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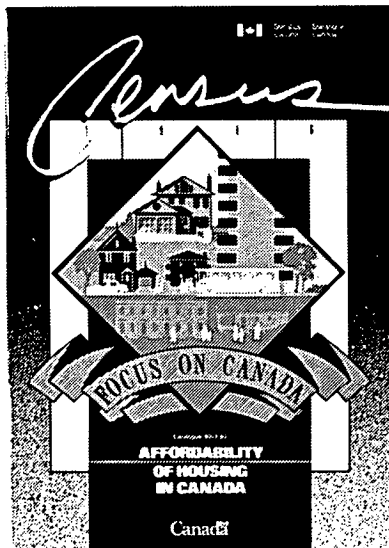
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### Focus on Canada Series – Affordability of Housing in Canada

1986 Census

When a household spends 30% or more of its income on housing expenses, housing affordability may become a problem, according to a commonly used criterion in determining the need for housing assistance. Census data show that more tenants than homeowners face this situation in Canada. For low-income renter households, meeting basic needs once they have paid the rent can become difficult and spiralling housing values can prevent middle-income tenants from buying their first home.

*Affordability of Housing in Canada* investigates how housing expenses vary for homeowners and tenants, where in Canada the problems are most acute and the causes of affordability problems. Data from the 1986 Census of Population and Housing are analyzed and presented in a non-technical text, illustrated with tables and charts.

*Affordability of Housing in Canada* (98-130, \$10) is now available. For details on how to order, turn to page 3 of today's DAILY.

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### Focus on Canada Series – Affordability of Housing in Canada 1986 Census

Tenant households had more housing affordability problems than owner households, according to this study of 1986 Census data. Low-income households, lone-parent families and persons living alone are the tenant households most likely to experience affordability problems. A household is assumed to have an affordability problem if it spends 30% or more of its income on housing expenses (this is based on one commonly used criterion in determining the need for housing assistance).

*Affordability of Housing in Canada* also illustrates how households in the different provinces and Census Metropolitan Areas are affected by affordability problems.

#### Highlights

- More than three-quarters of all tenant households with a total income of less than \$15,000 in 1985 spent 30% or more of their income on housing costs. In contrast, only 1% of tenant households with incomes of \$50,000 or more had housing affordability problems.
- Among persons living alone who rented their accommodations, 45% had affordability problems.
- Among lone-parent households, 55% of those who rented their accommodations spent 30% or more of their income on shelter costs.
- Housing affordability was a problem for younger and older tenants. For those aged 15 to 19, 71% spent 30% or more of their income on housing, while for those aged 20 to 24, 44% had similar shelter cost-to-income ratio. Among older tenant households, 43% of those aged 65 to 74 and 46% of those aged 75 and over had affordability problems.
- Among the Census Metropolitan Areas (CMAs), housing affordability was most acute in the CMA of Victoria, where 48% of all tenant households spent 30% or more of their income on shelter. The problem was also severe in the CMAs of Vancouver, Sherbrooke, Trois-Rivières and Saskatoon.

*Affordability of Housing in Canada* is one of 16 publications in the **Focus on Canada** series. This series highlights social trends and issues based on results from the 1986 Census of Population and Housing. *Affordability of Housing in Canada* is a bilingual publication illustrated with a series of charts and tables. The publication will serve as an excellent reference for home, school or office.

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For further information on this release or about other titles in the **Focus on Canada** series, call your nearest Regional Reference Centre. ■

## Crude Oil and Natural Gas

November 1989

Preliminary figures indicate that production of crude oil and equivalent hydrocarbons in November 1989 amounted to 8.2 million cubic metres, a decrease of 2.3% from November 1988. This represents the 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive decline in 1989. Exports, down 15.1% from November 1988, were also down for the 10<sup>th</sup> time in 1989. Imports were up 17.6% over November 1988. As a result, year-to-date imports for November were 7.0% above those recorded during the first 11 months of 1988. Refinery receipts in November were up 5.3% over the same month in 1988.

