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Employment, earnings and hours

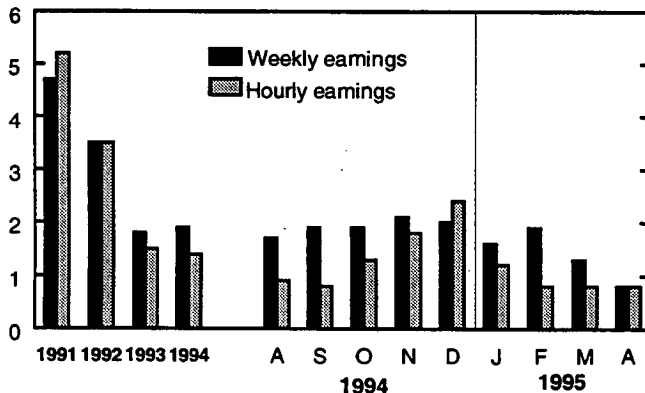
April 1995 (preliminary)

For the second consecutive month, employees' earnings declined. In April, employees received \$570.25 per week on average, down 0.4% from March and only 0.8% higher than in April 1994. The decline, due primarily to lower earnings for salaried employees, was concentrated in most service industries, particularly retail and wholesale trade; finance insurance and real estate; and, business services.

Employees paid by the hour received \$14.21 per hour in April, down marginally from the previous month. However, they worked longer hours. The average number of hours worked per week, which registered an upward trend during 1994, has settled at 30.8 hours per week so far in 1995.

Earnings grew less than one percent

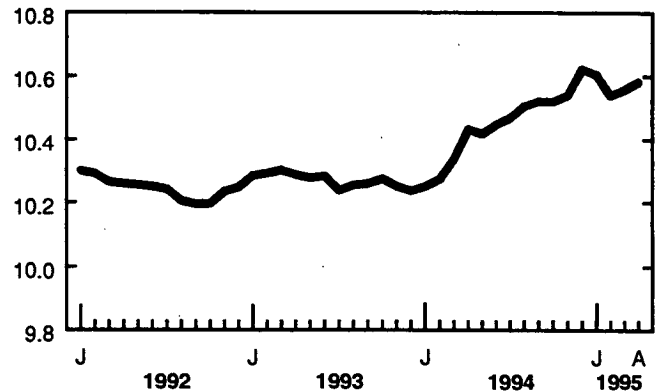
year-over-year % change



Businesses employed 10,582,000 employees in April, 24,000 more than in March. The number of payroll employees edged up in March and April, offsetting some of the declines experienced since the beginning of the year. Businesses across many industries reported small increases. Despite these advances, employment levels were down 40,000 from the recent peak in December 1994.

Businesses registered moderate employment gains

millions of employees



Change in the number of employees

	March 1995 to April 1995 change
Manufacturing	9,000
Accommodation, food and beverage services	6,000
Construction	5,000
Education and related services	5,000
Health and social services	4,000
Mining, quarrying and oil wells	3,000
Business services	2,000
Public administration	2,000
Retail trade	1,000
Transportation, communication and other utilities	-1,000
Wholesale trade	-3,000
Finance, insurance and real estate	-3,000
Logging and forestry	-3,000

Manufacturers and construction companies edge up employment

Manufacturers added 9,000 employees to their payrolls in April, the second consecutive monthly gain. Recent increases offset the drop in February and have resulted in a moderate addition of 16,000 workers since December 1994. Manufacturers added employees in most provinces with widespread increases for manufacturers of food, rubber products, clothing, fabricated metals, machinery and, electrical and electronic products. While total paid hours were

up slightly for manufacturing employees, the increase in employment resulted in fewer weekly hours per employee and lower average earnings. Manufacturers reduced the number of weekly hours for hourly paid employees for the fifth time in seven months. Weekly hours were down from the peak of 39.1 hours in April 1994 due in part to a decrease in overtime hours. This trend may indicate a conversion of overtime into employment.

Manufacturing employees' weekly earnings have edged down over the previous three months. Employees earned 0.9% more per week than in April 1994.

