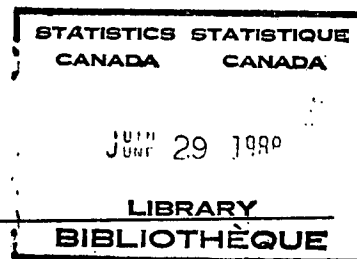


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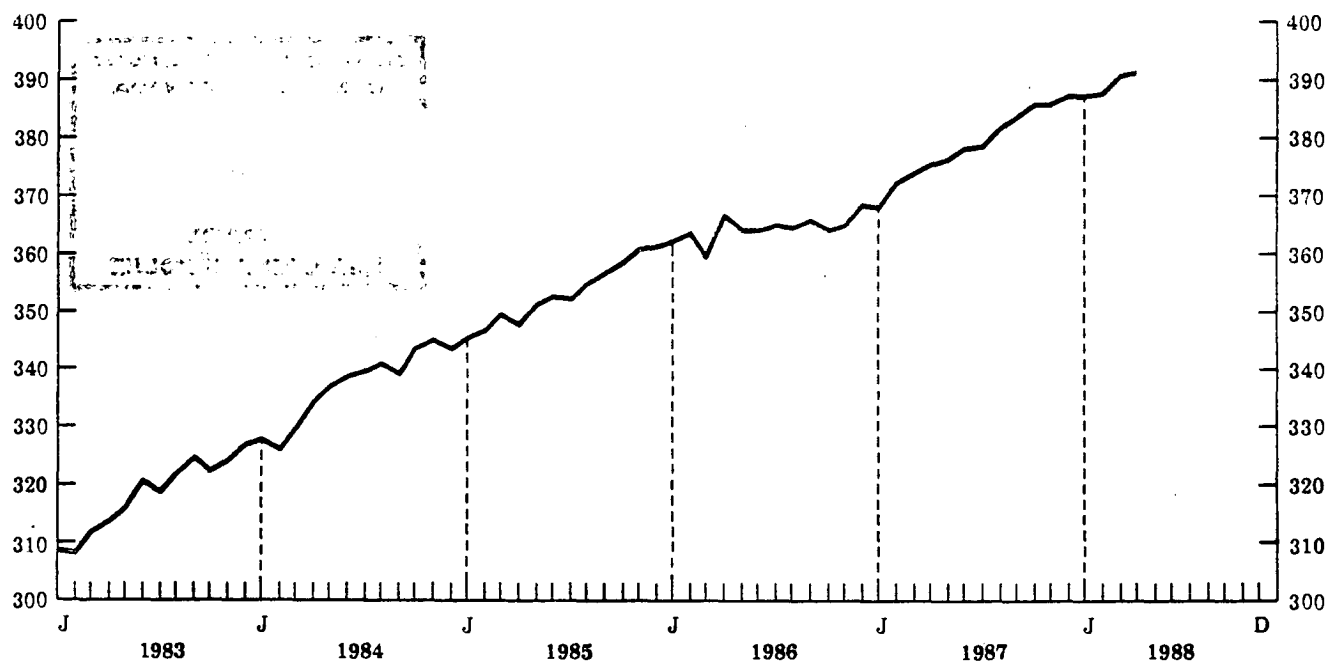
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Real Gross Domestic Product at Factor Cost by Industry, at 1981 Prices (Seasonally adjusted at annual rates)

Billions of dollars

Billions of dollars



Real Gross Domestic Product at Factor Cost by Industry

(seasonally adjusted data)
April 1988

Overview

Gross domestic product at factor cost at 1981 prices increased 0.1% in April following a 0.9% gain in March. The occurrence of Easter in early April may have had an impact on the February-March-April monthly movements. The level of output in April 1988 was 4.2% above that of April 1987. Most of the April growth originated among the goods-producing industries, where output increased 0.4%, marking the third consecutive monthly gain. Services-producing industries declined 0.1% following a 1.1% increase in March.

Goods-producing Industries

Moderate output increases were widespread among the goods-producing industries. Manufacturing output grew 0.2%, mostly due to production increases by manufacturers of durable goods such as motor vehicle parts and accessories, primary metals, non-metallic mineral products, and fabricated metal products. Revisions to source data have resulted in an upward revision to manufacturing output in the first quarter. The revised growth rate for the quarter is 0.6% compared to -0.1% reported the previous month. The impact of this revision on total GDP was marginal, raising the growth rate for the first quarter from 0.5% to 0.6%.

