

# The Daily

Statistics Canada

Thursday, June 2, 1988

JUN 2 1988

LIBRARY  
BIBLIOTHÈQUE

## Major Release

### Drug Offences in Canada, 1962-1987

2

- Narcotic Control Act offences known to police increased 9% between 1986 and 1987.

## Data Availability Announcements

Steel Ingots, Week Ending May 28, 1988

4

Railway Carloadings, April 1988

4

Electric Storage Batteries, April 1988

4

## Publications Released

5



Statistics  
Canada

Statistique  
Canada

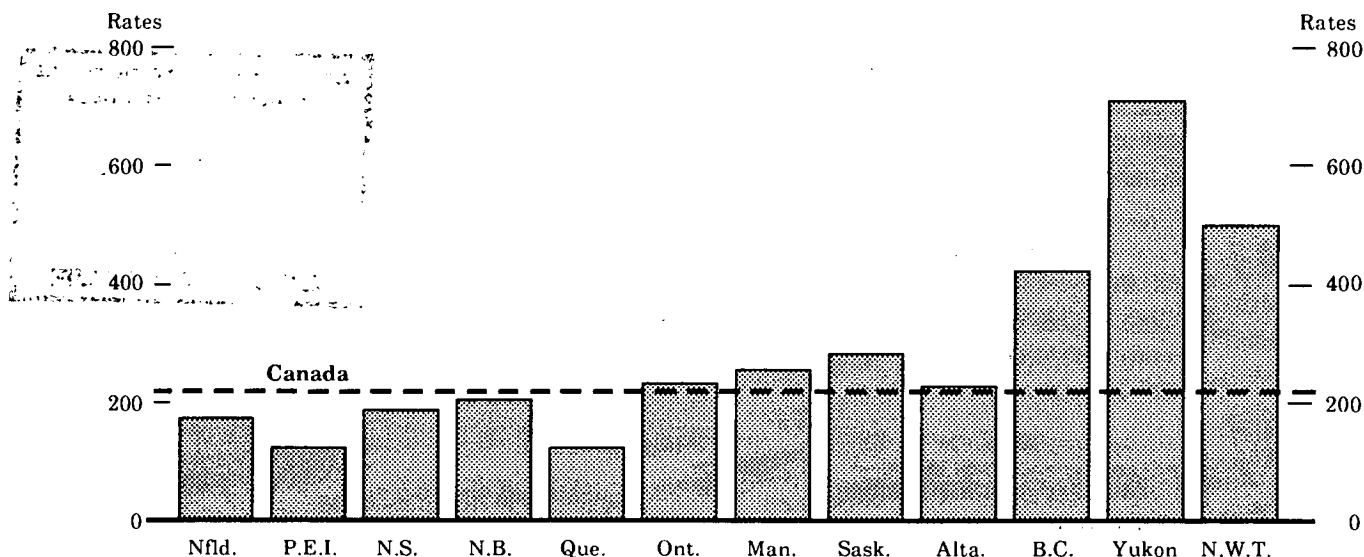
Canada

---

## Major Release

---

### Narcotic Control Act Offences Known to the Police, Rates per 100,000 Population, Canada and the Provinces, 1987<sup>P</sup>



<sup>P</sup> Preliminary figures.

### Drug Offences in Canada 1962-1987

#### Narcotic Control Act

Narcotic Control Act offences known to the police increased 9% between 1986 and 1987 from 208 to 227 per 100,000 population. Between 1981 and 1986, drug offences declined 28%. This followed an overall increase between 1962 (4 offences per 100,000) and 1981 (291).

#### Highlights:

- Rates of NCA offences were higher in the western provinces and territories than in the eastern provinces. In 1987, the highest rates occurred in the Yukon (713) and the Northwest Territories (500), followed by British Columbia (426) and Saskatchewan (283). Provinces with the lowest rates were Quebec (125), Prince Edward Island (126), Newfoundland (173) and Nova Scotia (190).

- Alberta, the territories and the maritime provinces all showed declines in the rate of NCA offences recorded during the 1980s. The remaining provinces showed increases.
- Among selected cities, the highest rates in 1987 were in Victoria (642) and Vancouver (559) while the lowest rate was in Charlottetown (57).
- According to national population surveys, cannabis use among Canadians has declined in recent years. Rates of cannabis offences known to the police declined 40% between 1980 and 1986 before increasing 4% in 1987. Cannabis offences make up a declining majority of NCA offences; in 1976, 96% of NCA offences involved cannabis, falling to 83% in 1980 and 74% in 1987.

