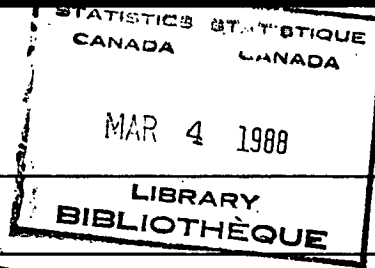


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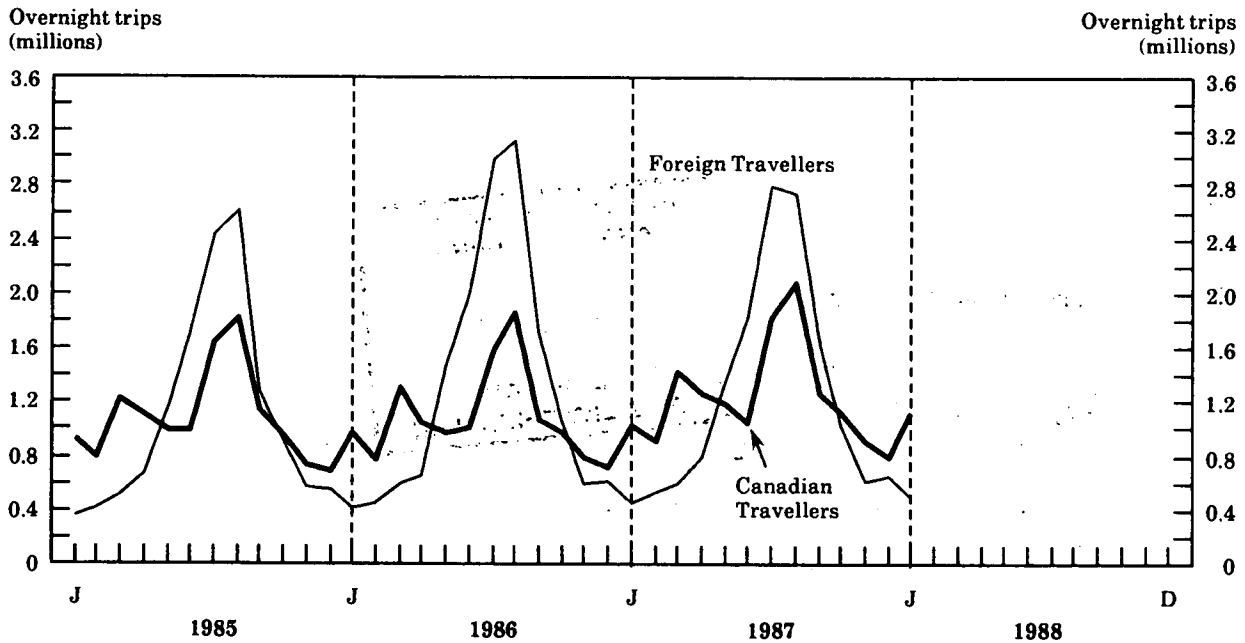
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## Major Releases

## International Travel Flows



## Travel Between Canada and Other Countries

January 1988

## Overnight Travel

Preliminary estimates show that Canadian residents took over 336,100 trips of one or more nights to countries other than the United States in January 1988. This total represented an increase of over 12% from the same month last year and the fifteenth consecutive month of record volumes.

With regard to residents of countries other than the United States, over 79,000 visits were registered in January, up 15% from last year. This represented the twenty-first consecutive month of record volumes in "off-shore" visits to Canada.

## Highlights

- During January 1988, residents of the United States also entered Canada in

unprecedented numbers - reaching 417,900 - up 7% from the year-earlier volume.

- Overnight trips to the United States by Canadian residents numbered 784,400 – up 8% from January 1987 and the highest level recorded since 1972, the year present statistical methodologies were introduced.

### Total Travel

**Total international trips to all foreign destinations by Canadian residents reached 3.5 million during the month, 19% above last year. Trips to the United States by Canadian residents totalled 3.2 million while trips to all other countries numbered 336,100.**

- **Total trips to Canada by United States residents increased by 8% from January 1987 to 1.9 million.**

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- Total trips to Canada by residents of countries other than the United States rose 15% to 85,800.

The accompanying table shows traveller entries and re-entries for January 1988 covering total and long-term traffic as well as percentage changes from 1987.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 2661-2694.

The January 1988 issue of *International Travel - Advance Information* (66-001P, \$5.50/\$55) will be available mid-March. See "How to Order Publications".

