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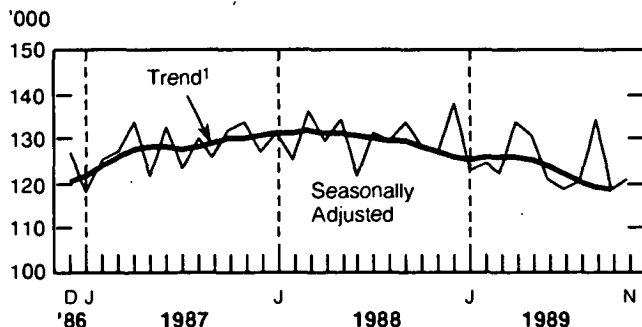
November 1989

Highlights

Seasonally Adjusted

- Adjusted for seasonal fluctuations and the number of trading days, preliminary estimates indicate that sales of all new motor vehicles totalled 121,000 units in November 1989, an increase of 2.2% over the revised October 1989 level. In November, higher sales were posted for both commercial vehicles (+4.4%) and passenger car sales (+1.1%).
- The 2.2% increase in November followed a sharp decline of 11.9% in October. New motor vehicles have experienced a generally downward trend in sales since the beginning of the year.
- On an origin basis, sales of North American passenger cars recorded an increase of 3.0% in November 1989 to 53,000 units, while sales of imported passenger cars decreased by 2.7% to 26,000 units. The November increase for North American passenger car sales followed a decline of 19.0%, whereas the decrease in imported passenger car sales followed a gain of 1.6%.

Monthly Sales of New Motor Vehicles, Canada, Seasonally Adjusted, in Units, 1986-1989



¹ The short-term trend represents a weighted average of the data.

Unadjusted

- Sales of all new motor vehicles totalled 113,000 units in November 1989, down 7.3% from the year-earlier level. Passenger car sales recorded a decline of 10.2%, while commercial vehicle sales decreased 1.4%.
- Unit sales of imported passenger cars increased 1.3% over the level in November 1988, as a gain in Japanese cars (+4.3%) more than offset a sales decline in imports from "other countries" (-7.2%). Sales of North American passenger cars decreased 15.1% from the year-earlier level.
- The Japanese share of the Canadian passenger car market rose to 25.4% in November 1989, from 21.9% a year earlier. The Japanese share grew mainly at the expense of North American manufacturers, as their market share declined to 66.4% from 70.2% in November 1988.
- Eight provinces registered lower unit sales of motor vehicles in November 1989 compared to November 1988. Gains were recorded in British Columbia (+7.0%) and Manitoba (+3.9%).
- For the first 11 months of 1989, total new motor vehicle sales decreased 4.4% from the same period last year, to 1,394,000 units. Sales of domestic passenger cars were down 6.3% to 634,000 units, while imported passenger car sales dropped 3.2% to 302,000 units. Commercial vehicle sales totalled 459,000 units during this period, down 2.6% from a year earlier.

Note to Users:

North American vehicles: Motor vehicles manufactured or assembled in North America. These vehicles may be built by domestic or foreign-owned companies.

Imported vehicles: Motor vehicles manufactured or assembled overseas and marketed in Canada by domestic or foreign-owned companies.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 64.

For further information on this release, contact Roger Laplante (613-951-3552), Retail Trade Section, Industry Division.

The November 1989 issue of *New Motor Vehicle Sales* (63-007, \$9/\$90) will be available the third week of March. See "How to Order Publications".

New Motor Vehicle Sales - Canada

November 1989

	Seasonally Adjusted			
	August 1989 ^r	September 1989 ^r	October 1989 ^r	November 1989 ^p
	Units % Change	Units % Change	Units % Change	Units % Change
Total New Motor Vehicles	119,952 + 1.2	134,002 + 11.7	118,096 -11.9	120,701 + 2.2
Passenger Cars by Origin:				
North America	53,987 + 0.7	63,208 + 17.1	51,190 -19.0	52,724 + 3.0
Overseas	27,292 + 7.8	26,200 -4.0	26,625 + 1.6	25,912 -2.7
Total	81,279 + 3.0	89,408 + 10.0	77,815 -13.0	78,636 + 1.1
Commercial Vehicle	38,672 -2.3	44,594 + 15.3	40,282 -9.7	42,065 + 4.4
	Unadjusted			
	November 1989	Change 1989/1988	January- November 1989	Change 1989/1988
	Units	%	Units	%
Total New Motor Vehicles	113,476	-7.3	1,394,267	-4.4
Passenger Cars by Origin:				
North America	48,716	-15.1	633,525	-6.3
Japan	18,662	+ 4.3	232,540	+ 1.2
Other Countries (Including South Korea)	5,997	-7.2	69,260	-15.5
Total	73,375	-10.2	935,325	-5.3
Commercial Vehicles by Origin:				
North America	33,558	-5.7	395,885	-7.0
Overseas	6,543	+ 28.3	63,057	+ 38.3
Total	40,101	-1.4	458,942	-2.6

^p Preliminary.

