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## MAJOR RELEASES

### New Motor Vehicle Sales

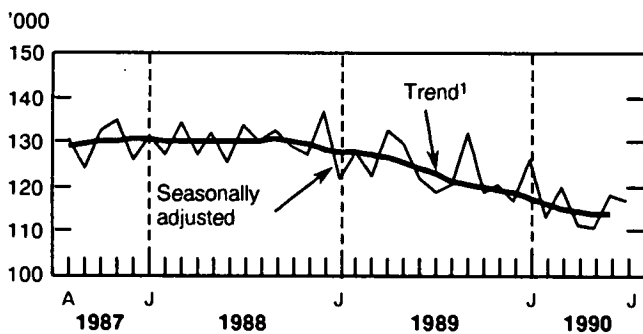
July 1990

#### Highlights

##### Seasonally Adjusted

- Adjusted for seasonal fluctuations and the number of trading days, preliminary estimates indicate that sales of all new motor vehicles totalled 116,000 units in July 1990, a decline of 1.0% from the revised June 1990 level. In July, truck sales posted an increase of 4.3%, while passenger car sales decreased by 3.5%.

**Monthly Sales of New Motor Vehicles, Canada, Seasonally Adjusted, in Units, 1987-1990**



<sup>1</sup> The short-term trend represents a weighted average of the data.

- The 1.0% decline in July followed a sharp increase of 6.8% in June 1990 and a decrease of 0.8% in May. New motor vehicle sales have fluctuated markedly during the first seven months of 1990.
- On an origin basis, sales of North American passenger cars increased by 0.1% in July 1990 to 52,000 units, while sales of imported passenger cars decreased by 10.1% to 26,000 units. The July gain for North American passenger car sales constitutes the second consecutive monthly increase, whereas the decline in imported car sales followed an increase of 13.1%.

#### Note to Users:

*North American vehicles: motor vehicles manufactured or assembled in North America. These vehicles may be built by domestic or foreign-owned companies.*

*Imported vehicles: motor vehicles manufactured or assembled overseas and marketed in Canada by domestic or foreign-owned companies.*

##### Unadjusted

- Sales of all new motor vehicles totalled 111,000 units in July 1990, up 1.4% over the July 1989 level. Sales of passenger cars increased by 2.2%, while truck sales recorded a slight decline of 0.2%.
- Unit sales of imported passenger cars increased by 5.4% over their July 1989 level, as a gain in Japanese cars (+9.7%) more than offset a sales decline in imports from "other countries" (-7.3%). North American passenger cars increased by 0.7% over their year-earlier level.
- The Japanese share of the Canadian passenger car market rose to 26.5% in July 1990 from 24.7% a year earlier. The Japanese share grew mainly at the expense of North American manufacturers, as their market share declined to 66.0% from 67.0% in July 1989.
- Six provinces registered higher unit sales of motor vehicles in July 1990 compared to July 1989. Declines were recorded in New Brunswick (-11.2%), Newfoundland (-7.4%), Ontario (-2.5%) and Quebec (-2.2%).
- For the first seven months of 1990, total new motor vehicle sales decreased 7.6% from the same period last year to 849,000 units. Sales of domestic passenger cars were down by 11.4% to 377,000 units, while imported passenger car sales increased by 1.1% to 190,000 units. Sales of trucks totalled 282,000 units during this period, down 7.8% from a year earlier.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 64.

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

The July 1990 issue of *New Motor Vehicle Sales* (63-007, \$9/\$90) will be available the third week of November. See "How to Order Publications".

