

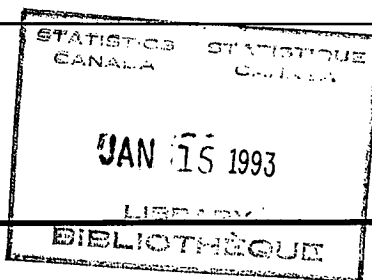


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MAJOR RELEASES

Preliminary Statement of Canadian International Trade

November 1992

Seasonally adjusted exports fell by \$280 million in November to \$13.7 billion. Contributing most to the overall decrease were lower exports of machinery and equipment excluding aircraft and other transportation equipment (-\$215 million), agricultural and fishing products (-\$123 million) and industrial goods other than precious metals (-\$109 million). Partially offsetting these declines were increased exports of forestry products (\$100 million) and automotive products (\$73 million).

Seasonally adjusted imports increased by \$539 million to reach \$12.7 billion in November, recovering almost completely from the decline in October. There were increased imports of virtually all commodities in November, the largest being aircraft and other transportation equipment (\$184 million), machinery and equipment other than aircraft and other transportation equipment (\$89 million) and automotive products (\$73 million).

Decreased exports combined with higher imports caused the merchandise trade surplus to decline by \$820 million to \$1.0 billion.

Trends

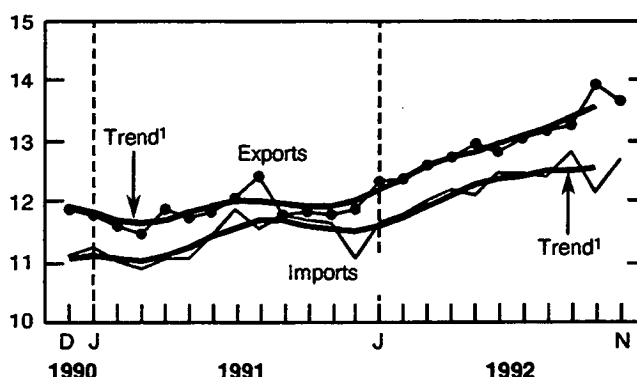
Seasonally adjusted series have been further smoothed using moving averages, to give a clearer picture of the underlying trends in trade.

Exports have been on an upward trend for a full year, increasing by an average of more than 1% each month. Increases were noted for all sectors except agriculture and energy. Among the more stable commodities, forestry products rose for the fourth consecutive month (4.1%). Machinery and equipment other than aircraft and other transportation equipment showed positive growth (2.7%) as did industrial goods other than precious metals (0.8%). Miscellaneous consumer goods have been on an upward trend for almost two years, and increased again in this period (0.8%). Among the more volatile commodity groupings, exports of precious metals rose by 10.0%. Exports of aircraft and other transportation equipment increased (1.8%) as did exports of automotive products (0.7%). Agricultural and fishing products declined by 3.7% as wheat exports fell 13.3%. Energy exports decreased marginally (-0.2%).

Merchandise Trade

Seasonally Adjusted
Balance of Payments Basis

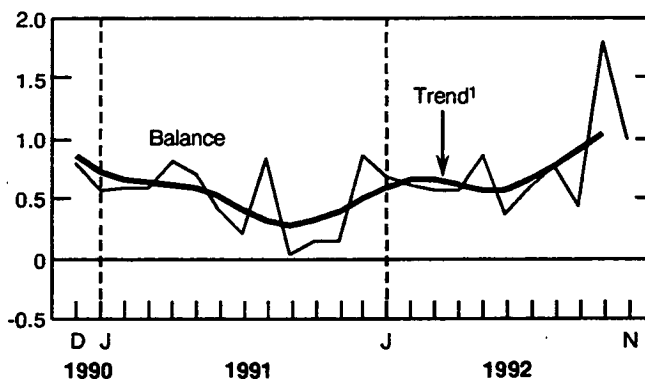
Billions of dollars



Merchandise Trade Balance

Seasonally Adjusted
Balance of Payments Basis

Billions of dollars



¹ The short-term trend represents a weighted average of the data.

