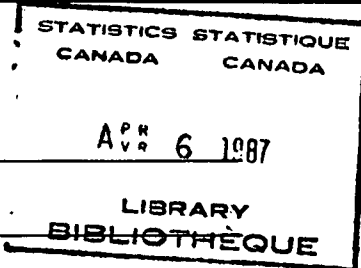


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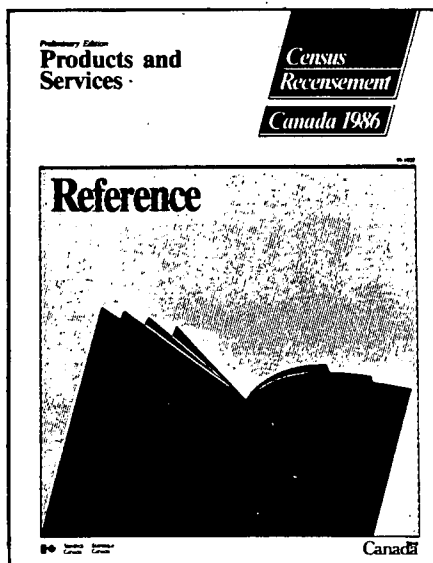
- Preliminary data show that homicide offences reported in Canada dropped 20% from the 1985 level.

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- Despite yearly fluctuations the number of homicide offences remained relatively stable during the 10-year period.

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Census Products and Services 1986

The 1986 *Census Products and Services - Preliminary Edition* provides detailed information on the products and services available from the 100% data base and also presents an overview of the anticipated products and services available from the 20% sample data base.

The publication is divided into four sections: publications, other data products, geographic products and geocartographic products. It provides the necessary ordering information, as well as three appendices showing samples of a profile and maps and a detailed index.

Order the 1986 *Census Products and Services - Preliminary Edition* (99-102E, \$10), or call or write to the nearest Statistics Canada regional reference centre. The final edition is planned for the first quarter of 1988.



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Major Releases

Homicide Statistics 1986 (Preliminary)

A total of 561 homicide offences (victims) were reported in Canada in 1986, down 20% from the 704 recorded in 1985. The number of homicides in 1986 represented the lowest reported figure since 1973 and was 15% below the average annual number of homicides (663) for the previous 10 years, 1976 to 1985.

The 1986 homicide rate of 2.19 per 100,000 population was substantially lower than both the corresponding 1985 rate of 2.78 and the 1976-1985 average rate of 2.75. In fact, the 1986 homicide rate was the lowest since 1971.

The 561 homicides in 1986 were classified as follows, according to initial police reporting: 524 murders, 34 manslaughters and three infanticides.

Total homicides declined between 1985 and 1986 in all provinces/territories except for Manitoba and the Northwest Territories, where increases occurred, and Alberta, where there was no change. The most noticeable changes between the two years occurred in Quebec (a decrease of 31%), Ontario (a decrease of 28%) and Manitoba (an increase of 81%).

In 1986, the Yukon and Northwest Territories had the highest homicide rates per 100,000 population, while Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland showed the lowest rates. This follows the trend exhibited over the last 10 years.

A total of four police officers were murdered in 1986, which is consistent with the average number of police officers murdered each year from 1976 to 1985.

Contact: Joanne Lacroix (613-990-6643), Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics.

Number and Rate¹ of Homicide² Offences,³ Canada and Provinces/Territories 1976-1985 and 1986^P

	Total homicide offences					
	1976-1985 (Average)		1985		1986 ^P	
	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate
Newfoundland	6	1.02	5	0.86	4	0.69
Prince Edward Island	1	0.83	1	0.79	0	0.00
Nova Scotia	16	1.86	26	2.95	15	1.70
New Brunswick	17	2.42	14	1.95	12	1.66
Quebec	193	3.02	219	3.33	152	2.29
Ontario	183	2.12	193	2.13	139	1.51
Manitoba	37	3.61	26	2.43	47	4.36
Saskatchewan	34	3.50	28	2.75	25	2.45
Alberta	67	3.14	63	2.68	63	2.64
British Columbia	101	3.75	113	3.91	87	2.99
Yukon	3	13.41	6	26.09	3	13.10
Northwest Territories	6	12.38	10	19.61	14	27.50
Canada	663	2.75	704	2.78	561	2.19

¹ Rates are calculated per 100,000 population using population data.

² Includes the Criminal Code offences of murder, manslaughter and infanticide.

³ One "offence" is counted for each victim.

^P 1986 data are preliminary and are therefore subject to revision.

Homicide in Canada: An Historical Perspective 1976-1985

Despite yearly fluctuations, the number of homicide offences in Canada remained relatively stable during the 10-year period 1976-1985, according to a study released today. (The term "homicide" refers to the Criminal Code offences of murder, manslaughter and infanticide.)

