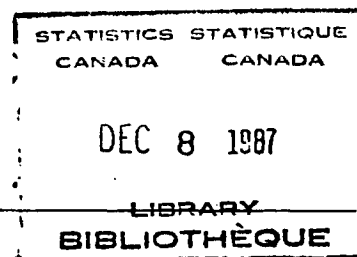


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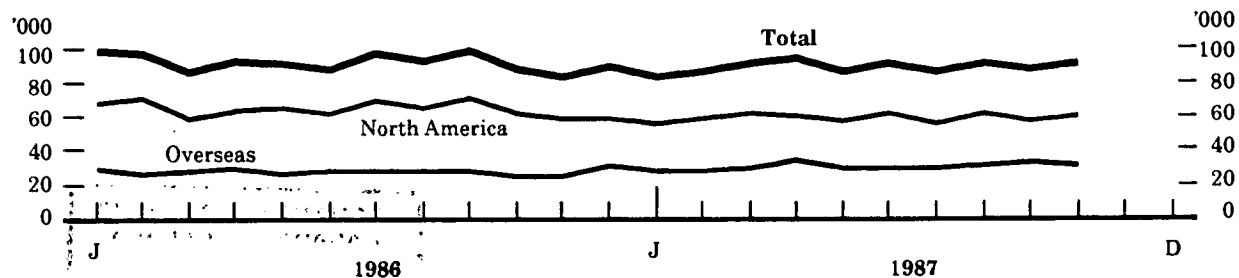
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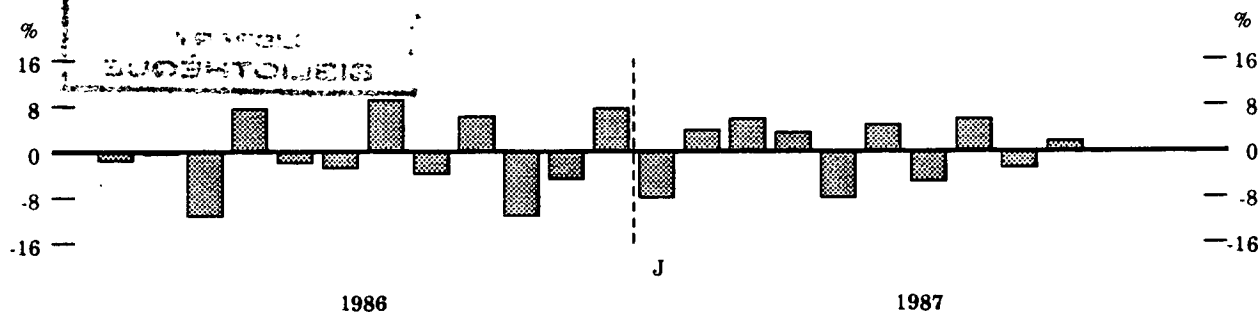


Major Releases

Monthly Sales of New Passenger Cars by Origin, Canada, Seasonally Adjusted, in Units, 1985-1987



Month-to-month Changes in Total New Passenger Car Sales (Seasonally Adjusted)



New Motor Vehicle Sales

October 1987

Highlights

Seasonally Adjusted Sales

- Adjusted for seasonal fluctuations and the number of trading days, preliminary estimates indicate that sales of all new motor vehicles totalled 131,923 units in October 1987, an increase of 4.7% from the revised September 1987 level of 125,968 units. In October, higher sales were posted for both commercial vehicles (+10.6%) and passenger cars (+2.2%).
- The 4.7% increase in sales in October 1987 followed a 4.2% decrease in September and further extended the trend of fluctuating but generally moderately rising sales observed since the beginning of 1987.

- On an origin basis, sales of North American built passenger cars recorded an increase of 5.9% in October 1987 to a level of 59,462 units, while imported passenger cars decreased by 4.3% to a level of 30,714 units. The gain in October for North American built passenger car sales followed a decrease of 7.0% in September, whereas imported passenger car sales declined after three consecutive monthly increases.

Unadjusted Sales

- Sales of all new motor vehicles totalled 137,261 units in October 1987, up 6.9% over the October 1986 level. In October 1987, passenger car sales advanced by 2.2% to 94,295 units, while commercial vehicle sales recorded a sharp rise of 19.1% to 42,966 units.

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- The October increase in passenger car sales comprised an increase of 17.5% for imported passenger cars and a decrease of 4.5% for North American built passenger cars. The increase in imported passenger car sales was attributable to a 21.8% rise in Japanese car sales and to a 24.6% increase in imported cars from other countries. Partly offsetting these increases was a 9.8% decrease in South Korean passenger car sales.
- In terms of market share, North American manufacturers held 65.2% of the Canadian passenger car market in October 1987 (based on unit sales), down from the 69.8% share in the same month last year. The Japanese market share rose to 24.1% from 20.2% a year earlier. Manufacturers from other countries (including South Korea) held 10.7% of the market in October 1987, up slightly from 10.0% in October 1986. South Korea, the largest component of the "other countries" category, held 4.1% of the market in October 1987, compared to a 4.6% share in October 1986.
- With the exception of Manitoba, where unit sales decreased by 9.2%, all other provinces registered higher unit sales of motor vehicles in October 1987 compared to October 1986. The increases ranged from 12.6% in British Columbia to 0.4% in Alberta.
- For the first 10 months of 1987, total new motor vehicle sales decreased by 0.3% from the same period last year to 1,305,170 units. Sales of domestic cars were down 9.6% to 605,399 units, while imported passenger car sales rose 9.9% to 310,829 units. Commercial vehicle sales totalled 388,942 units during this period, up 8.9% from a year earlier.