Construction companies expanded employment for the first time in four months. However, the number of construction employees remained at April 1994 levels as a result of declines posted since January 1995. April's employment increase, concentrated in Quebec and Ontario, was the result of small increases for non-residential and residential building contractors, highway construction companies and special trade contractors. Construction workers paid by the hour averaged 36.8 hours per week in April, unchanged from the previous month, but a drop of over one hour from December 1994. Future activity indicators for the construction industry, such as housing starts and building permits, continue to suggest a downward trend.

Hospitality industry expanding employment

Led by small firms, employers in accommodation, food and beverage services increased their employment levels for the second month, adding 6,000 employees to their payrolls in April. Employment growth occurred in both the accommodation and the food and beverage service industries. In addition to the growth in employment, employees paid by the hour worked longer hours. On average, employees worked 24.3 hours per week, the highest level in recent months and a gain of more than one hour per week since January. These signals point to a good start for the tourism season as the value of the dollar remains low and the number of tourists from abroad increases.

Continued growth in health and social services

The number of employees in health and social services has increased every month for the previous nine months for a total gain of 48,000. On average, 5,000 employees per month were added to industry payrolls since August 1994, despite a continued scaling back of hospital staff. Other institutional health and social services, offices of physicians, surgeons, dentists and other health practitioners all increased employment to more than offset declines in hospitals. Continued employment growth in health and social services despite pressure from budget reductions may be driven by an expanding and more demanding population base. It may also indicate a switch from hospital care to alternatives. Employees received \$506.77 per week in April, a decrease from the previous month and the third drop in four months. The decline was concentrated in Alberta, Quebec and Manitoba.

Earnings decline for employees in education

The number of employees in educational and related services rose 5,000 in April, continuing the recent pattern of mixed monthly movements which has left employment levels little changed from December. Employees' weekly earnings contracted 0.3%, continuing the downward trend. Earnings were 1.2% less than in April 1994.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 4285-4466, 9438-9452, 9639-9664 and 9899-9911.

Detailed industry data and other labour market indicators are available through standard tables in the monthly publication *Employment, earnings and hours* (72-002, \$31/\$310), the historical publication *Annual estimates of employment, earnings and hours 1983-1994* (paper version: 72F0002XPB, \$75; diskette: 72F0002XDB, \$100; paper and diskette: 10-3000XZB, \$150) and by custom tabulations.

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Number of employees

Industry group (1980 S.I.C.)	February 1995	March 1995 ^r	April 1995 ^p	February 1995 to March 1995	March 1995 to April 1995
seasonally adjusted					
	'000			% change	
Industrial aggregate	10,539	10,558	10,582	0.2	0.2
Logging and forestry	65	67	64	3.1	-4.5
Mining, quarrying and oil wells	128	126	128	-1.6	1.6
Manufacturing	1,651	1,657	1,666	0.4	0.5
Construction	423	422	426	-0.2	0.9
Transportation, communication and other utilities	848	841	840	-0.8	-0.1
Trade	1,991	2,004	2,001	0.7	-0.1
Wholesale trade	633	637	634	0.6	-0.5
Retail trade	1,358	1,367	1,367	0.7	0.0
Finance, insurance and real estate	640	638	635	-0.3	-0.5
Business services	582	585	587	0.5	0.3
Education-related services	930	930	935	0.0	0.5
Health and social services	1,173	1,179	1,182	0.5	0.3
Accommodation, food and beverage services	749	757	763	1.1	0.8
Public administration	701	697	699	-0.6	0.3
Provinces and territories					
Newfoundland	149	150	147	0.7	-2.0
Prince Edward Island	41	41	41	0.0	0.0
Nova Scotia	296	298	297	0.7	-0.3
New Brunswick	235	237	235	0.9	-0.8
Quebec	2,556	2,566	2,578	0.4	0.5
Ontario	4,133	4,107	4,124	-0.6	0.4
Manitoba	399	398	402	-0.3	1.0
Saskatchewan	310	310	310	0.0	0.0
Alberta	1,032	1,039	1,036	0.7	-0.3
British Columbia	1,356	1,370	1,372	1.0	0.1
Yukon	12	12	12	0.0	0.0
Northwest Territories	23	23	23	0.0	0.0

^p Preliminary estimates.

^r Revised estimates.

