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Dimensions series

1996 Census

The *Dimensions series* demonstrates the analytical potential of census information. Released today is the fourth of seven CD-ROMs, *Place of work of the Canadian population* (94F0007XCB, \$60). This CD-ROM presents data on place of work and mode of transportation for the employed labour force. The data are cross-classified with census variables including occupation, age, sex, industry, income, commuting distance, home language and work activity.

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Farm families' total income

1996

Farm families earned an average of \$56,788 in 1996, up slightly (+0.3%) from 1995. Average farm family income advanced at a slower pace than in 1995 (+6.3%), due largely to decreases in net farm operating income and investment income. The overall 1996 increase resulted from a 2.4% gain in off-farm income, which offset a 4.1% decrease in net farm operating income (before depreciation).

Higher off-farm employment income largely explained the improvement in income of farm families. Almost four-fifths of farm families had off-farm employment income, which averaged \$25,311, up 2.4% from 1995. As indicated by the Labour Force Survey, employment grew 1.3% in 1996, twice the pace of 1995 but below the more robust 2.9% growth observed in 1994.

Higher average other off-farm income (+8.6%) and pension income (+6.5%) also contributed to the growth. Average other off-farm income increased largely due to a rise in the 'other income' component of this category. Lower employment insurance and social assistance payments moderated this growth.

Sources of farm families' income

	1995	1996	1995 to 1996
	\$	\$	% change
Off-farm employment income	24,719	25,311	2.4
Wages and salaries	22,775	23,144	1.6
Net non-farm self-employment	1,944	2,167	11.5
Investment income	5,023	4,716	-6.1
Pension income	4,389	4,674	6.5
Other off-farm income	4,081	4,430	8.6
Total off-farm income	38,213	39,131	2.4
Net farm operating income	18,417	17,658	-4.1
Total farm families' income	56,629	56,788	0.3

Investment income fell 6.1% due to lower interest rates - the Bank of Canada rate fell from an average of 7.31% in 1995 to 4.53% in 1996. Higher capital expenditures in the agricultural sector (construction, machinery and equipment) may also explain the lower income stream from investments. The proportion of farm families who received investment income (77.1%) remained virtually unchanged from 1995 (77.3%).

Farm families specializing in tobacco production recorded the highest average total income (\$83,304),

as they showed the largest average net farm operating income (\$51,013). Families operating grain and oilseed farms were a distant second with \$63,677 followed by those operating poultry and egg farms (\$61,581). Families running livestock combination had the lowest average total income (\$41,498). Families operating hog farms posted the largest gain (+10.0%) from 1995 to 1996, due primarily to a 25.0% increase in average net farm operating income. Only families involved in two other major farm types - poultry and eggs (+1.7%) and grain and oilseed (+1.2%) - recorded a gain in average total income.

Ontario's farm families posted the highest average income, up 0.5% from 1995 to \$61,585, taking the lead over farm families in Alberta and British Columbia. Families in New Brunswick posted the largest gain among the provinces, up 5.0% to \$52,465 in 1996, whereas those in Newfoundland, who had the lowest average income (\$47,061) in 1996, posted the largest drop (-10.3%). Average off-farm income ranged from \$30,060 in Quebec to \$51,359 in British Columbia.

Data for this release came from 1996 personal income tax returns. Estimates refer to the income of families (husband-wife, common-law and lone-parent) involved in a single unincorporated farm with a gross operating revenue of \$10,000 or more in 1996.

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Domestic sales of refined petroleum products

January 1999 (preliminary)

Sales of refined petroleum products totalled 7 496 000 cubic metres in January, down 0.9% from the same month a year earlier. Sales decreased for four of the seven major product groups over January 1998, with the largest declines recorded for "other refined products" (-124 900 cubic metres or -19.7%) and heavy fuel oil (-57 200 cubic metres or -7.6%). The "other refined products" category includes items such as asphalt, lube oils, petroleum coke and stove oil. Notable increases were recorded for light fuel oil (+58 400 cubic metres or +7.7%) and motor gasoline (+55 900 cubic metres or +2.0%).

