

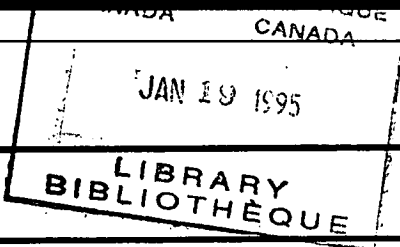


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The public-use microdata file on households and housing is a 3% sample of unaggregated anonymous records (299,000) from the 1991 Census database. The file has been created in a manner that ensures the confidentiality of all records.

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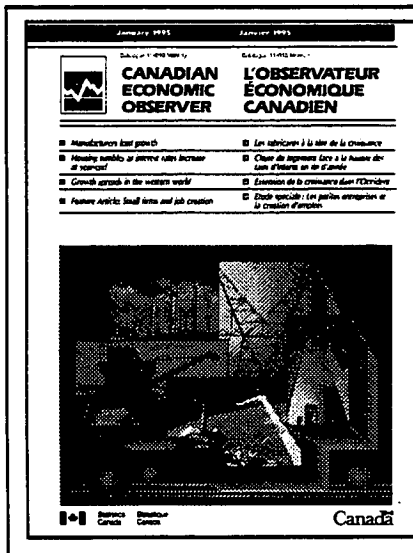


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Canadian economic observer
January 1995

The January 1995 issue of *Canadian economic observer*, Statistics Canada's flagship publication for economic statistics, presents a summary of current economic conditions and features an article on small firms and job creation. A statistical summary contains a wide range of tables and graphs of the principal economic indicators for Canada, the provinces and the major industrial nations.

The January 1995 issue of *Canadian economic observer* (11-010, \$22/\$220) is now available. See "How to order publications".

For further information on this release, contact Cindy Bloskie (613-951-3634), Current Analysis Group.

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November 1994

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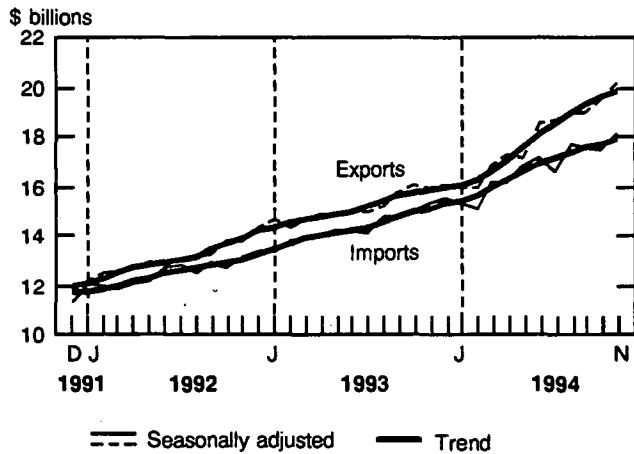
Imports were also strong at \$18 billion, more than recovering from their slight downturn in September and October. Most of the growth was in auto parts as domestic production of vehicles strengthened.

Note to users

Merchandise trade is only one component of the current account of Canada's balance of payments. Other components include services transactions, investment income and transfers. In the third quarter of 1994, the overall merchandise trade surplus of \$4.6 billion contrasted with a current account deficit of \$5.1 billion.

Canada's merchandise trade surplus was almost unchanged from October at \$2.1 billion. The trade surplus with the United States reached a record \$3.0 billion in November. Canada continued to run a trade surplus with Japan, but recorded deficits with all other trading partners.