**New Motor Vehicle Sales - Canada**

July 1990

	Seasonally Adjusted Data			
	April 1990 <sup>r</sup>	May 1990 <sup>r</sup>	June 1990 <sup>r</sup>	July 1990 <sup>p</sup>
	Units % Change	Units % Change	Units % Change	Units % Change
<b>Total New Motor Vehicles</b>	<b>111,031</b> -7.0	<b>110,101</b> -0.8	<b>117,548</b> +6.8	<b>116,344</b> -1.0
<b>Passenger Cars by Origin:</b>				
North America	48,703 -6.5	48,271 -0.9	51,812 +7.3	51,884 +0.1
Overseas	25,298 -5.4	25,247 -0.2	28,544 +13.1	25,672 -10.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>74,000</b> -6.1	<b>73,518</b> -0.7	<b>80,356</b> +9.3	<b>77,556</b> -3.5
<b>Trucks, Vans and Buses</b>	<b>37,031</b> -8.9	<b>36,583</b> -1.2	<b>37,191</b> +1.7	<b>38,788</b> +4.3
	Unadjusted Sales			
	July 1990	Change 1990/89	January- July 1990	Change 1990/89
	Units	%	Units	%
<b>Total New Motor Vehicles</b>	<b>110,799</b>	<b>+1.4</b>	<b>849,171</b>	<b>-7.6</b>
<b>Passenger Cars by Origin:</b>				
North America	48,816	+0.7	377,185	-11.4
Japan	19,608	+9.7	151,265	+4.8
Other Countries (Including South Korea)	5,570	-7.3	38,433	-11.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>73,994</b>	<b>+2.2</b>	<b>566,883</b>	<b>-7.6</b>
<b>Trucks, Vans and Buses by Origin:</b>				
North America	30,830	-0.3	237,521	-9.9
Overseas	5,975	-0.1	44,767	+4.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>36,805</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>282,288</b>	<b>-7.8</b>

<sup>p</sup> Preliminary.  
<sup>r</sup> Revised.

## Construction Union Wage Rate Index

July 1990

The Canada Total Union Wage Rate Index (including supplements) for construction trades (1986 = 100) showed no change in July from June's figure of 117.0. On a year-over-year basis, the composite index increased 3.5% to 117.0 from 113.0.

The table below shows wage rates for reinforcing

steel erectors, roofers and asbestos mechanics.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 956,958, 2033-2038.

The third quarter 1990 issue of *Construction Price Statistics* (62-007, \$18/\$72) will be available in December. 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 Rates<sup>1</sup>

(in dollars)  
July 1990

	Trades					
	Reinforcing Steel Erector		Roofer		Asbestos Mechanic	
	Basic Rate	Basic Rate and Selected Pay Supplements	Basic Rate	Basic Rate and Selected Pay Supplements	Basic Rate	Basic Rate and Selected Pay Supplements
St. John's	16.43	19.51	16.28	19.35	16.53	19.47
Halifax	18.15	20.52	17.64	19.61	20.97	26.32
Saint John	15.50	18.05	14.62	17.30	18.94	21.51
Montreal	21.67	25.94	20.34	24.05	21.57	25.67
Ottawa	21.64	27.66	18.45	22.42	20.50	25.60
Toronto	22.01	28.57	22.45	24.83	22.20	27.47
Thunder Bay	25.43	28.08	18.64	22.38	21.58	26.79
Winnipeg	18.35	21.95	17.36	19.81	17.90	19.89
Regina	18.49	22.15	15.00	17.95	17.40	20.13
Edmonton	15.00	18.12	18.00	21.32	20.65	24.59
Vancouver	21.38	28.16	21.35	27.06	21.33	28.31

<sup>1</sup> Rates are available for other trades and other cities.

Basic Rate and selected pay supplements: vacation pay, statutory holiday pay, employer's contribution to health and welfare and pension plans. ■

## DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Department Store Sales by Province and Metropolitan Area

July 1990

Department stores sales including concessions totalled \$990 million in July 1990, up 1.5% over the July 1989 level of \$975 million. After allowing for differences in trading days, department store sales increased 4.2% on a year-over-year basis. Concessions sales totalled \$78.2 million, 7.9% of total department store sales.

