

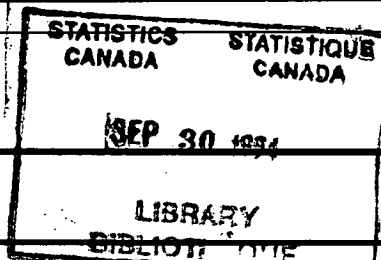


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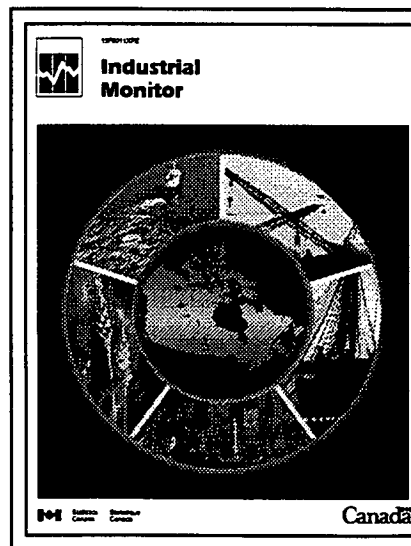
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Real gross domestic product at factor cost by industry

July 1994

The economy geared down as it entered the third quarter. Gross domestic product slipped 0.1% in July after surging 1.4% in the second quarter. Output of **services** fell 0.4% in July after improving by 0.2% and 0.3% in the previous two months. The weakness was concentrated in retail trade and the finance group. **Goods** producers boosted output 0.5%, however, moderating the overall decline.

Services-producing industries

A slump in retail sales and weakness in the finance group, which has persisted since interest rates began rising at the end of the first quarter, accounted for most of the drop in services. Smaller declines in transportation and storage, in communications, and in the non-business sector reinforced these cutbacks. Community, business and personal services, and wholesale trade rose slightly.

Retail trade and the financial group curb services output

Retail sales slumped 2.0% to a level slightly higher than in April, when they also dropped substantially. Nine of 18 trade groups sold less in July, but the decline was dominated by a sudden fall in the sales of motor vehicle dealers. Sales of new motor vehicles tumbled 8.1% and were substantially lower than in March, when interest rates started rising. A shortage of popular models due to production difficulties contributed to the poor sales in July. Department stores and clothing retailers also endured cutbacks in July, but furniture and appliance stores continued to enjoy better times, with sales increasing in five of the latest six months.

Finance, insurance and real estate services decreased 0.6%, its fifth consecutive decline. Trust, other finance and real estate fell 2.3%, mostly reflecting declines in brokerage and real estate activities. Mortgage rate hikes that began late in March have dampened housing sales in the latest few months. Housing resales have fallen rapidly since April in most provinces, and by July were well below their level of a year earlier.

Other services industries mixed

Community, business and personal services rose 0.2%, increasing for a sixth consecutive month. Higher spending in hotels and restaurants accounted for most of the gain. Accommodation and food services increased 1.4%, and has advanced every month since February. An influx of tourists to Canada, less travelling abroad by Canadians, and higher employment—especially in the second quarter—have helped this industry.

Declines in government, education and health services led a 0.3% drop in the non-business sector. The decline in government services reflected a 1.1% cutback in provincial administration, especially in Manitoba where temporary closures were implemented.

Goods-producing industries

Goods production rose 0.5%, led by a solid gain in mining. Manufacturing and construction also advanced, both for a fifth consecutive month. Smaller increases were recorded in forestry and fishing. Output in agriculture and utilities dropped slightly.

Mining leads advance in goods production

A 2.0% gain in mining output accounted for about half the increase in the goods sector. Production of crude oil and natural gas grew the most in dollars, increasing 1.3%. Synthetic petroleum production was particularly strong, while petroleum exports increased sharply for a second consecutive month. Natural gas production slowed as demand eased and as inventories increased. Production of coal, iron, and other metals except gold rose sharply, while iron ore shipments to North-American steel mills continued to be significant. Drilling remained strong, rising a further 2.9%.

Manufacturing slows down

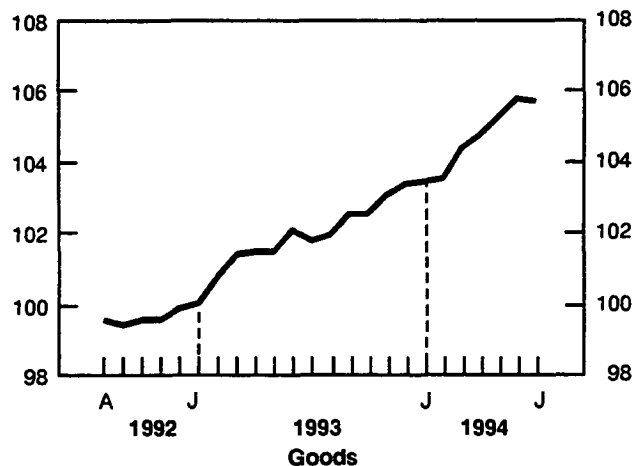
Manufacturing production slowed to 0.3% after growing briskly between March and June. Producers of non-durables raised output 1.1%, reflecting mostly higher production of chemicals, paper and food products. Durables output fell 0.4% as most producers, especially of transportation equipment, trimmed production.