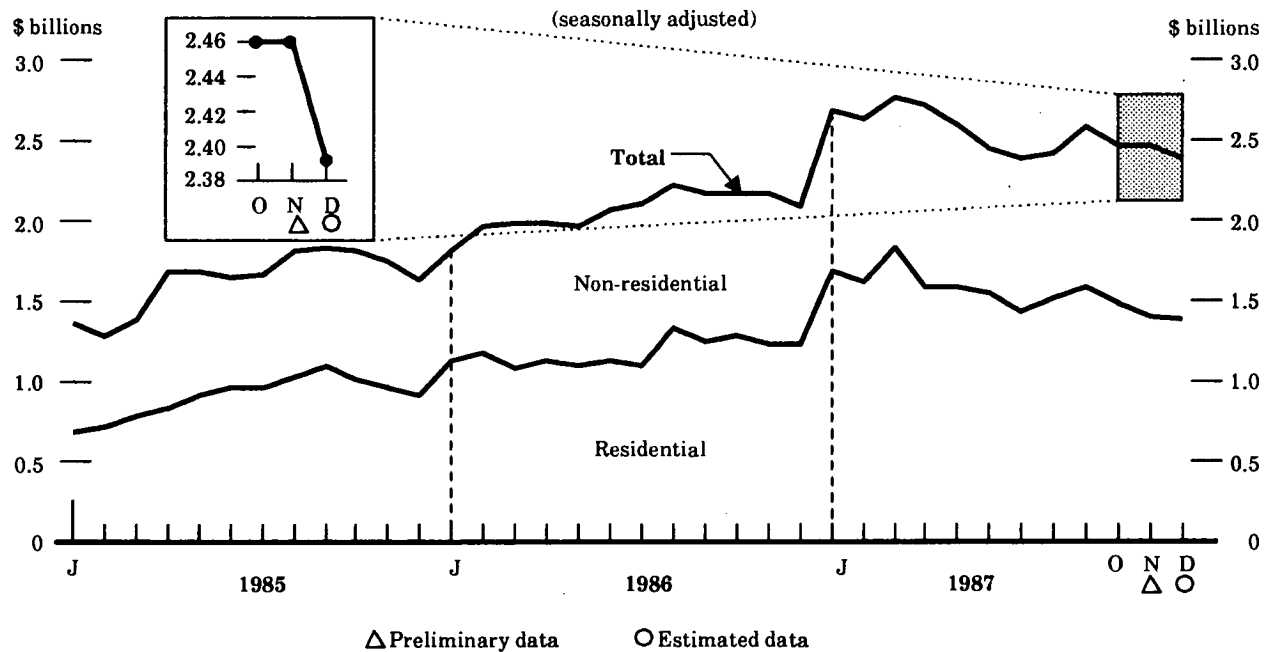
For more information on this release, contact Paul L. Paradis (613-951-8933), International Travel Section, Education, Culture and Tourism Division.

### International Travel Between Canada and Other Countries January 1988

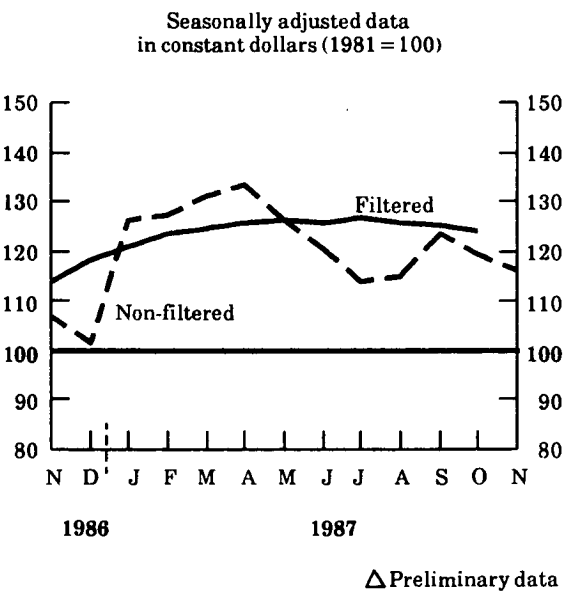
Residence of Travellers	Total trips		Overnight trips <sup>1</sup>	
	January		January	
	Number 1988	% Change From '87	Number 1988	% Change From '87
<b>Non-residents</b>				
All countries	1,949,000	8.6	496,900	8.4
United States	1,863,200	8.3	417,900	7.2
Other countries	85,800	14.9	79,000	15.3
<b>Residents of Canada</b>				
All countries	3,505,700	19.0	1,120,500	8.9
United States	3,169,600	19.7	784,400	7.6
Other countries	336,100	12.2	336,100	12.2

<sup>1</sup> Figures for the "United States" include auto and bus one or more nights, and estimated long-term numbers for plane, train, boat and other methods. Figures for "Other Countries" exclude entries by land same day via the U.S.A.

