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### Housing conditions in predominantly rural regions

1996

The analysis bulletin, *Housing conditions in predominantly rural regions*, the twelfth in a series examining trends in rural Canada, presents a profile of housing conditions in predominantly rural regions using data from the 1996 Census of Population. It is published in collaboration with the Rural Secretariat of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada.

This bulletin has special relevance to researchers, academics and municipal planners. It compares the proportion of housing in predominantly rural regions that falls below standards of size, condition and affordability set by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) with the proportion in predominantly urban regions. For example, in 1996, 31% of households in predominantly rural regions of the country failed to meet CMHC standards, compared with about 39% of households in predominantly urban regions.

*Housing conditions in predominantly rural regions* (21-006-XIE, free) is now available on Statistics Canada's Web site ([www.statcan.ca](http://www.statcan.ca)). On the *Products and Services* page, choose *Free publications*, then *Agriculture*.

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## MAJOR RELEASES

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### Health reports

1998/99

One in every 12 Canadians aged 12 or older — nearly 2 million people — have been diagnosed by a health professional as having migraine headaches, according to the 1998/99 National Population Health Survey (NPHS). Migraine was most prevalent among women, 25- to 54-year-olds, and individuals in low-income households. These findings are presented in *Health reports*, available today.

Because many migraine sufferers may not receive a clinical diagnosis, the NPHS likely underestimates the prevalence of this condition. Moreover, the survey found that about 4 in 10 people who have been diagnosed with migraine do not seek treatment for it.

Migraine can compromise productivity and lifestyle. It can result in days away from work, hinder job performance and generally restrict activities. Migraine sufferers reported an average of 1.8 disability days for the two-week period before the survey was taken in 1998/99, while non-sufferers reported only 0.8 days. Studies have estimated that migraine accounts for 7 million lost working days annually in Canada.

#### Migraine more common for women

Migraine is three times more common in women. In 1998/99, around 12% of females aged 12 or older suffered from migraine, compared with about 4% of males the same age. Women aged 25 to 54 were particularly affected.

The proportion of females diagnosed with migraine has increased significantly, from 10% in 1994/95 to 12% four years later. The rate for males was unchanged. Greater awareness among both patients and doctors of migraine and of new treatment options could be partly responsible for the increase in diagnosed migraine among women.

About 56% of migraine sufferers reported getting treatment for their headaches in 1998/99, up from 48% in 1996/97. However, this still meant that a large percentage of people who had been diagnosed as having migraine were not seeking medical care for the condition.

Even so, migraine sufferers made relatively heavy use of health care services. In the 12 months before their NPHS interview, 33% of those who had been diagnosed with migraine had had seven or more consultations with health care professionals, compared with 16% of those with no history of migraine. Significantly more migraine sufferers than people without migraine had been hospitalized. The presence of other chronic

conditions likely contributes to this high rate of use of health care services.

#### Migraine sufferers tend to have other health problems

Nearly 30% of females and 20% of males with migraine — significantly more than those without migraine — reported other chronic conditions such as allergies, arthritis and rheumatism, back problems, sinusitis and ulcers. In addition, 13% of female and about 7% of male migraine sufferers had experienced depression, more than twice the proportions of those without migraine.

#### Colorectal cancer incidence and mortality in decline

Colorectal cancer incidence and mortality rates have been declining since the mid-1980s, especially among women, according to a second article in *Health reports*. Nonetheless, this type of cancer still ranks third overall in new cases and in cancer deaths. Lung cancer accounts for the largest number of cancer deaths among men and women. Prostate cancer ranks second in deaths among men, but first in new cases. Among women, breast cancer ranks second in deaths, and first in new cases.

Since 1986, mortality from colorectal cancer has fallen 1.33% annually for men, and a sharper 2.27% annually for women. Studies say that much of this reduction may be attributable to improved screening, which makes it possible to detect early cancers that are more easily treated.

A similar downturn is seen in the incidence of colorectal cancer. Among men it retreated 0.55% a year between 1986 and 1996. The annual drop among women was much steeper — 1.37%.

Various studies suggest that colorectal cancer may be declining more quickly among women than men because they have reduced their exposure to risk by improving their physical activity and food choices; naturally occurring hormones may also be protective.

Data from the 1998/99 NPHS indicate that women are more concerned than men about nutrition. For example, women (33%) are more likely than men (23%) to choose or avoid foods because they worry about developing cancer.

An estimated 1 in 16 men and 1 in 18 women will develop colorectal cancer. Of the estimated 17,000 new cases of colorectal cancer diagnosed in 2000, about 6,500 people will die from the disease.

Compared with men of the same age in the same province, the five-year survival rate for those

diagnosed with colorectal cancer in 1992 was 56%; the corresponding rate for women was 59%.

### **Hysterectomy rates have declined sharply**

Analysis in a third *Health reports* article on national and provincial trends in hysterectomies shows that the hysterectomy rate per 100,000 women aged 35 or older has declined sharply since the 1980s, from 937 in 1981/82 to 628 in 1996/97.

The steepest decline was in Quebec, but rates also fell sharply in British Columbia, Alberta, Ontario and Nova Scotia. The rate fell only slightly in Saskatchewan.

