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Canada's International Transactions In Services

1990 and 1991

Latest details on Canada's international transactions in services are now available in this annual publication. Services comprise international travel, business services, transportation, government services and other services.

This publication is a unique source of information on Canada's international trade in services. Trade offices, analysts and consultants, embassies and consulates, along with academic researchers can find invaluable data on Canada's performance in the exchange of transborder services in this publication.

At the national level, as many as 16 categories of business services are cross-classified by affiliation as well as by broad geographic area, country of control and by industry sector.

New this year are up to 15 categories of business services by province of activity. These categories largely represent national data allocated according to the province in which activity is estimated to take place. Total business services for some 30 countries and world areas are also shown.

Canada's International Transactions in Services, 1990 and 1991 (67-203, \$32) is now available. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information, contact Hugh Henderson (613-951-9049), Balance of Payments Division.



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Labour Force Survey

August 1992

Overview

Seasonally adjusted estimates from Statistics Canada's Labour Force Survey indicate little change in labour market conditions in August 1992. Both employment and unemployment were virtually unchanged. The unemployment rate remained at 11.6 for the third consecutive month.

Employment and Employment/Population Ratio

For the week ending August 15, 1992, the estimate of employment stood at 12,219,000. Part-time employment rose marginally, following a large increase in July, while full-time employment edged down after a substantial decline in the previous month.

- Full-time employment declined among adult men. The increase in part-time employment was largely among young women aged 15 to 24.
- Employment in community, business and personal services rose for the fourth consecutive month (+27,000), bringing the total increase since April 1992 to 94,000.
- Employment in manufacturing fell by 27,000, following three months of little change. Declines were noted in Newfoundland and in Quebec. There were no significant changes in employment among the other industries.
- There were small employment increases in British Columbia (+10,000) and Prince Edward Island (+1,000). Employment fell in Newfoundland (-3,000). No significant changes were noted in the other provinces.

Notes to Users

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

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Unemployment and Participation Rate

The seasonally adjusted level of unemployment was 1,607,000 in August, virtually unchanged since June 1992. The participation rate edged down to 65.5 (-0.1).

- Unemployment fell by 17,000 among adult women, and rose by 13,000 among adult men.
- Unemployment fell by 7,000 (-11.3%) in Nova Scotia, by 4,000 (-7.8%) in Newfoundland, and by 2,000 (-3.6%) in Manitoba.
- The drop in unemployment in Newfoundland and Nova Scotia can be attributed to declines in the number of persons participating in the labour force. The participation rate fell by 1.7 in Newfoundland and by 1.0 in Nova Scotia. (See Other Highlights section below for additional information on Newfoundland.)
- Unemployment rose by 20,000 (+3.4%) in Ontario. There were no significant changes in the remaining provinces.

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

	August	Month-to-month Change
Newfoundland	20.3	- 1.0
Prince Edward Island	18.3	- 0.4
Nova Scotia	13.3	- 1.4
New Brunswick	12.7	---
Québec	12.9	- 0.1
Ontario	11.3	+ 0.3
Manitoba	10.0	- 0.3
Saskatchewan	8.6	+ 0.2
Alberta	9.6	- 0.1
British Columbia	10.9	- 0.1

Changes Since August 1991 (unadjusted estimates)

- The overall employment estimate fell by 130,000 from the level of a year ago (-1.0%), down 108,000 among men (-1.5%) and 21,000 among women (-0.4%).
- A drop of 190,000 (-1.7%) in full-time employment was largely accounted for by youths aged 15 to 24 (-154,000).
- Part-time employment was up by 60,000, with about half of the increase among youths.
- Employment was down by 133,000 in the goods-producing industries, with declines noted in all sectors. There was little overall change in the services-producing industries.
- The estimated level of unemployment rose by 171,000 to 1,590,000 (+12.0%) and the unemployment rate increased 1.2 to 11.2.
- The participation rate fell by 0.8 to 67.4 and the employment/population ratio fell by 1.5 to 59.9.

Other Highlights

Impact of the Northern Cod Moratorium on Newfoundland Estimates

The Northern Cod Moratorium has had a significant impact on the labour market situation in Newfoundland that is not fully reflected by a single measure such as the unemployment rate. The

following highlights, based on other data from the Labour Force Survey, provide a fuller description of the situation.

