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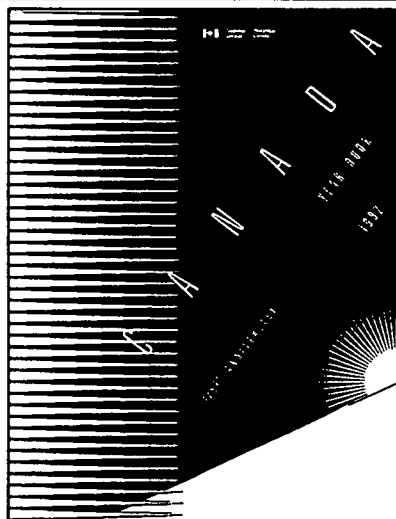
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1992 Canada Year Book

Statistics Canada is pleased to announce the release today of the 1992 *Canada Year Book*.

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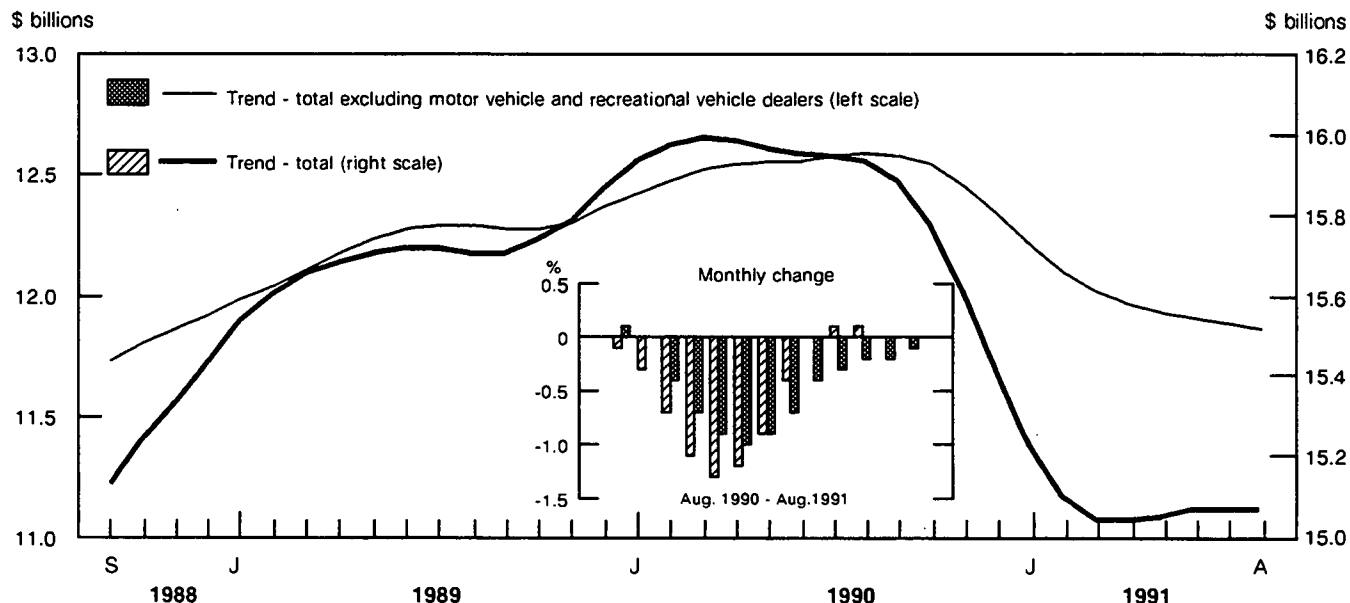
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MAJOR RELEASE

Retail Sales - Canada Trends¹



¹ Trends represent weighted averages of data.

Retail Trade

August 1991

Highlights

Seasonally Adjusted Sales

- Preliminary estimates indicate that retail sales decreased 1.3% to \$14.9 billion in August, following no growth in July. This is the largest monthly decline since January 1991.
- Excluding motor vehicle and recreational vehicle dealers, retail sales remained virtually unchanged in August, following moderate growth of 0.3% in July and a decline of -1.5% in June.
- The August decrease was primarily attributable, in order of dollar impact, to declines reported by motor vehicle and recreational vehicle dealers (-6.1%), supermarkets and grocery stores (-0.8%) and gasoline service stations (-2.1%).

Note to Users

Retail sales estimates exclude the Goods and Services Tax (GST). Prior to January 1991, sales data included the Federal Sales Tax (FST). Due to this change in indirect taxes, data for 1991 are not strictly comparable with those of previous years. For users interested in deriving comparable data, an estimate of the amount of FST included in retail sales for 1990 is available for Canada. The reliability of this estimate does not permit adjustments at the provincial or trade group level.

