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Real Gross Domestic Product at Factor Cost by Industry

January 1994

Gross Domestic Product at factor cost inched ahead 0.1% after increasing by 0.6% in November and 0.5% in December. Goods production rebounded 0.5% following a flat December, but the growth was concentrated in several energy-related industries and was related to the cold weather. Excluding these industries, goods output dropped 0.7% in January. Output of services was unchanged after gaining 0.5% in November and 0.7% in December.

Goods-producing Industries

A sharp advance in output by utilities was largely responsible for the gain in goods production. Smaller increases were recorded in mining and forestry. Moderate cutbacks in manufacturing and construction restrained the advance, as did small declines in agriculture and fishing.

Output by utilities soared 7.6% after weakening in November and December. Electric power utilities boosted production 7.0% as very cold weather substantially increased demand for electricity. Output by gas distributors, who are about one-quarter the size of the power utilities, surged 14.1%. Exports of electricity and natural gas to the United States also increased sharply.

Mining output rose 1.0% after declining in two of the previous three months. Producers of crude oil and natural gas boosted production 4.2% and were responsible for most of the gain, which was concentrated in natural gas production. Operators of iron mines raised production 17.1% following a similar decline in December. Metal mines excluding gold reduced output for a fifth consecutive month; in January, production slumped 16.9% due to temporary closures. Nickel production was affected the most. Producers of potash and coal also cut output sharply.

In manufacturing, output fell 0.4% after growing 0.8% a month on average between August and December 1993. (Employment in manufacturing also dropped in January but rebounded in February.) Ten of 21 major groups recorded lower output in January compared with five in November and eight in December. Manufacturers of primary metals, chemicals, and paper and allied products reduced output the most. Higher production of metal fabricated and wood products partly offset the losses.

A 3.5% decline in production of primary metals was concentrated in the smelting and refining industry. Smelters and refiners slashed output 9.7% as production, notably of nickel, was curbed by temporary closures. Manufacturers of aluminum also reduced output as world supply continued to exceed demand, and prices remained low. Producers of iron and steel increased output 1.6% despite lower shipments to most of their customers.

Production of chemical products fell 1.9%, its second consecutive monthly decline. Manufacturers of industrial chemicals cut output by 4.7%, reflecting a temporary closure. Manufacturers of soaps and cleaning products reduced output 6.5%. Shipments in this industry have dropped in four of the last five months, while unfilled orders have sagged since June 1993.

Output of paper and allied products dropped 1.1% after advancing in each of the last four months. The weakness in January was widespread, but a 0.7% reduction in the production of pulp and paper accounted for half the overall decline. Pulp output fell 2.2% as manufacturers continued to draw from inventory to meet demand. Production of newsprint slipped 0.6%, continuing to fluctuate around a flat trend. Higher consumption and lower inventories of paper in the United States may spur increased production in Canada.

Manufacturers of metal fabricated products raised output 2.2% following a 1.1% decline in December. Metal stamping and hardware production increased the most.

Wood production rose 1.6%, bolstered by a 1.5% advance in the sawmill industry. Inventories of lumber soared due to lower shipments to the United States, where the cold weather slowed activity on residential projects. Shipments of lumber were also disrupted by the dockworkers' strike in British Columbia during the last week of January. Manufacturers of veneer and plywood also contributed to the strength.

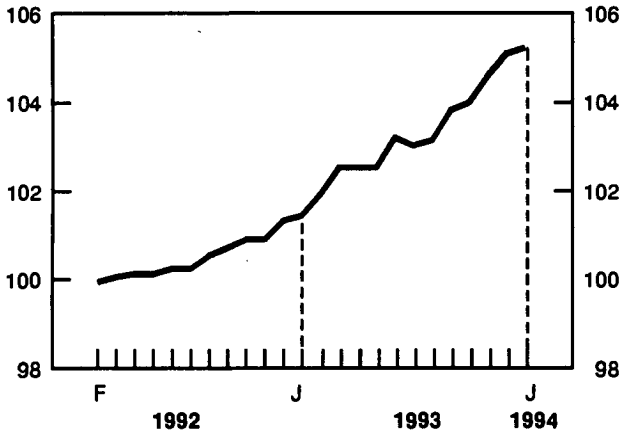
Production of transportation equipment was unchanged in January, and has remained at about the same level since October 1993. Motor vehicle assembly fell 1.3% as temporary plant closures for retooling continued to curtailed production. Some plants were reopened in January, but a return to full production is not expected until later this year. Manufacturers of parts marginally reduced output following several sharp increases.

