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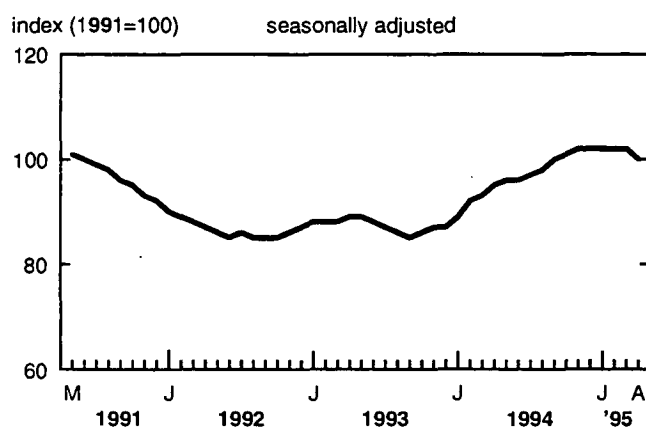
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Help-wanted index

April 1995

The help-wanted index (1991=100) dropped 2% to 100 in April, the first decline since September 1993. From September 1993 to November 1994, the index increased 20%, and then, beginning in December 1994, it levelled off for four months.

The help-wanted index dropped 2% in April



Note to readers

The help-wanted index is compiled from help-wanted ads published in 22 newspapers in 20 major metropolitan areas. For these labour markets, the index reflects changes in the demand for labour. However, since not all jobs are filled through help-wanted ads, the index represents only a part of all hiring.

All indexes have been seasonally adjusted and smoothed to aid month-to-month comparisons.

April's decline was observed in all regions, with decreases of 3% in the Atlantic and Prairie provinces and drops of 1% in Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 105 (levels 8-10).

Help-wanted indexes for the metropolitan areas surveyed are available on request.

For further information on this release, contact Adib Farhat (613-951-4045, fax: 613-951-4087), Labour Division.

Help-wanted index (1991=100)

| | April 1994 | February 1995 | March 1995 | April 1995 | April 1994 to April 1995 | March 1995 to April 1995 |
|--------------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | seasonally adjusted | | | | % change | |
| Canada | 95 | 102 | 102 | 100 | 5 | -2 |
| Atlantic provinces | 92 | 103 | 106 | 103 | 12 | -3 |
| Quebec | 99 | 102 | 105 | 104 | 5 | -1 |
| Ontario | 94 | 110 | 109 | 108 | 15 | -1 |
| Prairie provinces | 92 | 97 | 95 | 92 | 0 | -3 |
| British Columbia | 88 | 81 | 82 | 81 | -8 | -1 |

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Steel primary forms

Week ending April 29, 1995 (preliminary)

Steel primary forms production for the week ending April 29, 1995 totalled 294 601 tonnes, up 22.1% from 241 371 tonnes a week earlier and up 7.4% from 274 383 tonnes a year earlier.

Year-to-date production at the end of the week totalled 4 778 408 tonnes, a 6.8% increase from 4 472 538 tonnes for the same period in 1994.

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

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Gypsum products

March 1995

Manufacturers shipped 16 709 thousand square metres of plain gypsum wallboard in March, down 9.5% from 18 462 thousand square metres in March 1994 and down 17.3% from 20 193 thousand square metres in February 1995.

Year-to-date shipments at the end of March 1995 totalled 59 552 thousand square metres, down 1.8% from a year earlier.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 39 and 122 (series 11).

The March 1995 issue of *Gypsum products* (44-003, \$6/\$60) will be available shortly. See "How to order publications".

For further information on this release, contact Roland Joubert (613-951-3527), Industry Division.

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Private training schools

1992

Information is now available for 1992 on the general characteristics and program descriptions of the more than 2,400 private training schools in Canada. Included are data on teaching staff, completion rates, and enrolment by field of study and training program.

For further information on this release, contact Bernard Bourgoin (613-951-1506), Education, Culture and Tourism Division.

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(Canada: \$6/\$60; United States: US\$8/US\$72; other countries: US\$9/US\$84).

Canada's international transactions in securities, February 1995

Catalogue number 67-002

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Labour force information, for the week ended April 15, 1995

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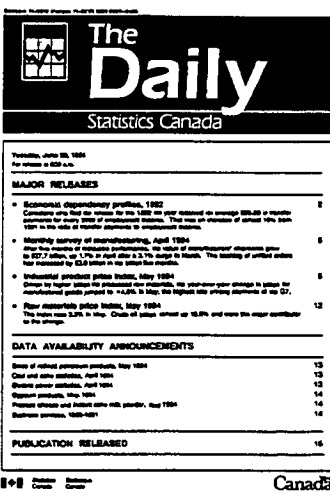
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