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Labour Force Survey

April 1992

Overview

In April 1992, the seasonally adjusted estimate of employment from Statistics Canada's Labour Force Survey fell for the sixth consecutive month (-57,000). The participation rate dropped to 65.2 (-0.4), as the level of activity in the labour market declined sharply by 71,000, continuing the downward trend that began early in 1990. The number of people looking for a job showed little change and the unemployment rate was 11.0 (-0.1).

Employment and Employment/Population Ratio

For the week ending April 18, 1992, the seasonally adjusted estimate of employment fell 57,000 to 12,176,000. Declines were concentrated among men (-50,000) and full-time employment (-44,000). Overall, the employment/population ratio fell to 58.0 (-0.4).

- Full-time employment fell for the sixth month in a row, bringing the losses since October 1991 to 188,000.
- In April, the service-producing sector accounted for most of the employment declines. Employment fell 34,000 (-3.9%) in public administration and 37,000 (-0.9%) in community, business and personal services. A gain in employment of 24,000 was noted in wholesale and retail trade (+1.1%).
- Manufacturing grew by 34,000, offsetting losses in March and halting the steady decline since September 1991. There was no overall change in employment in the goods-producing sector, due to offsetting losses in agriculture, other primary, and construction.
- Employment dropped 23,000 in Quebec (-0.8%) and 17,000 in Ontario (-0.4%). Declines were

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) is now available. See "How to Order Publications" or contact your nearest Statistics Canada Regional Reference Centre.

2. Monthly data are available on CANSIM on the day of release at 7 a.m. E.D.T.

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also noted in Prince Edward Island (-1.9%), New Brunswick (-1.4%), Saskatchewan (-0.9%) and Manitoba (-0.8%).

Unemployment and Participation Rate

In April 1992, labour force participation declined in every province and the overall rate fell 0.4 to 65.2. The seasonally adjusted estimate of unemployment declined slightly by 14,000 to 1,511,000.

- The decline in the participation rate was concentrated among men, falling to 66.9 (-1.0) for those aged 15 to 24 and to 75.0 (-0.6) for those aged 25 and over.
- The unemployment rate remained unchanged for both men (11.9) and women (10.0).
- There were declines in unemployment in Alberta (-9,000) and Newfoundland (-4,000), with no significant change in the other provinces.

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

	April	Month-to-Month Change
Newfoundland	19.0	-1.3
Prince Edward Island	17.9	+0.8
Nova Scotia	12.9	-0.4
New Brunswick	13.1	-0.1
Quebec	12.5	0.0
Ontario	10.6	+0.1
Manitoba	9.6	-0.3
Saskatchewan	7.9	0.0
Alberta	9.0	-0.6
British Columbia	10.0	-0.3

Changes since April 1991
(Unadjusted Estimates)

- Since April 1991, employment has fallen by 180,000 (-1.5%). Most of the decline was in full-time employment, down 167,000 (-1.7%).
- Employment fell 85,000 among youths (-4.3%) and 92,000 (-1.6%) among adult men. In contrast, adult women experienced little change in employment.
- Employment was down 180,000 in the goods-producing sector, with declines in all major industries. There was a net loss of 57,000 in the service-producing sector as year-over-year declines in community, business and personal services (-100,000) more than offset small gains in other service industries.
- The unemployment rate rose 0.9 to 11.5. The participation rate fell 1.3 to 64.3 and the employment/population ratio dropped 1.7 to 56.9.

Other Highlights

Persons not in the Labour Force: Changes since April, 1990

Over the last two years, the participation rate has fallen and the number of persons not in the labour force has grown 8.7% (+601,000). The Labour Force Survey provides information on these persons by their recent work experience and by reason for leaving their last job (this information can be found in the monthly publication 71-001, table 34).

Between April 1990 and April 1992, there were three main contributors to the increase in the number of persons not in the labour force:

- Persons who worked within the last five years who had lost their last job accounted for 44% of the increase (+263,000). Almost half of this group were aged 25 to 44.
- Over 30% of the increase was accounted for by those who had never worked (+189,000). The increase in this group was concentrated among youth (+111,000) and adult women (+62,000).
- Those who last worked more than five years ago accounted for 26% of the increase in the number of persons not in the labour force (+154,000). All of the growth was among those aged 45 and over.

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

The April 1992 issue of *The Labour Force* (71-001, \$17.90/\$179) will be available the third week of May. For summary information, available on the day of release, order *Labour Force Information* (71-001P, \$6.30/\$63). See "How to Order Publications".

