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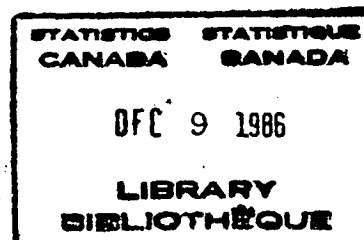
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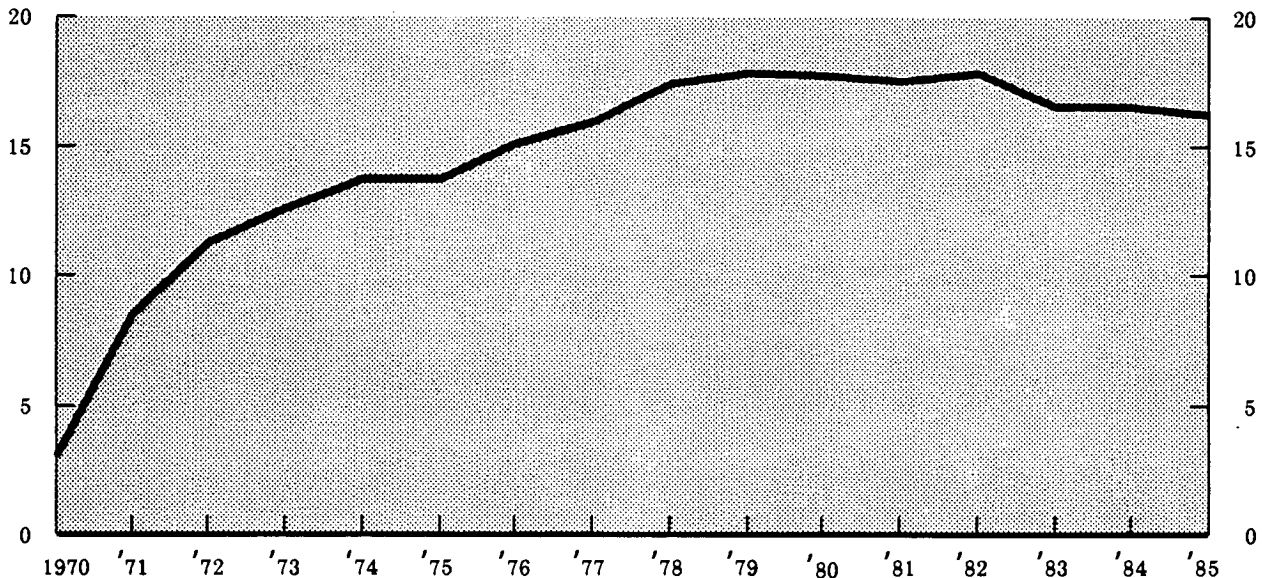


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## Major Releases

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### Therapeutic Abortion Rates <sup>1</sup>, Canada, 1970-1985



<sup>1</sup> Rate is therapeutic abortions per 100 live births

### Therapeutic Abortions 1985

Canada reported a total of 60,956 therapeutic abortions for 1985, a decrease of about 2% from the 62,291 therapeutic abortions for 1984 and a decrease of more than 8% from the peak level of 66,319 therapeutic abortions for 1982.

The therapeutic abortion rate (number of therapeutic abortions per 100 live births) was 16.2 for 1985 compared to 16.5 for both 1984 and 1983. The 1985 therapeutic abortion rate was down about 9% from the highest rate of 17.8 for 1982. (See Table 1 and Chart 1.)

Of the 60,956 therapeutic abortions in 1985 for Canadian women, 22.9% related to teenagers, 55% to women between 20 and 29 years and the remaining 22.1% to women 30 years of age and over. In terms of the marital status, 66.8% of the therapeutic abortions were to single women, 21.8% for married women and the remaining 11.3% to women who were separated, divorced, widowed, living common law or marital status not reported.

An analysis of the information in relation to selected demographic and medical characteristics of Canadian women obtaining therapeutic abortions from 1975 to 1985 indicates that:

#### Age

- For teenage women (under 20 years) the proportion of therapeutic abortions decreased from an all-time high of 31.3% in 1975 to 29.7% in 1980 and to its lowest level - 22.9% in 1985.
- For women 20-34 years the proportion increased steadily from 59.2% in 1975 to 63% in 1980 and to 68% in 1985.
- For women 35 years and over the proportion decreased from 9.5% in 1975 to 7.3% in 1980 before returning to 9.1% in 1985.

