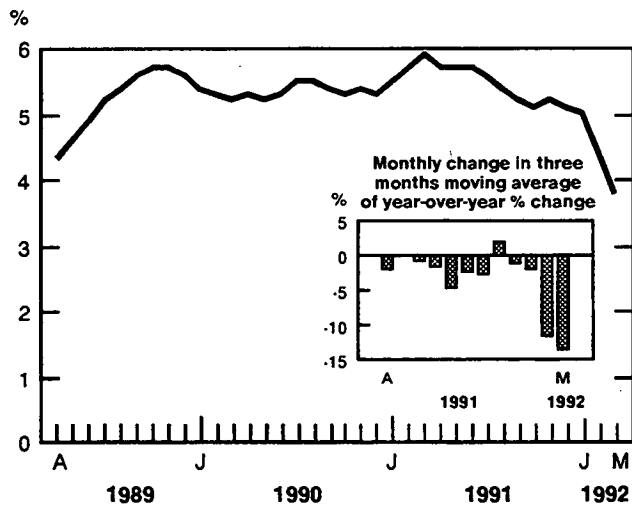
Note To Users

Average weekly and hourly earnings data are affected by compositional shifts in employment by industry, occupation and province as well as by changes in the underlying rates of pay. To partially adjust for this, fixed weighted average hourly earnings series have been constructed. For further information on fixed-weighted earnings data, refer to "Recent Trends in Wages", Perspectives on Labour and Income, Winter 1990 (75-001E).

- The estimate for average weekly earnings in the service-producing industries for March 1992 was \$516.95, up 3.8% from March 1991. Insurance and real estate, and wholesale trade contributed to the March 1992 increase in average weekly earnings.

Three-month Moving Average of the Year-over-year Percentage Change in Average Weekly Earnings

Industrial Aggregate - Canada



Employment

- Employment in the goods-producing industries has declined for 28 consecutive months on a year-over-year basis. In March 1992, declines in forestry, mining and non-durable goods manufacturing were noted.
- In construction, employment dropped 7.1% from March 1991, continuing the generally declining trend evident since the beginning of 1990. Declines were widespread with only Newfoundland and Saskatchewan showing year-over-year gains in each month of 1992.
- On a year-over-year basis, the number of employees in the service-producing industries declined for the 21st consecutive month and was down 2.1% from March 1991.
- Wholesale trade (-2.5%) and retail trade (-4.0%) have shown year-over-year employment declines for 15 months and 21 months, respectively.

Average Weekly Earnings

- For the goods-producing industries, year-over-year growth in earnings for March 1992 was 4.0%, led by durable goods manufacturing (+6.7%). The increase in earnings in durable goods manufacturing was due in part to an increase in hours worked by employees paid by the hour.

¹ The industrial aggregate is the sum of all industries with the exception of agriculture, fishing and trapping, religious organizations, private households and military personnel.

² Not adjusted for inflation.

- Services to business management (-9.3%) and accommodation and food services (-6.6%) were the major contributors to the March employment decline in commercial services³ (-6.7%). Employment in commercial services has shown year-over-year declines since February of 1990.

Hours and Hourly Earnings

- In March 1992, average weekly hours for employees paid by the hour⁴ were estimated at 30.3, down from 30.5 a year ago. On a year-over-year basis, average weekly hours have generally been declining since December 1989.
- In the goods-producing industries, average weekly hours for hourly-paid employees were estimated at 37.8 for March 1992, compared to 37.4 in March 1991. This increase was in part due to increases in paid hours in durable goods manufacturing. Year-over-year change in paid hours in the goods-producing industries has been positive for three consecutive months for the first time since 1988.
- Average hourly earnings for employees paid by the hour were estimated at \$14.02 in March 1992, up 4.1% from a year earlier. Hourly earnings were estimated at \$16.41 in the goods-producing and \$12.63 in the service-producing industries.

Provincial and Territorial Highlights

- In March 1992, the Yukon (+8.8%), Prince Edward Island (+7.6%) and the Northwest Territories (+5.1%) showed year-over-year increases in employment. Of the remaining provinces, the largest decreases were noted in Alberta (-5.8%), Quebec (-4.7%) and Ontario (-2.6%).

