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## **Study: Consumption patterns among aging Canadians**

1982 to 2008

Canadians in their early 70s saw their income fall during their retirement years. However, they were able to continue to spend nearly as much on goods and services as they did in their late 40s.

After taking the declining size of families into account, this study found that a group of households headed by individuals aged 71 to 74 in 2008 spent 5% less on goods and services than a similar group in its late 40s in 1982. Over the same period, average household income declined by about 16%.

Spending on goods and services includes all items that meet the consumption needs of household members, but excludes gifts and charitable contributions, pension plan contributions, insurance premiums, taxes and savings.

Although total spending on goods and services changed little as households aged, their consumption patterns did change.

When household heads were in their late 40s, more than one-third of their consumption dollars went to food, clothing, personal care and health care. Just over 30% was spent on residence and properties, while transportation and other consumption (including leisure) accounted for 16% and 18% respectively.

As households aged, the proportion they spent on residence and properties rose to 43%. The proportion spent on health care doubled from 3% for younger households to 6% for older households.

The proportion spent on food, clothing and personal care fell to 28%. Older households also spent less on other consumption items: tobacco and alcohol, and "miscellaneous" items comprising administrative and financial fees, membership dues and service charges. Transportation expenses remained relatively stable over the period, consistently accounting for between 16% and 19% of total consumption.

**Note:** This article studied the evolution of spending on goods and services (consumption) of a cohort of households headed by individuals born in the mid-1930s. Data came from the Survey of Family Expenditures and the Survey of Household Spending. Given the absence of longitudinal consumption data, this study used a synthetic cohort approach. This

approach assumes that households with a head aged from 71 to 74 years in a survey collected in 2008 are representative of households headed by 45- to 48-year-olds in a similarly designed survey in 1982.

Consumption per adult is measured as consumption divided by the square root of the number of people in the household to account for economies of scale and changes in household size over time.

### **Definitions, data sources and methods: survey numbers, including related surveys, 3504 and 3508.**

The article "Consumption patterns among aging Canadians" is now available in the March 2011 online edition of *Perspectives on Labour and Income*, Vol. 23, no. 2 (75-001-X, free), from the *Key resource* module of our website under *Publications*. A detailed report is also available online, under the same module, as part of the *Economic Analysis Research Paper Series* (11F0027M2011067, free).

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## **Natural gas sales**

January 2011 (preliminary)

Natural gas sales totalled 9 734 million cubic metres in January, up 7.1% compared with January 2010.

The volume of sales were up in the industrial (+11.1%), commercial (+4.4%) and residential (+3.0%) sectors in January compared with January 2010.

Total sales in January were 7.7% higher compared with December.

### **Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2149.**

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## Natural gas sales

	January 2010	December 2010	January 2011 <sup>P</sup>	December 2010 to January 2011	January 2010 to January 2011
	thousands of cubic metres			% change	
<b>Total sales</b>	<b>9 089 450</b>	<b>9 036 215</b>	<b>9 734 405</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>7.1</b>
Residential <sup>1</sup>	2 840 507	2 479 328	2 926 874	18.1	3.0
Commercial <sup>2</sup>	1 994 057	1 811 805	2 081 230	14.9	4.4
Industrial <sup>3</sup> and direct sales <sup>4</sup>	4 254 886	4 745 082	4 726 301	-0.4	11.1

<sup>P</sup> preliminary

1. Gas sold for domestic purposes, including space heating, water heating and cooking, to a residential dwelling unit.

2. Gas sold to customers engaged in wholesale or retail trade, governments, institutions, office buildings, etc.

3. Gas sold to customers engaged in a process that creates or changes raw or unfinished materials into another form or product. Includes mining and manufacturing establishments. Includes firm, interruptible and buy/sell agreements.

4. Represents direct, non-utility, sales for consumption, where the utility acts solely as the transporter.

## Aircraft movement statistics: Major airports 2010

In 2010, the number of aircraft take-offs and landings at Canadian airports with NAV CANADA air traffic control towers and flight service stations fell by 3.4%. In 2010, 93 airports reported almost 5.7 million movements in 2010 compared with 5.9 million movements in 2009.

