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MAJOR RELEASE

Unemployment insurance statistics

June 1994 (preliminary)

Benefit payments continue to decline

For the first half of 1994, unemployment insurance (UI) disbursements amounted to \$9.2 billion. This is 11.4% less than was paid over the same period in 1993. In June 1994, UI claimants received \$1.2 billion in benefits (including regular and special benefits), down 17.0% from June 1993.

In June 1994 the maximum weekly payment a beneficiary could receive was \$445. For regular benefits, the Canada average was \$247.05 ranging from \$223.63 in Nova Scotia to \$290.82 in the Northwest Territories.

Average weekly payment for beneficiaries receiving regular benefits

	June 1994
	\$
	unadjusted
Canada	247.05
Newfoundland	225.42
Prince Edward Island	224.08
Nova Scotia	223.63
New Brunswick	241.06
Quebec	239.91
Ontario	259.45
Manitoba	227.77
Saskatchewan	228.00
Alberta	259.22
British Columbia	261.79
Yukon	285.79
Northwest Territories	290.82

Universal coverage for unemployment insurance was introduced in 1971. In 1972, the first year the scheme was fully operational, total benefit payments were \$1.9 billion. For the next 20 years, with the exception of 1979, 1984 and 1987, benefits paid to UI claimants increased every year, reaching \$19.3 billion in 1992. In 1993, benefit payments decreased by \$1.0 billion to \$18.3 billion, a trend which has continued into 1994.

Number of claims lowest since August 1981

In June 1994, the number of UI claims received decreased slightly (-0.3%) to 243,000 (seasonally

Note to users

Unless noted in the text, all figures in this release are unadjusted.

The majority who collect unemployment insurance benefits receive "regular benefits" (83% in 1993). To qualify for regular benefits, a person must have experienced an interruption of earnings, be capable and available for work and be unable to find suitable employment.

In addition to regular benefits, claimants can qualify for special benefits (e.g., training, maternity, sickness and fishing).

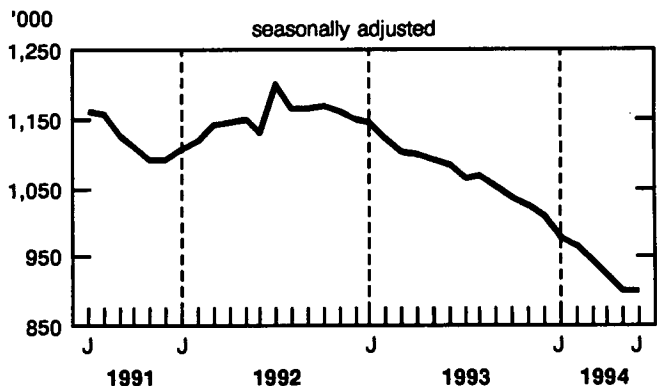
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adjusted), the lowest level since August 1981. This decrease contrasts with the previous month-to-month decline of 4.3%.

Number of beneficiaries practically unchanged

Between May and June, the number of Canadians receiving regular unemployment insurance benefits remained practically unchanged (-0.2%) at 896,000 (seasonally adjusted). This corresponds to employment estimates from the labour force survey which show little change in June.

The number of beneficiaries receiving regular benefits



The overall decline in the number of beneficiaries since the beginning of 1994 agrees with gains in employment (+178,000). Another contributing factor to the decline in beneficiaries may be the rising level of long-term unemployment. There has been a large increase in the number of long-term unemployed since 1990 (those individuals looking for work for more than a year). This suggests that more people are not eligible to collect UI benefits.

Between May and June, the largest proportional increases in beneficiaries who received regular benefits (seasonally adjusted) occurred in Prince Edward Island (+5.1%) and the Yukon (+3.8%). The variations in the other provinces and territories were less than 2%.