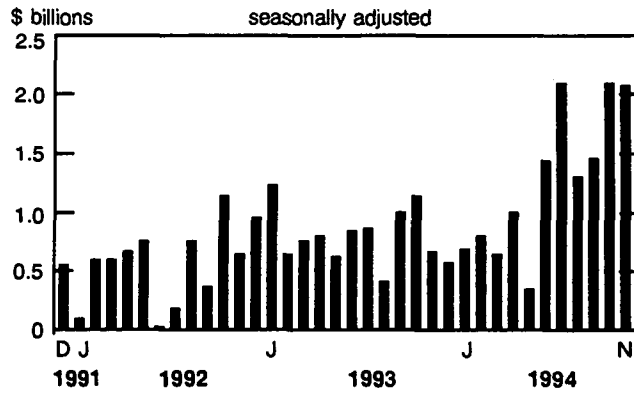
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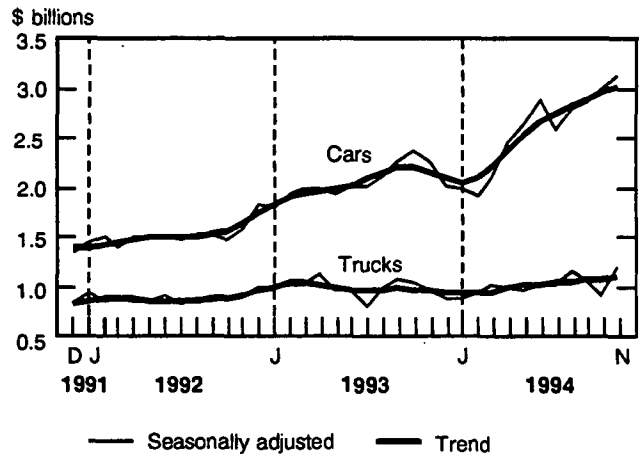
Growth in machinery and trucks boosts November exports

Automotive exports moved ahead 8% in November. Car exports (including mini-vans) rose 4.5%, but a much larger contributor to the increase was truck exports (+34%). This is consistent with U.S. sales figures for trucks, which are up substantially over the past year.

Balance of trade

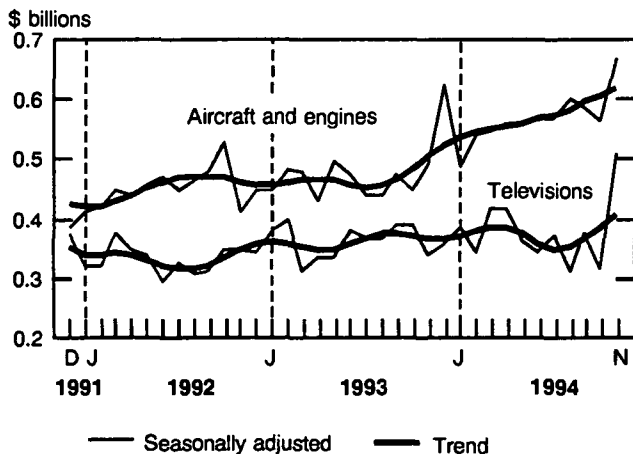


Exports of automotive products



Most of the strength in November's machinery and equipment exports came from aircraft, telecommunications equipment and office machines—up 23% collectively and destined primarily for the U.S. market. Increases reflected growth in fourth quarter spending intentions south of the border.

Exports of machinery and equipment



Increased exports of coal and crude petroleum contributed most to a 7% advance in energy exports. However, low prices and mild weather in the United States reduced natural gas exports in November (-1%).

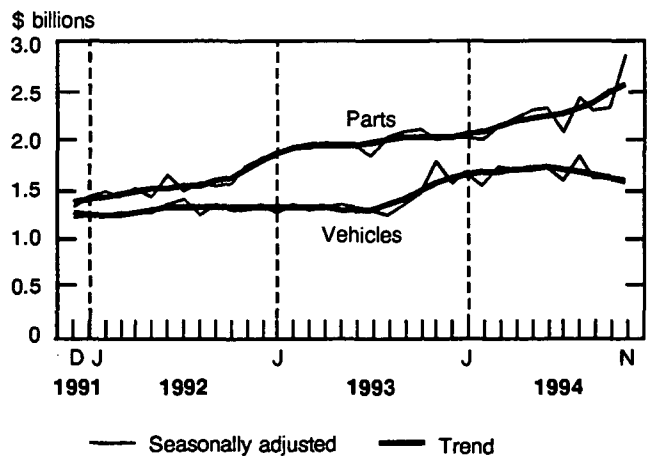
Growth in forestry exports came from greater exports of pulp, which have trended upward for a full year because of higher prices and stronger demand in Europe and the United States. Lumber exports fell in November, but remained 2% above their year-earlier level. Lumber exports fluctuate with the state of the U.S. housing market, which peaked in late 1993.