Bolstered by the increase in this month's seasonally adjusted figures, the trend in imports increased by 0.2%. There were increases in the import trend for most of the more stable groups of commodities. Forestry products, agricultural and fishing products as well as miscellaneous consumer goods all grew nearly 1%. Industrial goods other than precious metals increased slightly (0.5%), but imports of machinery and equipment other than aircraft and

other transportation equipment fell by 0.2%. Except for a decline in energy products (-3.6%), imports increased in all the more volatile product groupings. Imports of automotive products increased by 0.2%. Aircraft and other transportation equipment increased by 1.3%, while imports of precious metals rose by 1.0%, reversing a seven-month trend.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 3620-3629, 3651, 3685-3713, 3718, 3719, 3887-3913.

Current account data which incorporate merchandise trade statistics, trade in services and capital account movements are available on a

quarterly basis in *Canada's Balance of International Payments* (67-001, \$27.50/\$110).

For further information on international trade statistics, *Preliminary Statement of Canadian International Trade* (65-001P, \$10/\$100) is now available. For more timely receipt of the data, a fax service is available on the morning of release (10-002, \$250). See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on statistics, concepts and definitions, order the November 1992 issue of *Summary of Canadian International Trade* (65-001, \$18.20/\$182), available the first week in February, or contact Gordon Blaney (613-951-9647), Client Services Section, International Trade Division.

Merchandise Trade of Canada (Seasonally Adjusted, Balance of Payments Basis) (\$ millions)

	Exports				Imports			
	November 1992	October 1992	September 1992	November 1991	November 1992	October 1992	September 1992	November 1991
United States	10,787	10,721	10,277	8,956	9,331	8,674	8,942	8,028
Other Trading Areas	2,868	3,214	2,946	2,788	3,342	3,460	3,855	3,590
Total	13,655	13,935	13,223	11,744	12,673	12,134	12,797	11,619
Agricultural and Fishing Products	1,072	1,196	1,294	1,072	840	827	845	764
Energy Products	1,324	1,306	1,401	1,279	513	470	563	553
Forestry Products	2,053	1,952	1,775	1,596	121	120	119	110
Industrial Goods and Materials	2,616	2,633	2,518	2,239	2,256	2,217	2,358	2,013
Machinery and Equipment	2,759	3,059	2,565	2,242	4,000	3,727	4,013	3,721
Automotive Products	3,222	3,149	3,080	2,815	2,826	2,753	2,855	2,637
Other Consumer Goods	329	346	337	265	1,662	1,620	1,659	1,461
Special Transactions Trade	318	337	291	270	406	353	340	302

Merchandise Trade of Canada, Monthly Variation of the Trend (percentage change)

	Exports				Imports			
	October 1992	September 1992	August 1992	October 1991	October 1992	September 1992	August 1992	October 1991
Agricultural and Fishing Products	-3.7	-2.5	-0.5	-0.6	0.9	1.1	1.3	-0.2
Energy Products	-0.2	0.2	0.6	1.4	-3.6	-3.3	-1.9	1.7
Forestry Products	4.1	3.8	2.9	-1.0	0.7	0.8	1.1	0.2
Industrial Goods and Materials	1.7	1.7	1.8	-0.6	0.5	0.6	0.6	-0.8
Machinery and Equipment	2.5	2.5	2.1	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.3	0.2
Automotive Products	0.7	0.5	0.2	-0.7	0.2	0.1	-0.0	-0.4
Other Consumer Goods	0.8	1.0	1.3	1.1	1.0	1.2	1.2	0.9
Special Transactions Trade	3.6	3.8	3.7	-0.0	3.1	2.8	2.2	0.3

Travel Between Canada and Other Countries

November 1992

Seasonally Adjusted Data

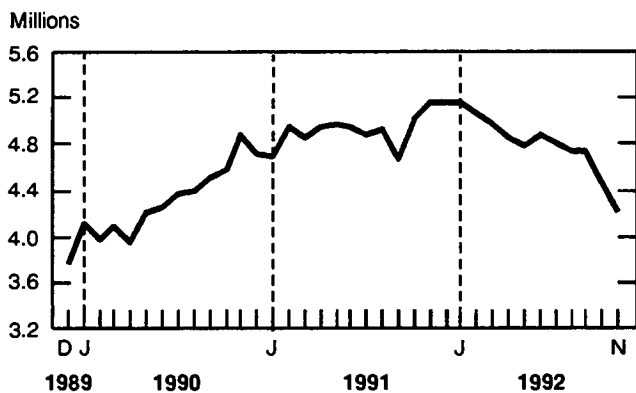
Seasonally adjusted data, which highlight month-to-month trends in international travel, show that the overall volume of non-resident travel to Canada was relatively stable in November. At the same time, outbound Canadian travel decreased.

