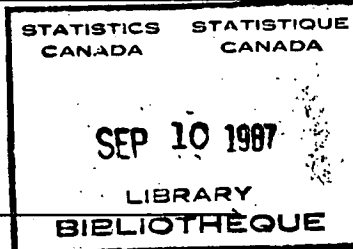


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### Traffic Enforcement Statistics 1986

#### Impaired Driving Offences

The number of persons charged with impaired driving offences in Canada decreased for the third consecutive year in 1986. A total of 128,797 persons were charged, a drop of 13% from 147,666 in 1983 and down 2% from the 131,726 persons charged in 1985.

Decreases in impaired driving offences between 1985 and 1986 were noted in all provinces except Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Quebec and New Brunswick.

In 1986, the rate of persons charged with impaired driving offences was 65 per 10,000 population aged 16 years and over. The highest rates were found in the Yukon (261), the Northwest Territories (158), Alberta (111) and Saskatchewan (107), and the lowest rates occurred in Quebec (49) and Ontario (54).

Changes to the Criminal Code in 1985 created the offences of "impaired driving causing death" and "impaired driving causing bodily harm". In 1986, 160 persons were charged with "impaired driving causing death" and 1,359 were charged with "impaired driving causing bodily harm".

#### Total Traffic Statistics

A total of 239,100 Criminal Code traffic offences were recorded by the police in Canada in 1986. This is a 3% decline from 1985 and a 10% drop from 1982. Impaired driving offences (impaired operation, failing or refusing to supply a breath sample or blood sample) accounted for 63% of all Criminal Code traffic offences. The remainder were for "failing to stop or remain at the scene of an accident" (32%), "dangerous operation of a motor vehicle" (3%) and "driving while prohibited" (2%).

Three provincial statute offences are collected by the Uniform Crime Reporting Survey. There were 167,535 of these offences known to the police in 1986. "Failing to stop or remain at the scene of an accident" made up 52% of the total offences, "dangerous driving" accounted for 31% and the remaining 18% were for "driving while disqualified".

The vast majority of all persons charged with Criminal Code traffic offences (92%) and provincial statute offences (88%) in 1986 were male. Females accounted for 8% of persons charged with impaired driving offences in 1986.

Available on CANSIM: tables 00140101 and 00140103.

Order the Vol. 7, No. 4 issue of the *Juristat Service Bulletin* (85-002, \$2/\$10), now available. Contact Joanne Lacroix (613-990-6643), Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics.

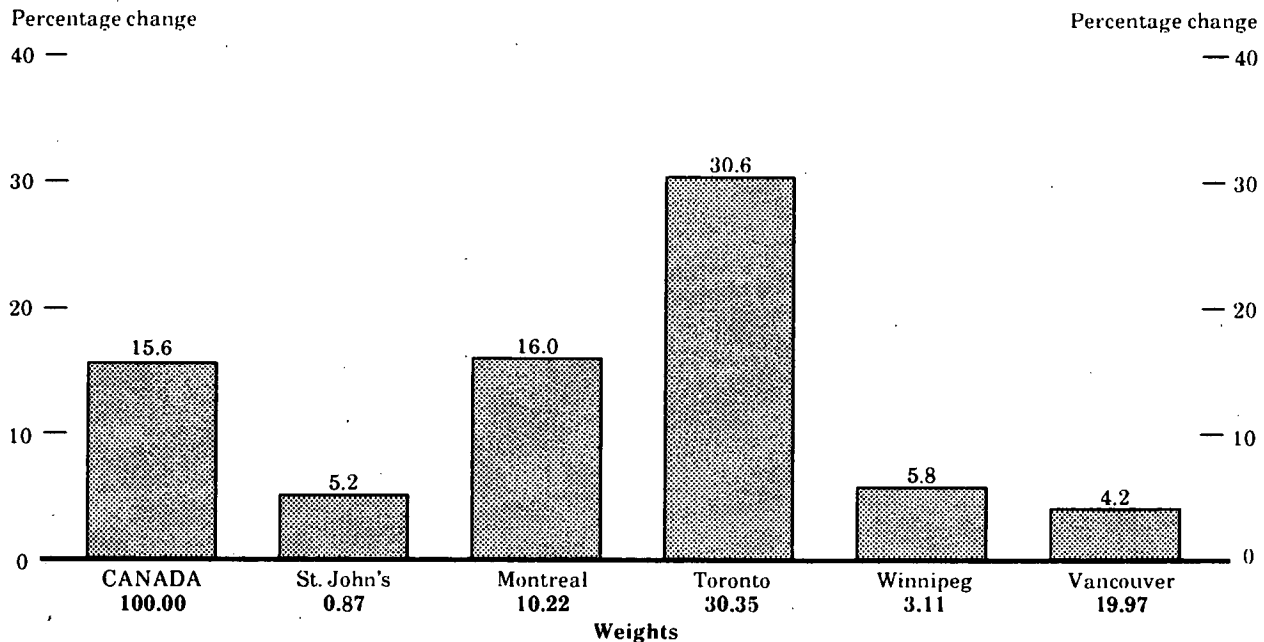
**Persons Charged with Impaired Driving Offences,<sup>1</sup> Canada and the Provinces, 1982-1986**

