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NEW PRODUCTS

Occupational health surveillance in Canada: Cause-specific mortality among workers

1965 to 1991

The first Canada-wide publication of occupational mortality risks is now available on CD-ROM.

This new product can help identify occupational groups across Canada with excessive mortality owing to specific causes. It will also help detect previously unsuspected associations between illness (e.g., cancer) and occupation and it will be a powerful tool for both generating and testing hypotheses.

Occupational surveillance in Canada: Cause-specific mortality among workers, 1965 to 1991 (84-546-XCB, \$500) contains the results of a longitudinal follow-up of a sample of 700,000 men and women who were in the Canadian work force for at least one year during the period 1965 to 1971. The results are linked to the Canadian Mortality Database for the years 1965 to 1991. The CD-ROM will certainly be of interest to professionals in public health, workers' compensation and safety boards, ministries of health and labour, regulatory agencies, corporations, unions, personnel and medical departments, women's studies scholars and the general public. See *How to order products*.

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OTHER RELEASES

For-hire motor carriers of freight, all carriers

First quarter 2000

In the first quarter, there were approximately 2,690 for-hire trucking companies based in Canada with annual revenues of \$1 million or more compared with an estimated 2,500 carriers during the same period in 1999. First quarter operating revenues for these carriers totalled \$4.7 billion. Operating expenses posted by for-hire carriers reached \$4.4 billion.

On a year-over-year basis, average operating revenues increased 13% to \$1.74 million while expenses climbed 12% to \$1.62 million. In particular, for-hire carriers spent more on fuel during the first three months of the year, up an average of 50% over the level recorded at the start of 1999. This surge was the third consecutive double-digit year-over-year increase in fuel expenses reported by carriers. Despite the rising fuel costs, the operating ratio (operating expenses divided by operating revenues) improved by one point over the same period in 1999 to 0.93. Any ratio under 1.00 represents an operating profit.

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For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Irwin Bess (613-951-9605; fax: 613-951-0579; bessirw@statcan.ca), Transportation Division. ■

Electric utility construction price indexes

1999 (revised) and first half 2000 (preliminary)

Preliminary first half figures for 2000 indicate that construction costs for distribution systems increased 1.6% compared with 1999. The largest contributor to this increase was installation labour (+3.5%) which was

moderated by the material component change (-1.0%). Meanwhile, the revised 1999 data for distribution systems shows an increase of 2.7% over 1998.

Construction costs for the transmission line system series rose at a higher rate in the first half (+1.4%), when compared with the first half of 1999 (+1.0%). The transmission line and the substation components were up by 2.0% and 1.0% respectively, while the increases in 1999 were 1.1% and 1.0%.

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The second quarter 2000 issue of *Construction price statistics* (62-007-XPB, \$24/\$79) will be available in October. See *How to order products*.

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Steel pipe and tubing

July 2000

Steel pipe and tubing production for July totalled 157 502 tonnes, a 4.2% increase from 151 137 tonnes in July 1999.

Year-to-date production to the end of July totalled 1 576 138 tonnes, up 15.8% from 1 360 711 tonnes during the same period in 1999.

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July 2000
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August 19, 2000
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Labour force information, week ending
August 19, 2000
Catalogue number 71-001-PPB (\$11/\$103).
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Occupational surveillance in Canada:
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workers, 1965 to 1991
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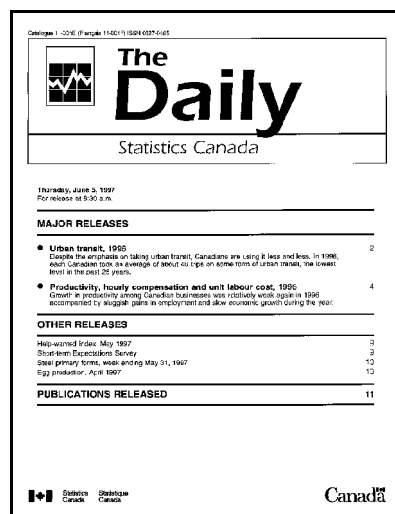
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