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OTHER RELEASES

Travel between Canada and other countries

December 1998 and Annual 1998

In December, same-day car trips and overnight trips by Canadians to the United States increased while similar trips by Americans to Canada decreased. For all of 1998, the situation was reversed. Trips by Americans to Canada increased whereas those by Canadians to the United States decreased. (Unless otherwise specified, the data are seasonally adjusted.)

Canadians made 2.2 million same-day car trips to the United States in December, up 2.7% from November. Meanwhile, Americans made 2.4 million same-day car trips to Canada, down 0.9% from the decade-high record set in November.

In December, Canadians made 1.1 million trips to the United States lasting one or more nights, a 2.6% increase from November. In contrast, overnight trips to Canada by Americans decreased 1.8% from November to 1.3 million.

Residents of countries other than the United States made 341,000 trips of at least one night to Canada, up 1.7% from November. Canadians travelled less to overseas destinations in December, down 1.8% to 370,000 overnight trips.

For 1998, Americans stayed at least one night in Canada on 14.9 million occasions, up 11.1% from 1997 (unadjusted data). Even though the automobile remains the favourite mode of transportation for Americans travelling to Canada (+11.9% to 9.4 million overnight trips), travel by plane is gaining in popularity. The number of overnight trips by Americans flying to Canada was up 13.6% from 1997, to a record 3.7 million (unadjusted data).

Meanwhile, Canadians decreased their overnight plane trips south of the border to 4.6 million in 1998, down 0.8% from 1997. This represents the first decrease since the February 1995 signing of the Open Skies Agreement, which liberalized plane travel between Canada and the United States.

Americans made 27.1 million same-day car trips to Canada in 1998, up 7.2% from the previous

year (unadjusted data). This fifth consecutive annual increase brought the number of such excursions to their highest level since 1981 when Americans also made 27.1 million trips. Meanwhile, Canadians made 28.4 million same-day car trips to the United States in 1998, down 18.3% from 1997 (unadjusted data). The number of trips of this type has been edging down since 1991, when the Canadian dollar was worth US\$0.87 and Canadians made 59.1 million car trips. On average, the Canadian dollar was worth US\$0.67 in 1998.

Residents of countries other than the United States made 4.0 million trips of one or more nights to Canada in 1998, down 6.8% from 1997 (unadjusted data). The economic and financial difficulties experienced by many Asian countries and European countries in 1998 contributed to a decrease in overseas visitors to Canada.

Canadians continued to travel more to destinations other than the United States in 1998, up 5.9% to a record 4.2 million overnight trips (unadjusted data).

Note: Month-to-month comparisons use seasonally adjusted data. Year-over-year comparisons use unadjusted data.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 2661-2697, 5780-6048 and 8200-8329.

The December 1998 issue of *International travel, advance information* (66-001-PPB, \$8/\$73) will be available shortly. See *How to order publications*.

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Travel between Canada and other countries

	Nov. 1998 ^r	Dec. 1998 ^p	Nov. to Dec. 1998	Dec. 1998 ^p	Dec. 1997 to Dec. 1998	Jan.-Dec. 1998 ^p	Jan.- Dec. 1997 to Jan.- Dec. 1998
	seasonally adjusted			unadjusted			
	'000	% change		'000	% change	'000	% change
Canadian trips abroad							
Same-day car trips to the United States	2,181		2.7	2,058	-16.9	28,390	-18.3
Total trips, one or more nights	1,479		1.5	1,098	-4.2	17,644	-7.7
United States ¹	1,102		2.6	805	-8.1	13,426	-11.2
Car	600		5.3	383	-14.3	7,605	-17.4
Plane	404		-1.1	371	-0.1	4,599	-0.8
Other modes of transportation	98		1.5	50	-12.3	1,221	-5.2
Other countries ²	377		-1.8	293	8.6	4,218	5.9
Travel to Canada							
Same-day car trips from the United States	2,380		-0.9	2,045	13.3	27,062	7.2
Total trips, one or more nights	1,680		-1.1	1,044	10.5	18,867	6.8
United States ¹	1,345		-1.8	817	13.6	14,890	11.1
Car	846		-2.8	484	13.2	9,402	11.9
Plane	335		-1.0	269	13.8	3,663	13.6
Other modes of transportation	164		2.2	64	15.3	1,825	2.6
Other countries ²	335		1.7	227	0.7	3,977	-6.8

^r Revised figures.

^p Preliminary figures.

¹ Estimates for the United States include counts of cars and buses, and estimated numbers for planes, trains, boats and other methods.

² Figures for other countries exclude same-day entries by land only, via the United States.

Dimensions series

1996 Census

This series from the 1996 Census demonstrates the analytical potential of census information.

Tables in the *Dimensions series* are organized into 26 themes, each dealing with a specific topic or population group. Released today are two themes: *Income of census families and non-family persons* (94F0021XDB) and *Low income among children, families and population* (94F0022XDB). Each theme is available on diskette at a cost of \$60.

As themes in the *Dimensions series* are progressively released, they will be collected by subject area and distributed on seven CD-ROMs. Each CD-ROM costs \$60.

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data, and to copy tables and charts to other Windows applications.

For further information, contact your nearest Statistics Canada Regional Reference Centre. ■

Industrial chemicals and synthetic resins

December 1998

Chemical firms produced 193 209 tonnes of polyethylene synthetic resins in December, a 2.2% decrease from 197 540 tonnes in December 1997.

For all of 1998, production totalled 2 282 649 metric tonnes, up 4.3% from 2 189 582 tonnes in 1997.

Data are also available on production of three other types of synthetic resins and 24 industrial chemicals.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 951.

The December 1998 issue of *Industrial chemicals and synthetic resins* (46-002-XIB, \$5/\$47) is now available on the Internet. See *How to order publications*.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods, and data quality of this release, contact Randall Sheldrick (613-951-7199; shelran@statcan.ca), Manufacturing, Construction and Energy Division. ■

Steel pipe and tubing

December 1998

Steel pipe and tubing production for December totalled 172 005 tonnes, a 12.9% decrease from 197 461 tonnes in December 1997.

Year-to-date production to the end of December totalled 2 428 235 tonnes, down 0.6% from 2 443 975 tonnes during the same period in 1997.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 35.

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Oils and fats

December 1998

Production of all types of deodorized oils in December 1998 totalled 103 717 tonnes, a 6.6% decrease from 111 092 tonnes in November. Year-to-date production totalled 1 246 237 tonnes at the end of December, a 0.6 % decrease from 1 253 703 tonnes for 1997.

In December, the domestic sales of deodorized margarine oil totalled 9 889 tonnes. Sales of deodorized shortening oil amounted to 27 865 tonnes and sales of deodorized salad oil totalled 33 488 tonnes.

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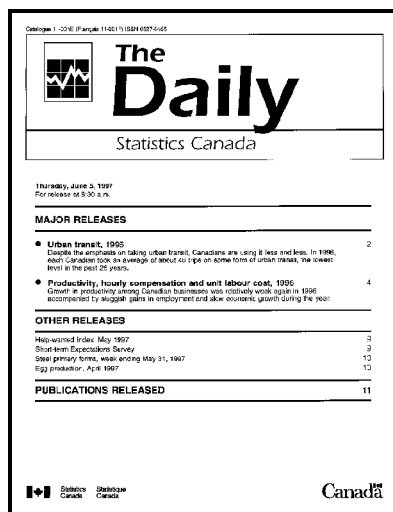
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