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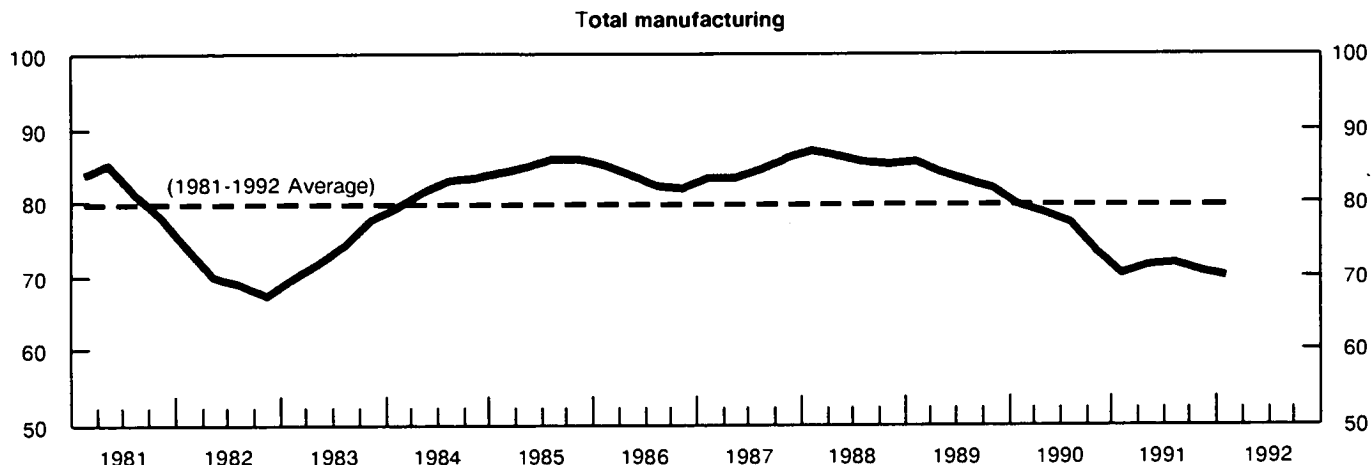
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Capacity Utilization Rates, 1981-1992



Capacity Utilization in Canadian Manufacturing Industries

First Quarter 1992

Capacity utilization in the manufacturing industries decreased 0.7% in the first quarter to 69.8%. Output for the quarter fell, accounting for the decline in capacity utilization. Gains in production in January and March were not large enough for the manufacturing sector to recover from the large drop in December. While consumer and business expenditures were weak in the first quarter, exports increased. A comparison of utilization rates posted since 1981 shows that the current rate was well below the 79.4% average for the period. However, it was above the minimum for the period, which was 67.1% recorded in the fourth quarter of 1982.

In the durable goods manufacturing industries, the capacity utilization rate declined 0.9% in the first quarter to 67.6%. Declines in capacity utilization in the electrical and electronic products industries (-5.3%), non-metallic mineral products industries

(-6.4%), and the furniture and fixtures industries (-2.7%) reflected the weakness in consumer and business expenditures on goods and construction. On the other hand, increased exports coincided with higher capacity utilization rates in the wood industries (4.5%), transportation equipment industries (3.7%) and the machinery industries (1.1%).

In the non-durable goods manufacturing industries, capacity utilization fell 0.7% in the first quarter to 72.1%. Again, weak consumer and business spending was reflected in dropping capacity utilization rates in the textile products industries (-7.4%), printing, publishing and allied industries (-4.2%) and clothing industries (-2.4%). Increased exports of paper and allied products accounted for a 0.4% rise in the industry's capacity utilization rate.

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For further information on this release, contact David Wallace (613-951-9685) or Richard Landry (613-951-2579), Investment and Capital Stock Division. □

Capacity Utilization Rates in Canadian Manufacturing Industries

First Quarter 1992 and Quarterly Percentage Changes

Industry	QI 1992	QIV 1991	QIII 1991	QII 1991	Quarterly % Change		
					QI 1992/ QIV 1991	QIV 1991/ QIII 1991	QIII 1991/ QII 1991
Total Manufacturing	69.8	70.3	71.6	71.2	-0.7	-1.8	0.6
Durable Manufacturing Industries	67.6	68.2	69.5	68.6	-0.9	-1.9	1.3
Wood Industries	72.2	69.1	70.5	67.8	4.5	-2.0	4.0
Furniture and Fixtures	60.5	62.2	64.9	64.5	-2.7	-4.2	0.6
Primary Metals	78.7	82.6	83.8	79.8	-4.7	-1.4	5.0
Fabricated Metal Products	63.6	64.7	67.7	67.7	-1.7	-4.4	0.0
Machinery	53.4	52.8	56.5	59.0	1.1	-6.5	-4.2
Transportation Equipment	69.4	66.9	67.4	65.8	3.7	-0.7	2.4
Electrical and Electronic Products	67.7	71.5	71.2	72.7	-5.3	0.4	-2.1
Non-metallic Mineral Products	61.0	65.2	67.8	67.3	-6.4	-3.8	0.7
Other Manufacturing Industries	64.8	66.6	66.1	65.4	-2.7	0.8	1.1
Non-durable Manufacturing Industries	72.1	72.6	73.9	74.0	-0.7	-1.8	-0.1
Food Industry	76.1	75.7	76.0	76.7	0.5	-0.4	-0.9
Beverage Industry	76.9	72.1	74.4	71.9	6.7	-3.1	3.5
Tobacco Products	63.9	71.8	74.3	67.7	-11.4	-3.4	9.7
Rubber Products	70.2	70.5	68.3	66.0	-0.4	3.2	3.5
Plastic Products	61.5	61.5	64.2	63.7	0.0	-4.2	0.8
Leather and Allied Products	59.2	59.9	59.3	61.3	-1.2	1.0	-3.3
Primary Textiles	66.3	66.6	69.0	66.9	-0.5	-3.5	3.1
Textile Products	53.6	57.9	61.7	63.1	-7.4	-6.2	-2.2
Clothing Industry	61.2	62.7	63.4	62.0	-2.4	-1.1	2.3
Paper and Allied Products	77.6	77.3	81.1	80.2	0.4	-4.7	1.1
Printing, Publishing and Allied Industries	57.1	59.6	61.3	62.8	-4.2	-2.8	-2.4
Refined Petroleum and Coal Products	83.1	84.6	85.1	87.3	-1.8	-0.6	-2.5
Chemicals and Chemical Products	81.5	82.3	81.9	82.8	-1.0	0.5	-1.1

