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Federal electoral district profile

1996 Census

Starting today, Canadians can obtain a wealth of information about their federal electoral district, free of charge, on Statistics Canada's Web site (www.statcan.ca). The profiles appear in an easy-to-use format, in both English and French. The Agency is making available statistical profiles of all 301 federal electoral districts. The *Federal electoral district profile* includes data from the 1996 Census of Population and a mapping feature.

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Canada's international transactions in securities

August 2000

Canadians remained enthusiastic buyers of foreign securities in August, adding a further \$5.9 billion to their holdings of stocks and bonds. The \$39.1 billion invested in foreign securities over the first eight months of the year has far exceeded any previous annual accumulation; the vast majority of this investment has been in foreign equities.

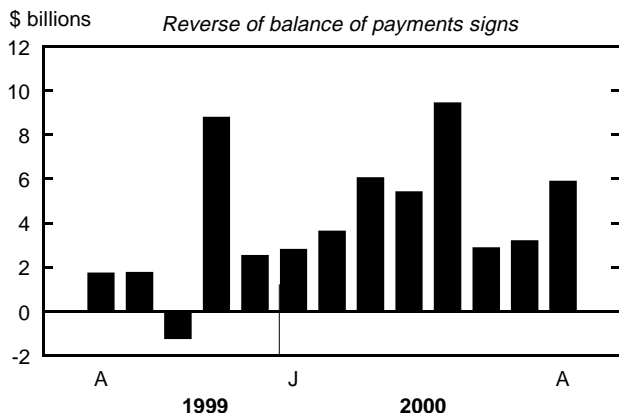
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Canadian investors buy foreign stocks and bonds

Canadian investors continued enthusiastically buying foreign stocks, adding a further \$3.2 billion worth in August and bringing their investment in the first eight months of 2000 to \$34.5 billion. While the largest share of the purchases in July and August went to U.S. equities, the total investment for the first eight months was more evenly split; more than 40% went to overseas equities.

In August, Canadian investors made a substantial investment in foreign bonds, mainly U.S. treasuries. The \$2.7 billion invested in August exceeded the amount invested over the first seven months of the year, bringing the total to \$4.6 billion, double the accumulation for all of 1999.

Canadian investment in foreign securities¹



¹ Includes bonds and stocks.

Related market information

Interest rates

The short-term interest rate differential between Canadian and U.S. government paper rose 15 basis points to 55 points by the end of August, favouring investment in the United States. This occurred as a result of a rise in U.S. rates relative to Canadian rates, which were virtually unchanged for the month. The differential for long-term government bonds, also favouring investment in the United States, narrowed marginally to the 20-basis-points range by the end of August.

Stock prices

Canadian stock prices (measured by the TSE 300 Composite Index) continued their climb, adding a further 8.1% in August, a full 2.0% more than gains in U.S. stock prices (Standard & Poor's 500 Index). Canadian prices rose 21.6% over June, July and August; U.S. prices increased 6.8% over the same period.

Canadian dollar

The Canadian dollar gained nearly three-quarters of a cent against the U.S. dollar in August, closing the month at 67.96 U.S. cents. This is the highest close since March of this year, when it closed at just under 69 U.S. cents.

Foreign investment in Canadian equities continues

Foreigners added a further \$4.2 billion to their holdings of Canadian equities in August; these holdings have grown by an unprecedented \$40 billion in the first eight months of the year. August's foreign investment in Canadian equities was a full \$2 billion higher than July's, and came primarily from foreign buying of existing shares in the technology sector. American investors continued to account for all the foreign buying in Canadian shares. Canadian stock prices continued their climb in August, rising a further 8.1%, a full 2.0% more than gains in U.S. stock prices.

Foreign holdings of Canadian bonds declined by a further \$0.9 billion in August, for a \$14-billion reduction over the first eight months of the year. The foreign divestment came from foreign sales of existing federal bonds trading in the secondary market, as new issues exceeded retirements for the first time in seven months. European and Asian investors accounted for all the divestment, while American investors added to their holdings of Canadian bonds.

Foreign investors divested some of their holdings of Canadian money market paper for a fourth consecutive month in August. It brought the foreign divestment since May to \$4.7 billion, completely eliminating the accumulation of money market paper that took place in the first four months of the year. The August

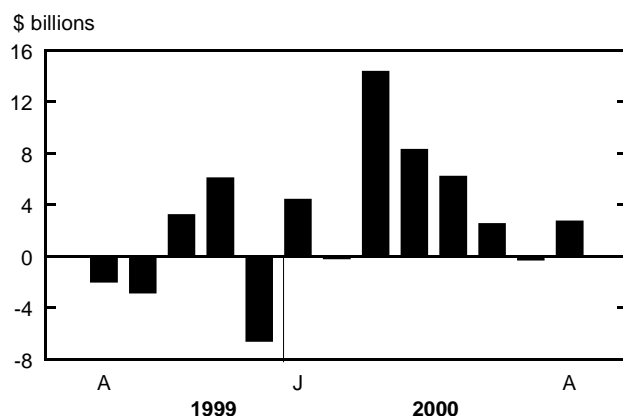
selling came solely from American investors and was concentrated in federal treasury bills. The short-term interest rate differential between Canadian and U.S. government paper rose 15 basis points in August to 55 basis points by month-end, favouring investment in the United States.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 2328-2330, 2378-2380 and 4195.