Department store sales during July 1990 for the provinces and the 10 metropolitan areas surveyed were as follows (with the percentage change from July 1989 in parentheses):

#### Department stores sales including concessions.

##### Province

Newfoundland, \$14.5 million (+ 25.8%);  
Prince Edward Island, \$7.1 million (-6.1%);  
Nova Scotia, \$32.2 million (-0.3%);  
New Brunswick, \$21.4 million (-1.7%);  
Quebec, \$182.0 million (+ 1.1%);  
Ontario, \$405.5 million (-0.1%);  
Manitoba, \$41.7 million (+ 1.0%);  
Saskatchewan, \$28.5 million (+ 4.5%);  
Alberta, \$113.0 million (+ 3.7%);  
British Columbia, \$144.1 million (+ 4.3%).

##### Metropolitan Area

Calgary, \$42.7 million (+ 1.4%);  
Edmonton, \$49.6 million (+ 3.2%);  
Halifax-Dartmouth, \$17.5 million (-);  
Hamilton, \$27.1 million (-6.8%);  
Montreal, \$95.6 million (-2.3%);  
Ottawa-Hull, \$45.3 million (+ 0.4%);  
Quebec City, \$26.3 million (+ 0.1%);  
Toronto, \$158.8 million (-2.9%);  
Vancouver, \$77.9 million (-0.7%);  
Winnipeg, \$36.9 million (-1.6%).

#### Note to Users:

Users should note that the year-over-year movements for some provinces and census metropolitan areas are exaggerated due to the inclusion of some outlets previously classified to the general merchandise category.

Information on department store sales and stocks by department will be released in *The Daily* during the week of September 24, 1990.

#### Department stores sales excluding concessions.

##### Province

Newfoundland, \$12.4 million (+ 22.8%);  
Prince Edward Island, \$6.7 million (-7.7%);  
Nova Scotia, \$29.7 million (-0.5%);  
New Brunswick, \$19.6 million (-1.9%);  
Quebec, \$170.2 million (+ 0.7%);  
Ontario, \$371.4 million (-0.5%);  
Manitoba, \$37.5 million (+ 0.2%);  
Saskatchewan, \$25.9 million (+ 3.6%);  
Alberta, \$104.5 million (+ 3.1%);  
British Columbia, \$133.9 million (+ 3.1%).

##### Metropolitan Area

Calgary, \$39.0 million (+ 1.4%);  
Edmonton, \$46.2 million (+ 1.7%);  
Halifax-Dartmouth, \$16.3 million (-0.6%);  
Hamilton, \$24.9 million (-7.5%);  
Montreal, \$90.1 million (-2.7%);  
Ottawa-Hull, \$42.6 million (-1.3%);  
Quebec City, \$24.6 million (-0.9%);  
Toronto, \$147.2 million (-3.6%);  
Vancouver, \$73.0 million (-1.2%);  
Winnipeg, \$33.6 million (-1.5%).

Available on CANSIM: matrices 111 and 112 (series 10 to 12).

Order the July 1990 issue of *Department Store Monthly Sales, by Province and Selected Metropolitan Area* (63-004, \$2/\$20), available the fourth week of September. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, contact Maurice Massaad (613-951-9682), Retail Trade Section, Industry Division. ■

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## Oil Pipeline Transport

June 1990

### Highlights

- In June, net receipts of crude oil and refined petroleum products into Canadian pipelines decreased 2.7% from the same period last year to 13 687 904 cubic metres (m<sup>3</sup>). Year-to-date receipts, now at 83 853 684 m<sup>3</sup>, are down 1.6% from 1989.
- Pipeline exports of crude oil increased 4.1% compared to June 1989, while pipeline imports declined 10.8% for the same period. On a cumulative basis, exports in 1990 are now down 3.9% from 1989 levels, while imports are up by 13.1%.
- Deliveries of crude oil by pipeline to Canadian refineries this month declined 10.6% from 1989, while deliveries of liquid petroleum gases and refined petroleum products increased 1.5%.

**Available on CANSIM: matrix 181.**

The June 1990 issue of *Oil Pipeline Transport* (55-001, \$10/\$100) will be available the last week of September. See "How to Order Publications".

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

## Railway Carloadings

July 1990

Revenue freight loaded by railways in Canada totalled 19.4 million tonnes in July 1990, a decrease of 1.6% from the July 1989 figure. The carriers received an additional 0.9 million tonnes from United States connections.

