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Major Releases

Construction Building Material Price Index: Non-residential

August 1988

Highlights

- The price index for non-residential construction building materials (1981=100) rose to 139.3 in August, up 0.1% from the revised figure for the previous month and 5.8% higher than a year ago.
- Between July and August 1988, there were several minor increases, mainly in prices for foamed and expanded plastics, polyethylene sheets, building wires and cables and conduit fittings, which marginally offset the decreases, principally for lumber, plywood and wooden doors.
- Between August 1987 and August 1988, prices for electrical materials rose 7.3%, due primarily to increases for building wires and cables. Prices

for architectural materials increased by 5.6%, attributable to metal roofing and siding, polyethylene sheets, colorless plate and sheet glass and structural and architectural metal products. Structural materials also were up 5.6%, due mainly to increases for concrete reinforcing bars, ready-mix concrete and concrete bricks and blocks. Mechanical materials also rose 5.6%, mainly because of sanitaryware, elevator and escalator equipment and air conditioning equipment.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 423 (level 2).

The third quarter 1988 issue of *Construction Price Statistics* (62-007, \$16.50/\$66) will be available in December. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact the Information and Current Analysis Unit (613-951-9607), Prices Division.

Construction Building Material Price Indexes: Non-residential

August 1988
(1981=100)

	Aug. 1988	July 1988	Aug. 1987	% Change	
				Aug. 1988/ July 1988	Aug. 1988/ Aug. 1987
Total materials	139.3	139.2	131.7	0.1	5.8
Architectural materials	140.6	140.5	133.2	0.1	5.6
Structural materials	138.2	138.5	130.9	-0.2	5.6
Mechanical materials	143.4	143.3	135.8	0.1	5.6
Electrical materials	131.7	131.3	122.7	0.3	7.3

Construction Building Material Price Index: Residential

August 1988

Highlights

- The price index for residential construction building materials (1981=100) stood at 140.8 in August, down 0.4% from the revised figure for the previous month, but up 3.5% from a year ago.
- Between July and August 1988, significant price decreases for lumber, plywood and wooden doors outweighed the few increases of minor importance that took place.
- Between August 1987 and August 1988, prices for electrical materials rose 9.5%, principally due to increases in building wires and cables.

There were increases in prices for mechanical materials of 5.9%, due to increases in sanitaryware, copper pipe and fittings and plumbing fittings. Architectural materials increased 3.7%, mainly as a result of increases in metal roofing and siding, polyethylene sheets and structural and architectural metal products. Structural materials were up 0.4%, mainly because of concrete bricks and blocks and ready-mix concrete.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 423 (level 1).

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Construction Building Material Price Indexes: Residential

August 1988
(1981=100)

	Aug. 1988	July 1988	Aug. 1987	% Change	
				Aug. 1988/ July 1988	Aug. 1988/ Aug. 1987
Total materials	140.8	141.3	136.1	-0.4	3.5
Architectural materials	140.2	140.5	135.2	-0.2	3.7
Structural materials	143.4	144.6	142.8	-0.8	0.4
Mechanical materials	142.9	143.3	135.0	-0.3	5.9
Electrical materials	133.2	133.1	121.6	0.1	9.5

Data Availability Announcements

Department Store Sales by Province and Metropolitan Area

August 1988

Highlights

- Department stores in Canada reported sales totalling \$1,028 million in August 1988, up 4.2% over the revised August 1987 level of \$987 million.
- Cumulative sales for the first eight months of 1988 totalled \$7,423 million, an increase of 2.9% (after adjustment for the sale of Woodward Stores Ltd.'s food division) over the corresponding period in 1987.
- Department store sales during August 1988, for the provinces and the 10 metropolitan areas surveyed, were as follows (with the percentage change from August 1987 in parentheses):

Province

- Newfoundland, \$13.7 million (-11.9%);
- Prince Edward Island, \$7.8 million (+12.4%);
- Nova Scotia, \$35.7 million (+7.3%);
- New Brunswick, \$23.7 million (+7.2%);
- Quebec, \$203.9 million (+3.6%);
- Ontario, \$413.6 million (+6.4%);
- Manitoba, \$44.0 million (-5.1%);
- Saskatchewan, \$30.8 million (-0.4%);
- Alberta, \$117.5 million (+1.6%);
- British Columbia, \$137.7 million (+5.8%).

Metropolitan Area

- Calgary, \$43.9 million (+0.7%);
- Edmonton, \$52.5 million (+1.6%);
- Halifax-Dartmouth, \$19.2 million (+6.1%);
- Hamilton, \$28.8 million (+5.2%);
- Montreal, \$113.2 million (+1.6%);
- Ottawa-Hull, \$48.2 million (+3.9%);
- Quebec City, \$29.4 million (+3.9%);
- Toronto, \$165.1 million (+6.6%);
- Vancouver, \$77.3 million (+3.9%);
- Winnipeg, \$39.8 million (-5.8%).

Note to Users:

Information on department store sales and stocks by department will be released in *The Daily* during the week of October 17.

The August 1988 issue of *Department Store Monthly Sales, by Province and Selected Metropolitan Area* (63-004, \$2/\$20) will be available the first week of November. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Maurice Massaad (613-951-9682), Retail Trade Section, Industry Division.

