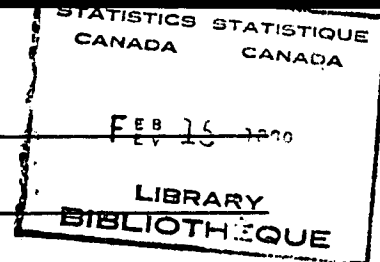


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RRSP Database, 1986

The 1986 RRSP database, now available, contains data on the number of taxfilers, those reporting RRSP contributions, the aggregate dollars contributed to RRSPs, the median total income and the age distribution of taxfilers for postal code areas in Canada.

The RRSP Package – available on either diskette or magnetic tape – can be purchased for all of Canada or by province.

Contact: Small Area and Administrative Data Division (613-951-9720).



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Housing Starts

December 1987

Highlights

Total (all areas)

- Although posting a 13.6% decrease from November, housing starts in December remained strong at a level of 210,000 units.
- In 1987, a total of 245,986 units were started, a 23.1% increase over the 199,785 units recorded in 1986. Both the single (+16.8%) and multi-family sectors (+32.7%) were responsible for this increase.

Urban Centres (of 10,000 population and over)

- Urban starts declined 15.8% in December, due to drops recorded in the single-family (-9.9%) and multi-family (-22.7%) dwelling sectors.
- On a regional basis, all regions except the Prairie region posted important declines in December.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 23, 24, 25, 29.

Order the December 1987 issue of *Housing Starts and Completions* (64-002, \$15/\$150), scheduled for release the third week of March, or contact P. Pichette (613-951-9689), Science, Technology and Capital Stock Division.

Railway Carloadings

10-day Period ending January 31, 1988

Highlights

- Revenue freight loaded by railways in Canada during the week totalled 6.2 million tonnes, a decrease of 1.3% from the previous year.
- Piggyback traffic increased 0.7% from the same period last year. The number of cars loaded decreased 4.8%.
- The tonnage of revenue freight loaded to date this year is 1.6% more than that loaded in the previous year.

	10-day Period Ending January 31, 1988	Year-to-date
Carload Traffic		
Tonnes	6 227 613	19 560 140
% change from previous year	-1.3	1.6
Cars	90,446	284,716
% change from previous year	-4.2	-1.0
Piggyback Traffic		
Tonnes	334 421	1 065 295
% change from previous year	0.7	7.7
Cars	11,256	35,572
% change from previous year	-4.8	-0.6

Note: Piggyback traffic includes trailers and containers on flat cars. The 1987 figures and the 1988 year-to-date figures have been revised. Piggyback traffic numbers are included in total carload traffic.

Contact Angus McLean (613-951-2484), Surface Transport Unit, Transportation Division.

Stocks of Frozen Poultry Products
February 1988

Preliminary cold storage of frozen poultry products at February 1, 1988 and revised figures for January 1, 1988 are now available.

For further information, order the December 1987 issue of *Production and Stocks of Eggs and Poultry* (23-003, \$11/\$110), scheduled for release March 1, or contact P. Beerstecher (613-951-2505), Agriculture Division.

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