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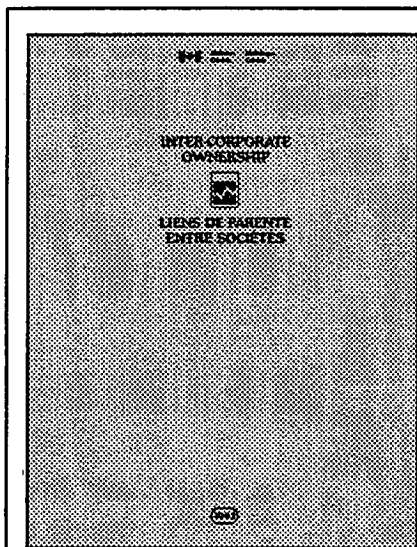
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Inter-corporate Ownership
1992

The latest edition of *Inter-corporate Ownership*, a unique 1,050-page Statistics Canada directory of "Who Owns and Controls What", references over 65,000 corporations.

As in previous editions, in terms of the number of controlled corporations, the Edward & Peter Bronfman Group ranks as Canada's largest enterprise. Since this directory was last published in 1990, the Bronfman empire has grown by 61 corporations to 421. The Government of Canada and the Government of Quebec rank second and third with 202 and 141 enterprises, respectively.

The directory presents information in an easy-to-read format, showing at a glance the hierarchy of subsidiaries within each enterprise structure. Entries for each corporation provide country of control, country of residence and percentage of voting rights held. In addition, the inclusion of a Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) and the province of head office for most Canadian resident corporations permits study by industrial sector.

New for 1992, additional indexes are available to buyers of the publication. In addition to the alphabetical index in each manual, indexes by country of control, province of head office, and SIC can be purchased for \$29.95 each.

Inter-corporate Ownership, 1992 (61-517, \$325) is now available. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, call Ron Vanasse (613-951-3469), Corporations Section, Corporations and Labour Unions Returns Act Subdivision, Industrial Organization and Finance Division.



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Labour Force Survey

May 1992

Overview

Estimates from Statistics Canada's Labour Force Survey for May 1992 show an increase in the seasonally adjusted levels of both employment (+31,000) and unemployment(+25,000). The participation rate rose to 65.4 (+0.2), the first increase since last October. The unemployment rate increased to 11.2 (+0.2) in May.

Employment and Employment/Population Ratio

For the week ending May 16, 1992, the seasonally adjusted employment estimate rose to 12,207,000 following six consecutive monthly declines. The increase was noted mainly among men aged 25 and over and was spread across several industries. The overall employment/population ratio edged up 0.1 to 58.1.

- Employment among adults aged 25 and over rose by 59,000 and was concentrated among men (+42,000). Employment among youths fell by 28,000.
- The rise in the May employment level was in part-time employment (+35,000), with adults accounting for virtually all of the increase.
- The estimated level of employment rose by 20,000 (+0.4%) in Ontario, 5,000 (+1.0%) in Manitoba, 9,000 in Alberta (+0.7%) and by 11,000 in British Columbia (+0.7%), but it declined by 5,000 in Newfoundland (-2.7%). There was little change in the other provinces.

Unemployment and Participation Rate

In May 1992, the seasonally adjusted estimate of unemployment increased by 25,000 to 1,536,000. The unemployment rate rose 0.2 to 11.2, the highest since November 1984. The participation rate rose to 65.4 (+0.2) in May, in contrast to the declining trend over the past six months.

Notes to Users

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".

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

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Note of Appreciation

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- The rise in the number of unemployed was concentrated among youths (+23,000), mostly among young men.
- The unemployment rate for youths jumped 1.0 to 17.8, while the rate for adults was unchanged at 9.8.
- The rise in labour force participation in May was observed among adults (+0.2), but a decline was noted among young women (-0.6).
- The level of unemployment rose by 1,000 in Prince Edward Island, 3,000 in Nova Scotia, 4,000 in New Brunswick, 17,000 in Ontario and 6,000 in Alberta. There was no significant change in the remaining provinces.

