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## Canadian Social Trends

Winter 1990
Canadian Social Trends, with its Winter 1990 issue, again examines and informs readers of trends in Canadian society. Highlighted in this issue are perceptions of the justice system, which reveal that a majority of Canadians are pleased or satisfied with the police while less than half of Canadians feel that the criminal courts are doing a good job.

The diet of Canadians, their sleep patterns, and commuting time are topics discussed in the Winter 1990 edition. Nearly two-thirds ( $63 \%$ ) of Canadians aged 16 to 69 years are reported as having adequate reading skills. An article on computer literacy demonstrates that a growing proportion ( $47 \%$ ) of Canadians are able to use a computer. Also featured are recent findings on Canada's 277,000 children with disabilities, and the performing arts including music, dance, theatre and opera.

Canadian Social Trends ( $11-008 \mathrm{E}, 4$ issues/ $\$ 34$ ) is available from Publication Sales (613-951-7277).

Further information is available from the editors (613-951-2560).

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## The Canadian Economic Observer

December 1990
The December issue of the Canadian Economic Observer, Statistics Canada's flagship publication for economic statistics, is now available.

The December issue contains a monthly summary of the economy, major economic events in November, the third quarter National Accounts, a technical note on the Canadian and U.N. Accounts, and a feature article on patterns of quits and layoffs by age of worker, wage rate and size of firm. A statistical summary contains a wide range of tables and graphs on the principal economic indicators for Canada, the provinces and major industrial nations.

The Canadian Economic Observer (11-010, \$22/\$220) can now be ordered from Publication Sales (613-951-7277). For more information, call Philip Cross (613-951-9162), Current Analysis Section.

## MAJOR RELEASES

## Sales of Natural Gas

October 1990 (Preliminary Data)
Sales of of natural gas (including direct sales) in Canada during October 1990 totalled 3998.1 million cubic metres, a $1.3 \%$ decrease from the level recorded the previous year.

On the basis of rate structure information, sales in October 1990 were broken down as follows, with the percentage changes from October 1989 in brackets: residential sales, 817.5 million cubic metres ( $+3.2 \%$ ); commercial sales, 707.6 million cubic metres ( $+1.3 \%$ ) and industrial sales (including direct sales), 2473.0 million cubic metres ( $-3.3 \%$ ).

Year-to-date figures for 1990 indicate that sales of natural gas amounted to 42888.8 million cubic
metres, a $4.9 \%$ decrease from the level recorded during the same period in 1989.

On the basis of rate structure information, year-todate sales were broken down as follows, with the percentage changes from 1989 in brackets: residential sales, $10 \quad 136.0$ million cubic metres ( $-3.7 \%$ ); commercial sales, 8446.4 million cubic metres $(-3.6 \%)$ and industrial sales (including direct sales), 24306.5 million cubic metres ( $-5.9 \%$ ).

Order the October 1990 issue of Gas Utilities ( $55-002, \$ 12.70 / \$ 127$ ), available the third week of January. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Gary Smalldridge (613-951-3567), Energy Section, Industry Division.

Sales of Natural Gas - Preliminary Data
October 1990

|  | Rate structure |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Residential | Commercial | Industrial | Direct | Total |
|  | (thousands of cubic metres) |  |  |  |  |
| New Brunswick | - | - | - | - | - |
| Quebec | 22042 | 71125 | 288970 | 2763 | 384900 |
| Ontario | 333248 | 251924 | 638622 | 127490 | 1351284 |
| Manitoba | 47725 | 42784 | 45233 | 555 | 136297 |
| Saskatchewan | 65637 | 36235 | 5285 | 100223 | 207380 |
| Alberta | 223021 | 201523 | 1012277 | - | 1436821 |
| British Columbia | 125813 | 104009 | 173387 | 78187 | 481396 |
| October 1990 - Canada | 817486 | 707600 | 2163774 | 309218 | 3998078 |
| October 1989 - Canada | 792384 | 698593 | 2218776 | 339361 | 4049114 |
| \% change | 3.2 | 1.3 |  |  | -1.3 |
| Year-to-date Canada 1990 | 10135973 | 8446390 | 21094012 | 3212462 | 42888837 |
| Year-to-date Canada 1989 | 10520244 | 8766331 | 22463508 | 3363127 | 45113210 |
| \% change | -3.7 | -3.6 |  |  | -4.9 |

Note: Revised figures will be available in the "Gas Utilities" publication (Catalogue \#55-002) as well as on CANSIM.

