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Retail Gasoline Statistics by Metropolitan Area, 3rd Quarter 1970

Retail sales of gasoline in Canada's major metropolitan areas for the third quarter of 1970 increased 3.3 per cent to 441.9 million gallons from 427.8 million gallons in the third quarter of 1969. This amount was dispensed through 7,164 outlets in 1970 of which 6,004 were refiners' and 1,160 outlets were non-refiners'.

According to estimated vehicle registration statistics, passenger cars per service station in the eight metropolitan areas averaged 410. The Toronto-Hamilton area had an average of 497 passenger cars per service station followed by Ottawa-Hull with 442, Vancouver 403, Winnipeg and Edmonton 387, Calgary 386, Regina 363 and Montreal 338.

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 third quarter of 1970, gasoline sold through retail pump outlets in the metropolitan areas averaged 133 gallons per vehicle. Winnipeg showed 148 gallons; Calgary 147; Regina 146; Montreal 143; Edmonton 138; Vancouver 125; Ottawa-Hull and Toronto-Hamilton 124.

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	Montreal	Ottawa-Hull	Toronto-Hamilton	Winnipeg	Regina	Edmonton	Calgary	Vancouver	Total
<u>Outlets</u>									
Number of refiners' outlets	1,841	351	1,863	364	115	352	342	776	6,004
Number of other outlets	442	98	313	52	23	56	38	151	1,160
Totals	2,283	449	2,176	416	138	395	380	927	7,164
<u>Gallonage</u>									
Dispensed through refiners' outlets ... ('000)	105,756	20,015	121,565	23,839	7,421	21,370	20,703	41,307	361,676
Dispensed through other outlets ('000)	19,356	7,007	28,444	2,565	1,368	4,429	5,386	11,668	80,223
Totals ('000)	125,112	27,022	150,009	26,404	8,789	25,799	26,089	52,975	441,899

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.