Available on CANSIM: matrices 8003-9000.

Data are available from *Employment, Earnings and Hours* (72-002, \$38.50/\$385) and by special tabulation.

For further information on this release or on the Program, products and services, contact Sylvie Picard (613-951-4090) FAX (613-951-4087), Labour Division.

³ Commercial services comprise amusement and recreation services, services to business management, personal services, accommodation and food services and miscellaneous services. Non-commercial services include education and health and welfare.

⁴ Employees paid by the hour account for approximately half of industrial aggregate employment. □

Employment, Earnings and Hours

March 1992 (data not seasonally adjusted)

Industry Group - Canada (1970 S.I.C.)	Number of employees*					
	March 1992P	February 1992 ^r	March 1991	March 1992/1991	January- December 1991/1990	January- December 1990/1989
	Thousands			Year-over-year % change		
Industrial aggregate	9,178.1	9,058.4	9,459.3	-3.0	-6.8	-1.8
Goods-producing industries	1,986.5	1,973.8	2,114.6	-6.1	-12.3	-7.0
Forestry	35.7	41.6	43.7	-18.2	-2.7	-11.7
Mines, quarries and oil wells	129.7	130.5	148.5	-12.6	-0.8	-2.4
Manufacturing	1,489.3	1,479.6	1,565.3	-4.9	-12.4	-7.3
Construction	331.7	322.1	357.0	-7.1	-16.3	-6.4
Service-producing industries	7,191.6	7,084.5	7,344.7	-2.1	-5.1	-0.0
Transportation, communication & other utilities	823.0	815.6	808.4	1.8	-3.8	0.8
Trade	1,607.4	1,580.2	1,667.2	-3.6	-10.4	-0.3
Finance, insurance & real estate	609.0	600.7	632.0	-3.6	-1.9	0.6
Community, business & personal services	3,444.2	3,387.2	3,533.5	-2.5	-4.5	-0.5
Public administration	708.0	700.9	703.5	0.6	1.4	1.3
Industrial aggregate - Provinces						
Newfoundland	130.2	130.1	131.6	-1.1	-5.1	-1.1
Prince Edward Island	36.5	35.7	33.9	7.6	1.1	1.9
Nova Scotia	273.4	268.2	275.0	-0.6	-5.0	-0.8
New Brunswick	208.3	206.7	210.4	-1.0	-0.9	-0.5
Quebec	2,187.6	2,151.9	2,296.0	-4.7	-7.2	-3.0
Ontario	3,693.4	3,667.3	3,793.6	-2.6	-8.5	-3.0
Manitoba	367.1	359.8	365.7	0.4	-5.5	-0.4
Saskatchewan	288.2	281.7	289.1	-0.3	-3.9	-0.4
Alberta	875.4	867.5	929.6	-5.8	-6.0	0.7
British Columbia	1,087.4	1,059.5	1,105.5	-1.6	-4.2	1.6
Yukon	10.7	10.7	9.9	8.8	3.2	-7.0
Northwest Territories	19.9	19.3	18.9	5.1	-0.8	-2.6
	Average weekly earnings*					
	Dollars			Year-over-year % change		
Industrial aggregate	551.87	553.05	532.34	3.7	5.5	5.3
Goods-producing industries	678.29	678.93	651.95	4.0	4.7	5.7
Forestry	742.84	745.78	720.19	3.1	6.8	3.2
Mines, quarries and oil wells	936.73	939.22	912.87	2.6	5.3	5.4
Manufacturing	660.34	660.16	627.86	5.2	4.8	5.5
Construction	650.87	651.04	640.68	1.6	2.0	6.6
Service-producing industries	516.95	517.98	497.91	3.8	6.4	5.8
Transportation, communication & other utilities	692.84	691.35	674.45	2.7	6.5	4.2
Trade	397.83	394.90	384.23	3.5	3.9	4.8
Finance, insurance & real estate	578.43	572.75	555.47	4.1	4.2	1.5
Community, business & personal services	479.20	482.37	460.92	4.0	7.2	6.9
Public administration	713.76	718.89	698.49	2.2	4.0	7.5
Industrial aggregate - Provinces						
Newfoundland	517.17	517.24	506.78	2.1	5.5	4.0
Prince Edward Island	427.32	429.74	437.31	-2.3	2.8	4.7
Nova Scotia	489.18	492.50	473.66	3.3	5.5	5.9
New Brunswick	495.52	493.84	486.80	1.8	5.7	4.7
Quebec	537.57	539.03	522.64	2.9	5.6	6.2
Ontario	578.93	579.73	554.49	4.4	5.5	5.3
Manitoba	486.16	488.04	478.80	1.5	4.2	4.0
Saskatchewan	482.18	483.40	458.75	5.1	5.7	4.7
Alberta	554.44	554.60	535.28	3.6	6.4	5.2
British Columbia	556.50	558.85	535.67	3.9	5.3	4.9
Yukon	665.55	678.08	640.64	3.9	5.5	4.5
Northwest Territories	802.92	764.01	741.51	8.3	6.2	6.3

