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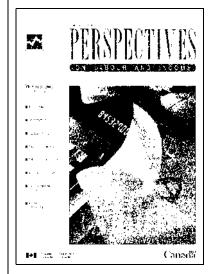
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Perspectives on labour and income

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The lead article in the winter issue of *Perspectives on labour and income*. "Early retirement trends," paints a portrait of those currently retiring before age 60. Early retirement rates are presented by class of worker, sex, level of education, industry, province and job status. The second article is a brief note on the effect of the September 11 terrorist attacks on New York City and Washington on the labour market in Canada, specifically absences from work and hours lost. "After the layoff" looks at the results of permanent layoffs from full-time jobs, while "Evolution of the Canadian workplace: Work from home" uses various surveys to examine the number of Canadians usually working from home over the past three decades. "Trends in part-time job search" looks at trends in job seeking between 1976 and 2000 and "1999 income: An overview" examines family incomes in 1999 and changes since 1990. Completing this issue is a fact sheet on work absences—an update on time lost from work. (These articles have all appeared previously in online issues of Perspectives.)

The Winter 2001 issue, Vol. 13, number 4 of *Perspectives on labour and income* (75-001-XPE, \$18/\$58) is now available. See *How to order products*. For more information, contact Henry Pold (613-951-4608; henry.pold@statcan.ca), Labour and Household Surveys Analysis Division.





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Personal taxes accounted for an estimated 22% of the household budget, shelter costs claimed about 19%, and food, 11%. These proportions were virtually unchanged from 1999. Transportation took up 14% of the household budget, continuing the slight increase seen in 1999.

Average household expenditure and budget share

	Average S		Average S			Share
	expenditure		expenditure		expenditure	of
		oudget		oudge		oudget
	1998		1999		2000	
	\$ current	%	\$ current	%	\$ current	%
Total expenditure	51,170		53,450		55,830	
Personal taxes	10,820	21	11,560	22	12,010	22
Shelter	10,070	20	10,240	19	10,500	19
Transportation	6,400	12	6,880	13	7,580	14
Food	5,900	12	6,100	11	6,220	11
Recreation	2,920	6	2,960	6	3,170	6
Personal insurance						
payments						
and pension						
contributions	2,760	5	2,840	5	3,130	6
Household operation	2,350	5	2,410	5	2,520	5
Clothing	2,200	4	2,320	4	2,350	4
Household furnishings	,		,		*	
and equipment	1,480	3	1,480	3	1,560	3
Gifts of money and	,		,		,	
contributions	1.150	2	1,360	3	1.300	2
Health care	1,190	2	1,260	2	1,360	2
Tobacco products and	.,	_	-,	_	.,	_
alcoholic beverages	1,210	2	1,180	2	1,220	2
Miscellaneous	.,	_	.,	_	.,	_
expenditures	810	2	860	2	830	1
Education	710	1	760	1	830	i
Personal care	690	1	710	1	740	1
Reading materials and	000					
other printed matter	280	1	270	1	280	0.5
Games of chance	200	'	210	'	200	0.0
expense (net)	250	0.5	270	0.5	260	0.5
expense (net)	230	0.5	210	0.5	200	0.0

Vehicle purchases, gas prices drove transportation spending higher

Spending on all types of transportation averaged \$7,580 per household, a 10% increase from 1999, compared with an 8% increase in 1998.

Note to readers

The data for this release come from the 2000 Survey of Household Spending, and were collected from January to March 2001 from a sample of about 20,000 private households in all provinces. The survey gathered detailed information on spending, dwelling characteristics, and household equipment. Unlike in previous years, data were not collected in the territories for 2000. (However, data for the territories will again be collected for 2001, and every second year after that.) National totals in this release for years before 2000 do not include the territories.

In order to analyse the data by income level, households were divided into five groups, or quintiles, based on their income. Each quintile represents one-fifth of all households. Quintiles are created by ranking households in ascending order of total household income and dividing the households into five groups such that the estimated number of households is equal in each group.

Since households in the lowest income quintile are smaller on average than households in the largest income quintile, data are adjusted for household size to allow for more realistic comparisons. This adjustment reflects the principle that household size and composition (number of adults and children) affect household needs. For more information, see Spending patterns in Canada, 1999 (62-202-XIE; 62-202-XPE).

Comparisons of expenditures in this release are not adjusted for inflation. All figures in this release have been rounded.

The increase was mainly due to higher spending on the purchase of all types of new and used vehicles, especially trucks, vans and sport utility vehicles. The 8% of households purchasing trucks or vans in 2000 reported spending an average \$15,970. The 10% of households leasing a vehicle reported spending just under \$5,000, approximately the same as in 1999.