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- A 0.6% output gain in the construction industry resulted from increased non-residential building construction. Residential construction declined 0.5% in April, the fourth decline in the past five months.
 - Output of mines, quarries and oil wells rose for the third consecutive month, mainly due to increased production of crude petroleum and natural gas. Elsewhere in mining, increases in coal and gold production were offset by declines in other metal mines, potash mines, quarry and sand pits, and services related to mineral extraction.
 - Other growth areas included agriculture (+0.7%) due to increased grain sales, and forestry (+2.4%) due to increased sawlog production.
 - A 1.1% decline in transportation and storage services resulted from output decreases in truck transport and air transport, which more than offset gains in pipeline transport and storage facilities.
 - Community, business and personal services declined slightly in April due to decreases in amusement and recreation services, services to business management, and food and accommodation services.
 - Finance, insurance and real estate services recorded its fifth consecutive monthly increase due to increases among banking institutions and other trust, financial and real estate services.
- (see table on page 4)

Available on CANSIM: matrices 4665-4668.

Services-producing Industries

The decline among services-producing industries resulted mainly from output decreases in retail trade, wholesale trade, transportation and storage, and community, business and personal services.

Following a 2.5% gain in March, retail trade declined 1.3% in April; similar declines were recorded in January (1.4%) and February (1.1%). During April, decreased sales were reported by food stores, new motor vehicle dealers and department stores.

- Wholesale trade activity declined 1.2% in April following a 3.0% increase in March. Sales decreases were reported by wholesalers of industrial machinery and equipment, farm machinery, and petroleum products.

The April 1988 issue of *Gross Domestic Product by Industry* (15-001, \$11.50/\$115) is scheduled for release late in July. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Ron Kennedy (613-951-3673), Industry Measures and Analysis Division.

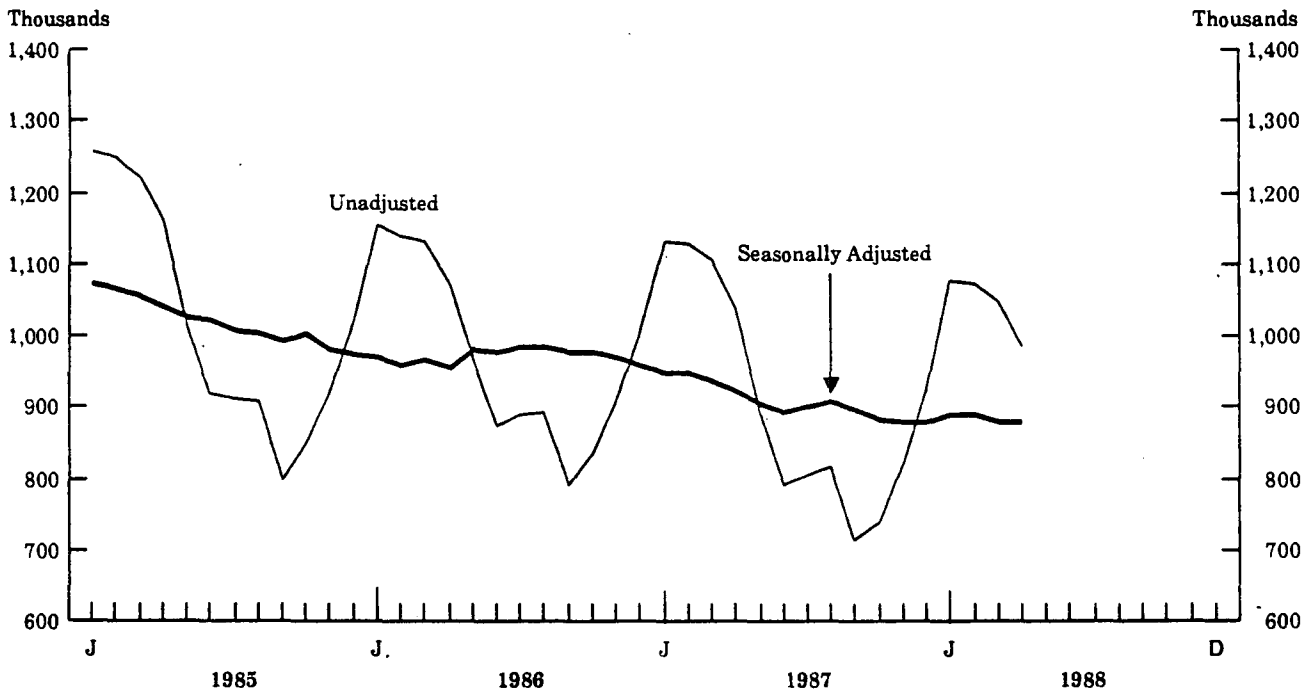
Real Gross Domestic Product at Factor Cost by Industry, at 1981 Prices