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

Labour Force Characteristics, Canada

	April 1992	March 1992	April 1991
Seasonally Adjusted Data			
Labour Force (,000)	13,687	13,758	13,740
Employment (,000)	12,176	12,233	12,338
Unemployment (,000)	1,511	1,525	1,402
Unemployment Rate (%)	11.0	11.1	10.2
Participation Rate (%)	65.2	65.6	66.4
Employment/Population Ratio (%)	58.0	58.4	59.7
Unadjusted Data			
Labour Force (,000)	13,491	13,595	13,562
Employment (,000)	11,939	11,899	12,119
Unemployment (,000)	1,552	1,695	1,443
Unemployment Rate (%)	11.5	12.5	10.6
Participation Rate (%)	64.3	64.9	65.6
Employment/Population Ratio (%)	56.9	56.8	58.6

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Farm Product Price Index

March 1992

The Farm Product Price Index (1986=100) for Canada rose to 94.4 in March, a 1.1% increase from the revised February level of 93.4. The crops index increased 0.7% in March to 85.2, as increases in the cereals and oilseeds indexes more than balanced a decrease in the potatoes index. The livestock index rose to 100.1, a 1.3% increase. The overall index has been at levels not seen since 1980, 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.

The percentage changes in the index between February and March 1992, by province, were as follows:

Newfoundland	-1.3%
Prince Edward Island	-0.8%
Nova Scotia	+1.0%
New Brunswick	+1.2%
Quebec	+0.7%
Ontario	+1.2%
Manitoba	+0.5%
Saskatchewan	+1.7%
Alberta	+1.6%
British Columbia	+0.1%
Canada	+1.1%

Crops

The crops index increased 0.7% in March to 85.2, as increases in the cereals and oilseeds indexes more than offset a decrease in the potatoes index. Despite this, the index remained 13.5% below the level of a year earlier.

- The cereals index rose 0.4% to 70.0 in March, due to increases in Ontario and off-board wheat, oats, and corn prices. The index for March remained 23.7% below the 91.8 level of one year earlier.
- The oilseeds index rose to 101.6, a 5.0% increase. Prices rose for soybeans, flaxseed and canola. The index for March 1991 stood at 106.0.

Livestock and Animal Products

The livestock and animal products index increased 1.3% to 100.1 in March. Cattle and calves and poultry increased, while hogs, eggs and dairy products remained almost unchanged.

- The cattle and calves index rose 2.5% to 105.3, as U.S. packers continued to cut margins to gain market share.
- The hogs index increased 0.4% to 68.2. However, this was still 20.4% below the 85.7 of one year earlier. Slaughter in the United States continued to exceed expectations, keeping prices low.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 176.

The March issue of the *Farm Product Price Index* (62-003, \$7.10/\$71) is scheduled for release on May 19. See "How to Order Publications".

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

Apartment Construction Price Index

First quarter 1992

The composite price index (1986=100) for new apartment construction in Canada moved up marginally by 0.1% to 115.8 in the first quarter of 1992.

The first quarter 1992 marked the first period for which a comparison with the price index of one year ago was not influenced by either the repeal of the Federal Sales Tax or the imposition of the Goods and Services Tax, and this was reflected in the small 0.5% decrease. By comparison, the year-to-year changes for the previous four quarters were as follows: first quarter 1991, -2.3%; second quarter, -4.1%; third quarter, -3.6% and fourth quarter, -2.9%.

After widespread quarterly price declines in 1991 in virtually all the cities surveyed, the price indexes were showing positive movement in the first quarter of 1992 in all cities except Toronto, which showed no change.

Edmonton (0.2%) and Vancouver (0.1%) were the only survey cities to post first quarter increases from one year earlier. The yearly declines in the other survey cities were Calgary (-0.1%), Halifax (-0.2%), Montreal (-0.2%), Ottawa (-0.6%) and Toronto (-1.1%).

Available on CANSIM: matrix 2046.

The first quarter 1992 issue of *Construction Price Statistics* (62-007, \$18/\$72) will be available in June. See "How to Order Publications".

For more details on this release, contact the Information and Current Analysis Unit (613-951-9607), Prices Division.

