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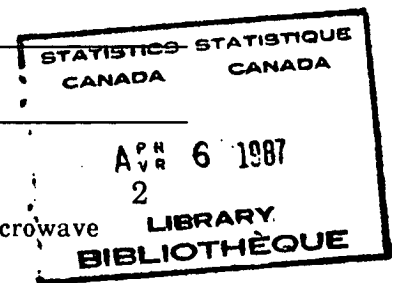
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### Major Release

#### Household Facilities by Income and Other Characteristics, 1986

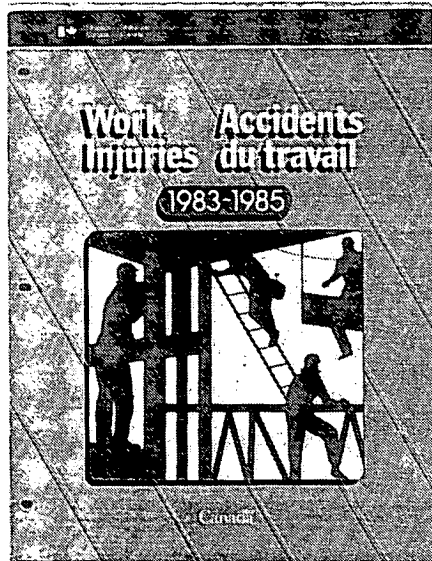
- In households with incomes over \$55,000, ownership rates for microwave ovens and VCRs both surpassed 50% for the first time.



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#### Work Injuries 1983-85

This new publication provides occupational health information for Canada and the provinces. In 1985 there were 554,793 work-related accidents in Canada which resulted in permanent disabilities or in injuries which required workers to take time off work to recover.

Data in the publication are tabulated by: nature of injury, part of body injured, source of injury and type of accident; as well as by occupation, age and sex of the injured worker, and by industry of the employer.

Order the first issue of *Work Injuries, 1983-1985* (72-208, \$17). For more information, or to enquire about custom retrievals, contact Francis Pring-Mill (613-991-4040) or Horst Stiebert (613-991-4044), Labour Division.



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### Household Facilities by Income and Other Characteristics 1986

In 1986, the fastest growing consumer items - microwave ovens and video cassette recorders (VCRs) - showed large differences in ownership rates among household income groups.

Microwave ovens were found in 12.0% of households with income under \$10,000 compared to 53.8% of households with income of \$55,000 and over. For VCRs, the rates were 10.7% for householders with incomes under \$10,000 and 58.0% for those with incomes of \$55,000 or more.

*Household Facilities by Income and Other Characteristics, 1986* is the latest report providing data on ownership and dwelling characteristics and household goods by household income class.

Highlights from the report include:

- Over one-third (36.2%) of households lived in dwellings built after 1970, while on the other hand, 20.0% occupied dwellings built before 1941. The proportion of households occupying older dwellings ranged from 27.4% in the lowest income group (under \$10,000) to 14.3% in the highest (\$55,000 and over).
- In 1986, dwelling ownership rates ranged from 34.1% in the less than \$10,000 income class to 86.9% in the \$55,000 and over income class. The ownership rate for all income groups was 62.6%, little changed from a decade earlier.
- In the lowest one-fifth (quintile) of households in terms of income, ownership rates declined between 1975 and 1985 (from 47.4% to 38.0%). Ownership rates increased in the fourth quintile (from 70.7% to 75.4%) and in the highest quintile (from 82.5% to 85.7%). Part of the decline in the lowest quintile can be explained by the reduced proportion of the elderly within this group (37.1% in 1985 compared to 46.2% in 1975). The elderly traditionally have high ownership rates.
- For widely held household items such as bath and toilet facilities, telephones, radios and refrigerators, there was very little difference by income class in the proportion of households having them. For example, in the under \$10,000 income class, 93.0% of households had telephones compared to 99.8% in the \$55,000 and over income class. Comparable data for television sets were 96.7% and 99.2%.
- For household items less widely held, there was generally a strong relationship to income. Automatic dishwashers, found in 13.2% of households with income under \$10,000 were much more predominant (68.2%) in households with incomes of \$55,000 and over. For the same income groups, freezer ownership increased from 32.1% to 72.9% and gas barbecue ownership from 8.6% to 56.1%.
- The presence of household safety items - smoke detectors and fire extinguishers - was also related to income. In the under \$10,000 group, 61.3% had smoke detectors and 18.7% had portable fire extinguishers while in the \$55,000 and over category, the rates were 85.4% and 51.8% respectively.
- Rent consumed at least 30% of household income for 27.8% of renting households compared to 27.1% in the previous year. The corresponding figure 10 years ago was 23.0%.

Information on 1985 income originates with the survey of Consumer Finances, conducted in April 1986, while details on dwelling characteristics and household facilities are taken from the survey of Household Facilities and Equipment, conducted in May 1986.

