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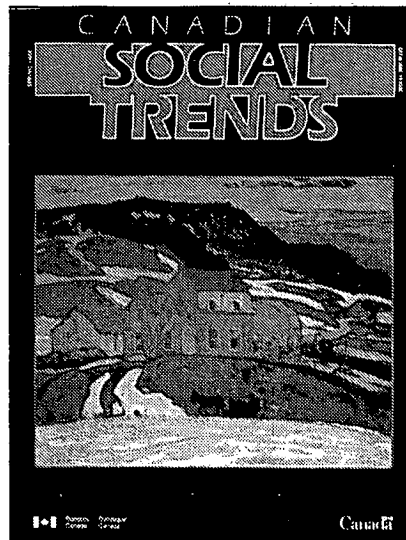
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Canadian Social Trends, Spring 1988

According to the Spring 1988 edition of *Canadian Social Trends*, results from the 1986 Census show continuing shifts in the marital status of Canadians since the last count in 1981. The fast-growing divorced population increased 38% from 500,000 in 1981 to 690,000. Increases in the separated and widowed populations were smaller: the number in the separated category rose 10% from 470,000 to 518,000, and the number of widows and widowers rose by 8%, from 1.16 million to 1.25 million. The slowest-growing marital category was the single (never married) group, whose numbers rose just 3.2% from 5.3 million to 5.4 million. The increase in the number of married people was not much greater: a 4.8% rise from 11.5 million to 12.0 million.



This edition also features articles on therapeutic abortion in Canada, job displacement, unionization, wife abuse, the help-wanted index, and passenger traffic on commercial air services.

Copies of Statistics Canada's flagship publication (11-008E, \$8/\$32) are now available from Publication Sales (613-951-7276). Due to overwhelming support for *Canadian Social Trends*, a reduced price is now being offered to readers.



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Chart 1
Value of Building Permits Issued in Canada

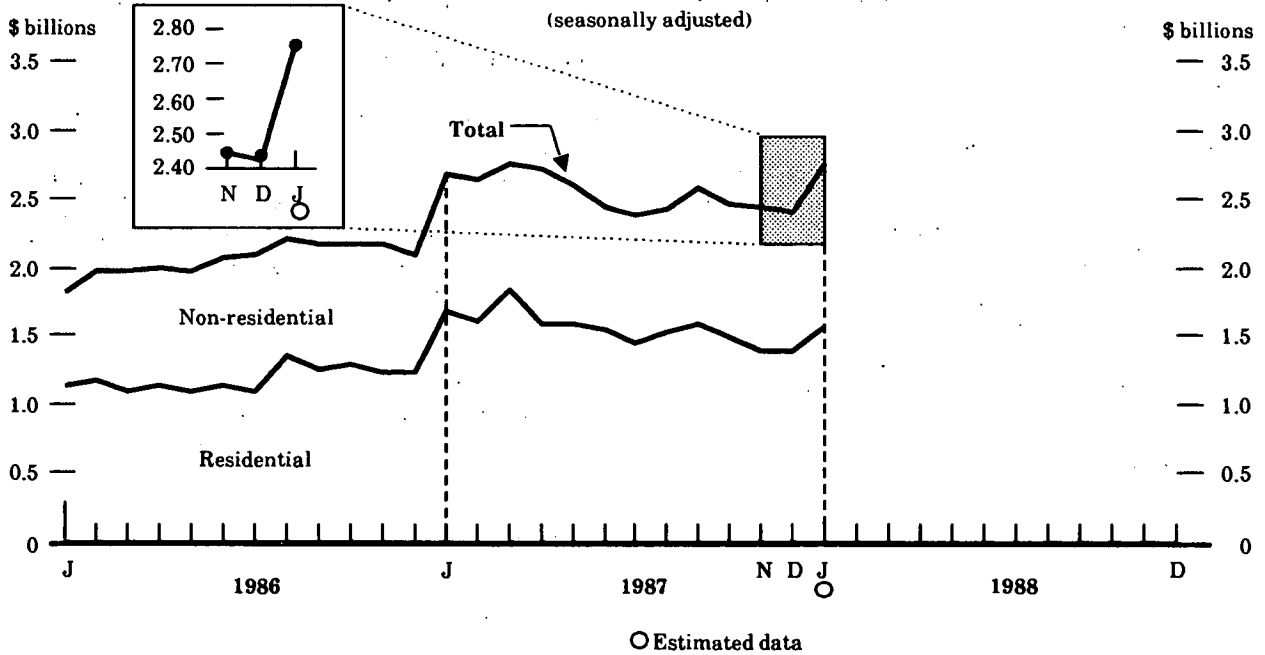


Chart 2
Dwelling Units Authorized in Canada

(seasonally adjusted at annual rates)