Apartment Construction Prices Indexes

First Quarter 1992
(1986 = 100)

Seven Cities and Composite Indexes								
	Halifax	Montreal	Ottawa	Toronto	Calgary	Edmonton	Vancouver	Composite
Quarterly Indexes								
1991								
First Quarter	109.1	113.4	124.8	120.3	118.6	116.2	117.3	116.4
Second Quarter	109.0	113.0	124.1	120.4	118.7	116.6	117.1	116.2
Third Quarter	108.7	113.0	123.8	119.1	118.4	116.3	116.4	115.5
Fourth Quarter	108.6	112.9	123.8	119.0	118.1	116.0	117.1	115.6
1992								
First Quarter	108.9	113.2	124.0	119.0	118.5	116.5	117.4	115.8
Percentage Change								
Q.2 1991/Q.1 1991	-0.1	-0.4	-0.6	0.1	0.1	0.4	-0.2	-0.1
Q.3 1991/Q.2 1991	-0.3	0.0	-0.2	-1.0	-0.3	-0.3	-0.6	-0.6
Q.4 1991/Q.3 1991	-0.1	-0.0	-0.0	-0.1	-0.3	-0.2	0.6	0.0
Q.1 1992/Q.4 1991	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.1
Q.1 1992/Q.1 1991	-0.2	-0.2	-0.6	-1.1	-0.1	0.2	0.1	-0.5

Note: Effective January 1, 1991, the Goods and Services Tax is excluded but the Provincial Sales Tax is included (as before).

DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Motor Carrier Freight Quarterly Survey

Fourth Quarter 1991

The fourth quarter 1991 results for the Motor Carrier Freight Quarterly Survey, covering the activities of the for-hire trucking carriers with annual operating revenues of \$1 million or more, are now available.

Highlights

- During the fourth quarter, 1,438 carriers who earn \$1 million or more annually generated total operating revenues of \$1,984.0 million. This was a 6.4% decrease from the third quarter of 1991, when the total operating revenues were \$2,120.7 million. Average revenue per carrier in the fourth quarter was \$1,379.7 million, a \$122,300 decrease from the average revenue of \$1,502.0 million in the fourth quarter of 1990.
- During the fourth quarter, domestic movements accounted for 81.8% of total operating revenues and international movements accounted for 18.2%. Movements into Canada accounted for 9.2% of total operating revenues and movements out of Canada accounted for 9.0%.
- Total operating expenses in the fourth quarter were \$1,959.2 million, down 3.7% from the third quarter 1991 level of \$2,034.1 million. The major operating expenses were: salaries and wages (33.3% of the total), fuel (7.8%), payments to owner-operators that included their fuel (24.4%) and other purchased transportation expenses (6.0%).
- The ratio of total operating expenses to total operating revenues was 0.988 in the fourth quarter. This was an improvement over the 0.995 reported in the fourth quarter of 1990 but a deterioration from the 0.959 reported in the third quarter of 1991.
- The distance travelled by company drivers in the fourth quarter of 1991 was 703.9 million kilometres, while owner-operators drove 621.0 million kilometres. Revenues per kilometre were \$1.50 in the fourth quarter, unchanged from the third quarter of 1991.

For further information, contact Robert Larocque (613-951-2486), Transportation Division. ■

Public Finance Historical Data

1965/66-1991/92

Note to Users

The Financial Management System (FMS) provides a standardized presentation of government accounting for the federal, provincial and local governments in Canada. The individual governments' accounting systems are not directly comparable because the policies and structure of governments differ. The FMS adjusts data from government budgets, estimates, public accounts and other records to provide detailed and comparable governmental data, as well as compatible national aggregates that are consistent over time. In other words, FMS statistics may not accord with figures published in government financial statements.

The historical 1965-1991 data on government revenue and expenditure, released on April 1, 1992 in publication 68-512, are now available on CANSIM.

The new CANSIM series, outlined below, contain revenue and expenditure data for each level of government for the years 1965/66 to 1991/92. Also on CANSIM are consolidated revenue and expenditure data for the federal, provincial and local governments for the fiscal years 1965/66 to 1990/91, inclusive.

FMS Revenue and Expenditure	CANSIM Matrix Numbers	
	New	Old
Federal Government Finance	2780	2777, 2778
Provincial Government Finance	2781 to 2793	2751 to 2763
Local Government Finance	2794 to 2806	2764 to 2776
Consolidated Provincial/Local Finance	2807 to 2819	3146 to 3158
Consolidated Federal/Provincial/Local Finance	2820	3159 and 3160

To obtain further information on this release, contact Iva Mohapel (613-951-1819).

For further information or to make general inquiries about products or services available from Public Institutions Division, contact Patti Phillips (613-951-0767). ■

Sugar Sales

April 1992

Canadian sugar refiners reported total sales of 87 625 tonnes for all types of sugar in April 1992, comprising 77 525 tonnes in domestic sales and 10 100 tonnes in export sales. The 1992 year-to-date sales reported for all types of sugar totalled 324 830 tonnes: 282 472 tonnes in domestic sales and 42 358 tonnes in export sales.

