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## Participation in private retirement savings plans

2008 (preliminary)

Just over 8.9 million employed Canadian tax filers participated in a private retirement savings plan in 2008, about 50% of all tax filers. This proportion was down from 54% in 1997.

There was a decrease in the share of employed tax filers who contributed to a Registered Retirement Savings Plan (RRSP) during the decade. In 1997, 41% of employed tax filers participated in an RRSP; by 2008, this proportion had declined to 34%. At the same time, the share of employed tax filers participating in employer-sponsored pension plans (EPP) remained stable at 32%.

Just over 5.7 million employed tax filers participated in an EPP in 2008. Women slightly outnumbered men.

During the decade, rates of participation in EPPs increased for women and declined for men. For women, rates rose from 32% in 1997 to 34% in 2008, while among men, they dropped from 33% to 31%.

In terms of age groups, participation rates in private retirement savings plans were highest for workers between the prime working ages of 35 and 54: about 63% of these workers participated in such a plan in 2008.

**Note:** The main data sources for this analysis are individual tax and benefits returns from the T1 Family File for the years 1997, 2000, 2003, 2006 and 2008 provided by the Small Area and Administrative Data Division.

The research paper "Participation in Private Retirement Savings Plans, 1997 to 2008" is now available online as part of the *Pension and Wealth Research Paper Series* (13F0026M2010001, free). From the home page, go in the *Subject* tab and choose *Income, pensions, spending and wealth* then *Pension plans and funds and other retirement income programs and Publications*.

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## Computer and peripherals price indexes

February 2010

From January to February, the price index for commercial computers decreased 0.6% and the index for consumer computers increased 0.6%.

In the case of computer peripherals, monitor prices increased 0.8% in February compared with the previous month, while printer prices decreased 1.5%.

These indexes are available at the Canada level only.

**Available on CANSIM: tables 331-0004 and 331-0005.**

**Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 5032.**

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## Commercial Software Price Index

February 2010

The Commercial Software Price Index (CSPI) increased 0.3% in February from the previous month.

Year over year, the CSPI decreased by 6.7%.

**Note:** The Commercial Software Price Index is a monthly series measuring the change in the purchase price of pre-packaged software typically bought by businesses and governments.

This index is available at the Canada level only.

**Available on CANSIM: table 331-0003.**

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## Couriers and Messengers Services Price Index

February 2010

The Couriers and Messengers Services Price Index remained unchanged in February compared with January. The courier portion remained unchanged on a monthly basis, while the local messenger component was up 0.2%.

**Note:** The Couriers and Messengers Services Price Index is a monthly price index measuring the change over time in prices for courier and messenger services provided by long and short distance delivery companies to Canadian-based business clients.

These indexes are available at the Canada level only.

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## Farm operating revenues and expenses 2008 (final)

Farm operating revenues and expenses for 2008 are now available.

**Note:** The Taxation Data Program uses taxation records to produce estimates of operating revenues and expenses for the agriculture sector.

Available on CANSIM: tables 002-0044 to 002-0063.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 3447.

The *Canadian Farm Financial Database* (21F0001X, free) is now available from the *Key resource* module of our website under *Publications*.

The publication *Statistics on Revenues and Expenses of Farms, 2008* (21-208-X, free), will be available at a later date.

For custom data requests, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Client Services (toll-free 1-800-465-1991; [agriculture@statcan.gc.ca](mailto:agriculture@statcan.gc.ca)), Agriculture Division. ■

## Book publishing industry

2008

Data on the book publishing industry are now available for reference year 2008.

Available on CANSIM: table 361-0007.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 3105.

The publication *Service Bulletin: Book Publishers, 2008* (87F0004X, free), will be available in June.

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**"Participation in Private Retirement Savings Plans, 1997 to 2008"**, no. 1  
**Catalogue number 13F0026M2010001** (PDF, free; HTML, free)

**Canadian Farm Financial Database**  
**Catalogue number 21F0001X** (Database, free)

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30	<b>National tourism indicators</b>	Fourth quarter 2009
31	<b>Gross domestic product by industry</b>	January 2010
31	<b>Payroll employment, earnings and hours</b>	January 2010

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