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Canada 1973 (11-203, \$2)

The colourfully illustrated, 350-page Statistics Canada handbook, reviewing the nation's social and economic progress, now is available through Information Canada, some bookstores or from Statistics Canada.

1971 Census User Summary Tapes

Computer tapes for 1971 Census data are now available for ENUMERATION AREA (EA) and CENSUS TRACT/AREA AGGREGATE (CT/AA) levels. They provide data from the 100 % coverage short-form questionnaires only. Five separate files are available for each level (2 demographic, families, households, housing). Tapes cost \$55 per roll and may be obtained from User Inquiry Service, Census Branch, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T7 (613-996-5254).

Consumer Price Movements, April 1973 (62-001, 10¢/\$1).

The Consumer Price Index for Canada (1961=100) rose 1.1% to 147.3 in April from 145.7 in March. Food prices, which increased 2.6%, were again the major contributor to the latest advance. The level of prices for all-items other than food rose 0.5% as the clothing index increased 1.4% and that for health and personal care moved up 0.9%. Both the housing and the recreation and reading components rose 0.4%, while the indexes for transportation and for tobacco

and alcohol remained unchanged. Between April 1972 and April 1973, the all-items index advanced 6.6%.

The food index rose 2.6% to 156.2 in April from 152.2 in March in contrast with an average increase of 0.8% between these two months for the preceding five years. In the latest month restaurant meal prices rose 1.4%, reflecting increases in many cities across the country while the price level of food consumed at home moved up 2.8%. Higher quotations for meat, milk and fresh produce were important contributors

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to the latest month's advance in the price of food for home consumption. The index for meat, fish and poultry rose 3.0% with beef advancing 2.3%, pork 2.1%, and poultry 6.6%. In the twelve months since April 1972, the price of beef has risen, on average, more than 16%, pork prices nearly 30%, and poultry over 26%. Egg prices, which normally rise at this time of year, increased 8.5% in the latest month to a level 43% above that of a year earlier. Between March and April, when the fruit prices usually increase, the fruit index rose 11.3%. The index for vegetables also moved up, despite lower quotations for tomatoes and celery, because of price rises for other produce items, notably onions. In the latest twelve months, the vegetable index advanced over 22% and fruit 13%. Between March and April, the price of fresh milk rose 4.4% as higher retail quotations were registered in the Maritimes as well as in Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia. Among other dairy products, higher butter prices were registered mainly in cities east of Winnipeg. On the other hand, the bakery and cereal products index fell 0.2% largely as a result of lower bread prices being featured in some western cities. Price decreases were also recorded for some other items including soft drinks, sugar and chocolate bars, all of which were retailing at price levels slightly below a year earlier. In the twelve months since April 1972, the food index advanced 12.9% with the price of food consumed at home rising 13.3% and that for restaurant meals 10.7%.

The housing index rose 0.4% to 150.1 in April from 149.5 in March as a result of increases of 0.5% in the shelter and 0.2% in the household operation components. Within shelter, the homeownership element moved up 0.7% mainly because of increases in the indexes for new houses and homeowner repairs; rents edged up 0.1%. Among household operation items, furniture prices rose, on average, 1.0% mainly because of higher quotations for living and bedroom suites and for kitchen sets. On the other hand, a 0.1% decline in the appliances index reflected reduced prices for vacuum cleaners and refrigerators. Among other household operation items, higher prices were recorded for carpets, drapery material, dishes, saucepans, detergent and toilet paper. Between April 1972 and April 1973, the housing index advanced 6.0%.

The clothing index advanced 1.4% to 136.4 in April from 134.5 in March, which compares with an average March-to-April increase for the preceding five years of 0.6%. In the latest month, the indexes for women's and men's wear advanced 2.3% and 1.2%, respectively, reflecting higher prices for most items surveyed, notably women's coats and dresses and men's coats, business shirts and suits. A 1.0% rise in footwear prices was mainly attributable to higher quotations for children's shoes though increased prices were also recorded for men's and women's street shoes. Higher prices for knitting yarn and cotton material moved the piece goods index up

0.6%, while the children's wear component was unchanged as price rises for some items were offset by reductions in others. In the twelve months to April 1973, the clothing index advanced 4.0%.

