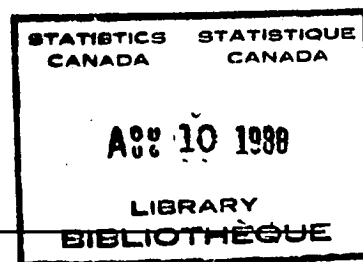


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### Labour Income

May 1988

The May 1988 preliminary estimate of labour income, which constitutes approximately 50% of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in the National Income and Expenditure Accounts, was \$26.1 billion. The May 1988 increase of 6.6% from May 1987 was less than the average year-to-year change of 7.7% in the previous four months of 1988.

#### Seasonally adjusted<sup>1</sup>

The seasonally adjusted estimate of wages and salaries<sup>1</sup> for May 1988 was little changed (+0.2%) from April 1988. During the past 12 months, the month-to-month increases in wages and salaries were between +0.2% (May 1988) and +0.9% (January and March 1988).

In the goods-producing industries, the estimate of wages and salaries was virtually unchanged (+0.1%) from April 1988. Wages and salaries in mines, quarries and oil wells showed the largest gain (1.1%). Construction wages and salaries declined by 0.7% due primarily to work stoppages in the province of Ontario. Wages and salaries in the remaining industries changed marginally from April 1988.

In the service-producing industries, the estimate of wages and salaries increased slightly (+0.2%) in May 1988 from the previous month. Increases in wages and salaries were noted in transportation, communications and other utilities (0.7%), commercial and personal service (0.7%) and federal administration (1.3%). Education and related services, health and welfare services, and local administration showed declines in wages and salaries, while the remaining industries showed little change.

On a provincial basis, the seasonally adjusted estimates of wages and salaries changed less than 1.0% from the previous month in all provinces except for Prince Edward Island (+1.9%), Nova Scotia (+1.2%) and the Yukon, Northwest Territories and Abroad (-1.6%).

#### Unadjusted for seasonal variation

On a year-over-year basis, the May 1988 estimate of wages and salaries in the goods-producing industries rose by 8.2% from May 1987, slightly less than the yearly growth rate of 8.5% recorded in April 1988. The year-to-year growth rate in wages and salaries in mines, quarries and oil wells rose to 10.3% in May 1988 from 8.8% in April 1988. The rate of growth in construction decelerated to 9.2% in May from 11.3% in April, primarily due to work stoppages in Ontario.

In the service-producing industries, the year-over-year growth rate in wages and salaries was 5.9%, a decline from the average year-to-year change of 7.5% in the previous four months of 1988. The yearly rates of change decelerated significantly in education and related services, health and welfare services and provincial administration in May. These declines were primarily due to large retroactive payments resulting from contract settlements made in May 1987 in the province of Quebec. The yearly rate of change in local administration declined, while the rates in remaining industries were little changed in May.

At the provincial level, the yearly growth rates in wages and salaries declined in Newfoundland and Quebec from those recorded last month. The remaining provinces showed little change in yearly rates of growth.

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Available on CANSIM: matrices 1791 and 1792.

The April-June 1988 issue of *Estimates of Labour Income* (72-005, \$17.25/\$69), will be available in October 1988. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Georgette Gauthier (613-951-4051), Labour Income Section, Labour Division.

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<sup>1</sup> Wages and salaries account for 90% of labour income.

# Wages and Salaries and Supplementary Labour Income

(millions of dollars)

