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Perspectives on labour and income announces the advance availability of its supplement, *The labour market: mid-year review*. This special supplement summarizes changes and trends in the labour market during the first six months of 1994.

It can be ordered today and is available via fax service only at a cost of $15 payable by VISA or MasterCard. To order the supplement, contact Suzanne David (613-951-4628), Labour and Household Surveys Analysis Division.

The regular release date for the autumn 1994 issue of *Perspectives on labour and income* (75-001E, $14/$56), including *The labour market: mid-year review*, will be in early September. See "How to order publications".

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The labour market: mid-year review
1994

After more than a year of economic growth, the pace of job creation finally increased enough to nudge the unemployment rate below 11% in the second quarter of 1994.

Despite a difficult January—record cold, a dock-workers strike and major shutdowns in the auto sector all hampered production, shipments and employment—a number of indicators over the first four months of 1994 pointed to a strengthening economic recovery. This performance was consistent with a rise in consumer confidence in the fourth quarter of 1993 and at the beginning of 1994.

Growth in consumer spending has pulled employment up in 1994

* *Personal expenditure on consumer goods and services (at 1986 prices)*
Sources: *National Accounts and Environment Division and labour force survey*

The labour market brightens

Employment jumped by 139,000 between December 1993 and June 1994. The monthly gains averaged 23,000, considerably more than the monthly average of 13,000 in 1993.

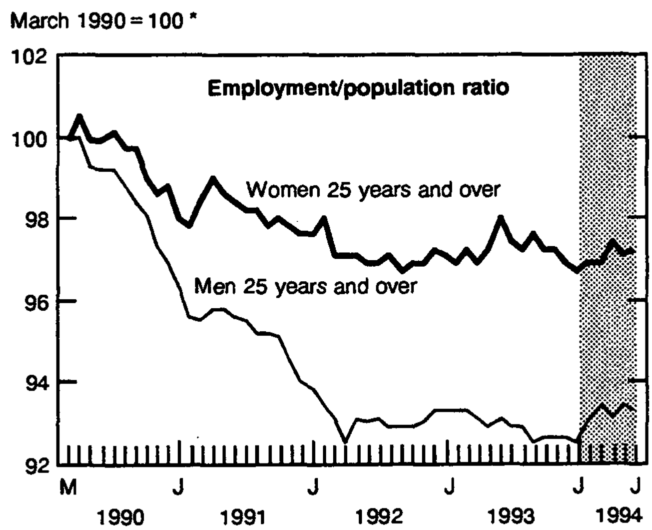
All of the employment growth from the end of 1993 to mid-1994 was full-time employment. In fact, part-time employment dropped by 46,000 over the same period.

Improved prospects for adults

Adults (aged 25 and over) have benefited most from the recent improvement in the labour market. All the gain for adult men was full-time employment, continuing the upward trend and finally offsetting the large declines of 1990 and 1991. Until 1994, employment growth for adult women had largely been part-time employment. But, as with adult men, the gain for the first half of 1994 was full-time employment.

Although these recent improvements are encouraging, the pace of job creation among adult workers must accelerate even more if employment growth is to keep pace with their population growth. In fact, in June 1994, the employment rate (employment/population ratio) of adult men stood below their March 1990 rate; the rate for adult women was down only slightly.

Employment growth among adults continues to lag behind their population growth



* *GDP cyclical peak*
Source: *labour force survey*

Youth employment stabilizes

Although the recovery still eludes youths aged 15 to 24, the summer began on a promising note. After falling sharply four years in a row, the May to June employment rate (employment/population ratio) for returning students stabilized at 45%. Gains among those aged 20 to 24 outnumbered employment losses among younger students.

Better performance in the goods-producing industries

Throughout the first half of 1994, the goods-producing industries were major contributors to employment growth. These industries represent only about one-quarter of all employment, however, they have accounted for more than one-third of the overall employment gain since December 1993. Construction was primarily responsible for this growth in the goods-producing industries, up a very strong 80,000 in the first six months of 1994, despite a setback of 21,000 in June.

In spite of a slowdown during the latest few months, average weekly hours in the goods-producing industries were still higher in the first half of 1994 than in the first half of 1993 but were well below their peak levels of the late 1980s.

To order the supplement via fax service ($15), contact Suzanne David (613-951-4628), Labour and Household Surveys Division.

For further information on this release, contact Deborah Sunter (613-951-4740), Household Surveys Division. ■

Non-residential building construction price indexes

Second quarter 1994

The composite price index for non-residential building construction (1986 = 100) for the second quarter of 1994 rose to 124.3, a 1.0% increase from the first quarter. The composite increased 1.9% from the second quarter of 1993, the highest year-over-year increase since the second quarter of 1990.

Toronto registered the largest quarterly change (+1.5%) followed closely by Ottawa (+1.4%). Contractors reported that these changes were mostly due to increased wages for approximately two-thirds of unionized construction trades. Halifax showed a +0.9% quarterly change, while Calgary and Edmonton both showed +0.7% changes from the previous quarter. Montréal (+0.6%) and Vancouver (+0.4%) registered the smallest quarterly changes of the seven cities surveyed. The small increases in Montréal and Vancouver may be explained, for the most part, by the fact that no construction union wage increases occurred during the quarter.

