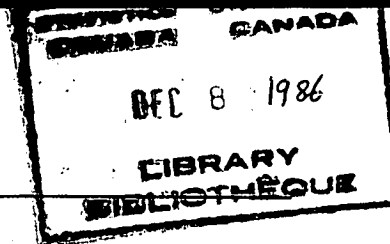


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### Travel Between Canada and Other Countries

October 1986

#### Total Travel

Visits to Canada by residents of the United States reached the highest October total since 1980. The number of visits by residents of countries other than the United States increased to an unprecedented level for this period of the year. Total foreign visits to Canada have shown spectacular increases since the beginning of the year.

Other highlights from the October issue of *Travel Between Canada and Other Countries* include:

- A sixth consecutive monthly decline in the number of re-entries by Canadian residents returning from visits to countries other than the United States. This follows a period of sustained growth that started in November 1984.
- Following a decrease in September, the number of visits by Canadian residents to the United States increased from October 1985.
- Coinciding with the last month of Expo 86 in Vancouver, the number of entries by United States residents into British Columbia showed an increase of 113% compared with October 1985.

#### Long-term Travel

Long-term visits to Canada by residents of the United States reached the highest October level since 1973. The comparable figure for residents of other countries increased to an unsurpassed level for the month.

- Long-term travel by Canadian residents to the United States in October represented 91% of the flow of long-term trips made by residents of the United States to Canada. Compared with past results for the month of October, this represents the lowest ratio in a decade.
- Long-term re-entries from overseas countries by Canadian residents exceeded the comparable figure for overseas entries into Canada, but by a smaller margin than in the previous three years for October.

The accompanying table shows traveller entries and re-entries for October 1986 covering total and long-term traffic as well as percentage changes from 1985.  
(see table on page 3)

Available on CANSIM: matrices 2661-2694.

Order the October 1986 issue of *International Travel - Advance Information* (66-001P, \$5/\$50), available mid-December. Contact: Paul L. Paradis (613-990-8933), International Travel Section, International and Financial Economics Division.

**International Travel Between Canada and Other Countries**  
October 1986

Residence of travellers	Total trips				Long-term trips <sup>1</sup>			
	October		January-October		October		January-October	
	Number 1986	% Change from '85	Number 1986	% change from '85	Number 1986	% change from '85	Number 1986	% change from '85
<b>Non-residents</b>								
All countries	2,934,891	13.7	36,065,577	12.5	1,037,043	14.3	14,961,279	18.6
United States	2,775,303	12.8	34,013,110	11.8	897,605	12.3	13,099,835	17.7
Other countries	159,388	32.2	2,052,467	25.5	139,438	28.5	1,861,444	25.6
<b>Residents of Canada</b>								
All countries	3,142,417	2.1	34,903,922	1.2	965,491	1.6	11,709,941	-0.2
United States	2,990,202	2.4	32,904,334	1.4	813,276	2.7	9,710,353	0.3
Other countries	152,215	-3.8	1,999,588	-2.5	152,215	-3.8	1,999,588	-2.5

<sup>1</sup> Figures for the "United States" include auto and bus one or more nights, and total plane, train and boat flows. Figures for "Other Countries" exclude entries by land same day via the U.S.A.

## New Housing Price Index

October 1986

The New Housing Price Index (1981=100) for Canada stood at 108.2 in October, up 0.9% from September, the 17th consecutive monthly increase. This index of Canadian housing contractors' selling prices stands 11.2% higher than the year-earlier level. Between September and October 1986 the estimated house only index increased 1.3%, while the estimated land only index showed no movement.

The highest monthly increase in new housing prices was in Toronto (2.0%), which is now recording its largest annual increase (24.1%) since 1974. Throughout 1986, large monthly and yearly gains have generally prevailed in southwestern Ontario cities. These increases can be attributed in large part

to higher costs of building materials and labour, but in addition lower interest rates and the strong performance of the local economy have stimulated demand and resulted in higher prices. In Quebec, price increases have been almost as large as in Ontario.

In the Prairie cities and Vancouver, prices in October were marginally higher than in the previous month. However, new housing prices in Victoria declined by 1.0%, as contractors continued to lower selling prices to stimulate sales.

(see table on page 5)

Available on CANSIM: matrix 198.

Order the fourth quarter 1986 issue of *Construction Price Statistics* (62-007, \$15/\$60), available in February 1987. Contact: Prices Division (613-990-9601).