Gross Domestic Product

Seasonally adjusted at 1986 prices

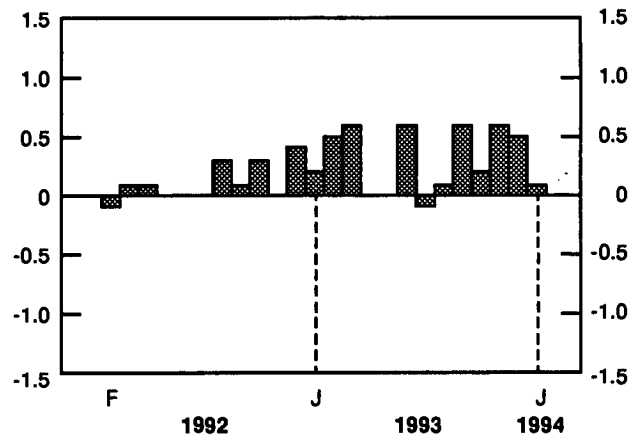
Total economy

Index (January 1992 = 100)



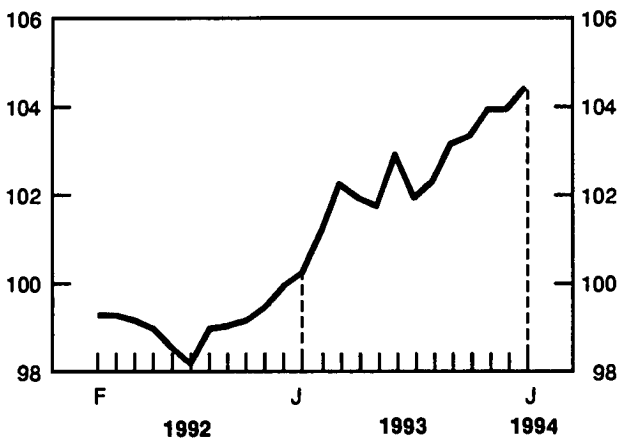
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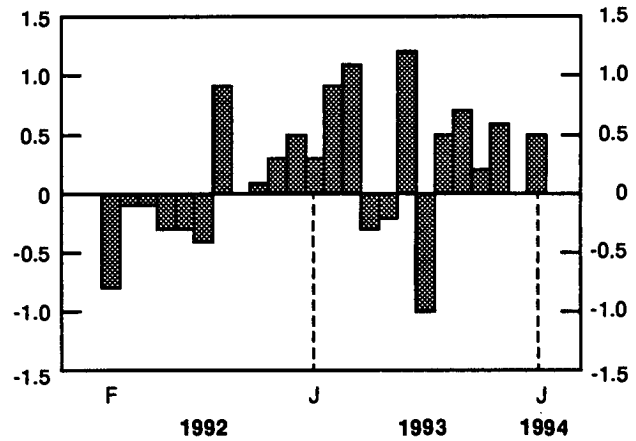
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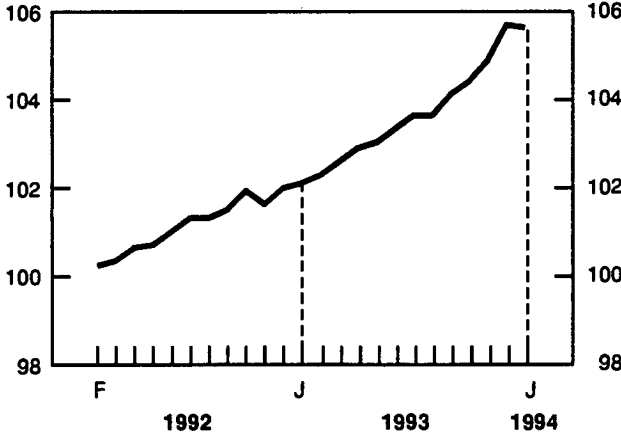
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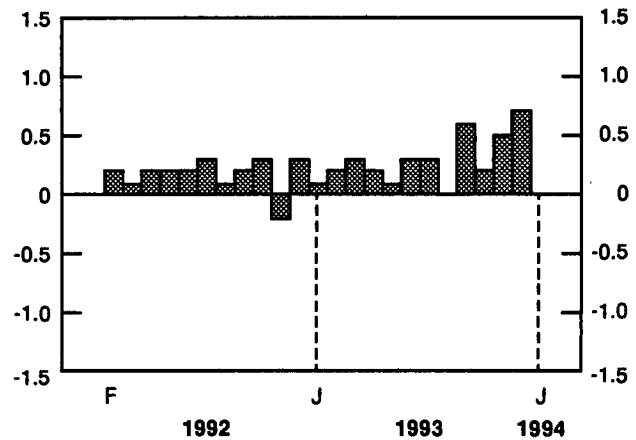
Services

