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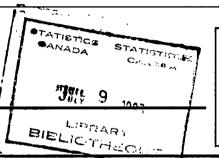
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## **MAJOR RELEASES**

# **Labour Force Survey**

June 1993

Statistics Canada's Labour Force survey indicated a marked improvement in the labour market situation in June, 1993. Employment rose sharply by an estimated 99,000, following slow overall growth in the first five months of the year. Unemployment was virtually unchanged, as the labour force expanded by 102,000. The unemployment rate edged down 0.1 to 11.3.

# Employment and employment/population ratio

#### Seasonally adjusted estimates

For the week ending June 19, 1993, employment rose 99,000 to 12,431,000, bringing the total employment increase since the trough in April 1992 to 258,000. Gains were realized in both full-time (+51,000) and part-time (+48,000) employment.

The increase in employment was concentrated among adult women (+52,000), with smaller gains among adult men (+27,000) and young women aged 15 to 24 (+18,000). Young men were the only group to see little change.

Trade recorded an increase of 52,000 in June, the second month of significant employment growth. Increases over May and June totalled 96,000, offsetting losses that occurred over the six preceding months.

Employment in community, business and personal services rose sharply (+61,000), with gains in both the commercial and non-commercial sectors. Employment in other primary industries increased by 6,000, while it fell in finance, insurance and real estate (-19,000).

Employment growth was particularly strong in British Columbia and Alberta. In British Columbia, employment rose by 32,000 (+2.1%), returning to the level recorded in late 1992 and resuming its upward trend. In Alberta, employment rose by 11,000 (+0.9%), bringing the growth in the last two months to 26,000.

In Ontario employment grew by 27,000 (+0.6%), offsetting small losses in the previous two months. This brings gains since the trough in April 1992 to 114,000, a recovery of 40% of the total loss in employment in Ontario over the recession.

Employment also increased in Nova Scotia by 6,000 (+1.7%). There was no significant change in the other provinces.

## **Unemployment and Participation Rate**

## Seasonally Adjusted Estimates

In June, the seasonally adjusted estimate of unemployment was little changed at 1,589,000, as employment kept pace with the strong growth in the labour force. A drop of 21,000 among adult women was offset by an increase of 22,000 among youths.

# Levels and Rates of Unemployment for June 1993 and the Monthly Changes

	Level	Change	Rate	Change
	'000		%	
Newfoundland	47	+ 1	19.8	+ 0.1
Prince Edward Island	12	0	18.3	- 0.3
Nova Scotia	62	0	14.6	- 0.2
New Brunswick	40	- 1	11.9	- 0.3
Quebec	459	+ 13	13.4	+ 0.3
Ontario	576	+ 3	10.7	0.0
Manitoba	55	+ 4	10.2	+ 0.6
Saskatchewan	36	- 2	7.5	- 0.4
Alberta	128	- 3	9.3	- 0.2
British Columbia	169	- 16	9.8	- 1.0

## Student Summer Employment

From May to September inclusive, data on the participation of students in the labour market are collected through the Labour Force Survey. Persons aged 15 to 24 who were attending school full-time in March 1993 are asked additional questions. The information is compiled for two categories of students: those who plan to return in the fall of 1993 (returning students) and those who do not plan to return at that time or are uncertain of their intentions.

Compared to a year ago, the estimated number of returning students rose by 102,000, while their employment rose by only 19,000. The employment/population ratio (the proportion of returning students who were employed) declined by 1.5 to 47.2, continuing the downward trend that began in the summer of 1990. In June 1989, the ratio was 57.6.

The drop in employment was most severe among older students. In June 1993 the employment/population ratio of returning students aged 20 to 24 was 63.1, 5.3 lower than a year ago, while it declined 1.1 to 41.9 among 15 to 19 year olds.

The participation rate of returning students in June 1993 was 58.1 (-2.3) and their unemployment rate declined to 18.9 (-0.5).

Labour market conditions improved somewhat for those youths who were students in March but do not intend to return to school in September. Compared to June 1992, unemployment for this group fell 0.3 to 20.7, while their employment/population ratio rose 1.0 to 60.4.