Province	Number of persons charged					% change 1982-1986	Rate <sup>2</sup> in 1986
	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986		
Newfoundland	3,194	3,298	2,887	2,909	2,550	-20.2	61
Prince Edward Island	1,123	1,370	1,302	1,171	934	-16.8	98
Nova Scotia	6,571	6,240	5,609	5,455	5,012	-23.7	74
New Brunswick	4,363	4,857	4,606	4,855	5,268	20.7	97
Quebec	22,964	24,738	21,543	22,266	25,184	9.7	49
Ontario	44,383	43,882	46,045	40,424	38,994	-12.1	54
Manitoba	6,139	6,961	6,206	6,542	7,547	22.9	92
Saskatchewan	10,214	10,476	9,637	8,048	8,079	-20.9	107
Alberta	22,545	24,178	24,907	21,967	19,889	-11.8	111
British Columbia	20,926	20,617	18,194	16,993	14,381	-31.3	63
Yukon	397	457	545	494	426	7.3	261
Northwest Territories	605	592	619	602	533	-11.9	158
<b>Canada</b>	<b>143,424</b>	<b>147,666</b>	<b>142,100</b>	<b>131,726</b>	<b>128,797</b>	<b>-10.2</b>	<b>65</b>

<sup>1</sup> Impaired driving offences include both "Driving While Impaired" and "Failing or Refusing to Provide a Breath Sample" for the period 1982-1985. For 1986, impaired driving offences include "Impaired Operation of Motor Vehicle, Vessel or Aircraft" (causing death, causing bodily harm or over 80 mg.) and "Failing or Refusing to Provide a Breath Sample or Blood Sample".

<sup>2</sup> Rates are calculated per 10,000 population aged 16 years and over.

**Percentage Change in New Housing Price Index from Same Month of the Previous Year, Canada and Selected Cities, July 1987**



**New Housing Price Index  
July 1987**

The New Housing Price Index (1981 = 100) for Canada stood at 120.1 in July, up 0.4% from June. This index of Canadian housing contractors' selling prices now stands 15.6% higher than the year-earlier level. Between June and July, the estimated house only index increased 0.3%, while the estimated land only index increased 0.6%.

Among the cities surveyed, Kitchener-Waterloo recorded the largest monthly increase (1.0%) in new housing prices. The monthly index for Toronto increased by only 0.3%, continuing the recent pattern of price increases that are much more moderate than those recorded in the latter half of 1986 and the beginning of 1987. Nonetheless, the 12-month

change recorded for Toronto (30.6%) was the largest annual increase of all the cities surveyed.

Generally, Southwestern Ontario cities together with Montreal maintained yearly gains well in excess of 10.0%. In Alberta and British Columbia, index levels were still below their 1981 price reference level of 100. However, only Victoria continued to show 12-month declines (-4.1%).