(Seasonally Adjusted at Annual Rates)

(\$ millions)

	1987	1988			
	Apr.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.
Total economy	375,435.7	387,480.7	387,609.7	391,077.3	391,364.6
Business sector					
Agricultural and related services industries	11,803.8	11,258.4	11,236.8	11,138.4	11,221.2
Fishing and trapping industries	625.2	571.2	591.6	559.2	577.2
Logging and forestry industry	2,583.9	2,580.0	2,679.6	2,686.8	2,751.6
Mining, quarrying and oil well industries	20,940.8	22,489.2	23,143.2	23,463.6	23,560.8
Manufacturing industries	73,109.3	77,632.5	76,926.1	77,353.3	77,545.8
Construction industries	26,839.6	27,710.4	27,774.0	27,878.4	28,040.4
Transportation and storage industries	16,594.7	17,321.3	17,208.5	17,631.1	17,440.4
Communication industries	10,671.1	11,268.0	11,358.0	11,505.6	11,714.4
Other utility industries	11,331.1	11,529.6	11,430.0	11,530.8	11,509.2
Wholesale trade industries	20,203.3	21,218.4	21,025.2	21,652.8	21,393.6
Retail trade industries	25,080.3	25,949.4	25,668.1	26,301.6	25,961.4
Finance, insurance and real estate	53,937.1	55,202.4	55,497.6	55,972.8	56,295.6
Community, business and personal services	38,652.4	39,232.7	39,544.2	39,723.7	39,595.8
Non-business sector					
Mining industries	37.1	62.4	55.2	50.4	56.4
Manufacturing industries	60.8	62.4	62.4	62.4	62.4
Forestry services industry	247.1	254.4	256.8	259.2	264.0
Transportation industries	1,453.4	1,447.2	1,458.0	1,461.6	1,462.8
Communication industries	45.5	46.8	46.8	46.8	45.6
Water systems industry	543.5	544.8	548.4	550.8	548.4
Insurance and other finance industry	373.0	381.6	376.8	388.8	388.8
Government service industries	23,591.2	23,780.4	23,761.2	23,833.2	23,857.2
Community and personal services	36,711.5	36,937.2	36,961.2	37,026.0	37,071.6
Special aggregations					
Business sector:	312,372.6	323,963.5	324,082.9	327,398.1	327,607.4
- goods	147,233.7	153,771.3	153,781.3	154,610.5	155,206.2
- services	165,138.9	170,192.2	170,301.6	172,787.6	172,401.2
Non-business sector	63,063.1	63,517.2	63,526.8	63,679.2	63,757.2
- goods	641.4	669.6	666.0	663.6	667.2
- services	62,421.7	62,847.6	62,860.8	63,015.6	63,090.0
Goods-producing industries	147,875.1	154,440.9	154,447.3	155,274.1	155,873.4
Services-producing industries	227,560.6	233,039.8	233,162.4	235,803.2	235,491.2
Industrial production	106,022.6	112,320.9	112,165.3	113,011.3	113,283.0
Non-durable manufacturing industries	32,933.6	33,387.9	33,223.6	33,264.6	33,181.9
Durable manufacturing industries	40,175.7	44,244.6	43,702.5	44,088.7	44,363.9

Number of Beneficiaries Receiving Regular Benefits, Canada, 1985-1988



Unemployment Insurance Statistics April 1988

Seasonally Adjusted Data - Beneficiaries Receiving Regular Benefits

- For the week ending April 16, 1988, preliminary estimates show that the number of beneficiaries¹ receiving regular unemployment insurance benefits totalled 877,000 - a slight decrease from the preceding month. The number of beneficiaries has remained stable since October 1987.
- Between March and April 1988, the seasonally adjusted number of beneficiaries receiving regular benefits decreased 2.0% in Ontario, 1.8% in Alberta, and 1.6% in Saskatchewan. It

increased 2.9% in the Northwest Territories and 1.2% both in British Columbia and Manitoba. There was little change in the other provinces.

- Adjusted for seasonal variations and the number of working days, benefit payments decreased in April (-1.4%) to \$882 million from the preceding month, while the number of benefit weeks remained virtually unchanged at 4.5 million during the same period.