Index (January 1992 = 100)



Services

% change



Construction declined 0.3% following four consecutive monthly advances. Activity on engineering projects continued to improve, but the gain was more than offset by declines in residential and non-residential construction. Activity on industrial buildings, which contributed to the growth in non-residential construction in 1993, has been almost unchanged since November 1993. Activity on commercial and public projects continued to slide. After strengthening for several months, construction of apartments fell and, combined with a decline in the construction of single dwellings, residential construction receded 1.4% in January.

Services-producing Industries

Community, business and personal services, wholesale trade, and transportation and storage services were responsible for most of the slower growth in services. Education services, affected by temporary closures, and communications also contributed to the weakness. Gains in the finance group, retail trade, and government services offset these losses.

Output of community, business and personal services fell 0.7% following increases in November and December. Declines in amusement, and accommodation and food services accounted for most of the drop. Output for these two industries was lower than a year earlier. Lower output in business and health services reinforced the weakness.

Wholesalers lost 0.9% in sales following growth averaging 1.5% a month between September and December. Sales fell for seven of 11 trade groups. Sales of farm machinery and other machinery and equipment accounted for two-thirds of the decline as a federal tax credit for investment in machinery and equipment expired at the end of December.

Transportation and storage services fell 1.2%. Transportation services dropped 2.6%—reflecting declines in rail, truck, and water transport. Railway transportation tumbled 6.6% offsetting the gain in December. Carloadings of grain, coal and coke, and lumber dropped the most. Trucking declined 1.6% as lower shipments by manufacturers and wholesalers reduced demand. Output of pipelines rebounded 5.5% following declines in the previous two months. Throughput of natural gas jumped 5.9% as domestic and foreign demand soared due to the cold weather.

Finance, insurance and real estate services slowed to a 0.6% gain after increasing 1.4% on average in the previous two months. Activity by mutual funds and securities brokers continued to advance, but sales by mutual funds slowed considerably following three strong increases. Real estate activities fell after sharp gains in the previous two months.

Retail sales rose rapidly for a second consecutive month, gaining 1.1% after a 0.9% increase in December. Only four of 18 trade groups recorded lower sales in January. Retailers of automotive parts and general merchandise stores posted the largest increases. Lower sales by retailers of furniture and household appliances and by motor vehicle dealers moderated the overall gain. Although total motor vehicles sales fell in January, sales of models built in North America continued to progress.

Government services rebounded 0.8% after declining 0.9% in December, when several provincial administrations implemented forced holidays.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 4670-4674.

The January 1994 issue of *Gross Domestic Product by Industry* (15-001, \$12.70/\$127) will be released in April.

For further information, contact Michel Girard (613-951-9145), Industry Measures and Analysis Division. □

