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Consumer Price Index (CPI) (1961=100)

The Consumer Price Index for Canada rose 0.9% to 149.7 in June from 148.4 in May, a greater-than-usual rise between these two months as most major components registered increases.

Main contributor to the June increase:

Food, up 2.0%. Other increases were recorded in, transportation, 0.9%; housing, 0.5%; clothing, 0.4%; recreation, education and reading, 0.1%; and tobacco and alcohol, 0.1%. The health and personal care index remained unchanged from its May level.

Over the year, June to June, the All-Items Consumer Price Index advanced 8.1%.

During the 12 months, the following index increases have been recorded:

- Food, up 16.7%; housing, 6.7%; clothing, 5.2%; health and personal care, 5.0%; recreation, education and reading, 3.4%; tobacco and alcohol, 2.7%; transportation, 1.9%.

Since June 1972, the index for fresh vegetables has climbed more than 51%, and for fresh fruit 23%. Major increases have boosted the price of eggs (up 61%), poultry (26%), pork (22%) and beef (21%).

For further information, order the June 1973 issue of Prices and Price Indexes (62-002, 40¢/\$4), or contact Mr. I.H.D. Penpraze (613-992-8275), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Restaurant Sales Up

Restaurant receipts totalled \$125.1 million in May, up 10.9% from the corresponding month in 1972.

Sales were up in all provinces but Newfoundland, with the following gains recorded:

- British Columbia, 15.8%; Prince Edward Island, 14.0%; Saskatchewan, 13.7%; Ontario, 12.1%; Manitoba, 10.2%; Quebec, 9.8%; Alberta, 7.6%; Nova Scotia, 6.1%; New Brunswick, 0.7%; Newfoundland, -5.7%.

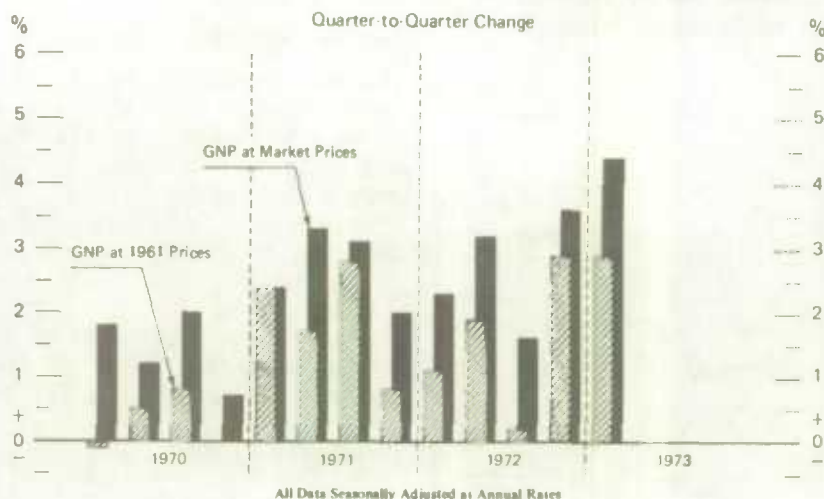
For further information, order the May 1973 issue of Restaurant Statistics, (63-011, 10¢/\$1).

LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

		Latest Month	Previous Month	Change From Year Ago %
EMPLOYMENT, INCOME				
Average Weekly Earnings	April	\$158,76P	\$157,80P	7.4
Labour Income (\$ million)	April	5,174P	5,085P	13.5
Persons with Jobs (million)	May	8.84	8.53	5.9
Unemployed	May	493,000	570,000	-10.7
FOREIGN TRADE				
Exports (\$ million)	May	2,237P	2,033	15.7
Imports (\$ million)	May	2,231P	1,813	23.2
INVENTORIES				
Manufacturers Owned (\$ million)	April	9,364P	9,377P	8.1
Wholesale (\$ million)	April	4,340	4,275	15.1
Department Store (\$ million)	April	1,035	973	15.9
ORDERS				
Manufacturers' New Orders (\$ million)	April	5,312P	5,670P	17.0
Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders (\$ million)	April	5,948P	5,881P	19.0
PRICES				
Consumer Price (Index 1961=100)	June	149.7	148.4	8.1
Industry Selling Price (Index 1961=100)	May	139.2	138.0	9.9
Residential Building Construction (Index 1971=100)	May	121.7	121.4	12.0
Wholesale Price (Index 1935-39=100)	May	356.3P	354.9P	16.6
SALES				
Chain Store Sales (\$ million)	April	1,145	1,151	12.6
Department Store Sales (\$ million)	April	313	301	13.3
Manufacturers' Shipments (\$ million)	April	5,246P	5,503P	16.3
New Motor Vehicle Sales (\$ million)	May	552	552	7.9
Retail Sales (\$ million)	April	3,063	3,064	12.6
Wholesale Sales (\$ million)	April	2,775	2,804	22.8