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## Focus on Culture

## Winter 1990

The Winter issue of Focus on Culture, now available, contains articles on radio listening by Canadians, a report on the socio-economic impact assessment of Ontario's film and video industry, the situation of Canada's public libraries in 1988-89 and the development of heritage tourism in Alberta.

## Highlights

- In the fall of 1989, $94 \%$ of Canadians listened to the radio at least once a week. The combination of "adult contemporary" and "gold" formats accounted for a quarter of all listening, while "middle-of-the-road" stations gained a further $20 \%$. "Country", "album-oriented rock" and CBC stations each garnered around $10 \%$. United States stations accounted for less than $4 \%$.
- The total domestic output of the film and video industry in Ontario in 1988-89 is estimated at $\$ 2.7$ billion. The total direct and indirect economic impact on Ontario of its film industry was estimated at $\$ 5.4$ billion.
- Acquisitions by Canadian public libraries increased by $10 \%$ in 1988-89, the first major increase in three years, to reach 4.4 million items. Print material continued to dominate holdings, accounting for fully $95 \%$ of the total. But nontraditional holdings, while remaining a small fraction of the total, continued on an upswing with holdings of talking books increasing by $14 \%$ and of video by $31 \%$. Film continued to decline.
- Over the last decade, the government of Alberta has spent more than $\$ 120$ million developing a network of 13 new provincial heritage facilities, in addition to four existing facilities now valued at over $\$ 50$ million. In 1989, 1.4 million persons visited these facilities, a figure expected to reach nearly 2 million by 1993 with the opening of two more museums.

The Winter issue (Volume 2, Number 4) of Focus on Culture ( $87-004, \$ 6.25 / \$ 25$ ) is now available. See "How to Order Publications".

For more information, contact Renée Langlois, (613-951-1566), Education, Culture and Tourism Division.

## DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Canadian Coal Production

 1990Estimates of Canadian coal production for 1990 indicate that both volume and the value will decrease. Production of some 68.5 million metric tonnes ( Mg ) should be achieved, with a value of $\$ 1.9$ billion, decreases of $2.9 \%$ and $1.9 \%$, respectively.

For further information, contact Dave Madsen (951-3565), Industry Division.

Coal Production

|  | 1989 Final |  | 1990 Estimates |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Mg ('000) | \$ ('000) | Mg ('000) | \$('000) |
| Nova Scotia | 3512 | 199.480 | 3350 | 199,200 |
| New Brunswick | 520 | 33.740 | 550 | 37.400 |
| Saskatchewan | 10816 | 114.550 | 9480 | 100,100 |
| Alberta |  |  |  |  |
| - subbituminous | 20918 | 161.720 | 21205 | 167,100 |
| - bituminous | 9960 | 338,600 | 9075 | 318,700 |
| Total | 30878 | 500,320 | 30280 | 485,800 |
| British Columbia | 24801 | 1.058.990 | 24790 | 1,048,500 |
| Canada | 70527 | 1,907,080 | 68450 | 1,871,000 |

## Telephone Statistics

October 1990
Canada's 13 major telephone systems reported monthly revenues of $\$ 1,140.3$ million in October 1990, up 7.0\% from October 1989.

Operating expenses were $\$ 790.8$ million, an increase of $4.4 \%$ from October 1989. Net operating revenue was $\$ 349.5$ million, an increase of $13.3 \%$ from October 1989.

## Available on CANSIM: matrix 355.

The October 1990 issue of Telephone Statistics ( $56-002, \$ 8.30 / \$ 83$ ), is scheduled for release the first week of January. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact J.R. Slattery (613-951-2205), Services, Science and Technology Division.

## Restaurants, Caterers and Taverns September 1990

Restaurant, caterer and tavern receipts totalled $\$ 1,503$ million for September 1990, a decrease of $1.1 \%$ from the $\$ 1,519$ million reported for the same period of last year.

