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### FSA and Rural Postal Code Socio-economic Data 1988

This database provides demographic and income characteristics of taxfilers for areas defined by the postal code. Up to nine tables are available for nearly 7,000 urban FSAs (Forward Sortation Areas) and rural postal codes across Canada.

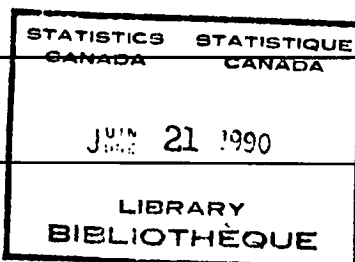
- Number of Taxfilers by Marital Status
- Number of Taxfilers by Age Group and Sex
- Number of Taxfilers by Source of Income by Sex
- Income Reported by Source of Income by Sex
- Number of Taxfilers in the Labour Force by Sex
- Income Range of All Taxfilers by Sex
- Income Range of Male Taxfilers by Age Group
- Income Range of Female Taxfilers by Age Group
- A Summary Table

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The first table is sold for \$25.00, while additional tables are available at \$3.00 per table for each urban FSA or rural postal code selected (on paper).

For further information, contact the Small Area and Administrative Data Division (613-951-9720) or your nearest Statistics Canada regional reference centre.

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## MAJOR RELEASES

### Retail Trade

April 1990

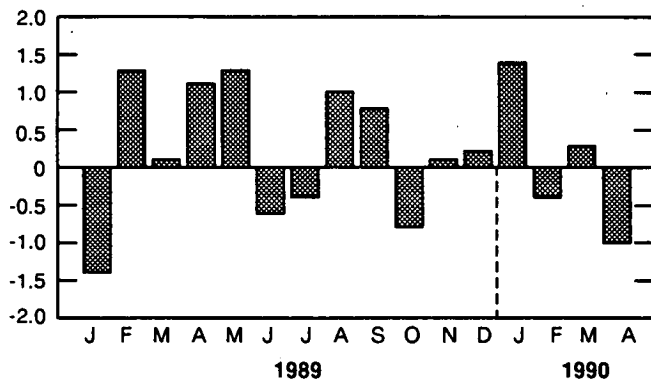
#### Highlights

##### Seasonally Adjusted

- Preliminary estimates indicate that retail sales declined 1.0% in April to \$16.3 billion, following a 0.3% increase in March 1990. Excluding recreational and motor vehicle dealers, retail sales increased a modest 0.3% in April.

#### Retail Sales, Canada, Seasonally Adjusted

% monthly change



- In the first four months of 1990, retail sales have fluctuated markedly while registering marginal overall growth, as declines in April and February virtually offset gains in March and January.

- The overall decline in April was primarily attributable, in order of dollar impact, to decreases reported by recreational and motor vehicle dealers (-5.5%), gasoline service stations (-1.4%) and automotive parts, accessories and services (-1.2%). Partly offsetting these decreases were increases by supermarkets and grocery stores (+1.7%), drug and patent medicine stores (+2.3%) and other semi-durable goods stores (+2.3%).
- The 5.5% decline in sales reported by recreational and motor vehicle dealers followed a 2.8% gain in March 1990. The 1.4% decrease by gasoline service stations followed two consecutive monthly gains. The 1.7% increase in sales of supermarkets and grocery stores followed a 1.2% decrease in March.
- All provinces posted lower sales, with declines ranging from -3.7% in Nova Scotia to -0.1% in Saskatchewan. Sales increased by 0.1% in the Yukon and Northwest Territories.

##### Year-to-date

- Cumulative retail sales for the first four months of 1990 amounted to \$59.0 billion, up 4.2% over the corresponding period in 1989.

**Available on CANSIM: matrices 2398** (department store type merchandise totals for the provinces and territories), **2399** (seasonally adjusted) and **2400** (not seasonally adjusted).