There were, on average, 663 homicide offences committed in Canada each year between 1976 and 1985. The 1985 figure of 704 marked the second highest total in this 10-year period as well as being the second highest number since 1961 when official statistics were first collected.

However, expressed as a rate per 100,000 population, the 1985 homicide rate of 2.78 was only slightly above the 1976-1984 average rate of 2.74 and was considerably lower than the 10-year high of 3.06 set in 1977.

Other highlights from the study *Homicide in Canada: An Historical Perspective*, 1976-1985 include:

- The likelihood of losing one's life due to non-natural causes such as motor vehicle traffic accidents, other accidents, or suicide is five to seven times greater than by homicide.
- From 1976 to 1985 the most common methods of committing homicides were as follows: shooting (firearms) 34%, stabbing

25% and beating 20%. After the enactment of gun control legislation (Bill C-51) in 1978, the proportion of homicides committed with the use of firearms declined from 38% to 31% while the proportion from stabbings increased from 22% to 32%.

- Almost 77% of all homicide offences between 1976 and 1985 involved victims and suspects who were known to each other.
- The highest risk of homicide victimization occurred in two locations: the victim's residence (where 44% of homicides occurred) and a public place (which accounted for 20%).
- Females accounted for 35% of all victims and 13% of all suspects over the 10-year period under study (1976-1985).
- An average of four police officers were murdered in Canada each year during the 10-year period from 1976 to 1985.

(see table on page 5)

Available on CANSIM: tables 00160401-00160405.

Order *Homicide in Canada 1976-1985: An Historical Perspective* (85-209, \$40), now available. Contact: Joanne Lacroix (613-990-6643), Law Enforcement Program, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics.

**Number and Rate¹ of Homicide² Offences³, Canada and Provinces/Territories
1976-1984 and 1985**

	Total homicide offences					
	1976-1984 (Average)		1984		1985	
	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate
Newfoundland	6	1.04	6	1.04	5	0.86
Prince Edward Island	1	0.83	0	0.00	1	0.79
Nova Scotia	15	1.74	15	1.72	26	2.95
New Brunswick	17	2.47	14	1.96	14	1.95
Quebec	190	2.98	198	3.03	219	3.33
Ontario	182	2.12	190	2.12	193	2.13
Manitoba	39	3.74	43	4.06	26	2.43
Saskatchewan	34	3.59	30	2.97	28	2.75
Alberta	67	3.19	54	2.31	63	2.68
British Columbia	100	3.73	110	3.84	113	3.91
Yukon	3	12.00	2	9.05	6	26.09
Northwest Territories	5	11.58	5	10.10	10	19.61
Canada	659	2.74	667	2.85	704	2.78

¹ Rates are calculated per 100,000 population using population data.

² Includes the Criminal Code offences of murder, manslaughter and infanticide.

³ One "offence" is counted for each victim.

Data Availability Announcements

Youth Court Statistics

1984-85

A total of 83,272 federal statute charges were brought against 37,758 young persons in Canada (except the Yukon) during the fiscal year 1984-85, the first year of implementation of the Young Offenders Act. A uniform minimum age for prosecution of 12 years was introduced that year; the standardized upper age limit of 17 years was not applied until the following year.

In jurisdictions other than Ontario and the Yukon (for which detailed information is presently not available), 84% of young persons appearing before the courts were male, and 12% had a violent offence as their principal charge. With respect to decisions, 82% were found guilty of their principal charge and by far the most frequent disposition for those found guilty was probation.

Detailed information, including charge, person and case data on trial, decision, and dispositional processes is now available for most jurisdictions. Contact: Ruth Barnes (613-990-6648), Youth Justice Program, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics.

Consolidated Government Finance, Revenue and Expenditure

1984-86

Actual data for 1983 and revised estimates for 1984, 1985 and 1986 are available at 10:00 a.m. today on CANSIM: matrices 3146-3160.

Contact: G.Huneault (613-991-1812), Public Institutions Division.

Electrical Appliances

February 1987

Canadian electrical appliance firms produced 124,137 kitchen appliances in February 1987, down 13.4% from the 143,379 appliances produced a year earlier. Production of household vacuum cleaners totalled 28,958 - down 9.4% from 31,965 in February 1986. Production of home comfort products totalled 32,254 in February 1987 - a drop of 21.0% from the previous year's level of 40,845.

Year-to-date production in February 1987 amounted to 358,777 units. Corresponding data for February 1986 are 380,975.

Order the February 1987 issue of *Specified Domestic Electrical Appliances* (43-003, \$4/\$40), to be released the week of April 13. Contact: J.P. Beauparlant (613-991-3526), Industry Division.

Railway Carloadings

Seven Days Ending March 21, 1987

Freight tonnages loaded by railways in Canada for the week ending March 21, 1987 totalled 4.9 million tonnes, an increase of 4.3% from the 1986 figure. Loadings increased in the East by 6.5% and were up in the West by 2.6%.