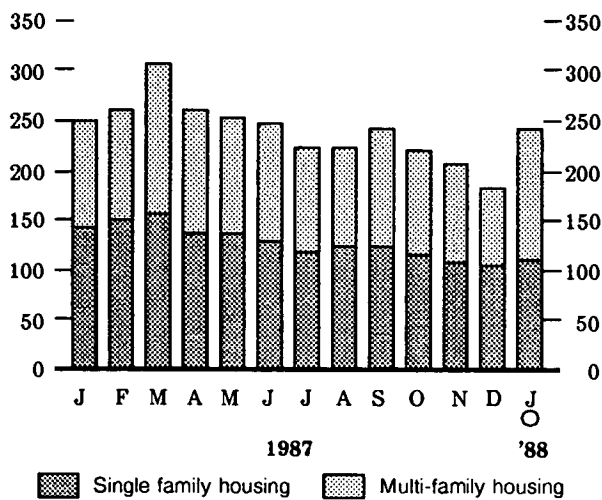
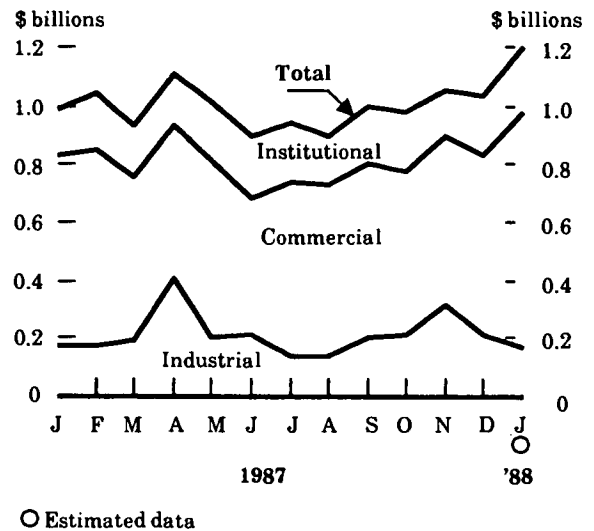


Chart 3
Value of Non-residential Permits Issued in Canada

(seasonally adjusted)



Building Permits

January 1988

(Seasonally adjusted data and construction filtered index)

Summary

The estimated value of building permits issued in Canada in January reached \$2,759.0 million, up 14.5% from \$2,409.4 million in December. This increase was attributable to both the residential and the non-residential sectors.

Residential Sector

- The estimated value of residential building permits increased 12.6% in January to \$1,556.6 million from \$1,382.8 million in December.
- The multi-family dwelling sector was responsible for this advance with a 47% rise to \$631.1 million; the single-family dwelling sector registered a slight drop (3.0%) to \$925.5 million.
- The number of dwellings authorized in January totalled 242,900 units at an annual rate (110,800 single-detached and 132,100 multiple dwellings), a 30.7% rise from 185,900 units registered in December.
- All regions except Ontario and the Prairies recorded gains in the number of dwelling units in January.

Non-residential Sector

- The estimated value of non-residential permits was \$1,202.4 million in January, up 17.2% from \$1,026.2 million in December.
- Gains were recorded in both the commercial (+31.6% to \$814.1 million) and the governmental (+10.6% to \$220.0 million) sectors in January. The industrial component registered a sharp drop of 19.4% to \$168.3 million.

- On a regional basis, Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia recorded increases in non-residential value while the Prairies and the Atlantic regions recorded losses.

Short-term Trend

- The short-term trend of construction (excluding engineering projects), as reflected by the filtered index of building permits, remained almost unchanged (+0.1%) at 122.9 in November. The revised indexes of August, September and October are now at the following levels: 123.2, 122.8 and 122.8.

- The filtered indexes of residential and non-residential permits gained 0.8% to 140.3 and 1.4% to 104.7 respectively in November.

Note to Users:

The short-term trend as shown by the filtered index is an investment anticipator in the construction sector for the forthcoming months. It is based on the value of the building permits issued and comprises the following stages: deflating (1981=100), seasonal adjustment and filtering (using the 23-month Henderson moving average method) to produce 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: matrix 80 (level 3, 5, 9 to 15) and 129, 137, 443, 989-991, 994, 995 and 4073.

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

More detailed information on this release is available from Francine Monette (613-951-2583), Science, Technology and Capital Stock Division.