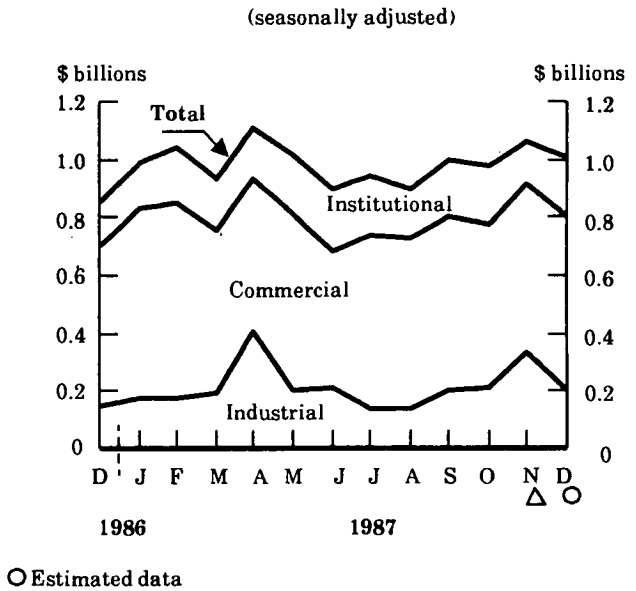
**Chart 1**  
**Value of Building Permits Issued in Canada**



**Chart 2**  
**Filtered and Non-filtered Indexes of Building Permits Issued, Canada**



**Chart 3**  
**Value of Non-residential Permits Issued in Canada**



## Building Permits

December 1987

(Seasonally adjusted data and construction leading indicator)

### Summary

The estimated value of building permits issued in Canada in December declined 3.2% from November to \$2,386.4 million. This decrease was attributable to both the non-residential sector (-4.8%) and to a lesser extent the residential sector (-1.9%).

Construction activity, as reflected by the construction leading indicator, slipped 0.6% to 124.2 in October.

### Residential Sector

- The estimated value of residential building permits decreased 1.9% in December to \$1,378.2 million from \$1,405.1 million in November.
- The multi-family dwelling sector was responsible for this decline with an 11.2% drop to \$393.9 million; the single-family dwelling sector registered a gain (2.4%) to reach \$984.3 million.
- The number of dwellings authorized in December totalled 190,600 units at an annual rate (108,800 single-detached and 81,800 multiple dwellings), an 8.6% drop from 208,500 units registered in November.
- Ontario was the only region to record appreciable gains in the number of dwelling units while all other regions registered losses in December.
- The filtered index of residential building permits dropped 1.2% in October to 144.1 compared to 145.9 in September.

### Non-residential Sector

- The estimated value of non-residential permits in December fell to \$1,008.2 million, down 4.8% from \$1,059.1 million in November.
- Gains were recorded in both the governmental (+33.4% to \$199.9 million) and the commercial sector (+4.0% to

\$603.9 million). The industrial component registered a sharp drop of 37.8% to \$204.4 million in December.

- On a regional basis, the Atlantic region, Ontario and British Columbia recorded increases in non-residential value while Quebec and the Prairies recorded losses.
- The non-residential filtered index rose slightly (0.1%) to 103.2 in October.

### Summary for 1987

- Preliminary data for 1987 showed that the construction sector continued to strengthen, up 23.5% to \$30.5 billion (\$22.7 billion in 1981 constant dollars) compared to \$24.7 billion in 1986. The residential sector rose 31.2% to \$18.6 billion (\$13.7 billion in 1981 constant dollar) due to a strong activity in the multi-family dwelling sector. The non-residential sector gained 13.3% in 1987 to \$11.9 billion (\$9.0 billion in 1981 constant dollars); the increase was mostly attributable to strong activity in the industrial and commercial sectors.

### Note to Users:

The leading indicator is a short-term investment anticipator for the construction sector. It is based on the value of building permits issued and comprises the following stages: deflating (1981=100), seasonal adjustment and filtering to get a trend-cycle.

In order to reduce the number of false signals in the construction activity series, the leading indicator is lagged two months in relation to the month of reference.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 80 (levels 3, 5, 9-15) and 129, 137, 443, 989-991, 994, 995 and 4073.

The November 1987 issue of *Building Permits* (64-001, \$20/\$200) is scheduled for release the fourth week of March. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Francine Monette (613-951-2583), Science, Technology and Capital Stock Division.

## Data Availability Announcements

### Railway Carloadings

Seven-day Period Ending February 21, 1988

#### Highlights

- Revenue freight loaded by railways in Canada during the week totalled 4.6 million tonnes, a decrease of 6.4% from the previous year.
- Piggyback traffic increased 1.8% from the same period last year while the number of cars loaded decreased 4.0%.
- The tonnage of revenue freight loaded to date this year is 0.1% less than that loaded in the previous year.