- The drop in sales reported by motor vehicle and recreational vehicle dealers followed a 1.1% decline in July after three monthly gains. The decline in sales by supermarkets and grocery stores marked the fifth consecutive monthly decrease. General merchandise stores' sales advanced 0.7% to the highest level since December 1990.

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- Seven provinces registered declines, ranging from -2.1% in Ontario and British Columbia to -0.2% in New Brunswick and Manitoba. Increases were recorded in Prince Edward Island (1.5%) and Newfoundland (0.2%), and sales remained virtually unchanged in Saskatchewan. Sales decreased by 1.3% in the Yukon and 0.9% in the Northwest Territories.

Trends

- As illustrated in the accompanying chart, after declining sharply from April 1990 to March 1991, the trend for total retail trade has since remained virtually unchanged. Total retail sales excluding recreational and motor vehicle dealers continue to have a declining trend, but at a slowing rate.

Year-to-date

- Cumulative retail sales for the first eight months of 1991 amounted to \$116.4 billion, down 2.2% from the corresponding period in 1990 (after removing federal sales tax from the 1990 data). In July, cumulative sales were also 2.2% lower than the previous year.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 2399 (seasonally adjusted), 2400 (not seasonally adjusted), 2398 (department store type merchandise totals for the provinces and territories), and 2299, 2401-2417 (quarterly trade group estimates for Canada, the provinces and territories).

The August 1991 issue of *Retail Trade* (63-005, \$18.20/\$182) will be available the first week of November. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed 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

August 1991

Trade group	Unadjusted				Seasonally Adjusted						
	Aug. 1990	July 1991 r	Aug. 1991 p	Aug. 1991/ 1990*	Aug. 1990	May 1991 r	June 1991 r	July 1991 r	Aug. 1991 p	Aug. 1991/ July 1991	Aug. 1991/ 1990*
	millions of \$		%		millions of \$				%		%
Canada											
Supermarkets and grocery stores	3,748	3,614	3,832	2.3	3,567	3,608	3,599	3,586	3,557	-0.8	-0.3
All other food stores	352	316	315	-10.3	330	321	313	302	299	-1.0	-9.5
Drug and patent medicine stores	764	714	736	-3.7	755	758	738	734	734	--	-2.8
Shoe stores	154	114	136	-11.6	153	135	136	131	130	-0.6	-15.2
Men's clothing stores	140	116	128	-8.9	177	148	148	146	148	1.6	-16.2
Women's clothing stores	318	280	299	-5.9	327	306	300	304	299	-1.6	-8.7
Other clothing stores	336	259	322	-4.1	336	317	314	310	312	0.8	-7.0
Household furniture and appliance stores	724	626	672	-7.3	705	615	620	628	638	1.6	-9.5
Household furnishings stores	230	183	181	-21.3	219	172	167	177	171	-3.3	-21.8
Motor vehicle and recreational vehicle dealers	3,506	3,622	3,039	-13.3	3,426	3,166	3,293	3,257	3,058	-6.1	-10.7
Gasoline service stations	1,393	1,265	1,244	-10.7	1,282	1,167	1,150	1,182	1,157	-2.1	-9.7
Automotive parts, accessories and services	1,073	942	896	-16.5	1,054	912	877	877	880	0.4	-16.4
General merchandise stores	1,732	1,591	1,755	1.3	1,803	1,765	1,738	1,768	1,780	0.7	-1.3
Other semi-durable goods stores	590	505	525	-11.0	575	555	511	502	507	1.0	-11.8
Other durable goods stores	464	382	423	-8.7	460	413	392	400	410	2.6	-10.8
All other retail stores	955	894	973	1.9	852	833	837	826	850	2.8	-0.3
Total, all stores	16,479	15,422	15,478	-6.1	16,021	15,190	15,132	15,130	14,932	-1.3	-6.8
Total excluding motor vehicle and recreational vehicle dealers	12,973	11,800	12,439	-4.1	12,595	12,025	11,838	11,873	11,873	--	-5.7
Department store type merchandise	5,452	4,769	5,177	-5.0	5,510	5,183	5,063	5,100	5,130	0.6	-6.9
Regions											
Newfoundland	317	295	300	-5.3	303	283	284	284	285	0.2	-6.0
Prince Edward Island	74	68	68	-7.8	65	60	60	59	60	1.5	-7.6
Nova Scotia	542	491	501	-7.6	516	492	481	479	476	-0.7	-7.7
New Brunswick	429	404	407	-5.2	409	397	397	392	391	-0.2	-4.3
Quebec	4,140	3,841	3,875	-6.4	3,980	3,775	3,714	3,762	3,704	-1.6	-6.9
Ontario	6,009	5,636	5,594	-6.9	5,962	5,577	5,558	5,595	5,480	-2.1	-8.1
Manitoba	570	508	520	-8.8	557	517	516	510	509	-0.2	-8.5
Saskatchewan	497	441	452	-8.9	486	441	436	433	433	--	-10.9
Alberta	1,714	1,604	1,631	-4.8	1,668	1,580	1,595	1,589	1,578	-0.7	-5.4
British Columbia	2,139	2,084	2,080	-2.8	2,049	2,010	1,970	2,011	1,969	-2.1	-3.9
Yukon	18	18	18	-2.2	15	16	15	15	15	-1.3	-0.7
Northwest Territories	32	32	32	0.2	31	30	31	31	31	-0.9	-1.5