Container-trailer or piggyback tonnages (included above) decreased in the East by 3.7% and were down in the West by 6.7%; there was an overall national decrease of 4.6%.

The year-to-date rail freight loadings totalled 53.4 million tonnes, an increase of 3.3% from the previous year. During the same period, piggyback cars loaded increased 4.2%.

Order the Vol. 3, No. 11 issue of *Railway Carloadings* (52-005, \$75 a year), scheduled for release the week of April 6. Contact: Mamady Kaba (613-990-6154), Surface Transport Section, Transportation Division.

The Dairy Review

February 1987

In February 1987, creamery butter production in Canada totalled 6 207 tonnes, a decrease of 9.2% from a year earlier. The February 1987 production of cheddar cheese amounted to 9 107 tonnes, an increase of 19.0% compared to February 1986.

An estimated 580 583 kilolitres of milk were sold off Canadian farms for all purposes in January 1987, an increase of 0.8% from January 1986.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 5632-5638, 5650-5663, 5666 and 5667.

Order the February 1987 issue of *The Dairy Review* (23-001, \$10/\$100), scheduled for release April 21. Contact: Dave Burroughs (613-991-2550), Agriculture/Natural Resources Division.

Plastic Film and Sheeting Industry

1985 Census of Manufactures

In 1985, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the plastic film and sheeting industry (SIC 1631) totalled \$613.2 million, up 4.4% from \$587.4 million in 1984.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5416 and to be released shortly in catalogue 33-250B 1631. Commodity data for this industry will become available in July.

Contact: T. Raj Sehdev (613-991-3513), Industry Division.

Luggage, Purse and Handbag Industry

1985 Census of Manufactures

In 1985, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the luggage, purse and handbag industry (SIC 1713) totalled \$139.2 million, up 15.1% from \$120.9 million in 1984.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5422 and to be released shortly in catalogue 33-251B 1713. Commodity data for this industry will become available in July.

Contact: C. Mouradian (613-990-9834), Industry Division.

Manufacturing Industries, Other Textile Products Industries, including Tire Cord Fabric Industry

1985 Census of Manufactures

In 1985, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the manufacturing industries, other textile products industries, including tire cord fabric industry (SIC 1998) totalled \$510.4 million, up 4.1% from \$490.5 million in 1984.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5438 and to be released shortly in catalogue 34-251B 1998. Commodity data for this industry will become available in July.

Contact: Carla Mouradian (613-990-9834), Industry Division.

Sweater Industry

1985 Census of Manufactures

In 1985, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the sweater industry (SIC 2491) totalled \$215.2 million, up 9.1% from \$197.3 million in 1984.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5451 and to be released shortly in catalogue 34-252B 2491. Commodity data for this industry will become available in July.

Contact: C. Mouradian (613-990-9834), Industry Division.

Other Rolled, Cast and Extruded Non-ferrous Metal Products Industries

1985 Census of Manufactures

In 1985, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the other rolled, cast and extruded non-ferrous metal products industries (SIC 2999) totalled \$840.4 million, up 4.8% from \$801.8 million in 1984.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5514 and to be released shortly in catalogue 41-250B 2999. Commodity data for this industry will become available in July.

Contact: Gerry Barrett (613-991-3515), Industry Division.

Clay Products Industry (from Imported Clay)

1985 Census of Manufactures

In 1985, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the clay products industry (from imported clay) (SIC 3512) totalled \$62.2 million, up 2.9% from \$60.4 million in 1984.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 6850 and to be released shortly in catalogue 44-250B 3512. Commodity data for this industry will become available in July.

Contact: Sharon M. Boyer (613-991-3520), Industry Division.

Basic Hardware Industry

1985 Census of Manufactures

In 1985, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the basic hardware industry (SIC 3061) totalled \$316.8 million, up 15.9% from \$273.3 million in 1984.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5531 and to be released shortly in catalogue 41-251B 3061. Commodity data for this industry will become available in July.

Contact: Michel J. Cormier (613-991-3522), Industry Division.

Publications Released

Oil and Fats, December 1986.

Catalogue number 32-006

(Canada: \$4/\$40; Other Countries: \$5/\$50).

Fruit and Vegetable Preservation Service

Bulletin, Vol. 15, No. 7, Pack of Canned

Tomatoes and Tomato Products, 1986.

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(Canada: \$6/\$100; Other Countries: \$7/\$110).

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Bulletin, Vol. 15, No. 8, Pack of Processed

Beans, Green and Wax, 1986.

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Fruit and Vegetable Preservation Service

Bulletin, Vol. 14, No. 23, Pack of Apples and

Apple Products, 1985.

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(Canada: \$6/\$100; Other Countries: \$7/\$110).

Culture Statistics - Book Publishing Industry, 1984.

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Census Products and Services -

Preliminary Edition, 1986.

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