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

	May	Month-to-Month Change
Newfoundland	20.1	+ 1.1
Prince Edward Island	19.1	+ 1.2
Nova Scotia	13.6	+ 0.7
New Brunswick	14.1	+ 1.0
Quebec	12.4	- 0.1
Ontario	10.9	+ 0.3
Manitoba	9.7	+ 0.1
Saskatchewan	7.7	- 0.2
Alberta	9.3	+ 0.3
British Columbia	10.0	0.0

Changes since May 1991
(unadjusted estimates)

- Overall, employment fell by 159,000 from a year earlier (-1.3%). It declined by 100,000 (-1.5%) for men and by 59,000 (-1.0%) for women.
- For youths, employment decreased by 114,000 (-5.3%) and the employment/population ratio fell 2.9 to 54.8. For adults, employment fell by 45,000 (-0.4%) and the employment/population ratio declined 1.4 to 59.4.
- Full-time employment (persons usually working 30 hours or more per week) decreased by 221,000 (-2.1%), but part-time employment increased by 61,000 (+ 3.0%).
- Employment decreased by 137,000 in the goods-producing industries (-3.9%). Employment was little changed in the service-producing industries as declines in community, business and personal services were partially offset by gains in other industries in this sector.

- The estimated level of unemployment rose by 136,000 to 1,548,000 (+9.6%) and the unemployment rate increased 1.0 to 11.2.
- The participation rate decreased 1.1 to 66.0 and the employment/population ratio fell 1.7 to 58.6.

Other Highlights

Student Summer Employment

Compared to May 1991, employment declined for students planning to return to school in the fall despite an increase in their number. The drop in the proportion employed continues the trend that began in the summer of 1990.

- The estimated number of youths who were attending school full-time in March and planning to return to school was 1,789,000 in May 1992, up 29,000 from a year earlier. The employment level declined by 53,000 to 770,00.
- The employment/population ratio of returning students declined to 43.1 in May 1992 from 46.8 in 1991 and 49.2 in 1990.
- The unemployment rate rose to 17.7 in May 1992, compared to 15.8 in May 1991 and 11.4 in May 1990.

For a full review of the data on students for previous years, consult the article "Students and Summer Jobs in Retrospect" published in the January 1992 issue of *The Labour Force* (71-001, \$17.90/\$179).

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

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

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

Labour Force Characteristics, Canada

	May 1992	April 1992	May 1991
Seasonally Adjusted Data			
Labour Force ('000)	13,743	13,687	13,770
Employment ('000)	12,207	12,176	12,359
Unemployment ('000)	1,536	1,511	1,411
Unemployment Rate (%)	11.2	11.0	10.2
Participation Rate (%)	65.4	65.2	66.5
Employment/Population Ratio (%)	58.1	58.0	59.7
Unadjusted Data			
Labour Force ('000)	13,866	13,491	13,890
Employment ('000)	12,319	11,939	12,478
Unemployment ('000)	1,548	1,552	1,412
Unemployment Rate (%)	11.2	11.5	10.2
Participation Rate (%)	66.0	64.3	67.1
Employment/Population Ratio (%)	58.6	56.9	60.3

DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Direct Selling in Canada

1990

Direct sales to Canadian household consumers totalled \$3,237.9 million in 1990, a 4.6% increase from 1989 sales of \$3,096.3 million. (Direct sales refer to the retail marketing of consumer goods by channels other than retail stores.)

The main commodities sold by direct sellers were books, newspapers and magazines (\$962.7 million); food products (\$482.3 million); cosmetics and jewellery (\$326.8 million); and electrical appliances and household cleaners (\$177.6 million). Other commodities accounted for \$1,288.5 million.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 34.

The 1990 issue of *Direct Selling in Canada* (63-218, \$22) will be available shortly. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact David Roeske (613-951-9236), Retail Trade Section, Industry Division. ■

Railway Carloadings

Seven-day Period Ending May 21, 1992

Revenue freight loaded by railways in Canada during the period totalled 4.3 million tonnes, a 9.2% decrease from the same period last year.

Piggyback traffic decreased 8.5% from the same period last year. The number of cars loaded decreased 12.7% during the same period.

The tonnage of revenue freight loaded to date this year increased 1.0% from the previous year.

Note: Piggyback traffic includes trailers and containers on flat cars. Piggyback traffic numbers are included in total carload traffic. All 1991 figures and 1992 cumulative data have been revised.

For more detailed information on this release, contact Angus MacLean (613-951-2484), Surface Transport Unit, Transportation Division. ■

Steel Primary Forms

Week Ending May 30, 1992

Preliminary estimates indicate that Canadian steel primary forms production for the week ending May 30, 1992 totalled 270 445 tonnes, a 1.5% decrease from the preceding week's total of 274 649 tonnes but up 3.3% from the year-earlier level of 261 679 tonnes. The cumulative total in 1992 was 5 709 235 tonnes, a 4.6% increase from 5 460 188 tonnes for the same period in 1991.