^r Revised.

Construction Union Wage Rate Index

November 1989

The Canada total Union Wage Rate Index (including supplements) for construction trades (1981 = 100) showed no change in November from October's figure of 157.3. On a year-over-year basis, the composite index increased 5.4%, to 157.3 from 149.3.

On a monthly basis, the composite indexes for Ottawa and London showed an increase of 0.1% each, as plasterers in both cities, and asbestos workers in Ottawa received increments in their existing wage packages.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 400-405, 956 and 958.

The fourth quarter 1989 issue of *Construction Price Statistics* (62-007, \$17.25/\$69) will be available in March. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, contact the Information and Current Analysis Unit (613-951-9607), Prices Division.

Construction Union Wage Rate Indexes, Basic Rate plus Supplements

November 1989
(1981 = 100)

	November 1989	October 1989	November 1988	% change	
				November 1989/ October 1989	November 1989/ November 1988
CANADA	157.3	157.3	149.3	-	5.4
St. John's	151.0	151.0	142.8	-	5.7
Halifax	174.8	174.8	167.4	-	4.4
Saint John	157.7	157.7	149.5	-	5.5
Quebec City	157.8	157.8	149.7	-	5.4
Chicoutimi	157.1	157.1	149.1	-	5.4
Montreal	157.4	157.4	149.4	-	5.4
Ottawa	164.7	164.5	156.4	0.1	5.3
Toronto	160.8	160.8	152.0	-	5.8
Hamilton	159.9	159.9	151.9	-	5.3
St. Catharines	161.8	161.8	153.9	-	5.1
Kitchener	166.9	166.9	158.3	-	5.4
London	164.4	164.2	156.3	0.1	5.2
Windsor	160.7	160.7	153.3	-	4.8
Sudbury	163.3	163.3	155.5	-	5.0
Thunder Bay	161.9	161.9	154.1	-	5.1
Winnipeg	144.1	144.1	140.6	-	2.5
Vancouver	147.8	147.8	140.2	-	5.4
Victoria	147.2	147.2	140.0	-	5.1

- Nil or zero.

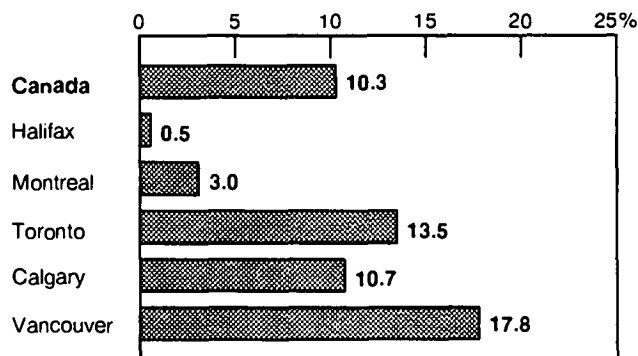
New Housing Price Index

November 1989

Price increases for most cities in Southwestern Ontario, Alberta and B.C. contributed to a 0.6% increase in the Canada Total New Housing Price Index in November 1989.

- The New Housing Price Index (1981=100) for Canada stood at 152.2 in November, up 0.6% over October 1989. Price gains in Vancouver (2.8%), Calgary (1.8%), Hamilton (1.5%), St. Catharines-Niagara (1.4%), Edmonton (1.2%) and Kitchener-Waterloo (1.0%) contributed to this monthly increase.
- Between October 1989 and November 1989, the estimated House Only Index increased by 0.3%, while the estimated Land Only Index increased by 1.2%.
- This index of Canadian housing contractors' selling prices now stands 10.3% higher than the year-earlier level.
- On a yearly basis, Vancouver (17.8%) and Toronto (13.5%) showed the largest price increases of all cities surveyed.

Percentage Change in New Housing Price Index from Same Month of the Previous Year, Canada and Selected Cities, November 1989



Available on CANSIM: matrix 198.

The fourth quarter 1989 issue of *Construction Price Statistics* (62-007, \$17.25/\$69) will be available in March. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, contact the Information and Current Analysis Unit (613-951-9607), Prices Division.