Tempering the overall gain were declining exports of industrial goods and agricultural products. After an increase in October, precious metals exports fell 40% in November, offsetting gains in chemicals, plastics and fertilizers. Agricultural products exports were off marginally despite continued growth in canola exports.

High auto parts imports reflect healthy production

Imports of auto parts rose 24% in November, reflecting Canada's strong automotive production (+16.8%) and, possibly, that some producers planned production cutbacks for December. Imports of cars and light trucks were off slightly in the month despite healthy sales figures.

Imports of automotive products



Machinery and equipment imports gained again in November as office machines, communications equipment and specialized tools moved ahead a collective 5.7%. As for industrial goods, imports of metals and metal ores, chemicals, and textiles bolstered an overall gain in imports. Healthy raw materials imports reflected strength in Canadian manufacturing.

The only major downward movement was for energy imports, as coal and crude petroleum together fell 31%. The drop in crude resulted from lower imports from the United Kingdom.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 3611-3616, 3618-3629, 3651, 3685-3713, 3718-3720 and 3887-3913.

This release contains a summary of the merchandise trade data that will be available next week in *Canadian international merchandise trade* (65-001, \$19/\$182). It will include detailed tables by commodity and country on a customs basis.

For more timely receipt of the merchandise trade data, a fax service is available on the morning of release.

Current account data, which incorporate merchandise trade statistics, services transactions, investment income and transfers, are available on a quarterly basis in *Canada's balance of international payments* (67-001, \$30/\$120).

For further information on statistics, concepts and definitions, contact Suzie Carpentier (613-951-9647, 1-800-294-5583), Marketing and Client Services Section, International Trade Division.

Did you know?

Among the world's bilateral trading partners total trade between Canada and Mexico ranks 217th.

Rank	Countries	US\$ billions	% of world trade
1	Canada-United States	203.6	5.28
2	Japan-United States	149.2	3.87
3	Germany-France	96.0	2.49
4	Germany-Italy	77.9	2.02
5	China-Hong Kong	73.7	1.91
217	Canada-Mexico	2.6	0.07
World trade		3,857.5	100.00

Source: Statistics Canada's world trade database, 1992

Revisions

In accordance with International Trade Division policy, revisions are made to data for each month of the current year in order to correct for classification anomalies, to include information for late documents and, in the case of energy, to reflect differences between original estimates and actual figures.

For October, total imports were revised downward by \$278 million. Revisions made to most commodities were minor; however, a large revision was made to automotive parts (-\$205 million).

Revisions to October's exports were less marked than for imports, up overall by \$73 million. Some notable revisions include machinery and equipment (+\$20 million) and agricultural and fishing products (+\$29 million). Revisions totalling \$51 million were also made to September's exports.