In April 1973 the transportation index was unchanged from its March 1973 level of 133.9 and stood 0.7% above its level of April 1972. In the latest month, the automobile operation element remained unchanged as lower quotations for gasoline in a number of Ontario cities and in Winnipeg, as well as some reductions in the price of tires, offset scattered price increases for new cars and generally higher motor oil quotations. Amongst other transportation items, train fares increased and there was a rise in taxi fares in St. John's.

The health and personal care index advanced 0.9% to 154.1 in April from 152.8 in March mainly because of a 3.0% increase in dentists' fees which reflected generally higher charges for all services surveyed. Pharmaceutical prices rose 0.1% as higher quotations for laxatives, vitamins and some prescriptions outweighed reduced prices for cough medicine and antiseptic. The personal care services index rose 0.3% because of higher charges for women's hairdressing in Edmonton and Calgary, and for men's haircuts in Thunder Bay. A 0.4% decline in personal care supplies resulted from reduced prices for a number of toiletries, particularly toothpaste and shaving cream; however, sanitary napkins and face powder increased in price. In the twelve months to April 1973, the health and personal care index rose 4.1%.

The recreation and reading index rose 0.4% to 143.0 in April from 142.5 in March. The reading component moved up 0.5% as a result of higher newspaper subscription rates in Edmonton, while a 0.2% rise in the recreation element mainly reflected generally higher bicycle prices and some increased quotations for toys and phonograph records; prices of camera film (including processing) were lower. Between April 1972 and April 1973, the recreation and reading index rose 3.4%.

In April 1973, the tobacco and alcohol index was unchanged from its March 1973 level of 135.8 and stood 2.8% above the level of April 1972.

Consumer price movements, when classified by commodities and services, offer another view of the incidence of price change. Between March and April the services index rose 0.4% as a result of higher prices for dental care, shelter services, men's haircuts and women's hairdressing together with increased train and taxi fares. On the other hand, the total commodities index advanced 1.5% mainly because of the 2.6% increase in food prices. The component for non-durable commodities other than food moved up 0.6% as higher prices for clothing, household cleaning supplies, motor oil, toys and records outweighed reductions for toiletries, gasoline and camera film. A 0.4% rise in durables' prices resulted from higher quotations for furniture, carpets, bicycles and new

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cars outweighing reductions for automobile tires and for appliances. Between April 1972 and April 1973, the index for commodities advanced 7.0% while that for services rose 5.9%.

For further information, order the April issue of *Prices and Price Indexes* (62-002, 40¢/\$4), or contact Mr. B. Holliday (613-992-1538), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Consumer Price Index and Main Components (1961=100)

	Component weight*	Index			Change	
		1973		1972	Apr. 1973 from	
		Apr.	Mar.	Apr.	Mar. 1973	Apr. 1973 %
All-items	100	147.3	145.7	138.2	1.1	6.6
Food	27	156.2	152.2	138.3	2.6	12.9
Restaurant meals		185.3	182.8	167.4	1.4	10.7
Food at home		152.3	148.2	134.4	2.8	13.3
Housing	32	150.1	149.5	141.6	0.4	6.0
Shelter		166.6	165.7	155.8	0.5	6.9
Household operation		127.9	127.6	122.5	0.2	4.4
Clothing	11	136.4	134.5	131.1	1.4	4.0
Transportation	12	133.9	133.9	133.0	-	0.7
Health and Personal Care	7	154.1	152.8	148.0	0.9	4.1
Recreation and Reading	5	143.0	142.5	138.3	0.4	3.4
Recreation		134.5	134.2	129.6	0.2	3.8
Reading		168.2	167.3	164.3	0.5	2.4
Tobacco and Alcohol	6	135.8	135.8	132.1	-	2.8
Tobacco		146.3	146.3	139.9	-	4.6
Alcohol		128.6	128.6	126.9	-	1.3
Supplementary Classification						
All-items	100	147.3	145.7	138.2	1.1	6.6
Total commodities	70	138.4	136.4	129.4	1.5	7.0
Food	27	156.2	152.2	138.3	2.6	12.9
Non-durables (excluding food)	31	133.9	133.1	129.2	0.6	3.6
Durables**	12	109.8	109.4	109.2	0.4	0.5
Total services	30	167.8	167.2	158.5	0.4	5.9
Purchasing power of the 1961 consumer dollar	-	0.68	0.69	0.72	-	-
All-items Consumer Price Index Converted to 1949=100	-	-	-	-	-	190.3

* Component weights indicate the relative importance of item groups.