* Percentage changes contained in this table are not adjusted for the change in indirect taxes. Caution should be exercised in their use.

-- Amount too small to be expressed.

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Tobacco Products

September 1991

Canadian tobacco product firms produced 3.82 billion cigarettes in September 1991, a 0.8% increase from the 3.79 billion cigarettes manufactured during the same period in 1990. Production for the first nine months of 1991 totalled 32.67 billion cigarettes, down 3.5% from 33.84 billion cigarettes for the corresponding period in 1990.

Domestic sales in September 1991 totalled 3.39 billion cigarettes, a decrease of 13.5% from the 3.92 billion cigarettes sold in September 1990. Year-to-date sales for 1991 totalled 29.89 billion cigarettes, down 12.5% from 1990 cumulative amount of 34.15 billion cigarettes.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 46.

To order the September 1991 issue of *Production and Disposition of Tobacco Products* (32-022, \$5/\$50) or for further information contact Peter Zylstra (613-951-3511), Industry Division. ■

Corrugated Boxes and Wrappers

September 1991

Canadian domestic shipments of corrugated boxes and wrappers totalled 185 608 thousand square metres in September 1991, an increase of 0.6% from the 184 554 thousand square metres shipped a year earlier.

January to September 1991 domestic shipments totalled 1 517 965 (revised) thousand square metres, down 4.0% from the 1 580 615 thousand square metres for the same period in 1990.

The September 1991 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. ■

Construction Type Plywood

August 1991

Canadian firms produced 148 827 cubic metres of construction type plywood during August 1991, a

decrease of 3.3% from the 153 864 cubic metres produced during August 1990.

January to August 1991 production totalled 1 120 509 cubic metres, a decrease of 20.1% from the 1 402 774 cubic metres produced during the same period in 1990.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 122 (level 1).

The August 1991 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. ■

Oil Pipeline Transport

July 1991

Highlights

- In July, net receipts of crude oil and refined petroleum products into Canadian pipelines decreased 0.3% from the same period last year to 14 384 078 cubic metres (m³). Year-to-date receipts, now at 99 411 917 m³, are up 1.1% from 1990.
- Pipeline exports of crude oil decreased 2.9% compared to July 1990 while pipeline imports rose 46.2% for the same period. On a cumulative basis, exports in 1991 are now up 22.1% from 1990 levels, while imports are up by 35.5%.
- Deliveries of crude oil by pipeline to Canadian refineries this month rose 0.3% from 1990 while deliveries of liquid petroleum gases and refined petroleum products decreased 12.6%.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 181.

The July 1991 issue of *Oil Pipeline Transport* (55-001, \$10/\$100) will be available the last week of October. See "How to Order Publications".

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

Railway Operating Statistics

July 1991

The seven major railways reported a combined net gain of \$18.3 million in July 1991. Operating revenues of \$577.2 million were up \$40.4 million or 7.5% from the July 1990 figure.

Revenue freight tonne-kilometres were up 10.3%. Freight train-kilometres registered an increase of 14.6% and freight car-kilometres increased by 7.5% compared to July 1990.

All 1990 figures have been revised.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 142.

The July 1991 issue of the *Railway Operating Statistics* (52-003, \$10.50/\$105) is to be released the fourth week of October.

For more detailed information on this release, contact Angus MacLean (613-951-2484), Transportation Division. ■

Imports by Commodity (H.S. Based)

August 1991

Commodity-country import trade statistics based on the Harmonized System (H.S.) for August 1991 are now available on microfiche, computer printouts or magnetic tapes in advance of the monthly publication.

The August 1991 issue of *Imports by Commodity (H.S. Based)* (65-007, \$55.10/\$551) will be available the second week of November. See "How to Order Publications".

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

Soft Drinks

September 1991

Data on soft drinks for September 1991 are now available.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 196.

