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**Homeowner Repair and Renovation Expenditure in Canada, 1988**

Homeowner Repair and Renovation Expenditure in Canada offers a look at the homeowner household market for \$11.1 billion worth of home repairs and maintenance, additions, renovations and installations of equipment and fixtures in 1988. These expenditures, averaging \$1,856 per homeowner household, cover the separate purchase of materials, as well as contract and labour expenditures.

Data covering the 10 provinces are presented by size of area of residence, type of dwelling, value of dwelling, age of household head, income, age of the dwelling and length of occupancy. See page 3 of today's *Daily* for highlights from this publication.

Homeowner Repair and Renovation Expenditure in Canada, 1988 (62-201, \$25) is now available. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information, contact Suzanne Bernier (613-951-9781), Family Expenditure Surveys Section, Household Surveys Division.

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National Summary of Alternative Measures Services for Young Persons

The Young Offenders Act (YOA) of 1984 formally sanctioned the use of alternative measures in dealing with young persons alleged to have committed offences. As described in the YOA, alternative measures are measures other than judicial proceedings designed to balance society's right to protection with the special needs of young people in conflict with the law. Consistent with the youth's right to the least possible interference with his/her freedom, alternative measures services are a means by which a young person can avoid court proceedings. Individualized alternative measures programs have been designed to reflect the nature of the offence, the special needs of the youth and, when applicable, the needs of the victim.

Although national statistics on the use of alternative measures are not yet available, it is estimated in some provinces that up to one-third of young people entering the justice system are dealt with through alternative measures. This report provides a national picture of these services and programs across Canada and highlights basic similarities and differences among jurisdictions. It also outlines the philosophy behind the alternative measures services, the eligibility criteria for participation, the process and the agencies involved in the administration of these services.

The *Juristat Bulletin*, Vol. 10, No. 2, *National Summary of Alternative Measures Services for Young Persons* (85-002, \$3.70/\$37) is now available. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, contact Diane Bousfield (613-951-6646), Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics.

Canadian Economic Observer

February 1990

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

The February issue contains a monthly summary of the economy, major economic and statistical events in January, and two feature articles on the reliability of the National Accounts and a guide to using statistics properly. A statistical summary contains a wide range of tables and graphs on the principal economic indicators for Canada, the provinces and the major industrial nations.

The February 1990 issue of *Canadian Economic Observer* (11-010, \$21/\$210) is now available. See "How to order Publications".

For further information, contact Philip Cross (613-951-9162), International and Financial Economics Division.

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Homeowner Repair and Renovation Expenditure in Canada

1988

In 1988 the average homeowner household spent \$1,856 on repairs and renovations to their homes, for a total market worth \$11.1 billion. Some 71% of homeowners incurred costs for repairs and renovations.

Work done under a contract involving labour and materials, as well as the hire of labour only, accounted for 64% of aggregate repair and renovation expenditures. The remaining 36% was spent on materials purchased separately by the household.

While only 5.5% of homeowners that reported repairs and renovations incurred expenditures of \$10,000 or more, this group accounted for 40% of aggregate expenditures.

Highlights

- Homeowners in the baby boom age group (35 to 44 years of age) remained the most lucrative market for repair and renovations, responsible for 30% of aggregate expenditures.
- Young homeowners under 35 spent almost half (48%) of their repair and renovation dollar on separate materials. At the other end of the age spectrum, those homeowners aged 65 years or over spent 80% of their repair and renovations dollar on work involving some paid labour.
- Lower income homeowners spent a larger percentage of their income on repairs and renovations than did those in the higher income groups. Households with incomes under \$15,000 spent an average of \$975 on repairs and renovations, compared to households in the \$70,000 and over bracket who spent an average of \$2,934.
- Homeowners who moved in 1988 spent more on repairs and renovations (\$2,718 on average), than those who moved into their homes before the survey year (\$1,761).

