

STATISTIQUE STATISTICS CANADA CANADA Wednesday, July 6, 1994 For release at 8:30 a.m. 1994 **MAJOR RELEASE** LIBRARY **Short-term expectations survey** 2 A new series of forecasts from a small group of economists is released today. DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS Oil pipeline transport, April 1994 Industrial chemicals and synthetic resins, May 1994 Specified domestic electrical appliances, May 1994 PUBLICATIONS RELEASED 5 REGIONAL REFERENCE CENTRES 6

# Profiles of census tracts—part b

1991 Census

Another five census tract profiles from the 1991 Census are now available. Each publication provides data collected from a 20% sample of households on characteristics such as home language, ethnic origin, place of birth, education, religion, labour force activity, housing costs, and income.

Census tracts are presented in numerical order within each centre. Data for the component census subdivisions are also shown.

The area profile series publications released today are listed under "Publications released" on page 5 of today's *Daily*. To purchase any of these publications, see "How to order publications."

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# **MAJOR RELEASE**

# Short-term expectations survey

The increase in the consumer price index for June is forecast at 0.1%, with minimum and maximum values of -0.2% and +0.5%, respectively. For May, the mean forecast was overestimated at +0.3%, compared with an outcome of -0.2%.

The mean forecast of the unemployment rate for June is 10.7% (minimum 10.5%, maximum 10.9%). For May, the mean forecast was overestimated at 10.9%, compared to an outcome of 10.7%.

Merchandise exports for May are forecast to be \$17.4 billion, with a minimum of \$17.0 billion and a maximum of \$18.2 billion. For April, the mean forecast (\$16.3 billion) underestimated the outcome by \$1.0 billion. The forecast of imports for May was \$16.3 billion, with a minimum of \$15.9 billion and a maximum of \$17.0 billion. For April, the mean forecast (\$15.7 billion) slightly underestimated the outcome of \$16.1 billion.

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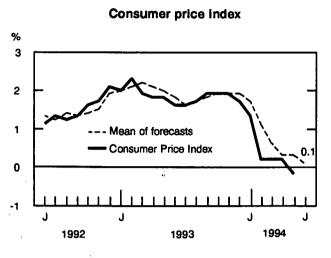
Since April 1990, Statistics Canada has canvassed every month a small group of economic analysts (an average of 20 participants) for a one-month-ahead forecast of key economic indicators.

This month, participants forecast the year-over-year change in the consumer price index and in the unemployment rate for June 1994, the levels of merchandise exports and imports for May 1994, as well as the month-to-month change in real gross domestic product at factor cost for May 1994. The next release is scheduled for August 2nd.

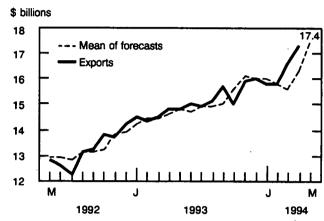
Real gross domestic product at factor cost is forecast to have changed by +0.4% between April and May 1994, (minimum +0.1%, maximum +0.6%). Between March and April 1994, the mean forecast was the same as the outcome at +0.3%.

For a set of tables or further information on this release, contact Diane Lachapelle (613-951-0568).

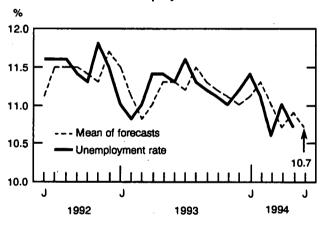
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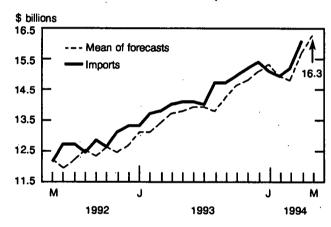
## Merchandise exports



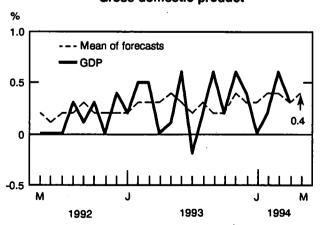
## **Unemployment rate**



## Merchandise imports



## **Gross domestic product**



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# DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

# Oil pipeline transport

April 1994

In April, net receipts of crude oil and refined petroleum products into pipelines increased 6.7% from April 1993, to 16 088 475 cubic metres (m³). For January to April 1994, year-to-date receipts, at 66 121 266 m³, were up 7.7% from 1993.

Pipeline exports of crude oil increased 16.9% from April 1993, to 4 501 436 m³. Pipeline imports rose to 944 846 m³, an 18.2% increase from April 1993. Year-to-date exports to the end of April 1994 (17 918 600 m³) were up 14.3% from 1993, whereas year-to-date imports (3 564 517 m³) were down 0.4%.

April deliveries of crude oil by pipeline to Canadian refineries totalled 5 277 082 m<sup>3</sup>, a 16.2% increase from April 1993; April deliveries of liquid petroleum gases and refined petroleum products increased 41.2% to 490 877 m<sup>3</sup>.

#### Available on CANSIM: matrix 181.

The April 1994 issue of *Oil pipeline transport* (55-001, \$11/\$110) will be available next week. See "How to order publications".

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

# Industrial chemicals and synthetic resins May 1994

Chemical firms produced 157 514 tonnes of polyethylene synthetic resins in May 1994, a 1.5% increase from 155 130<sup>r</sup> (revised) tonnes in May 1993.

For January to May 1994, production totalled 751 636 tonnes, up 4.4% from 719 993r tonnes a year earlier.

Data are also available on production of three other types of synthetic resins and 24 industrial chemicals for May 1993 and May 1994.

## Available on CANSIM: matrix 951.

The May 1994 issue of *Industrial chemicals and* synthetic resins (46-002, \$6/\$60) will be available later.

For further information on this release, contact Raj Sehdev (613-951-3513), Industry Division.

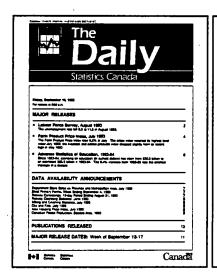
# **Specified domestic electrical appliances**May 1994

Electrical appliance manufacturers shipped 50,589 kitchen appliances in May 1994.

For January to May 1994, year-to-date shipments of kitchen appliances amounted to 195,246 units.

The May 1994 issue of Specified domestic electrical appliances (43-003, \$6/\$60) will be available later.

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Monthly survey of manufacturing, April 1994. Catalogue number 31-001

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Profile of census tracts in Hamilton—part B, 1991 Census.

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other countries: US\$56).

Profile of census tracts in London, Sarnia, Clearwater and Windsor—part B, 1991 Census. Catalogue number 95-347

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Profile of census tracts in Lethbridge and Red Deer—part B, 1991 Census.
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