The August 2000 issue of *Canada's international transactions in securities* (67-002-XIB, \$14/\$132; 67-002-XPB, \$18/\$176) will be available in October. See *How to order products*.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Donald Granger (613-951-1864), Balance of Payments Division.

Foreign investment in Canadian securities¹



¹ Includes bonds, stocks and money market paper.

Canada's international transactions in securities

	May 2000	June 2000	July 2000	Aug. 2000	Jan. to Aug. 1999	Jan. to Aug. 2000
\$ millions						
Foreign investment in Canadian securities	-6,169	2,478	-227	2,687	5,431	25,536
Bonds (net)	-2,138	-5,679	-1,341	-899	4,584	-14,035
Outstanding	-221	-329	598	-3,317	4,468	-1,903
New issues	510	119	594	3,751	22,644	14,767
Retirements	-3,067	-4,263	-2,443	-1,941	-22,908	-27,260
Change in interest payable ¹	640	-1,207	-90	609	380	360
Money market paper (net)	-1,061	-1,883	-1,090	-632	-9,259	-133
Government of Canada	-557	-922	-393	-1,070	-2,185	-674
Other paper	-504	-961	-697	438	-7,073	540
Stocks (net)	-2,970	10,040	2,204	4,218	10,105	39,704
Outstanding (including retirements)	-3,166	3,451	1,905	3,297	6,843	16,101
New issues	196	6,589	298	921	3,262	23,603
Canadian investment in foreign securities	-9,418	-2,853	-3,168	-5,871	-11,086	-39,108
Bonds (net)	-701	1,271	-411	-2,685	1,463	-4,590
Stocks (net)	-8,717	-4,124	-2,757	-3,185	-12,549	-34,517

¹ Interest accrued less interest paid.

Note: A minus sign (-) indicates an outflow of money from Canada, i.e., a withdrawal of foreign investment from Canada or an increase in Canadian investment abroad.

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Travel between Canada and other countries

August 2000

The estimated number of trips (same-day and overnight) by foreigners to Canada fell for the fifth consecutive month in August, down 1.8% from July to slightly over 3.9 million. Meanwhile, the overall number of trips by Canadians to foreign countries increased 1.0% to slightly less than 4.0 million. (Unless otherwise specified, all data are seasonally adjusted.)

Between July and August, overnight travel between Canada and the United States increased on both sides of the border. Americans travelled to Canada for at least one night on 1.2 million occasions in August, up slightly (+0.2%) from July. Canadians, for their part, increased their number of overnight trips south of the border by 2.0% to 1.2 million. The cool wet summer in Canada may have encouraged Canadians to seek out warmer southern climates for their vacations.

While the car remained Canadians' favorite mode of transport for taking an overnight trip to the United States, air travel gained in popularity. A record 451,000 Canadians travelled by plane for at least one night south of the border in August, up 2.7% from the previous month. During the same period, the number of such trips by Americans to this side of the border rose slightly (+0.5%) to 319,000.

Same-day cross-border car traffic by Canadians went up 1.6% in August to slightly less than 2.3 million, while the number of car excursions by Americans to Canada decreased 1.9% from July to 2.1 million.

Canadians increased their number of overnight trips to overseas destinations to a record 389,000 in August, up 0.8% from July. Overseas residents, for their part, made 4.4% fewer overnight trips to Canada, down for the second consecutive month, at 342,000. Travellers from Canada's top 12 overseas markets took fewer trips to Canada in August, with the exception of travellers from Hong Kong, United Kingdom and France. Travellers from Italy (-16.5%), Japan (-12.5%) and Germany (-11.8%) recorded the largest drop in trips to Canada from the previous month. Since the beginning of the year, several European currencies have been losing ground against the Canadian dollar.