The second issue in an annual series, *Homeowner Repair and Renovation Expenditure in Canada, 1988* (62-201, \$25) is now available. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information, contact Suzanne Bernier (613-951-9781), Family Expenditure Surveys Section, Household Surveys Division. ■

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Causes of Death

1988

Of the 190,000 Canadian deaths which occurred in 1988, cardiovascular diseases accounted for 41%, cancer for 27%, respiratory diseases (excluding cancer) for 8% and accidents and violence for 7% of the deaths.

These facts and more information on causes of death in Canada are now available.

To obtain data or further information on this release, contact Beth Sander (613-951-1746) or Gerry McLean (613-951-1637), Canadian Centre for Health Information. ■

Steel Primary Forms (Steel Ingots)

Week Ending February 17, 1990

Preliminary estimates indicate that Canadian steel primary forms production for the week ending February 17, 1990 totalled 251 794 tonnes, a decrease of 8.4% from the preceding week's total of 274 922 tonnes and down 21.3% from the year-earlier level of 319 817 tonnes.

The cumulative total in 1990 was 1 817 475 tonnes, a 13.9% decrease from 2 109 751 tonnes for the same period in 1989.

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

Shipments of Office Furniture Products

Fourth Quarter 1989

For the quarter ending December 31, 1989, shipments of office furniture products totalled \$200.9 million, an increase of 5.8% over \$189.8 million shipped during the same quarter of the previous year.

Manufacturers' shipments of office furniture products for the fourth quarter of 1989 are now available. Data for province of destination as well as exports are also available.

The December 1989 issue of *Shipments of Office Furniture Products* (35-006, \$6.25/\$25) will be available shortly. See "How to Order Publications".

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

Stocks of Frozen Meat Products

February 1, 1990

Total frozen meat in cold storage as of February 1, 1990 totalled 29 318 tonnes, compared with 29 191 tonnes last month and 32 842 tonnes a year ago.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 87 and 9517-9525.

To order *Stocks of Frozen Meat Products* (\$11.50/\$115), a statistical bulletin, contact Guy Gervais (613-951-2453).

For more information on this release, contact David Burroughs (613-951-2510), Agriculture Division. ■

Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills in British Columbia

December 1989

Sawmills in British Columbia produced 2 769 100 cubic metres of lumber and ties in December 1989, a decrease of 2.4% from the 2 835 900 cubic metres produced in December 1988.

January-to-December 1989 production was 35 952 200 cubic metres, a decrease of 2.2% from the 36 750 300 cubic metres produced in 1988.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 53 (series 1.2, 2.2 and 3.2).

The December 1989 issue of *Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills in British Columbia* (35-003, \$6.80/\$68) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, contact Jock Dobie (604-666-2671), Pacific Region, Statistics Canada, Sinclair Centre, 757 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6C 3C9. ■

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Canadian Economic Observer, February 1990.
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Cereals and Oilseeds Review, November 1989.
Catalogue number 22-007
(Canada: \$13.10/\$131; Other Countries: \$15.70/\$157).

Production and Disposition of Tobacco Products, January 1990.
Catalogue number 32-022
(Canada: \$4.70/\$47; Other Countries: \$5.60/\$56).

Construction Type Plywood, December 1989.
Catalogue number 35-001
(Canada: \$4.70/\$47; Other Countries: \$5.60/\$56).

Particleboard, Waferboard and Hardboard, December 1989.
Catalogue number 36-003
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Production and Shipments of Steel Pipe and Tubing, December 1989.

Catalogue number 41-011
(Canada: \$4.70/\$47; Other Countries: \$5.60/\$56).

Homeowner Repair and Renovation Expenditure in Canada, 1988.

Catalogue number 62-201
(Canada: \$25; Other Countries: \$30).

Juristat Service Bulletin, Vol. 10, No. 2., **National Summary of Alternative Measures Services for Young Persons**, February 1990.

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