Gross domestic product

Seasonally adjusted at 1986 prices

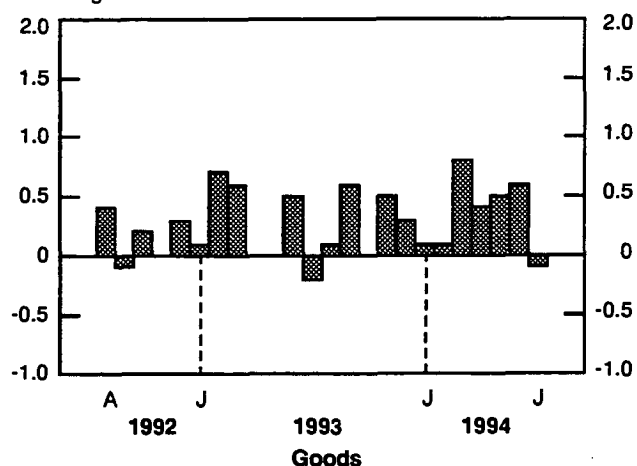
Total economy

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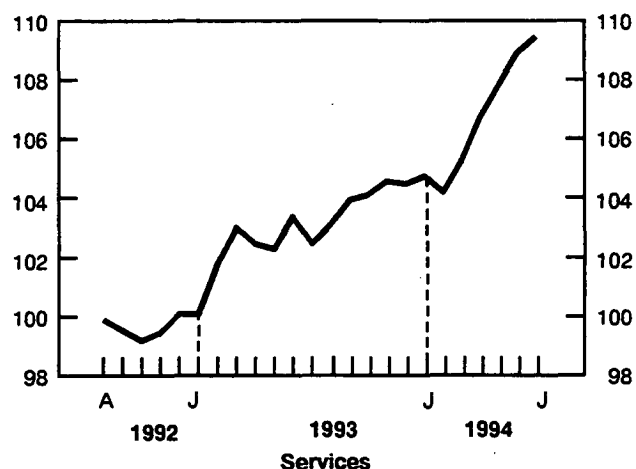
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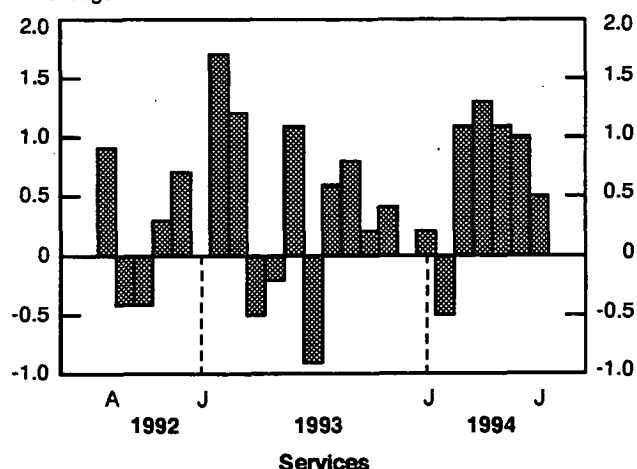


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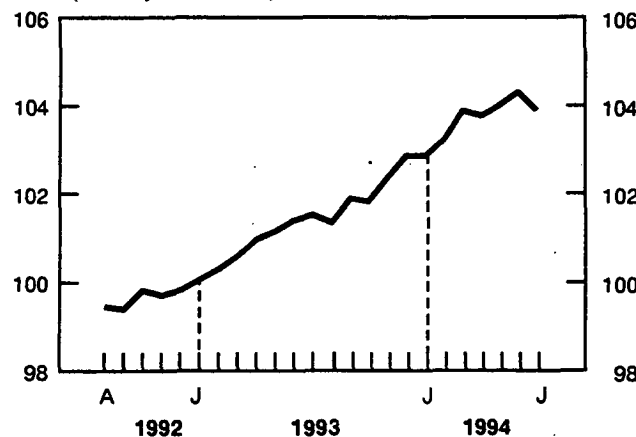