(see table on page 5)

Available on CANSIM: matrix 198.

Order the third quarter 1987 issue of *Construction Price Statistics* (62-007, \$15/\$60), available in December. Contact the Prices Division (613-990-9607).

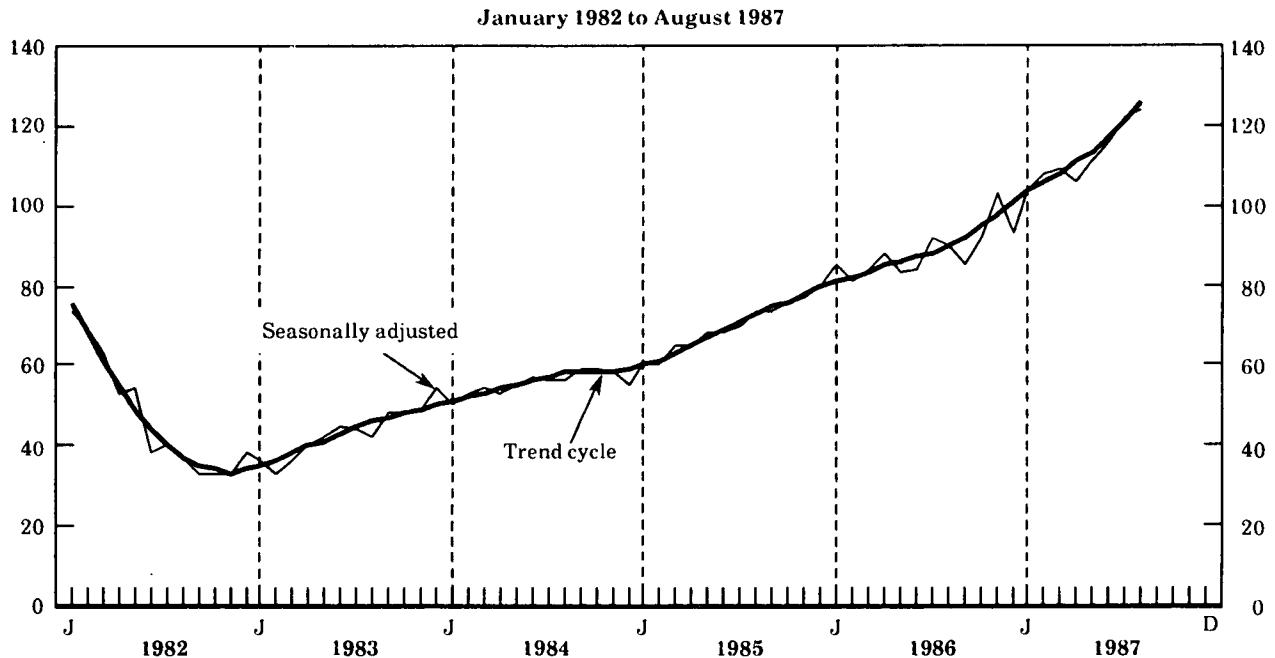
**New Housing Price Index**  
(1981=100)

