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### Skeletal street network files

1996

The 1996 Skeletal street network files (SSNF) are now available. These digital files consist of cartographic reference features such as major streets (with street names but no address ranges) and some railway features. Most of the reference features used to define census tract boundaries are included as well as other major roads or streets, some shorelines and large lakes. The SSNF are "thinned-out" Street network files.

The *Skeletal street network files* (92F0025XDE) are available as standard packages for Canada, Census metropolitan areas and some Census agglomerations.

For further information on this release, or to order these files, contact the Statistics Canada Regional Reference Centre nearest you.



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## OTHER RELEASES

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### Employment, earnings and hours

October 1997 (preliminary)

As a result of the work stoppage by Ontario teachers, average weekly earnings for employees on company payrolls fell \$1.17 to \$595.81 in October. Removing the effect of the teachers work interruption, average weekly earnings increased by \$1.30 or 0.2%, in line with the trend since June 1997.

The year-over-year growth rate in average earnings for Canada has been less than 2% since June 1997, with higher than average annual earnings growth in finance, insurance and real estate, mining, quarrying and oil wells and wholesale trade. Provincially, annual growth in earnings has been highest in New Brunswick, Saskatchewan and Alberta.

Adjusting for the teachers work stoppage, paid employment grew strongly in October, with industries excluding education adding 63,000 employees to company payrolls. Gains were widespread with especially strong growth in manufacturing (+10,500), wholesale trade (+9,500) and retail trade (+14,300).

Except for Ontario and Saskatchewan, all provinces gained payroll employment in October. Employment gains were especially strong in Quebec, with employment growth widespread across most industries.

**Note to readers**

*The Survey of Employment, Payrolls and Hours (SEPH) is currently in the final phase of a major, multi-year re-engineering project to improve estimates of the level of business payrolls and paid employment, and to reduce reporting burden on businesses. With the change in methodology, there is a risk that employment estimates from the administrative records may show a different seasonal pattern than the previous questionnaire data, which can only be assessed within the context of a longer time period. Statistics Canada continues to monitor these impacts and will help users interpret its data. To minimize impacts, it is recommended that SEPH data, particularly employment data, be used in the context of longer time periods or for detailed industry distributions.*

**Available on CANSIM: matrices 4285-4466, 9438-9452, 9639-9664 and 9899-9911.**

Detailed industry data and other labour market indicators are available through standard tables in the monthly publication *Employment, earnings and hours* (72-002-XPB, \$32/\$320), the historical publication *Annual estimates of employment, earnings and hours 1984-1996* (diskette: 72F0002XDE, \$120) and by custom tabulations. See *How to order publications*.

For further information on this release, contact Stephen Johnson (613-951-4090; fax: 613-951-4087; Internet: [labour@statcan.ca](mailto:labour@statcan.ca)), Labour Division. □

