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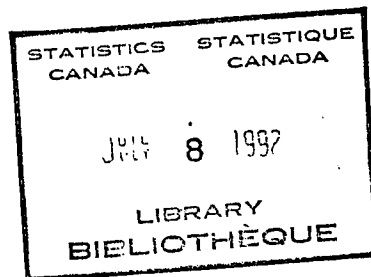
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### Help-wanted Index

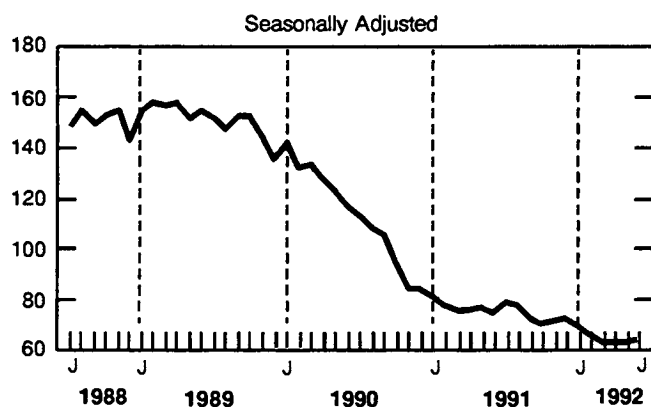
June 1992

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.

### Highlights – Seasonally Adjusted

- After remaining at 62 for three consecutive months, the Help-wanted Index for Canada (1981=100) advanced to 63 in June. The index peaked at 157 in February 1989, then it started a decline that accelerated in 1990. In 1991, the downtrend slowed. For the first three months of 1992, the index continued to decrease, stabilizing at 62 in March.

Help-wanted Index, Canada  
(1981 = 100)



#### Note to Users

#### Now Available

The report Help-wanted Index 1981-1991 (\$30) is now available. This document provides historical data, describes recent trends of the index, displays charts which relate 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), Labour Division.

### Changes by Region

- By region, the Help-wanted Index changed slightly between May and June. The index decreased 4% in the Prairie provinces (to 43 from 45) and 2% in Ontario (to 59 from 60), but it increased 2% in British Columbia (from 68 to 69) and 1% in Quebec (from 69 to 70). The index remained unchanged at 92 in the Atlantic provinces.
- Compared with June 1991, the Help-wanted Index decreased in all regions, falling 19% in the Prairie provinces, 17% in Quebec, 16% in British Columbia and Ontario, and 10% in the Atlantic provinces.

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 André Picard (613-951-4045), Labour Division (fax: 613-951-4087). □

**Help-wanted Index (1981 = 100), Canada and Regions - Seasonally Adjusted**

Year and month	Canada	Atlantic Region	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Region	British Columbia
<b>1991</b>						
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
May	62	92	69	60	45	68
June	63	92	70	59	43	69

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## DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### Canadian Civil Aviation Statistics

May 1992

Preliminary monthly operational data for May 1992 is now available. Data reported by Canadian Level I air carriers on scheduled services show that domestic passenger-kilometres increased 1% and international passenger-kilometres increased 19% over May 1991.

**Available on CANSIM: matrix 385.**

Preliminary civil aviation data for May 1992 will be published in the August issue of *Aviation Statistics Centre Service Bulletin* (51-004, \$9.30/\$93). See "How to Order Publications".

For more information on this release, contact Bradley Snider (819-997-6195), Aviation Statistics Centre, Transportation Division. ■

### Railway Carloadings

Seven-day Period Ending June 21, 1992

Revenue freight loaded by railways in Canada during the period totalled 4.4 million tonnes, a decrease of 9.5% from the same period last year.

Piggyback traffic decreased 5.1% from the same period last year. The number of cars loaded decreased 3.7% during the same period.

The tonnage of revenue freight loaded to date as of June 21, 1992 decreased 0.9% from the same period in 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. ■

### Passenger Bus and Urban Transit Statistics

May 1992

In May 1992, a total of 77 Canadian urban transit systems with annual operating revenues of \$1 million or more (subsidies included) carried 111.5 million fare-passengers, down 8.0% compared to May 1991. Operating revenues totalled \$108.2 million, up 6.7% from May 1991.

In May 1992, 22 passenger bus carriers earning \$1 million or more annually from intercity and rural bus operations carried 1.0 million fare-passengers, down 15.8% compared to May 1991. Operating revenues from the same services totalled \$19.0 million for the month, an 8.3% decrease from May 1991.

All 1991 figures and 1992 cumulative data have been revised.