Sales of refined petroleum products

	Jan. 1998 ^r	Jan. 1999 ^p	Jan. 1998 to Jan. 1999 %
	thousands of cubic metres		change
Total, all products	7 564.7	7 496.0	-0.9
Motor gasoline	2 858.9	2 914.8	2.0
Diesel fuel oil	1 696.4	1 682.3	-0.8
Light fuel oil	759.4	817.8	7.7
Heavy fuel oil	752.9	695.7	-7.6
Aviation turbo fuels	449.4	443.4	-1.3
Petrochemical feedstocks ¹	412.8	432.0	4.7
All other refined products	634.9	510.0	-19.7

^r Revised figures.

^p Preliminary figures.

¹ Materials produced by refineries that are used by the petrochemical industry to produce chemicals, synthetic rubber and a variety of plastics.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 628-642 and 644-647.

The January 1999 issue of *Refined petroleum products* (45-004-XPB, \$21/\$206) will be available in April. See *How to order publications*.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods and data quality of this release, contact Eleonore Harding (613-951-5708; hardele@statcan.ca) or Michel Palardy (613-951-7174; palamic@statcan.ca), Energy Section, Manufacturing, Construction and Energy Division. ■

Electric lamps

January 1999

Light bulb and tube manufacturers sold 21.5 million light bulbs and tubes in January, a decrease of 13.6% from the 24.9 million sold in January 1998.

The January 1999 issue of *Electric lamps* (43-009-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 Russell Kowaluk (613-951-0600; kowarus@statcan.ca), Manufacturing, Construction and Energy Division. ■

Egg production

January 1999

Preliminary egg production estimates for January 1999 are now available.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 1145, 1146 and 5689-5691.

To order *Production of eggs*, (23-003-XPB, \$110), contact Julie Gordon (613-951-5039), Agriculture Division.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods, and data quality of this release, contact Sandy Gielfeldt (613-951-2505), Livestock and Animal Product Section, Agriculture Division. ■

Civil aviation operating statistics

December 1998

In December 1998, Air Canada reported a 3% drop in international passenger-kilometres flown (seasonally adjusted data). For 1998, Air Canada's domestic operations were up 7%, while Canadian Airlines International Ltd. (CAI) reported a drop of 1%. In international markets, Air Canada's operations declined 1% and those of CAI increased 7%.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 385 (series 1 to 6).

The December 1998 data on civil aviation (operational data) for Air Canada and Canadian Airlines International Ltd. will appear in the March issue of *Aviation: service bulletin* (51-004-XIB, \$8/\$82) on the Internet. A print-on-demand service is also available at a different price. It can be ordered directly from the Internet or by calling 1 800 267-6677. See *How to order publications*.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods and data quality of this release, contact Lisa Di Piéto (613-951-0146), Aviation Statistics Centre, Transportation Division. ■

Geography working paper series

Two papers are now available from the Geography working paper series: *A Comparison of census geographic areas of Canada and the United States*, and *Wither land area? A case for retaining the status quo for the 1996 Census*. The working paper series was initiated to stimulate discussion on topics covering conceptual, methodological or technical work to support the development and dissemination of Geography Division's data, products and services. Readers of the series are encouraged to contact the authors with comments, criticisms and suggestions.

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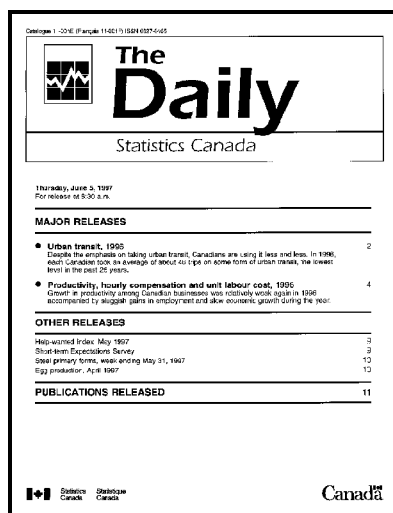
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