The publication *Monthly Production of Soft Drinks* (32-001, \$2.70/\$27) will be released at a later date.

For further information contact Peter Zylstra (613-951-3511), Industry Division. ■

Western Grain Stabilization Expense Estimates

1990

Preliminary estimates of 1990 farm expenses necessary for the Western Grain Stabilization Act are now available. Final estimates will be released on October 25, 1991.

For further information, please contact Mark Elward (613-951-2445), Agriculture Division. ■

Prepared Flour Mixes and Prepared Cereal Foods Industry

1989 Annual Survey of Manufactures

In 1989, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the prepared flour mixes and prepared cereal foods industry (SIC 1052) totalled \$648.5 million, up 8.4% from \$598.0 million in 1988.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5388.

The data for this industry will be released in *Food Industries* (32-250, \$35).

For more detailed information on this release, contact Peter Zylstra (613-951-3511), Industry Division. ■

Wine Industry

1989 Annual Survey of Manufactures

In 1989, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the wine industry (SIC 1141) totalled \$285.0 million, down 14.1% from \$331.9 million in 1988.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5405.

The data for this industry will be released in *Beverage and Tobacco Products Industries* (32-251, \$35).

For more detailed information on this release, contact Peter Zylstra (613-951-3511), Industry Division. ■

Tobacco Products Industry

1989 Annual Survey of Manufactures

In 1989, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the tobacco products industry (SIC 1221) totalled \$1,495.9 million, up 1.0% from \$1,480.9 million in 1988.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5408.

The data for this industry will be released in *Beverage and Tobacco Products Industries* (32-251, \$35).

For more detailed information on this release, contact Peter Zylstra (613-951-3511), Industry Division. ■

Folding Carton and Set-up Box Industry

1989 Annual Survey of Manufactures

In 1989, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the folding carton and set-up box industry (SIC 2731) totalled \$990.8 million, up 3.2% from \$960.0 million in 1988.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5489.

The data for this industry will be released in *Paper and Allied Products Industries* (36-250, \$35).

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

Ophthalmic Goods Industry

1989 Annual Survey of Manufactures

In 1989, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the ophthalmic goods industry (SIC 3914) totalled \$280.0 million, up 10.9% from \$252.6 million in 1988.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 6887.

The data for this industry will be released in *Other Manufacturing Industries* (47-250, \$35).

For more detailed information on this release, contact Bob Wright (613-951-3514), Industry Division. ■

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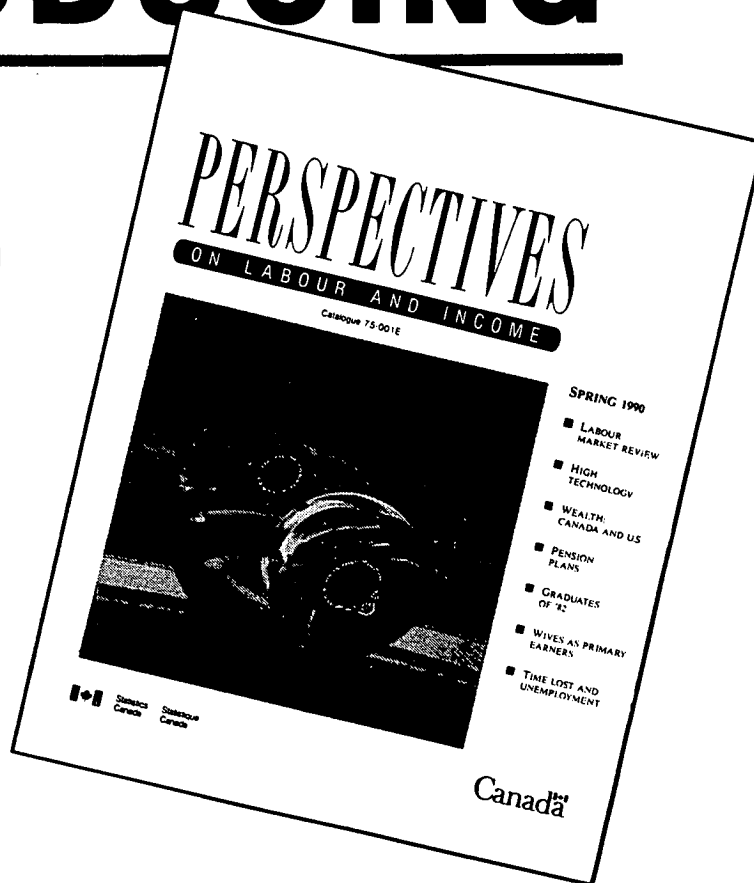
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