**Average weekly earnings for all employees**

Industry group (1980 SIC)	Oct. 1996	Sept. 1997 <sup>r</sup>	Oct. 1997 <sup>p</sup>	seasonally adjusted	
				Sept. 1997 to Oct. 1997	Oct. 1996 to Oct. 1997
	\$			% change	
<b>Industrial aggregate</b>	<b>593.94</b>	<b>596.98</b>	<b>595.81</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>0.3</b>
Logging and forestry	760.33	781.23	787.26	0.8	3.5
Mining, quarrying and oil wells	1,049.20	1,050.53	1,075.15	2.3	2.5
Manufacturing	727.37	731.43	733.35	0.3	0.8
Construction	697.83	709.77	710.38	0.1	1.8
Transportation and storage	724.81	729.41	735.34	0.8	1.5
Communication and other utilities	787.03	791.12	794.89	0.5	1.0
Wholesale trade	635.03	645.21	649.97	0.7	2.4
Retail trade	354.25	353.54	356.84	0.9	0.7
Finance and insurance	759.64	790.75	793.99	0.4	4.5
Real estate operators and insurance agencies	594.08	640.01	645.05	0.8	8.6
Business services	670.59	675.27	679.12	0.6	1.3
Education-related services	678.71	668.45	634.93	-5.0	-6.5
Health and social services	519.33	516.42	516.85	0.1	-0.5
Accommodation, food and beverage services	236.67	234.80	238.58	1.6	0.8
Public administration	745.39	736.91	737.67	0.1	-1.0
<b>Provinces and territories</b>					
Newfoundland	527.30	520.02	524.56	0.9	-0.5
Prince Edward Island	500.49	460.06	460.94	0.2	-7.9
Nova Scotia	503.74	497.91	504.86	1.4	0.2
New Brunswick	515.59	520.36	523.89	0.7	1.6
Quebec	565.39	565.72	566.89	0.2	0.3
Ontario	632.74	638.13	633.75	-0.7	0.2
Manitoba	523.78	521.01	525.55	0.9	0.3
Saskatchewan	518.92	526.19	533.55	1.4	2.8
Alberta	595.03	600.79	604.47	0.6	1.6
British Columbia	613.43	614.33	612.88	-0.2	-0.1
Yukon	726.69	722.89	724.39	0.2	-0.3
Northwest Territories	724.34	713.89	732.28	2.6	1.1

<sup>p</sup> Preliminary estimates.

<sup>r</sup> Revised estimates.

## Number of employees

Industry group (1980 SIC)	Aug. 1997	Sept. 1997 <sup>r</sup>	Oct. 1997 <sup>p</sup>	Aug. to Sept. 1997	Sept. to Oct. 1997
	seasonally adjusted				
	'000			% change	
<b>Industrial aggregate</b>	<b>11,365</b>	<b>11,399</b>	<b>11,334</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>-0.6</b>
Logging and forestry	67	69	69	3.0	0.0
Mining, quarrying and oil wells	145	146	145	0.7	-0.7
Manufacturing	1,801	1,808	1,818	0.4	0.6
Construction	469	472	476	0.6	0.8
Transportation and storage	480	477	473	-0.6	-0.8
Communication and other utilities	380	381	383	0.3	0.5
Wholesale trade	720	720	729	0.0	1.3
Retail trade	1,423	1,415	1,430	-0.6	1.1
Finance and insurance	511	513	515	0.4	0.4
Real estate operators and insurances agencies	197	199	200	1.0	0.5
Business services	746	755	760	1.2	0.7
Education-related services	929	931	803	0.2	-13.7
Health and social services	1,211	1,212	1,216	0.1	0.3
Accommodation, food and beverage services	833	835	840	0.2	0.6
Public administration	669	668	668	-0.1	0.0
<b>Provinces and territories</b>					
Newfoundland	147	146	147	-0.7	0.7
Prince Edward Island	46	45	46	-2.2	2.2
Nova Scotia	317	318	322	0.3	1.3
New Brunswick	256	257	259	0.4	0.8
Quebec	2,697	2,713	2,736	0.6	0.8
Ontario	4,451	4,445	4,357	-0.1	-2.0
Manitoba	426	427	429	0.2	0.5
Saskatchewan	339	342	338	0.9	-1.2
Alberta	1,175	1,181	1,186	0.5	0.4
British Columbia	1,457	1,461	1,466	0.3	0.3
Yukon	14	14	15	0.0	7.1
Northwest Territories	26	25	25	-3.8	0.0

<sup>p</sup> Preliminary estimates.

<sup>r</sup> Revised estimates.

## Department store sales and stocks November 1997

Department store sales remained virtually unchanged in November. Sales edged up only 0.3% (seasonally adjusted) from October to \$1,370.7 million. November marked the third consecutive month of marginal increases. Sales have generally been on the rise since 1993, except for a leveling off in the latter half of 1995. Since the last half of 1996, consumer spending in department stores had been relatively strong until September of this year.

