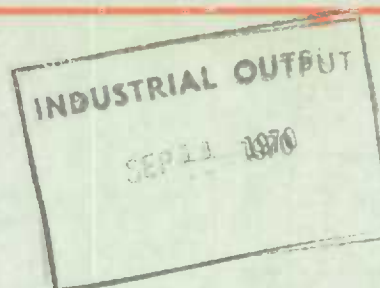




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Retail Gasoline Statistics by Metropolitan Area, 2nd Quarter 1970

Retail sales of gasoline in Canada's major metropolitan areas for the second quarter of 1970 increased 6.3 per cent to 438.5 million gallons from 412.5 million gallons in the second quarter of 1969. This amount was dispensed through 7,147 outlets in 1970 of which 5,996 were refiners and 1,151 outlets were non-refiners.

According to estimated vehicle registration statistics, passenger cars per service station in eight metropolitan areas averaged 411. The Toronto-Hamilton area had an average of 495 passenger cars per service station followed by Ottawa-Hull with 450, Edmonton 409, Vancouver 406, Winnipeg 396, Regina 363, Calgary 356 and Montreal 340.

Population per car in these metropolitan areas is estimated at 3.0. This compares favourably with the Canada figure of 3.3. The cities of Toronto-Hamilton, Calgary and Vancouver had a population per car of 2.6 followed by Ottawa-Hull, Regina, Edmonton, Winnipeg and Montreal with the last area registering a ratio of 3.6 persons per car.

During the second quarter of 1970, gasoline sold through retail pump outlets in the metropolitan areas averaged 132 gallons per vehicle. Montreal and Winnipeg showed 140 gallons; Regina 133; Toronto-Hamilton 130; Edmonton 129; Calgary 129; Vancouver 123 and Ottawa-Hull 121.

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	Montreal	Ottawa-Hull	Toronto-Hamilton	Winnipeg	Regina	Edmonton	Calgary	Vancouver	Total
<u>Outlets</u>									
Number of refiners' outlets	1,833	346	1,871	356	119	361	340	770	5,996
Number of other outlets	437	95	313	51	21	51	34	149	1,151
Totals	2,270	441	2,184	407	140	412	374	919	7,147
<u>Gallonage</u>									
Dispensed through refiners' outlets ... ('000)	103,719	19,761	128,310	21,886	6,774	20,572	18,764	40,871	360,657
Dispensed through other outlets ('000)	18,726	6,661	29,242	3,066	1,233	3,866	3,833	11,260	77,887
Totals ('000)	122,445	26,422	157,552	24,952	8,007	24,438	22,597	52,131	438,544

Population and number of vehicles for the eight Metropolitan Areas are as follows:

	Population* 1st June 1969	Passenger cars (1,2)*	Commercial vehicles (1)*
Montreal (3)	2,778,000	771,000	101,000
Ottawa-Hull (3)	537,000	198,400	20,100
Toronto-Hamilton (3)	2,920,000	1,082,000	132,100
Winnipeg	534,000	161,000	17,500
Regina	140,000	50,100	10,100
Calgary	375,000	146,600	29,000
Edmonton	437,000	152,800	36,100
Vancouver	980,000	373,000	52,000
Canada, total	21,061,000	6,387,400	1,593,400

(1) 1969 registrations.

(2) Taxis included.

(3) These areas are not identical with census metropolitan areas.

* Estimates.

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