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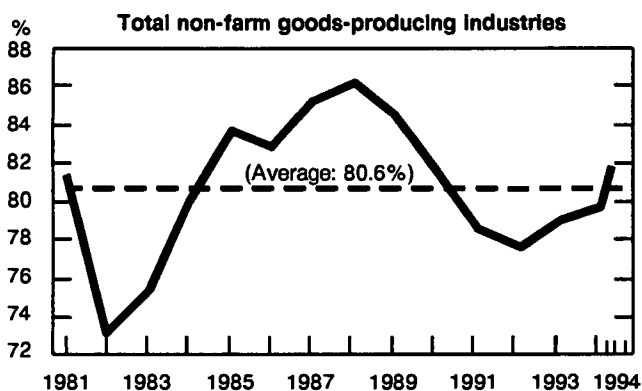
Goods producers excluding farmers posted the largest increase in capacity use since the economic expansion of 1987 and 1988. Strong performances by manufacturing, construction and mining led to a 2.6% increase in capacity use, bringing the rate to 81.7%. This is the first time since the third quarter of 1990 that capacity use has been above its long-term average of 80.6%.

Note to users

The capacity utilization rate for an industry is the ratio of its actual output to its estimated potential output. The level is only a statistical approximation and should be viewed as such. The degree of pressure exerted on the production facilities of an industry can be assessed by comparing the capacity utilization rate to its long-term average.

The measures of industrial production used in the calculation of the capacity utilization rates were revised back to the first quarter of 1989.

Industrial capacity utilization rates



Capacity use in manufacturing increased by 2.4% to 81.1%. Nineteen of the 22 manufacturing industry groups showed increases.

In durable goods manufacturing, export demand for office machinery raised the rate in electrical and electronic products industries by 6.3%. Strong export demand also fuelled a 2.4% advance in the rate for transportation equipment industries. Increased industrial and commercial construction activities led to a gain of 6.5% in capacity use in non-metallic mineral products industries. The overall strength in the economy, as evidenced by strong exports and increased business investment spending, also made for notable gains in capacity use in fabricated metal (+3.5%), furniture and fixtures (+3.5%) and machinery (+1.8%) industries.

In non-durable goods manufacturing, export demand for pulp contributed to an increase of 1.9% in capacity use in paper and allied products industries. Following a strong performance in the first quarter, capacity use in rubber products industries fell 1.6%.

Among non-manufacturing industries, mining and quarrying accounted for the largest increase in capacity use. Increases in drilling activities and a pronounced increase in production in metal mines other than gold led to an 11.1% surge in the rate bringing it to 93.1.

The rate for construction industries rose 3.8% because of increases in residential and industrial construction, bringing the level to 76.4, still well below the peak recorded in the first quarter of 1989.

Reduced physical capacity in logging and forestry industries contributed to a rise of 2.4% in capacity use.

The rate of capacity use fell 1.2% in electric power and gas distribution industries, following a strong first quarter when severe winter temperatures gave rise to domestic demand.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 3140.

The second quarter 1994 issue of *Industrial capacity utilization rates in Canada* (31-003, \$12/\$48) will be available later this month. See "How to order publications".

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Industrial capacity utilization rates

Industry	Second quarter 1993	First quarter 1994	Second quarter 1994	Second quarter 1993 to second quarter 1994	First quarter 1994 to second quarter 1994
	% change				
Total non-farm goods-producing Industries	78.8	79.6	81.7	3.7	2.6
Logging and forestry	90.7	88.9	91.0	0.3	2.4
Mining (including milling), quarrying and oil wells	87.9	86.2	90.5	3.0	5.0
Mining (including milling) and quarrying	86.8	83.8	93.1	7.3	11.1
Crude petroleum and natural gas	88.7	87.7	88.9	0.2	1.4
Manufacturing	77.9	79.2	81.1	4.1	2.4
Durable goods	76.2	79.1	81.5	7.0	3.0
Wood	87.1	90.6	91.1	4.6	0.6
Furniture and fixture	64.1	71.1	73.6	14.8	3.5
Primary metal	88.3	88.4	89.6	1.5	1.4
Fabricated metal products	69.8	76.4	79.1	13.3	3.5
Machinery	73.6	73.7	75.0	1.9	1.8
Transportation equipment	73.5	73.9	75.7	3.0	2.4
Electrical and electronic products	76.7	84.4	89.7	16.9	6.3
Non-metallic mineral products	69.4	71.1	75.7	9.1	6.5
Other manufacturing	74.7	74.0	75.3	0.8	1.8
Non-durable goods	80.0	79.3	80.7	0.9	1.8
Food	76.3	75.0	77.3	1.3	3.1
Beverage	70.3	69.1	70.4	0.1	1.9
Tobacco products	67.8	71.2	74.1	9.3	4.1
Rubber products	89.2	92.1	90.6	1.6	-1.6
Plastic products	77.8	83.2	84.9	9.1	2.0
Leather and allied products	62.9	68.0	67.8	7.8	-0.3
Primary textile	81.6	84.1	85.5	4.8	1.7
Textile products	70.7	68.4	69.1	-2.3	1.0
Clothing	74.2	72.2	74.5	0.4	3.2
Paper and allied products	89.3	86.1	87.7	-1.8	1.9
Printing, publishing and allied	72.8	71.8	72.4	-0.5	0.8
Refined petroleum and coal products	91.8	93.4	92.1	0.3	-1.4
Chemical and chemical products	86.7	86.2	87.2	0.6	1.2
Construction	73.6	73.6	76.4	3.8	3.8
Electric power and gas distribution systems	80.2	82.5	81.5	1.6	-1.2
Electric power	80.2	82.8	82.2	2.5	-0.7
Gas distribution	80.5	80.4	77.1	-4.2	-4.1
Special aggregates					
Intermediate goods manufacturing ¹	82.9	84.3	85.8	3.5	1.8
Final goods manufacturing ²	74.0	75.3	77.6	4.9	3.1
Energy industries ³	83.4	84.5	83.4	0.0	-1.3
Total non-farm goods excluding energy	77.6	78.2	80.9	4.3	3.5

