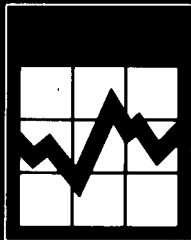


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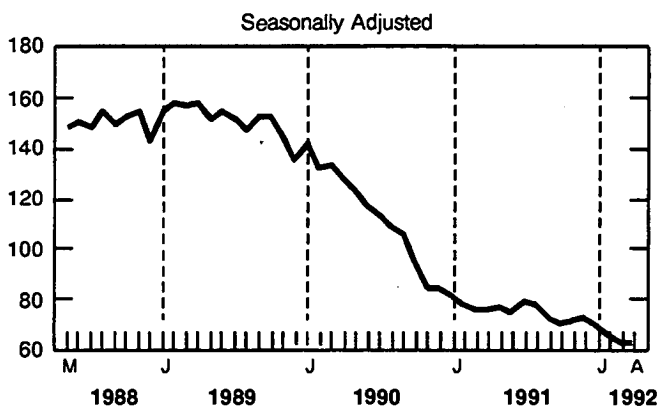
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### Help-wanted Index

April 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.

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



#### Highlights - Seasonally Adjusted

- The Help-wanted Index for Canada (1981=100) remained unchanged at 62 for April 1992, after declining for three consecutive months from 72 in December 1991. The index peaked at 157 in February 1989, and then started a decline that accelerated in 1990. The downward trend slowed in 1991. There was little movement in both the index and the unemployment rate in the last part of 1991. The declines in the Help-wanted Index

#### Note to Users

An uncatalogued publication entitled *Help-wanted Index 1981-1991* (\$30) has just been released. It provides historical data, features highlights describing recent trends of the index, displays charts relating the index to other labour market indicators, and explains the construction of the index. To order the report or to obtain further information, contact Carole Lacroix (613-951-4039).

since the beginning of 1992 were reflected by increases in the unemployment rate during the same period.

#### Changes by Region

- Between March and April 1992, the Help-wanted Index increased 5% in Quebec (from 74 to 78) and 2% in Ontario (from 55 to 56). However, the index decreased 10% in the Prairie provinces (to 44 from 49), 4% in British Columbia (to 64 from 67) and 2% in the Atlantic provinces (to 85 from 87).
- Compared with April 1991, the Help-wanted Index was lower in all regions, falling 21% in the Prairie provinces, the Atlantic provinces and British Columbia, 18% in Ontario and 10% in Quebec.

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

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.

For further information, contact Carole Lacroix (613-951-4039) or Horst Stiebert (613-951-4044), Labour Division or fax (613-951-4087). □

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

Year and month	Canada	Atlantic Region	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Region	British Columbia
Seasonally Adjusted						
<b>1991</b>						
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
April	62	85	78	56	44	64

## Energy Supply and Demand in Canada

Third Quarter 1991

### Highlights

- During the third quarter of 1991, Canadian production of primary energy reached 2 774 petajoules (PJs)<sup>1</sup>, up 2% from the corresponding quarter of 1990. Production of most primary energy forms increased from third quarter 1990 levels, with hydro and nuclear generation up 6%, natural gas and natural gas liquids (NGLs) 3% and coal 5%. Crude oil production declined less than 1% from the same quarter of 1990. Of the contributors to the third quarter's production, natural gas and NGLs accounted for 39%, crude oil 34%, coal 15% and electricity 12%.
- Canada's positive trade balance in primary energy products for the third quarter of 1991 was higher than for the same period in 1990, increasing 80 PJs to 1 128 PJs. Within this trade balance, exports increased 8% and imports increased 5%. Exports of all primary energy forms increased: hydro and nuclear generation by 34%, natural gas and NGLs 11%, crude oil 7% and coal 1%.

Imports of coal declined from levels recorded in the third quarter of 1990, but imports of crude oil increased by 34%.

- The amount of energy available for Canadian domestic consumption declined by 24 PJs from the corresponding quarter of 1990, to 1 727 PJs. Per capita domestic consumption (based on population estimates at the beginning of the quarter) stood at 64 gigajoules<sup>2</sup>, the lowest level for a third quarter since 1987.
- Energy use in all sectors was lower than in the same quarter of 1990, except for manufacturing and commercial. The increased energy use in the manufacturing sector was due to the increased use of electricity in the pulp and paper and the smelting and refining industries. The decline in energy use in the transportation sector was led by an 8% decline in the use of diesel fuel and by a 3% drop in the use of motor gasoline.

<sup>1</sup> Petajoules are a heat-equivalent unit of measure used to enable the comparison of different fuels. One PJ is equal to the energy required to drive 13,800 cars for one year, if each car uses 40 litres of gasoline a week.

<sup>2</sup> Seventy-two gigajoules is roughly equivalent to the energy required to run the average car for one year.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 4950-4962 and 7976-8001.

The third quarter 1991 issue of *Quarterly Report on Energy Supply/Demand in Canada* (57-003,

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For more detail information on this release, contact Don Wilson (613-951-3566), Energy Section, Industry Division. ■

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