The April 1990 issue of *Retail Trade* (63-005, \$14.40/\$144) will be available the first week of July. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, contact Maurice Massaad (613-951-9682) or Roger Laplante (613-951-3552), Retail Trade Section, Industry Division. □

**Retail Sales, by Trade Group and by Region**

April 1990

Trade group	Unadjusted				Seasonally Adjusted						
	April 1989	March 1990 <sup>r</sup>	April 1990 <sup>p</sup>	April 1990/ 1989	April 1989	Jan. 1990 <sup>r</sup>	Feb. 1990 <sup>r</sup>	March 1990 <sup>r</sup>	April 1990 <sup>p</sup>	April/ March 1990	April 1990/ 1989
Canada	millions of \$		%		millions of \$				%		%
Supermarkets and grocery stores	3,307	3,613	3,283	-0.7	3,396	3,477	3,495	3,453	3,513	1.7	3.5
All other food stores	263	289	295	12.0	273	299	300	301	308	2.3	13.0
Drug and patent medicine stores	663	761	747	12.7	708	763	762	772	789	2.3	11.4
Shoe stores	161	148	158	-2.4	156	172	174	172	170	-1.2	9.0
Men's clothing stores	177	152	160	-9.6	187	184	187	181	180	-0.5	-3.8
Women's clothing stores	321	330	334	4.0	324	344	344	353	354	0.4	9.2
Other clothing stores	356	351	349	-2.1	383	373	367	384	384	-0.1	0.3
Household furniture and appliance stores	728	721	670	-7.9	804	794	774	773	762	-1.4	-5.2
Household furnishings stores	193	198	195	0.6	210	213	209	217	213	-1.9	1.5
Recreational and motor vehicle dealers	4,551	4,213	4,097	-10.0	3,755	3,768	3,623	3,723	3,518	-5.5	-6.3
Gasoline service stations	1,101	1,169	1,143	3.8	1,143	1,189	1,198	1,207	1,190	-1.4	4.1
Automotive parts, accessories and services	934	944	994	6.4	941	1,033	1,053	1,031	1,018	-1.2	8.2
General merchandise stores	1,536	1,534	1,549	0.8	1,688	1,737	1,745	1,730	1,739	0.5	3.0
Other semi-durable goods stores	530	544	609	15.0	595	638	660	665	680	2.3	14.3
Other durable goods stores	390	393	387	-0.9	457	460	481	478	466	-2.5	1.8
All other retail stores	877	922	898	2.4	967	1,022	1,031	1,020	1,013	-0.7	4.7
Total, all stores	16,088	16,281	15,865	-1.4	15,987	16,467	16,404	16,460	16,297	-1.0	1.9
Total excluding rec. and motor vehicle dealers	11,538	12,068	11,768	2.0	12,232	12,698	12,781	12,737	12,779	0.3	4.5
Department Store Type Merchandise	5,055	5,132	5,156	2.0	5,513	5,679	5,703	5,725	5,737	0.2	4.1
Regions											
Newfoundland	290	292	287	-1.0	292	299	304	301	297	-1.2	1.9
Prince Edward Island	65	61	62	-3.4	67	67	68	68	66	-2.7	-1.7
Nova Scotia	511	530	509	-0.5	517	540	550	547	527	-3.7	2.0
New Brunswick	396	399	395	-0.3	404	408	411	416	410	-1.5	1.5
Quebec	4,190	4,040	4,055	-3.2	4,035	4,077	4,077	4,050	3,997	-1.3	-0.9
Ontario	6,107	6,074	5,832	-4.5	6,088	6,145	6,069	6,159	6,070	-1.4	-0.3
Manitoba	558	562	573	2.7	562	585	591	586	584	-0.3	3.9
Saskatchewan	517	503	513	-0.9	518	540	515	519	518	-0.1	0.0
Alberta	1,577	1,634	1,588	0.7	1,612	1,677	1,644	1,650	1,641	-0.6	1.7
British Columbia	1,837	2,144	2,008	9.3	1,896	2,091	2,100	2,134	2,125	-0.4	12.1
Yukon and Northwest Territories	40	43	42	6.6	43	47	45	46	46	0.1	7.7
Yukon	16	17	17	5.0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Northwest Territories	23	26	25	7.8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

## Sales of Natural Gas

April 1990 (Preliminary Data)

Sales of natural gas (including direct sales) in Canada during April 1990 totalled 4 752.4 million cubic metres, a 5.8% decrease from the level recorded the previous year.

On the basis of rate structure information, sales in April 1990 were broken down as follows, with the percentage changes from April 1989 in brackets: residential sales, 1 217.9 million cubic metres (-2.7%); commercial sales, 1 051.3 million cubic metres (-2.5%) and industrial sales (including direct sales), 2 483.3 million cubic metres (-8.5%).