## **Involuntary Part-time Employment**

On a seasonally adjusted basis, part-time employment has grown by 286,000 (+14.9%) over the last three years while full-time employment is still 455,000 (-4.3%) below its June 1990 level. In June 1993, part-time employment accounted for a record 17.7% of all employment with 44.8% of employed youths, 22.4% of employed adult women, and 4.8% of employed adult men, working less than 30 hours per week.

The growth in involuntary part-time employment exceeds the growth in overall part-time. On an

unadjusted basis, since June 1990, involuntary part-time employment (persons who worked less than 30 hours a week because they could not find full-time work) has doubled from 422,000 to 848,000. Involuntary part-time workers now account for 39.2% of all part-time employment compared with 22.6% in June 1990. Most involuntary part-time workers are adult women (47.9%), while youths aged 15 to 24 account for 34.4%, and adult men 17.7%.

# Available on CANSIM AT 7 A.M. E.D.T.: matrices 2074, 2075, 2078-2107 and table 00799999.

For further information, available on the day of the release, order *Labour Force Information* (71-001P, \$6.30/\$63). The June 1993 issue of *The Labour Force* (71-001, \$17.90/\$179) will be available the third week of July. See "How to Order Publications".

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#### **Labour Force Characteristics**

	June 1 <b>99</b> 2	May 1993	June 1993	
		seasonally Adjusted		
Labour Force ('000)	13,833	13,918	14,020	
Employment ('000)	12,233	12,332	12,431	
Unemployment ('000)	1,600	1,586	1,589	
Unemployment Rate (%)	11.6	11.4	11.3	
Participation Rate (%)	65.7	65.2	65.6	
Employment/Population Ratio (%)	58.1	57.8	58.1	
	unadjusted			
Labour Force ('000)	14,134	14,030	14,338	
Employment ('000)	12,581	12,435	12,788	
Unemployment ('000)	1,553	1,595	1,550	
Unemployment Rate (%)	11.0	11.4	10.8	
Participation Rate (%)	67.2	65.7	67.1	
Employment/Population Ratio (%)	59.8	58.3	59.8	

## **New Motor Vehicle Sales**

May 1993 (Preliminary)

Seasonally adjusted estimates indicate that new motor vehicle sales totalled 101,000 units in May 1993, a 0.3% increase from the revised April figure. This is the highest level of sales reported since December 1992. This increase was due to stronger truck sales (+1.1%). Passenger car sales remained unchanged.

#### Unadjusted

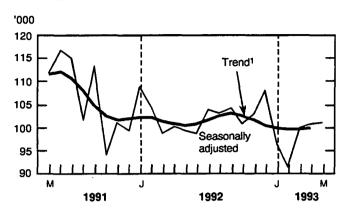
Sales of all new motor vehicles for May 1993 were 128,000 units, up 2.5% from May 1992. Sales of passenger cars decreased 2.6%, but truck sales rose by 13.1%.

May's decrease in passenger car sales stemmed from an 8.7% decrease for cars manufactured in Japan; there was a 1.7% increase for North American passenger cars.

In May, the North American share of the Canadian passenger car market rose to 66.5% from 63.7% a year earlier; the Japanese share fell from 28.7% to 26.9% for the same period.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 64.

### Monthly Sales of New Motor Vehicles, in Units



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The short-term trend represents a moving average of the data.

The May 1993 issue of *New Motor Vehicle Sales* (63-007, \$14.40/\$144) will be available in August. See "How to Order Publications".