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### Marital Status

- For married women, the proportion of therapeutic abortions decreased consistently from its highest level of 31.4% in 1975 to 23.7% in 1980 and to its lowest level of 21.8% in 1985.
- For single women the proportion increased from 58.4% in 1975 to 65.2% in 1980 and to 66.8% in 1985.
- For other than single and married women the proportion increased slightly from 10.9% in 1975 to a high of 11.7% in 1982 before declining to 11.3% in 1985.

Data show there is an increasing trend for therapeutic abortions to be performed during earlier stages of pregnancy. The proportion of under 13-week pregnancy duration (gestation) abortions increased from 81.3% in 1975 to 86.0% in 1980 and to 89.0% in 1985. This may,

in part, be responsible for a reduction in risk of abortion complication(s) from 3.2% of therapeutic abortion cases in 1975 to 2.1% in 1985.

### Provincial Rates

The 1985 therapeutic abortion rates (with 1984 rates in brackets) for the provinces and territories in descending order were: British Columbia, 26.1 (26.1); Ontario, 20.7 (21.5); Yukon, 20.5 (16.8); Northwest Territories 17.7 (15.7); Alberta, 14.9 (15.1); Nova Scotia, 13.6 (13.8); Manitoba, 13.4 (13.4); Quebec, 11.0 (11.1); Saskatchewan 6.5 (6.7); Newfoundland 4.9 (4.5); New Brunswick 3.1 (2.7) and Prince Edward Island 0.5 (0.6). (see Table 2 page 4)

Order the 1985 issue of *Therapeutic Abortions, Canada* (82-211, \$20), now available. Contact: S. Wadhwa (613-991-1764) or J. Silins (613-990-8553), Vital Statistics and Health Status Section, Health Division.

Table 1

### Total Therapeutic Abortions,<sup>1</sup> Numbers and Rates of Therapeutic Abortions Obtained by Canadian Residents, Canada, 1980-1985

Year	Total therapeutic abortions <sup>1</sup>	Therapeutic abortions for Canadian residents	
		Number	Rate per 100 live births
1980	65,855	65,751	17.7
1981	65,127	65,053	17.5
1982	66,319	66,254	17.8
1983	61,800	61,750	16.5
1984	62,291	62,247	16.5
1985	60,956	60,928	16.2

<sup>1</sup> Information relates to therapeutic abortions authorized under section 18 of the Criminal Law Amendment Act, 1969. These pregnancy terminations were carried out in accredited (provisionally accredited) hospitals and hospitals approved for this purpose by the provinces (territories).

**Table 2**

**Numbers and Rates of Therapeutic Abortions by Province<sup>1</sup>, Canada, 1983 to 1985**

	Number of therapeutic abortions per 100 live births			Therapeutic abortion rate		
	1983	1984	1985	1983	1984	1985
<b>Canada Total</b>	<b>61,750</b>	<b>62,247</b>	<b>60,928</b>	<b>16.5</b>	<b>16.5</b>	<b>16.2</b>
Newfoundland	483	382	415	5.4	4.5	4.9
Prince Edward Island	14	12	11	0.7	0.6	0.5
Nova Scotia	1,678	1,703	1,698	13.5	13.8	13.6
New Brunswick	277	278	310	2.6	2.7	3.1
Quebec	9,406	9,720	9,527	10.7	11.1	11.0
Ontario	28,404	28,276	27,335	22.4	21.5	20.7
Manitoba	1,689	2,226	2,285	10.2	13.4	13.4
Saskatchewan	1,398	1,214	1,173	7.8	6.7	6.5
Alberta	6,484	6,668	6,547	14.2	15.1	14.9
British Columbia	11,597	11,449	11,264	27.0	26.1	26.1
Yukon	113	87	95	20.9	16.8	20.5
Northwest Territories	205	226	254	13.7	15.7	17.7
Residence not reported	2	6	14	-	-	-

<sup>1</sup> Relates to province (territory) of residence of the Canadian women, who obtained therapeutic abortion(s) in Canada.  
- Nil or zero.

## Estimates of Labour Income

September 1986

The preliminary estimate of labour income for September 1986 was \$22,861 million, an increase of 5.1% from September 1985. This increase was slightly less than the 6.0% average year-over-year growth for the first eight months of 1986.

The seasonally adjusted estimate of wages and salaries<sup>1</sup> for September 1986 was virtually unchanged (-0.2%) from the previous month, compared to the average monthly percentage change in 1986 of +0.3%.

### Goods-producing Industries

Wages and salaries in the goods-producing industries declined slightly (-0.3%) in September from the previous month. Declines in wages and salaries in forestry and manufacturing were partially offset by an increase in construction. Wages and salaries in the remaining industries within this industrial grouping were little changed in September 1986 from the previous month.

