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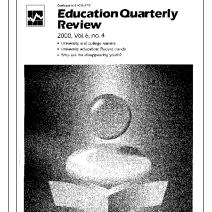
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Education quarterly review

August 2000

Education quarterly review, Statistics Canada's flagship publication for education statistics, analyses and reports on current issues and trends in education. The August 2000 issue, available today, includes a report on recent trends in university education.

Between 1986/87 and 1996/97, tuition rose faster than other costs, increasing its share from 29% to 47% of the total costs. Over this period, tuition nearly doubled while gross family incomes remained unchanged (in constant 1997 dollars). There has also been a widening gap in university participation by family socio-economic status as revealed in the 1986 and 1994 General Social Surveys.

Other analytical papers in this issue examine those factors which are important predictors of university and community college leaving and the characteristics of young people who responded to the 1991 School Leavers Survey, but who subsequently failed to respond to the 1995 School Leavers Follow-up Survey.

The August 2000 issue of *Education quarterly review* (81-003-XPB, \$21/\$68; 81-003-XIE, \$16/\$51) is now available. See *How to order products*. The study on recent trends in university education is available as a free preview article of this publication on the *In depth* page of Statistics Canada's Web site (www.statcan.ca).

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Electric power statistics

June 2000

Increased demand in the United States led to higher generation of electricity in June. Net generation of electricity increased to 44 067 gigawatt hours (GWh), up 3.2% from June 1999. Exports increased 42.1% to 4 818 GWh, and imports decreased from 1 523 GWh to 1 508 GWh.

Nuclear generating stations were the largest contributors to the increase in electricity generation, with an 11.4% rise to 5 705 GWh, mainly because stations in Quebec and New Brunswick underwent maintenance work in June 1999. Generation of hydro-electricity increased for the 14th consecutive month with a rise of 1.5% to 26 389 GWh. The increase was export-driven as temperatures were cooler than in June 1999, reducing electricity requirements for air conditioning systems. Thermal conventional generation was up 3.3% to 11 973 GWh.

Year-to-date net generation at the end of June totalled 293 893 GWh, up 6.6% from the same period in 1999. Year-to-date exports (24 848 GWh) were up 42.8%, whereas year-to-date imports (6 402 GWh) fell 27.9%.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 3985-3999.

The June 2000 issue of *Electric power statistics* (57-001-XIB, \$9/\$85) will be available in September. See *How to order products*.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact André Lefebvre (613-951-3560; alefeba@statcan.ca), Manufacturing, Construction and Energy Division.

Coal and coke statistics

June 2000

Reduced production capacity owing to mine closures led to lower coal production in June. Coal production totalled 5 712 kilotonnes, down 2.1% from June 1999. The year-to-date production figure stood at 35 613 kilotonnes, down 1.6% from the same period of 1999.

Weaker demand in the main Asian and European markets for Canadian coal led to a 26.6% decline in exports from June 1999 to 2 406 kilotonnes. Exports to Japan (the largest consumer of Canadian coal) decreased 36.1% to 818 kilotonnes during the same period. Year-to-date figures show total exports of 16 517 kilotonnes, 2.4% below the level in 1999.

Imports of coal for the second quarter totalled 6 854 kilotonnes, up 12.1% from the second quarter of 1999. Year-to-date figures show imports of 9 686 kilotonnes, up 22.6% from the 1999 level. Operating constraints at a number of electric utilities and the shutdown of domestic suppliers of coal increased their requirement for imported coal.

Coke production in June decreased to 269 kilotonnes, down 8.7% from June 1999.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 9.

The June 2000 issue of *Coal and coke statistics* (45-002-XIB, \$9/\$85) will be available in September. See *How to order products*.

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Steel primary forms

Week ending August 26, 2000 (preliminary)

Steel primary forms production for the week ending August 26 totalled 331 118 tonnes, up 1.9% from 325 024 tonnes a week earlier and up 7.0% from 309 331 tonnes a year earlier. The year-to-date total at the end of the reference week was 11 136 550 tonnes, a 6.0% increase compared with 10 505 056 tonnes for the same period in 1999.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods, or data quality of this release, contact Julie Mayer (613-951-4924; mayejul@statcan.ca), Manufacturing, Construction and Energy Division.

Civil aviation operating statistics

June 2000

In June, Air Canada reported a 3% decrease in its total passenger-kilometres, while the operations of Canadian Airlines increased 3%. (All data are seasonally adjusted.)

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

The June operational data on civil aviation for Air Canada and Canadian Airlines will appear in the September issue of *Aviation service bulletin* (51-004-XIB, \$8/\$82). A print-on-demand service is also available. See *How to order products*.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Robert Lund (613-951-0125), Transportation Division.

The Social policy simulation database and model

The Social policy simulation database and model: Version 8.0 (SPSD/M), which is based on 1996 microdata, is now available. The SPSD/M is a static microsimulation model. It comprises a database, a series of tax/transfer algorithms and models, analytical software and user documentation. The SPSD/M has been produced as an occasional product since 1985. It has been widely used by policy analysts in Canada studying virtually every change to the tax and transfer system since then.

The SPSD/M is a tool designed to analyse the financial interactions of governments and individuals/families in Canada. It allows estimation of the income redistributive effects or cost implications of changes in the personal taxation and cash transfer system. The SPSD/M assists researchers examining the potential impacts of changes in taxes, earnings, demographic trends, and a wide range of other factors. It can be used to study federal and provincial tax and transfer changes from 1984 through 2003.

The SPSD/M allows us to answer "what-if" types of questions. What if there were a change to the taxes Canadians paid or transfers they received? Who would gain and who would lose? Would single parent households in a particular province be better off? By how much? How much extra money would federal or provincial governments collect or pay out?

The Social policy simulation database and model: Version 8.0 is now available on CD-ROM. (89F0002XCB, \$5,000/\$12,500).

For more information, or to order this release, contact Susan Carrothers (613-951-1782; spsdm@statcan.ca), Social and Economic Studies Division.

Refined petroleum products

June 2000 (preliminary)

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

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

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Education quarterly review, August 2000 Catalogue number 81-003-XIE (\$16/\$51).

Education quarterly review, August 2000 Catalogue number 81-003-XPB (\$21/\$68).

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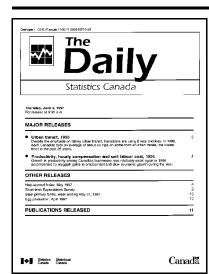
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