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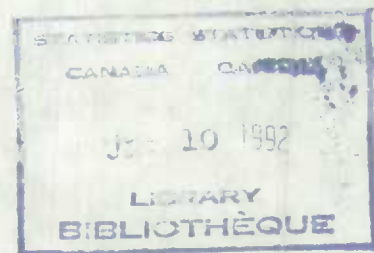


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## ALBERTA

There were 100,000 persons unemployed in Alberta in December, 1990, 14,000 more than in December 1989. Edmonton's unemployment rate rose by 1.2% and 1.4% in Calgary during the same one year period. Alberta's rate was 7.6% versus 6.6% one year previously.

The All-Items Consumer Price Index for Alberta fell by 0.1% between November and December to a level of 120.5 (1986 = 100). The year - over - year increase in the CPI between December 1989 and December 1990 was 5.9%.

The 1990 annual change in the Consumer Price Index for Alberta was 5.8%, 5.4% in Edmonton and 6.2% in Calgary.

The New Housing Price index for Calgary is up 7.0% over last year, while Edmonton is up 13.7%.

Alberta Housing Starts, through the first eleven months of 1990, showed an increase of 22.0% over the previous year, while Canada decreased by 15.9%.

## SASKATCHEWAN

The Consumer Price Index for the year 1990 has now been released. Following are the data for the province and major cities showing the percentage change by major category:

Category	Percent Increase 1990/1989		
	Saskatchewan	Regina	Saskatoon
All-Items	4.5	4.2	4.4
Food	4.7	4.6	4.6
Housing	2.9	2.6	3.1
Clothing	3.3	3.3	3.1
Transportation	8.3	8.2	8.1
Health & Personal Care	3.5	2.7	4.0
Recreation, reading & Education	2.9	2.5	3.0
Tobacco & Alcohol	6.2	6.3	6.1

## MANITOBA

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in Manitoba continued to climb in December reaching 8.1%, up from 7.4% in November. Employment in the province dropped to 487,000, down 9,000 from last month but at the same level as last December. Employment gains over last year were noted in the Services sector with an increase of 3,000 workers while the Goods Producing sector employed 3,000 less workers. Manufacturing employment now stands at 55,000. Nationally, employment is down 131,000 persons from last December with all the decline concentrated in Quebec and Ontario.



The Consumer Price Index in Winnipeg rose by 0.3% on a monthly basis and 5.2% on an annual basis in December. Higher prices for gasoline, air transportation and cigarettes, personal care supplies and women's wear were principal factors in the increase. Increased mortgage interest costs and rental accomodation costs were also observed. Some dampening effects were noted from lower prices for household furnishings and equipment and traveller accomodation.

The 1990 average annual Consumer Price Index for Winnipeg was also released with the December figures. Listed below are the annual averages:

	Index	% Change
All-Items	118.9	4.6
Food	117.4	5.5
Housing	115.5	3.7
Clothing	118.3	3.1
Transportation	119.0	6.3
Health & Personal Care	120.4	3.2
Recreation, Reading and Education	122.4	4.2
Tobacco & Alcohol	139.6	6.3