Number of beneficiaries receiving regular benefits

	June 1994	May 1994 to June 1994
	seasonally adjusted	% change
Canada	896,030	-0.2
Newfoundland	52,690	0.7
Prince Edward Island	12,270	5.1
Nova Scotia	49,350	-0.6
New Brunswick	51,860	-1.1
Quebec	298,730	-0.6
Ontario	227,420	-0.6
Manitoba	22,890	-0.4
Saskatchewan	19,670	1.6
Alberta	65,130	0.6
British Columbia	98,260	-0.4
Yukon	1,610	3.8
Northwest Territories	1,410	0.9

Number of beneficiaries (all types of benefits)

	June 1994	June 1993 to June 1994
	unadjusted	% change
Census metropolitan area		
St. John's	9,950	-28.7
Halifax	12,480	-13.8
Saint John	5,160	-4.8
Chicoutimi-Jonquière	8,280	-15.4
Québec	27,040	-11.1
Sherbrooke	5,380	-17.2
Trois-Rivières	6,280	-27.2
Montréal	124,500	-17.0
Hull	8,550	-14.7
Ottawa	15,170	-16.3
Oshawa	6,250	-21.6
Toronto	108,510	-22.5
Hamilton	14,990	-23.6
St. Catharines-Niagara	10,940	-23.1
Kitchener	8,850	-25.3
London	8,500	-21.2
Windsor	6,290	-24.0
Sudbury	4,740	-28.1
Thunder Bay	4,020	-30.8
Winnipeg	17,230	-24.5
Regina	3,510	-22.7
Saskatoon	5,100	-23.4
Calgary	22,280	-16.6
Edmonton	27,880	-8.5
Vancouver	50,200	-16.7
Victoria	6,900	-22.1

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

The June 1994 issue of *Unemployment insurance statistics* (73-001, \$16/\$160), containing data for April, May and June 1994, will be available in September. See "How to order publications".

For further information, contact André Picard (613-951-4045), or Ruth Barnes (613-951-4046), Labour Division (fax: 613-951-4087). □

Unemployment Insurance statistics

		June 1993	April 1994	May 1994	June 1994	May 1994 to June 1994
		seasonally adjusted				% change
Regular benefits						
Beneficiaries	'000	1,083	919 ^r	898 ^p	896 ^p	-0.2
Amount paid	\$'000	1,210,000	1,055,277	1,017,556	1,007,997	-0.9
Weeks of benefits	'000	4,696	4,158	4,032	3,997	-0.9
Total						
Claims received	'000	276	255	244	243	-0.3
		June 1993	April 1994	May 1994	June 1994	June 1993 to June 1994
		unadjusted				% change
All beneficiaries*	'000	1,197	1,303 ^r	1,105 ^p	995 ^p	-16.9
Regular beneficiaries	'000	995	1,062 ^r	889 ^p	800 ^p	-19.6
Claims received	'000	248	198	192	211	-14.9
Amount paid	\$'000	1,423,836	1,487,312	1,411,843	1,181,395	-17.0
Weeks of benefits	'000	5,479	5,369	5,374	4,585	-16.3
Average weekly benefit	\$	255.42	261.78	258.75	251.96	-1.4
		Year-to-date (January to June)				
		1993		1994		1993 to 1994
						% change
Year-to-date						
Beneficiaries, average	'000	1,442		1,265 ^p		-12.3
Claims received	'000	1,527		1,387		-9.2
Amount paid	\$'000	10,374,924		9,187,582		-11.4
Weeks of benefits	'000	38,419		33,888		-11.8
Average weekly benefit	\$	263.18		261.35		-0.7

^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

Asphalt roofing

July 1994

Shipments of asphalt shingles totalled 4 907 258 metric bundles in July 1994, an increase of 34.5% from the 3 647 310^r (revised) metric bundles shipped a year earlier.

January to July 1994 shipments were 23 318 594 metric bundles, up 4.9% from 22 221 392^r metric bundles shipped during the same period in 1993.

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

The July 1994 issue of *Asphalt roofing* (45-001, \$6/\$60) will be available at a later date.

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

Coal and coke statistics

June 1994

Coal production totalled 5 862 kilotonnes in June 1994, up 5.8% from June 1993. Year-to-date production at the end of June 1994 stood at 35 535 kilotonnes, up 4.9% from the previous year.