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

Industrial Chemicals and Synthetic Resins

April 1992

Canadian chemical firms produced 141 906 tonnes of polyethylene synthetic resins in April 1992, a 14.2% increase from the 124 237^r (revised) tonnes produced in April 1991.

January to April 1992 production totalled 568 790 tonnes, up 8.0% from the 526 485^r tonnes produced during the same period in 1991.

Data are also available on Canadian production of three other types of synthetic resins and 24 industrial chemicals for April 1992 and April 1991.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 951.

The April 1992 issue of *Industrial Chemicals and Synthetic Resins* (46-002, \$5.60/\$56) will be available at a later date.

For more detailed information on this release, contact Raj Sehdev (613-951-3513), Industry Division. ■

Nursery Trades Industry

1990 and 1991

Final 1990 and preliminary 1991 data for the nursery trades industry in Canada are now available in advance of the printed publication. Information is available on industry revenues and expenditures as well as on the distribution of the revenues. Some data on internal structure are also included.

Survey of Canadian *Nursery Trades Industry* (22-203, \$22) will be available in early July. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information, contact Les Macartney (613-951-3854), Agriculture Division. ■

Pulp Industry

1990 Annual Survey of Manufactures

In 1990, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the pulp industry (SIC 2711) totalled \$6,310.0 million, down 11.7% from \$7,142.8 million in 1989.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5483.

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. ■

Mobile Home Industry

1990 Annual Survey of Manufactures

In 1990, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the mobile home industry (SIC 3244) totalled \$179.0 million, up 1.8% from \$175.9 million in 1989.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5554.

The data for this industry will be released in *Transportation Equipment Industries* (42-251, \$35).

For more detailed information on this release, contact A. Shinnan (613-951-3515), Industry Division. ■

Clay Products Industry (from domestic clay)

1990 Annual Survey of Manufactures

In 1990, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the clay products industry (from domestic clay) (SIC 3511) totalled \$126.9 million, down 34.5% from \$193.7 million in 1989.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 6849.

The data for this industry will be released in *Non-Metallic Mineral Products Industries* (44-250, \$35).

For more detailed information on this release, contact A. Shinnan (613-951-3520), Industry Division. ■

PUBLICATIONS RELEASED

Cereals and Oilseeds Review, March 1992.

Catalogue number 22-007

(Canada: \$13.80/\$138; United States:
US\$16.60/US\$166; Other Countries:
US\$19.30/US\$193).

The Dairy Review, March 1992.

Catalogue number 23-001

(Canada: \$12.20/\$122; United States:
US\$14.60/US\$146; Other Countries:
US\$17.10/US\$171).

**Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of
Sawmills in British Columbia, March 1992.**

Catalogue number 35-003

(Canada: \$7.10/\$71; United States: US\$8.50/US\$85;
Other Countries: US\$9.90/US\$99).

Rigid Insulating Board, April 1992.

Catalogue number 36-002

(Canada: \$5/\$50; United States: US\$6/US\$60; Other
Countries: US\$7/US\$70).

Cement, April 1992.

Catalogue number 44-001

(Canada: \$5/\$50; United States: US\$6/US\$60; Other
Countries: US\$7/US\$70).

Gypsum Products, April 1992.

Catalogue number 44-003

(Canada: \$5/\$50; United States: US\$6/US\$60; Other
Countries: US\$7/US\$70).

Asphalt Roofing, April 1992.

Catalogue number 45-001

(Canada: \$5/\$50; United States: US\$6/US\$60; Other
Countries: US\$7/US\$70).

**Communications Service Bulletin: Cable Tele-
vision Statistics, 1991. Vol. 22, No. 1. June 1992.**

Catalogue number 56-001

(Canada: \$8.20/\$49; United States: US\$9.85/US\$59;
Other Countries: US\$11.50/US\$69).

Electric Power Statistics, March 1992.

Catalogue number 57-001

(Canada: \$10/\$100; United States: US\$12/US\$120;
Other Countries: US\$14/US\$140).

Inter-corporate Ownership, 1992.

Catalogue number 61-517

(Canada: \$325; United States: US\$390; Other
Countries: US\$455).

Retail Trade, March 1992.

Catalogue number 63-005

(Canada: \$18.20/\$182; United States:
US\$21.80/US\$218; Other Countries:
US\$25.50/US\$255).

**Summary of Canadian International Trade, March
1992.**

Catalogue number 65-001

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

Imports by Commodity, March 1992.

Catalogue number 65-007

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9	Farm Product Price Index	April 1992
10	New Housing Price Index	April 1992
10	Department Store Sales by Province and Metropolitan Area	April 1992
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