	Seven-day Period ending February 21, 1988	Year-to-date
<b>Carload Traffic</b>		
Tonnes	4 623 935	33 498 043
% change from previous year	-6.4	-0.1
Cars	68,434	490,683
% change from previous year	-7.4	-2.3
<b>Piggyback Traffic</b>		
Tonnes	260 505	1 852 129
% change from previous year	1.8	6.3
Cars	8,793	62,058
% change from previous year	-4.0	-1.2

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.

For more detailed information on this release, contact Angus McLean (613-951-2484), Surface Transport Unit, Transportation Division.

### Surface and Marine Transport Service Bulletin

July and August 1987

This service bulletin presents railway financial operating statistics for July 1987 and intercity bus and urban transit statistics for August 1987. Also included are data on performance measures for specialized for-hire trucking carriers in 1985.

#### Highlights

- In August 1987, 19 passenger bus carriers earned \$24.6 million, a 12.5% increase from July 1987.
- A comparison of figures for January to August 1987 with previous year-to-date figures shows 68 urban transit systems posted a drop of 2.0% or 19 million passengers.
- Canada's seven major railways reported a combined net income of \$15.7 million in July 1987. Operating revenues of \$632.2 million were up \$35.5 million from the July 1986 figure.
- Selected performance measures on 146 single commodity for-hire carriers reveal that these firms have an operating ratio of .936; this compares with .956 for the total industry. Within this study the trucking firms that haul food, feed, beverages and tobacco were the most financially efficient in the transportation of goods, with an operating ratio of .903.

The Vol. 4, No. 2 issue of the *Surface and Marine Transport Service Bulletin* (50-002, \$8.50/\$85) will be released the first week of March. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Doug Chapman (613-951-2517), Transportation Division.

## **Tobacco Products**

January 1988

Canadian tobacco product firms produced 4,649,607,000 cigarettes in January 1988, a 7.1% decrease from the 5,002,673,000 cigarettes manufactured during the same period in 1987.

Domestic sales in January 1988 totalled 2,593,993,000 cigarettes, a decrease of 2.3% from the January 1987 amount of 2,656,111,000 cigarettes.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 46.

The January 1988 issue of *Production and Disposition of Tobacco Products* (32-022, \$4.50/\$45) is scheduled to be released the week of March 14. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Brian Preston (613-951-3511), Industry Division.

## **Wool Production and Supply**

1987

Wool production in Canada in 1987 was estimated at 1,143,500 kilograms, virtually unchanged from the 1986 level of 1,142,600 kilograms. Imports of wool, at 13,348,000 kilograms, decreased by 11% from 1986 while exports rose 2% to stand at 955,000 kilograms.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 1184-1186.

Print-outs on wool production and supply for 1987 are now available (\$15).

For more detailed information on this release, contact B. Rosien (613-951-2509), Agriculture Division.

## **Steel Ingots**

Week Ending February 27, 1988

Preliminary estimates indicate that Canadian steel ingot production for the week ending February 27, 1988 totalled 288 514 tonnes, an

increase of 0.8% from the preceding week's total of 286 154 tonnes but down 3.1% from the year-earlier level of 297 709 tonnes.

The cumulative total in 1988 was 2 390 342 tonnes, an increase of 0.8% from 2 371 046 tonnes for the same period in 1987.

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

## **Ontario Fruit**

1981-86

Value for Ontario processing and commercial fruit for 1981-86 have been revised to remove any marketing board fees.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 1397-1399, 1401-1403, 5594, 5596, 5598, 5600, 5602 and 5604.

For more detailed information on this release, contact L. Kemp (613-951-8727), Agriculture Division.

## **Primary Glass and Glass Containers Industry**

1986 Census of Manufactures

In 1986, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the primary glass and glass containers industry (SIC 3561) totalled \$736.9 million, up 0.8% from \$731.3 million in 1985.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 6856.

This information will be available shortly in *Primary Glass and Glass Containers Industry* (44-250B 3561, \$4/\$5). See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Sharon Boyer (613-951-3520), Industry Division.

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## Publications Released

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**Employment, Earnings and Hours,**  
November 1987. **Catalogue number 72-002**  
(Canada: \$38.50/\$385; Other Countries:  
\$40.50/\$405).

**Profiles – Census Tracts, Kingston: Part 1,**  
1986 Census. **Catalogue number 95-119**  
(Canada: \$20; Other Countries: \$21).

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7	New Housing Price Index	January 1988
7-8	Canadian Composite Leading Indicator	December 1987
7-8	Financial Activity in Canada	Fourth Quarter 1987
9	Private and Public Investment	Intentions 1988
9	Department Store Sales by Province and Metropolitan Area	January 1988
10	New Motor Vehicle Sales	January 1988
10	Help-wanted Index	February 1988
10	Farm Product Price Index	January 1988
10	Estimates of Labour Income	December 1987
11	Labour Force Survey	February 1988

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