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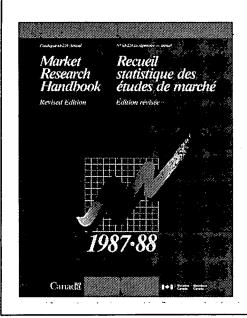
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#### Major Release

## General Social Survey, Health and Social Support

1985

More than half of the adult Canadian population either smoke regularly or are exposed to second-hand smoke in their own homes. Data from the first cycle of the General Social Survey (GSS) show that while only three Canadians in 40 smoke daily, an additional two in 10, or over three million persons, are non-smoking adults who live with someone who smokes.

This finding is but one of the highlights presented in the first major report of the GSS. The report presents initial analyses and findings based-on this survey and includes comparisons with findings from the 1978-79 Canada Health Survey.

Other health related findings from this survey include:

- Over 80% of Canadians rate their health as good or excellent. An even higher proportion express satisfaction with their health.
- Sixty-three percent of the adult Canadian population can be classified as current drinkers. While this figure is approximately the same as the 65% reported in the 1978-79 Canada Health Survey, those who do drink are now consuming less alcohol per week.
- Nearly 40% of the Canadian population 20 years of age and older can be classified as having excessive weight. This compares with over 50% found in the 1978-79 Canada Health Survey.
- Canadians who are obese, underweight, or who smoke are more likely to report a range of health problems than are nonsmokers who are within recommended weight limits.

Findings related to seniors show that:

- Most people 55 years of age and older living outside institutions feel they are able to carry out routine daily activities such as light housework, grocery shopping and meal preparation without assistance. However, three in 10 say that they require help or are unable to do yard work, while one in five report having trouble with, or being unable to do heavy housework.
- Seniors who have many social activities report being happier and healthier than those with few activities, even when compared to those of similar health status.

This survey, a continuing program with a single-survey cycle each year, has two principal objectives: first, to gather data on social trends in order to monitor changes in Canadian society over time, and second, to provide information on specific social policy issues. The first GSS, conducted in September and October 1985, collected data on health for the adult population and social support relative to older Canadians. A sample of 11,200 persons aged 15 and over was interviewed in the 10 provinces. A public use micro-data file has been available since early 1987 for indepth analyses.

Order Health and Social Support, 1985 (11-612E, No. 1, \$30), now available from Publication Sales and Service (613-951-7276). For more information, contact Janet Hagey (613-951-2572), Ed Praught (613-951-9180), Housing, Family and Social Statistics Division or Owen Adams (613-951-1631), Health Division.

#### **Data Availability Announcements**

#### **Steel Ingots**

Week Ending December 19, 1987

Preliminary estimates indicate that Canadian steel ingot production for the week ending December 19, 1987 totalled 288 229 tonnes, an increase of 5.7% from the preceding week's total of 272 726 tonnes and up 1.1% from the year-earlier level of 285 148 tonnes.

The cumulative total in 1987 was 14170761 tonnes, an increase of 4.4% from 13575019 tonnes for the same period in 1986.

Contact Gerry Barrett (613-951-3515), Industry Division.

#### Honey Products - Alberta

1987 (Preliminary Estimates)

Alberta beekeepers in 1987 numbered 1,680 with 193,000 colonies. The 1987 total Alberta honey production was 25,500,000 pounds, for an average yield of 132 pounds per colony. Preliminary value estimates for Alberta honey and wax are also available.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 1056.

Contact (613-951-8727), L. D. Kemp, Agriculture Division.

#### **Oilseed Crushings**

November 1987

Domestic crushings of vegetable oilseeds and the subsequent production of oil and meal for November 1987 were as follows:

- Canola-rapeseed: 158 728 tonnes of crushings, with 64 219 tonnes of oil and 90 733 tonnes of meal produced.
- Soybeans: 85 699 tonnes of crushings, with 15 024 tonnes of oil and 66 206 tonnes of meal produced.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5687.

Order the November 1987 issue of Cereals and Oilseeds Review (22-007, \$10/\$100), scheduled for release early in February. Contact A. Dupuis (613-951-3871), Agriculture Division.

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