- Participation in the labour force decreased by 7,000 on a seasonally adjusted basis, mostly among persons who had lost or were laid-off from their last job. The seasonally adjusted participation rate (persons working or looking for work as a percentage of the population aged 15 and over) dropped 1.7, the largest monthly decline since January 1983.
- The estimate of "discouraged workers", defined as those who did not look for work because they believed no suitable work was available, increased sharply from 10,000 in July to 15,000 in August (non-seasonally adjusted). The decrease of 4,000 in the seasonally adjusted estimate of unemployment is partly explained by the increase in discouraged workers. Consistent with widely accepted international standards, discouraged workers are not defined as unemployed because they did not engage in job-search activity.
- Manufacturing employment in food processing decreased by 8,000 from July to August (unadjusted estimates).
- While the estimate of self-employed persons in fishing has changed little in the last three months, the average actual hours worked per week was 24.7 in August, down from 36.7 in July and 50.0 in June. In August, an estimated 6,000 self-employed fishermen reported working zero hours (unadjusted estimates).

Student Summer Employment

Compared with a year ago, labour market conditions worsened in August 1992 among returning students, continuing the trend that began in the summer of 1990.

- In August, the estimated number of youths aged 15 to 24 who were attending school in March and planning to return in September was 1,925,000, up 48,000 from a year earlier, while the level of employment was down by the same amount. This resulted in a sharp decline in the employment/population ratio, down from 59.4 in August 1991 to 55.4 in August 1992.

- Almost all of the decline in employment was accounted for by those aged 15 to 19.
- The unemployment rate for returning students jumped to 15.9, up from 12.2 in August 1991 and 8.9 in August 1990.

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

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

The August 1992 issue of *The Labour Force* (71-001, \$17.90/\$179) will be available the third week of September. For summary information, available on the day of release, order *Labour Force Information* (71-001P, \$6.30/\$63).

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

Labour Force Characteristics, Canada

	August 1992	July 1992	August 1991
Seasonally Adjusted Data			
Labour Force ('000)	13,826	13,814	13,787
Employment ('000)	12,219	12,208	12,339
Unemployment ('000)	1,607	1,606	1,448
Unemployment Rate (%)	11.6	11.6	10.5
Participation Rate (%)	65.5	65.6	66.3
Employment/Population Ratio (%)	57.9	57.9	59.4
Unadjusted Data			
Labour Force ('000)	14,223	14,272	14,182
Employment ('000)	12,633	12,657	12,762
Unemployment ('000)	1,590	1,615	1,419
Unemployment Rate (%)	11.2	11.3	10.0
Participation Rate (%)	67.4	67.7	68.2
Employment/Population Ratio (%)	59.9	60.1	61.4

Field Crop Reporting Series No. 6: August Estimate of Production of Principal Field Crops, Canada 1992

Summary of Crop Conditions

This survey was conducted between August 7 and 14, 1992. It does not take into consideration the weather conditions that occurred in the Canadian Prairies after that period. At the time of this survey, crops were progressing well, but most were two weeks late due to cool temperatures.

In Eastern Canada, wet weather conditions have caused some delays in the development of certain crops.

Total Canadian production of the seven major grains in 1992 is expected to be 51.4 million tonnes, a decrease of 4% from 1991. The production of the seven major grains in Western Canada is estimated to be 40.9 million tonnes.

Wheat

Total Canadian wheat production is estimated to be 30.1 million tonnes. In Western Canada, spring wheat production is estimated at 25.4 million tonnes, a decrease of 4% from the 1991 production of 26.4 million tonnes. Durum production is expected to be 3.1 million tonnes.

In Ontario, the winter wheat is estimated at 1.2 million tonnes. An increase in area combined with high yields have doubled the production levels of last year.

Oilseeds

Total 1992 production of oilseeds in Canada is estimated to be 3% less than that of 1991, at 6.1 million tonnes. Canola production is expected to be at 4.2 million tonnes. Flaxseed production has dropped 36% to 409 thousand tonnes. Soybean production in Eastern Canada is expected to be 1.5 million tonnes, an increase of 6% from 1991.

Coarse Grains

The production of barley, grain corn, oats, rye and mixed grains for 1992 is estimated to be 21.4 million tonnes, a decrease of 1% from 1991. Barley production has fallen 7% to 10.8 million tonnes. Oats production is expected to be at 3 million tonnes, an increase of 68% from last year. The production of grain corn is projected to be 6.7 million tonnes, 9% below the production of 1991.

The 1992 estimates will be updated on October 7 and again on November 27, 1992, once the harvest is completed. The October 7 publication will contain the estimate of the area intended to be seeded to winter wheat in the fall of 1992 for Ontario and Quebec.

Field Crop Reporting Series No. 6: August Estimates of Production of Principal Field Crops, Canada, 1992 (22-002, \$12/\$80) is now available. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information, please contact the Crops Section (613-951-8717), Agriculture Division. ■

DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cement

July 1992

Canadian manufacturers shipped 919 901 tonnes of cement in July 1992, a decrease of 10.2% from the 1 024 168 tonnes shipped a year earlier and a decrease of 13.9% from the 1 068 835 tonnes shipped in June 1992.

January to July 1992 shipments reached 4 589 483 tonnes, down 10.0% from the 5 099 624 tonnes shipped during the same period in 1991.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 92 and 122 (series 35).

