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- **Wholesale trade, February 1997** 2  
Across-the-board increases led to a 3.0% jump in sales by wholesalers in February. This was the largest monthly sales increase since March 1991, when the wholesaling industry started to come out of the recession.

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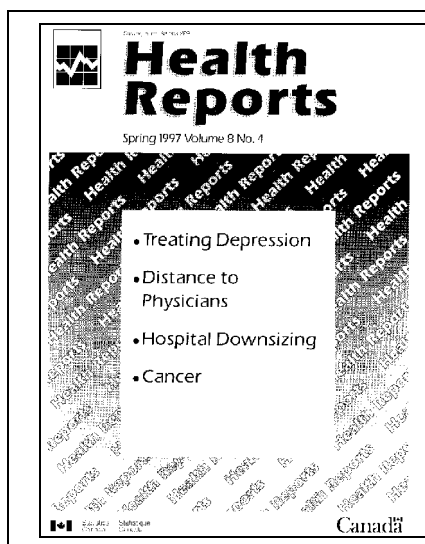
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### Health reports Spring 1997

The Spring 1997 issue of *Health reports* contains articles entitled "Depression: An undertreated disorder?", "How far to the nearest physician?", "Downsizing Canada's hospitals, 1986/87 to 1994/95" and "Cancer incidence and mortality, 1997".

*Health reports* provides comprehensive and timely analysis of national and provincial health information and vital statistics derived from surveys or administrative databases. It is designed for a broad audience that includes health professionals, researchers, policy makers, educators and students.

The Spring 1997 issue of *Health reports*, Volume 8, Number 4 (82-003-XPB, \$35/\$116) is now available. See *How to order publications*.

For further information on this release, contact Jane Gentleman (613-951-8553) or Client Custom Services (613-951-1746), Health Statistics Division.

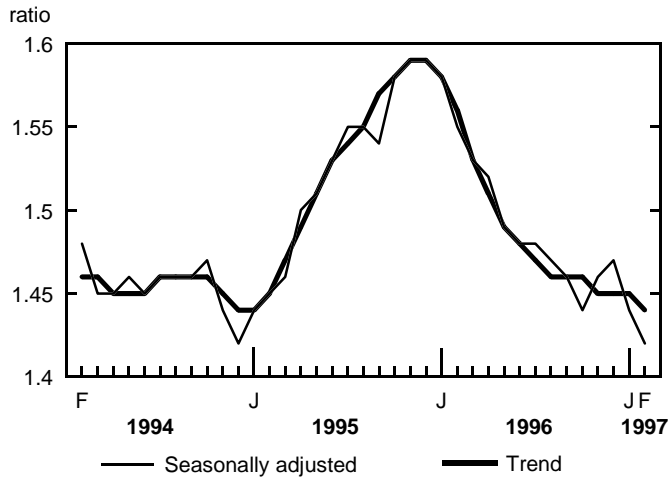


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The inventories-to-sales ratio has fallen since December 1995



Available on CANSIM: matrices 59, 61, 648 and 649.

The February 1997 issue of *Wholesale trade* (63-008-XPB, \$19/\$186) will be available shortly. See *How to order publications*.

For further information on this release, contact Paul Gratton (613-951-3541) or Catherine Mamay (613-951-9683), Wholesale Trade Section, Distributive Trades Division. □