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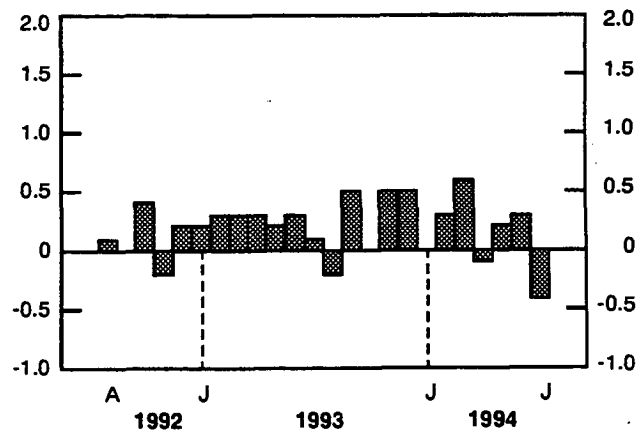


Services

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Chemical products manufacturers raised output 3.2% after two consecutive monthly declines. Production of industrial chemicals jumped 6.6% after temporary shutdowns in June. Output of pharmaceuticals rose 4.1%.

Production of paper and allied products rose 1.1%, about equal to its pace over the latest five months. Manufacturers of pulp and paper increased output 1.0%, continuing to benefit from favourable markets abroad.

Manufacturers of primary metals raised production 2.3%. Smelters and refiners, especially of aluminium, increased output the most. Production of iron and steel rose 1.5%, helped by higher deliveries of steel to foreign markets and to the automotive industries.

Transportation equipment production dropped 1.6%, led by declines in the production of motor vehicles and parts. Parts production was curbed by lower exports and by longer than normal summer shutdowns in the motor vehicle assembly industry.

Cutbacks in homebuilding slow construction

Construction continued to increase, gaining 0.7% despite lower activity on residential projects, especially apartments. Declines in housing starts in July and August may indicate weaker growth in the coming months. The decline in residential construction was more than offset by gains in engineering and non-residential construction.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 4671-4674.

The July 1994 issue of *Gross domestic product by industry* (15-001, \$14/\$140) is scheduled for release in October.

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

Gross domestic product at factor cost by industry, at 1986 prices

| | July 1993 | May 1994 ^r | June 1994 ^r | July 1994 ^p | April 1994 to May 1994 | May 1994 to June 1994 | June 1994 to July 1994 | July 1993 to July 1994 |
|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | \$ millions | | | | % change | | | |
| | seasonally adjusted at annual rates | | | | | | | |
| Total economy | 510,571.8 | 527,967.7 | 530,877.6 | 530,476.6 | 0.5 | 0.6 | -0.1 | 3.9 |
| Goods-producing industries | 169,882.4 | 178,905.5 | 180,754.1 | 181,668.7 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 0.5 | 6.9 |
| Services-producing industries | 340,689.4 | 349,062.2 | 350,123.5 | 348,807.9 | 0.2 | 0.3 | -0.4 | 2.4 |
| Business sector | 418,048.0 | 436,187.8 | 438,962.1 | 438,874.2 | 0.6 | 0.6 | -0.0 | 5.0 |
| Goods | 168,970.6 | 177,993.7 | 179,836.3 | 180,752.1 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 0.5 | 7.0 |
| Agriculture | 10,644.7 | 10,975.2 | 10,892.3 | 10,842.0 | 0.8 | -0.8 | -0.5 | 1.9 |
| Fishing and trapping | 1,056.8 | 1,032.4 | 1,018.8 | 1,028.7 | 4.4 | -1.3 | 1.0 | -2.7 |
| Logging | 2,683.9 | 2,917.3 | 2,944.9 | 3,028.7 | -3.6 | 0.9 | 2.8 | 12.8 |
| Mining | 21,722.2 | 23,027.2 | 23,487.9 | 23,951.2 | 1.5 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 10.3 |
| Manufacturing | 90,640.0 | 96,009.8 | 96,583.9 | 96,865.6 | 0.9 | 0.6 | 0.3 | 6.9 |
| Construction | 25,824.1 | 27,047.9 | 27,639.2 | 27,822.9 | 2.1 | 2.2 | 0.7 | 7.7 |
| Other utility industries | 16,398.9 | 16,983.9 | 17,269.3 | 17,213.0 | 0.8 | 1.7 | -0.3 | 5.0 |
| Services | 249,077.4 | 258,194.1 | 259,125.8 | 258,122.1 | 0.3 | 0.4 | -0.4 | 3.6 |
| Transportation and storage | 21,596.8 | 22,818.2 | 22,900.9 | 22,878.2 | 1.1 | 0.4 | -0.1 | 5.9 |
| Communications | 19,591.9 | 20,704.7 | 20,980.8 | 20,927.8 | 0.2 | 1.3 | -0.3 | 6.8 |
| Wholesale trade | 31,241.8 | 33,832.9 | 33,935.0 | 34,013.1 | 1.2 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 8.9 |
| Retail trade | 31,258.4 | 32,883.5 | 33,325.7 | 32,645.1 | 0.9 | 1.3 | -2.0 | 4.4 |
| Finance, insurance and real estate | 83,545.9 | 85,237.9 | 85,156.9 | 84,681.8 | -0.3 | -0.1 | -0.6 | 1.4 |
| Community, business and personal services | 61,842.6 | 62,716.9 | 62,826.5 | 62,976.1 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 1.8 |
| Non-business sector | 92,523.8 | 91,779.9 | 91,915.5 | 91,602.4 | -0.2 | 0.1 | -0.3 | -1.0 |
| Goods | 911.8 | 911.8 | 917.8 | 916.6 | 0.1 | 0.7 | -0.1 | 0.5 |
| Services | 91,612.0 | 90,868.1 | 90,997.7 | 90,685.8 | -0.2 | 0.1 | -0.3 | -1.0 |
| Government services | 33,696.4 | 33,415.4 | 33,385.4 | 33,282.2 | -0.2 | -0.1 | -0.3 | -1.2 |
| Community and personal services | 54,587.1 | 54,204.6 | 54,353.4 | 54,198.6 | -0.1 | 0.3 | -0.3 | -0.7 |
| Other services | 3,328.5 | 3,248.1 | 3,258.9 | 3,205.0 | -1.8 | 0.3 | -1.7 | -3.7 |
| Other aggregations | | | | | | | | |
| Industrial production | 129,672.9 | 136,932.7 | 138,258.9 | 138,946.4 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0.5 | 7.2 |
| Non-durable manufacturing | 41,568.5 | 42,771.0 | 42,904.6 | 43,374.5 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 1.1 | 4.3 |
| Durable manufacturing | 49,071.5 | 53,238.8 | 53,679.3 | 53,491.1 | 1.4 | 0.8 | -0.4 | 9.0 |