	Reference Period	Data for Reference Period	Data for Previous Period	Percent Change from Last Period	Data for same Per. last Year	% Change from same Per. a Year ago
LABOUR FORCE ('000)						
Canada.....	90-Dec	13510.	13619.	-0.8	13384.	0.9
Manitoba.....	90-Dec	532.	535.	-0.6	528.	0.8
Winnipeg.....	90-Dec	334.	334.	0.0	332.	0.6
Saskatchewan.....	90-Dec	471.	476.	-1.1	466.	1.1
Regina.....	90-Dec	95.	98.	-3.1	97.	-2.1
Saskatoon.....	90-Dec	87.	90.	-3.3	92.	-5.4
Alberta.....	90-Dec	1321.	1326.	-0.4	1301.	1.5
Edmonton.....	90-Dec	393.	395.	-0.5	394.	-0.3
Calgary.....	90-Dec	395.	392.	0.8	378.	4.5
EMPLOYED ('000)						
Canada.....	90-Dec	12248.	12403.	-1.2	12379.	-1.1
Manitoba.....	90-Dec	487.	496.	-1.8	487.	0.0
Winnipeg.....	90-Dec	303.	307.	-1.3	306.	-1.0
Saskatchewan.....	90-Dec	438.	444.	-1.4	433.	1.2
Regina.....	90-Dec	90.	92.	-2.2	91.	-1.1
Saskatoon.....	90-Dec	78.	81.	-3.7	84.	-7.1
Alberta.....	90-Dec	1221.	1229.	-0.7	1215.	0.5
Edmonton.....	90-Dec	359.	364.	-1.4	366.	-1.9
Calgary.....	90-Dec	364.	364.	0.0	354.	2.8
UNEMPLOYED ('000)						
Canada.....	90-Dec	1262.	1217.	3.7	1005.	25.6
Manitoba.....	90-Dec	45.	40.	12.5	41.	9.8
Winnipeg.....	90-Dec	31.	26.	19.2	26.	19.2
Saskatchewan.....	90-Dec	33.	32.	3.1	33.	0.0
Regina.....	90-Dec	5.	5.	0.0	7.	-28.6
Saskatoon.....	90-Dec	10.	9.	11.1	8.	25.0
Alberta.....	90-Dec	100.	97.	3.1	86.	16.3
Edmonton.....	90-Dec	33.	31.	6.5	29.	13.8
Calgary.....	90-Dec	31.	28.	10.7	24.	29.2
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)						
Canada.....	90-Dec	9.3	8.9		7.5	
Manitoba.....	90-Dec	8.4	7.4		7.7	
Winnipeg.....	90-Dec	9.3	7.9		7.8	
Saskatchewan.....	90-Dec	7.0	6.7		7.0	
Regina.....	90-Dec	5.6	5.5		6.7	
Saskatoon.....	90-Dec	11.0	10.3		8.5	
Alberta.....	90-Dec	7.6	7.3		6.6	
Edmonton.....	90-Dec	8.5	7.8		7.3	
Calgary.....	90-Dec	7.8	7.1		6.4	
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%) (Seasonally Adjusted)						
Canada.....	90-Dec	9.3	9.1		7.7	
Manitoba.....	90-Dec	8.1	7.4		7.7	
Saskatchewan.....	90-Dec	6.9	6.9		7.0	
Alberta.....	90-Dec	7.8	7.6		7.0	



	Reference Period	Data for Reference Period	Data for Previous Period	Percent Change from Last Period	Data for same Per. last Year	% Change from same Per. a Year ago
<b>PARTICIPATION RATE (%)</b>						
Canada.....	90-Dec	65.7	66.3		66.0	
Manitoba.....	90-Dec	65.9	66.4		65.8	
Winnipeg.....	90-Dec	67.4	67.4		67.4	
Saskatchewan.....	90-Dec	65.4	66.0		64.3	
Regina.....	90-Dec	68.4	70.2		70.1	
Saskatoon.....	90-Dec	62.7	64.5		66.3	
Alberta.....	90-Dec	71.4	71.8		71.5	
Edmonton.....	90-Dec	69.8	70.4		71.3	
Calgary.....	90-Dec	73.8	73.4		72.7	
<b>AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS</b> (All Employees, incl. overtime)						
<b>INDUSTRIAL AGGREGATE (\$)</b>						
Canada.....	90-Oct	522.80	520.37	0.47	496.91	5.21
Manitoba.....	90-Oct	469.53	465.44	0.88	451.54	3.98
Saskatchewan.....	90-Oct	456.23	451.50	1.05	432.64	5.45
Alberta.....	90-Oct	520.15	519.38	0.15	496.58	4.75
<b>CONSUMER PRICE INDEX</b> <b>ALL-ITEMS (1986=100)</b>						
Canada.....	90-Dec	121.8	121.9	-0.1	116.0	5.0
Manitoba.....	90-Dec	121.7	121.2	0.4	115.7	5.2
Saskatchewan.....	90-Dec	121.7	121.2	0.4	116.0	4.9
Alberta.....	90-Dec	120.5	120.6	-0.1	113.8	5.9
Winnipeg.....	90-Dec	121.7	121.3	0.3	115.7	5.2
Regina.....	90-Dec	121.3	120.6	0.6	115.8	4.7
Saskatoon.....	90-Dec	121.6	121.3	0.2	115.7	5.1
Edmonton.....	90-Dec	120.5	120.9	-0.3	113.8	5.9
Calgary.....	90-Dec	120.5	120.4	0.1	113.5	6.2
<b>FOOD</b>						
Canada.....	90-Dec	116.1	116.6	-0.4	111.3	4.3
Winnipeg.....	90-Dec	118.5	118.5	0.0	112.5	5.3
Regina.....	90-Dec	121.0	120.9	0.1	113.5	6.6
Saskatoon.....	90-Dec	120.3	120.0	0.3	113.3	6.2
Edmonton.....	90-Dec	114.1	114.8	-0.6	108.8	4.9
Calgary.....	90-Dec	114.6	113.8	0.7	107.5	6.6
<b>NEW HOUSING PRICE INDEX</b> <b>(1986=100)</b>						
Canada.....	90-Nov	136.5	138.1	-1.2	144.5	-5.5
Winnipeg.....	90-Nov	109.1	109.1	0.0	107.0	2.0
Regina.....	90-Nov	109.3	109.3	0.0	107.6	1.6
Saskatoon.....	90-Nov	107.7	107.7	0.0	107.3	0.4
Edmonton.....	90-Nov	139.9	139.7	0.1	123.0	13.7
Calgary.....	90-Nov	136.7	136.4	0.2	127.7	7.0