Wholesale merchants' sales and inventories

	Feb. 1996	Nov. 1996 <sup>r</sup>	Dec. 1996 <sup>r</sup>	Jan. 1997 <sup>r</sup>	Feb. 1997 <sup>p</sup>	Jan. 1997 to Feb. 1997	Feb. 1996 to Feb. 1997
	seasonally adjusted						
	\$ millions					% change	
<b>Sales, all trade groups</b>	<b>20,296</b>	<b>21,853</b>	<b>21,896</b>	<b>22,431</b>	<b>23,094</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>13.8</b>
Food products	3,584	3,759	3,719	3,819	3,853	0.9	7.5
Beverage, drug and tobacco products	1,318	1,292	1,317	1,373	1,396	1.6	5.9
Apparel and dry goods	425	464	466	468	475	1.5	11.7
Household goods	619	670	709	710	719	1.3	16.2
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories	2,269	2,397	2,396	2,476	2,655	7.2	17.0
Metals, hardware, plumbing and heating equipment and supplies	1,516	1,664	1,678	1,696	1,705	0.5	12.5
Lumber and building materials	1,617	1,944	1,924	1,972	2,071	5.0	28.1
Farm machinery, equipment and supplies	576	715	698	665	775	16.6	34.7
Industrial and other machinery, equipment and supplies	3,155	3,273	3,287	3,381	3,410	0.9	8.1
Computers, packaged software and other electronic machinery	1,888	2,119	2,153	2,265	2,342	3.4	24.0
Other products	3,330	3,555	3,547	3,607	3,695	2.4	11.0
Newfoundland	189	183	182	183	180	-1.4	-4.3
Prince Edward Island	45	47	46	45	47	4.2	4.6
Nova Scotia	490	490	490	483	487	1.0	-0.5
New Brunswick	295	290	285	300	299	-0.2	1.2
Quebec	4,568	4,705	4,750	4,827	4,866	0.8	6.5
Ontario	8,806	9,548	9,576	9,767	10,023	2.6	13.8
Manitoba	739	805	836	829	861	3.9	16.6
Saskatchewan	586	770	761	739	789	6.7	34.5
Alberta	1,884	2,137	2,205	2,273	2,421	6.5	28.5
British Columbia	2,667	2,855	2,742	2,961	3,096	4.5	16.1
Yukon	9	11	10	10	10	3.9	7.9
Northwest Territories	17	13	13	15	14	-8.3	-21.4
<b>Inventories, all trade groups</b>	<b>31,499</b>	<b>31,843</b>	<b>32,177</b>	<b>32,331</b>	<b>32,728</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>3.9</b>
Food products	2,347	2,431	2,474	2,481	2,518	1.5	7.3
Beverage, drug and tobacco products	1,612	1,630	1,653	1,697	1,722	1.4	6.8
Apparel and dry goods	1,053	1,042	1,055	1,068	1,072	0.4	1.8
Household goods	1,462	1,391	1,366	1,355	1,369	1.0	-6.4
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories	4,037	3,822	3,858	3,881	3,860	-0.5	-4.4
Metals, hardware, plumbing and heating equipment and supplies	2,758	2,670	2,769	2,768	2,944	6.4	6.7
Lumber and building materials	3,083	3,109	3,086	3,003	2,988	-0.5	-3.1
Farm machinery, equipment and supplies	1,600	1,704	1,767	1,750	1,773	1.3	10.8
Industrial and other machinery, equipment and supplies	6,946	7,203	7,219	7,299	7,352	0.7	5.9
Computers, packaged software and other electronic machinery	1,872	2,010	2,066	2,060	2,064	0.2	10.3
Other products	4,728	4,830	4,864	4,967	5,065	2.0	7.1

<sup>r</sup> Revised figures.

<sup>p</sup> Preliminary figures.

## OTHER RELEASES

### Railway carloadings

Seven-day period ending April 7, 1997

Carloadings of freight (excluding intermodal traffic) during the seven-day period ending April 7, increased 4.7% to 4.4 million tonnes from the same period of last year. The number of cars loaded increased 1.8%.

Intermodal traffic (piggyback) tonnage totalled 308 000 tonnes, a 11.9% increase from the same period of last year. The year-to-date figures show an increase of 15.8%.

Total traffic (carloadings of freight and intermodal traffic) increased 5.1% during the period. This brought the year-to-date total to 64.9 million tonnes, a 0.5% decrease from the previous year.

All year-to-date figures have been revised.

