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Unemployment Insurance Statistics

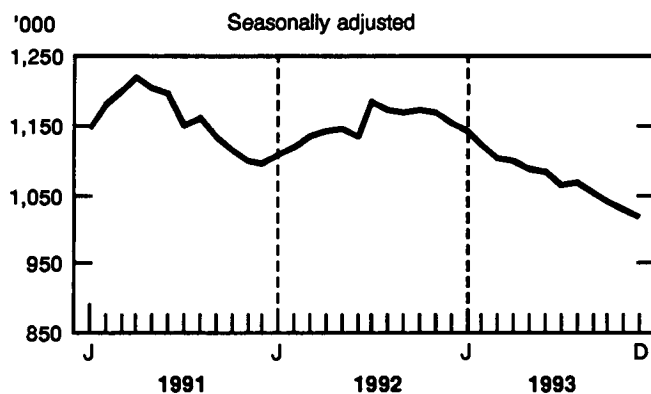
December 1993 (Preliminary)

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Seasonally adjusted

For the week ending December 11, 1993, the number of beneficiaries who received regular unemployment insurance benefits stood at 1,015,000, down 1.3% from a month earlier.

Beneficiaries receiving regular U. I. benefits



Between November and December 1993, the number of beneficiaries who received regular benefits declined in all jurisdictions except Saskatchewan and the Yukon, where slight increases were observed. Decreases exceeding 2% occurred in the Northwest Territories (-3.3%), Manitoba (-3.2%), Newfoundland (-2.8%), Alberta (-2.5%) and British Columbia (-2.4%).

Unadjusted

In December 1993, the number of beneficiaries (including all persons qualifying for regular and special unemployment insurance benefits) was estimated at 1,264,000, down 10.7% from December 1992. Year-over-year, the number of male beneficiaries decreased 12.1% to 704,000 and the number of female beneficiaries decreased 9.0% to 560,000.

Note to users

The number of beneficiaries represents those who qualified for unemployment insurance benefits during a specific week of the reference month.

Data on benefit payments, number of benefit weeks, and number of claims received relate to a complete calendar month and are usually final estimates. These estimates are affected by the number of working days in the reference month to process claims and pay benefits. It is common when making short-term comparisons to observe different trends between these data and the number of beneficiaries.

Benefits shown here include payments to schools and colleges to train beneficiaries (since February 1991) and payments to claimants as self-employment assistance (since June 1992).

Beneficiaries of all types of benefits

Census metropolitan area	Beneficiaries December 1993	Dec. 1992 to Dec. 1993
		% change
St. John's	12,400	-19.1
Halifax	13,400	-4.8
Saint John	5,540	-10.1
Chicoutimi-Jonquière	11,730	-2.9
Québec	35,750	-0.7
Sherbrooke	7,250	-15.9
Trois-Rivières	9,050	-9.1
Montréal	147,060	-13.7
Hull	10,570	-2.6
Ottawa	15,860	-16.6
Oshawa	10,420	28.8
Toronto	123,770	-15.3
Hamilton	18,590	-16.1
St. Catharines-Niagara	15,280	-16.0
Kitchener	10,620	-13.0
London	9,870	-16.7
Windsor	8,510	-13.3
Sudbury	6,520	-13.6
Thunder Bay	5,290	-8.6
Winnipeg	21,760	-14.7
Regina	5,240	-10.9
Saskatoon	7,030	-10.9
Calgary	26,060	-18.6
Edmonton	30,320	-9.8
Vancouver	59,080	-12.5
Victoria	8,650	-13.2

Unemployment insurance disbursements in December 1993 totalled \$1.5 billion, down 10.2% from December 1992. For 1993 as a whole, \$18.3 billion was paid in benefits, down 5.2% from 1992. The decrease in benefit payments in 1993 was attributable to a decline in the number of beneficiaries and to a reduction in the benefit rate—from 60% to 57% of insurable earnings—that became effective on April 4, 1993.

Regular benefits (which represent four-fifths of total benefits paid) amounted to \$14.6 billion in 1993. Next were training benefits at \$1.5 billion and family-related benefits (maternity, parental, adoption) at \$1.3 billion. The other special benefits totalled \$0.9 billion in 1993.

A total of 350,000 claims (applications) for unemployment insurance benefits were received in December 1993, down 9.6% from December 1992. For 1993 as a whole, 3,322,000 claims were received, a 12.7% decrease from 1992.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 26 (series 1.6), 5700-5717, 5735-5736.

The December 1993 issue of *Unemployment Insurance Statistics* (73-001, \$14.70/\$147), containing data for October, November and December 1993, will be available in March. See "How to Order Publications".

For information, contact Carole Lacroix (613-951-4039) or André Picard (613-951-4045), Labour Division (fax: 613-951-4087).