Statistics are not seasonally adjusted. p-preliminary, r-revised.

Canada's Gross National Product (GNP)



Real Domestic Product (RDP)

Canada's real domestic product (seasonally adjusted) advanced 0.4% in April, following a gain of 0.3% in March.

The larger increases in April were in mining, utilities, agriculture and transportation. Mining output rose 2.2% with iron, crude oil, natural gas and coal mining sharply higher because of increased exports.

The modest increases in RDP for April and March follow substantial gains in February and January.

During the first quarter of 1973, real domestic product advanced at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 13.2%, significantly higher than the 5.3% rate achieved for all of 1972.

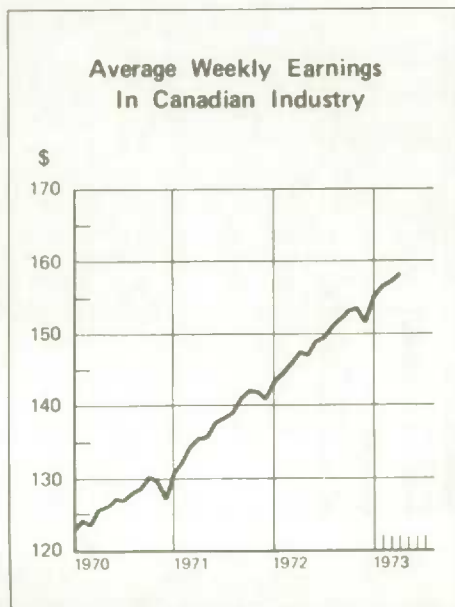
For further information, order the April 1973 issue of *Real Domestic Product* (61-005, 20¢/\$2).

Employment, Earnings and Hours

Average weekly earnings in Canadian industry rose to \$158.76 in April, up 7.4% from \$147.76 in April 1972.

First estimates show that regionally, average weekly earnings at the industrial composite level were highest in British Columbia (\$174.80), followed by Ontario (\$165.43), Quebec (\$151.06), the Prairie Region (\$150.88), and the Atlantic Region (\$135.37).

For further information, order the April 1973 issue of *Employment, Earnings and Hours* (72-002, 40¢/\$4), or contact R. Ouellette (613-992-5613), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa, K1A 0V2.



THESE REPORTS SCHEDULED FOR COMING TWO WEEKS

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OUR FIRST ISSUE

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We hope you will find INFOMAT a useful addition to your information files. We welcome suggestions for adding to our mailing list. (Write to the Editor, Greg Thomson, INFOMAT, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6).

New Residential Construction

Housing construction edged narrowly downward in May, with 19,453 starts recorded in Canadian centres of 10,000 population and over compared to 20,783 starts in May, 1972.

In the latest month, apartment units accounted for 45.3% of starts, single-family dwellings 41.6%, row housing 7.1% and doubles 6.0%.

For the first five months of 1973, housing starts in centres of 10,000 population and over totalled 71,276, up 1.7% from 70,078 in the corresponding period in 1972.

For further information, order the May 1973 issue of *Housing Starts and Completions* (64-002, \$3 per year, \$3.60 outside Canada).

Index of Industrial Production

Canada's industrial production index moved ahead 0.2% in April, and stood 7.2% above the level of April, 1972.