Gross Domestic Product at factor cost by Industry

	January 1993	October 1993	November 1993	December 1993	January 1994
\$ millions at 1986 prices					
seasonally adjusted at annual rates					
Total economy	508,958.9	521,827.0	524,726.6	527,212.9	527,994.0
Goods-producing industries	170,021.9	175,331.1	176,379.2	176,298.1	177,244.7
Services-producing industries	338,937.0	346,495.9	348,347.4	350,914.8	350,749.3
Business sector	415,614.5	429,233.9	432,219.9	435,068.1	435,760.7
Goods	169,052.7	174,343.1	175,387.4	175,287.0	176,232.9
Agriculture	11,164.2	11,999.9	11,948.6	11,984.8	11,907.4
Fishing and trapping	823.1	737.4	726.4	709.5	698.7
Logging	3,291.4	3,282.3	3,263.1	3,242.7	3,354.1
Mining	20,064.5	21,912.6	22,056.2	21,527.1	21,751.6
Manufacturing	90,635.1	93,415.8	94,175.5	94,621.9	94,246.4
Construction	27,575.6	27,410.5	27,654.3	27,926.8	27,832.6
Other utility industries	15,498.8	15,584.6	15,563.3	15,274.2	16,442.1
Services	246,561.8	254,890.8	256,832.5	259,781.1	259,527.8
Transportation and storage	21,874.2	23,087.0	22,897.5	23,134.0	22,867.5
Communications	19,278.1	19,593.2	19,851.2	20,123.7	20,041.9
Wholesale trade	30,849.5	32,606.8	33,182.4	33,624.3	33,312.2
Retail trade	30,808.1	31,143.2	31,124.7	31,413.5	31,748.5
Finance, insurance and real estate	83,121.7	87,397.5	88,395.9	89,995.3	90,520.0
Community, business and personal services	60,630.2	61,063.1	61,380.8	61,490.3	61,037.7
Non-business sector	93,344.4	92,593.1	92,506.7	92,144.8	92,233.3
Goods	969.2	988.0	991.8	1,011.1	1,011.8
Services	92,375.2	91,605.1	91,514.9	91,133.7	91,221.5
Government services	34,202.4	33,688.4	33,643.9	33,326.2	33,595.9
Community and personal services	54,567.8	54,279.6	54,273.5	54,243.5	54,050.8
Other services	3,605.0	3,637.1	3,597.5	3,564.0	3,574.8
Other aggregations					
Industrial production	127,167.6	131,901.0	132,786.8	132,434.3	133,451.9
Non-durable manufacturing	41,834.2	42,192.8	42,460.9	42,334.8	42,080.7
Durable manufacturing	48,800.9	51,223.0	51,714.6	52,287.1	52,165.7

DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth Custody in Canada

1992-93

This report profiles youth custody in 1992-93, and summarizes trends in custodial dispositions. In 1992-93, custodial dispositions were ordered in youth courts in about one-third (31%) of all cases resulting in convictions. In 1992-93, the average daily count of youths in custodial facilities across the country was 4,734, a 7% increase from 1991-92. Of those youths in custody, 38% were held in secure custody, 44% in open custody and 18% were on remand.

The Vol. 14, No. 11 issue of *Juristat: Youth Custody in Canada, 1992-93* (85-002, \$3.60/\$65) is now available. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, contact the Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics (613-951-9023 or toll-free 1-800-387-2231). ■

1991 Census Technical Reports: Labour Force Activity, Income, and Coverage

Three new reports from the 1991 Census Technical Reports Series are now available: *Labour Force Activity, Income, and Coverage*.

The Technical Reports Series examines the quality of the 1991 Census data and informs users of the following: the conceptual framework and definitions used in data collection; any unusual circumstances that may influence the data; principal sources of error; and, where possible, the size of the error.

The reports released today examine the quality of the income and labour force activity data as well as data coverage issues.

To obtain a copy of *Labour Force Activity* (92-337E, \$20), *Income* (92-340E, \$20) or *Coverage* (92-341E, \$20), see "How to Order Publications".

For further information, contact your nearest Statistics Canada Regional Reference Centre. ■

Steel Primary Forms

Week Ending March 26, 1994 (Preliminary)

Steel primary forms production for the week ending March 26, 1994 totalled 237 667 tonnes, down 13.4% from the week-earlier 274 364 tonnes and down 16.0% from the year-earlier 282 826 tonnes.

The cumulative total at the end of the week was 3 106 794 tonnes, a 5.0% decrease from 3 271 844 tonnes for the same period in 1993.

For further information on this release, contact Greg Milsom (613-951-9827), Industry Division. ■

Coal and Coke Statistics

January 1994

Coal production totalled 6 209 kilotonnes in January 1994, up 10.8% from January 1993.

Exports in January rose to 1 751 kilotonnes, up 10.6% from January 1993; imports increased 100.0% to 10 kilotonnes.

Coke production in January 1994 decreased to 272 kilotonnes, down 13.0% from January 1993.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 9.