	Reference Period	Data for Reference Period	Data for same Per. last Year	% Change from same Per. a Year ago	Total Year to date	%CHG, YTD over same period last yr.
MANUFACTURING SHIPMENTS (\$'000)						
Canada.....	90-Nov	24615874.	26011751.	-5.4	272690146.	-2.7
Manitoba.....	90-Nov	589679.	619732.	-4.8	6622741.	-1.3
Saskatchewan.....	90-Nov	327116.	299920.	9.1	3687809.	6.2
Alberta.....	90-Nov	1774611.	1578031.	12.5	18186987.	6.0
RETAIL SALES (millions \$)						
Department Store						
Type Merchandise (Raw)						
All Stores						
Canada.....	90-Oct	5732.	5679.	0.9	52720.	2.1
Manitoba.....	90-Oct	195.	196.	-0.5	1817.	1.1
Saskatchewan.....	90-Oct	183.	168.	8.9	1603.	3.1
Alberta.....	90-Oct	665.	613.	8.5	5970.	7.2
RETAIL SALES (millions \$)						
Canada, Total, All Stores (Raw).....	90-Oct	16196.	16087.	0.7	158281.	1.4
Supermarkets and Grocery stores....	90-Oct	3448.	3327.	3.6	34838.	3.0
All other food stores.....	90-Oct	284.	278.	2.2	2932.	5.1
Drugs and medicine.....	90-Oct	849.	740.	14.7	7804.	11.8
Men's clothing stores.....	90-Oct	188.	187.	0.5	1604.	-0.9
Women's clothing stores.....	90-Oct	338.	336.	0.6	3227.	6.3
Other clothing stores.....	90-Oct	384.	416.	-7.7	3407.	-2.5
Household furnitures and appl.....	90-Oct	773.	829.	-6.8	7202.	-4.8
Recreational and motor veh.....	90-Oct	3428.	3701.	-7.4	36397.	-3.7
Gasoline service stations.....	90-Oct	1309.	1193.	9.7	11971.	4.2
General merchandise stores.....	90-Oct	1799.	1750.	2.8	15616.	1.1
Manitoba, Total, All Stores.....	90-Oct	582.	583.	-0.2	5658.	3.2
Saskatchewan, Total, All Stores.....	90-Oct	550.	518.	6.2	5147.	2.2
Alberta, Total, All Stores.....	90-Oct	1666.	1621.	2.8	16023.	2.8
BUILDING PERMITS (\$'000)						
Manitoba-Total.....	90-Oct	57032.	83343.	-31.6	652403.	-12.7
Man Residential Total.....	90-Oct	23402.	31777.	-26.4	320205.	-9.9
Man Non-Residential Total.....	90-Oct	33630.	51566.	-34.8	332198.	-15.2
Winnipeg.....	90-Oct	25735.	62947.	-59.1	425178.	-26.9
Saskatchewan-Total.....	90-Oct	38567.	44038.	-12.4	429945.	-4.7
Sask Residential Total.....	90-Oct	9837.	9956.	-1.2	117082.	-12.3
Sask Non-Residential Total.....	90-Oct	28730.	34082.	-15.7	312863.	-1.5
Regina.....	90-Oct	8646.	22610.	-61.8	106761.	-14.3
Saskatoon.....	90-Oct	14149.	8812.	60.6	171341.	-18.6
Alberta-Total.....	90-Oct	206703.	240968.	-14.2	2617326.	20.2
Alta Residential Total.....	90-Oct	116979.	142395.	-17.8	1523453.	37.3
Alta Non-Residential Total.....	90-Oct	89724.	98573.	-9.0	1093873.	2.5
Edmonton.....	90-Oct	67890.	78214.	-13.2	838609.	7.0
Calgary.....	90-Oct	71231.	98058.	-27.4	952429.	15.0