Travel between Canada and other countries

	July 2000 ^r	Aug. 2000 ^p	July to Aug. 2000	Aug. 2000 ^p	Aug. 1999 to Aug. 2000
	seasonally adjusted		unadjusted		
	'000	% change	'000	% change	
Canadian trips abroad¹	3,926	3,966	1.0	5,090	-0.8
Same-day car trips to the United States	2,240	2,276	1.6	2,783	-2.5
Total trips, one or more nights	1,588	1,614	1.7	2,229	1.0
United States ²	1,201	1,225	2.0	1,796	-1.2
Car	658	662	0.5	1,204	-3.9
Plane	440	451	2.7	396	6.5
Other modes of transport	103	112	8.3	196	1.3
Other countries ³	386	389	0.8	433	11.5
Travel to Canada¹	3,981	3,910	-1.8	6,303	-2.5
Same-day car trips from the United States	2,192	2,149	-1.9	2,994	-4.4
Total trips, one or more nights	1,588	1,575	-0.8	2,974	-1.3
United States ²	1,230	1,233	0.2	2,384	-1.0
Car	762	763	0.1	1,566	-4.1
Plane	318	319	0.5	477	7.7
Other modes of transport	150	151	0.2	341	2.6
Other countries ³	358	342	-4.4	590	-2.6
Most important overseas markets					
United Kingdom	75	78	3.5	123	9.2
Japan	45	39	-12.5	67	-15.6
France	33	33	0.1	63	-12.1
Germany	36	31	-11.8	62	-11.8
Australia	14	14	-2.9	20	7.9
Taiwan	13	13	-4.4	18	2.1
Hong Kong	12	13	4.7	19	9.6
Mexico	12	12	-6.0	19	5.7
South Korea	11	11	-7.0	19	31.8
Netherlands	11	10	-9.3	17	-9.2
Italy	10	9	-16.5	25	-25.9
Switzerland	8	8	-1.8	16	-3.0

^r Revised figures.

^p Preliminary figures.

¹ Totals exceed the sum of same-day car trips and total trips, one or more nights because they include all same-day trips.

² Estimates for the United States include counts of cars and buses, and estimated numbers for planes, trains, boats and other methods.

³ Figures for other countries exclude same-day entries by land only, via the United States.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 2661-2698, 5780-6049 and 8200-8329.

The August 2000 issue of *International travel, advance information* (66-001-PIB, \$6/\$55) is now available. See *How to order products*.

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Charitable donors

1999

Slightly fewer taxfilers reported charitable donations on their 1999 income tax returns, but they gave substantially more.

About 5,394,000 people reported making donations, down slightly from 5,396,000 in 1998.

However, the amount of donations reached \$4.8 billion, up 2.7% compared with 1998, after adjusting for inflation as measured by the Consumer Price Index. Donations have increased every year since 1991.

Ontario taxfilers gave just under \$2.4 billion, accounting for 49% of the 1999 total. Ontario was home to 37% of all taxfilers.

The median donation was \$180 — half of all taxpayers gave more, and half less. In 1998, the median was \$173.

The highest median donations were in Prince Edward Island and Nunavut, each with \$290. This was a considerable jump for Nunavut, where the median was \$264 in 1998. Newfoundland followed closely behind at \$280.

In general, those 65 years of age or over gave the most. On average, they reported \$1,200 in donations. Taxfilers between 55 and 64 years of age reported the next highest donations, averaging \$1,000.

In 1999, 25.5% of all taxfilers reported charitable donations. In Manitoba, 29.5% of taxfilers reported

charitable donations, the highest proportion among the provinces and territories.

Marginal changes in the number of donors ranged from a 2.0% increase in Nunavut to a 1.7% decline in Prince Edward Island.

Donations fell in Prince Edward Island, Quebec, Saskatchewan and the Yukon. Among the provinces, British Columbia and Ontario recorded the highest growth in donations (+4.0%). Donations increased 18% in Nunavut.

Note: The databank on charitable donors provides information on taxfilers who claimed a tax credit for charitable donations on their income tax return in 1999. Only amounts given to charities and approved organizations for which official tax receipts were provided can be deducted. It is possible to carry donations forward for up to five years after the year in which they were made. Therefore, donations reported for the 1999 taxation year could include donations that were made in any of the five previous years but were claimed in 1999. According to tax laws, taxfilers are permitted to claim both their donations and those made by their spouses to get better tax benefits. Consequently, the number of persons who made charitable donations may be higher than the number of persons who claimed tax credits.

The databank for charitable donors (13C0014, variable price) is available for Canada, the provinces and territories, cities, towns, Census Metropolitan Areas, Census Divisions, as well as forward sortation areas (the first three characters 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 (613-951-9720; fax: 613-951-4745; saadinfo@statcan.ca), Small Area and Administrative Data Division. □