The manufacturing component declined 0.3%, mining output rose 2.2% and utilities grew by 1.0% in the latest month.

The decline in manufacturing followed seven consecutive monthly increases. Manufacturing of non-durable products was up 1.1%, but durable goods production dropped 1.6%.

For further information, order the April 1973 issue of *Indexes of Real Domestic Product* (61-005, 20¢/\$2).

Motor Vehicle Sales

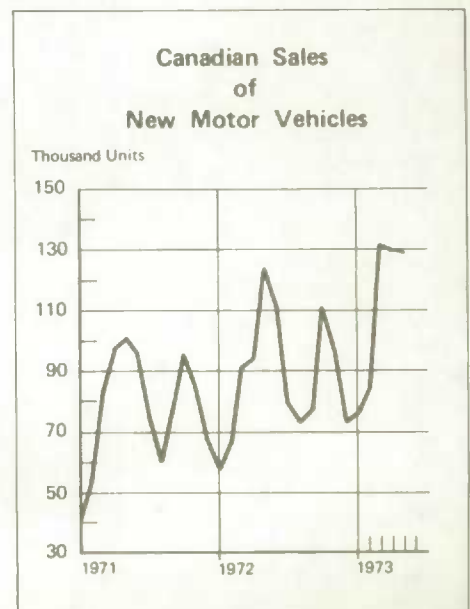
Retail sales of new motor vehicles in May totalled 128,727 units (127,332 units in May 1972) valued at \$552.3 million (\$512.0 million).

Sales of passenger cars manufactured in Canada and the United States increased 10.3% to 88,908 units; those of overseas-manufactured automobiles dropped 34.0% to 15,085 units.

The share of the Canadian passenger car market held by overseas manufacturers declined to 14.5% in the latest month, down from 22.1% a year earlier.

For the first five months of 1973, sales of new motor vehicles reached 550,946 units valued at \$2.36 billion. This represents an increase of 24.9% in units and 33.4% in value over sales for the comparable period in 1972.

For further information, order the May 1973 issue of *New Motor Vehicle Sales* (63-007, 20¢/\$2), or contact Bob Wright (613-992-7344), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.



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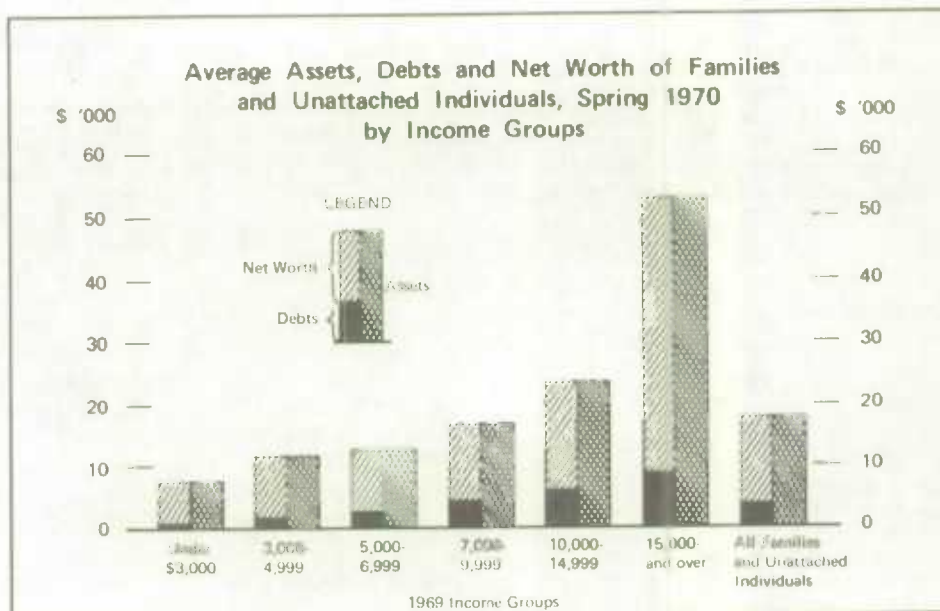
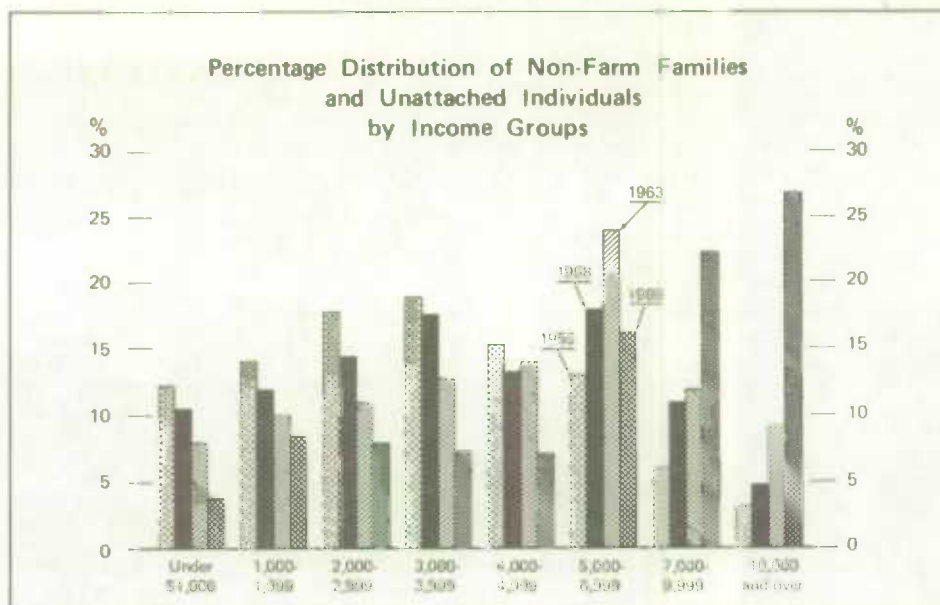
Incomes, assets and indebtedness of families in Canada, 1969.