	Weights <sup>1</sup> 1987	July 1987	June 1987	July 1986	% change	
					July 1987/ June 1987	July 1987/ July 1986
<b>Canada Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>120.1</b>	<b>119.6</b>	<b>103.9</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>15.6</b>
<b>Canada (House only)</b>		<b>127.6</b>	<b>127.2</b>	<b>108.1</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>18.0</b>
<b>Canada (Land only)</b>		<b>106.8</b>	<b>106.2</b>	<b>96.9</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>10.2</b>
St. John's	0.87	113.3	113.0	107.7	0.3	5.2
Halifax	2.44	129.0	129.0	124.0	-	4.0
Saint John-Moncton	0.98	133.3	133.3	127.1	-	4.9
Quebec City	2.26	144.6	144.2	133.2	0.3	8.6
Montreal	10.22	152.3	151.5	131.3	0.5	16.0
Ottawa-Hull	5.74	138.4	137.8	130.6	0.4	6.0
Toronto	30.35	150.5	150.0	115.2	0.3	30.6
Hamilton	2.98	156.7	156.2	134.5	0.3	16.5
St. Catharines-Niagara	1.30	159.7	158.2	139.3	0.9	14.6
Kitchener-Waterloo	2.08	163.8	162.2	141.9	1.0	15.4
London	1.58	149.9	148.8	128.0	0.7	17.1
Windsor	0.90	122.9	122.9	114.9	-	7.0
Winnipeg	3.11	134.5	134.0	127.1	0.4	5.8
Regina	0.90	117.5	117.5	112.4	-	4.5
Saskatoon	1.30	110.3	109.9	106.2	0.4	3.9
Calgary	4.37	94.6	94.0	90.9	0.6	4.1
Edmonton	4.86	89.2	88.8	85.7	0.5	4.1
Vancouver	19.97	76.7	76.7	73.6	-	4.2
Victoria	2.79	67.9	67.9	70.8	-	-4.1

<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.

- Nil or zero.

## Help-wanted Index, Canada (1981 = 100)



### Help-wanted Index

August 1987

#### Highlights

- The Help-wanted Index increased for the fourth consecutive month, advancing to 124 from 122 between July and August.
- The Help-wanted Index monitors the space devoted to help-wanted ads published in 18 major metropolitan area newspapers and serves as an indicator of the demand for labour.
- The seasonally adjusted Help-wanted Index for Canada (1981=100) continued to increase between July and August 1987 (to 124 from 122). This is the fourth consecutive month for which the index has been at its highest level since 1962, the first year for which data are available.
- Between July and August, the index increased in all regions except in Quebec. The Help-wanted Index advanced in the

Atlantic region to 158 from 146, in Ontario to 170 from 166, in the Prairie region to 53 from 50, and in British Columbia to 53 from 49. The index decreased in Quebec to 131 from 138, but it remained above the levels observed during the first five months of 1987.

- In August 1987, the Canada trend-cycle<sup>1</sup> continued its advance which commenced in December 1982 (see chart).

<sup>1</sup> The trend cycle provides an indication of the direction in the demand for labour as estimated by the Help-wanted Index. It is calculated by the X-11 ARIMA seasonal adjustment program. Essentially, the calculation involves a 13-term Henderson moving average which smooths irregular fluctuations in the seasonally adjusted data.

(see table on page 7)

Available on CANSIM: matrix 105.

Contact Jean-Pierre Maynard (613-991-4045) or Horst Stiebert (613-991-4044), Labour Division.

**Help-wanted Index (1981 = 100), Canada and Regions**  
(Seasonally Adjusted)

Year and month	Canada	Atlantic Region	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Region	British Columbia
<b>1986</b>						
August	90	129	97	118	44	39
September	85	95	98	107	43	41
October	92	144	102	118	42	43
November	103	119	121	128	46	40
December	93	108	97	130	44	37
<b>1987</b>						
January	104	138	105	145	48	39
February	108	142	118	144	47	40
March	109	129	128	140	47	39
April	106	130	119	141	46	44
May	111	140	119	151	51	47
June	116	134	135	149	54	49
July	122	146	138	166	50	49
August	124	158	131	170	53	53

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## Data Availability Announcements

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### Department Store Sales by Province and Metropolitan Area

July 1987

#### Highlights

- Department stores in Canada reported sales totalling \$936.7 million in July 1987, up 0.4% from the revised July 1986 level of \$932.9 million.
- Cumulative sales for the period January to July 1987 totalled \$6,391.4 million, up 1.2% over the corresponding period in 1986.
- Department store sales during July 1987, for the provinces and the 10 metropolitan areas surveyed, were as follows (with the percentage change from July 1986 in parentheses):

#### Province

- Newfoundland, \$10.2 million (-7.0%);
- Prince Edward Island, \$7.0 million (13.6%);
- Nova Scotia, \$32.2 million (10.3%);
- New Brunswick, \$20.6 million (5.4%);
- Quebec, \$181.0 million (3.7%);
- Ontario, \$375.9 million (7.2%);
- Manitoba, \$44.0 million (-2.7%);
- Saskatchewan, \$28.6 million (1.5%);
- Alberta, \$106.5 million (-11.6%);
- British Columbia, \$130.6 million (-11.8%).