## Available on CANSIM: matrix 52.

The September 1990 issue of Restaurants, Caterers and Taverns (63-011, \$6.10/\$61) will be available in approximately three weeks time. See "How to Order Publications"

For more detailed information on this release, contact William Birbeck, Services, Science and Technology Division (613-951-3506).

## Grain Marketing Situation Report <br> November 1990

The situation report for November is now available. This report presents up-to-date information on the Canadian and world grain supply and market situation.

For further detailed information on this release, contact Karen Gray (204-983-2856), Agriculture Division.

## Biscuit Industry 1988 Annual Survey of Manufactures

In 1988, the value of shipments and other revenue for the biscuit industry (SIC 1071) totalled $\$ 1,021.5$ million, up 28.5\% from $\$ 794.8$ million in 1987.

## Available on CANSIM: matrix 5391.

The data for this industry will be released in catalogue 32-250, \$35.

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

## Upholstered Household Furniture Industry <br> 1988 Annual Survey of Manufactures

In 1988, the value of shipments and other revenue for the upholstered household furniture industry (SIC 2612) totalled $\$ 713.5$ million, up $7.7 \%$ from $\$ 662.3$ million in 1987.

## Available on CANSIM: matrix 5475.

The data for this industry will be released in catalogue 35-251, \$35.

For more detailed information on this release, contact Keith Martin (613-951-3518), Industry Division.

## Hotel, Restaurant and Institutional Furniture and Fixture Industry 1988 Annual Survey of Manufactures

In 1988, the value of shipments and other revenue for the hotel, restaurant and institutional furniture and fixture industry (SIC 2692) totalled $\$ 881.4$ million, up $10.3 \%$ from $\$ 799.0$ million in 1987.

## Available on CANSIM: matrix 5480.

The data for this industry will be released in catalogue 35-251, \$35.

For more detailed information on this release, contact Keith Martin (613-951-3518), Industry Division.

## Platemaking, Typesetting and Bindery Industry <br> 1988 Annual Survey of Manufactures

In 1988, the value of shipments and other revenue for the platemaking, typesetting and bindery industry (SIC 2821) totalled $\$ 1,174.4$ million, up $12.9 \%$ from $\$ 1,040.5$ million in 1987.

## Available on CANSIM: matrix 5499.

The data for this industry will be released in catalogue 36-251, \$35.

For more detailed information on this release, contact Bob Wright (613-951-3514), Industry Division.

## Other Combined Publishing and Printing Industry <br> 1988 Annual Survey of Manufactures

In 1988, the value of shipments and other revenue for the other combined publishing and printing industry (SIC 2849) totalled $\$ 184.9$ million, up $13.4 \%$ from \$163.2 million in 1987.

## Available on CANSIM: matrix 5503.

The data for this industry will be released in catalogue 36-251, \$35.

For more detailed information on this release, contact Bob Wright (613-951-3514), Industry Division.

## Mobile Home Industry <br> 1988 Annual Survey of Manufactures

In 1988, the value of shipments and other revenue for the mobile home industry (SIC 3244) totalled \$118.4 million, up 29.9\% from $\$ 91.1$ million in 1987.

## Available on CANSIM: matrix 5554.

The data for this industry will be released in catalogue 42-251, \$35.

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

## Shipbuilding and Repair Industry 1988 Annual Survey of Manufactures

In 1988, the value of shipments and other revenue for the shipbuilding and repair industry (SIC 3271) totalled $\$ 1,274.2$ million, up $28.3 \%$ from $\$ 993.1$ million in 1987.

## Available on CANSIM: matrix 5564.

The data for this industry will be released in catalogue 42-251, \$35.

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

## PUBLICATIONS RELEASED

Canadian Social Trends, Winter 1990. Catalogue number 11-008E
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US\$26.00/\$260.00; Other Countries:
US $\$ 31.00 / \$ 310.00$ ).

The Labour Force, November 1990. Catalogue number 71-001
(Canada: $\$ 17.90 / \$ 179.00$; United States:
US\$21.50/US\$215.00; Other Countries:
US\$25.10/US\$251.00).
Focus on Culture, Winter 1990. Catalogue number 87-004
(Canada: $\$ 6.25 / \$ 25.00$; United States:
US\$7.50/US\$30.00; Other Countries:
US\$8.75/US\$35.00).

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