Year-to-date figures for the first four months of

1990 indicate that sales of natural gas amounted to 23 736.8 million cubic metres, a 5.0% decrease from the level recorded during the same period in 1989.

On the basis of rate structure information, year-to-date sales were broken down as follows, with the percentage changes from 1989 in brackets: residential sales, 7 041.9 million cubic metres (-5.5%); commercial sales, 5 786.3 million cubic metres (-5.8%) and industrial sales (including direct sales), 10 908.6 million cubic metres (-4.2%).

Order the April 1990 issue of *Gas Utilities* (55-002, \$12.70/\$127), available the third week of July. 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

April 1990

	Rate structure				
	Residential	Commercial	Industrial	Direct	Total
thousands of cubic metres					
New Brunswick	-	-	-	-	-
Quebec	75 793	145 870	259 295	4 524	485 482
Ontario	637 499	429 708	756 834	149 020	1 973 061
Manitoba	71 049	68 698	31 550	897	172 194
Saskatchewan	69 733	53 462	13 947	95 302	232 444
Alberta	245 592	255 414	901 316	-	1 402 322
British Columbia	118 234	98 123	150 454	120 118	486 929
April 1990 - Canada	1 217 900	1 051 275	2 113 396	369 861	4 752 432
April 1989 - Canada	1 251 381	1 078 777	2 383 454	331 520	5 045 132
% change	-2.7	-2.5	-8.5		-5.8
Year-to-date Canada 1990	7 041 872	5 786 309	9 355 766	1 552 878	23 736 825
Year-to-date Canada 1989	7 449 306	6 143 222	9 927 453	1 465 036	24 985 017
% change	-5.5	-5.8	-4.2		-5.0

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

Week Ending June 16, 1990

Preliminary estimates indicate that Canadian steel primary forms production for the week ending June 16, 1990 totalled 290 369 tonnes, a decrease of 1.3% from the preceding week's total of 294 294 tonnes, but up 0.4% over the year-earlier level of 289 221 tonnes.

The cumulative total in 1990 was 6 698 898 tonnes, a decrease of 9.8% from 7 430 309 tonnes for the same period in 1989.

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

### Mineral Wool Including Fibrous Glass Insulation

May 1990

Manufacturers shipped 2 297 486 square metres of R12 factor (RSI 2.1) mineral wool batts in May 1990, down 33.1% from the 3 435 826 square metres shipped a year earlier, but up 6.4% over the 2 159 901 square metres shipped the previous month.

Year-to-date shipments to the end of May 1990 totalled 15 179 565 square metres, a decrease of 9.7% from the same period in 1989.

**Available on CANSIM: matrices 40 and 122 (series 32 and 33).**

The May issue of *Mineral Wool including Fibrous Glass Insulation* (44-004, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, contact Roland Joubert (613-951-3527), Industry Division. ■

### Rail in Canada

1988

#### Highlights

- The total operating revenues of Canada's rail industry recorded for 1988 were \$8.0 billion, a slight increase of 1.3% over 1987 revenues of \$7.9 billion.

- Operating expenses increased 2.1% to \$7.0 billion in 1988. The operating ratio deteriorated marginally from 0.86 in 1987 to 0.87 in 1988.
- In 1988, the rail industry provided employment to some 78,000 employees, transported almost 300 million tonnes of freight and about 27 million passengers.

Financial and operating statistics, now available, will be published at a later date in *Rail in Canada, 1988* (52-216, \$45).

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

### Livestock and Animal Products Statistics 1989

This report covers livestock and animal products in Canada. Basic data pertaining to numbers, prices and values of livestock and the production of animal products are included in this report.

**Available on CANSIM: matrices 1149, 1152, 1153, 1156, 1157, 1159, 1160, 1162, 1164, 1165, 1167, 1168, 1170, 1175-1186, 9500-9510.**

The 1989 issue of *Livestock and Animal Products Statistics* (23-203, \$56) will be available July 9. See "How to Order Publications".

For more information on this release, contact Bernard E. Rosien (613-951-2511), Agriculture Division. ■

### Quarterly Hospital Information System - Hospital Indicators

April 1989 to September 1989

Hospital statistics for the first and second quarters of the 1989-90 fiscal year are now available.

These estimates and indicators are based on data reported through the Quarterly Hospital Information System and will be revised as more complete information becomes available.

For more information, contact Peter Mix (613-951-1650), Health Care Section, Canadian Centre for Health Information. ■

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