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Merchandise trade of Canada

	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Sept.	Oct.	January to November			Nov.
	1994	1994	1994	1994 to Oct. 1994	1994 to Nov. 1994	1993	1994	1993 to 1994	1993 to Nov. 1994
seasonally adjusted, current dollars									
	\$ millions		% change		\$ millions		% change		
Principal trading areas									
Exports									
United States	15,521	15,806	16,714	1.8	5.7	132,455	161,708	22.1	30.4
Japan	774	823	735	6.3	-10.7	7,491	8,605	14.9	10.7
European Union	951	1,008	1,031	6.0	2.3	9,992	10,030	0.4	8.1
Other OECD countries	332	392	382	18.1	-2.6	2,901	3,670	26.5	73.6
Other countries	1,365	1,490	1,291	9.2	-13.4	12,513	13,451	7.5	6.3
Total	18,943	19,520	20,153	3.0	3.2	165,352	197,463	19.4	27.0
Imports									
United States	13,065	13,081	13,736	0.1	5.0	114,355	136,638	19.5	23.0
Japan	738	669	682	-9.3	1.9	7,670	7,510	-2.1	-7.0
European Union	1,287	1,404	1,422	9.1	1.3	12,610	14,954	18.6	12.2
Other OECD countries	767	728	651	-5.1	-10.6	4,228	6,300	49.0	75.0
Other countries	1,621	1,539	1,585	-5.1	3.0	17,535	18,136	3.4	-5.4
Total	17,478	17,421	18,077	-0.3	3.8	156,399	183,537	17.4	18.8
Balance									
United States	2,456	2,725	2,978	...	...	18,100	25,070	...	...
Japan	36	154	53	...	...	-179	1,095	...	...
European Union	-336	-396	-391	...	...	-2,618	-4,924	...	...
Other OECD countries	-435	-336	-269	...	...	-1,327	-2,630	...	...
Other countries	-256	-49	-294	...	...	-5,022	-4,685	...	...
Total	1,465	2,099	2,076	...	...	8,953	13,926	...	...
Principal commodity groupings**									
Exports									
Agricultural and fishing products	1,389	1,634	1,626	17.6	-0.5	14,101	15,942	13.1	14.6
Energy products	1,868	1,743	1,867	-6.7	7.1	17,790	19,857	11.6	20.5
Forestry products	2,725	2,767	2,808	1.5	1.5	23,331	28,142	20.6	23.3
Industrial goods and materials	3,314	3,721	3,630	12.3	-2.4	29,762	35,706	20.0	28.1
Machinery and equipment	3,767	3,734	4,035	-0.9	8.1	30,634	38,721	26.4	32.7
Automotive products	5,151	5,042	5,458	-2.1	8.3	44,467	52,080	17.1	26.9
Other consumer goods	487	558	541	14.6	-3.0	4,231	5,284	24.9	22.4
Special transactions trade	833	805	821	-3.4	2.0	6,606	8,387	27.0	39.4
Imports									
Agricultural and fishing products	1,053	1,088	1,142	3.3	5.0	10,032	11,293	12.6	22.0
Energy products	607	687	516	13.2	-24.9	6,310	6,674	5.8	11.9
Forestry products	155	169	161	9.0	-4.7	1,427	1,637	14.7	19.3
Industrial goods and materials	3,422	3,373	3,436	-1.4	1.9	28,890	34,937	20.9	24.5
Machinery and equipment	5,755	5,795	5,876	0.7	1.4	48,143	59,116	22.8	25.7
Automotive products	3,889	3,923	4,420	0.9	12.7	36,477	43,143	18.3	17.4
Other consumer goods	2,051	2,037	2,049	-0.7	0.6	19,450	21,384	9.9	11.3
Special transactions trade	426	425	393	-0.2	-7.5	3,950	4,480	13.4	2.3

... Figures not appropriate or not applicable.

** Figures not adjusted to balance of payments basis.

OTHER RELEASES

Department store sales, advance release

December 1994

Department store sales totalled \$2,204.0 million in December, up 6.3% from December 1993. Sales by junior department stores were 16.3% higher (\$1,119.6 million), whereas sales by the majors were 2.4% lower (\$1,084.4 million). Preliminary estimates for the year as a whole indicate sales were about 3.9% higher than in 1993: juniors up 10.0%, majors down 1.4%.

The December 1994 issue of *Department store sales and stocks* (63-002, \$16/\$160) will be available in March.

For further information on this release, contact Janet Sear (613-951-3551) Retail Trade Section, Industry Division. ■

Export and import price indexes

November 1994

Current- and fixed-weighted export and import price indexes (1986 = 100) on a balance of payments basis are now available. Price indexes are listed from January 1986 to November 1994 for the five commodity sections and the 62/61 major commodity groups.