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HOUSING STARTS (#)						
Canada (centres 10,000+).....	90-Nov	9321.	15608.	-40.3	142472.	-15.9
Manitoba (centres 10,000+).....	90-Nov	90.	356.	-74.7	2170.	-29.9
Winnipeg.....	90-Nov	80.	345.	-76.8	2047.	-30.0
Saskatchewan (centres 10,000+)..	90-Nov	33.	66.	-50.0	978.	-29.2
Alberta (centres 10,000+).....	90-Nov	833.	1316.	-36.7	13863.	22.0
ELECTRIC POWER GENERATION (MWH)						
TOTAL ENERGY GENERATION						
Manitoba.....	90-Oct	1803197.	1622960.	11.1	16322227.	7.4
Saskatchewan.....	90-Oct	1124384.	1053921.	6.7	11055955.	0.4
Alberta.....	90-Oct	3724403.	3772279.	-1.3	35033560.	-1.7
TOTAL HYDRO GENERATION						
Manitoba.....	90-Oct	1801316.	1621298.	11.1	16042974.	7.5
Saskatchewan.....	90-Oct	304853.	210679.	44.7	3632756.	58.2
Alberta.....	90-Oct	118883.	121672.	-2.3	1810771.	33.9

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# NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

	Reference Period	Data for Reference Period	Data for Previous Period	Percent Change from Last Period	Data for same Per. last Year	% Change from same Per. a Year ago
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS (All Employees, incl. overtime)						
INDUSTRIAL AGGREGATE (\$)						
Northwest Territories...	90-Oct	733.58	725.27	1.15	682.92	7.42
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX ALL-ITEMS (1986=100)						
Yellowknife.....	90-Dec	118.0	117.4	0.5	112.9	4.5
FOOD						
Yellowknife.....	90-Dec	111.6	110.9	0.6	108.9	2.5

	Reference Period	Data for Reference Period	Data for same Per. last Year	% Change from same Per. a Year ago	Total Year to date	XCHG, YTD over same period last yr.
RETAIL SALES (millions \$)						
Department Store Type Merchandise (Raw)						
All stores						
Northwest Territories.....	90-Oct	17.	17.	0.0	156.	2.6
RETAIL SALES (millions \$(Raw)						
Northwest Territories						
Total, All Stores.....	90-Oct	25.	26.	-3.8	254.	4.5
BUILDING PERMITS (\$'000)						
Northwest Territories-Total....	90-Oct	2900.	3420.	-15.2	44941.	-31.7
N.W.T. Residential Total....	90-Oct	1867.	1860.	0.4	20214.	-31.2
N.W.T. Non-Residential Total	90-Oct	1033.	1560.	-33.8	24727.	-32.1
ELECTRIC POWER GENERATION (MWH)						
TOTAL ENERGY GENERATION						
Northwest Territories.....	90-Oct	37480.	39690.	-5.6	381254.	0.2
TOTAL HYDRO GENERATION						
Northwest Territories.....	90-Oct	21976.	22689.	-3.1	211050.	-0.5