Unemployment Insurance statistics

		December 1992	October 1993	November 1993	December 1993	November 1993 to December 1993
		seasonally adjusted				% change
Regular benefits						
Beneficiaries	'000	1,154	1,037 ^r	1,028 ^P	1,015 ^P	-1.3
Amount paid	\$'000	1,297,528	1,144,538	1,153,084	1,157,471	0.4
Weeks of benefits	'000	5,055	4,448	4,499	4,521	0.5
						December 1992 to December 1993
		unadjusted				% change
All beneficiaries	'000	1,415	1,062 ^r	1,128 ^P	1,264 ^P	-10.7
Regular beneficiaries	'000	1,176	853 ^r	916 ^P	1,029 ^P	-12.5
Claims received	'000	388	288	386	350	-9.6
Amount paid	\$'000	1,642,919	1,146,671	1,349,944	1,475,611	-10.2
Weeks of benefits	'000	6,049	4,315	5,088	5,436	-10.1
Average weekly benefit	\$	260.33	255.38	257.77	262.01	0.6
		1992	1993		1992 to 1993	
						% change
Year-to-date						
Beneficiaries—average	'000	1,388		1,290 ^P		-7.1
Claims received	'000	3,806		3,322		-12.7
Amount paid	\$'000	19,308,233		18,296,646		-5.2
Weeks of benefits	'000	73,795		68,469		-7.2
Average weekly benefit	\$	254.72		260.20		2.2

^p Preliminary figures.

^r Revised figures.

"All beneficiaries" includes all claimants who receive regular benefits (e.g., because of lay-off) or special benefits (e.g., in case of sickness). ■

DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Corrugated Boxes and Wrappers

January 1994

Domestic shipments of corrugated boxes and wrappers totalled 173 825 thousand square metres in January 1994, up 17.2% from 148 283^r (revised) thousand square metres a year earlier.

The January 1994 issue of *Corrugated Boxes and Wrappers* (36-004, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date.

For detailed information on this release, contact Sandra Bohatyretz (613-951-3531), Industry Division. ■

Mineral Wool Including Fibrous Glass Insulation

January 1994

Manufacturers shipped 2 177 603 square metres of R12 factor (RSI 2.1) mineral wool batts in January 1994, down 28.0% from 3 023 325 square metres a year earlier and down 17.5% from 2 640 712 square metres a month earlier.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 40 and 122 (series 32 and 33).

The January 1994 issue of *Mineral Wool Including Fibrous Glass Insulation* (44-004, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date.

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

Production, Shipments and Stocks of Sawmills East of the Rockies

December 1993

Lumber production in sawmills east of the Rockies increased 12.6% to 2 049 227 cubic metres in December 1993, from 1 820 352 cubic metres after revisions in December 1992.

Stocks on hand at the end of December 1993 totalled 2 656 298 cubic metres, up 8.0% from 2 460 498 cubic metres in December 1992.

At the end of December 1993, year-to-date production totalled 25 831 652 cubic metres, up 15.9% from 22 292 670 cubic metres after revisions for the same period in 1992.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 53 (except series 1.2, 2.2 and 3.2) and 122 (series 2).

The December 1993 issue of *Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills East of the Rockies* (35-002, \$10/\$100) will be available later.

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

Tea, Coffee and Cocoa

December 1993

Data for the fourth quarter of 1993 on the production and stocks of tea, coffee and cocoa are now available.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 188 (series 1.7 and 1.8).

The December 1993 issue of *Production and Stocks of Tea, Coffee and Cocoa* (32-025, \$6.75/\$27) will be available shortly. See "How to Order Publications".

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

School Board Revenues and Expenditures

1900-1991 and 1973-1991

Data for the 1900-1991 period and for the 1973-1991 period are now available on school board revenues and expenditures.

Available on CANSIM: tables 00590301-00590303.

For more information, contact Claudio Pagliarello (613-951-1508), Education, Culture and Tourism Division. ■

Elementary and Secondary Education Expenditures

1954-55 to 1990-91 and 1993-94

Data for the 1954-55 to 1990-91 period (by type) and for 1993-94 (by source) are now available on elementary and secondary education expenditures.

Available on CANSIM: tables 00590305 and 00590306.

For more information, contact Claudio Pagliarello (613-951-1508), Education, Culture and Tourism Division. ■

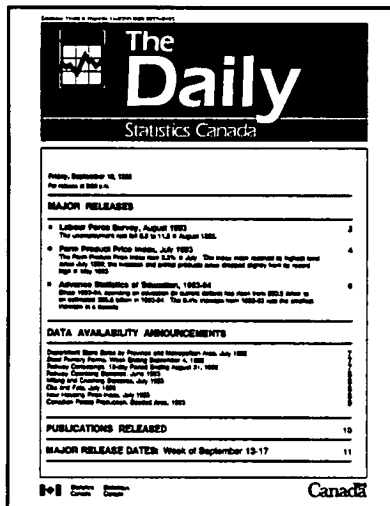
Private School Revenues and Expenditures

1947-48 to 1991-92

Data for the 1947-48 to 1991-92 period are now available for private school revenues and expenditures.

Available on CANSIM: tables 00590401 and 00590402.

For more information, contact Claudio Pagliarello (613-951-1508), Education, Culture and Tourism Division. ■



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Monthly, December 1993.

Catalogue number 32-011

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Production and Disposition of Tobacco Products,
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Construction Type Plywood, December 1993.
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