^P Preliminary figures.

^r Revised figures.

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Legal aid: description of operations

September 1994

This report only describes the structure and administration of legal aid services in Canada. It includes the following information: an historical overview; legal aid legislation; organization of legal aid; coverage; eligibility; duty counsel; tariffs; various contributions of the legal profession; a list of resource persons; and legal aid office locations. This information is available on an annual basis.

Legal aid in Canada: description of operations (\$35) is available by contacting the Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics.

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

Asphalt roofing

August 1994

Shipments of asphalt shingles totalled 4 484 641 metric bundles in August 1994, an increase of 9.0% from 4 114 171^r (revised) metric bundles a year earlier.

For January to August 1994, shipments totalled 28 114 913^r metric bundles, up 6.8% from 26 335 563^r metric bundles shipped during the same period in 1993.

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

The August 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. ■

Rigid insulating board

August 1994

Shipments of rigid insulating board totalled 3,707 thousand square metres (12.7 mm basis) in August 1994, a 4.3% increase from 3,555^r (revised) thousand square metres in August 1993.

For January to August 1994, shipments totalled 25,321 thousand square metres, a 14.6% increase from 22,099^r thousand square metres in 1993.

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

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

Air charter statistics

First quarter 1994

Preliminary data for the first quarter of 1994 on the air charter business are now available.

The September 1994 issue of *Aviation statistics centre service bulletin* (51-004, \$10/\$99) will be available soon. See "How to order publications".

For further information on this release, contact Francesca Thibeault (819-997-6173), Aviation Statistics Centre, Transportation Division. ■

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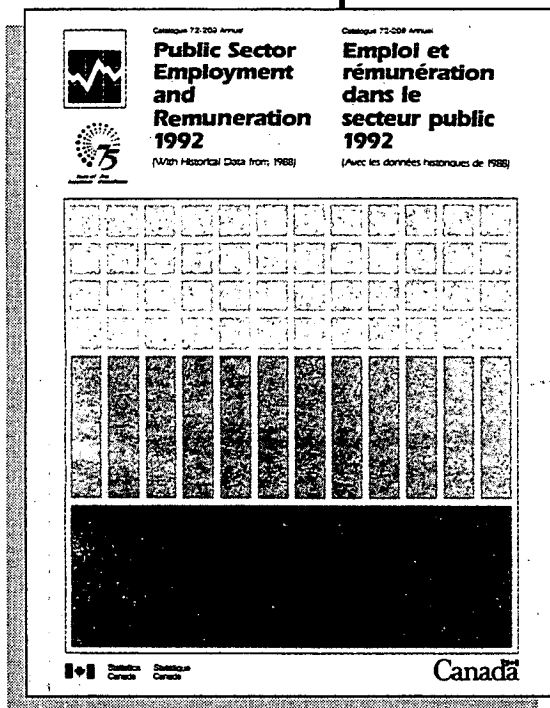
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