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

	February 1993 <sup>r</sup>	March 1993 <sup>r</sup>	Aprii 1993	May 1993
	Units	Units	Units	Units
	% Change	% Change	% Change	% Change
		season	ally adjusted	
Total New Motor Vehicles	91,200 -5.3	99,620 + 9.2	100,663 + 1.0	101,011 + 0.3
	-5.5	+ 5.2	1.0	. 0.3
Passenger Cars by Origin:	05.047	40.000	44 400	44.050
North America <sup>1</sup>	35,017 -15.0	42,008 + 20.0	41,122 -2.1	41,356 + 0.6
	- 15.0	+ 20.0	-2.1	1 0.0
Imported <sup>2</sup>	21,512	21,573	22,556	22,271
	+1.2	+ 0.3	+4.6	-1.3
Total	56,529	63.581	63,678	63,626
Total	-9.5	+ 12.5	+ 0.2	-0.1
Trucks, Vans and Buses	34,671	36,040	36,985	37,384
·	+ 2.4	+ 3.9	+ 2.6	+ 1.1
	May	May 1992 to	January-May	January-May 1992
	1993	May 1993	1993	to January-May 1993
	Units	% Change	Units	% Change
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Total New Motor Vehicles	128,404	+ 2.5	502,765	-3.7
Passenger Cars by Origin:				
North America <sup>1</sup>	54,962	+ 1.7	207,816	-4.2
Japan <sup>2</sup>	22,221	-8.7	87,351	-14.4
Other Countries <sup>2</sup>	5,445	-15.1	22,801	-12.0
Total	82,628	-2.6	317,968	-7.8
Trucks, Vans and Buses by Origin:				
North America <sup>1</sup>	40,202	+ 15.9	162,488	+5.9
Imported <sup>2</sup>	5,474	-3.6	22,309	-6.1
Total	45,776	+ 13.1	184,797	+ 4.3

North American vehicles: motor vehicles manufactured or assembled in North America. These vehicles may be built by domestic or foreignwhen companies.

Imported vehicles: motor vehicles manufactured or assembled overseas and marketed in Canada by domestic or foreign-owned companies.

Preliminary figures. Revised figures.

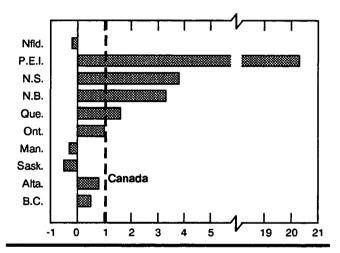
## **Farm Product Price Index**

May 1993

The Farm Product Price Index (1986 = 100) for Canada stood at 102.2 in May, up 1.0% from the revised April level of 101.2. The livestock and animal products index rose 1.2% to 110.3 – another record high – with increases in both the cattle and calves index and in the hogs index. The crops index rose 0.7% to 89.0, as an increase of 10.7% in the potatoes index more than offset decreases in the cereals index and in the oilseeds index.

#### Farm Product Price Index

% Change April 1993 to May 1993



#### Crops

The crops index rose 0.7% to 89.0 as the potatoes index increased sharply. Since the beginning of the 1992/93 crop year in August 1992, the index has remained at lows not seen since 1977/78. In May, the index stood 11.8% below its year-earlier level.

The potatoes index increased 10.7% to 113.2, following an increase of 7.2% in April. Nevertheless, the index remained 16.7% below its year-earlier level,

as Canadian potato production in the 1992/93 crop year was up 23.4% from the previous year.

The cereals index fell 1.4% to 70.6. Throughout 1992/93, the cereals index has been at its lowest levels since 1972/73. In May, oats, barley, and corn prices decreased in most provinces. The cereals index in May stood 24.7% below its year-earlier level.

The oilseeds index decreased 1.4% to 116.8. Flaxseed and canola prices fell but soybean prices were stable. The oilseeds index has decreased in the last three months but in May, it stood 14.8% above its year-earlier level.

#### **Livestock and Animal Products**

The livestock and animal products index rose 1.2% to 110.3 – a record high. The livestock and animal products index in May stood 9.6% above its year-earlier level.

The cattle and calves index also reached a new record, increasing 1.7% to 122.7. In each of the last five months, the cattle and calves index has established a new record. (In the United States, Omaha slaughter steer prices fell 0.6%, following a decrease of 0.1% in April and increases of 3.6% in March, 0.7% in February and 3.6% in January. Oklahoma feeder steer prices were up 0.5%.) Canadian cattle and calves slaughter to the end of May was off 6.5% from the same period last year. In May, the cattle and calves index stood 13.6% above its year-earlier level.

The hogs index rose 3.1% to 86.2, the eighth increase in the last nine months. For the first five months of 1993, Canadian slaughter was unchanged from the same period last year, while U.S. slaughter was up 0.9%. The hogs index stood 14.8% above its year-earlier level.

#### Available on CANSIM: matrix 176

The May issue of Farm Product Price Index (62-003, \$7.10/\$71), is scheduled for release on July 19. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, please contact Liz Leckie (613-951-2441), Farm Income and Prices Section, Agriculture Division.