New Housing Price Indexes

1981 = 100

	November 1989	October 1989	November 1988	% change	
				November 1989/ October 1989	November 1989/ November 1988
Canada Total	152.2	151.3	138.0	0.6	10.3
Canada (House Only)	150.7	150.2	142.5	0.3	5.8
Canada (Land Only)	162.0	160.1	132.6	1.2	22.2
St. John's	125.4	125.4	117.5	-	6.7
Halifax	135.8	135.8	135.1	-	0.5
Saint John-Moncton-Fredericton	141.9	141.9	137.8	-	3.0
Quebec City	171.7	170.6	161.9	0.6	6.1
Montreal	174.3	173.5	169.2	0.5	3.0
Ottawa-Hull	158.0	157.0	149.3	0.6	5.8
Toronto	214.0	213.7	188.5	0.1	13.5
Hamilton	197.6	194.6	181.1	1.5	9.1
St. Catharines-Niagara	191.3	188.6	171.4	1.4	11.6
Kitchener-Waterloo	199.0	197.0	181.9	1.0	9.4
London	179.8	179.1	164.1	0.4	9.6
Windsor	141.3	141.3	128.6	-	9.9
Sudbury-Thunder Bay	141.3	141.5	136.9	-0.1	3.2
Winnipeg	135.6	135.6	135.8	-	-0.1
Regina	121.3	121.7	118.4	-0.3	2.4
Saskatoon	113.5	113.9	113.1	-0.4	0.4
Calgary	115.7	113.7	104.5	1.8	10.7
Edmonton	105.3	104.1	96.2	1.2	9.5
Vancouver	98.6	95.9	83.7	2.8	17.8
Victoria	83.8	83.5	74.8	0.4	12.0

¹ The survey has been discontinued in Prince George.

University Enrolment

1989-1990

Preliminary data for the fall of 1989 continue to reflect the growth trend that has dominated university enrolments for the last 11 years. Compared to 1988, 3% more full-time students were attending Canadian universities this fall, bringing the total to another record high of 515,000. The preliminary count of 311,500 part-time students represents an increase of almost 2% over the previous year.

University enrolment has continued to increase over the past decade, despite a decline in the population aged 18-24 years (declines of 1% to 3% annually since 1982). The decline in this population has contributed to an increased participation rate for the age group – from 10% to 13% in 1989. Another contributing factor to the rise in the participation rate of the 18-24 year old population is the increasing

proportion of individuals in this age group who attend university. Also of significance has been the increase in the number of older students attending university. In 1988, full-time students 30 years of age and over represented 10.5% of all full-time students, up from 8% in 1982.

Preliminary data on the number of students in universities by level and type of attendance are obtained before the regular annual survey of enrolments. These preliminary figures traditionally have been close estimates of final enrolment counts at the national level. However, differences between preliminary and final totals at the provincial level have occasionally been significant.

For further information, contact Madeleine Pageau (613-951-1538) or Mongi Mouelhi (613-951-1537), Postsecondary Education Section, Education, Culture and Tourism Division.

Preliminary Fall Enrolment in Canadian Universities, 1989-90, and Percentage Change from 1988-89

Level and Type of Attendance	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Canada	% Change
Undergraduate												
Full-time	11,550	2,350	23,850	15,200	103,300	181,550	17,850	19,650	43,400	34,150	452,850	3.0
Part-time	4,050	850	7,150	5,100	111,450	91,000	13,950	8,100	17,900	16,200	275,750	2.7
Graduate												
Full-time	750	--	2,450	800	19,050	23,750	2,250	1,450	5,300	6,450	62,250	4.0
Part-time	550	--	1,300	450	15,750	12,350	1,200	800	1,850	1,450	35,700	-5.1
Total Enrolment												
Full-time												
No.	12,300	2,350	26,300	16,000	122,350	205,300	20,100	21,100	48,700	40,600	515,100	3.2
% Change	7.5	7.9	4.4	2.1	3.0	2.1	1.7	4.0	5.3	5.2		
Part-time												
No.	4,600	850	8,450	5,550	127,200	103,350	15,150	8,900	19,750	17,650	311,450	1.7
% Change	-3.3	3.4	6.6	8.0	2.3	1.8	0.6	-3.6	1.6	-1.8		

-- Amount too small to be expressed.

Due to rounding, detail may not always add to total

DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Enrolment and Graduates of Community Colleges

1988

Data on full-time and part-time enrolment (1988-89) and graduates (1987-88 academic year) of postsecondary programs of community colleges and related institutions are now available for all provinces.

For further information on this release, contact T.M. Omiecinski (613-991-1525) or R. Lortie (613-991-1525), Postsecondary Education Section, Education, Culture and Tourism Division. ■

Road Motor Vehicles – Registrations

1988

Total road motor vehicle registrations, as reported by Canada's provincial and territorial governments for the 1987 licence year, were 16,336,261.