P preliminary estimates.

^r revised estimates.

* for all employees.

Department Store Sales and Stocks

March 1992

Highlights

Seasonally Adjusted Data

- Department store sales (including concessions) totalled \$1,057 million in March 1992, a decrease of 2.7% from the previous month's revised total of \$1,086 million.
- The 2.7% decrease for the month of March 1992 further extended the fluctuating sales reported during the past year.

- Department store stocks (at selling value) totalled \$5,248 million at the end of March, an increase of 2.5% from the February 1992 value (revised) of \$5,122 million.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 112 (series 5-6) and 113.

The March 1992 issue of *Department Store Sales and Stocks* (63-002, \$14.40/\$144) will be available the third week of August.

Contact Tom Newton (613-951-3552) or Diane Lake (613-951-9824), Retail Trade Section, Industry Division.

Department Store Sales, Canada (including concessions)

	Unadjusted			Seasonally Adjusted				
	March 1991	February 1992	March 1992	March 1991	December 1991 ^r	January 1992 ^r	February 1992 ^r	March 1992 ^p
	millions of \$			millions of \$				
Total Sales	917	746	851	1,101	1,084	1,044	1,086	1,057
Total Stocks	4,798	4,772	5,135	4,889	5,283	5,297	5,122	5,248
Stock to Sales Ratio	5.2	6.4	6.0	4.4	4.9	5.1	4.7	5.0

^p Preliminary estimates.

^r Revised estimates.

DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Electric Lamps

April 1992

Canadian light bulb and tube manufacturers sold 17,907,815 light bulbs and tubes in April 1992, a decrease of 9.9% from the 19,867,581 units sold a year earlier.

Year-to-date sales for 1992 amounted to 94,866,722^r (revised) light bulbs and tubes, up 1.9% from the 93,099,952 sold during the same period in 1991.

The April 1992 issue of *Electric Lamps* (43-009, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date.

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

Corrugated Boxes and Wrappers

April 1992

Canadian domestic shipments of corrugated boxes and wrappers totalled 156 761 thousand square metres in April 1992, a decrease of 5.5% from the 165 914 thousand square metres shipped a year earlier.

January to April 1992 domestic shipments totalled 633 951^r (revised) thousand square metres, a decrease of 1.6% from the 643 959 thousand square metres for the same period in 1991.

The April 1992 issue of *Corrugated Boxes and Wrappers* (36-004, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date.

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

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Production and Stocks of Tea, Coffee and Cocoa,
Quarter Ended March 1992.
Catalogue number 32-025
(Canada: \$6.75/\$27; United States: US\$8/US\$32;
Other Countries: US\$9.50/US\$38).

Mineral Wool Including Fibrous Glass Insulation,
April 1992.
Catalogue number 44-004
(Canada: \$5/\$50; United States: US\$6/US\$60; Other
Countries: US\$7/US\$70).

Aviation Service Bulletin, Vol. 24, No. 5, May 1992.
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