** Includes such items as new passenger cars, refrigerators, stoves, vacuum cleaners, sewing machines, television and radio sets, furniture, floor coverings, and dishes.

Security Transactions with Non-residents, December 1972 (67-002, 20¢/\$2).

International transactions in all long-term portfolio securities gave rise to a net inflow of \$1,758 million, in 1972, almost six times as large as in 1971 and the biggest inflow since the 1969 record of \$1,806 million.

The most significant factor in the increase was the \$1,816 million in new Canadian issues (particularly of provincial bonds) sold abroad, up over 50% from the previous year. The reason for the increase sales of new provincial direct and guaranteed bonds abroad appears to have been a widening of the long-term interest rate differential between Canada and the United States and Europe, particularly for German mark and Swiss franc issues. Also significant were a \$262-million reduction in retirements of Canadian issues held by non-residents to \$542 million, and a \$468-million swing in trade in outstanding Canadian securities from a net inflow of \$230 million to a 1971 net outflow of \$238 million. Portfolio trading in foreign securities gave rise to a net inflow of \$254 million, up \$63 million from 1971.

International transactions in the Canadian money market resulted in a net short-term capital outflow of \$196 million during 1972 compared to an inflow of \$77 million in the preceding year.

Transactions in Canadian and Foreign Securities with Non-residents.

Net sales or purchases (-) by Canadians	1969	1970	1971	1972
	(\$ millions)			
Canadian securities				
Trade in outstanding bonds, etc.	2	-39	-94	293
Trade in outstanding stocks	53	-145	-144	-63
New issues	2,089	1,227	1,162	1,816
Retirements	-440	-552	-804	-542
Foreign securities				
Trade in outstanding issues	112	98	244	302
New issues	-47	-34	-63	-57
Retirements	37	10	10	9
Totals - All securities	1,806	565	311	1,758

During December, transactions in outstanding securities led to a sales balance of \$49 million, down about \$4 million from the net inflow recorded in the previous month. The change reflects a \$25-million increase in net sales of Canadian securities and a \$29-million reduction in net sales of foreign securities, mainly United States equities. More than offsetting a net outflow of \$23 million to the United States were net inflows of \$8 million from the United Kingdom, \$29 million from continental Europe, and \$35 million from all other countries.

Prices and Price Indexes May 1973 - Advance Information,

Weekly Security Price Indexes

Index	Number stocks	May 3/73 This week	Apr.26/73 Week ago 1961=100	Apr.5/73 Month ago
Investors Index-Total	114	185.4	185.4	190.2
Industrials-Total	80	195.0	195.9	200.9
Utilities-Total	20	154.8	153.0	156.9
Finance-Total	14	183.1	181.3	186.8
Mining Index Total	22	132.5	133.4	130.9
Uraniums	4	211.4	220.0	229.2
Primary oils and gas	7	437.4	448.0	469.9

For further information, order the May issue of *Prices and Price Indexes* (62-002- 40¢/\$4), or contact Mr. J. Boulet (613-992-8270), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Federal Government Employment, Fourth Quarter 1972 - Advance Information.

The federal government had 413,069 employees on December 31, 1972. This was 11,598 more than a year earlier, but 4,418 fewer than on September 30. The decrease was mainly in the casuals-and-other category and, with some minor exceptions, was general throughout the service. Total payroll for the quarter was \$971.9 million, up \$83.4 million from the previous quarter (reflecting an extra pay period in December) and \$120.6 million more than a year earlier.

For further information, order *Federal Government Employment Fourth Quarter 1972* (72-004, 50¢/\$2).

Federal Government Activities in the Natural Sciences, 1972-1974 - Advance Information.

Preliminary figures indicate that federal funds to be spent on scientific activities in the engineering and natural sciences in 1973-1974 will, for the first time, exceed the one billion dollar level, reaching \$1,034 million. This is 9% more than last year. These scientific expenditures account for 6% of the total federal budget estimates. Approximately 64%, or \$663 million, will be for work performed in establishments of the federal government and 36% for other sectors (largely Canadian industry and universities).

The Department of Environment continues to be the largest spender on scientific activities, (\$222.5 million) followed by the National Research Council (\$158.1 million).

Further details will be contained in the Statistics Canada publication, *Federal Government Activities in the Natural Sciences, 1972-1974* (13-302, \$1).

Wool Production and Supply, 1972 (23-205, 25¢).