Average weekly earnings¹

Industry group (1980 S.I.C.)	April 1994	March 1995 ^r	April 1995 ^p	March 1995 to April 1995	April 1994 to April 1995
seasonally adjusted					
	\$			% change	
Industrial aggregate	565.70	572.26	570.25	-0.4	0.8
Logging and forestry	715.89	746.19	750.91	0.6	4.9
Mining, quarrying and oil wells	958.38	997.42	997.56	0.0	4.1
Manufacturing	684.07	691.23	690.42	-0.1	0.9
Construction	635.95	672.08	679.36	1.1	6.8
Transportation, communication and other utilities	711.35	730.44	731.35	0.1	2.8
Trade	422.89	432.45	425.27	-1.7	0.6
Wholesale trade	605.99	617.54	612.92	-0.7	1.1
Retail trade	340.86	346.21	337.49	-2.5	-1.0
Finance, insurance and real estate	635.86	649.76	645.43	-0.7	1.5
Business services	602.53	624.04	619.49	-0.7	2.8
Education-related services	677.23	671.45	669.30	-0.3	-1.2
Health and social services	504.18	508.34	506.77	-0.3	0.5
Accommodation, food and beverage services	226.73	231.80	230.76	-0.4	1.8
Public administration	758.83	753.37	749.14	-0.6	-1.3
Provinces and territories					
Newfoundland	532.40	545.31	532.17	-2.4	0.0
Prince Edward Island	458.24	456.31	453.70	-0.6	-1.0
Nova Scotia	497.62	491.36	456.31	-7.1	-8.3
New Brunswick	506.01	516.24	516.28	0.0	2.0
Quebec	546.39	548.77	545.04	-0.7	-0.2
Ontario	602.06	610.08	606.41	-0.6	0.7
Manitoba	498.48	502.81	499.43	-0.7	0.2
Saskatchewan	485.27	489.62	489.19	-0.1	0.8
Alberta	550.47	557.26	553.58	-0.7	0.6
British Columbia	572.40	589.57	591.99	0.4	3.4
Yukon	701.91	695.75	666.04	-4.3	-5.1
Northwest Territories	723.07	704.77	705.90	0.2	-2.4

¹ For all employees.

^p Preliminary estimates.

^r Revised estimates.

OTHER RELEASES

Crude oil and natural gas

April 1995

Strong exports to the United States led to a solid 11.8% increase in natural gas production compared with April 1994. Exports also drove crude oil production up in April, resulting in a 7.8% increase from the same month a year earlier.

Natural gas production continued the robust rate of increase observed since May 1994. Crude oil production rebounded in April after modest growth in February (+2.9%) and March (+0.4%). This weakness was largely due to a shutdown for maintenance and installation of new equipment, which temporarily curtailed the production of synthetic crude oil.

Natural gas exports jumped 16.2% from April 1994. Exports have been rising since early 1991, due in part to expanded pipeline capacity and growing demand for Canadian natural gas by U.S. electric co-generation facilities.

Exports of crude oil surged 15.1% from April 1994. Canadian crude oil has found a ready market in the United States where indigenous production has been declining in recent years. Demand has been particularly strong for Canadian synthetic oil and heavy crude oil.

Domestic sales of natural gas rose 12.0% from April 1994. The advance was due to colder than normal weather throughout most of Canada and to greater use of natural gas by electric utilities and the chemical industry.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 530 and 539.

The April 1995 issue of *Crude petroleum and natural gas production* (26-006, \$18/\$180) will be available the last week of July. See "How to order publications".

For further information on this release, contact David Roeske (613-951-3563), Energy Section, Industry Division.

Crude oil and natural gas

	April 1994	April 1995	April 1994 to April 1995
	thousands of cubic metres		% change
Crude oil and equivalent hydrocarbons¹			
Production	8 673.1	9 352.0	7.8
Exports	4 568.5	5 257.1	15.1
Imports ²	2 854.4	2 298.2	-19.5
Refinery receipts	7 417.1	6 152.7	-17.0
	millions of cubic metres		% change
Natural gas³			
Marketable production	11 336.8	12 679.8	11.8
Exports	5 788.6	6 725.8	16.2
Canadian sales ⁴	4 960.6	5 557.8	12.0
	January 1994 to April 1994	January 1995 to April 1995	Jan.- Apr. 1994 to Jan.- Apr. 1995
	thousands of cubic metres		% change
Crude oil and equivalent hydrocarbons¹			
Production	35 437.4	37 004.4	4.4
Exports	18 215.7	19 199.2	5.4
Imports ²	12 967.2	11 493.0	-11.4
Refinery receipts	31 206.0	29 327.7	-6.0
	millions of cubic metres		% change
Natural gas³			
Marketable production	45 770.0	50 503.4	10.3
Exports	23 362.5	27 050.1	15.8
Canadian sales ⁴	26 862.7	27 103.9	0.9

¹ Disposition may differ from production due to inventory change, industry own-use, etc.