Marketable production of natural gas, at 8.6 billion cubic metres, posted the 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive gain, rising 3.6% over November 1988. Gas exports were down

0.3% from November 1988. Sales in Canada were up 3.8% for the same period. On a cumulative basis, marketable production was up 5.0% above comparable 1988 levels, while sales in Canada were 7.1% higher than January-November 1988 sales. Exports of natural gas increased 4.8% over the same period.

**Available on CANSIM: matrices 127 and 128.**

The November 1989 issue of *Crude Oil and Natural Gas Production* (26-006, \$9.50/\$95) will be available the third week of March. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, contact Gerard O'Connor (613-951-3562), Energy Section, Industry Division.

## Crude Oil and Natural Gas

	November 1989	% Change from November 1988	January- November 1989	% Change from January- November 1988
(thousands of cubic metres)				
<b>Crude Oil and Equivalent</b>				
Production	8 225.1	-2.3	89 119.3	-2.9
Exports	2 911.6	-15.1	34 237.6	-9.5
Imports	2 716.7	17.6	25 706.8	7.0
Refinery receipts	7 671.6	5.3	80 213.6	1.7
(millions of cubic metres)				
<b>Natural Gas</b>				
Marketable production	8 613.7	3.6	85 919.1	5.0
Exports	3 313.6	-0.3	33 927.8	4.8
Canadian sales	5 120.6	3.8	49 919.5	7.1

## Construction Union Wage Rate Index

January 1990

The Canada Total Union Wage Rate Index (including supplements) for construction trades (1981=100) rose 0.2% over the previous month, to 157.6 for January.

On a monthly basis, the indexes for Quebec City, Chicoutimi and Montreal increased by 0.5% on average. This increase was the result of increments that took effect in the existing contracts.

On a year-over-year basis, the Canada Composite Index rose 5.6%. Regionally, the largest increases occurred in Quebec (5.9%), followed by the Atlantic and Ontario regions (5.3%) and British Columbia (5.2%).

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

The first quarter 1990 issue of *Construction Price Statistics* (62-007,\$18/\$72) will be available in June. 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

January 1990  
(1981 = 100)

	January 1990	December 1989	January 1989	% change	
				January 1990/ December 1989	January 1990/ January 1989
<b>Canada</b>	<b>157.6</b>	<b>157.3</b>	<b>149.3</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>5.6</b>
St. John's	151.0	151.0	142.8	-	5.7
Halifax	174.8	174.8	167.4	-	4.4
Saint John	158.2	158.2	149.5	-	5.8
Quebec City	158.6	157.8	149.7	0.5	5.9
Chicoutimi	157.9	157.1	149.1	0.5	5.9
Montreal	158.2	157.4	149.4	0.5	5.9
Ottawa	165.0	164.7	156.4	0.2	5.5
Toronto	160.8	160.8	152.0	-	5.8
Hamilton	160.1	159.9	151.9	0.1	5.4
St. Catharines	162.1	161.8	153.9	0.2	5.3
Kitchener	166.9	166.9	158.3	-	5.4
London	164.4	164.4	156.3	-	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	140.3	-	5.3
Victoria	147.2	147.2	140.0	-	5.1

- Nil or zero.

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## DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENT

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### Oils and Fats

January 1990

Production by Canadian manufacturers of all types of deodorized oils in January 1990 totalled 46 494 tonnes, an increase of 5.0% over the 44 260 tonnes produced in December 1989.

Manufacturers' packaged sales of shortening totalled 7 110 tonnes in January 1990, down from the 9 032 tonnes sold the previous month.

Sales of packaged salad oil increased to 5 633 tonnes in January 1990, from 5 537 tonnes in December 1989.

**Available on CANSIM: matrix 184.**

The January 1990 issue of *Oils and Fats* (32-006, \$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. ■

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## PUBLICATIONS RELEASED

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**System of National Accounts -- Gross Domestic Product by Industry**, December 1989.  
**Catalogue number 15-001**  
(Canada: \$12.10/\$121; Other Countries: \$14.50/\$145).

**Housing Starts and Completions**, December 1989.  
**Catalogue number 64-002**  
(Canada: \$13.70/\$137; Other Countries: \$16.40/\$164).

**Focus on Canada Series -- Affordability of Housing in Canada**, 1986 Census.  
**Catalogue number 98-130**  
(Canada: \$10; Other Countries: \$11).

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