Donors and charitable donations 1999

	Donors		Donations			
	Number	1998 to 1999	Amount	1998 to 1999	Median	Total taxfilers
		% change	(\$'000)	% change (adjusted)	\$	%
Canada	5,394,070	0.05	4,847,682	2.7	180	100.0
Newfoundland	81,300	-0.5	53,002	2.6	280	1.8
Prince Edward Island	26,070	-1.7	19,134	-1.5	290	0.5
Nova Scotia	158,840	0.0	117,057	0.0	240	3.1
New Brunswick	125,420	0.0	105,233	1.9	260	2.6
Quebec	1,202,680	0.0	504,742	-2.8	100	25.1
Ontario	2,215,400	0.2	2,363,527	4.0	220	37.4
Manitoba	230,440	-1.3	215,680	2.0	230	3.8
Saskatchewan	188,130	-1.1	167,055	-2.3	250	3.3
Alberta	515,090	-0.5	578,555	3.5	220	9.5
British Columbia	641,790	0.2	716,466	4.0	220	12.8
Yukon	3,500	-1.4	2,751	-3.7	170	0.1
Northwest Territories	3,930	0.5	3,176	5.5	150	0.1
Nunavut	1,480	2.0	1,303	18.1	290	0.1

Steel primary forms

August 2000

Steel primary forms production for August totalled 1 389 556 tonnes, an increase of 0.1% from 1 388 825 tonnes in August 1999.

Year-to-date production reached 11 359 406 tonnes, up 5.7% from 10 747 929 tonnes in the same period of 1999.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 58 (level 2, series 3).

For more information or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Andy Shinnan (613-951-3515; shinand@statcan.ca), Manufacturing, Construction and Energy Division. ■

Shipments of rolled steel

August 2000

Rolled steel shipments for August totalled 1 275 449 tonnes, up 23.0% from a revised 1 037 166 tonnes in July and up 0.1% from 1 274 695 tonnes in August 1999.

Year-to-date shipments at the end of August totalled 10 143 812 tonnes (revised), up 2.3% from 9 917 112 tonnes the previous year.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 58 and 122 (series 22-25).

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Andy Shinnan (613-951-3515; shinand@statcan.ca), Manufacturing, Construction and Energy Division. ■

Monthly railway carloadings

August 2000

The freight loaded by railways totalled 20.7 million metric tonnes (excluding intermodal traffic) in August, an increase of 10.6% compared with August 1999. The intermodal tonnage, represented by "containers-on-flat-cars" and "trailers-on-flat-cars," was 2.3 million metric tonnes, up 16.6% compared with the same period of 1999.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 1430.

The August issue of *Railway carloadings (monthly)* (52-001-XIE, \$8/\$77) is now available. See *How to order products*.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact J.R. Larocque (613-951-2486; fax: 613-951-0009; laroque@statcan.ca), Transportation Division. ■

Population estimates by age and sex

July 1, 2000

The preliminary postcensal estimates by age and sex for Canada, the provinces and territories at July 1, 2000 plus the updated postcensal figures at July 1, 1999 and 1998 are now available. The corresponding components of population growth for the years ending June 30, 1998 to 2000 are also available.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 6270-6281, 6283-6294, 6303-6327, 6367-6378, 6380-6392, 6396-6403 and 6406-6409.

These estimates will appear in: *Annual demographic statistics*, 2000 (91-213-XIB, \$56; 91-213-XPB, \$125). See *How to order products*.

These estimates may be obtained by contacting your nearest Statistics Canada Regional Reference Centre or Lise Champagne (613-951-2320; fax: 613-951-2307; chamlis@statcan.ca), Demography Division. For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Daniel Larrivée (613-951-0694; fax: 613-951-2307; lardani@statcan.ca), Demography Division. ■

Refined petroleum products

August 2000 (preliminary)

Data on the production, inventories and domestic sales of refined petroleum products are now available for August. Other selected data about these products are also available.

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

Deliveries of major grains

September 2000

Data on September grain deliveries are now available.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 976-981.

The September 2000 issue of *Cereals and oilseeds review* (22-007-XIB, \$11/\$112; 22-007-XPB, \$15/\$149) will be available in December. See *How to order products*.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Susan Anderson (613-951-3859; sue.anderson@statcan.ca), Agriculture Division. ■

Incomes of individuals and families, federal electoral districts

1998

Information for 1998, showing age and gender of the population, income ranges and income sources by federal electoral district is now available on a cost-recovery basis. For families, information is available on the family composition, the age and gender of family members, their sources of income and their reliance on government transfers.

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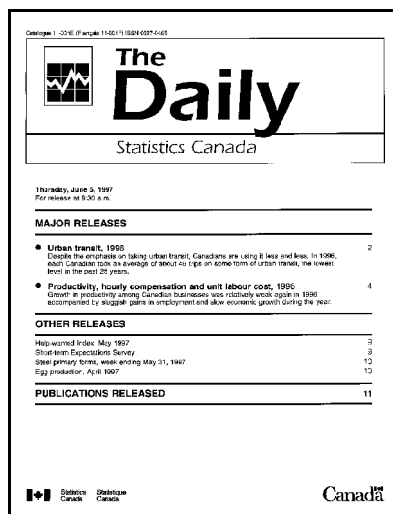
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