For further information on this release, contact Angus MacLean (613-951-2528; fax: 613-951-0579), Railway Transport Unit, Transportation Division. ■

### Sugar sales

First quarter 1997

Refiners' sales totalled 254 289 metric tonnes for all types of sugar in the first quarter of 1997, comprising 234 327 metric tonnes in domestic sales and 19 962 metric tonnes in export sales.

This compares with total sales of 246 845 metric tonnes in the first quarter of 1996, of which 232 332 metric tonnes were domestic sales and 14 513 metric tonnes were export sales.

### Value of shipments

Industry (SIC)	1994	1995	1994 to 1995	Catalogue number	Contact (613)
	\$ millions		% change		
Canvas and related products (1931)	144.9	188.8	30.3	34-251-XPB	N. Charron 951-3510
Sawmill and planing mill (2512)	15,075.9	15,147.2	0.5	35-250-XPB	G. Simard 951-3516

Available on CANSIM: matrix 141.

The first quarter 1997 issue of *The sugar situation* (32-013QXPB, \$13/\$41) will be available shortly. See *How to order publications*.

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

### Annual Survey of Manufactures 1995

The Annual Survey of Manufactures provides information on over 200 different industries. Principal statistics for each industry are released as they become available. Data for the industries listed in the following table are now available.

As of today, principal statistics, at the national level, are available for all industries.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 5432 and 5460.

Data for the industries listed in the table will appear in *Textile products industries* (34-251-XPB, \$40) and *Wood industries* (35-250-XPB, \$55). The publications will be released at a later date. See *How to order publications*.

For further information, look under "Contact" in the following table (fax: 613-951-9499; Internet: [desrosi@statcan.ca](mailto:desrosi@statcan.ca)).

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**Monthly Survey of Manufacturing**, February 1997  
**Catalogue number 31-001-XPB**  
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**Construction type plywood**, February 1997  
**Catalogue number 35-001-XPB**  
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countries: US\$7/US\$62).

**Capital expenditures by type of asset**,  
1995 (microfiche version)  
**Catalogue number 61-223-XMB**  
(Canada: \$26; United States: US\$26; other countries:  
US\$26).

**Capital expenditures by type of asset**, 1995 (paper  
version)  
**Catalogue number 61-223-XPB**  
(Canada: \$42; United States: US\$42; other countries:  
US\$42).

**Exports by commodity**, January 1997 (microfiche  
version)  
**Catalogue number 65-004-XMB**  
(Canada: \$37/\$361; United States: US\$37/US\$361;  
other countries: US\$37/US\$361).

**Exports by commodity**, January 1997 (paper  
version)  
**Catalogue number 65-004-XPB**  
(Canada: \$78/\$773; United States: US\$78/US\$773;  
other countries: US\$78/US\$773).

**Imports by commodity**, January 1997 (microfiche  
version)  
**Catalogue number 65-007-XMB**  
(Canada: \$37/\$361; United States: US\$37/US\$361;  
other countries: US\$37/US\$361).

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**Health reports**, Spring 1997, vol. 8 no. 4  
**Catalogue number 82-003-XPB**  
(Canada: \$35/\$116; United States: US\$35/US\$116;  
other countries: US\$35/US\$116).

**Cancer incidence in Canada**, 1969-1993  
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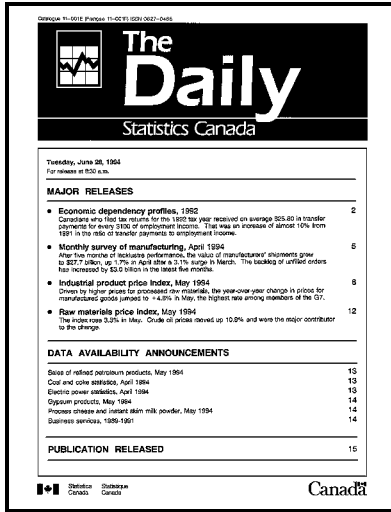
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