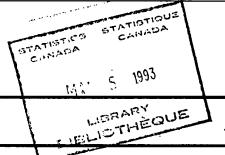


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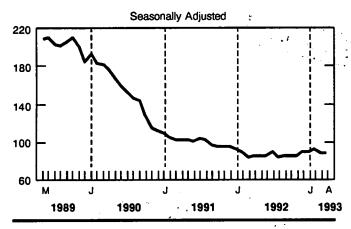
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Seasonally Adjusted Data

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Help-wanted Index, Canada (1991 = 100)



After reaching a peak of 217 at the beginning of 1989, the index started a downward trend. In 1990, the index dropped sharply. The downward trend slowed in 1991 and the index bottomed at 83 in early 1992. After fluctuating around this level until November, it then increased to 88 in December 1992.

Note to Users

The Help-wanted Index serves as an early indicator of changes in the demand for labour by monitoring the number of help-wanted ads published in 20 major metropolitan areas.

In January 1993, the Help-wanted Index was rebased to 1991 (1991 = 100). The revised estimates (starting in January 1981) are available on CANSIM and will be published in an occasional report, Help-wanted Index (71-540). On request, the revised data for Canada and the five regions can also be obtained for \$30 by fax or on diskette. Please contact André Picard (613-951-4045) for more information.

Changes by Region

Between March and April 1993, the Help-wanted index increased 8% for Ontario (from 85 to 92) and 2% for British Columbia (from 81 to 83). It was virtually unchanged for Quebec (from 88 to 89) and the Atlantic provinces (from 93 to 94). The regional index for the Prairie provinces decreased by 6% (from 84 to 79).

Compared with April 1992, the Help-wanted Index rose 18% for the Atlantic provinces and 11% for Ontario. Year-over-year, the index was almost unchanged for Quebec and British Columbia. The regional index for the Prairie provinces decreased 4% from the year before.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 105 (levels 8 and 9).

Help-wanted indices for metropolitan areas included in the survey and trend-cycle estimates are available on request.

For further information, contact André Picard (613-951-4045) or Horst Stiebert (613-951-4044), Labour Division (fax: 613-951-4087).

Help-wanted Index (1991 = 100)

Year and month	Canada	Atlantic Region	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Region	British Columbia
1992		Seasonally Adjusted				
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April	85	80	90	83	82	83
May	84	87	83	87	81	87
June	84	8 5	85	85	80	86
July	89	83	94	91	78	87
August	83	84	82	85	81	86
September	. 84	84 .	84	88	77	85
October	85	93	86	86	79	91
November	84	87	81	88	81	87
December	88	91	87	91	83	89
1993						
January	88	93	89	84	82	88
February	92	93	93	91	87	88
March	87	93	88	85	84	81
April	87	94	89	92	79	83

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Oil Pipeline Transport

February 1993

In February, net receipts of crude oil and refined petroleum products into Canadian pipelines totalled 14 547 435 cubic metres (m³), a 1.6% increase from the same period last year. Year-to-date receipts at the end of February, at 30 244 484 m³, were up 2.3% from 1992.

Pipeline exports of crude oil decreased to 3 680 139 cubic metres, down 1.4% from February 1992. Pipeline imports rose to 907 296 cubic metres, up 18.6% from a year earlier. Year-to-date exports at the end of February 1993 totalled 7 776 758 cubic metres, down 0.3% from 1992. Year-to-date imports totalled 1 824 287 cubic metres, up 7.4% from 1992.

Deliveries of crude oil by pipeline to Canadian refineries in February totalled 4 959 804 cubic metres, an increase of 3.7% from 1992. Deliveries of liquid petroleum gases and refined petroleum products in February decreased 11.7% to 361 188 cubic metres.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 181.

The February 1993 issue of *Oil Pipeline Transport* (55-001, \$10/\$100) will be available the second week of May. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Gerard O'Connor (613-951-3562), Energy Section, Industry Division.

Direct Selling in Canada

1991

Direct sales to Canadian household consumers totalled \$2,933.5 million in 1991, a decrease of 6.8% from \$3,148.8 million in 1990. (Direct sales refer to the retail marketing of consumer goods by channels other than retail stores).

The main commodities sold by direct sellers in 1991 were books, newspapers and magazines (\$904.7 million); food products (\$405.0 million); cosmetics and jewellery (\$290.4 million); and electrical appliances and household cleaners (\$156.5 million).

Available on CANSIM: matrix 34.

The 1991 issue of *Direct Selling in Canada* (63-218, \$22) will be available soon. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Tom Newton, Retail Trade Section, (613-951-3552), Industry Division.

Cement

March 1993

Canadian manufacturers shipped 472 040 tonnes of cement in March 1993, an increase of 6.9% from the 441 671^r (revised) tonnes shipped a year earlier and an increase of 45.1% from the 325 369^r tonnes shipped in February 1993.

For January to March 1993, shipments totalled 1 054 276 tonnes, down 1.1% from the 1 066 487 tonnes shipped during the same period in 1992.

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

The March 1993 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.

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