**Available on CANSIM: matrices 351 and 352.**

The May 1992 issue of *Passenger Bus and Urban Transit Statistics* (53-003, \$7.10/\$71) will be available the third week of July.

For further information on this release, contact Angus MacLean (613-951-2484), Transportation Division. ■

### Steel Primary Forms

May 1992

Steel primary forms production for May 1992 totalled 1 154 810 tonnes, an increase of 10.3% from 1 046 661 tonnes produced the previous year.

Year-to-date production reached 5 715 907 tonnes in May 1992, up 5.2% from 5 433 304 tonnes a year earlier.

**Available on CANSIM: matrix 58 (level 2, series 3).**

The May 1992 issue of *Primary Iron and Steel* (41-001, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date.

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

## Steel Pipe and Tubing

May 1992

Steel pipe and tubing production for May 1992 totalled 81 901 tonnes, a decrease of 42.1% from the 141 414 tonnes produced a year earlier.

Year-to-date production in May 1992 totalled 553 571 tonnes, down 25.7% from the 745 291 tonnes produced during the same period in 1991.

**Available on CANSIM: matrix 35.**

The May 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. ■

## Pulpwood and Wood Residue Statistics

May 1992

Pulpwood receipts amounted to 1 659 801 cubic metres in May 1992, a decrease of 19.7% from 2 067 966<sup>r</sup> (revised) cubic metres a year earlier. Receipts of wood residue totalled 5 153 370 cubic metres in May 1992, down 0.7% from 5 187 747<sup>r</sup> cubic metres in May 1991. Consumption of pulpwood and wood residue was 8 167 810 cubic metres in May, a decrease of 4.3% from 8 532 804<sup>r</sup> cubic metres the previous year. The closing inventory of pulpwood and wood residue in May decreased 18.4% to 14 335 073 cubic metres, down from 17 563 181<sup>r</sup> cubic metres a year earlier.

In May 1992, year-to-date receipts of pulpwood totalled 13 476 729<sup>r</sup> cubic metres, a decrease of 14.8% from 15 824 298<sup>r</sup> cubic metres a year earlier; but year-to-date receipts of wood residue increased 5.9% to 25 815 538<sup>r</sup> cubic metres from the May 1991 level of 24 373 763<sup>r</sup> cubic metres. Year-to-date consumption of pulpwood and wood residue in May 1992, at 42 470 831<sup>r</sup> cubic metres, was down 0.7% from 42 784 117<sup>r</sup> cubic metres a year earlier.

**Available on CANSIM: matrix 54.**

The May 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. ■

## Electric Storage Batteries

May 1992

Canadian manufacturers of electric storage batteries sold 99,294 automotive and heavy-duty commercial replacement batteries in May 1992, a decrease of 20.3% from 124,652 batteries sold in May 1991.

Cumulative sales amounted to 657,240 automotive and heavy-duty commercial replacement batteries from January to May 1992, down 4.8% from the 690,107 units sold the previous year.

Information on sales of other types of storage batteries is also available.

The May 1992 issue of *Factory Sales of Electric Storage Batteries* (43-005, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date.

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

## Footwear Statistics

May 1992

Canadian manufacturers produced 1,954,188 pairs of footwear in May 1992, a decrease of 16.0% from the 2,325,118<sup>r</sup> (revised) pairs produced a year earlier.

Year-to-date production for January to May 1992 totalled 9,165,612 pairs of footwear, down 13.4% from the 10,581,049<sup>r</sup> pairs produced during the same period in 1991.

**Available on CANSIM: matrix 8.**

The May 1992 *Footwear Statistics* (33-002, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date.

For more detailed information on this release, contact Don Grant (613-951-5998), Industry Division. ■



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February 1992.

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**Apparent Per Capita Food Consumption In  
Canada - Part I, 1991.**

**Catalogue number 32-229**

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Other Countries: US\$38).

**Specified Domestic Electrical Appliances,**  
May 1992.

**Catalogue number 43-003**

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Other Countries: US\$7/US\$70).

**Industrial Chemicals and Synthetic Resins,**  
May 1992.

**Catalogue number 46-002**

(Canada: \$5.60/\$56; United States: US\$6.70/US\$67;  
Other Countries: US\$7.80/US\$78).

**Electric Power Statistics, April 1992.**

**Catalogue number 57-001**

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Other Countries: US\$14/US\$140).

**Restaurant, Caterer and Tavern Statistics,**  
April 1992.

**Catalogue number 63-011**

(Canada: \$6.10/\$61; United States: US\$7.30/US\$73;  
Other Countries: US\$8.50/US\$85).

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

**Catalogue number 65-001**

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

**Imports by Commodity, April 1992.**

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