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# Farm Product Price index 1986 = 100

	May 1992	April 1993	May 1993	May 1992 to May 1993	April 1993 to May 1993
				% c	hange
Total Index	100.7	101.2	102.2	1.5	1.0
Crops Index	100.9	88.4	89.0	-11.8	0.7
Cereals Index	93.8	71.6	70.6	-24.7	-1.4
Oilseeds Index	101.7	118.4	116.8	14.8	-1.4
Potatoes Index	135.9	102.3	113.2	-16.7	10.7
Livestock and Animal Products Index	100.6	109.0	110.3	9.6	1.2
Cattle and Calves Index	108.0	120.6	122.7	13.6	1.7
Hogs Index	75.1	83.6	86.2	14.8	3.1

## DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **Sugar Sales**

June 1993

Sugar refiners reported total sales of 97 286 tonnes for all types of sugar in June 1993, comprising 85 641 tonnes in domestic sales and 11 645 tonnes in export sales. The 1993 year-to-date sales reported for all types of sugar totalled 527 220 tonnes: 456 638 tonnes in domestic sales and 70 582 tonnes in export sales.

This compares to total sales of 103 098 tonnes in June 1992, of which 90 563 tonnes were domestic sales and 12 535 tonnes were export sales. The 1992 year-to-date sales reported for all types of sugar totalled 513 021 tonnes: 448 481 tonnes in domestic sales and 64 540 tonnes in export sales.

The June 1993 issue of *The Sugar Situation* (32-013, \$5.00/\$50) will be available shortly.

#### Available on CANSIM: matrix 141.

The June 1993 issue of *The Sugar Situation* (32-013, \$5/\$50) will be available shortly. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Peter Zylstra (613-951-3511), Industry Division.

# Particleboard, Waferboard and Fibreboard

May 1993

Waferboard production totalled 188 158 cubic metres in May 1993, a 13.6% increase from 165 656 cubic metres produced in May 1992. Particleboard production reached 119 149 cubic metres, up 10.6% from 107 746r (revised) cubic metres the previous year. Production of fibreboard for May 1993 was 8 380 thousand square metres, basis 3.175mm, a

0.6% increase from 8 332 thousand square metres, basis 3.175mm, of fibreboard produced in May 1992.

At month's end, year-to-date production of waferboard totalled 954 510 cubic metres, up 20.6% from 791 149 cubic metres produced in 1992. Year-to-date particleboard production was 533 597 cubic metres, up 13.5% from the 469 980r cubic metres. Year-to-date production of fibreboard reached 40 721 thousand square metres, basis 3.175mm, up 5.5% from 38 591 thousand square metres, basis 3.175mm, in 1992.

# Available on CANSIM: matrices 31 (series 2, 3 and 4) and 122 (series 8 and 34).

The May 1993 issue of *Particleboard*, *Waferboard* and *Fibreboard* (36-003, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date.

For more detailed information on this release, contact Jacques Lepage (613-951-3516), Industry Division.

# **Railway Operating Statistics**

March 1993

The seven major railways reported a combined net gain of \$37.3 million in March 1993. Operating revenues of \$661.1 million fell \$6.0 million or 0.9% from March 1992.

Revenue freight tonne-kilometres dropped 17.2% from March 1992. Freight train-kilometres increased 0.4% and freight car-kilometres decreased 2.5%.

All 1992 figures have been revised.

#### Available on CANSIM: matrix 142.

The March 1993 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 (613-951-2528), Transportation Division.

# **Production of Eggs**

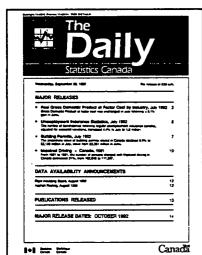
May 1993

Egg production in May 1993 totalled 40.2 million dozen, a 0.7% increase from May 1992. The average number of layers decreased 1.4% between May 1992 and 1993, but the number of eggs per 100 layers increased from 2,279 to 2,326.

# Available on CANSIM: matrices 1145, 1146 and 5689-5691.

To order *Production and Stocks of Eggs and Poultry*, (\$115/year), a statistical bulletin, contact Julie Gordon (613-951-5039).

For further information on this release, contact Conrad Barber-Dueck (613-951-2549), Livestock and Animal Products Section, Agriculture Division.



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15	Consumer Price Index	June 1993
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