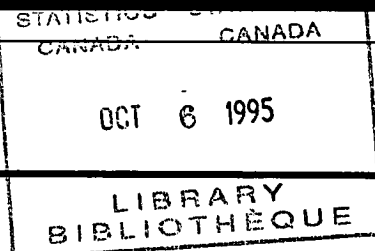


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Labour force survey

September 1995

Employment rose by 25,000 in September following a gain of 28,000 in August. These gains have broken an eight-month pause in employment growth. A combination of employment gains among adults and lower overall labour force participation pushed the unemployment rate down 0.4 percentage points to 9.2%—its lowest level since November 1990.



Job gains for adults

Employment among persons aged 25 and over increased by 61,000 in September. This increase brought the total gain over the last three months (July, August and September) to 102,000, with three-quarters of the growth in full-time employment. September's employment increase lowered the unemployment rate among adults by 0.5 percentage points to 7.8%—its lowest level since October 1990.

More hours worked

In September, hours worked rebounded from a decrease in August. So far this year, growth in hours worked (+0.3%) has kept pace with employment growth (+0.4%). This contrasts with last year, when growth in hours worked (+3.7%) was stronger than employment growth (+2.9%).

Trends by industry

September's only significant change in employment by industry occurred in trade, where an increase of 26,000 brought the gains over August and September to 38,000. Despite this increase, employment in the industry has been fairly stable over the last two years.

Employment in manufacturing has increased by 46,000 since the beginning of the year. The growth has averaged about 5,000 jobs per month, about half the growth rate observed in 1994.

Provincial labour markets

In September, employment rose by 4,000 in Saskatchewan, but it declined by 4,000 in Manitoba. In both provinces, employment returned to its May level. Employment increased for a third consecutive month in Nova Scotia (+3,000), which brought the gain since July to 8,000 jobs, and which offset employment losses of 4,000 observed earlier in the year.

The overall employment growth of 53,000 during August and September was widespread among most provinces.

No improvement in job prospects for youths

The participation rate among youths aged 15 to 24 fell by 0.6 percentage points in September. This third consecutive monthly decline brought their participation rate to its lowest level in 20 years. After peaking at

71.5% in January 1989, the rate has declined almost without interruption to stand at 61.7% in September.

Continued growth in school enrollment has contributed to the decline in labour force participation because students are less likely to work or look for work than non-student youths. In September, the school enrollment rate for youths was 55.5%, up from 54.1% last year and 49.3% in 1989.

For those who have recently left school, jobs remain elusive. The unemployment rate of young men not intending to return to school this fall was 18.4% in September, little changed from last year. Among young women making the transition from school to work, conditions deteriorated markedly. In September, one in four of these young women could not find a job. Their unemployment rate (24.5%) was 7 percentage points higher than last year.

LFS information line

Get the commentary and key survey estimates as soon as they are released at 7:00 a.m. on release day. Dial 613-951-9448, then follow the step-by-step instructions for selecting recorded information.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 2074, 2075, 2078-2107 and table 00799999.

For a summary, *Labour force information, for the week ending September 16, 1995* (71-001P, \$10/\$100) is available today, as is a facsimile version (71-001PF, \$300 annually). The September 1995 issue of *The labour force* (71-001, \$23/\$230) will be available the third week of October. See "How to order publications".

The next release of the Labour Force Survey will be on November 3.

For further information on this release, contact Doug Drew (613-951-4720), Jean-Marc Lévesque (613-951-2301) or the LFS information line (613-951-9448), Household Surveys Division. □

Labour force characteristics

	September 1995	August 1995 to September 1995	September 1994 to September 1995
	seasonally adjusted		
		change	
Labour force ('000)	14,906	-35	9
Employment ('000)	13,538	25	138
Full-time ('000)	11,297	19	153
Part-time ('000)	2,241	6	-15
Unemployment ('000)	1,368	-60	-129
Unemployment rate (%)	9.2	-0.4	-0.8
Participation rate (%)	64.5	-0.3	-0.9
Employment/population ratio (%)	58.6	-	-0.2
	September 1995	September 1994	September 1994 to September 1995
	unadjusted		
			change
Labour force ('000)	14,907	14,897	10
Employment ('000)	13,676	13,536	140
Full-time ('000)	11,464	11,307	157
Part-time ('000)	2,212	2,229	-17
Unemployment ('000)	1,231	1,361	-130
Unemployment rate (%)	8.3	9.1	-0.8
Participation rate (%)	64.5	65.4	-0.9
Employment/population ratio (%)	59.2	59.4	-0.2

- Nil or zero.