Preliminary estimates indicate that the total farm value of shorn wool production in 1972 was \$1,073,000 compared to \$578,000 in 1971. The average farm price increased to 19.9¢ per pound from 16.3.

Shorn wool production decreased to 3.44 million in 1972 from 3.57 million (revised) in 1971.

Imports, at 43.66 million pounds were up 16%, and exports of 1.90 million increased by 24%.

Stocks of Honey, March 31, 1973 - Advance Information.

Total stocks of honey held in Canada on March 31, 1973 reached 14.8 million pounds up from 12.8 million a year earlier.

For further information, order March issue of *Pack, Shipments and Stocks of Selected Canned Fruits and Vegetables* (32-011, 20¢/\$2), or contact W. Barnes (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Electric Power Statistics, March 1973 - Advance Information.

In March 1973 net generation increased 11.3% to 23.1 billion kwh. from 20.7 billion a year earlier. There were increases in net generation in all provinces except Ontario and Northwest Territories. The largest increases were 198.4% in Newfoundland and 25.4% in British Columbia. Hydro generation increased 18.2% while thermal production dropped 5.7%.

For further information, order the March issue of *Electric Power Statistics* (57-001, 20¢/\$2), or *Energy Statistics Service Bulletin* (57-002, \$3), or contact Ian Cavanagh (613-992-4021), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Radio and Television Receiving Sets, March 1973 - Advance Information.

Manufacturers sold 44,071 Canadian-made colour television sets on the domestic market in March, and 19,096 black-and-white sets. A year earlier, their sales were 38,620 and 21,156.

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For further information, order the March issue of *Radio and Television Receiving Sets* (43-004, 20¢/\$2), or contact Mr. J.S. More (613-992-1853), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Iron Ore, March 1973 - Advance Information.

Canadian mines shipped 1.70 million tons of iron ore in March 1973, compared to 1.10 million a year earlier. This brought the year-to-date output to 4.98 million tons from 3.91 million.

For further information, order the March issue of *Iron Ore* (26-005, 10¢/\$1), or contact Art Symons (613-992-0491), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada K1A 0V6.

Steel Ingots, Week ended May 5, 1973 - Advance Information.

Preliminary steel ingot production for the week ended May 5, totalled 272,041 tons, an increase of 2.2% from the preceding week's total of 266,229 tons. The comparable week's total in 1972 was 240,400 tons. The index of production based on the average weekly output during 1967 of 183,227 tons equalling 100 was 148.5 in the current week, 145.3 a week earlier and 131.2 one year ago.

Phonograph Records and Pre-recorded Tapes, March 1973 - Advance Information.

Canadian manufacturers produced 4.80 million phonograph records in March 1973, up from 4.73 million a year earlier. Production of pre-recorded tapes (8 track cartridges and cassettes only) increased to 950,784 from 561,234.

For further information, order the March issue of *The service bulletin, Miscellaneous Industries*, Vol. 1, No. 2 (47-003, \$1 a year), or contact Mr. J. Dornan (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa, K1A 0V6.

Domestic Refrigerators and Freezers, March 1973 - Advance Information.

Canadian firms sold 51,591 refrigerators in Canada in March 1973 compared to 45,498 a year earlier, and month-end stocks totalled 118,359 units up from 103,722. Domestic sales of home and farm freezers increased to 20,352 from 13,976, and month-end stocks decreased to 43,962 from 44,780.

For further information, order the March issue of *Domestic Refrigerators and Freezers* (43-001, 10¢/\$1), or contact Mr. J.S. More (613-992-1853), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa, K1A 0V6.

Motor Carriers - Freight, Third Quarter 1972 - Published only in Statistics Canada Daily and Weekly.

Total revenues of those carriers reporting for the third quarter of both 1972 and 1971 showed an increase of 11.0% to \$182.3 million. Net operating revenues decreased by 22.1% to \$11.6 million. The operating ratio for all carriers reporting for the third quarter, 1972 was 93.6% compared with 91.3% a year earlier.

For further information, write *Transportation and Communications Division* Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V5.

Publications Released

Summary of Exports, February 1973 (65-002, 20¢/\$2)

Quarterly Shipments of Office Furniture Products, Quarter Ended December 31, 1972 (35-006, 25¢/\$1)

Preliminary Report on the Production of Motor Vehicles, March 1973 (42-001, 10¢/\$1)

Preliminary Bulletin - 1971 Census of Manufactures (\$3.50 for the series), Smelting and Refining (41-214-p); Iron Foundries (41-226-p); Paint and Varnish Manufacturers (46-210-p).

