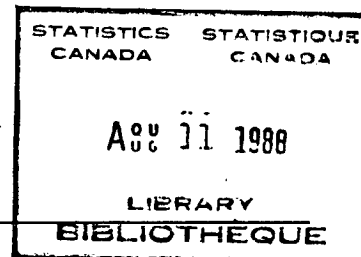


The Daily

Statistics Canada

Thursday, August 11, 1988



Major Release

Help-wanted Index, July 1988

2

- The Help-wanted Index decreased by four points to 146 in July.

Data Availability Announcements

Steel Ingots, Week Ending August 6, 1988

4

Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products, June 1988

4

Production of Eggs, June 1988

4

Publications Released

5

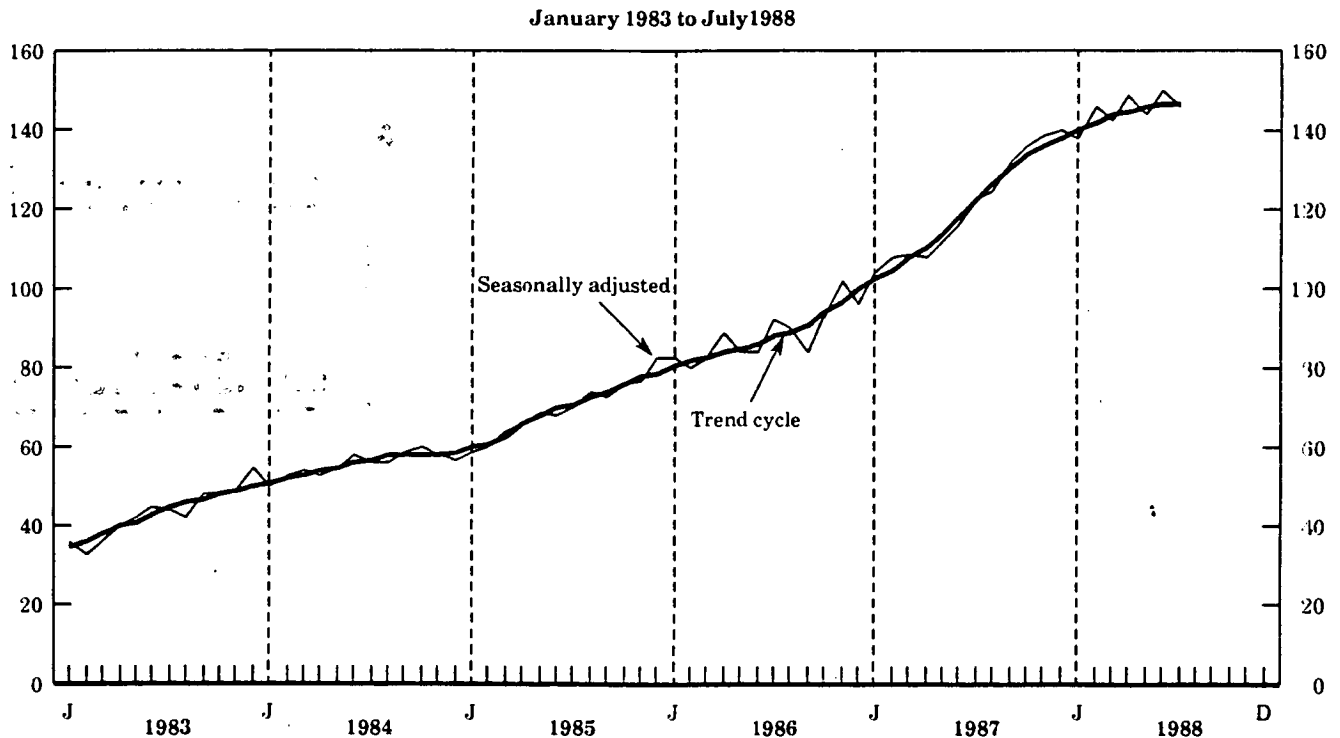


Statistics Canada
Statistique Canada

Canada

Major Release

Help-wanted Index, Canada (1981 = 100)



Help-wanted Index

July 1988

The Help-wanted Index monitors the space devoted to help-wanted ads published in 18 major metropolitan area newspapers and serves as an indicator of the demand for labour.

Highlights

Between June and July 1988:

- The seasonally adjusted Help-wanted Index for Canada (1981=100) decreased to 146 from 150. Since the beginning of the year the index has

fluctuated around the current level. This is in contrast to 1987 when increases, except for April, were observed throughout the year.

- The Help-wanted Index declined to 190 from 196 in Ontario, and in the Prairie region it fell to 61 from 64. In both regions the index decreased for the third consecutive month.
- The index in the Atlantic region increased to 191 from 183, but it remained below the level of 209 recorded in April 1988.

(continued on page 3)

- There was little or no change in the remaining regions.

In July 1988, the Canada trend cycle¹ continued its advance which began in December 1982. However, the rate of increase in 1988 has been slower than in 1987 (see chart).

