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REGIONAL REFERENCE CENTRES

2001 Census technical report: Age, sex, marital status and common-law status

Now available online is the first in a series of 2001 Census technical reports that examine the quality of data from the 2001 Census. The 2001 Census technical report for age, sex, marital status and common-law status (92-380-XIE, free) is aimed at informing users on the complexity of the data and on any difficulties that could affect their use. It explains the theoretical framework and the definitions used to gather the data, and describes unusual circumstances that could affect the data quality. Moreover, the report touches upon data capture, edit and imputation, and deals with the historical comparability of the data. From the *Census* page, choose *Reference*, then *2001 Census technical reports*.

For more information, contact the nearest Statistics Canada Regional Reference Centre.



OTHER RELEASES

Employment Insurance

August 2003 (preliminary)

The estimated number of Canadians (adjusted for seasonality) receiving regular Employment Insurance benefits in August moved up 1.0% from July to 588,890, marking the seventh consecutive monthly rise. The August gain was driven by increases in Ontario (+2.1%), British Columbia (+1.2) and Quebec (+0.6%). Over the past six months, Ontario and British Columbia have registered consecutive monthly increases. Notable decreases were recorded in Manitoba (-5.4%), Newfoundland and Labrador (-1.8%) and Alberta (-1.6%).

Also on a seasonally adjusted basis, regular benefit payments in August totalled \$771.9 million, while the number of people making initial and renewal claims was 244,520.

Number of beneficiaries receiving regular benefits August 2003

	August 2003 ^P	July to August 2003	August to August 2003
seasonally adjusted			
		% change	
Canada	588,890	1.0	5.7
Newfoundland and Labrador	35,410	-1.8	1.8
Prince Edward Island	8,460	-0.4	4.7
Nova Scotia	30,470	0.0	0.7
New Brunswick	34,930	-0.9	-4.4
Quebec	190,120	0.6	4.6
Ontario	149,760	2.1	11.5
Manitoba	14,440	-5.4	0.4
Saskatchewan	12,740	0.0	2.7
Alberta	35,110	-1.6	6.1
British Columbia	70,100	1.2	6.8
Yukon Territory	1,040	-1.0	4.0
Northwest Territories and Nunavut	1,140	0.9	-2.6
unadjusted for seasonality			
Northwest Territories	640	-4.5	-12.3
Nunavut	390	-4.9	18.2

^P Preliminary figures.

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 is a measure of all persons who received Employment Insurance benefits

for the week containing the fifteenth day of the month. The regular benefit payments series measures the total of all monies received by individuals for the entire month.

Employment Insurance statistics

	August 2003	July 2003	August 2002	July to August 2003	August to August 2003
seasonally adjusted					
				% change	
Regular beneficiaries	588,890 ^P	582,860 ^P	557,290	1.0	5.7
Regular benefits paid (\$ millions)	771.9 ^P	756.1 ^r	726.1	2.1	6.3
Claims received ('000)	244.5 ^P	263.8 ^r	234.5	-7.3	4.3
unadjusted					
				% change	
All beneficiaries ('000) (see note to users)	809.5 ^P	808.8 ^p	763.7	0.1	6.0
Regular beneficiaries ('000)	548.2 ^P	554.3 ^p	512.6	-1.1	6.9
Claims received ('000)	167.4	348.4	169.3	-52.0	-1.1
Payments (\$ millions)	1,074.7	1,076.0	1,065.1	-0.1	0.9
year-to-date (January to August)					
					2002 to 2003
				% change	
Claims received ('000)			1,878.8	1,761.1	6.7
Payments (\$ millions)			10,183.6	10,212.9	-0.3

^P Preliminary figures.

^r Revised figures.

Note: "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).

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 September will be released on November 27.

For general information or to order data, contact Client Services (1-866-873-8788; 613-951-4090; labour@statcan.ca). To enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Gilles Groleau (613-951-4091), Labour Statistics Division. ■

Savers, investors and investment income 2002

The number of Canadians reporting investment income and the amount of income they received both fell sharply in 2002.

Just under 7.5 million people reported \$29.5 billion of income from investments in 2002. The number of recipients fell 6.3% from 2001, while the amount of investment income fell 12.1%, after adjusting for inflation using the Consumer Price Index.

In spite of these declines, median investment income remained unchanged at \$500. In other words, one-half of those reporting investment income received more than \$500 and half received less. Data came from income tax returns filed in the spring of 2003.

Only in the Northwest Territories and Nunavut was there an increase in median investment income, as well as an increase in the proportion of taxfilers reporting it. Median investment income remained the same in six of the provinces and territories, while it declined in Newfoundland and Labrador, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and British Columbia. In all these provinces, the proportion of people reporting investment income declined relative to the previous year.

Although the number of people reporting dividends increased slightly from 2001 to 2002, their investment income fell 6.2%. This was caused by declining stock markets and the drop in interest rates. In 2002, just under 3 million investors reported \$21.8 billion of investment income.

The decline in investment income in 2002 was most apparent for those who reported interest income only. The number of people who reported interest income declined 10% to 4.5 million. The interest income they received fell 25.5% to \$ 7.7 billion, a result of continuing declines in interest rates since 2000.

Note: Investment income refers to the interest and dividend income received by savers and/or investors from investments in non-tax-sheltered vehicles. Income earned from investment held under the terms of registered retirement savings plans or registered income funds, for example, are excluded.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 4106.