This latest in a series of periodic reports on Canadian family incomes and finances is based on data collected during the 1970 Survey of Consumer Finances. Asset holdings and indebtedness of the family units at the time of the survey are reviewed in the feature, Incomes, assets and indebtedness of families in Canada, 1969, just published.

Some of the highlights, with accompanying charts:

- Significant shifts in distribution marked by a gradual and continuous reduction in the proportion of family units in the lower income groups and an increase in the proportion in higher income groups. In 1969, some 26.7% of families reported annual incomes of \$10,000 or more compared with only 3.1% in 1955 (Chart 1).
- Average total asset holding of all family units in 1969 was \$17,646. There were large disparities among family units, though, and about 62% of all families and unattached individuals held less than average assets while about 38% held greater than average assets.
- Average net worth of all families and unattached individuals amounted to \$14,369 with greatest equity in the net value of homes. Average net worth varied with income, amounting to about \$33,900 for family units in the \$15,000-\$24,999 bracket compared to approximately \$4,000 for the lowest-income group (Chart 2).

For the full range of data and analysis, order: *Incomes, assets and indebtedness of families in Canada, 1969* (13-547, \$2).



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Railway Income Up

Net income of Canadian railways more than doubled to \$36.4 million in the first four months of 1973, from \$17.0 million in the corresponding period in 1972.

Railway revenues increased 15.3% to \$664.2 million, with receipts from freight haulage contributing 87.2% to the total; expenses were up 12.3% to \$627.8 million.

For further information, order the April 1973 issue of *Railway Operating Statistics* (52-003, 20¢/\$2), or contact L. E. Robbins (613-992-0681), Transportation and Communications Division, Statistics Canada, K1A 0V5.

Telephone Industry Statistics

Canadian telephone systems earned net income (after taxes) of \$245.9 million in 1972, up 13.8% from \$216.0 million a year earlier.

Average earnings of full-time employees rose to \$9,313 from \$8,456. Total payments of salaries and wages increased by 15% to \$682.4 million in 1972, from \$595.6 million in 1971.

For further information, order *Telephone Statistics - Preliminary Report on Large Telephone Systems 1972* (56-202, 25¢).



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