Data Availability Announcements

Department Store Sales by Province and Metropolitan Area

February 1988

- Department stores in Canada reported sales totalling \$715 million in February 1988, down 0.9% from the February 1987 level of \$721 million. Adjusted to remove the effect of the sale of Woodward Stores Ltd.'s food department, sales rose 4.9% over the February 1987 level.
- Cumulative sales for the period January to February 1988 totalled \$1,445 million, down 3.2% from the corresponding period in 1987. Adjusted sales were up 2.1% over the 1987 period.
- Department store sales during February 1988, for the provinces and the 10 metropolitan areas surveyed, were as follows (with the percentage change from February 1987 in parentheses):

Province

- Newfoundland, \$7.7 million (7.4%);
- Prince Edward Island, \$4.6 million (8.8%);
- Nova Scotia, \$22.5 million (5.2%);
- New Brunswick, \$14.6 million (7.7%);
- Quebec, \$133.8 million (1.1%);
- Ontario, \$292.5 million (5.5%);
- Manitoba, \$31.3 million (-6.1%);
- Saskatchewan, \$22.0 million (0.9%);
- Alberta, \$85.1 million (-10.7%);
- British Columbia, \$100.9 million (-12.1%).

Metropolitan Area

- Calgary, \$35.7 million (-1.3%);
- Edmonton, \$35.6 million (-14.9%);
- Halifax-Dartmouth, \$12.7 million (3.5%);
- Hamilton, \$21.9 million (15.0%);
- Montreal, \$78.4 million (-0.8%);
- Ottawa-Hull, \$33.4 million (9.4%);
- Quebec City, \$17.6 million (1.9%);
- Toronto, \$122.8 million (6.3%);
- Vancouver, \$59.6 million (-13.7%);
- Winnipeg, \$28.7 million (-4.7%).

Note to Users:

Users should note that the year-over-year movements for some provinces and census metropolitan areas have been affected by major structural changes during 1987, including the sale of Woodward Stores Ltd.'s food department to Canada Safeway Ltd. The adjusted provincial percentage changes in February were as follows: Alberta (+7.2%) and British Columbia (+10.5%). The confidentiality provisions of the Statistics Act preclude releasing adjusted movements for Calgary, Edmonton and Vancouver.

Information on department store sales and stocks by department will be released in *The Daily* during the week of April 18.

The February 1988 issue of *Department Store Monthly Sales, by Province and Selected Metropolitan Area* (63-004, \$2/\$20) will be available the fourth week of April.

For further detailed information on this release, contact Colleen Loggie (613-951-3548), Retail Trade Section, Industry Division.

Deliveries of Major Grains

February 1988

Producer deliveries of major grains by Prairie farmers during February 1988 were as follows (in thousand tonnes):

• Wheat (excluding durum)	972.2
• Durum wheat	113.6
• Total wheat	1 085.8
• Oats	42.6
• Barley	346.8
• Rye	30.4
• Flaxseed	31.9
• Canola (rapeseed)	256.3

Available on CANSIM: matrices 976-981.

The February 1988 issue of *Cereals and Oilseeds Review* (22-007, \$11.50/\$115) is scheduled for release in early May. See "How to Order Publications".

For further detailed information on this release, contact Anthony Dupuis (613-951-3871), Agriculture Division.

Hospital Statistics

1985-86

Hospital statistics from the *Annual Return of Hospitals* are now available for the 1985-86 reporting year in advance of the publication. This data base is comprised of a wide range of data elements relating to hospital utilization and expenditures. The data are compiled by province and hospital type and size.

The publications *Hospital Annual Statistics* (catalogue 83-232) and *Annual Return of Hospitals* (catalogue 83-233) are to be replaced by a six-volume report which can be purchased as a package or by individual volume. The report is to be titled *Annual Return of Hospitals* with tentative volume subtitles (proposed release dates in brackets) that include:

- Beds and Patient Movement (Aug. '88)
- Ambulatory Care (Sept. '88)
- Diagnostic and Therapeutic Services (Oct. '88)
- Administrative and Support Services (Nov. '88)
- Personnel (Dec. '88)
- Expenditures and Income (Jan. '89)

For more information contact W. Neil Palmer, Health Care Section, Health Division (613-951-8570). Data requests may be directed to the Information Production Section, Health Division (613-951-8552) or by contacting the nearest regional reference centre of Statistics Canada.

Production of Eggs

February 1988

Canadian egg production increased by 3.5% to 39.6 million dozen in February 1988 from 38.3 million a year earlier. The average number of layers increased by 0.1% from February 1987 to 1988, while the number of eggs per 100 layers increased from 1,945 to 2,012.

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

The February 1988 issue of *Production and Stocks of Eggs and Poultry* (23-003, \$11/\$110) is scheduled for release on May 3.

For further detailed information on this release contact Robert Koroluk (613-951-2549), Agriculture Division.