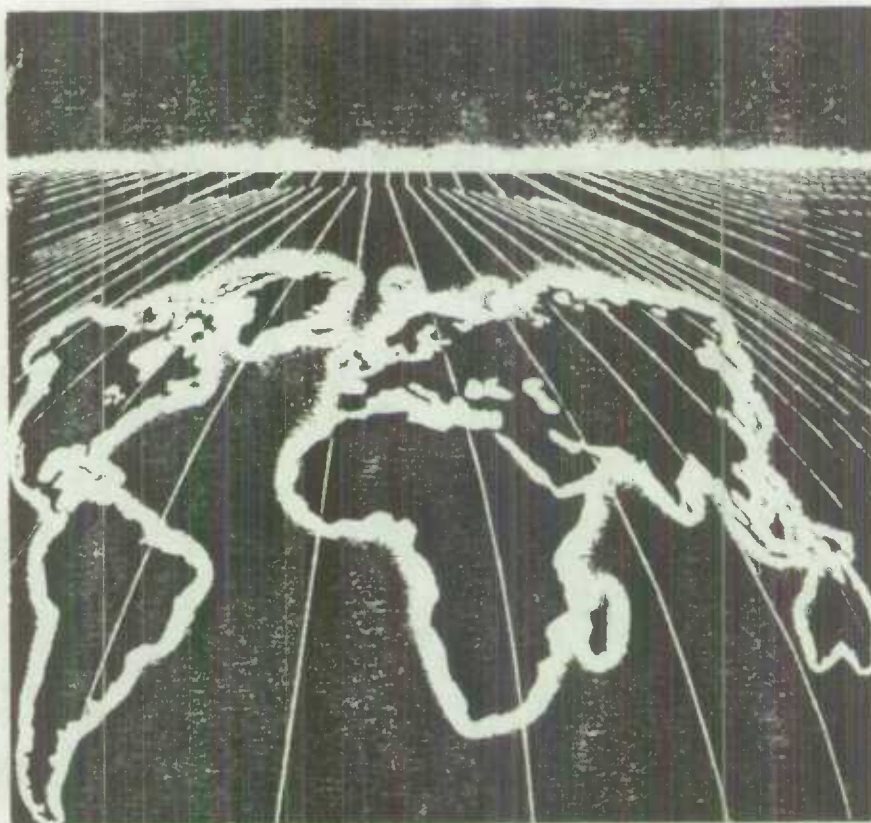


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International Travel 1989  
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The new edition of Statistics Canada's annual report on travel between Canada and other countries has been released.

This issue of International Travel presents international travel market information by origin, destination, purpose of trip, expenditures, length of stay and other characteristics. It contains 33 tables, some of which cover a period of ten years.



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## DEFINITIONS

Labour Force - that portion of the civilian non-institutional population 15 years of age and over who, during the reference week were employed or unemployed

Employed - persons who, during the reference week, did any work at all or had a job but were not at work due to: (1) own illness or disability (2) personal or family responsibilities (3) bad weather (4) labour dispute (5) vacation (6) other reason not specified above (excluding persons on layoff and persons whose job attachment was to a job to start at a definite date in the future)

Unemployed - persons who, during the reference week, were without work and were available for work, had been on layoff, or had a new job to start in four weeks or less from the reference week

Unemployment Rate - represents the number of unemployed persons expressed as a per cent of the labour force

Participation Rate - represents the labour force expressed as a percentage of the population 15 years of age and over

Employment/Population Ratio - represents the number of persons employed expressed as a percentage of the population 15 years of age and over

SA (Seasonally Adjusted) - A seasonally adjusted series is one from which seasonal movements have been eliminated. Seasonal movements are defined as those which are caused by regular annual events such as climate, crop cycles, holidays and vacation periods. It should be noted that the seasonally-adjusted series contains irregular as well as longer-term cyclical fluctuations.

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