Hysterectomy rates were lowest in British Columbia, 579 per 100,000 women aged 35 or older, and highest in Newfoundland, 917 per 100,000.

According to the 1998/99 NPHS, over one-fifth of women aged 35 or older, about 1.8 million, have had a hysterectomy.

*Health reports*, Volume 12, number 2 (82-003-XIE, \$15/\$44; 82-003-XPE, \$20/\$58) is now available. See *How to order products*.

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## OTHER RELEASES

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### Steel primary forms

Week ending February 17, 2001 (preliminary)

Steel primary forms production for the week ending February 17 totalled 268 441 metric tonnes, up 0.3% from 267 626 tonnes a week earlier and down 16.8% from 322 526 in the same week of 2000. The year-to-date total at the end of the reference week was 1 832 481 tonnes, a 17.7% decrease from 2 226 398 tonnes in the same period of 2000.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Greg Milsom (613-951-7093; [milsomg@statcan.ca](mailto:milsomg@statcan.ca)), Manufacturing, Construction and Energy Division. ■

### Mineral wool including fibrous glass insulation

January 2001

Manufacturers shipped 2 480 901 square metres of R12 factor (RSI 2.1) mineral wool batts in January, up 12.0% from 2 215 863 square metres in December and up 47.6% from 1 680 624 square metres in January 2000.

**Available on CANSIM: matrices 40 and 122 (series 32 and 33).**

The 2001 January issue of *Mineral wool including fibrous glass insulation* (44-004-XIB, \$5/\$47) is now available. See *How to order products*.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Nicole Boucher (613-951-4070; [boucnic@statcan.ca](mailto:boucnic@statcan.ca)), Manufacturing, Construction and Energy Division. ■

### Steel wire and specified wire products

December 2000

Shipments of steel wire and specified wire products totalled 39 031 metric tonnes in December, down 27.8% from 54 077 tonnes in December 1999. Production and export market data for selected commodities are also available.

**Available on CANSIM: matrix 122 (series 19).**

The December 2000 issue of *Steel wire and specified wire products* (41-006-XIB, \$5/\$47) is now available. See *How to order products*.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Don Grant (613-951-5998; [grantdo@statcan.ca](mailto:grantdo@statcan.ca)), Manufacturing, Construction and Energy Division. ■

### Specialized design services

1998

Data on the specialized design services industry (NAICS 5414 and 541330) for 1998 are now available. The statistics will be available on CANSIM at a later date.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Patrick Adams (613-951-3473; [pat.adams@statcan.ca](mailto:pat.adams@statcan.ca)), Service Industries Division. ■

### Advertising and related services

1998 and revised 1997

Data for 1998 and revised data for 1997 on the advertising and related services industry (NAICS 5418) are now available. The statistics will be available on CANSIM at a later date.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Patrick Adams (613-951-3473; [pat.adams@statcan.ca](mailto:pat.adams@statcan.ca)), Service Industries Division. ■

### The Postal code conversion file plus

The *Postal code conversion file plus* (PCCF+) (82F0086XDB) complements the *Postal code conversion file* (PCCF). When the association between the postal code and census geography is not unique, the PCCF+ allows for a proportional allocation based on the population count.

The PCCF+ is free, and only available to purchasers of the PCCF. Users also need SAS to run this application. For a copy of the documentation, or to obtain the PCCF+, contact your nearest Statistics Canada Reference Centre.

For more information, contact Russell Wilkins (613-951-5305; [russell.wilkins@statcan.ca](mailto:russell.wilkins@statcan.ca)), Social and Economic Studies Division. ■

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## NEW PRODUCTS

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**Infomat — A weekly review**, February 23, 2001  
Catalogue number **11-002-XIE** (\$3/\$109).

**Infomat — A weekly review**, February 23, 2001  
Catalogue number **11-002-XPE** (\$4/\$145).

**Econnections: Linking the environment and the economy — Indicators and detailed statistics**, 2000  
Catalogue number **16-200-XKE** (\$80).

**Housing conditions in predominantly rural regions**, 1996  
Catalogue number **21-006-XIE**  
(Free).

**Steel wire and specified wire products**,  
December 2000  
Catalogue number **41-006-XIB** (\$5/\$47).

**Mineral wool including fibrous glass insulation**,  
January 2001  
Catalogue number **44-004-XIB** (\$5/\$47).

**Aviation service bulletin**, Vol. 33, no. 1  
Catalogue number **51-004-XIB** (\$8/\$82).

**Private and public investment in Canada**,  
Intentions 2001  
Catalogue number **61-205-XIB** (\$35).

**Retail trade**, December 2000  
Catalogue number **63-005-XIB** (\$16/\$155).

**Health reports**, Volume 12, no. 2  
Catalogue number **82-003-XIE** (\$15/\$44).

**Health reports**, Volume 12, no. 2  
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- **Productivity, hourly compensation and unit labour cost, 1995** 4  
Growth in productivity among Canadian businesses was relatively weak again in 1995 accompanied by sluggish gains in employment and slow economic growth during the year.

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