# **New Housing Price Indexes**

October 1986

(1981 = 100)

	Weights <sup>1</sup> 1986	October 1986	September 1986	October 1985	% change	
					Oct. 1986/ Sept. 1986	Oct. 1986/ Oct. 1985
<b>Canada Total<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>108.2</b>	<b>107.2</b>	<b>97.3</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>11.2</b>
<b>Canada</b>						
(House only)		113.4	111.9	100.1	1.3	13.3
<b>Canada</b>						
(Land only)		98.9	98.9	93.1	-	6.2
St. John's	0.94	108.2	108.3	105.7	-0.1	2.4
Halifax	2.42	124.7	124.6	122.4	0.1	1.9
Saint John-Moncton	0.91	127.7	127.7	123.6	-	3.3
Quebec City	2.38	136.9	135.7	126.9	0.9	7.9
Montreal	9.97	136.1	134.8	125.3	1.0	8.6
Ottawa-Hull	6.26	131.5	131.1	126.9	0.3	3.6
Toronto	30.44	126.3	123.8	101.8	2.0	24.1
Hamilton	2.75	137.7	136.5	125.6	0.9	9.6
St. Catharines-Niagara	1.06	146.9	144.9	128.2	1.4	14.6
Kitchener-Waterloo	1.65	143.0	143.0	129.5	-	10.4
London	1.26	131.9	131.2	115.1	0.5	14.6
Windsor	0.49	114.9	114.9	105.6	-	8.8
Winnipeg	2.92	129.0	129.0	121.4	-	6.3
Regina	1.10	113.7	113.2	110.3	0.4	3.1
Saskatoon	1.50	107.1	106.8	102.7	0.3	4.3
Calgary	5.29	91.1	91.0	86.1	0.1	5.8
Edmonton	5.79	86.2	86.1	81.1	0.1	6.3
Vancouver	19.53	74.3	74.2	72.8	0.1	2.1
Victoria	2.54	68.8	69.5	73.3	-1.0	-6.1

<sup>1</sup> Surveys in Sudbury and Thunder Bay account for the remaining weight and are secured due to insufficient sample size. The survey has been discontinued in Prince George.

<sup>2</sup> It should be noted that the linking method and annually updated cityweights are such that aggregate indexes cannot be considered as the direct average of their respective associated indexes. In exceptional cases, this may cause the level of an aggregate index and its corresponding percentage change figures to fall slightly outside the range of those exhibited by the associated indexes.

- Nil or zero.

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## Data Availability Announcements

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### Housing Starts

October 1986

Seasonally adjusted at annual rates, October housing starts decreased 7.5% from September to 223,000 units. However, in spite of this decline, construction activity remained buoyant in all provinces when compared to levels in recent years.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 25, 29, 4091 and 4092.

Order the October 1986 issue of *Housing Starts and Completions* (64-002, \$15/\$150), scheduled for release the first week of January 1987. Contact: P. Pichette (613-990-9689), Science, Technology and Capital Stock Division.

### Fruit and Vegetable Production

December 1986

Estimates of the 1986 area and production for fruits and vegetables are now available for several provinces as well as updates to certain potato production estimates.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 1044, 1372, 1375-1378, 1380-1381, 1383, 1385, 1392-1395, 1397-1398, 1401-1406, 5619.

Order the December issue of *Fruit and Vegetable Production* (22-003, \$8/\$60), available at the beginning of January. Contact: L. Magahay, Agriculture and Natural Resources Division (613-990-8727).

### Asphalt Roofing

October 1986

Shipments of asphalt shingles totalled 3 164 335 bundles in October 1986, an increase of 32.3% from the 2 391 814 bundles shipped a year earlier.

January to October 1986 shipments reached 30 941 021 bundles, up 12.5% from the 27 504 952 bundles shipped during the same period in 1985.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 32 and 122 (series 27 and 28).

Order the October 1986 issue of *Asphalt Roofing* (45-001, \$4/\$40), to be released the week of December 15. Contact: Katherine Blais (613-991-3531), Industry Division.

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**Production, November 1986**  
**Catalogue number 22-003**  
(Canada: \$8/\$60; Other Countries: \$9/\$68)

**Production and Stocks**  
**of Eggs and Poultry,**  
September 1986  
**Catalogue number 23-003**  
(Canada: \$10/\$100; Other Countries: \$11/\$110)

**Stocks of Frozen Meat**  
**Products, November 1986**  
**Catalogue number 32-012**  
(Canada: \$10/\$100; Other Countries: \$11/\$110)

**Production, Shipments and**  
**Stocks on Hand of Sawmills**  
**in British Columbia,**  
September 1986  
**Catalogue number 35-003**  
(Canada: \$6/\$60; Other Countries: \$7/\$70)

**Primary Iron and**  
**Steel, September 1986**  
**Catalogue number 41-001**  
(Canada: \$4/\$40; Other Countries: \$5/\$50)

**Gas Utilities, July 1986**  
**Catalogue number 55-002**  
(Canada: \$10/\$100; Other Countries: \$11/\$110)

**Merchandising Inventories,**  
August 1986  
**Catalogue number 63-014**  
(Canada: \$12/\$120; Other Countries: \$13/\$130)

**Imports by Commodities,**  
September 1986  
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