Customs-based current- and fixed-weighted U.S. price indexes (1986 = 100) are also available. Price indexes are listed from January 1986 to November 1994. Included with the U.S. commodity indexes are the 10 all-countries and U.S.-only SITC section indexes.

New indexes on a customs basis and listed for the five commodity sections and 62/61 major commodity groups are now available.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 3611-3616, 3618-3629, 3651 and 3685.

The November 1994 issue of *Canadian international merchandise trade* (65-001, \$19/\$182) will be available the last week of January. See "How to order publications".

For further information on this release, contact Denis Pilon (613-951-4808), Price Index Unit, International Trade Division. ■

Steel primary forms

Week ending January 14, 1995 (preliminary)

Steel primary forms production for the week ending January 14, 1995 totalled 274 924 tonnes, up 3.6% from the week-earlier 265 305 tonnes and up 6.3% from the year-earlier 258 558 tonnes.

The cumulative total at the end of the week was 540 229 tonnes, a 7.3% increase from 503 370 tonnes for the same period in 1994.

For further information on this release, contact Greg Milsom (613-951-9827), Industry Division. ■

Railway carloadings

Ten-day period ending December 31, 1994

The number of railway cars loaded in Canada during the 10-day period increased 16.0% from the year-earlier period; revenue-freight increased 18.7% to 5.3 million tonnes.

Piggyback traffic tonnage, which is included in total carload traffic, increased 37.2% during the same period. Tonnage of revenue-freight loaded as of December 31, 1994 increased 10.9% from the previous year.

Cumulative data for 1993 and 1994 have been revised.

Previously estimated data from June 1994 to the present has been replaced with actual data. Improved reporting of piggyback traffic more accurately reflects the increase in intermodal traffic.

For further information on this release, contact Angus MacLean (613-951-2528, fax: 613-951-0579), Surface Transport Unit, Transportation Division. ■

Telephone statistics

November 1994

The 13 major telephone systems reported monthly revenues of \$1,161.4 million in November, down 1.2% from November 1993.

Operating expenses were \$888.2 million, up 7.0% from November 1993. Net operating revenue totalled \$273.2 million, a decrease of 21.1% from November 1993.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 355.

The November 1994 issue of *Telephone statistics* (56-002, \$9/\$90) will be released shortly. See "How to order publications".

For further information on this release, contact J.R. Slattery (613-951-2205), Services, Science and Technology Division. ■

Restaurants, caterers and taverns

October 1994

Restaurant, caterer and tavern receipts totalled \$1,776 million in October, up 8.2% from \$1,642 million in October 1993.

The October 1994 issue of *Restaurants, caterers and taverns* (63-011, \$7/\$70) will be available in three weeks.

For further information on this release, contact William Birbeck (613-951-3506), Services, Science and Technology Division. ■

Stocks of frozen poultry meat

January 1, 1995

Preliminary data for January 1, 1995 and revised data for December 1, 1994 on the stocks of frozen poultry meat in cold storage are now available.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 5675-5677.

For further information on this release, contact Peter Meszaros (613-951-2510), Livestock and Animal Products Section, Agriculture Division. ■

Processed fruits and vegetables

November 1994

Data on processed fruits and vegetables for November 1994 are now available.

Canned and frozen fruits and vegetables, monthly (32-011, \$6/\$60) will be available shortly. See "How to order publications".

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

Pack of processed beans (green and wax)

1994

Data on the pack of processed beans (green and wax) for 1994 are now available.

Pack of processed beans (green and wax), 1994 (32-238, \$14) 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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Cereals and oilseeds review, October 1994.
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other countries: US\$21/US\$202).

Oils and fats, November 1994.
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Quarterly report on energy supply-demand in Canada, 1994-II.
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(Canada: \$34/\$136; United States: US\$41/US\$164;
other countries: US\$48/US\$191).

The consumer price index, December 1994.
Catalogue number 62-001
(Canada: \$10/\$100; United States: US\$12/US\$120;
other countries: US\$14/US\$140).
Available at 7:00 a.m. on Friday.

Estimates of labour income, July-September 1994.
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