The largest year-over-year increases (unadjusted for seasonality) were reported in Alberta (+14.6%), Saskatchewan (+8.6%) and Ontario (+8.3%). Department stores in British Columbia, Yukon and Northwest Territories (+2.2%) and Nova Scotia (+0.9%) posted the smallest year-over-year change in November.

**Department store sales including concessions**

	Nov. 97	Nov. 96 to Nov. 97	Jan. to Nov. 1997	Jan.- Nov. 1996 to Jan.- Nov. 1997
Unadjusted				
	\$ millions	% change	\$ mil- lions	% change
<b>Canada</b>	<b>1,790.1</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>13,421.2</b>	<b>10.2</b>
Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island	37.5	6.1	250.1	9.2
Nova Scotia	63.3	0.9	419.7	7.7
New Brunswick	48.1	3.6	316.3	7.4
Quebec	306.8	7.3	2,471.4	8.8
Ontario	774.8	8.3	5,625.2	11.4
Manitoba	74.8	6.5	558.1	7.2
Saskatchewan	57.3	8.6	436.1	11.6
Alberta	201.5	14.6	1,519.1	13.8
British Columbia, Yukon, North- west Territories	226.1	2.2	1,825.2	7.5

**Available on CANSIM: matrices 111-113.**

The November 1997 issue of *Department store sales and stocks* (63-002-XPB, \$17/\$165) is now available. See *How to order publications*.

For analytical information, contact Irwin Bess (613-951-4166), Retail Commodity Section, Distributive Trades Division. ■

**Production and disposition of tobacco products**

November 1997

Cigarette production by Canadian manufacturers saw a strong increase in November while shipments declined slightly. Production was well ahead of total shipments and the surplus boosted inventories.

November production jumped to 4.9 billion cigarettes, an increase of 20% from October but 8% less than in November 1996. Year-to-date production was 4% below year earlier levels.

Approximately 3.5 billion cigarettes were shipped in November, down 2% from October. Of these, 3.3 billion (-2%) were shipped to the domestic market. Exports fell 7% to 100 million and are now less than 4% of shipments. Total shipments on a year-to-date basis

reached 43.1 billion, down 5% from the same period of 1996.

Relatively strong production built up inventories for a second consecutive month, which is the usual pattern in the months preceding December. Closing inventories stood at 5.5 billion cigarettes in November, up 18% from the previous month but 2% lower than a year ago.

**Available on CANSIM: matrix 46.**

The November 1997 issue of *Production and disposition of tobacco products* (32-022-XPB, \$7/\$62) will be available shortly. See *How to order publications*.

For further information on this release, contact Peter Zylstra (613-951-3511; Internet: [zylspet2@statcan.ca](mailto:zylspet2@statcan.ca)), Manufacturing, Construction and Energy Division. ■

**Asphalt roofing**

November 1997

Production of asphalt shingles totalled 3 156 312 metric bundles in November, down 21.6% from 4 024 146 metric bundles produced a year earlier.

Year-to-date production amounted to 40 258 660 metric bundles, a 6.1% increase from 37 923 585 metric bundles produced during the same period in 1996.

**Available on CANSIM: matrices 32 and 122 (series 27).**

The November 1997 issue of *Asphalt roofing* (45-001-XPB, \$7/\$62) will be available shortly. See *How to order publications*.

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**For-hire motor carriers of freight, all carriers**

Second quarter 1997

During the second quarter of 1997, an estimated 2,089 for-hire motor carriers of freight domiciled in Canada (with annual revenues of \$1 million or more) generated \$3.47 billion in total operating revenues. This was an increase of 12% compared with the second quarter of 1996 (\$3.1 billion).

Second quarter 1997 total operating expenses also increased from \$2.9 billion in 1996 to \$3.29 billion.

The operating ratio (operating expenses divided by operating revenues) of for-hire motor carriers of freight, increased by 1 point to (0.95) over the same period last year. Any ratio under 1.00 represents an operating profit.

