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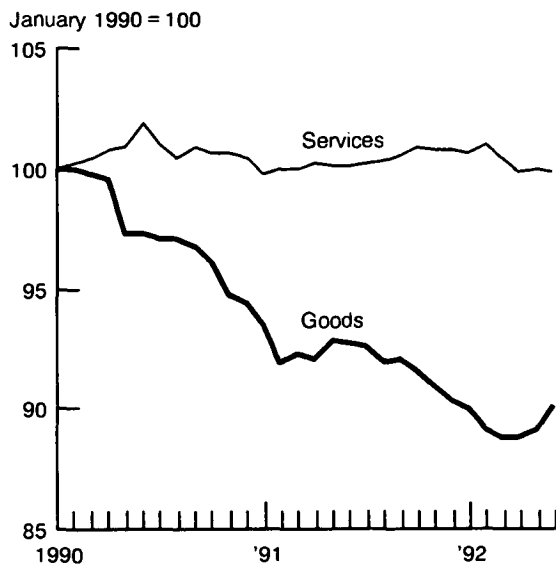
The Labour Market: Mid-year Review

January to June 1992

Highlights

- The job market was particularly bleak for young people during the first half of this year. In June 1992, the employment/population ratio for youths was down eight percentage points from the pre-recession level of June 1989. For students planning to return to school in the fall, the decline was even larger.

The second quarter of 1992 saw some employment growth in the goods sector



Source: Labour Force Survey

- In mid-1992, the unemployment rate was still on the increase, fuelled by a surge in the labour force participation rate. In June 1992, the unemployment rate climbed to 11.6%, its highest point since September 1984.

Note to Users

The Autumn 1992 edition of *Perspectives on Labour and Income* (released September 1, 1992) features a supplement entitled "The Labour Market: Mid-year Review." The article analyzes labour market trends and other economic indicators for the first six months of 1992.

- The average duration of unemployment increased substantially during the last two years, rising from an average of 18 and 20 weeks in the second quarters of 1990 and 1991 to over 23 weeks in the second quarter of 1992.
- With an employment drop of 5% between March 1990 and December 1991, Ontario was the province most seriously affected during that period. However, during the first half of 1992, the employment picture changed considerably as the relative declines in Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, Manitoba and Saskatchewan considerably exceeded the decline in Ontario.
- The first half of 1992 saw a large increase in the number of persons who worked part-time because it was the only kind of employment they could find. In June 1992, some 730,000 persons were in this situation, representing more than one-third of all part-time workers.
- In May 1992, consumer prices recorded the lowest year-over-year increase in over 20 years (1.3%), while the corresponding rise in average weekly earnings was 3.5%.

The Autumn 1992 issue of *Perspectives on Labour and Income* (75-001E, \$13.25/\$53) is now available. See "How to Order Publications".

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Steel Primary Forms

Week Ending August 29, 1992

Preliminary estimates indicate that Canadian steel primary forms production for the week ending August 29, 1992 totalled 227 714 tonnes, a 16.1% decrease from the preceding week's total of 271 318 tonnes and down 12.8% from the year-earlier level of 261 240 tonnes. The cumulative total at August 29, 1992 was 9 014 778 tonnes, a 6.3% increase from 8 477 002 tonnes for the same period in 1991.

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

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