Note to Users:

North American vehicles: motor vehicles manufactured or assembled in North America. These vehicles may be built by domestic or foreign-owned companies.

Imported vehicles: motor vehicles manufactured or assembled overseas and marketed in Canada by domestic or foreign-owned companies.

(see table on page 4)

Available on CANSIM: matrix 64.

Order the October 1987 issue of *New Motor Vehicle Sales* (63-007, \$8/\$80), available the third week of January 1988. Contact Roger Laplante (613-951-3549), Retail Trade Section, Industry Division.

New Motor Vehicle Sales (Unadjusted) - Canada
October 1987

	October 1987	Change 1987/86 ^r	Jan.-Oct. 1987	Change 1987/86 ^r
	Units	%	Units	%
Total New Motor Vehicles	137,261	6.9	1,305,170	-0.3
Passenger Cars by Origin:				
North America	61,500	-4.5	605,399	-9.6
Japan	22,706	21.8	207,019	22.0
Other Countries (Including South Korea)	10,089	8.8	103,810	-8.1
(South Korea)	(3,842)	(-9.8)	(43,952)	(-30.0)
Total	94,295	2.2	916,228	-3.8
Commercial Vehicles by Origin:				
North America	37,997	19.2	346,079	10.3
Overseas	4,969	18.5	42,863	-0.8
Total	42,966	19.1	388,942	8.9
	Value \$000	%	Value \$000	%
Total New Motor Vehicles	2,222,353	15.1	20,343,901	9.2
Passenger Cars by Origin:				
North America	894,016	4.4	8,621,207	-0.2
Japan	346,546	27.0	3,012,695	29.7
Other Countries (Including South Korea)	176,012	9.6	1,815,021	6.9
(South Korea)	(35,197)	(-1.7)	(391,808)	(-25.6)
Total	1,416,574	9.8	13,448,923	6.2
Commercial Vehicles by Origin:				
North America	725,676	25.3	6,236,662	15.7
Overseas	80,103	28.7	658,316	11.5
Total	805,779	25.6	6,894,978	15.3

^r Revised figures.

Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas Industry

1987 Preliminary and 1986 Final

Highlights

- Preliminary figures indicate that production of crude oil in Canada during 1987 is estimated to amount to 87 108.0 thousand cubic metres, a 1.9% increase from 1986. The value of crude oil production amounts to \$11,992.7 million, a 24.8% increase from 1986.
- Natural gas production during 1987 is estimated to amount to 71 962.0 million cubic metres, up 0.01% from 1986. The value of natural gas production, at \$4,310.7 million, shows a 23.3% decrease from 1986.
- Production of natural gas by-products is expected to amount to 20 879.0 thousand cubic metres, a rise of 9.2% from 1986. Production value at \$2,016.9 million is up 11.9% from 1986.

Contact Gary Smalldridge (613-951-3567), Industry Division.

Crude Oil and Natural Gas

1987 Preliminary

	Crude Oil		Natural Gas		Natural Gas By-products ¹	
	'000's m ³	\$ millions	000,000's m ³	\$ millions	'000's m ³	\$ millions
Saskatchewan	11 738.0	1,417.5	1 706.0	100.9	203.0	17.2
Alberta	70 835.0	10,003.9	62 195.0	3,843.6	20 111.0	1,956.0
British Columbia	2 128.0	312.9	7 378.0	292.6	532.0	40.8
Other Provinces	2 407.0	258.4	683.0	73.6	33.0	2.9
Canada	87 108.0	11,992.7	71 962.0	4,310.7	20 879.0	2,016.9
1986 Final						
Saskatchewan	11 687.9	1,172.4	1 814.0	129.8	204.9	18.2
Alberta	69 322.3	7,978.1	62 556.4	5,048.9	18 401.6	1,743.6
British Columbia	2 021.0	245.3	6 819.6	366.2	465.4	36.7
Other Provinces	2 437.8	216.0	705.4	783.6	54.6	4.0
Canada	85 469.0	9,611.8	71 895.4	5,623.1	19 126.5	1,802.5

¹ Excludes volume and value of sulphur.

Data Availability Announcements

Performing Arts Companies 1985

Preliminary data from the 1985 annual survey of performing arts companies in Canada are now available.

Revenues of the 239 companies reporting in 1985 totalled \$206.5 million, a 7.2% real increase over 1984 revenues¹. Expenses also were up (\$209.1 million in 1985), but in a noteworthy reversal of previous years' trends, average expenditures increased at a lower rate (4.2%) than did average revenues. This lessening of the gap between revenues and expenditures allowed the companies to reduce their average deficits to 1.3% of average expenditures in 1985, compared to the 1984 figure of 3.9%.