**Available on CANSIM: matrix 144.**

A more complete analysis of the 1997 second quarter data will appear in the *Surface and marine transport: service bulletin* (50-002-XPB, \$13/\$83), which will be available shortly. See *How to order publications*.

For further information on this release, contact Gilles Paré (613-951-2517; Internet: [paregil@statcan.ca](mailto:paregil@statcan.ca); fax: 613-951-0579), Transportation Division. ■

**Census area profiles 1996**

Census area profiles provide data for small geographic areas of the country. Data on mother tongue, home language, and knowledge of languages are now available in profiles of the following geographic areas: census metropolitan areas and census agglomerations (CMAs and CAs); census tracts (CTs) of CMAs and some tracted CAs; federal electoral districts (1987 Representation Order); enumeration areas; and forward sortation areas (the first three characters of the postal code).

Profiles with language data for census divisions and subdivisions were released on December 2, 1997. Prices for area profiles vary depending on the format and geographic level required by the user. For further information, contact your nearest Statistics Canada Regional Reference Centre. ■

**Full-time university faculty 1996/97**

Partial data for the 1996/97 full-time university faculty are now available.

For further information on this release, contact Jim Donnelly (613-951-1528), Culture, Tourism and the Centre for Education Statistics Division.

Custom tabulations of the data are available. For information on the products and services available from the Culture, Tourism and the Centre for Education Statistics Division, contact Daniel Perrier (613-951-1503). ■

**University enrolment and degrees granted 1996-1997**

Information on enrolments at Canadian universities during the 1996/97 academic year as well as the number of degrees granted in 1996 are now available for all provinces.

For further information, contact Nicola Paterson (613-951-1526), Postsecondary Education Section, Culture, Tourism and the Centre for Education Statistics. ■

**Employment Insurance — Erratum October 1997 (preliminary)**

Incorrect September 1997 unadjusted data appeared in one of the tables in the Employment Insurance release of December 22. The following table has the correct data.

**Employment Insurance statistics**

	Sept. 1997	Oct. 1997	Sept. 1997 to Oct. 1997
seasonally adjusted			
			% change
Reg. beneficiaries ('000)	593 <sup>P</sup>	590 <sup>P</sup>	-0.6
Reg. payments (\$ millions)	681.3	644.9	-5.4
Claims ('000)	222	217	-2.3
	Oct. 1996	Oct. 1997	Oct. 1996 to Sept. 1997
unadjusted			
			% change
All beneficiaries ('000)	712	629 <sup>P</sup>	-13.1
Reg. beneficiaries ('000)	526	445 <sup>P</sup>	-15.4
Claims ('000)	280	247	-11.7
Payments (\$ millions)	851.4	739.6	-13.1
Year-to-date (January to October)			
	1996	1997	1996 to 1997
			% change
Claims ('000)	2,383	2,170	-8.9
Payments (\$ millions)	11,249.2	10,130.9	-9.9

<sup>P</sup> Preliminary figures.

**Note:** Note: "All beneficiaries" includes all claimants paid regular benefits (e.g., due to layoff) or special benefits (e.g., due to illness).

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**Industry price indexes, September 1997**  
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(Canada: \$22/\$217; outside Canada: US\$22/US\$217).

**Department store sales and stocks, November 1997**  
**Catalogue number 63-002-XPB**  
(Canada: \$17/\$165; outside Canada: US\$17/US\$165).

**Canadian international merchandise trade,**  
October 1997  
**Catalogue number 65-001-XPB**  
(Canada: \$19/\$188; outside Canada: US\$19/US\$188).

**Imports by commodity, October 1997 (microfiche**  
version)  
**Catalogue number 65-007-XMB**  
(Canada: \$37/\$361; outside Canada: US\$37/US\$361).

**Imports by commodity, October 1997 (paper version)**  
**Catalogue number 65-007-XPB**  
(Canada: \$78/\$773; outside Canada: US\$78/US\$773).

**Advantages of the one year mobility variable for**  
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