(continued on page 3)

- Surveys suggest that cocaine use among the adult population has increased. Rates of cocaine offences known to the police increased eightfold between 1977 and 1987. As a proportion of all NCA offences, cocaine offences during this period increased from 1% to 14% of the total.
- According to surveys, heroin use among Canadians has remained unchanged in recent years. However, rates of heroin offences known to the police declined 42% over the last decade (1978-87). As a percentage of all NCA offences, heroin offences dropped from 3% to 1% during this period.

#### Highlights:

- The Yukon reported the highest rate of FDA offences in 1987 (46), followed by Manitoba (27), British Columbia (21) and Saskatchewan (21). The lowest rates were recorded in Quebec (4), Newfoundland (9) and Ontario (12).
- The rate of FDA offences in 1987 in selected cities varied from 0 per 100,000 population in Charlottetown to 44 in Fredericton.

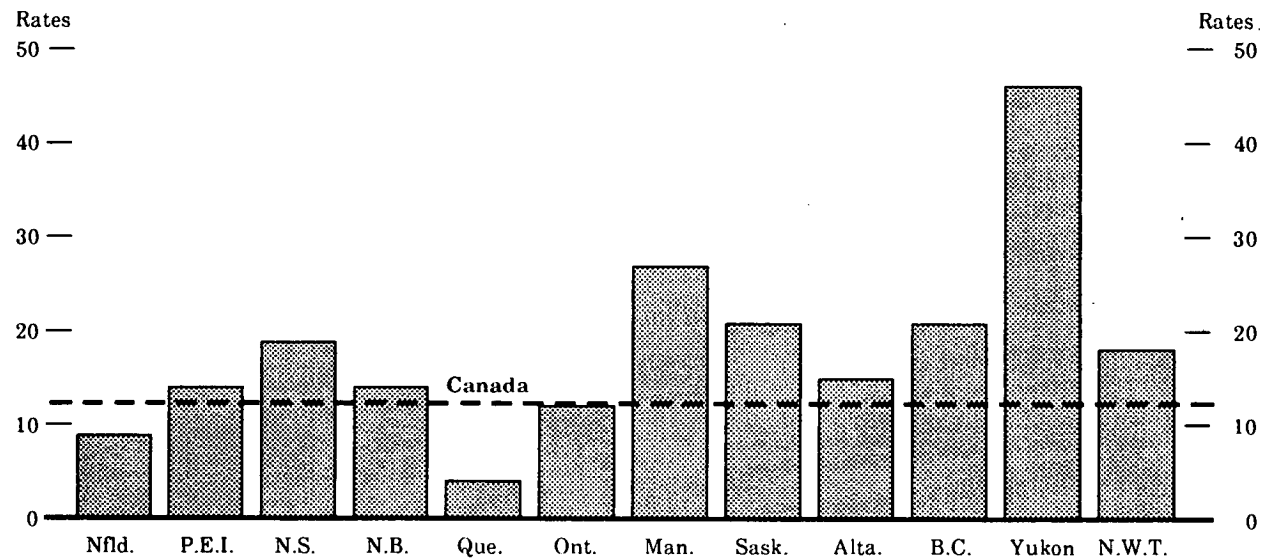
The Vol. 8, No. 2 issue of the *Juristat Bulletin, Drug Offences in Canada, 1962-1987* (85-002, \$3/\$15) is now available.

#### Food and Drugs Act

Food and Drugs Act offences known to the police increased 18% between 1986 and 1987 from 11 to 13 per 100,000 population. Rates increased steadily from 1 to 29 between 1962 and 1973 before fluctuating to 13 in 1987. The decline in the rate of FDA offences between 1980 and 1987 was 34%.

For more detailed information about this release, contact Joanne Lacroix (613-951-6643) or Sharon Longchamps (613-951-0152), Law Enforcement Program, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics.

#### Food and Drugs Act Offences Known to the Police, Rates per 100,000 Population, Canada and the Provinces, 1987<sup>P</sup>



<sup>P</sup> Preliminary figures.

