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Social Policy Simulation Database and Model

The Social Policy Simulation Database and Model, Version 10.2 based on 1998 microdata, is now available. The most recent Social Policy Simulation Database and Model (SPSD/M) can be used to study the impacts of changes to federal and provincial tax and benefit programs on families and governments from 1988 through 2009.

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The SPSD/M is designed to analyze the financial interactions of governments and individuals/families in Canada. It allows estimation of the income redistributive effects or cost implications of changes in the personal taxation and cash transfer system. The SPSD/M assists researchers examining the potential impacts of changes in taxes, earnings, demographic trends, and a wide range of other factors.

The SPSD/M allows users to answer "what-if" types of questions. What if there were changes to the taxes Canadians paid or transfers they received — who would gain and who would lose? Would single parent households in a particular province be better off? By how much? How much extra money would federal or provincial governments collect or pay out?

The Social Policy Simulation Database and Model, version 10.2, is available on CD-ROM (89F0002XCB, various prices). To order a copy, contact Dominique Paré-Champoux (613-951-1782; dominique.pare-champoux@statcan.ca).

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Steel primary forms, weekly data

Week ending June 25, 2005 (preliminary)

Steel primary forms production for the week ending June 25 totalled 261 773 metric tonnes, down 17.1%

from 315 725 tonnes a week earlier and down 9.6% from 289 689 tonnes in the same week of 2004.

The year-to-date total as of June 25 was 7 703 269 tonnes, down 1.7% from 7 836 970 tonnes in the same period of 2004.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2131.

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April 2005

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Coal and coke statistics

April 2005

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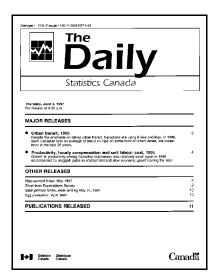
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