Population, Mother Tongue, 1971 Census (92-725- \$1.50)

Population and Housing Characteristics by Census Tracts, 1971 Census: Vancouver (95-728, 50¢)

Consumer Credit, February 1973 (61-004, 20¢/\$2)

Shipbuilding and Repair, 1971 (42-206, 50¢)

Hardboard, March 1973 (36-001, 10¢/\$1)

Boatbuilding and Repair, 1971 (42-205, 50¢)

New Motor Vehicle Sales, February 1973 (63-007, 20¢/\$2)

International Air Charter Statistics, October-December 1972 (51-003, 75¢/\$3)

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- Garment Shipments**, Quarter Ended December 31, 1972 (34-001, 25¢/\$1)
- Agricultural Implement Industry**, 1971 (42-202, 50¢)
- Mineral Wool**, March 1973 (44-004, \$1)
- Asbestos**, March 1973 (26-001, \$1)
- Oil Burners and Oil-Fired Hot Water Heaters**, March 1973 (41-008, \$1)
- Sales Financing**, February 1973 (63-013, 20¢/\$2)
- Gas Utilities**, February 1973 (55-002, 20¢/\$2)
- Cheques Cashed in Clearing Centres**, January 1973 (61-001, 20¢/\$2)
- Primary Iron and Steel**, February 1973 (41-001, 30¢/\$3)
- Statistical Report on the Operation of the Unemployment Insurance Act**, December 1972 (73-001, 20¢/\$2)
- Financial Institutions**, Fourth Quarter 1972 (61-006, 75¢/\$3)
- Shipping Report**, Part III, Coastwise Shipping 1971 (54-204, \$1)
- Housing Starts and Completions**, February 1973 (64-002, 30¢/\$3)
- Rigid Insulating Board**, March 1973 (36-002, 10¢/\$1)
- Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills East of the Rockies**, February 1973 (35-002, 20¢/\$2)
- Salt**, March 1973 (26-009, 10¢/\$1)
- Preliminary Bulletin — 1971 Census of Manufactures** (\$3.50 for the series): Manufacturers of Structural Concrete Products (44-205-p)
- Service Bulletins — Metals and Minerals** (41-010, \$2 a year), Vol. 1, No. 3, Consumption of Cobalt, 1972;
- Railway Transport** (52-004, \$1 a year), Vol. 3, No. 4, Railway Carloadings, March 1973
- Fish and Fish Products** (24-003, \$1 a year), Vol. 2, No. 30, Advance Release of Fish Landings;
- Energy Statistics** (57-002, \$3 a year), Vol. 8, No. 26, Coal and Coke Statistics, February 1973.
- Fish and Fish Products** (24-003, \$1 a year), Vol. 2, Fish Freezings and Stocks, March 1973, Vol. 23, Quebec; No. 26, Ontario and Prairies; No. 27, Maritimes; No. 28, British Columbia; No. 29, Canada; Advance Release of Fish Landings, March 1973
- No. 24, Newfoundland; No. 25, British Columbia;
- Fabricated Metal Products** (41-009, \$2 a year), Vol. 2, No. 3, Oil Filters and Cartridges, March 1973;
- Metals and Minerals** (41-010, \$2 a year), Vol. 1, No. 2, Consumption of Selenium and Tellurium, 1972;
- Tobacco and Tobacco Products** (32-022, \$1 a year), Vol. 2, No. 4, Production and Disposition of Tobacco Products, March 1973;
- Vinyl-asbestos Floor Tile** (47-001, \$1 a year), Vol. 1, No. 1, Floor Tiles, March 1973.
- Aviation** (51-004, \$3 a year), Vol. 5, No. 20, Scheduled Air Passenger Origin and Destination, Fourth Quarter 1971 and 1972
- Aviation** (51-004, \$3 a year), Vol. 5, No. 19, Aircraft Movement, February 1973;
- Fabricated Metal Products** (41-009, \$2 a year), Vol. 2, No. 3, Builders and Shelf Hardware, March 1973;
- Electrical Products** (43-007, \$1 a year), Vol. 2, No. 5, Domestic Water Tank Heaters, March 1973.