Passenger automobiles - the largest component of the total registrations - were 12,086,001. Truck and truck tractor registrations totalled 3,706,032.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 356, 359, 360, 363, 364, 367, 368, 371, 372, 375, 376, 379 and 380.

The 1987 issue of *Road Motor Vehicles – Registrations* (53-219, \$16/\$19) is scheduled for release towards the end of February. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, contact Angus MacLean (613-951-2484), Transportation Division. ■

Railway Carloadings

Seven-day Period Ending December 14, 1989

Revenue freight loaded by railways in Canada during the week totalled 5.0 million tonnes, a decrease of 0.3% from the same period last year.

Piggyback traffic increased 1.0% and the number of cars loaded increased 4.1% over the same period last year.

The tonnage of revenue freight loaded to date this year is 6.4% lower than that loaded in the previous year.

Note: Piggyback traffic includes trailers and containers on flat cars. Piggyback traffic numbers are included in total carload traffic. All 1988 figures and 1989 cumulative data have been revised.

For further information on this release, contact Angus MacLean (613-951-2484), Surface Transport Unit, Transportation Division. ■

Steel Primary Forms (Steel Ingots)

Week Ending December 30, 1989

Preliminary estimates indicate that Canadian steel primary forms production for the week ending December 30, 1989 totalled 194 318 tonnes, a decrease of 24.0% from the preceding week's total of 255 811 tonnes and down 14.0% from the year-earlier level of 226 028 tonnes. The cumulative total in 1989 was 15 299 475 tonnes, an increase of 4.4% over 14 659 815 tonnes for the same period in 1988.

For further information on this release, contact Greg Milsom (613-951-9827), Industry Division. ■

Sugar Sales

December 1989

Canadian sugar refiners reported total sales of 68 878 tonnes for all types of sugar in December 1989, comprising 63 550 tonnes in domestic sales and 5 328 tonnes in export sales. The 1989 year-to-date sales reported for all types of sugar totalled 963 787 tonnes: 912 737 tonnes in domestic sales and 51 050 tonnes in export sales.

This compares to total sales of 71 375 tonnes in December 1988, of which 64 724 tonnes were domestic sales and 6 651 tonnes were export sales. The 1988 year-to-date sales reported for all types of sugar totalled 962 030 tonnes: 911 078 tonnes in domestic sales and 50 952 tonnes in export sales.

The December 1989 issue of *The Sugar Situation* (32-013, \$4.70/\$47) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

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

Industrial Chemicals and Synthetic Resins

November 1989

Canadian chemical firms produced 109 996 tonnes of polyethylene synthetic resins in November 1989, a decrease of 9.6% from the 121 679 tonnes produced in November 1988.

January-to-November 1989 production totalled 1 166 467 tonnes, down 9.8% from 1 293 444 tonnes produced during the same period in 1988.

Data are also available on Canadian production of three other types of synthetic resins and 26 industrial chemicals for November 1989, November 1988 and corresponding cumulative figures.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 951.

The November 1989 issue of *Industrial Chemicals and Synthetic Resins* (46-002, \$5.30/\$53) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, contact Raj Sehdev (613-951-3513), Industry Division. ■

Specified Domestic Electrical Appliances

November 1989

Canadian electrical appliance manufacturers produced 114,994 kitchen appliances in November 1989, down 17.7% from the 139,658 appliances produced a year earlier.

Production of home comfort products totalled 42,682 in November 1989, a decrease of 14.7% from the previous year.

Year-to-date production of specified domestic electrical appliances amounted to 1,253,601 units. Corresponding data for the same period in 1988 amounted to 1,285,470 units.

The November 1989 issue of *Specified Domestic Electrical Appliances* (43-003, \$4.70/\$47) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

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

Notifiable Disease Summary

Four-week Periods Ending September 23, October 21 and November 18, 1989

Statistics and new cases of notifiable diseases for the four-week periods ending September 23, October 21 and November 18, 1989 are now available by sex and five-year age group for Canada and the provinces.

Available on CANSIM: cross-classified table 00050123.

For further information on this release, contact Beth Sander (613-951-1746), Canadian Centre for Health Information. ■

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Catalogue number 32-250

(Canada: \$41; Other Countries: \$49).

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Domestic Report, 1988.

Catalogue number 51-204

(Canada: \$36; Other Countries: \$43).

Exports by Commodity (H.S. Based), October 1989.

Catalogue number 65-004

(Canada: \$52.50/\$525; Other Countries: \$63/\$630).

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