November Highlights

- The number of same-day automobile trips by Canadian residents to the United States dropped

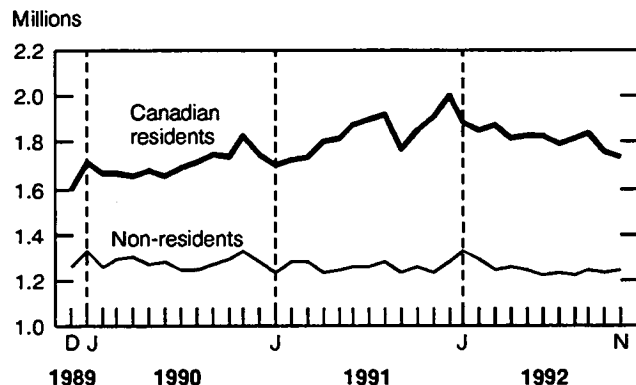
Same-day Trips by Canadian Residents to the United States, by Automobile

Seasonally adjusted



Trips of One or More Nights between Canada and Other Countries

Seasonally adjusted



5.8% to 4.2 million, the lowest seasonally adjusted level since May 1990. A downward trend in same-day, cross-border automobile trips by Canadian residents has been evident throughout 1992.

- The downward trend in automobile trips of one or more nights to the United States also continued, decreasing 6.0% to 1.0 million.
- The number of trips of one or more nights by all modes of travel (including automobile) to the United States decreased 2.5% to 1.5 million, but the number of trips to all other countries increased 5.5% to 264,000.
- The number of trips of one or more nights to Canada increased: trips from the United States rose 0.6% to 988,000 and trips from all other countries rose 2.1% to 245,000.

Unadjusted Data

- In terms of actual counts, same-day automobile trips by Canadian residents to the United States decreased to 4.0 million, a 19.8% drop from November 1991.
- Automobile trips of one or more nights to the United States also decreased, down 16.1% to 767,000.
- The number of trips of one or more nights to the United States by all modes of travel decreased 10.3% from November 1991 to 1.2 million, but similar trips to all other countries increased 3.4% to 201,000.
- The number of trips of one or more nights to Canada by residents of the United States decreased marginally (-0.2%) from November 1991 to 527,000. Meanwhile, the number of comparable trips by residents of all other countries increased 2.3% to 122,000.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 2661-2697.

The November 1992 issue of *International Travel - Advance Information* (66-001P, \$6.10/\$61) will be available shortly. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, contact Ruth McMillan (613-951-1791), International Travel Section, Education, Culture and Tourism Division. □

International Travel Between Canada and Other Countries

November 1992

	1992			
	August ^r	September ^r	October ^r	November ^P
	Seasonally Adjusted			
	('000)	('000)	('000)	('000)
One or More Nights Trips¹				
Non-resident Travellers:				
United States	976	993	982	988
Other Countries ²	242	248	240	245
Residents of Canada:				
United States	1,550	1,574	1,505	1,468
Other Countries	261	265	250	264
Total Trips				
Non-resident Travellers:				
United States	2,583	2,713	2,722	2,731
Other Countries	277	284	279	277
Residents of Canada:				
United States	6,309	6,440	6,033	5,797
Auto Re-entries				
Same-day	4,740	4,738	4,450	4,190
One or More Nights	1,119	1,117	1,102	1,035
	November 1992 ^P	% Change 1992/1991	Jan.-Nov. 1992 ^P	% Change 1992/1991
	Unadjusted			
	('000)		('000)	
One or More Nights Trips¹				
Non-resident Travellers:				
United States	527	-0.2	11,290	-1.5
Other Countries ²	122	2.3	2,780	0.2
Residents of Canada:				
United States	1,161	-10.3	17,655	-1.5
Other Countries	201	3.4	2,914	10.6
Same-day Trips				
Residents of Canada:				
United States ¹	4,056	-19.5	55,358	-1.9
Auto Re-entries	3,976	-19.8	53,236	-1.9

¹ Estimates for the United States include counts of auto and bus, and estimated numbers for plane, train, boat and other methods.