The January 1994 issue of *Coal and Coke Statistics* (45-002, \$10/\$100) will be available the last week of March. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, contact Dave Madsen (613-951-9823), Energy Section, Industry Division. ■

Electric Power Statistics

January 1994

Net generation of electric energy in January 1994 increased to 54 976 gigawatt hours (GW.h), up 7.6% from January 1993. Record cold weather throughout most of Canada in January 1994 caused net generation of electricity to increase dramatically. Exports in January jumped 35.2% to 3 529 GW.h; imports decreased from 570 GW.h to 534 GW.h.

Electric energy generation by type was as follows in January 1994: hydro 34 074 GW.h (+4.4%), nuclear 8 833 GW.h (+18.6%), and thermal conventional 12 068 GW.h (+9.5%).

Available on CANSIM: matrices 3987-3999.

The January 1994 issue of *Electric Power Statistics* (57-001, \$9/\$90) will be available the first week of April. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, contact Dave Madsen (613-951-9823), Energy Section, Industry Division. ■

Cement

February 1994

Manufacturers shipped 303 444 tonnes of cement in February 1994, down 6.7% from 325 369^r (revised) tonnes in February 1993 but up 6.8% from 284 212^r tonnes in January 1994.

For January to February 1994, shipments totalled 587 656^r tonnes, up 0.9% from 582 236^r tonnes during the same period in 1993.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 92 (series 1.1 and 1.2) and 122 (series 35).

The February 1994 issue of *Cement* (44-001, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date.

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

Annual Survey of Manufactures


1992

Data at the national level for all industries are now available from the 1992 annual Survey of Manufactures.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 5380-5586 and 6848-6899.

The data will be released in the major group publication series (catalogue numbers 32-250 to 47-250, \$38 and 35-250, \$53).

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



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- **Labour Force Survey, August 1993**
The unemployment rate fell 0.3 to 11.3 in August 1993.
- **Plant Shutdown Price Index, July 1993**
The Plant Shutdown Price Index rose 0.2% in July. The index index reported in August 1993 rose 0.1% in July. The index index reported in August 1993 rose 0.1% in July.
- **Advanced Statistics of Education, 1993-94**
Since 1993-94, spending on education (in current dollars) has risen from \$52.2 billion to \$52.8 billion in 1993-94. The 0.4% increase from 1992-93 was the smallest increase in a decade.

DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Department Store Sales at Prices and Manufacturers' Prices, July 1993**
Based on the 1993 Survey of Retail Sales, Statistics Canada, July 1993.
- **Population Censuses, 1991-92**
Population Censuses, 1991-92, Statistics Canada, July 1993.
- **Shipping and Carrying Charges, July 1993**
Shipping and Carrying Charges, July 1993, Statistics Canada, July 1993.
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Coal Mines, 1992.

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**Private and Public Investment in Canada,
Intentions 1994.**

Catalogue number 61-205

(Canada: \$30; United States: US\$36;
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Construction Price Statistics, Fourth Quarter 1993.

Catalogue number 62-007

(Canada: \$18/\$72; United States: US\$21.50/US\$86;
Other Countries: US\$25.25/US\$101).

**Juristat Service Bulletin: Youth Custody in
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Catalogue number 85-002

(Canada: \$3.60/\$65; United States: US\$4.30/US\$78;
Other Countries: US\$5/US\$91).

Television Viewing, 1992.

Catalogue number 87-208

(Canada: \$26; United States: US\$31;
Other Countries: US\$36).

**Labour Force Activity, 1991 Census Technical
Reports.**

Catalogue number 92-337E

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11	New Housing Price Index	February 1994
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15	Consumer Price Index (CPI)	March 1994
18	Building Permits	February 1994
19	Composite Index	March 1994
19	Canadian International Trade	February 1994
19	Monthly Survey of Manufacturing	February 1994
19	Department Store Sales Advance Release	March 1994
20	Sales of Natural Gas	February 1994
22	Retail Trade	February 1994
25	Canada's International Transactions in Securities	February 1994
25	Wholesale Trade	February 1994
27	Industrial Product Price Index and Raw Materials Price Index	March 1994
27	Unemployment Insurance Statistics	February 1994
28	Field Crop Reporting Series: March Seeding Intentions	
28	Employment, Earnings and Hours	February 1994
29	Real Gross Domestic Product By Industry at Factor Cost	February 1994
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