Higher transportation spending was also due to higher spending on gasoline. Households with gasoline expenditures spent an average of \$1,950 in 2000, compared with \$1,700 in 1999. The price of gasoline as measured by the CPI rose 22% in 2000.

Heating costs rose

Spending on shelter rose a slight 3% from 1999 to an average \$10,500. This figure includes spending on heating fuels such as oil and gas, which climbed 20% to an annual average of \$1,000 for those households reporting. For some households, heat is included in rent.

Households spent an estimated \$6,220 on food, including restaurant meals, up 2% from 1999. They also paid an average of \$12,010 in personal taxes (excluding sales tax), 4% more than in 1999.

Spending on communications technology continued upward trend

The proportion of households having a cellular telephone increased to 42% in 2000, from 32% in 1999. Average spending on cellular services for those reporting was up 5% to \$480. Spending on telephone services increased slightly to an average of \$720 for the 98% of households reporting.

Forty-two per cent of households reported Internet use from home in 2000. This compares with 33% in 1999, 25% in 1998, and 17% in 1997. Households with Internet services spent an average of \$280 in 2000, up 7% from 1999.

The percentage of households that purchased new computers and related hardware continued to rise in 2000, from 15% to 18%. Households that bought new computers reported spending \$1,570 on average in 2000 compared with \$1,600 in 1999, as prices for these items fell. The percentage of households owning computers continued to rise, reaching an estimated 55% by the end of 2000.

Spending on cable and satellite services for the three-quarters of households with these services rose 7% to an average of \$480.

Average spending on tourism up in 2000

Households spent more on tourist-related accommodation and transportation in 2000 than they did in 1999. For the 22% of households reporting expenditures on air transportation in 2000, average spending rose 15% to \$1,600, while the cost of air travel as measured by the CPI was up 3%. Similarly, for the 11% of households reporting expenditures on package travel tours, average spending rose 16% to \$2,780. In addition, average household spending on hotel and motel accommodation was almost \$900 for those households reporting, up 13% from 1999.

Food and shelter costs accounted for one-half of spending in lowest-income households

In 2000, food and shelter accounted for half of the budget for households in the lowest income quintile and personal income taxes for 3%. In contrast, households in the highest income quintile allocated only one-quarter of their budgets to food and shelter, and 30% to personal income taxes. These proportions were unchanged from 1999.

The total expenditure of the one-fifth of households with the lowest incomes averaged \$18,090, compared with \$113,030 for the one-fifth of households with the highest incomes.

Household budget spent on four major categories by income quintile 2000

	Lowest quintile	Second quintile	Third quintile	Fourth quintile	Highest quintile
			%		
Food	18	15	13	11	9
Shelter	31	24	20	18	15
Transportation	12	14	15	14	13
Personal taxes	3	11	16	21	30

After adjusting for differences in household size, average spending per person was \$14,890 for households in the lowest income quintile and \$58,290 for households in the highest income quintile.

Average spending on food was an estimated \$2,640 per person for the lowest income quintile and \$4,980 per person for households in the highest income quintile. Similarly, spending on shelter was \$4,630 per person for the lowest income quintile and \$8,820 per person for the highest income quintile.

Average expenditure per person on four major categories by income quintile 2000

	Lowest	Second	Third	Fourth	Highest
	quintile	quintile	quintile	quintile	quintile
			\$		
Food	2,640	3,300	3,770	4,110	4,980
Shelter	4,630	5,100	6,000	7,110	8,820
Transportation	1,720	3,020	4,350	5,470	7,550
Personal taxes	440	2,250	4,850	7,950	17,690

Spending on all types of insurance also increased

Homeowners reported spending \$470 in 2000 on home insurance, a 4% increase over 1999. There was a similar increase in spending on vehicle insurance. Vehicle owners spent \$1,140 to insure their vehicles, compared with \$1,090 in 1999.

For the 53% of Canadian households reporting spending on health insurance premiums, the average expenditure rose 12% to \$790 in 2000. Health insurance premiums include payments to public hospital, medical and drug plans which are levied in some provinces and for some groups of the population. They also include payments to private plans that provide dental, accident, disability and travel coverage.

For the 74% of households contributing to either the Canada Pension Plan or the Quebec Pension Plan, the average amount paid in 2000 rose to \$1,570,

up from \$1,390 in 1999. Payments on Employment Insurance premiums, however, fell a slight 2% to \$1,040.

Average household spending highest in Ontario and Alberta

In 2000, Ontario and Alberta households had the highest average expenditure of all provinces. Newfoundland continued to have the lowest average, \$43,240.