#### Metropolitan Area

- Calgary, \$40.7 million (-11.4%);
- Edmonton, \$46.9 million (-12.6%);
- Halifax-Dartmouth, \$18.1 million (11.3%);
- Hamilton, \$27.5 million (6.2%);
- Montreal, \$100.7 million (1.7%);
- Ottawa-Hull, \$43.5 million (9.9%);
- Quebec City, \$27.0 million (9.6%);
- Toronto, \$148.2 million (3.9%);
- Vancouver, \$74.2 million (-15.7%);
- Winnipeg, \$40.2 million (-0.7%).

#### Note to Users:

Information on department store sales and stocks by department will be released in the *Daily* during the week of September 21.

Order the July 1987 issue of *Department Store Monthly Sales, by Province and Selected Metropolitan Area* (63-004, \$2/\$20), available the fourth week of September. Contact Colleen Loggie (613-991-3548), Retail Trade Section, Industry Division.

### Passenger Bus and Urban Transit Statistics

July 1987

In July 1987, a total of 68 Canadian urban transit systems with gross annual total operating revenues of \$500,000 or more (subsidies included) carried 106,612,061 fare passengers, a decrease of 14.7% from the previous month. Operating revenues totalled \$73,570,177 - down 5.4% from June 1987.

During the same period, 19 passenger bus carriers earning \$500,000 or more annually from intercity and rural bus operations carried 2,014,638 fare passengers, up 9.9% from the previous month. Earnings for these carriers totalled \$21,830,057 - a 15.4% increase from June 1987 operating revenues.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 351 and 352.

Order the July 1987 issue of *Passenger Bus and Urban Transit Statistics* (53-003, \$6.50/\$65), available the third week of September. Contact the Rail Unit (613-991-2484), Transportation Division.

## Pulpwood and Wood Residue Statistics

July 1987

Pulpwood receipts totalled 3 876 553 cubic metres in July 1987, a decrease of 0.8% from 3 908 181 cubic metres a year earlier. Receipts of wood residue totalled 4 592 262 cubic metres, up 15.4% from 3 979 267 cubic metres in July 1986.

Consumption of pulpwood and wood residue was reported at 8 554 175 cubic metres, an increase of 0.7% from the 8 493 932 cubic metres reported the previous year. The closing inventory of pulpwood and wood residue totalled 17 073 555 cubic metres, a decrease of 2.2% from 17 460 458 cubic metres a year earlier.

Year-to-date receipts of pulpwood reached 25 710 185 cubic metres, an increase of 10.3% from 23 299 433 cubic metres a year earlier. Receipts of wood residue rose 13.4% to 32 235 635 cubic metres from the year-earlier level of 28 432 196 cubic metres. Consumption of pulpwood and wood residue, at 58 234 210 cubic metres, was up 5.8% from 55 023 443 cubic metres from a year earlier.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 54.

Order the July 1987 issue of *Pulpwood and Wood Residue Statistics* (25-001, \$5/\$50), to be released the week of September 21. Contact Jacques Lepage (613-991-3516), Industry Division.

## Production of Eggs

July 1987

Canadian egg production increased by 1.0% to 41.6 million dozen in July 1987 from 41.2 million dozen a year earlier. The average number of layers increased by 1.4% from July 1986 to 1987, while the number of eggs per 100 layers decreased to 2,122 from 2,131.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 1145, 1146, 5689-5691.

Order the July 1987 issue of *Production and Stocks of Eggs and Poultry* (23-003, \$10/\$100), scheduled for release September 30. Contact Peter Beerstecher (613-991-2505), Agriculture Division.

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