Labour force characteristics, both sexes, aged 15 and over

	Sept. 1995	Aug. 1995	Sept. 1994	Sept. 1995	Sept. 1994	Sept. 1995	Aug. 1995	Sept. 1994	Sept. 1995	Sept. 1994
	seasonally adjusted			unadjusted		seasonally adjusted			unadjusted	
	Labour force ('000)					Participation rate (%)				
Canada	14,906	14,941	14,897	14,907	14,897	64.5	64.8	65.4	64.5	65.4
Newfoundland	244	244	244	247	248	53.6	53.6	53.5	54.3	54.2
Prince Edward Island	69	69	68	71	69	66.1	65.4	65.7	67.3	66.3
Nova Scotia	435	437	434	439	439	59.4	59.7	59.7	59.9	60.4
New Brunswick	353	354	355	364	366	58.9	59.2	59.7	60.8	61.5
Quebec	3,603	3,598	3,595	3,614	3,610	61.9	61.9	62.4	62.1	62.6
Ontario	5,706	5,728	5,750	5,676	5,717	65.2	65.5	66.7	64.9	66.3
Manitoba	564	569	562	563	563	66.3	66.9	66.4	66.2	66.6
Saskatchewan	496	495	491	497	491	66.1	66.0	65.8	66.3	65.8
Alberta	1,485	1,496	1,474	1,483	1,473	71.6	72.2	72.1	71.6	72.1
British Columbia	1,953	1,947	1,925	1,952	1,922	66.0	65.9	66.6	65.9	66.5
	Employment ('000)					Employment/population ratio (%)				
Canada	13,538	13,513	13,400	13,676	13,536	58.6	58.6	58.8	59.2	59.4
Newfoundland	198	198	193	206	202	43.5	43.5	42.3	45.2	44.3
Prince Edward Island	59	58	56	62	59	56.4	55.5	54.4	59.4	57.0
Nova Scotia	387	384	379	397	389	52.9	52.5	52.1	54.2	53.5
New Brunswick	316	314	312	331	326	52.8	52.5	52.4	55.2	54.9
Quebec	3,209	3,201	3,154	3,264	3,211	55.2	55.1	54.7	56.1	55.7
Ontario	5,222	5,213	5,226	5,239	5,234	59.7	59.6	60.6	59.9	60.7
Manitoba	523	527	511	528	517	61.5	61.9	60.4	62.0	61.2
Saskatchewan	461	457	458	467	464	61.5	60.9	61.4	62.2	62.1
Alberta	1,373	1,376	1,355	1,385	1,366	66.2	66.4	66.3	66.8	66.8
British Columbia	1,781	1,778	1,753	1,799	1,768	60.1	60.1	60.7	60.7	61.2
	Unemployment ('000)					Unemployment rate (%)				
Canada	1,368	1,428	1,497	1,231	1,361	9.2	9.6	10.0	8.3	9.1
Newfoundland	46	46	51	41	45	18.9	18.9	20.9	16.7	18.3
Prince Edward Island	10	10	12	8	10	14.7	15.1	17.3	11.8	14.0
Nova Scotia	48	53	55	42	50	11.0	12.1	12.7	9.6	11.4
New Brunswick	37	40	43	33	39	10.5	11.3	12.1	9.2	10.8
Quebec	394	397	441	350	399	10.9	11.0	12.3	9.7	11.1
Ontario	484	515	524	438	483	8.5	9.0	9.1	7.7	8.4
Manitoba	41	42	51	36	46	7.3	7.4	9.1	6.3	8.1
Saskatchewan	35	38	33	30	27	7.1	7.7	6.7	6.1	5.6
Alberta	112	120	119	99	107	7.5	8.0	8.1	6.7	7.2
British Columbia	172	169	172	153	155	8.8	8.7	8.9	7.9	8.0

Note: Provincial estimates may differ from the national total due to independent seasonal adjustment.

Crop production estimates

September 1995

Record flaxseed production is still expected in 1995 along with higher production of spring wheat and barley. Production of canola, oats and durum wheat is expected to decline.

For most of the major crops in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, flooding during the planting season and insect infestations during the growing season led to lower yields than the July survey indicated. In Alberta, yields of the major crops ranged from the same to noticeably higher than the July survey estimated.

Compared with last year, an increase of over 32 million bushels of prairie spring wheat is expected, primarily because of an increase in wheat acreage. Forecasters anticipate a sellers' market for wheat due to the very tight global supplies this year, which are expected to keep prices strong.

Harvested acreage of barley is reported to be at its highest level since 1990. Current indications are that production will increase by 56 million bushels over last year. This is welcome news for the livestock industry because barley is a major feed grain. Demand will be strong this year as livestock numbers are at their highest level in two decades.

Flaxseed production is expected to reach a record 44 million bushels, an increase of 6.2 million bushels over last year and a result of record flaxseed acreage.

Lower production of canola, durum wheat, oats and dry peas

The Prairie provinces are expected to harvest 1 million fewer acres of canola than last year. For Manitoba and Saskatchewan, yield indications were between 1 to 3 bushels per acre lower than last year, dropping production by 29.5 million bushels.

Reduced acreage of durum wheat, coupled with low yields in the prime durum regions of Manitoba and Saskatchewan, reduced the expected Canadian harvest to 169.2 million bushels, a decline of 3.1 million bushels from last year.

The harvested area of oats dropped in most of the major producing provinces. This is expected to result in a decline of 52.6 million bushels compared with 1994.

Dry pea production is expected to decline by 1.5 million bushels this year because of lower yields than last year. This is disappointing because seeded acreage increased by 285,000 acres this year in response to European market demand for dry peas as a feed protein supplement.