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This report presents variations in household items and dwelling characteristics by income, region, urbanization, age of household head and household type. Tables are based on household facilities and equipment data as of the survey date (May 1986) and income data for the calendar year 1985. The statistics on low income are, therefore, based on the 1985 Low Income Cut-offs (1978 base).

Order *Household Facilities by Income and Other Characteristics*, 1986 (13-218, \$30), now available. Contact: Kevin Bishop (613-991-2211), Household Surveys Division.

A microdata tape containing 1985 household income and 1986 facilities and equipment data, along with dwelling characteristics and socio-demographic characteristics of the household, will be available shortly. This tape can be ordered by contacting the Household Surveys Division (613-990-9778). Microdata tapes are carefully reviewed to ensure that they do not contain information that could allow identification of specific households.

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## Data Availability Announcements

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### Electric Power Statistics

January 1987

#### Highlights

Net generation of electric energy in Canada in January 1987 increased to 46 977 gigawatt hours (gwh), up 3.4% from the corresponding month last year. Exports increased 5.5% to 3 902 gwh, while imports climbed to 259 gwh from 173 gwh.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 3987-3999.

Order the January 1987 issue of *Electric Power Statistics* (57-001, \$8/\$80), available the second week of April. Contact: Dave Madsen (613-991-3565), Energy Section, Industry Division.

### Passenger Bus and Urban Transit Statistics

February 1987

In February 1987, a total of 67 Canadian urban transit systems with gross annual total operating revenues of \$500,000 or more (subsidies included) carried 123,527,028 fare passengers, a decrease of 2.5% from the previous month. Operating revenues totalled \$81,420,700 - down 3.3% from January 1987.

During the same period, 20 passenger bus carriers earning \$500,000 or more annually from intercity and rural bus operations carried 1,587,328 fare passengers, down 6.6% from the previous month. Earnings for these carriers totalled \$14,842,134 - a 14.0% decline from January 1987 operating revenues.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 351 and 352.

Order the February 1987 issue of *Passenger Bus and Urban Transit Statistics* (53-003, \$6.50/\$65), available the third week of April. Contact: Mamady Kaba (613-990-6154), Transportation Division.

### Film, Video and Audio-visual Production

1984

Preliminary results show film and video producers reported total operating revenues of \$231.2 million for the 1984-85 fiscal year, an increase of 33% over the year-earlier period.

As in previous years, television programs and commercials as well as films for industry continued to be the most active areas.

General information is now available and detailed breakdowns with estimates will be available in approximately two months. Contact: Bob Anderson (613-991-1566), Culture Sub-division, Education, Culture and Tourism Division.

### Industrial Chemicals and Synthetic Resins

February 1987

Canadian chemical firms produced 80 953 tonnes of polyethylene synthetic resins in February 1987, a decrease of 8.2% from the 88 160 (revised figure) tonnes produced in February 1986. January to February 1987 production totalled 181 166 tonnes, up 3.4% from the level reached during the same period a year earlier.

Also available are figures on Canadian production of three other types of synthetic resins and 28 industrial chemicals for February 1987, along with corresponding cumulatives and 1986 data.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 951.

Order the February 1987 issue of *Industrial Chemicals and Synthetic Resins* (46-002, \$5/\$50), to be released the week of April 24. Contact: Raj Sehdev (613-991-3513), Industry Division.

## **Selected Financial Indexes**

February 1987

February 1987 figures are now available for the selected financial indexes.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 412.

Order the first quarter 1987 issue of *Construction Price Statistics* (62-007, \$15/\$60), available in June. Contact the Information and Current Analysis Unit (613-990-9606/7), Prices Division.

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## Publications Released

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**Household Facilities by Income and Other Characteristics, 1986.**

**Catalogue number 13-218**

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**Fruit and Vegetable Preservation**

**Service Bulletin, Vol. 15, No. 17,**

**Pack of Processed Broccoli, 1986.**

**Catalogue number 32-023**

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

**Railway Operating Statistics, November**

**1986. Catalogue number 52-003**

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\$10.50/\$105).

**Railway Carloadings, 7-day Period Ending**

**March 14, 1987. Catalogue number 52-005**

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**Communications Service Bulletin -**

**Telecommunication Statistics,**

**Fourth Quarter of 1986.**

**Catalogue number 56-001**

(Canada: \$6.50/\$39; Other Countries:

\$7.50/\$45).

**Telephone Statistics, January 1987.**

**Catalogue number 56-002**

(Canada: \$7.50/\$75; Other Countries:

\$8.50/\$85).

**Work Injuries, 1983-1985.**

**Catalogue number 72-208**

(Canada: \$17; Other Countries: \$18).

**Science Statistics, Vol. 11, No. 3, The Investment Tax Credit for Research and Development, 1977-1984.**

**Catalogue number 88-001**

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