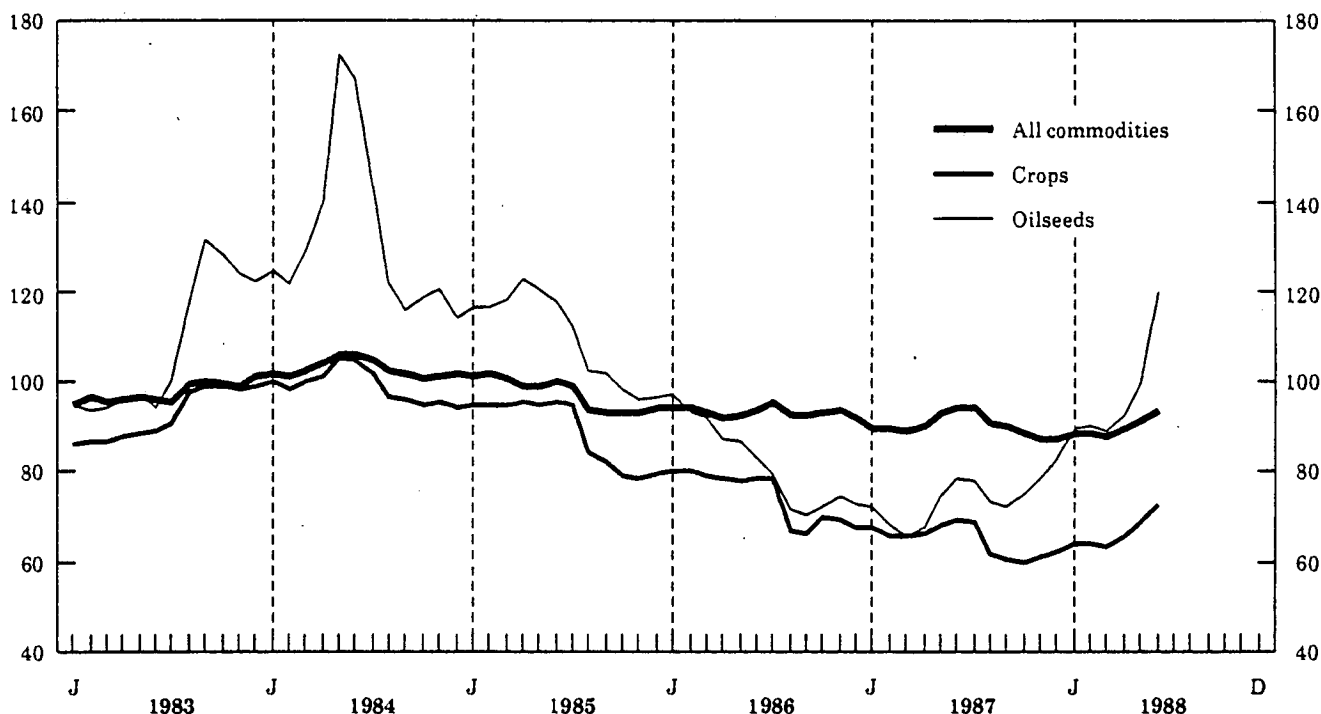
|                                                        | May<br>1988 <sup>p</sup> | April<br>1988 <sup>r</sup> | March<br>1988 <sup>r</sup> | May<br>1987     |
|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Unadjusted for Seasonal Variation                      |                          |                            |                            |                 |
| Agriculture, fishing and trapping                      | 187.7                    | 147.9                      | 124.4                      | 182.3           |
| Forestry                                               | 154.1                    | 125.5                      | 137.8                      | 148.2           |
| Mines, quarries and oil wells                          | 587.4                    | 570.8                      | 578.8                      | 532.7           |
| Manufacturing industries                               | 4,959.6                  | 4,836.5                    | 4,750.1                    | 4,592.3         |
| Construction industry                                  | 1,443.9                  | 1,327.0                    | 1,196.3                    | 1,322.5         |
| Transportation, communications and<br>other utilities  | 2,315.7                  | 2,267.9                    | 2,303.3                    | 2,184.9         |
| Trade                                                  | 3,273.4                  | 3,216.0                    | 3,162.9                    | 3,000.6         |
| Finance, insurance and real estate                     | 1,947.0                  | 1,922.1                    | 1,888.3                    | 1,784.8         |
| Commercial and personal service                        | 3,149.2                  | 3,061.8                    | 3,003.3                    | 2,941.7         |
| Education and related services                         | 2,047.2                  | 2,041.7                    | 2,044.5                    | 1,970.4         |
| Health and welfare services                            | 1,601.4                  | 1,593.0                    | 1,567.4                    | 1,621.0         |
| Federal administration and other<br>government offices | 782.0                    | 758.1                      | 767.1                      | 757.0           |
| Provincial administration                              | 585.6                    | 574.0                      | 573.7                      | 566.4           |
| Local administration                                   | 490.5                    | 484.5                      | 477.3                      | 465.1           |
| <b>Total wages and salaries</b>                        | <b>23,524.5</b>          | <b>22,926.8</b>            | <b>22,575.1</b>            | <b>22,069.8</b> |
| Supplementary labour income                            | 2,533.4                  | 2,468.2                    | 2,429.9                    | 2,380.0         |
| <b>Labour income</b>                                   | <b>26,057.9</b>          | <b>25,395.1</b>            | <b>25,005.0</b>            | <b>24,449.8</b> |
| Adjusted for Seasonal Variation                        |                          |                            |                            |                 |
| Agriculture, fishing and trapping                      | 189.4                    | 189.5                      | 187.7                      | 182.3           |
| Forestry                                               | 165.7                    | 165.6                      | 162.1                      | 159.6           |
| Mines, quarries and oil wells                          | 596.6                    | 590.3                      | 581.6                      | 541.0           |
| Manufacturing industries                               | 4,907.5                  | 4,893.9                    | 4,854.0                    | 4,543.6         |
| Construction industry                                  | 1,423.5                  | 1,433.5                    | 1,406.8                    | 1,325.5         |
| Transportation, communications and<br>other utilities  | 2,310.6                  | 2,294.1                    | 2,327.3                    | 2,180.2         |
| Trade                                                  | 3,253.2                  | 3,247.2                    | 3,214.7                    | 2,978.1         |
| Finance, insurance and real estate                     | 1,935.2                  | 1,928.1                    | 1,898.4                    | 1,774.2         |
| Commercial and personal service                        | 3,130.1                  | 3,108.6                    | 3,114.3                    | 2,940.9         |
| Education and related services                         | 1,970.3                  | 1,976.0                    | 1,969.3                    | 1,896.0         |
| Health and welfare services                            | 1,590.2                  | 1,602.9                    | 1,580.6                    | 1,594.8         |
| Federal administration and other<br>government offices | 773.1                    | 763.1                      | 768.9                      | 748.8           |
| Provincial administration                              | 586.5                    | 586.2                      | 583.3                      | 567.2           |
| Local administration                                   | 495.7                    | 500.2                      | 497.2                      | 467.5           |
| <b>Total wages and salaries</b>                        | <b>23,363.0</b>          | <b>23,326.0</b>            | <b>23,200.1</b>            | <b>21,872.3</b> |
| Supplementary labour income                            | 2,514.3                  | 2,510.3                    | 2,496.7                    | 2,353.9         |
| <b>Labour income</b>                                   | <b>25,877.3</b>          | <b>25,836.2</b>            | <b>25,696.9</b>            | <b>24,226.2</b> |

