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### Department Store Sales and Stocks

November 1990

#### Highlights

##### Seasonally Adjusted

- Department store sales including concessions totalled \$1,165 million in November 1990, a decrease of 3.2% from the previous month's revised total of \$1,204 million.
- The November decline is in contrast to the trend of generally rising sales (gains averaging about 0.9% a month) observed in the June to October period.
- Department store stocks (at selling value) totalled \$5,035 million at the end of November, an increase of 0.3% from the October 1990 revised value of \$5,020 million. On a year-over-year basis, stocks rose by 4.9% in November.

- The ratio of stocks to sales stood at 4.32:1 in November, up from the 4.17:1 observed in October.

##### Year-to-date

- Cumulative department store sales for the first 11 months of 1990 amounted to \$12.0 billion, up 2.0% over the corresponding period of 1989.

**Available on CANSIM:** matrix 112, levels 1-3, series 4, 5, 6.

The November 1990 issue of *Department Store Sales and Stocks* (63-002, \$13/\$130) will be available the third week of March. See "How to Order Publications".

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

### Department Store Sales, Canada (including concessions)

	Unadjusted				Seasonally Adjusted						
	Nov. 1989	Oct. 1990	Nov. 1990	Nov. 1990/ Nov. 1989	Nov. 1989	Aug. 1990 <sup>r</sup>	Sept. 1990 <sup>r</sup>	Oct. 1990 <sup>r</sup>	Nov. 1990 <sup>p</sup>	Nov. 1990/ oct. 1990	Nov. 1990/ Nov. 1989
	millions of \$			%	millions of \$				%	%	
Total Sales	1,530	1,215	1,527	-0.2	1,168	1,186	1,197	1,204	1,165	-3.2	-0.3
Total Stocks	5,691	5,825	5,999	+ 5.4	4,799	4,967	5,021	5,020	5,035	+ 0.3	+ 4.9
Stock to Sales Ratio	3.72	4.80	3.93		4.11	4.19	4.20	4.17	4.32		

<sup>p</sup> Preliminary estimates.

<sup>r</sup> Revised estimates.

## Sales of Natural Gas

November 1990 (Preliminary Data)

Sales of natural gas (including direct sales) in Canada during November 1990 totalled 5 149.7 million cubic metres, a 0.9% decrease from the level recorded the previous year.

On the basis of rate structure information, sales in November 1990 were broken down as follows, with the percentage changes from November 1989 in brackets: residential sales, 1 341.1 million cubic metres (+3.7%); commercial sales, 1 128.4 million cubic metres (-0.3%) and industrial sales (including direct sales), 2 680.1 million cubic metres (-3.4%).

Year-to-date figures for 1990 indicate that sales of natural gas amounted to 48 077.0 million cubic metres, a 4.6% 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, 11 483.7 million cubic metres (-2.8%); commercial sales, 9 559.8 million cubic metres (-3.4%) and industrial sales (including direct sales), 27 033.5 million cubic metres (-5.5%).

The November 1990 issue of *Gas Utilities* (55-002, \$12.70/\$127) will be available the third week of February. 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

November 1990

	Rate structure				
	Residential	Commercial	Industrial	Direct	Total
	thousands of cubic metres				
New Brunswick	-	-	-	-	-
Quebec	39 906	81 567	327 756	2 500	451 729
Ontario	569 957	433 745	737 245	126 739	1 867 686
Manitoba	53 000	47 500	50 000	600	151 100
Saskatchewan	105 000	80 000	11 000	97 000	293 000
Alberta	392 053	340 991	1 047 992	-	1 781 036
British Columbia	181 179	144 632	171 708	107 595	605 114
<b>November 1990 - Canada</b>	<b>1 341 095</b>	<b>1 128 435</b>	<b>2 345 701</b>	<b>334 424</b>	<b>5 149 655</b>
November 1989 - Canada	1 292 747	1 131 467	2 356 243	418 007	5 198 464
% change	3.7	-0.3	-3.4		-0.9
<b>Year-to-date Canada 90</b>	<b>11 483 716</b>	<b>9 559 769</b>	<b>23 453 386</b>	<b>3 580 108</b>	<b>48 076 979</b>
Year-to-date Canada 89	11 812 991	9 897 798	24 819 751	3 781 134	50 311 674
% change	-2.8	-3.4	-5.5		-4.6

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

- Nil or zero.

## General Social Survey – Family and Friends

1990

The 1990 General Social Survey collected data on contact with family members and friends, birth history of children, fertility intentions, marriage and common-law unions, household help and social support networks. Selected data from this fifth cycle of the GSS are now available. A public-use microdata file is scheduled for release in the spring of 1991.

### Highlights

#### Marriage and Common-law Unions

- In 1990, 70% of Canadians aged 18-64 years had been married at least once, while 28% (compared to 16% in 1984) had lived or were living in common-law unions. Some 58% of persons in this age group were married and living with their spouse in 1990, 9% were living common-law and 32% were living outside marriage and common-law unions.
- Those living common-law represented 22% of all unmarried (never married, divorced, separated or widowed) Canadians aged 18-64 years. However, this proportion varied widely by province, from a high of 33% in Quebec to a low of 15% in the Atlantic provinces. Closer to the national average were the Western provinces of Manitoba (21%), Saskatchewan (20%), Alberta (22%), and British Columbia (19%). In Ontario, the proportion was 16%.
- Among younger Canadians, living common-law is often a prelude to marriage: some 37% of currently married people aged 18-29 years and 28% of those aged 30-39 years had lived in a common-law union with their spouse before marrying. By contrast, common-law unions preceded marriage for only 12% of those aged 40-49 years and 4% of those aged 50-64 years.