Average household expenditure by province

	1999	2000
	\$ current	
Ontario ¹	58,780	62,740
Alberta ¹	59,210	62,090
British Columbia	54,970	55,670
Manitoba	49,410	50,360
Nova Scotia ¹	45,850	48,620
Quebec	46,870	48,320
New Brunswick ¹	44,730	47,090
Saskatchewan	46,900	46,970
Prince Edward Island	45,400	45,080
Newfoundland	42,510	43,240

¹ Statistically significant change between 1999 and 2000.

Two tables presenting summary-level household spending data are available free on Statistics Canada's Web site (www.statcan.ca): one for Canada and the provinces and one for selected metropolitan areas. A table presenting dwelling characteristics and household equipment is also available. On the Canadian statistics page, see The people, then choose Families, households and housing, then Expenditures or Housing.

For the first time, summary-level household spending data for Canada and provinces for 1997 to 2000 are available on CANSIM.

Available on CANSIM: table 2030001.

A User guide for the Survey of Household Spending (62F0026MIE01004, free) presenting information about survey methodology, concepts, and data quality is available free on Statistics Canada's Web site. On the Our products and services page, choose Research papers (free), then Personal finance and household finance, then Household expenditures research paper series.

Ten detailed tables are available at \$125 each. Of these ten tables, five present detailed household spending data: Canada, provinces and selected metropolitan areas (62F0031XDB); Household income quintile, Canada and provinces (62F0032XDB); Housing tenure, Canada (62F0033XDB); Household type, Canada (62F0034XDB); and Size of area of residence, Canada (62F0035XDB).

remaining The five tables present data dwelling characteristics and household on equipment: Canada, provinces and selected metropolitan areas (62F0041XDB): Income auintile. Canada (62F0042XDB); Housing tenure Canada (62F0043XDB); Household type, Canada (62F0044XDB); and Size of area of residence, Canada (62F0045XDB).

Custom tabulations are also available. A public-use microdata file is scheduled for release in May 2002, and a publication will follow in June 2002.

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OTHER RELEASES

Survey of the Construction Industry 1998 and 1999

Data on Canada's multi-billion-dollar construction industry are now available with the return of the Survey of the Construction Industry, which had not been conducted since 1989, when the program was discontinued.

The construction accounted industry for Canada's gross roughly 5.2% of domestic product in 1999, and 5.3% of total employment. From 1989 to 1999, data on the industry came mainly from the demand side—building permits, capital expenditures, census data and household spending on home renovation and repair.

In this industry, most enterprises are small to medium in size. More than 95% of enterprises had revenues of less than \$2 million in 1999, and revenues of all firms averaged \$500,000. Most of the enterprises operate in only one province and have only one establishment, or location.

In 1999, more than 215,000 enterprises were involved in construction; they reported revenues of \$107.3 billion, up 10.7% from 1998. Gains were widespread across industries, in both prime and special trades contracting, and in every region of the country.

Prime contracting accounted for \$60.0 billion or roughly 56% of total revenue; special trade contracting accounted for \$47.3 billion, the remaining 44%.

Companies in just four provinces—Quebec, Ontario, Alberta and British Columbia—accounted for almost 90% of total revenues from the construction sector in 1999. Revenues in Ontario reached \$42.1 billion, and revenues in Quebec hit \$20.2 billion.

Total expenses for the construction industries in 1999 reached \$100.1 billion, up 9.7%, slightly less than the gain in revenue. Total profit for the industry rose 27.8%, as total profit margins went from 5.8% to 6.7%.

Within the prime contracting group, the largest expense item in 1999 was for work subcontracted to others, which accounted for about 38% of operating expenses. It was followed by construction materials and supplies, which made up 25% of operating expenses, and salaries, wages and benefits (18%). The non-residential building industry showed the highest

proportion of work subcontracted to others, accounting for nearly 59% of operating expenses.

In contrast, within the trade contracting group the largest expense category was construction materials and supplies, accounting for 35% of operating expenses. It was followed by salaries, wages and benefits (33%), and work subcontracted to others (12%). The building exterior finishing work industry registered the highest proportion of operating expenses going to construction materials and supplies (nearly 42%).

Total revenue in the construction industry

	Total	Total	1998
	revenue	revenue	to
	1998	1999	1999
	\$ million	% change	
Construction	96,884	107,260	10.7
Prime contracting Land subdivision and land	54,179	59,965	10.7
development Building	4,794	4,567	-4.7
construction Residential building construc-	33,945	37,859	11.5
tion Non-res- idential building construc-	19,673	21,183	7.7
tion Engineering	14,273	16,676	16.8
construction Construction	13,623	15,306	12.4
management	1,817	2,233	22.9
Trade contracting Site preparation	42,705	47,295	10.7
work Building structure	5,919	6,104	3.1
work Building exterior	4,017	4,844	20.6
finishing work Building interior	5,294	6,135	15.9
finishing work Building equipment	7,572	8,006	5.7
installation Other special trade	18,205	20,218	11.1
contracting	1,697	1,988	17.1

Note: Figures may not add up to totals due to rounding.