The Dairy Review

February 1988

In February 1988, creamery butter production in Canada totalled 7 981 tonnes, an increase of 15.3% compared to February 1987. The February 1988 production of cheddar cheese in Canada amounted to 8 563 tonnes, a decrease of 6.1% compared to February 1987.

An estimated 600 714 kilolitres of milk were sold off Canadian farms for all purposes in January 1988, an increase of approximately 0.3% over January 1987.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 5632-5638, 5650-5661, 5664-5667, 5673.

The February 1988 issue of *The Dairy Review* (23-001, \$11/\$110) is scheduled for release on April 29.

For further detailed information on this release, contact David Burroughs (613-951-2550), Agriculture Division.

Shipments of Rolled Steel

February 1988

Rolled steel shipments for February 1988 totalled 1 057 058 tonnes, a decrease of 4.0% from the preceding month's total of 1 100 997 tonnes but an increase of 4.5% from the year-earlier level of 1 011 335^r tonnes.

Year-to-date shipments totalled 2 158 055 tonnes, an increase of 5.0% compared to 2 054 793^r tonnes the previous year.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 58 and 122 (series 22-25).

The February 1988 issue of *Primary Iron and Steel* (41-001, \$4.50/\$45) will be released the week of May 2.

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

Process Cheese and Instant Skim Milk Powder

February 1988

Production of process cheese in February 1988 totalled 6 947 019 kilograms, an increase of 52.1% from January 1988 but a decrease of 12.2% from February 1987. The 1988 year-to-date production totalled 11 514 334 kilograms, compared to the corresponding 1987 amount of 13 082 954 kilograms.

Total production of instant skim milk powder during the month was 363 844 kilograms, a decrease of 4.7% from January 1988 but an increase of 12.2% from February 1987. Cumulative year-to-date production totalled 745 823 kilograms, compared to the 829 397 kilograms reported for the corresponding period in 1987.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 188 (series 1.10).

The February 1988 issue of *Production and Inventories of Process Cheese and Instant Skim Milk Powder* (32-024, \$4.50/\$45) will be released the week of April 11.

Contact: Brian Preston (613-951-3511), Industry Division.

Oils and Fats

January 1988

Production by Canadian manufacturers of all types of deodorized oils in January 1988 totalled 46 664 tonnes, an increase of 10.0% from the 42 413^r tonnes produced in December 1987.

Manufacturers' packaged sales of shortening totalled 6 711 tonnes in January 1988, down from the 8 530^r tonnes sold the previous month.

Sales of packaged salad oil decreased to 5 114 tonnes in January 1988 from 9 716^r tonnes in December 1987.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 184.

The January 1988 issue of *Oils and Fats* (32-006, \$4.50/\$45) will be released the week of April 8.

Contact: Brian Preston (613-951-3511), Industry Division.

Steel Ingots

Week Ended April 9, 1988

Preliminary estimates indicate that Canadian steel ingot production for the week ending April 9, 1988 totalled 282 297 tonnes, a decrease of 4.2% from the preceding week's total of 294 510 tonnes and down 4.0% from the year-earlier level of 294 059 tonnes.

The cumulative total in 1988 was 4 117 924 tonnes, an increase of 0.1% from 4 115 283 tonnes for the same period in 1987.

Further information is available from Gerry Barrett (613-951-3515), Industry Division.

Phonograph Records and Pre-recorded Tapes

February 1988

Canadian manufacturers produced 3,606,413 phonograph records in February 1988, down 5.2% from the 3,803,905^r produced a year earlier. Production of tapes decreased to 3,583,832 in February 1988, down 6.1% from 3,816,061 tapes in February 1987.

Year-to-date production of phonograph records amounted to 6,602,560^r, down 7.5% from the 7,140,224^r records produced during the January to February 1987 period. Cumulative production of tapes decreased 2.9% to 6,863,666^r from 7,069,749 tapes during the same period in 1987.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 2904.

The February 1988 issue of Production and Sales of Phonograph Records and Pre-recorded Tapes in Canada (47-004, \$4.50/\$45) will be released the week of April 22.

Contact: Danielle Côté (613-951-3521), Industry Division.

Footwear Statistics

February 1988

Canadian manufacturers produced 2,894,787 pairs of footwear in February 1988, a decrease of 11.7% from the 3,278,476^r pairs produced a year earlier.

Year-to-date production for January to February 1988 totalled 5,438,604 pairs of footwear, down 13.2% from 6,268,306^r pairs produced during the same period in 1987.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 8.

The February issue of Footwear Statistics (33-002, \$4.50/\$45) will be released the week of April 15.

Contact: Carla Mouradian (613-951-3510), Industry Division.

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