¹ The trend cycle provides an indication of the direction in the demand for labour as estimated by the Help-wanted Index. It is calculated by the X-11 ARIMA seasonal adjustment program. Essentially, the calculation involves a 13-term Henderson moving average which smooths irregular fluctuations in the seasonally adjusted data.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 105.

For historical data covering the period from January 1962 to December 1987, order the *Help-wanted Index* (71-204, \$15), now available. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Horst Stiebert (613-951-4044), Labour Division.

Help-wanted Index (1981 = 100), Canada and Regions Seasonally Adjusted

Year and month	Canada	Atlantic Region	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Region	British Columbia
1987						
July	123	151	142	169	51	49
August	125	164	131	171	54	53
September	132	171	146	177	60	50
October	136	170	148	185	55	55
November	139	173	154	184	59	57
December	140	164	150	189	58	55
1988						
January	138	181	144	190	62	58
February	146	154	163	197	58	58
March	143	172	160	194	60	56
April	149	209	155	201	70	60
May	144	189	153	198	66	56
June	150	183	172	196	64	60
July	146	191	173	190	61	59

Data Availability Announcements

Steel Ingots

Week Ending August 6, 1988

Preliminary estimates indicate that Canadian steel ingot production for the week ending August 6, 1988 totalled 209 771 tonnes, a decrease of 20.8% from the preceding week's total of 264 725 tonnes and down 21.0% from the year-earlier level of 265 421 tonnes.

The cumulative total in 1988 was 9 038 439 tonnes, an increase of 1.6% from 8 892 501 tonnes for the same period in 1987.

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

Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products

June 1988

Factory shipments of steel wire and specified wire products totalled 71 693 tonnes in June 1988, an increase of 8.1% from the 66 332 tonnes shipped during the previous month.

Year-to-date shipments of steel wire and specified wire products totalled 388 035 tonnes in 1988, an increase of 4.4% from the 371 818 (revised figure) tonnes shipped during the same period in 1987.

Factory shipments of steel wire and specified wire products for June 1988 are now available, as are production and export market data for selected commodities.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 122 (series 19).

The June 1988 issue of *Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products* (41-006, \$4.50/\$45) will be published at a later date.

For more detailed information on this release, contact Bruno Pépin (613-951-9837), Industry Division.

Production of Eggs

June 1988

Canadian egg production increased by 0.7% to 39.4 million dozen in June 1988 from 39.1 million a year earlier. The average number of layers decreased slightly from June 1987 to 1988, while the number of eggs per 100 layers increased to 2,096 from 2,075.

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

The June 1988 issue of *Production and Stocks of Eggs and Poultry* (23-003, \$11/\$110) is scheduled for release September 1st. See "How to Order Publications".

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

Publications Released

Salaries and Salary Scales of Full-time Teaching Staff at Canadian Universities, 1987-88 Supplementary.
Catalogue number 81-258S
(Canada: \$20; Other Countries: \$21).

Hospital Indicators, April-December 1987.
Catalogue number 83-002
(Canada: \$15/\$60; Other Countries: \$16/\$64).

Population and Dwelling Counts, Unincorporated Places, 1986 Census.
Catalogue number 92-105
(Canada: \$57; Other Countries: \$67).

Canned and Frozen Fruits and Vegetables, March 1988. Catalogue number 32-011
(Canada: \$4.50/\$45; Other Countries: \$5.50/\$55).

How to Order Publications

Statistics Canada publications may be purchased by mail order from Publication Sales, Room 1710, Main Building, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6 or phone 613-951-7276.

Please enclose cheque or money order payable to the Receiver General for Canada/Publications and provide full information on publications required (catalogue number, title, issue).

Publications may also be ordered through Statistics Canada's offices in St. John's, Halifax, Montreal, Ottawa, Sturgeon Falls, Toronto, Winnipeg, Regina, Edmonton, Calgary and Vancouver, or from authorized bookstore agents or other booksellers.

A national toll-free telephone order service is now in operation at Statistics Canada. The toll-free line (1-800-267-6677) can be used by Canadian customers for the ordering of Statistics Canada products and services.

**The
Daily**

Statistics Canada's Official Release Bulletin for Statistical Information

Catalogue 11-001E. Price: Canada \$100/year; other countries \$125/year

Published by the Communications Division (Director - Douglas Newson)
Statistics Canada, 3-N, R.H. Coats Bldg., Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Senior Editor: Greg Thomson (613-951-1116)

Editor: Deanna Jamieson (613-951-1103)

Published under the authority of the Minister of Supply and Services Canada. Statistics Canada should be credited when reproducing or quoting any part of this document. Extracts from this publication may be reproduced for individual use without permission provided the source is fully acknowledged. However, reproduction of this publication in whole or in part for purposes of resale or redistribution requires written permission from the Publishing Services Group, Permissions Officer, Canadian Government Publishing Centre, Ottawa, Canada K1A 0S9.

STATISTICS CANADA LIBRARY
BIBLIOTHÈQUE STATISTIQUE CANADA



1010498001