Financial Statistics of Canadian Universities

1986-87

In 1986-87, Canadian universities spent \$6.6 billion; this represented 1.3% of the Gross Domestic Product, a level that has been stable for the last three years. After recording the lowest one-year rise (5.0%) in more than a decade in 1984-85, total university expenditures grew by 7% in 1985-86 and in 1986-87. Significant increases in capital spending, 19.1% for 1985-86 and 25.3% for 1986-87 contributed to the relatively large rises. Conversely, the growth in sponsored research expenditures has slowed, 6.5% in 1985-86 and 2.9% in 1986-87, after years of double-digit growth.

On a per student basis, university operating expenditures rose 4.3% in 1986-87, compared to 4.1% for the Consumer Price Index.

The *Education Statistic Bulletin*, Vol. 10, No. 7, *Financial Statistics of Canadian Universities*, 1986-87 (81-002, \$4.50/\$45) is now available. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Claudio Pagliarello (613-951-1508), Education, Culture and Tourism Division. Additional financial data are available from *University Finance Trend Analysis* (81-260, \$35).

Motion Picture Theatres in Canada
1986-87

Preliminary information on motion picture theatres (regular and drive-ins) in 1986-87 is now available.

For more detailed information on this release, contact N. Verma (613-951-6863), Education, Culture and Tourism Division.

Population by Age, Sex and Marital Status, Canada, Provinces and Territories
June 1, 1988

The postcensal estimates, by age, sex and marital status at June 1, 1988 are now available. These data will soon be available on CANSIM.

Postcensal Annual Estimates of Population by Marital Status, Age, Sex and Components of Growth for Canada, Provinces and Territories, June 1, 1988 (91-210, \$27) will be available mid-November. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information, contact the nearest regional reference centre, or Lise Champagne (613-951-2320), Demography Division.

Phonograph Records and Pre-recorded Tapes
August 1988 (Revised)

Canadian manufacturers produced 2,908,012 (revised figure) phonograph records in August 1988, down 11.6% from the 3,290,994 (revised figure) produced a year earlier. Production of tapes increased to 4,620,095 in August 1988, up 0.5% from 4,594,886 tapes in August 1987.

Year-to-date production of phonograph records amounted to 23,208,482 (revised figure), down 8.7% from the 25,408,889 (revised figure) produced during the January to August 1987 period. Cumulative production of tapes decreased 1.3% to 29,231,096 (revised figure) from 29,625,024 tapes during the same period in 1987.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 2904.

The August 1988 issue of *Production and Sales of Phonograph Records and Pre-recorded Tapes in Canada* (47-004, \$4.50/\$45) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Katherine Blais (613-951-9836), Industry Division.

Pulpwood Residue and Wood Residue Statistics
August 1988

Pulpwood receipts amounted to 4 532 438 cubic metres in August 1988, an increase of 12.2% from 4 040 161^r (revised figure) cubic metres a year earlier. Receipts of wood residue totalled 4 805 504 cubic metres, up 6.9% from 4 493 302^r cubic metres in August 1987. Consumption of pulpwood and wood residue was reported as 8 748 663 cubic metres, an increase of 2.6% from 8 523 263 cubic metres reported the previous year. The closing inventory of pulpwood and wood residue totalled 17 702 654 cubic metres, an increase of 4.7% from 16 909 092 cubic metres a year earlier.

Year-to-date receipts of pulpwood totalled 29 343 862 cubic metres, an increase of 1.1% from 29 028 702^r cubic metres a year earlier. Receipts of wood residue decreased 0.1% to 37 351 689^r cubic metres from the year-earlier level of 37 372 971^r cubic metres. Consumption of pulpwood and wood residue, at 67 737 111^r cubic metres, was up 1.5% from 66 757 473 cubic metres a year earlier.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 54.

The August 1988 issue of *Pulpwood and Wood Residue Statistics* (25-001, \$5.50/\$55) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Jacques Lepage (613-951-3516), Industry Division.

Electric Storage Batteries

August 1988

Canadian manufacturers of electric storage batteries sold 209,336 automotive replacement batteries in August 1988, a decrease of 1.6% from 212,720 batteries sold the same month a year earlier.

Cumulative sales amounted to 1,262,620 automotive replacement batteries from January to August 1988, down 17.0% from 1,521,446 for the same period in 1987.

Information on sales of other types of storage batteries is also available.

The August 1988 issue of *Factory Sales of Electric Storage Batteries* (43-005, \$4.50/\$45) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact J.-P. Beauparlant (613-951-3526), Industry Division.

Production of Eggs

August 1988

Canadian egg production decreased slightly to 40.1 million dozen in August 1988 from 40.3 million a year earlier. The average number of layers decreased by 0.1% from August 1987 to 1988, while the number of eggs per 100 layers increased to 2,158 from 2,151.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 1145, 1146 and 5689-5691.

The August 1988 issue of *Production and Stocks of Eggs and Poultry* (23-003, \$11/\$110) will be available the week of October 31. See "How to Order Publications."

For more detailed information on this release contact Robert Koroluk (613-951-2549), Livestock and Animal Products Section, Agriculture Division.

Publications Released

National Income and Expenditure Accounts,
Second Quarter 1988. Catalogue number 13-001
(Canada: \$17.25/\$69; Other Countries: \$18.25/\$73).

Report on Fur Farms, 1987.
Catalogue number 23-208
(Canada: \$30; Other Countries: \$31).

Education Statistics Bulletin, Vol. 10, No. 7,
Financial Statistics of Canadian Universities,
1986-87. Catalogue number 81-002
(Canada: \$4.50/\$45; Other Countries: \$5.50/\$55).

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