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## Employment Insurance

November 2005 (preliminary)

The seasonally adjusted estimated number of Canadians receiving regular Employment Insurance benefits fell 1.4% from October to 496,510 in November and stood 4.2% lower than at the same time in 2004. Most provinces showed month-to-month declines in the number of beneficiaries with six provinces showing consecutive decreases for at least the last three months.

### Employment Insurance statistics

	Nov. 2005	Oct. 2005	Nov. 2004	Oct. to Nov. 2005	Nov. to Nov. 2004
seasonally adjusted					
	%				
	change				
Regular beneficiaries	496,510 <sup>P</sup>	503,750 <sup>r</sup>	518,070	-1.4	-4.2
Regular benefits paid (\$ millions)	685.6 <sup>P</sup>	715.0 <sup>r</sup>	682.8	-4.1	0.4
Initial and renewal claims received ('000)	225.5 <sup>P</sup>	236.9 <sup>r</sup>	232.3	-4.8	-2.9
unadjusted					
All beneficiaries ('000) <sup>1</sup>	734.3 <sup>P</sup>	674.2 <sup>P</sup>	758.8		
Regular beneficiaries ('000)	440.8 <sup>P</sup>	391.3 <sup>P</sup>	466.3		
Initial and renewal claims received ('000)	278.4	250.8	303.5		
Payments (\$ millions)	1,050.1	1,136.7	1,115.8		
year-to-date (January to November)					
		2005	2004	2004 to 2005	
				%	
				change	
Claims received ('000)			2,525.4	2,522.4	0.1
Payments (\$ millions)			13,538.9	13,769.4	-1.7

<sup>r</sup> Revised.

<sup>P</sup> Preliminary.

1. "All beneficiaries" includes all claimants receiving regular benefits (for example, as a result of layoff) or special benefits (for example, as a result of illness) and are representative of data for the Labour Force Survey reference week which is usually the week containing the 15th of the month.

The number of beneficiaries has been dropping steadily since the end of 2003. This downward trend has been strongest in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia.

Regular benefit payments totalled \$685.6 million in November, while 225,500 people made initial and renewal claims.

**Note:** Employment Insurance statistics program data are produced from an administrative data source and may, from time to time, be affected by changes

to the *Employment Insurance Act* or administrative procedures. The number of beneficiaries for November is a measure of all persons who received Employment Insurance benefits from the 6th to the 12th of the month. This coincides with the reference week of the Labour Force Survey. The regular benefit payments series measures the total of all monies received by individuals for the entire month.

### Number of beneficiaries receiving regular benefits

	Nov. 2005 <sup>P</sup>	Oct. to Nov. 2005	Nov. to Nov. 2004
seasonally adjusted			
%			
change			
<b>Canada</b>	<b>496,510</b>	<b>-1.4</b>	<b>-4.2</b>
Newfoundland and Labrador	37,110	-2.8	-0.6
Prince Edward Island	7,730	-6.3	-1.3
Nova Scotia	28,220	-2.1	-5.0
New Brunswick	33,210	-1.9	-3.3
Quebec	171,790	-1.3	-0.9
Ontario	130,570	1.9	1.1
Manitoba	11,490	-1.4	-2.6
Saskatchewan	9,490	-8.0	-15.6
Alberta	19,150	-5.9	-28.8
British Columbia	47,020	-2.4	-15.7
Yukon Territory	850	-3.4	-6.6
Northwest Territories	790	1.3	5.3
Nunavut	390	-7.1	-2.5

<sup>P</sup> Preliminary.

**Note:** The number of beneficiaries includes all claimants who received regular benefits for the Labour Force Survey reference week, usually containing the 15th day of the month.

Available on CANSIM: tables 276-0001 to 276-0006, 276-0009, 276-0011, 276-0015 and 276-0016.

**Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2604.**

Data on Employment Insurance for December will be released on February 21.

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## Farm Product Price Index

November 2005

Prices farmers received for their commodities fell 4.8% in November from the same month a year earlier as crop prices continued to slide, while prices for livestock increased.

Overall, producers received prices for crops that were 15.1% below levels in November 2004, continuing the downward trend in year-over-year price changes since the summer of 2003, according to the Farm Product Price Index (FPPI). Farmers received lower prices for grains, oilseeds, special crops and vegetables.

