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Retail Gasoline Statistics by Metropolitan Area, 1968

Retail sales of gasoline in Canada's major metropolitan areas for the year 1968 were 1,526.4 million gallons. This amount is estimated to be 40.3 per cent of Canada's total motor gasoline sold through retail pump outlets.

Following 1968 data includes statistics for the cities of Calgary, Edmonton and Regina which were not part of D.B.S. 1967 survey nor part of our quarterly releases in 1968; this information was supplied at year end and our 1969 bulletin will include these statistics on a quarterly basis.

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Year 1968

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	1st Quarter		2nd Quarter		3rd Quarter		4th Quarter		Year to Date total gallons(1)
	Outlets	Gallons(1)	Outlets	Gallons(1)	Outlets	Gallons(1)	Outlets	Gallons(1)	
Montreal	2,209	107,103	2,212	112,451	2,211	114,516	2,215	115,833	449,903
Ottawa-Hull	438	21,103	444	22,014	445	23,910	433	23,524	90,551
Toronto-Hamilton ..	2,325	128,190	2,330	132,659	2,313	137,957	2,304	141,334	540,140
Winnipeg	482	20,396	486	21,693	491	23,141	483	23,540	88,770
Regina	126	6,239	126	7,149	127	8,434	127	6,051	27,873
Calgary	384	16,008	380	18,292	381	20,731	382	16,763	71,794
Edmonton	356	16,629	352	18,803	350	21,495	353	17,395	74,322
Vancouver	952	42,467	953	46,041	962	49,571	958	44,930	183,009
Totals	7,272	358,135	7,283	379,102	7,280	399,755	7,255	389,370	1,526,362(2)

(1) Gallons are in '000 gallons.

(2) Percentage of estimated gallons is 0.02.

Using estimated vehicles registration statistics, passenger cars per service station in the eight metropolitan areas averaged 366. The Toronto-Hamilton area has an average of 420 passenger cars per station, followed by Edmonton with 391, Ottawa-Hull 386, Regina 358, Vancouver 357, Calgary 342, Montreal and Winnipeg with 321.

Population per car in these metropolitan areas is estimated at 3.1. This compares with the Canada figure of 3.5. The cities of Calgary and Vancouver have a population per car of 2.7, followed by Toronto-Hamilton, Regina, Edmonton, Ottawa-Hull, Winnipeg and Montreal with the last area registering a ratio of 3.8 persons per car.

During 1968, gasoline sold through retail pump outlets in the metropolitan areas averaged 505 gallons per vehicle. Montreal shows an average of 558 gallons; Regina 510; Winnipeg 509; Toronto-Hamilton 498; Ottawa-Hull 487; Vancouver 470; Calgary 454; Edmonton 435.

With the exception of Calgary, Regina, Winnipeg and Vancouver, metropolitan areas are not identical with census metropolitan areas. Population and number of vehicles for these are as follows:

	Population* 1st June 1967	Passenger cars(1, 2)*	Commercial vehicles(1)*
Montreal	2,703,460	711,500	95,000
Ottawa-Hull	517,418	167,000	19,000
Toronto-Hamilton	2,806,179	967,600	118,000
Winnipeg	514,000	155,000	19,500
Regina	134,000	45,500	9,100
Calgary	347,000	130,600	27,400
Edmonton	412,000	138,000	32,800
Vancouver	923,000	341,800	47,500
Canada total	20,405,000	5,830,000	1,723,075

(1) 1967 registrations.

(2) Taxis included.

* Estimates.

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