On a yearly basis, wages and salaries declined in forestry, and mines, quarries and oil wells. Wages and salaries in manufacturing have shown smaller rates of increase since July 1986 than those in the first half of the year.

<sup>1</sup> *Wages and salaries account for 90% of labour income.*

### Service-producing Industries

The seasonally adjusted estimate of wages and salaries in the service-producing industries increased marginally (+0.4%) in September from the previous month. This is similar to the monthly changes observed throughout 1986. Increases in wages and salaries were noted in transportation, communications and other utilities, finance, insurance and real estate and commercial services, while the remaining industries (except for federal administration which declined) were little changed between August and September 1986.

On a year-over-year basis, all service-producing industries experienced marginal change in yearly growth in wages and salaries.

Provincially, the seasonally adjusted estimates of wages and salaries were little changed in September 1986 from August 1986 in each of the provinces, except for British Columbia which registered its second consecutive monthly decrease.

Data users should note that the monthly estimates of labour income have been revised back to January 1986.  
(see table on page 6)

Available on CANSIM: matrices 1791 and 1792.

Order the July-September 1986 issue of *Estimates of Labour Income* (72-005, \$15/\$60), available in January 1987. Contact: Georgette Gauthier (613-990-9900), Labour Income Section, Labour Division.

**Wages and Salaries and Supplementary Labour Income**  
(millions of dollars)

	September 1986 <sup>p</sup>	August 1986 <sup>r</sup>	July 1986 <sup>f</sup>	September 1985
Unadjusted for Seasonal Variation				
Agriculture, fishing and trapping	234.2	260.3	231.7	228.4
Forestry	141.7	147.5	168.1	186.3
Mines, quarries and oil wells	496.8	490.8	517.2	552.8
Manufacturing industries	4,245.1	4,203.2	4,406.8	4,074.4
Construction industry	1,316.2	1,305.9	1,275.8	1,267.9
Transportation, communications and other utilities	2,178.0	2,166.9	2,186.6	2,115.4
Trade	2,797.1	2,786.6	2,801.1	2,562.3
Finance, insurance and real estate	1,612.4	1,604.3	1,626.9	1,491.7
Commercial and personal services	2,690.0	2,712.3	2,687.5	2,559.5
Education and related services	1,789.3	1,469.3	1,514.8	1,707.4
Health and welfare services	1,383.9	1,406.5	1,411.7	1,273.7
Federal administration and other government offices	757.1	784.6	815.3	695.9
Provincial administration	550.3	560.9	559.2	533.1
Local administration	444.2	449.0	464.5	418.2
<b>Total wages and salaries</b>	<b>20,636.4</b>	<b>20,348.0</b>	<b>20,667.2</b>	<b>19,667.3</b>
Supplementary labour income	2,224.8	2,194.7	2,229.1	2,085.2
<b>Labour income</b>	<b>22,861.2</b>	<b>22,542.7</b>	<b>22,896.3</b>	<b>21,752.5</b>
Adjusted for Seasonal Variation				
Agriculture, fishing and trapping	166.1	166.3	166.3	162.9
Forestry	113.6	126.6	151.7	153.6
Mines, quarries and oil wells	488.3	482.0	500.4	551.2
Manufacturing industries	4,235.8	4,265.4	4,345.4	3,993.0
Construction Industry	1,132.4	1,113.6	1,101.9	1,095.2
Transportation, communications and other utilities	2,142.9	2,126.6	2,146.3	2,081.7
Trade	2,788.6	2,792.1	2,771.3	2,555.6
Finance, insurance and real estate	1,611.9	1,584.4	1,586.8	1,491.6
Commercial and personal services	2,652.5	2,628.2	2,593.8	2,525.2
Education and related services	1,777.6	1,778.4	1,775.0	1,684.8
Health and welfare services	1,392.6	1,394.3	1,384.6	1,281.2
Federal administration and other government offices	759.6	770.4	779.0	698.1
Provincial administration	537.7	535.3	534.6	521.0
Local administration	446.0	441.3	449.2	419.9
<b>Total wages and salaries</b>	<b>20,135.2</b>	<b>20,180.5</b>	<b>20,335.0</b>	<b>19,193.4</b>
Supplementary labour income	2,170.1	2,175.0	2,191.7	2,036.1
<b>Labour income</b>	<b>22,305.4</b>	<b>22,355.5</b>	<b>22,526.6</b>	<b>21,229.5</b>

<sup>p</sup> Preliminary estimates.

<sup>r</sup> Revised estimates.

<sup>f</sup> Final estimates.

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