The July 1992 issue of *Cement* (44-001, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date.

For more detailed information on this release, contact Roland Joubert (613-951-3527), Industry Division. ■

Railway Operating Statistics

May 1992

The seven major railways reported a combined net loss of \$2.2 million in May 1992. Operating revenues of \$555.2 million were down \$74.7 million or 11.9% from the May 1991 figure.

Revenue freight tonne-kilometres were down 8.8% from May 1991. Freight train-kilometres registered a decrease of 3.0%, while freight car-kilometres decreased by 7.4%.

All 1991 figures have been revised.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 142.

The May 1992 issue of *Railway Operating Statistics* (52-003, \$10.50/\$105) will be released at a later date.

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

Blow-moulded Plastic Bottles

Second Quarter 1992

Figures for the second quarter of 1992 for blow-moulded plastic bottles are now available.

Production and Shipments of Blow-moulded Plastic Bottles (47-006, \$6.75/\$27) will be available at a later date.

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

Wool Yarn and Woven Cloth Industry

1990 Annual Survey of Manufactures

In 1990, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the wool yarn and woven cloth industry (SIC 1821) totalled \$311.7 million, down 12.5% from \$356.1 million in 1989.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5426.

The data for this industry will be released in *Primary Textiles Industries* (34-250, \$35).

For more detailed information on this release, contact M. Labonté (613-951-3510), Industry Division. ■

Household Products of Textile Materials Industry

1990 Annual Survey of Manufactures

In 1990, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the household products of textile materials industry (SIC 1993) totalled \$611.3 million, down 5.2% from \$644.5 million in 1989.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5435.

The data for this industry will be released in *Textile Products Industries* (34-251, \$35).

For more detailed information on this release, contact M. Labonté (613-951-3510), Industry Division. ■

Bed Spring and Mattress Industry

1990 Annual Survey of Manufactures

In 1990, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the bed spring and mattress industry (SIC 2691) totalled \$395.0 million, down 1.0% from \$399.0 million in 1989.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5479.

The data for this industry will be released in *Furniture and Fixtures Industries* (35-251, \$35).

For more detailed information on this release, contact Keith Martin (613-951-3518), Industry Division. ■

Aluminum Rolling, Casting and Extruding Industry

1990 Annual Survey of Manufactures

In 1990, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the aluminum rolling, casting and extruding industry (SIC 2961) totalled \$1,826.3 million, down 20.8% from \$2,305.1 million in 1989.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5512.

The data for this industry will be released in *Primary Metal Industries* (41-250, \$35).

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

Sawmill and Woodworking Machinery Industry

1990 Annual Survey of Manufactures

In 1990, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the sawmill and woodworking machinery industry (SIC 3193) totalled \$291.7 million, down 8.6% from \$319.2 million in 1989.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5545.

The data for this industry will be released in *Machinery Industries (except electrical machinery)* (42-250, \$35).

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

Glass Products Industry (Except Glass Containers)

1990 Annual Survey of Manufactures

In 1990, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the glass product industry (except glass containers) (SIC 3562) totalled \$694.2 million, down 5.9% from \$716.7 million in 1989.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 6857.

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. ■

Paint and Varnish Industry

1990 Annual Survey of Manufactures

In 1990, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the paint and varnish industry (SIC 3751) totalled \$1,493.6 million, down 10.0% from \$1,659.6 million in 1989.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 6877.

The data for this industry will be released in *Chemical and Chemical Products Industries* (46-250, \$35).

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

Jewellery and Silverware Industry

1990 Annual Survey of Manufactures

In 1990, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the jewellery and silverware industry (SIC 3921) totalled \$445.0 million, up 2.5% from \$434.3 million in 1989.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 6888.

The data for this industry will be released in *Other Manufacturing Industries* (47-250, \$35).

For more detailed information on this release, contact S. Pépin (613-951-3514), Industry Division. ■

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Field Crop Reporting Series No. 6: August Estimates of Production of Principal Field Crops, Canada, 1992.

Catalogue number 22-002

(Canada: \$12/\$80; United States: US\$14/US\$96;
Other Countries: US\$16/US\$112).

Footwear Statistics, July 1992.

Catalogue number 33-002

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

Industrial Chemicals and Synthetic Resins, July 1992.

Catalogue number 46-002

(Canada: \$5.60/\$56; United States: US\$6.70/US\$67;
Other Countries: US\$7.80/US\$78).
(Canada: \$22; United States: US\$26;
Other Countries: US\$31).

Retail Trade, June 1992.

Catalogue number 63-005

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

Canada's International Transactions in Services, 1990 and 1991.

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Other Countries: US\$45).

Unemployment Insurance Statistics, June 1992.

Catalogue number 73-001

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