The databanks *Canadian savers* (17C0009, variable price), *Canadian investors* (17C0007, variable price), *Canadian investment income* (17C0008, variables price) and *Canadian capital gains* (17C0012, variable price) are now available for Canada, the provinces and territories, cities, towns, census metropolitan areas, census divisions, federal electoral districts, forward sortation areas (the first three letters of the postal code) and letter carrier routes.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Client Services (1-866-652-8443; 613-951-9720; fax: 1-866-652-8444 or 613-951-4745; saadinfo@statcan.ca), Small Area and Administrative Data Division.

Investment income 2002

	Number reporting investment income	2001 to 2002	Investment income	2001 to 2002	Taxfilers declaring investment income
		% change	\$'000	% change	%
Canada	7,477,050	-6.3	29,499,024	-10.2	34
Newfoundland and Labrador	70,660	-12.6	126,509	-23.7	18
Prince Edward Island	29,640	-7.3	71,978	-11.4	30
Nova Scotia	180,320	-8.5	682,464	-2.3	27
New Brunswick	136,410	-9.4	406,536	-5.5	25
Quebec	1,749,130	-6.1	6,134,014	-7.8	32
Ontario	2,989,400	-5.9	12,248,326	-12.1	36
Manitoba	289,700	-6.5	797,623	-15.6	36
Saskatchewan	253,990	-7.2	809,495	-9.9	36
Alberta	737,310	-5.7	3,757,612	-8.0	34
British Columbia	1,028,220	-6.5	4,429,093	-10.0	37
Yukon	5,270	-4.0	18,253	-6.5	27
Northwest Territories	5,370	7.2	12,200	-0.7	21
Nunavut	1,640	22.4	4,922	61.5	12

Crude oil and natural gas

August 2003 (preliminary)

Crude oil production totalled 11 767 700 cubic metres in August, up 1.7% from the August 2002. Exports, which accounted for 66.7% of total production, grew 11.0% from August 2002.

The year-to-date production of crude oil increased 2.5% from the same period of 2002. Crude oil exports so far this year were also on the rise, increasing 5.0% from the same period of 2002.

Crude oil and natural gas

	August 2002	August 2003	August 2002 to August 2003
	thousands of cubic metres		% change
Crude oil and equivalent hydrocarbons¹			
Production	11 574.6	11 767.7	1.7
Exports	7 071.5	7 851.7	11.0
Imports ²	4 636.9	4 426.7	-4.5
Refinery receipts	9 106.3	8 676.9	-4.7
	millions of cubic metres		% change
Natural gas³			
Marketable production	14 031.9	13 631.2	-2.9
Exports	9 093.7	9 024.5	-0.8
Canadian domestic sales ⁴	3 965.6	3 976.5	0.3
	Jan. to August 2002	Jan. to August 2003	Jan.-Aug. 2002 to Jan.-Aug. 2003
	thousands of cubic metres		% change
Crude oil and equivalent hydrocarbons¹			
Production	90 113.5	92 329.3	2.5
Exports	55 319.0	58 071.0	5.0
Imports ²	33 545.3	35 005.3	4.4
Refinery receipts	68 664.6	70 731.8	3.0
	millions of cubic metres		% change
Natural gas³			
Marketable production	114 089.2	112 088.7	-1.8
Exports	70 447.3	71 397.0	1.3
Canadian domestic sales ⁴	47 187.0	48 684.7	3.2

¹ Disposition may differ from production because of inventory change, industry own-use, etc.

² Crude oil received by Canadian refineries from foreign countries for processing. Data may differ from International Trade Division (ITD) estimates because of timing differences and the inclusion of crude oil landed in Canada for future re-export in the ITD data.

³ Disposition may differ from production because of inventory change, usage as pipeline fuel, pipeline losses, line-pack fluctuations, etc.

⁴ Includes direct sales.

Marketable natural gas production fell 2.9% from August 2002, while domestic sales increased 0.3%. Exports of natural gas fell 0.8% from August 2002.

Year-to-date marketable production of natural gas decreased 1.8% from the same period of 2002. Canadian domestic sales rose 3.2% and exports of natural gas were up 1.3%.

Available on CANSIM: tables 126-0001 and 131-0001.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2198.

Preliminary data at the provincial level are available up to August 2003 on a cost-recovery basis.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact the dissemination officer (1-866-873-8789; 613-951-9497; energ@statcan.ca), Manufacturing, Construction and Energy Division. ■

Informatics professional services price indexes

2001/02 (preliminary)

Informatics professional services price indexes (IPSPI) are now available for 2001/02. The IPSPI measure change in the total price of informatics professional services, as well as changes in their labour cost and realised net multiplier components. These indexes are available at the Canada level only.

Available on CANSIM: tables 329-0014, 329-0051 and 329-0052.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2333.

For more information on these indexes, contact Client Services (1-866-230-2248; 613-951-9606; infounit@statcan.ca). To enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Gilles Beaudry (613-951-5646; gilles.beaudry@statcan.ca), Prices Division. ■

Placement of hatchery chicks and turkey poults

September 2003 (preliminary)

Placements of hatchery chicks onto farms were estimated at 51.9 million birds in September, down 4.5%

from September 2002. Placements of turkey poults on farms decreased 4.7% to 1.7 million birds.

Available on CANSIM: table 003-0021.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 5039.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Sandra Gielfeldt (613-951-2505; sandy.gielfeldt@statcan.ca), Agriculture Division. ■

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