#### Raising Children

- In 1990, as in 1984, two-thirds of women aged 18-64 years had given birth to children. However, the proportion of younger women having children has decreased: to 30% of women aged 18-29 years from 35% in 1984, and to 76% of women aged 30-39 years from 80% six years earlier.

- In 1990, nearly 6% of men and just over 3% of women aged 18-64 years had raised step-children, up from 4% of men and 2% of women in 1984. The higher percentages for men reflect the fact that, after divorce, women more often have custody of children and are more apt to bring them to a new marriage.

#### Fertility Intentions

- Of Canadians aged 15-44 years, 50% intend to have a child or have additional children in the future. Another 9% are uncertain of their future plans. The remaining 40% indicate that they or their spouse/partner do not intend to have children and for more than half of them it is because of sterility or infertility.
- Some 76% of persons aged 15-44 years with no children intend to have children in the future; 48% of those with one child intend to have another child and only 9% of those with two or more children have such intentions.

#### Support Systems

- Among married persons, husbands (62%) were more likely to turn to their spouse for emotional support than were wives (51%). Wives (19%) were more likely to turn to friends for emotional support than were their husbands (11%).
- Among unmarried persons, women (46%) were almost as likely to turn to friends for emotional support as men (49%).

#### Second-generation Immigrants

- More than one in three Canadians (37%) aged 15 years and over have at least one foreign-born parent and 18% were themselves born outside Canada.
- Older Canadians are more likely to have a foreign-born parent: 50% of those 75 years and older compared to only 32% of those aged 15-24 years.

For further information on this release, contact Josephine Stanic (613-951-8644) or Doug Norris (613-951-2572), Housing, Family and Social Statistics Division. ■

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## DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### Unemployment Insurance Statistics – Number of Contributors and Their Contributions 1989

The number of persons making unemployment insurance contributions and their contributions are now available for the year 1989.

#### Highlights

- In 1989, 13.3 million persons contributed to unemployment insurance, up 2.9% from the previous year. Between 1988 and 1989, the number of male contributors increased 1.9% to 7.2 million, and the number of female contributors advanced 4.1% to 6.1 million.
- Employee contributions to unemployment insurance in 1989 amounted to \$4,450 million, decreasing by 9.3% from 1988. This decline resulted from a premium rate reduction to \$1.95 for each \$100 insurable earnings (from \$2.35 in 1988). In 1989, males contributed \$2,772 million and females \$1,678 million.

**Available on CANSIM: matrices 5718 and 5719. Data are also available on insurable earnings and work earnings in matrices 5729 and 5730.**

The data will be published in the 1991 edition of the *Annual Supplement to Unemployment Insurance Statistics* (73-202S) available in June.

For more information contact André Picard (613-951-4045) or Horst Stiebert (613-951-4044), Labour Division. ■

### Corrugated Boxes and Wrappers December 1990

Canadian domestic shipments of corrugated boxes and wrappers totalled 142 961 thousand square metres in December 1990, a decrease of 1.1% from the 144 536 thousand square metres shipped a year earlier.

January to December 1990 domestic shipments totalled 2 064 939<sup>r</sup> (revised) thousand square metres, down 6.2% from the 2 201 344<sup>r</sup> thousand square metres for the same period in 1989.

The December 1990 issue of *Corrugated Boxes and Wrappers* (36-004, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Sandra Bohatyretz (613-951-3531), Industry Division. ■

### Production, Shipments and Stocks of Sawmills East of the Rockies November 1990

Production of lumber in sawmills east of the Rockies decreased 18.2% to 1 646 060 cubic metres in November 1990 from 2 012 903<sup>r</sup> (revised) cubic metres in November 1989.

Stocks on hand at the end of November 1990 totalled 2 410 579 cubic metres, a decrease of 0.3% compared to 2 418 499 cubic metres in November 1989.

Year-to-date production in 1990 amounted to 20 099 843<sup>r</sup> cubic metres, a decrease of 7.4% compared to 21 695 789<sup>r</sup> cubic metres after revisions for the same period in 1989.

**Available on CANSIM: matrices 53 (series 1.2, 2.2 and 3.2) and 122 (series 2).**

The November 1990 issue of *Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills East of the Rockies* (35-002, \$10/\$100) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Jacques Lepage (613-951-3516), Industry Division. ■

### Steel Primary Forms Week Ending January 19, 1991

Preliminary estimates indicate that Canadian steel primary forms production for the week ending January 19, 1991 totalled 262 963 tonnes, an increase of 1.1% from the preceding week's total of 260 200 tonnes and down 1.0% from the year-earlier level of 265 730 tonnes. The cumulative total in 1991 was 728 609 tonnes, a decrease of 5.6% from 771 783 tonnes for the same period in 1990.

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

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## Exports by Commodity (H.S. Based)

November 1990

Commodity-country export trade statistics based on the Harmonized System (H.S.) for November 1990 are now available on microfiche, computer printouts or magnetic tapes in advance of the monthly publication.

The October 1990 issue of *Exports by Commodity (H.S. Based)* (65-004, \$55.10/\$551) will be available the second week of February 1991. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Gordon Blaney (613-951-9647), International Trade Division. ■

## Processed Fruits And Vegetables

November 1990

Data on processed fruits and vegetables for November 1990 are now available.

The publication *Canned and Frozen Fruits and Vegetables-Monthly* (32-011, \$5/\$50) will be released at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information, contact Brian Preston (613-951-3511), Industry Division. ■

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