Total loadings in Canada for the year to date showed an increase of 3.2% from the 1989 period, while receipts from United States connections showed an increase of 1.4%.

All 1989 figures and 1990 cumulative data have been revised.

**Available on CANSIM: matrix 1431.**

The July 1990 issue of *Railway Carloadings* (52-001, \$8.30/\$83) is to be released the fourth week of September. See "How to Order Publications".

For seasonally adjusted revenue freight loadings, contact Angus MacLean (613-951-2484), Transportation Division. ■

## Steel Pipe and Tubing

July 1990

Steel pipe and tubing production for July 1990 totalled 113 206 tonnes, an increase of 1.9% from the 111 141 tonnes produced a year earlier.

Year-to-date production totalled 883 327 tonnes, down 6.7% from the 947 249 tonnes produced during the same period in 1989.

**Available on CANSIM: matrix 35.**

The July 1990 issue of *Steel Pipe and Tubing* (41-011, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

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

## Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products

July 1990

Factory shipments of steel wire and specified wire products for July 1990 are now available, as are production and export market data for selected commodities.

Shipments totalled 60 494 tonnes in July 1990, a decrease of 18.1% from the 73 866 tonnes shipped during the previous month.

**Available on CANSIM: matrix 122 (series 19).**

The July 1990 issue of *Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products* (41-006, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Bruno Pépin (613-951-9837), Industry Division. ■

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## Construction Type Plywood

July 1990

Canadian firms produced 158 540 cubic metres of construction type plywood during July 1990, a decrease of 6.0% from the 168 595 cubic metres produced during July 1989.

January to July 1990 production totalled 1 248 911 cubic metres, a decrease of 0.4% from the 1 254 373 cubic metres produced during the same period in 1989.

**Available on CANSIM: matrix 122 (level 1).**

The July 1990 issue of *Construction Type Plywood* (35-001, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed 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. ■

## Report on Fur Farms

1989

Production of mink for 1989 amounted to 1,476,822 pelts, compared to 1,428,462<sup>r</sup> pelts produced in 1988. Value of mink pelts sold in 1989 was \$25,772,760 compared to \$35,202,110<sup>r</sup> in 1988.

**Available on CANSIM: matrices 3400-3416.**

For further information, order *Report on Fur Farms*, 1989 (23-208, \$34) or contact P. Meszaros (613-951-2505), Agriculture Division. ■

## University Enrolment and Degrees Granted

1989-90 and 1989

Information on enrolments at Canadian universities during the 1989-90 academic year as well as the number of degrees granted in 1989 are now available.

Detailed tabulations will be published in *Universities: Enrolment and Degrees - 1989* (81-204), to be released in January, 1991.

For further information, contact Edith Sederis (613-951-1538) or Mongi Mouelhi (613-951-1537), Postsecondary Education Section, Education, Culture and Tourism Division. ■

## Selected Financial Indexes

July 1990

Figures for July 1990 are now available for the selected financial indexes.

**Available on CANSIM: matrix 2031.**

The third quarter 1990 issue of *Construction Price Statistics* (62-007, \$18/\$72) will be available in December. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact the Information and Current Analysis Unit (613-951-9607), Prices Division. ■



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### Cereals and Oilseeds Review, June 1990.

Catalogue number 22-007

(Canada: \$13.80/\$138.00; United States:  
US\$16.60/US\$166.00; Other Countries:  
US\$19.30/US\$193.00).

### Manufacturing Industries of Canada: National and Provincial Areas, 1987.

Catalogue number 31-203

(Canada: \$61.00; United States: US\$73.00; Other  
Countries: US\$85.00).

### Exports by Commodity, June 1990.

Catalogue number 65-004

(Canada: \$55.10/\$551.00; United States:  
US\$66.10/US\$661.00; Other Countries:  
US\$77.10/US\$771.00).

### Unemployment Insurance Statistics, June 1990.

Catalogue number 73-001

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