---

## Data Availability Announcements

---

### Steel Ingots

Week Ending May 28, 1988

Preliminary estimates indicate that Canadian steel ingot production for the week ending May 28, 1988 totalled 293 912 tonnes, a decrease of 4.2% from the preceding week's total of 306 796 tonnes and down 2.6% from the year-earlier level of 301 774 tonnes.

The cumulative total in 1988 was 6 272 786 tonnes, an increase of 1.3% from 6 192 797 tonnes for the same period in 1987.

For more detailed information on this release, contact Gerry Barrett (613-951-3515), Industry Division.

### Railway Carloadings

April 1988

Revenue freight loaded by railways in Canada totalled 22.7 million tonnes in April 1988, an increase of 13.3% from the previous year. The carriers received an additional 1.1 million tonnes from United States connections, no increase or decrease from April 1987.

Total loadings in Canada for the year to date showed an increase of 5.7% from the 1987 period, while receipts from United States connections increased 1.7%.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 1431.

The April 1988 issue of *Railway Carloadings* (52-001, \$7.50/\$75) is scheduled to be released the third week of June. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, and for seasonally adjusted revenue freight loadings, contact Angus MacLean, (613-951-2484), Transportation Division.

### Electric Storage Batteries

April 1988

Canadian manufacturers of electric storage batteries sold 115 874 automotive replacement batteries in April 1988, an increase of 5.3% from the 110 092 batteries sold the same month a year earlier.

Cumulative sales amounted to 659 198 automotive replacement batteries from January to April 1988, up 17.0% from 563 644 for the same period in 1987.

Information on sales of other types of storage batteries is also available.

The April 1988 issue of *Factory Sales of Electric Storage Batteries* (43-005, \$4.50/\$45) will be released at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact J.P. Beauparlant (613-951-3526), Industry Division.

---

## Publications Released

---

**Production and Stocks of Eggs and Poultry, March 1988.**

**Catalogue number 23-003**

(Canada: \$11/\$110; Other Countries: \$12/\$120).

**Pulpwood and Wood Residue Statistics, March 1988. Catalogue number 25-001**

(Canada: \$5.50/\$55; Other Countries: \$6.50/\$65).

**Oils and Fats, February 1988.**

**Catalogue number 32-006**

(Canada: \$4.50/\$45; Other Countries: \$5.50/\$55).

**Primary Iron and Steel, January 1988.**

**Catalogue number 41-001**

(Canada: \$4.50/\$45; Other Countries: \$5.50/\$55).

**Primary Iron and Steel, February 1988.**

**Catalogue number 41-001**

(Canada: \$4.50/\$45; Other Countries: \$5.50/\$55).

**Refined Petroleum Products, February 1988. Catalogue number 45-004**

(Canada: \$16.50/\$165; Other Countries: \$17.50/\$175).

**Production and Sales of Phonograph Records and Pre-Recorded Tapes in Canada, March 1988.**

**Catalogue number 47-004**

(Canada: \$4.50/\$45; Other Countries: \$5.50/\$55).

**Imports by Country, January-December 1987. Catalogue number 65-006**

(Canada: \$75/\$300; Other Countries: \$85/\$340).

**Juristat Service Bulletin, Vol.8, No.2, Drug Offences in Canada, 1962-1987.**

**Catalogue number 85-002**

(Canada: \$3/\$15; Other Countries: \$4/\$20).

---

### How to Order Publications

*Statistics Canada publications may be purchased by mail order from Publication Sales, Room 1710, Main Building, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6 or phone 613-951-7276.*

*Please enclose cheque or money order payable to the Receiver General for Canada/Publications and provide full information on publications required (catalogue number, title, issue).*

*Publications may also be ordered through Statistics Canada's offices in St. John's, Halifax, Montreal, Ottawa, Sturgeon Falls, Toronto, Winnipeg, Regina, Edmonton, Calgary and Vancouver, or from authorized bookstore agents or other booksellers.*

*A national toll-free telephone order service is now in operation at Statistics Canada. The toll-free line (1-800-267-6677) can be used by Canadian customers for the ordering of Statistics Canada products and services.*

STATISTICS CANADA LIBRARY  
BIBLIOTHÈQUE STATISTIQUE CANADA



1010497357