² Crude oil received by Canadian refineries from foreign countries for processing. Data differs from International Trade Division estimates due to timing differences and the inclusion in "trade" of crude oil landed in Canada for future re-export.

³ Disposition may differ from production due to inventory change, usage as pipeline fuel, pipeline losses, line-pack fluctuations, etc.

⁴ Includes direct sales.

Steel primary forms

Week ending June 24, 1995 (preliminary)

Steel primary forms production for the week ending June 24, 1995 totalled 269 619 tonnes, down 8.5% from the week-earlier 294 543 tonnes and down 2.3% from the year-earlier 276 012 tonnes.

The cumulative total at the end of the week was 7 119 576 tonnes, a 7.7% increase from 6 612 646 tonnes for the same period in 1994.

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

Electric power statistics

April 1995

Net generation of electricity for April 1995 increased to 43 520 gigawatt hours (GW.h), up 3.1% from April 1994. Exports increased 6.8% to 3 758 GW.h while imports increased from 316 GW.h to 494 GW.h.

Generation by type was as follows: hydro 27 697 GW.h (+7.4%), nuclear 6 919 GW.h (-17.6%), and thermal conventional 8 904 GW.h (+10.8%)

Year-to-date net generation at the end of April 1995 totalled 190 180 GW.h, down 3.0% from the previous year. Year-to-date exports (14 430 GW.h) declined 8.1% and year-to-date imports (3 195 GW.h) rose 141.3% from the previous year.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 3987-3999.

The April 1995 issue of *Electric power statistics* (57-001, \$11/\$110) will be available the first week of July. See "How to order publications".

For further information on this release, contact Dave Madsen (613-951-9823), Energy Section, Industry Division. ■

Rigid insulating board

May 1995

Shipments of rigid insulating board totalled 2 676 thousand square metres (12.7 mm basis) in May 1995, a 23.7% decrease from 3 507 thousand square metres in May 1994.

From January to May 1995 shipments totalled 13 251 thousand square metres, a 8.3% decrease from 14 454 thousand square metres in 1994.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 31 (series 1) and 122 (series 4-7).

The May 1995 issue of *Rigid insulating board* (36-002, \$6/\$60) will be available at a later date. See "How to order publications".

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

Process cheese and instant skim milk powder

May 1995

Production of process cheese in May totalled 6 802 336 kilograms, up 17.6% from April 1995, and up 6.0% from May 1994. Year-to-date production at the end of May 1995 totalled 30 200 130 kilograms, up from 28 231 386 kilograms (revised) the previous year.

Production of instant skim milk powder in May 1995 totalled 335 524 kilograms, up 99.6% from April 1995 and up 100.0% from May 1994. Year-to-date production for 1995 totalled 1 450 019 kilograms, compared with 1 307 310 kilograms the year before.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 188 (series 1.10).

The May 1995 issue of *Production and inventories of process cheese and instant skim milk powder* (32-024, \$6/\$60) will be available shortly. See "How to order publications".

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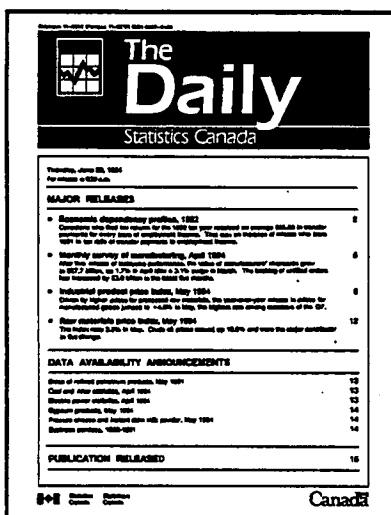
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