¹ Consists of the rubber products, plastic products, primary textiles, textile products, wood, paper and allied products, primary metals, fabricated metal products, non-metallic mineral products, petroleum and coal products, and chemicals and chemical products industries.

² These are the food, beverage, tobacco products, leather and allied products, clothing, furniture and fixtures, printing, publishing and allied products, machinery, transportation equipment, electrical and electronic products, and other manufacturing industries.

³ These are the crude petroleum and natural gas, refined petroleum and coal products, electric power and gas distribution systems and pipeline transport industries. Note that estimates of capacity utilization rates for the pipeline transport industries are not included in the calculation of the aggregate capacity utilization rate for the non-farm goods producing sector, since these industries belong to the services sector. ■

DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Industrial chemicals and synthetic resins July 1994

Chemical firms produced 158 571 tonnes of polyethylene synthetic resins in July 1994, a 16.1% increase from 136 556^r (revised) produced in July 1993.

For January to July 1994, production totalled 1 048 045 tonnes, up 6.2% from 987 113^r tonnes a year earlier.

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

Available on CANSIM: matrix 951.

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

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

Specified domestic electrical appliances July 1994

Canadian electrical appliance manufacturers shipped 54,408 kitchen appliances in July 1994.

Year-to-date shipments of kitchen appliances amounted to 295,003 units.

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

For further information, contact L. Vincent (613-951-3523), Industry Division. ■

Railway operating statistics February 1994

The seven selected railways in Canada reported a net gain of \$22.0 million in February 1994. Operating revenues totalled \$508.6 million, a decrease of 5.4% from February 1993.

Revenue-freight tonne-kilometres showed a decrease of 7.8% for the same period.

The year-to-date operating revenues decreased 2.4% from the same period of 1993.

Data for 1993 and for previous years have been revised.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 142.

The February 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. ■

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Coal and coke statistics, June 1994.

Catalogue number 45-002

(Canada: \$11/\$110; United States: US\$14/US\$132;
other countries: US\$16/US\$154).

Electric power statistics, June 1994.

Catalogue number 57-001

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other countries: US\$16/US\$154).

Retail trade, June 1994.

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	Perspectives on labour and income	Autumn 1994
7	Field crop reporting series: July 31 grain stocks	
	Short-term expectations survey	
8	Help-wanted index	August 1994
	Estimates of labour income	June 1994
9	Labour force survey	August 1994
	New motor vehicle sales	July 1994
	New housing price index	July 1994

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- **Labour Force Survey, August 1993**
The unemployment rate fell 0.3 to 11.3 in August 1993.
- **Payroll Product Price Index, July 1993**
The Payroll Product Price Index rose 0.2% in July. The index rose for the highest time since July 1992, and continued to show upward pressure from its recent high in May 1993.
- **Education Statistics of Saskatchewan, 1993-94**
Saskatchewan's spending on education in 1993-94 was \$1.1 billion, or an increase of 0.4% from 1992-93. The 0.4% increase from 1992-93 was the smallest increase in 5 years.

DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Department Store Sales for November and December 1993**
Retail Prices: 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030, 2031, 2032, 2033, 2034, 2035, 2036, 2037, 2038, 2039, 2040, 2041, 2042, 2043, 2044, 2045, 2046, 2047, 2048, 2049, 2050, 2051, 2052, 2053, 2054, 2055, 2056, 2057, 2058, 2059, 2060, 2061, 2062, 2063, 2064, 2065, 2066, 2067, 2068, 2069, 2070, 2071, 2072, 2073, 2074, 2075, 2076, 2077, 2078, 2079, 2080, 2081, 2082, 2083, 2084, 2085, 2086, 2087, 2088, 2089, 2090, 2091, 2092, 2093, 2094, 2095, 2096, 2097, 2098, 2099, 2100, 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108, 2109, 2110, 2111, 2112, 2113, 2114, 2115, 2116, 2117, 2118, 2119, 2120, 2121, 2122, 2123, 2124, 2125, 2126, 2127, 2128, 2129, 2130, 2131, 2132, 2133, 2134, 2135, 2136, 2137, 2138, 2139, 2140, 2141, 2142, 2143, 2144, 2145, 2146, 2147, 2148, 2149, 2150, 2151, 2152, 2153, 2154, 2155, 2156, 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