Winter wheat seeded area in Ontario is on the increase

Farmers in Ontario are planting 800,000 acres in winter wheat this fall, a 9.6% increase from the 730,000 acres planted last fall. Industry sources say that disease problems in dry beans, which have been kept in delayed rotation, are forcing farmers to switch to winter wheat.

Crop production estimates, September

Crop	1994	1995	1994 to 1995
			% change
	million bushels		
Spring wheat	628.1	660.2	5.1
Barley	536.9	592.9	10.4
Canola	318.9	290.4	-8.9
Oats	235.9	183.3	-22.3
Durum wheat	172.3	169.2	-1.8
Flaxseed	37.8	44.0	16.3

Field crop reporting series no. 7: September estimate of production of principal field crops, Canada, 1995 (22-002, \$15/\$85) is now available. See "How to order publications".

For further information on this release, contact Tony Dupuis (613-951-0572) or Dave Burroughs (613-951-5138), Crops Section, Agriculture Division. ■

OTHER RELEASES

Deliveries of major grains August 1995

The 1995/96 crop year started slowly. In August 1995, deliveries of major grains amounted to only a third of the August 1994 level. Low stocks of grain remaining in farmers' bins and price uncertainties because of recent changes to the grain transportation system contributed to the slowdown.

Deliveries of major grains, Western Canada

	August 1994	August 1995	August 1994 to August 1995 %
	tonnes ('000)		change
Major grains, total	2 398.4	801.5	-66.6
Wheat excluding durum	1 185.2	301.7	-74.5
Durum wheat	229.6	44.7	-80.5
Wheat, total	1 414.8	346.4	-75.5
Oats	140.5	86.3	-38.6
Barley	353.0	158.1	-55.2
Rye	52.6	62.5	18.8
Flaxseed	24.1	6.9	-71.4
Canola	413.2	141.3	-65.8

Available on CANSIM: matrices 976-981.

The August 1995 issue of *Cereals and oilseeds review* (22-007, \$15/\$144) will be released shortly. See "How to order publications".

For further information on this release, contact Jeannine Fleury (613-951-3859) or Karen Gray (204-983-2856), Grain Marketing Unit, Agriculture Division. ■

Railway carloadings

Seven-day period ending September 7, 1995

Carloadings of freight (excluding intermodal traffic) in the seven-day period ending September 7, 1995,

decreased 1.2% to 4.3 million tonnes. The number of cars loaded increased 1.5% from the same period of last year.

Intermodal traffic (piggyback) tonnage totalled 250 000 tonnes, a 10.7% decrease from the same period of last year. The year-to-date figures showed an increase of 12.4%.

Total traffic (carloadings of freight and intermodal traffic) decreased 1.8% during the period. This brought the year-to-date total to 173.4 million tonnes, a 3.7% increase from the previous year.

All year-to-date figures have been revised.

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

Railway operating statistics April 1995

The seven surveyed railways reported a net gain of \$35.0 million in April 1995. Operating revenues totalled \$617.0 million, a 1.8% decrease from April 1994.

Revenue-freight tonne-kilometres showed an increase of 7.6% over the same period.

On a year-to-date basis, operating revenues decreased 0.2% from the same period of 1994.

Data for 1994 and previous years have been revised.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 142.

The April 1995 issue of *Railway operating statistics* (52-003, \$12/\$120) will be released shortly. See "How to order publications".

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

Electric storage batteries

August 1995

Manufacturers of electric storage batteries sold 153,759 automotive and heavy-duty commercial replacement batteries in August, up 11.0% from 138,489 batteries in August 1994.

For January to August 1995, shipments totalled 928,466 batteries, down 17.8% from 1,130,182 batteries the previous year.

Sales data for other types of storage batteries are also available.

The August 1995 issue of *Factory sales of electric storage batteries* (43-005, \$6/\$60) will be available shortly. See "How to order publications".

For further information on this release, contact Laurie Vincent (613-951-3523), Industry Division. ■

Specified domestic electrical appliances

August 1995

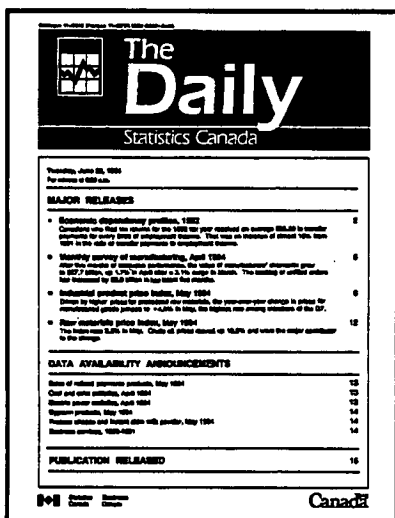
Electrical appliance manufacturers shipped 46,544 kitchen appliances in August 1995.

At the end of August 1995, year-to-date shipments of kitchen appliances totalled 270,186 units (revised).

The August 1995 issue of *Specified domestic electrical appliances* (43-003, \$6/\$60) will be available shortly. See "How to order publications".

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Coal and coke statistics, July 1995

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Refined petroleum and coal products industries, 1993

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Railway operating statistics, March 1995, vol. 75, no. 3

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