Detailed breakdowns of revenues and expenditures are also available, as are data on numbers of performances and attendance. All data can be cross-classified by the four disciplines of theatre, music, dance and opera, as well as by various geographic divisions.

Contact Mary Cromie (613-951-6864), Culture Sub-division, Education, Culture and Tourism Division.

¹ For comparisons between years of data, a common file of 1984 and 1985 respondents is used and constant dollars are applied, calculated using the implicit price index for government current expenditures on goods and services.

Aviation Statistics Centre Service Bulletin September 1987

Highlights from the September issue of the *Aviation Statistics Centre Bulletin* are as follows:

- An operating income of \$456.0 million was reported for the Level I air carriers for the period January to September 1987. For the same period of 1986, this figure was \$217.1 million. (Available on CANSIM: matrix 385.)
- Second quarter 1987 data indicate that the number of passengers travelling on international commercial charter services rose to 790,640 – up 11.7% from the figure recorded for the same quarter last year.
- Level II and III Canadian air carriers reported significant increases in their operations in 1986. Hours flown on unit toll services by Level II carriers increased by 18.1% over 1985, while passengers carried rose by 27.7%.
- Airport activity data indicate that 525 088 tonnes of cargo were enplaned and deplaned on scheduled services at the top 30 Canadian airports during 1986, a decrease of 5.3% compared to 1985.

This issue contains a special release which shows that in 1986, for the top 25 airports, 83.7% of all passengers travelling on commercial air services flew on mainline unit toll services. The market shares for other unit toll and charter services represented, respectively, 8.8% and 7.5% of passenger volume. In 1985, mainline unit toll accounted for 85.1%, other unit toll 5.9% and charter 9.0%.

Order the Vol. 19, No. 12 issue of the *Aviation Statistics Centre Service Bulletin* (51-004, \$8.50/\$85), or contact the Aviation Statistics Centre (819-997-1986), Transportation Division.

Footwear Statistics

October 1987

Canadian manufacturers produced 3,594,000 pairs of footwear in October 1987, a decrease of 13.6% from the 4,161,449 pairs produced a year earlier.

Year-to-date production for January to October 1987 period totalled 33,723,406 pairs of footwear, down 9.8% from the 37,397,761 pairs produced during the same period in 1986.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 8.

Order the October issue of *Footwear Statistics* (33-002, \$4/\$40), to be released the week of December 21. Contact Carla Mouradian (613-951-3510), Industry Division.

Shipments of Paper Grocery Bags and Checkstand Sacks

October 1987

Shipments of standard grocery bags totalled 164,355,000 in October 1987, a decrease of 8.0% from the 178,592,000 bags shipped a year earlier. Checkstand sacks totalled 56,965,000 in October 1987, a decrease of 22.3% from the 73,277,000^r (revised figure) sacks shipped a year earlier.

Year-to-date shipments of grocery bags totalled 1,620,373,000 - a decline of 6.2% from the 1,727,017,000 grocery bags shipped in 1986. Shipments of checkstand sacks amounted to 610,077,000 - a drop of 18.1% from the 745,138,000^r sacks shipped in 1986.

Contact Sandra Bohatyretz (613-951-3531), Industry Division.

Sawmills in British Columbia

September 1987

Sawmills in British Columbia produced 3 154 900 cubic metres (1,337.0 million board feet) of lumber and ties in September 1987, an increase of 64.4% over the 1 918 700 cubic metres (813.1 million board feet) produced in September 1986.

January to September 1987 production was 28 012 500 cubic metres (11,871.0 million board feet), an increase of 11.5% over the 25 122 200 cubic metres (10,646.2 million board feet) produced over the same period in 1986.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 53 (series 1.2 and 2.2).

Order the September 1987 issue of *Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills in British Columbia* (35-003, \$6/\$60), to be released the week of December 21. Contact Jock Dobie (604-666-2671), Pacific Region, Sinclair Centre, 757 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6C 3C9.

The Dairy Review

October 1987

In October 1987, creamery butter production in Canada totalled 6 963 tonnes, a decrease of 1.4% compared to October 1986. The October 1987 production of cheddar cheese amounted to 9 882 tonnes, an increase of 13.6% from a year earlier.

An estimated 597 681 kilolitres of milk were sold off Canadian farms for all purposes in September 1987, a decrease of 0.3% from September 1986. This brought the total estimate of milk sold off farms during the first nine months of 1987 to 5 633 221 kilolitres, an increase of 0.2% over the January-September period a year ago.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 5632-5638, 5650-5667 and 5673.

Order the October 1987 issue of *The Dairy Review* (23-001, \$10/\$100), scheduled for release on December 23. Contact Dave Burroughs (613-951-2550), Agriculture Division.



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Production and Inventories of Process Cheese and Instant Skim Milk Powder, October 1987. Catalogue number 32-024
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