<sup>p</sup> Preliminary estimates.

<sup>r</sup> Revised estimates.

<sup>f</sup> Final estimates.

# Farm Product Price Index (1981 = 100)



## Farm Product Price Index

June 1988

The Farm Product Price Index (1981 = 100) for Canada stood at 93.4 in June, up 2.1% from the revised May level of 91.5. This was the third consecutive increase in the index. Crop prices rose in June while livestock prices remained almost unchanged from their May level. The June 1988 index stood 0.8% below the year-earlier level of 94.2.

The percentage changes in the index between May and June 1988 by province were as follows:

|                        |       |
|------------------------|-------|
| • Newfoundland         | 1.1%  |
| • Prince Edward Island | -1.1% |
| • Nova Scotia          | 1.3%  |
| • New Brunswick        | 1.7%  |
| • Quebec               | 2.0%  |
| • Ontario              | 2.8%  |
| • Manitoba             | 1.8%  |

|                    |       |
|--------------------|-------|
| • Saskatchewan     | 1.9%  |
| • Alberta          | 2.4%  |
| • British Columbia | -0.1% |
| • Canada           | 2.1%  |

## Crops

A 6.0% increase in the crops index in June was the largest monthly gain since August 1983 and was due mainly to higher oilseed and cereal prices. The index rose for the third consecutive month and stood at 72.9.

- The oilseeds index rose 21% in June. This was the eighth increase in the index in nine months as prices for soybeans, canola and flaxseed rose. The increase in June 1988 was the largest monthly gain since May 1984. Contributing to the higher oilseed prices was the prospect of tight supplies of oilseeds due to continued very

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dry weather in parts of the Canadian Prairies, Ontario and the midwestern U.S. The index has risen 66% since September 1987 and with the increase in June 1988 was at its highest point since May 1985.

- The cereals index stood at 56.1 in June, up 4.5% from the previous month. Leading the increase were sharply higher prices for feed grains due to continued very dry weather in parts of the Canadian Prairies, Ontario and the midwestern U.S. With the price increases, the cereals index stood 0.2% above its year-earlier level. This was the first time since July 1984 that the current month cereals index was above its year-earlier level.

#### **Livestock and Animal Products**

The total livestock and animal products index decreased 0.1% in June. Lower prices for cattle offset higher prices for hogs, poultry and eggs. The index has fallen 5.0% from the record level reached in August 1987.

