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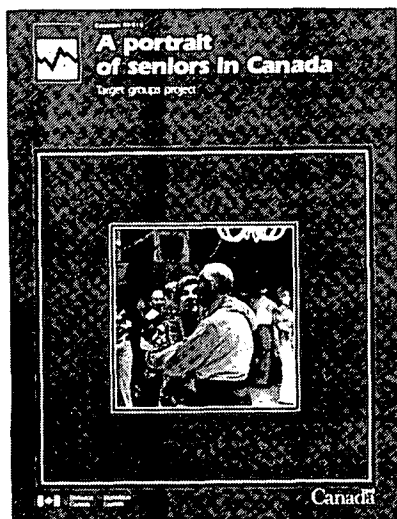
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### A Portrait of Seniors in Canada

Seniors aged 65 years and over are profiled in this illuminating chartbook which depicts their demographic, social, cultural and economic conditions, as well as their living arrangements and aspects of their health and safety.

The 35 colour charts and nine statistical tables, supported by text, present a comprehensive picture of the situation of Canada's senior population, drawing from a wide array of data from the Census and from numerous surveys.

*A Portrait of Seniors in Canada* (89-519, \$43 in Canada, US\$52 in the United States, US\$60 in other countries) is now available. See "How to Order Publications".

For more information on this publication, see page 2 of today's *DAILY* or contact Pierre Gauthier (613-951-0245).



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### A Portrait of Seniors in Canada

Seniors are the fastest-growing segment of Canada's population. Not only is the number of seniors continuing to grow, but the characteristics of this important group are also evolving. Some of these changes can have important repercussions. A simple yet crucial example is the increasing proportion of women in the seniors population, because the situation of senior women is often different from that of senior men.

Senior women were less likely than senior men to live in family households in 1986 and this difference was most pronounced in the oldest age groups. In addition, a higher proportion of senior women than men lived alone in 1986; this difference was especially pronounced in the 65-74 age group, where the proportion was almost three times higher for women than for men. Disability rates were also higher for senior women than senior men in 1986 with the differences again most pronounced in the oldest age groups. Incomes of senior males were higher than those of females, and higher proportions of males than females received private pensions and CPP/QPP.

*A Portrait of Seniors in Canada*, a new publication released today, provides an insight into the situation of Canada's seniors by exploring their demographic and cultural characteristics, living arrangements, health, safety, income and expenditures. Some of the highlights of this publication are:

- The proportion of seniors who were widowed decreased between 1976 and 1986, except for females aged 85 and over. The largest decreases were for males aged 75 and over and females aged 75 to 84 years.
- The proportion of persons who remained in the same residence between 1981 and 1986 increased steadily with age, from about one-half of those aged under 55 to four-in-five of those aged 75 and over.

- The proportion of men living in family households decreased sharply with age in 1986, from 85.8% of men 55 to 64 years of age to 66.2% of those 75 and over. For women, the decrease was even greater, from 79.8% of those aged 55 to 64 to only 34.2% of those 75 and over.
- About 30% of households with heads aged 65 and over had 1988 household incomes of \$15,000 to \$24,999, compared with only 16.8% for all households. A further 38% of these senior households had incomes below \$15,000, more than double the proportion for all households.
- In 1986, disability rates increased steadily with age: they rose from 7.7% of males and 7.1% of females under 55 years of age to 75.3% of males and 85% of females aged 85 and over.
- Compared with the total population, persons aged 65 and over in 1985 were at least twice as likely to report respiratory troubles, arthritis or rheumatism, and hypertension, and at least three times as likely to report heart trouble.
- Compared with persons aged 15 to 64, persons aged 65 and over in 1987 were less than one-third as likely to have been victimized (8% compared with 25%).
- Satisfaction with retirement increases with age. Only 3.9% of retired persons aged 75 and over in 1988 reported being dissatisfied with retirement, compared with over one-fifth (20.3%) of retirees aged under 60.
- About half of male and female seniors aged 65 and over reported involvement in political organizations in 1988.

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## Sales of Refined Petroleum Products

August 1990

### Highlights

- Seasonally adjusted, preliminary estimates of August sales of refined petroleum products totalled 7.6 million cubic metres (m<sup>3</sup>), an increase of 4.5% from July, following a gain of 4.1% registered in the previous month.
- All four major products contributed to this August increase. Motor gasoline sales, up 1.4% and diesel fuel sales, up 10.6%, both rose for the second time in as many months. Light fuel sales posted a third consecutive increase (18.5%) while heavy fuel sales rose 20.6% over July, marking the fifth increase of this year.

### Unadjusted Sales

- Preliminary estimates indicate that total sales of refined petroleum products in August 1990 increased 5.3% over August 1989, reaching 8.3 million cubic metres. Motor gasoline rose 2.8%

over August 1989 levels, while diesel and heavy fuels posted gains of 6.8% and 2.4%, respectively. Light fuel sales surged 56.1% over August 1989.

- Total product sales for 1990 still lag 0.7% behind volumes recorded in the first eight months of 1989. Within this total, heavy fuel oil sales have grown 10.9%, while sales of light fuel oil are now 0.8% ahead of last year's pace as a result of August's strong performance. Motor gasoline and diesel fuel are 0.2% and 1.2%, respectively, below January-August sales recorded last year.

**Available on CANSIM: matrices 628-642 and 644-647.**

The August 1990 issue of *Refined Petroleum Products* (45-004, \$18.20/\$182) will be available the third week of November. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Gérard O'Connor (613-951-3562), Energy Section, Industry Division. □

**Sales of Refined Petroleum Products**

	May 1990 <sup>r</sup>	June 1990 <sup>r</sup>	July 1990 <sup>r</sup>	August 1990 <sup>P</sup>	August 1990/ July 1990
Seasonally Adjusted					
(thousands of cubic metres)					
<b>Total, All Products</b>	<b>7 256.1</b>	<b>7 010.3</b>	<b>7 294.6</b>	<b>7 622.1</b>	<b>4.5</b>
<b>Main Products:</b>					
Motor Gasoline	2 935.6	2 871.6	2 932.7	2 973.1	1.4
Diesel Fuel Oil	1 366.1	1 323.1	1 408.8	1 557.8	10.6
Light Fuel Oil	574.2	624.2	625.2	741.1	18.5
Heavy Fuel Oil	920.5	697.6	886.3	1 068.9	20.6
Total					
	August 1989	August 1990	January- August 1989	January- August 1990	Cumulative 1990/1989
Unadjusted					
(thousands of cubic metres)					
<b>Total, All Products</b>	<b>7 925.9</b>	<b>8 348.3</b>	<b>56 539.4</b>	<b>56 930.6</b>	<b>0.7</b>
<b>Main Products:</b>					
Motor Gasoline	3 366.4	3 461.4	23 072.8	23 015.8	-0.2
Diesel Fuel Oil	1 644.0	1 755.5	11 227.3	11 087.4	-1.2
Light Fuel Oil	169.7	264.9	4 293.7	4 327.6	0.8
Heavy Fuel Oil	854.3	875.0	6 147.5	6 814.9	10.9

<sup>P</sup> Preliminary.

<sup>r</sup> Revised.

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## DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### Railway Carloadings

Seven-day Period Ending September 14, 1990

#### Highlights

- Revenue freight loaded by railways in Canada during the week totalled 4.5 million tonnes, a decrease of 13.7% from the same period last year.
- Piggyback traffic decreased 5.2% from the same period last year. The number of cars loaded decreased 7.5% during the same period.

- The tonnage of revenue freight loaded to date this year is 1.0% higher 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 1989 figures and 1990 cumulative data have been revised.

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



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