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Aviation Statistics Centre Service Bulletin

March 1992

- In the first quarter of 1992, Canadian Level I air carriers reported an operating loss of \$159 million. **Available on CANSIM: matrix 385.**
- Preliminary fourth quarter 1991 data indicate that the top three city-pairs were: Montreal-Toronto, Ottawa-Toronto and Toronto-Vancouver. The Montreal-Toronto and Ottawa-Toronto city-pairs reported decreases of 20% and 14%, respectively, but Toronto-Vancouver showed an increase of 10%.
- The domestic charter market reached a total of 439 thousand passengers in 1991, a 33% increase over a year earlier.
- The total international charter market underwent its second consecutive annual decrease in 1991 to 4.3 million passengers; this decrease of 15% followed a 4% decrease in 1990.
- Preliminary data reported by Level I air carriers indicate that 66% of the passengers carried on domestic scheduled services travelled on discount fares in 1991, up from 64% in 1990. In terms of passenger-kilometres, the proportion of discount travel was 71%, up from 68% in 1990.
- In June 1991, total movements at the 59 Transport Canada towered airports decreased by 6% from June 1990.

The Vol. 24, No. 6 issue of *Aviation Statistics Centre Service Bulletin* (51-004, \$9.30/\$93) will be available shortly. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact the Aviation Statistics Centre (819-997-1986), Transportation Division. ■

Air Carrier Fare Basis Statistics

1991 (Preliminary)

Preliminary estimates on fare type utilization for 1991 are now available.

Data reported by Level I air carriers (AirBC, Air Canada, Canadian Airlines International Ltd. and Time Air) indicate that 66.2% of passengers carried on domestic scheduled services travelled on discount fares in 1991, up from 63.6% in 1989. In terms of passenger-kilometres, discount fares accounted for 71.3% of total volume in 1991; the comparable figure for 1990 was 67.6%.

Long-haul services in the domestic southern sector showed the highest rate of discount fare utilization - 72.4% of passengers in this traffic category travelled on a discount fare in 1991. (This was on city-pairs within the "deregulated" zone, as defined in the new 1984 Canadian Air Policy, and involved distances of 800 kilometres or more as determined by the flight coupon origin and destination.)

In 1991, the average fare (all fares) paid by passengers on all domestic city-pairs amounted to \$181, down 4.7% from a year earlier. The introduction of two new Level I air carriers - AirBC (a regional affiliate for Air Canada) and Time Air (a regional affiliate for Canadian Airlines International Ltd.) - into the Fare Basis Survey largely explained this decrease. To a large extent, these carriers operated short-haul routes, where the average fares were lower.

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For further information on this release, contact Lisa Di Piéto (819-997-6176), Aviation Statistics Centre, Transportation Division. ■

Processed Fruits And Vegetables

April 1992

Data on processed fruits and vegetables for April 1992 are now available.

Canned and Frozen Fruits and Vegetables - Monthly (32-011, \$5/\$50) will be released at a later date.

For further information, contact Peter Zylstra (613-951-3511), Industry Division. ■

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Food Industries, 1989.
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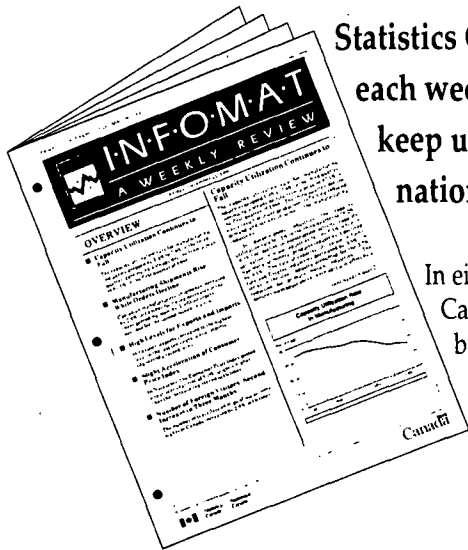


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