- The cattle index decreased 3.4% in June mainly due to lower slaughter and feeder cattle prices. Associated with the lower prices was increased slaughter in Canada and the United States. The index remained 4.2% below the record level set in September 1987.

- Hog prices rose 6.0% in June following an 8.6% increase in May. The hog index has risen in June in nine of the past 10 years. Good demand for pork and a slowdown in shipments of live hogs to market were associated with the hog price increases in June 1988. Even with the increase in June, the index stood at 104.2, 23% below its year-earlier level.

#### **User Note**

The Farm Product Price Index is designed to measure changes in prices received by producers when ownership of a commodity first changes hands. Prices used in the index for Western wheat, oats and barley sold to the Canadian Wheat Board prior to August 1987 are final prices. Beginning in August 1987, initial prices are used and therefore exclude any forthcoming adjustment or final payments. Sub-indexes for livestock, crops and their components are also available on a provincial basis.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 176.

The June issue of *Farm Product Price Index* (62-003, \$6.50/\$65) is scheduled for release August 23. Contact Paul Murray (613-951-2437), Farm Income and Prices Section, Agriculture Division.

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## Data Availability Announcements

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### Department Store Sales by Province and Metropolitan Area

June 1988

- Department stores in Canada reported sales totalling \$1,066 million in June 1988, up 5.2% from the revised June 1987 level of \$1,013 million.
- Cumulative sales for the first six months of 1988 totalled \$5,461 million, an increase of 0.2% over the corresponding period in 1987.
- Department store sales during June 1988, for the provinces and the 10 metropolitan areas surveyed, were as follows (with the percentage change from June 1987 in parentheses):

#### Province

- Newfoundland, \$12.3 million (16.5%);
- Prince Edward Island, \$7.4 million (6.2%);
- Nova Scotia, \$34.7 million (1.0%);
- New Brunswick, \$23.3 million (3.3%);
- Quebec, \$205.4 million (3.4%);
- Ontario, \$446.8 million (8.4%);
- Manitoba, \$47.3 million (-3.4%);
- Saskatchewan, \$32.1 million (0.9%);
- Alberta, \$115.5 million (1.6%);
- British Columbia, \$141.6 million (6.0%).

#### Metropolitan Area

- Calgary, \$44.7 million (1.3%);
- Edmonton, \$50.5 million (3.8%);
- Halifax-Dartmouth, \$19.3 million (1.6%);
- Hamilton, \$33.8 million (13.2%);
- Montreal, \$117.8 million (2.8%);
- Ottawa-Hull, \$48.9 million (4.2%);
- Quebec City, \$29.2 million (1.5%);
- Toronto, \$180.9 million (8.7%);
- Vancouver, \$82.5 million (6.5%);
- Winnipeg, \$43.0 million (-4.0%).

### Note to Users:

Information on department store sales and stocks by department will be released in *The Daily* during the week of August 22.

The June 1988 issue of Department Store Monthly Sales, by Province and Selected Metropolitan Area (63-004, \$2.50/\$25) will be available the first week of September 1988. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information, contact Colleen Loggie (613-951-3548), Retail Trade Section, Industry Division.

### Steel Ingots

June 1988

Steel ingots production for June 1988 totalled 1 305 901 tonnes, an increase of 4.1% from 1 254 527<sup>r</sup> tonnes (r: revised figure) produced in the previous year.

Year-to-date production reached 7 690 599 tonnes, an increase of 1.5% from 7 574 850<sup>r</sup> metric tonnes a year earlier.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 58 (level 2, series 3).

The June 1988 issue of *Primary Iron and Steel* (41-001, \$4.50/\$45) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information, contact Gerry Barrett (613-951-3515), Industry Division.

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## **Industrial Chemicals and Synthetic Resins**

June 1988

Canadian chemical firms produced 118 878 tonnes of polyethylene synthetic resins in June 1988, an increase of 21.4% from the 97 884 tonnes produced in June 1987.

January to June 1988 production totalled 727 930 tonnes, up 14.7% from 634 692 tonnes produced during the same period in 1987.

Data on Canadian production of three other types of synthetic resins and 28 industrial chemicals are also available for June 1988, June 1987 and corresponding cumulative figures.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 951.

The June 1988 issue of Industrial Chemicals and Synthetic Resins (46-002, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information, contact Raj Sehdev (613-951-3513), Industry Division.



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**Production and Stocks of Eggs and Poultry,**  
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**Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas Production,**  
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of Sawmills in British Columbia, May 1988.**  
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Catalogue number 51-207  
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(Canada: \$20; Other Countries: \$21).

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