Data Not Adjusted for Seasonal Variation

- In April 1988, the total number of beneficiaries¹ (including all persons qualifying for regular and special unemployment insurance benefits) stood at 1,131,000 - a decrease of 4.4% from the same month a year ago. For the same period, the number of male beneficiaries decreased to 655,000 (-5.9%), while the number of female beneficiaries declined by 2.3% to 477,000.

¹ The number of beneficiaries represents a count of persons who qualified for unemployment insurance benefits during a specific week of the reference month.

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- Benefits paid during April 1988 totalled \$961 million², down 2.8% from April 1987. For the first four months of 1988, benefit payments amounted to \$4,268 million, an increase of 2.6% from the same period last year. The year-to-date change resulted from a 6.2% increase in the average weekly benefit to \$204.15, which was partially offset by a 3.4% decrease in the number of weeks paid to 20.9 million.
- A total of 213,000 claims² (applications) for unemployment insurance benefits were received in April 1988, down 6.1% from the same month a year ago. The decrease is in part explained by the smaller number of days available to process claims in April 1988. Since the start of 1988, the number of claims received totalled 990,000 – a decrease of 0.7% from the same period a year earlier.

² Benefits paid, number of benefit weeks, and number of claims received, relate to a complete calendar month. It should be noted that these days are affected by the number of working days available during the reference month to process claims and to pay benefits. In making short-term comparisons it is not uncommon to observe different trends between these data and the number of beneficiaries.

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Available on CANSIM: matrices 6 (series 1.6), 5700-5717, 5735 and 5736. The last two matrices are new; they contain monthly data, starting in January 1984, on beneficiaries by sex and Census Metropolitan Areas (CMA) or Census Agglomerations (CA).

Data for the months of February, March and April 1988 will be published in the April 1988 issue of *Unemployment Insurance Statistics* (73-001, \$13/\$130), available at the beginning of July. See "How to Order Publications".

Unpublished beneficiaries data are also available on request, including statistics for small areas as defined by data users. For special tabulations and further information contact Jean-Pierre Maynard (613-951-4045), Labour Division.

Unemployment Insurance Statistics

					% change from	
	April 1988	March 1988	February 1988	April 1987	March 1988	April 1987
Seasonally Adjusted						
Benefits						
Amount paid (\$000)	881,506	893,925	895,573	857,203	-1.4	2.8
Weeks of benefit (000)	4,460	4,470	4,540	4,510	-0.2	-1.3
Beneficiaries - Regular benefit (000)	877 ^p	881 ^p	892 ^r	925 ^r	-0.4	-5.1
Unadjusted						
Benefits						
Amount paid (\$000)	960,899	1,181,733	1,072,474	988,837	-18.7	-2.8
Weeks of benefit (000)	4,708	5,769	5,219	5,149	-18.4	-8.5
Average weekly benefit (\$)	204.08	204.85	205.48	192.06	-0.4	6.3
Claims received (000)	213	248	229	227	-14.1	-6.1
Beneficiaries ¹ (000)						
Total	1,131 ^p	1,191 ^p	1,225 ^r	1,183	-5.0	-4.4
Regular benefits	986 ^p	1,047 ^p	1,075 ^r	1,041 ^r	-5.8	-5.2

	January to April		% Change
	1988	1987	1988/1987
Benefits			
Amount paid (\$000)	4,267,817	4,158,176	2.6
Weeks of benefit (000)	20,906	21,640	-3.4
Average weekly benefit (\$)	204.15	192.16	6.2
Claims received (000)	999	1,006	-0.7
Beneficiaries - Year-to-date average¹ (000)	1,190^p	1,244^r	-4.4

¹ The beneficiaries include all claimants who receive benefits through the computer pay system. Excluded are year-round fishermen, a few seasonal fishermen and a small number of work sharing and job creation claimants who are paid through the manual pay system.

^p Preliminary figures.

^r Revised figures.

Data Availability Announcement

Gypsum Products May 1988

Manufacturers shipped 26 010 thousand square metres of plain gypsum wallboard in May 1988, down 4.1% from the 27 112^r (revised figure) thousand square metres shipped in May 1987 but up 3.8% from the 25 054 thousand square metres shipped in April 1988.

Year-to-date shipments totalled 127 536 thousand square metres, a decrease of 5.5% from the January to May 1987 period.

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

The May 1988 issue of *Gypsum Products* (44-003, \$4.50/\$45) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Sharon McLinton (613-951-3527), Industry Division.

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Available at 3 p.m.

Canadian Forestry Statistics, 1985.

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Oils and Fats, April 1988.

Catalogue number 32-006

(Canada: \$4.50/\$45; Other Countries: \$5.50/\$55).

Steel Wire and Specified Wire

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