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Annual Survey of Traveller Accommodation 1999

Data for 1999 for the traveller accommodation industry (NAICS category 7211, which includes hotels and motor hotels, motels and other accommodation industries) are now available. These data provide information such as revenue, expenses, salaries and wages, and profit margin. Also available are the percentage distributions of revenue and expenses by source and client base.

In 1999, the traveller accommodation industry earned \$11.3 billion, an increase of 2.5% over 1998. The low Canadian dollar and favourable economic conditions contributed to the continued growth of tourism in Canada.

For profits, 1999 proved to be another banner year for this significant tourism sector. The profit

margin (before taxes) for all establishments combined was 11.8%.

Of all the provinces, Newfoundland saw the sharpest profit margin increase, to 9.9% in 1999 from 6.3% in 1998. This was largely the result of strong economic growth in Newfoundland in 1999, as well as a boost in tourism marking the 50th anniversary of Newfoundland's entry into Confederation. Throughout 1999, Newfoundland hosted various events to commemorate the occasion.

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Selected financial statistics for traveller accommodation 1998–1999

	Number of establishments	Total revenue	Salaries, wages and	Total expenses	Profit margin
	establistiments		benefits		
		\$ millions	Болоно		%
Canada					
1998	15,918	11,072.4	3,214.2	9,830.4	11.2
1999	17,495	11,346.5	3,447.6	10,010.2	11.8
Newfoundland	,	,	-,		
1998	350	125.8	41.3	118.0	6.3
1999	408	141.2	49.0	127.3	9.9
Prince Edward Island					
1998	182	62.1	18.8	55.4	10.7
1999	217	60.5	20.6	54.3	10.3
Nova Scotia	2.7	00.0	20.0	0 1.0	10.0
1998	477	251.0	80.2	217.5	13.3
1999	591	266.4	84.6	229.3	13.9
New Brunswick	391	200.4	04.0	223.3	13.3
1998	434	186.7	56.0	168.6	9.7
1999	513	198.8	59.9	173.7	12.6
	515	190.0	59.9	173.7	12.0
Quebec	0.405	4.045.4	574 F	4.044.0	0.0
1998	3,465	1,815.4	571.5	1,641.9	9.6
1999	3,951	1,913.2	643.8	1,754.0	8.3
Ontario					
1998	4,512	3,525.6	1,012.7	3,135.2	11.1
1999	5,022	3,640.4	1,087.5	3,142.2	13.7
Manitoba					
1998	700	532.2	112.5	483.5	9.1
1999	739	525.1	119.9	468.0	10.9
Saskatchewan					
1998	894	441.9	116.6	399.9	9.5
1999	923	421.1	113.7	383.8	8.9
Alberta					
1998	1,636	1,736.9	472.1	1,442.9	16.9
1999	1,628	1,799.6	528.2	1,509.9	16.1
British Columbia	•	ŕ		,	
1998	2,979	2,255.5	694.8	2,036.6	9.7
1999	3,223	2,224.8	698.9	2,023.6	9.0
Yukon	0,220	2,22	200.0	2,020.0	0.0
1998	154	79.8	22.2	74.8	6.2
1999	160	75.6	20.6	71.7	5.2
Northwest Territories	100	70.0	20.0	7 1.7	0.2
1998	х	x	x	х	x
1999	X	X	X	X	X
Nunavut	*	^	^	^	^
1998		v	v	Y	v
1999	X	X	X	X	X
1999	Х	X	Х	Х	х

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Note: Estimates for the most recent year are preliminary. Preliminary data are subject to revision. Components may not add up to totals due to rounding.

Particleboard, oriented strandboard and fibreboard

September 2001

Oriented strandboard production totalled 706 816 cubic metres in September, up 4.8% from 674 338 cubic metres in September 2000. Particleboard production reached 232 992 cubic metres, an increase of 9.7% from 212 350 cubic metres in September 2000. Fibreboard production totalled 98 980 cubic metres, up 27.2% from 77 834 cubic metres in September 2000.

Year-to-date production of oriented strandboard to the end of September totalled 5 911 171 cubic metres, up 1.3% from 5 838 179 cubic metres in

the same period of 2000. Particleboard production reached 2 151 433 cubic metres, up 14.4% from 1 880 620 cubic metres in the same period of 2000. Year-to-date fibreboard production reached 780 547 cubic metres, down 0.2% from 782 237 cubic metres during the same period of 2000.

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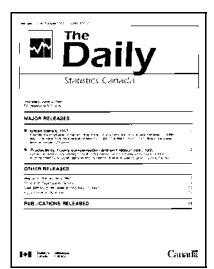
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