This compares to total sales of 78 383 tonnes in April 1991, of which 72 088^r (revised) tonnes were domestic sales and 6 295^r tonnes were export sales. The 1991 year-to-date sales reported for all types of sugar totalled 289 344 tonnes: 265 642^r tonnes in domestic sales and 23 702^r tonnes in export sales.

The April 1992 issue of *The Sugar Situation* (32-013, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date.

For more detailed information on this release, contact Peter Zylstra (613-951-3511), Industry Division. ■

Pulpwood and Wood Residue Statistics

March 1992

Pulpwood receipts amounted to 2 815 507 cubic metres in March 1992, a 20.1% decrease from 3 522 673^r (revised) cubic metres a year earlier. Receipts of wood residue totalled 5 496 159 cubic metres, up 8.1% from 5 086 536^r cubic metres in March 1991. Consumption of pulpwood and wood residue was reported at 8 827 724 cubic metres, a 0.6% decrease from 8 880 758^r cubic metres reported the previous year. The closing inventory of pulpwood and wood residue decreased 15.5% to 17 543 828 cubic metres, down from 20 760 644^r cubic metres a year earlier.

Year-to-date receipts of pulpwood totalled 10 468 610 cubic metres, a 14.0% decrease from 12 179 589^r cubic metres a year earlier. Receipts of wood residue increased 7.4% to 15 120 993^r cubic metres from the year-earlier level of 14 075 390^r cubic metres. Consumption of pulpwood and wood residue, at 25 960 185^r cubic metres, was down 0.5% from 26 099 336^r cubic metres a year earlier.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 54.

The March 1992 issue of *Pulpwood and Wood Residue Statistics* (25-001, \$6.10/\$61) will be available at a later date.

For more detailed information on this release contact Jacques Lepage (613-951-3516), Industry Division. ■

Specified Domestic Electrical Appliances

March 1992

Canadian electrical appliance manufacturers produced 81,107 kitchen appliances in March 1992, an 8.9% increase from the 74,470 appliances produced a year earlier.

Year-to-date production of specified domestic electrical appliances amounted to 208,937 units. Corresponding data for the same period in 1991 amounted to 169,476 units.

Data on home comfort products for March 1992 are confidential.

The March 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. ■

Steel Pipe and Tubing

March 1992

Steel pipe and tubing production for March 1992 totalled 128 578 tonnes, a 17.0% decrease from the 154 929^r (revised) tonnes produced a year earlier.

Year-to-date production totalled 374 169 tonnes, down 15.5% from the 442 657^r tonnes produced during the same period in 1991.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 35.

The March 1992 issue of *Steel Pipe and Tubing* (41-011, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date.

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

Mushroom Production in Canada

1992

Preliminary estimates for the 1992 production and value of mushrooms are now available.

Mushroom production in Canada during 1992 was 58,435 tons, a 1% decrease from the previous year's production. Value of the 1992 mushroom crop was \$149,556,627.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 1407.

The May 1992 issue of *Fruit and Vegetable Production* (22-003, \$18/\$72) will be available in late May. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information, contact Linda Brazeau (613-951-0574), Agriculture Division. ■

Fruit and Vegetable Production

May 1992

The most recent updates to data on the production and value of fruits and on the area, production and value of vegetables in Canada are now available. This includes 1990 estimates for processed fruit and 1991 estimates for processed vegetables.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 1371-1395, 1397-1399, 1401-1406, 5587-5590, 5593-5610, 5614-5620, 5623-5624, 5627.

The May issue of *Fruit and Vegetable Production* (22-003, \$18/\$72) will be available in late May. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information, contact Linda Brazeau (613-951-0574), Agriculture Division. ■

Paperboard Industry

1990 Annual Survey of Manufactures

In 1990, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the paperboard industry (SIC 2713) totalled \$1,527.7 million, down 7.3% from \$1,647.1 million in 1989.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5485.

The data for this industry will be released in *Paper and Allied Products Industries* (36-250, \$35).

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

PUBLICATIONS RELEASED

Cereals and Oilseeds Review, February 1992.

Catalogue number 22-007

(Canada: \$13.80/\$138; United States:
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US\$19.30/US\$193).

**Quarterly Report on Energy Supply-demand in
Canada**, 1991-III.

Catalogue number 57-003

(Canada: \$31.75/\$127; United States:
US\$38/US\$152; Other Countries: US\$44.50/US\$178).

Retail Trade, February 1992.

Catalogue number 63-005

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US\$21.80/US\$218; Other Countries:
US\$25.50/US\$255).

Unemployment Insurance Statistics, February
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15	Travel Between Canada and Other Countries	March 1992
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