In contrast, prices for livestock and animal products were 4.8% above the year earlier level. Since June 2004, the overall livestock and animal products index has increased in all but one month (June 2005). Stronger cattle, calf and dairy prices have supported the increases over the previous five months, as hog, egg and poultry prices continued their year-over-year slide.

On a monthly basis, prices farmers received for their commodities were down 1.6% in November from October. Both the overall crops and the livestock and animal products indexes recorded declines from the revised October index.

The FPPI (1997=100) stood at 89.7 in November, the lowest level since the fall of 1999.

The overall crops index was lower in November compared to the revised October index because of lower grain, oilseed, special crops and fruit prices.

After increasing in October, grain and oilseed prices declined for the sixth month in 2005. Near record grain and oilseed production in both Canada and the United States in the fall of 2005 added to already burdensome supplies. In addition, growing conditions in many parts of the country were detrimental to the quality of the crop.

**Farm Product Price Index**  
(1997=100)

	Nov. 2004 <sup>r</sup>	Oct. 2005 <sup>r</sup>	Nov. 2005 <sup>p</sup>	Nov. 2004 to Nov. 2005 % change	Oct. to Nov. 2005 % change
<b>Farm Product Price Index</b>	<b>94.2</b>	<b>91.2</b>	<b>89.7</b>	<b>-4.8</b>	<b>-1.6</b>
<b>Crops</b>	<b>89.4</b>	<b>78.7</b>	<b>75.9</b>	<b>-15.1</b>	<b>-3.6</b>
Grains	75.2	60.1	59.4	-21.0	-1.2
Oilseeds	81.7	72.2	71.3	-12.7	-1.2
Specialty crops	94.1	85.3	78.7	-16.4	-7.7
Fruit	99.5	124.8	112.1	12.7	-10.2
Vegetables	115.4	107.9	108.6	-5.9	0.6
Potatoes	121.5	136.4	146.3	20.4	7.3
<b>Livestock and animal products</b>	<b>99.2</b>	<b>106.3</b>	<b>104.0</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>-2.2</b>
Cattle and calves	91.7	111.9	110.6	20.6	-1.2
Hogs	84.7	77.6	73.3	-13.5	-5.5
Poultry	99.3	92.1	90.3	-9.1	-2.0
Eggs	106.1	96.7	96.9	-8.7	0.2
Dairy	125.1	131.7	131.8	5.4	0.1

<sup>r</sup> Revised.  
<sup>p</sup> Preliminary.

The value of the Canadian dollar remained virtually unchanged against the US dollar again in November.

However, compared to November 2004, the value of the Canadian dollar rose 1.3%.

After increasing for four consecutive months, the overall livestock and animal products index dropped 2.2% between October and November. All commodities except dairy and eggs recorded decreases.

Cattle and calf prices edged down 1.2% in November — the first decrease since the border reopened to trade of live animals in July.

The hog index, down 5.5% from October, stood at its lowest level since January 2004. Hog prices continued their downward slide as fewer exports have led to higher inventories of market hogs.

**Available on CANSIM: tables 002-0021 and 002-0022.**

**Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 5040.**

The November 2005 issue of *Farm Product Price Index*, Vol. 5, no. 11 (21-007-XIE, free) is now available online. From the *Our products and services* page, under *Browse our Internet publications*, choose *Free*, then *Agriculture*.

For general information or to order data, call (1-800-465-1991). To enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Gail-Ann Breese (204-983-3445; fax: 204-983-7543; [gail-ann.breese@statcan.ca](mailto:gail-ann.breese@statcan.ca)), Agriculture Division. ■

**Crushing statistics**

December 2005

Oilseed processors crushed 291 883 metric tonnes of canola in December. Oil production last month totalled 125 661 tonnes while meal production amounted to 173 379 tonnes.

**Available on CANSIM: table 001-0005.**

**Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 3404.**

The December 2005 issue of *Cereals and Oilseeds Review* (22-007-XIB, \$12/\$120) will be available in February.

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## **Deliveries of major grains**

December 2005

Data on December grain deliveries are now available.

**Available on CANSIM: table 001-0001.**

**Definitions, data sources and methods: survey numbers, including related surveys, 3403, 3404 and 3443.**

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**Cereals and Oilseeds Review**, November 2005,  
Vol. 28, no. 11  
**Catalogue number 22-007-XIB** (\$12/\$120).

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- **Productivity, hourly compensation and unit labour cost, 1995** 4  
Growth in productivity among Canadian businesses was relatively weak again in 1996 accompanied by sluggish gains in employment and slow economic growth during the year.

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