² Figures for "Other Countries" exclude same-day entries by land only, via the United States.

^P Preliminary.

^r Revised.

DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Export and Import Price Indexes

November 1992

Current- and fixed-weighted export and import price indexes (1986=100) on a balance of payments basis are now available. Price indexes are listed from January 1986 to November 1992 for the five commodity sections and 62/61 major commodity groups.

Customs-based current- and fixed-weighted U.S. price indexes (1986=100) are also available. Price indexes are listed from January 1986 to November 1992. Included with the U.S. commodity indexes are the 10 all-countries and U.S.-only SITC section indexes.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 3620-3629, 3651 and 3685.

The November 1992 issue of *Summary of Canadian International Trade* (65-001, \$18.20/\$182) will be available the first week of February. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, contact Denis Pilon (613-951-4808), Price Index Unit, International Trade Division. ■

Soft Drinks

December 1992

Data on soft drinks for December 1992 are now available.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 196.

Monthly Production of Soft Drinks (32-001, \$2.70/\$27) will be released at a later date.

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

Electric Lamps

December 1992

Canadian light bulb and tube manufacturers sold 24,943,473 light bulbs and tubes in December 1992, a decrease of 4.0% from the 25,971,293 units sold a year earlier.

Year-to-date sales at the end of December 1992 amounted to 266,800,235 light bulbs and tubes, down 1.9% from 272,016,608 sold during the same period in 1991.

The December 1992 issue of *Electric Lamps* (43-009, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date.

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

Electric Lamps

Fourth Quarter

Data on imports, manufacturers' production and inventories of electric lamps for the fourth quarter of 1992 are now available.

For more detailed information, contact Laurie Vincent (613-951-3523), Industry Division.

Shipments of Rolled Steel

November 1992

Rolled steel shipments for November 1992 totalled 1 100 366 tonnes, an increase of 6.7% from October's total of 1 031 577 tonnes and an increase of 10.3% from the year-earlier total of 997 353 tonnes.

Year-to-date shipments totalled 11 144 869 tonnes at the end of November 1992, an increase of 7.0% compared to 10 411 255 tonnes the previous year.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 58 and 122 (series 22-25).

The November 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. ■

Precious Metal Secondary Refining Industry

1991 Annual Survey of Manufactures

In 1991, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the precious metal secondary refining industry (SIC 3922) totalled \$167.0 million, up 1.1% from \$165.2 million in 1990.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 6889.

The data for this industry will be released in *Manufacturing industries of Canada: National and Provincial Areas* (31-203, \$68).

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

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**Summary of Canadian International Trade,
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US\$218; Other Countries: US\$25.50/US\$255).

**Preliminary Statement of Canadian International
Trade, November 1992.**

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

**Canada's Balance of International Payments,
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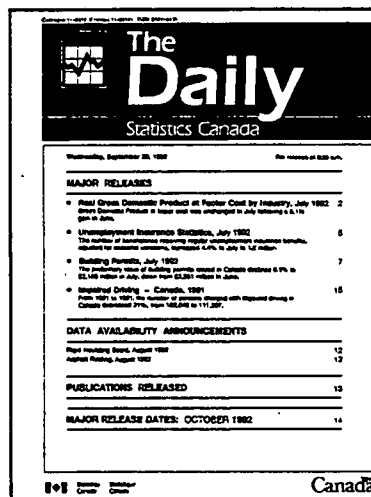
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20	Monthly Survey of Manufacturing	November 1992
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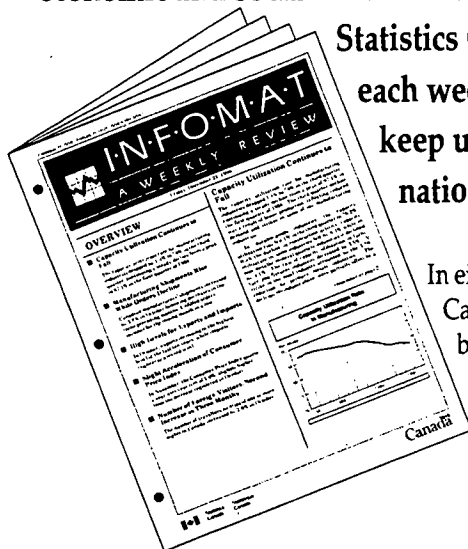


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