Itinerant movements (flights from one airport to another) was down by 2.5% (-105,618 movements) in 2010 compared with 2009.

Local movements (flights that remain in the vicinity of the airport) declined 5.6% (-97,489 movements) in 2010 compared with 2009.

**Available on CANSIM: tables 401-0023 to 401-0036.**

**Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2715.**

The 2010 issue of *Aircraft Movement Statistics: NAV CANADA Towers and Flight Service Stations: Annual Report* (51-209-X, free) will soon be available from the *Key resource* module of our website under *Publications*. This report is a joint publication of Statistics Canada and Transport Canada.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Client Services (toll-free 1-866-500-8400; [transportationstatistics@statcan.gc.ca](mailto:transportationstatistics@statcan.gc.ca)), Transportation Division. ■

## Commercial Software Price Index February 2011

The Commercial Software Price Index (CSPI) decreased by 2.2% in February from the previous month.

Year over year, the CSPI decreased by 5.6% in February.

**Note:** With the release of the Commercial Software Price Index on February 25, Producer Prices Division converted its index series to 2007=100 as its time reference year. The index was also updated using a 2009 weighting pattern.

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 release presents data that are not seasonally adjusted and the indexes published are subject to a six month revision period after dissemination of a given month's data.

This index is available at the Canada level only.

**Available on CANSIM: table 331-0006.**

**Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 5068.**

The Commercial Software Price Index for March will be released on April 29.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Client Services (toll-free 1-888-951-4550; 613-951-4550; fax: 613-951-3117; [ppd-info-dpp@statcan.gc.ca](mailto:ppd-info-dpp@statcan.gc.ca)), Producer Prices Division. ■

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## Computer and peripherals price indexes

February 2011

From January to February, the price index for commercial computers fell by 3.6% and the index for consumer computers declined by 4.3%.

In the case of computer peripherals, monitor prices decreased by 0.5% in February compared with the previous month, while printer prices declined by 3.8%.

**Note:** With the release of the Computer and peripherals price indexes on February 25, Producer Prices Division converted its index series to 2007=100 as its time reference year. The indexes for the computer series was also updated using a 2009 weighting pattern.

The Computer and peripherals price indexes are monthly series measuring changes over time in the price of computers and computer peripherals sold to governments, businesses and consumers. This release presents data that are not seasonally adjusted and the indexes published are subject to a six month revision period after dissemination of a given month's data.

These indexes are available at the Canada level only.

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## Annual Survey of Traveller Accommodation 2009

The 2009 edition of *Service Bulletin: Traveller Accommodation Services*, which contains industry highlights along with financial data including revenues, expenses, and operating profit margins, is now available.

**Available on CANSIM: tables 351-0002 and 351-0006.**

**Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2418.**

The publication *Service Bulletin: Traveller Accommodation Services*, 2009 (63-253-X, free), is now available from the *Key resource* module of our website under *Publications*.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Client Services (toll-free 1-877-801-3282; 613-951-4612; [servicesind@statcan.gc.ca](mailto:servicesind@statcan.gc.ca)), Service Industries Division. ■

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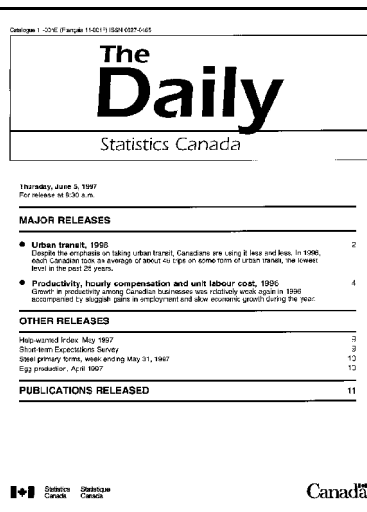
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30	Industrial product and raw materials price indexes	February 2011
31	Payroll employment, earnings and hours	January 2011
31	Gross domestic product by industry	January 2011