Exports in June rose to 2 831 kilotonnes, up 6.1% from June 1993; imports decreased 20.0% to 1 183 kilotonnes. For January to June 1994, exports totalled 14 520 kilotonnes, 6.9% above last year.

Coke production in June 1994 decreased to 294 kilotonnes, down 3.0% from June 1993.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 9.

The June 1994 issue of *Coal and coke statistics* (45-002, \$11/\$110) will be available later this week. See "How to order publications".

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

Electric power statistics

June 1994

Net generation of electricity for June 1994 increased to 39 145 gigawatt hours (GW.h), up 9.5% from June 1993. Exports increased 70.5% to 3 695 GW.h while imports decreased from 1 160 GW.h to 554 GW.h.

Generation by type was: hydro, 22 970 GW.h (+5.3%); nuclear, 7 979 GW.h (+19.6%); and thermal conventional, 8 196 GW.h (+8.8%).

Year-to-date net generation at the end of June 1994 totalled 275 164 GW.h, up 6.7% from the previous year. Year-to-date exports (22 935 GW.h) rose 61.6% from the previous year; year-to-date imports (2 413 GW.h) declined 53.1%.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 3987-3999.

The June 1994 issue of *Electric power statistics* (57-001, \$11/\$110) will be available the first week of September. See "How to order publications".

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

Rigid insulating board

July 1994

Shipments of rigid insulating board totalled 3,431 thousand square metres (12.7 mm basis) in July 1994, a 28.2% increase from 2,677^r (revised) thousand square metres in July 1993.

For January to July 1994, shipments totalled 21,615 thousand square metres, a 16.6% increase from 18,544^r thousand square metres in 1993.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 31 (series 1) and 122 (series 4-7).

The July 1994 issue of *Rigid insulating board* (36-002, \$6/\$60) will be available at a later date.

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

Railway operating statistics

January 1994

The seven selected railways in Canada reported a net loss of \$17.7 million in January 1994. Operating revenues totalled \$525.0 million, an increase of 0.7% from January 1993.

Revenue freight tonne-kilometres in January 1994 showed a decrease of 3.1% from the year-earlier period.

Data for 1993 and previous years have been revised.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 142.

The January 1994 issue of *Railway operating statistics* (52-003, \$12/\$120) will be released later.

For further information, contact Angus MacLean (613-951-2528, fax: 613-951-0579), Transportation Division. ■

Consulting engineering industry in Canada

1992 (preliminary)

Preliminary aggregate data are available from the annual survey of consulting engineers for 1992.

For further information, contact Michèle LeBel (613-951-3176), Business Services Section, Services, Science and Technology Division. ■

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- Advance Statistics of Sales, 1993-94
Since 1993-94, according to Statistics Canada, the index rose 0.5% in July. The index rose steadily in August 1993. The index rose steadily in August 1993.

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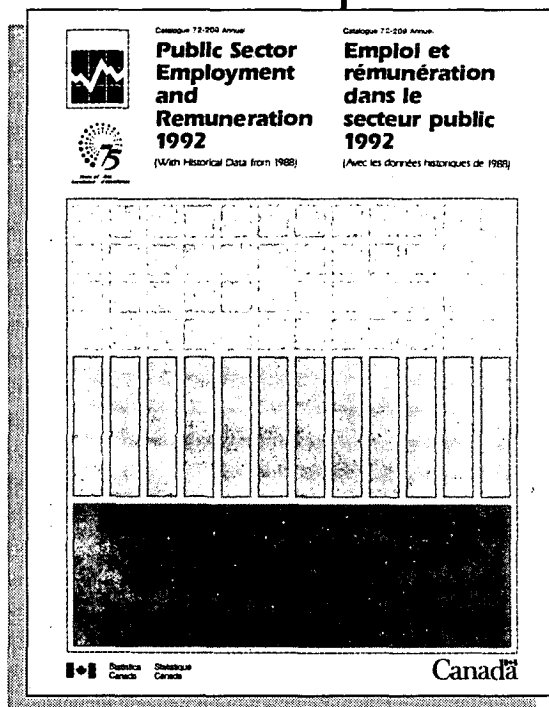
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