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B.C. Hourly Wage Hits New High

OTTAWA — (CP) — Hourly wages in manufacturing touched another new peak at Oct. 1, with British Columbia leading the way.

British Columbia's average figure of $1.26 an hour was well above the national average of $1.05, a Dominion bureau of statistics reported today.

Nova Scotia's 91 cents was the lowest for the eight provinces—all except Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island—for which figures were provided.

Other provincial averages were: $1.11 for Ontario, $1.07 for Saskatchewan, $1.05 for Alberta, $1.02 for Manitoba, 94 cents for Quebec and 93 cents for New Brunswick. All were up from a month previously.

The national average showed a slight increase from the previout high of $1.04 at Sept. 1, and compared with 99 cents a year earlier.

The national weekly average for hourly-rated workers in manufacturing also hit a new high of $45.07, compared with $43.74 on Sept 1 and $42.40 a year earlier.

The bureau said seasonal expansion of operations in many industries, plus wage increases and premium overtime work in some plants, were factors in the rises of hourly and weekly earnings.

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