Year-over-year, Toronto again showed the greatest change at +2.4%, which was also the highest change for Toronto since the second quarter of 1990. Increased materials prices and higher construction union wages were major contributors to this increase. Ottawa followed with +1.9%, next were Halifax and Edmonton at +1.8%, and Calgary and Vancouver at +1.7%. Montréal showed the lowest year-over-year change at +1.1%.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 2042 and 2043.

The second quarter 1994 issue of *Construction price statistics* (62-007, $19/$76) will be available in September.

For further information on this release, contact Paul-Roméo Danis (613-951-9607, fax: 613-951-2848) Information and Current Analysis Unit, Prices Division.

Non-residential building construction price indexes

(1986 = 100)

	Relative importance	Second quarter 1993	First quarter 1994	Second quarter 1994	Second quarter1993 to Second quarter 1994	First quarter 1994 to Second quarter 1994
					% change	
Composite	**100.0**	**122.0**	**123.1**	**124.3**	**1.9**	**1.0**
Halifax	1.7	109.4	110.4	111.4	1.8	0.9
Montréal	16.5	111.7	112.2	112.9	1.1	0.6
Ottawa	9.5	126.9	127.5	129.3	1.9	1.4
Toronto	34.1	125.3	126.4	128.3	2.4	1.5
Calgary	5.0	123.7	124.9	125.8	1.7	0.7
Edmonton	7.0	125.4	126.7	127.6	1.8	0.7
Vancouver	26.2	121.0	122.6	123.1	1.7	0.4

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Domestic and international shipping

January-March 1994 (preliminary)

Domestic and international shipping together generated 53.6 million tonnes of cargo at Canada's ports during the first quarter of 1994, up 7.2% from the first quarter of 1993.

Preliminary statistics for the January to March 1994 period will appear in the vol. 10, no. 5 issue of *Surface and marine transport service bulletin* (50-002, $11/$80), which will be available in September.

For further information on this release, contact Anna MacDonald (613-951-0291), Marine Transport Unit, Transportation Division. ■

Air carrier operations

July-September 1993

In the third quarter of 1993, passengers-carried and passenger-kilometres flown by Canadian air carriers on scheduled routes both decreased by roughly 3% from the third quarter of 1992. The domestic sector experienced most of this decline, dropping 7% in passenger-kilometres. Decreases ranged from 7% to 12% in each of the four latest quarters.

Meanwhile, charter services continued to grow strongly: passengers-carried increased 6% and passenger-kilometres flown increased 5% in the third quarter of 1993. Again, the domestic charter market grew rapidly, led by the large charter carriers (Canada 3000, Air Transat and Royal Aviation). As the domestic scheduled market lost roughly 400 million passenger-kilometres, the domestic charter market picked up about 200 million. This represents a 24% increase over the third quarter of 1992. In the previous three quarters, increases in the domestic charter market were roughly 40%.

The economy-fare index for domestic scheduled services jumped 17% from the third quarter of 1992, while the discount-fare index increased 2%. For international markets over the same period, the economy-fare index increased 4% while the discount-fare index increased less than 1%.

The July-September 1993 issue of *Air carrier operations in Canada* (51-002, $25/$99) is now available.

For further information on this release, contact Robert Lund (819-997-6188), Aviation Statistics Centre, Transportation Division. ■

Adventure travel operations

1993

Data from the 1993 survey of adventure travel operations in Canada are now available.

For further information on this release, contact Jamie Brunet (613-951-3239), Small Business and Special Surveys Division. ■

Asphalt roofing

June 1994

Shipments of asphalt shingles totalled 4 384 703 metric bundles in June 1994, a 1.3% increase from 4329 053 metric bundles a year earlier.

For January to June 1994, shipments totalled 18 411 336 metric bundles, down 0.9% from 18 574 082^r (revised) metric bundles shipped during the same period in 1993.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 32 and 122 (series 27 and 28).

The June 1994 issue of *Asphalt roofing* (45-001, $6/$60) will be available later.

For further information on this release, contact Sandra Bohatyretz (613-951-3516), Industry Division. ■

Biscuit production

June 1994

Production of sweetened biscuits totalled 69 093 861 kilograms for the semi-annual period ended June 1994, a decrease from the same period in 1993.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 190.

Production of selected biscuits (32-026, $8/$16) will be available shortly. See "How to order publications".

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

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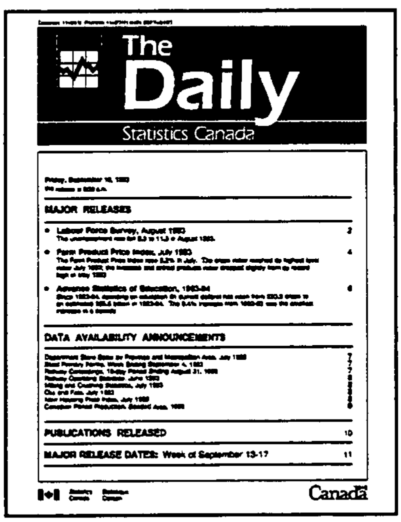

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