



The Daily

Statistics Canada

Tuesday, February 12, 1991

NOT FOR LOAN
NE S'EMPRUNTE PAS

For release at 8:30 a.m.

FEB 12 1991

MAJOR RELEASES

LIBRARY
BIBLIOTHÈQUE

- **New Housing Price Index, December 1990**
Lower prices in Toronto, Calgary, Vancouver, Kitchener-Waterloo and Victoria contributed to a 0.3% decrease in the Canada Total New Housing Price Index. 2
- **Provincial and Territorial Government and Government Business Enterprise Employment and Remuneration, July - September 1990**
Average provincial and territorial government employment increased 0.9% in July-September 1990 over the same period in 1989. 4

DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Oils and Fats, December 1990	6
Sugar Sales, January 1991	6
Particleboard, Waferboard and Fibreboard, December 1990	6
Annual Retail Trade, 1988	7

PUBLICATIONS RELEASED

8



Statistics
Canada

Statistique
Canada

Canada

MAJOR RELEASES

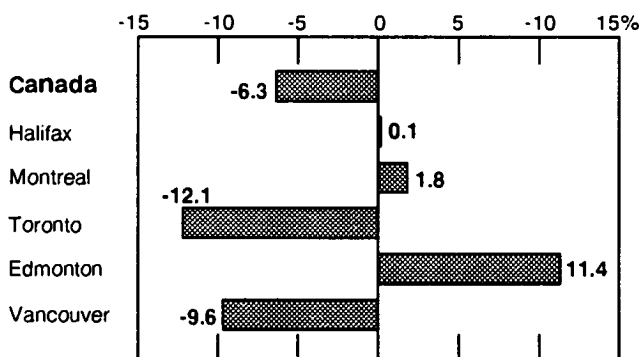
New Housing Price Index

December 1990

The New Housing Price Index (1986 = 100) for Canada stood at 136.1 in December, down 0.3% from November 1990. Price decreases in Toronto (-0.4%), Calgary (-2.6%), Vancouver (-0.6%), Kitchener-Waterloo (-1.3%) and Victoria (-0.5%) contributed to this decline.

The estimated House Only Index decreased 0.4% while the estimated Land Only Index showed no change.

Percentage Change in New Housing Price Index from Same Month of the Previous Year, Canada and Selected Cities, December 1990



Note:

Beginning in January 1991, the New Housing Price Index (NHPI) will reflect the termination of the Federal Sales Tax (FST) simultaneous with the introduction of the Goods and Services Tax (GST). The NHPI is a price index based on contractors' selling prices for new homes and as such will exclude GST paid by the final purchasers of new homes. An analytical version of the NHPI calculated from the same price survey and incorporating estimates of the amounts of tax paid and rebates permitted under the GST legislation will be available for comparative purposes.

Since Toronto accounts for over one-third of the Canada total index weight, Toronto's decrease was a major factor in the Canada level decline. Vancouver's and Calgary's decreases also had a notable impact on the Canada total index.

This index of Canadian housing contractors' selling prices now stands 6.3% lower than the year-earlier level. This was the largest drop posted since February 1983. Toronto's index was the major factor in this downward movement with a yearly decrease of 12.1% in December 1990.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 2032.

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

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

New Housing Price Indexes

1986 = 100

	December 1990	November 1990	December 1989	December 1990/ November 1990	December 1990/ December 1989
				% change	
Canada Total	136.1	136.5	145.2	-0.3	-6.3
Canada (House only)	125.1	125.6	137.7	-0.4	-9.2
Canada (Land only)	164.5	164.5	166.9	-	-1.4
St. John's	119.1	119.1	116.6	-	2.1
Halifax	109.3	109.3	109.2	-	0.1
Saint John-Moncton-Fredericton	113.6	113.5	112.0	0.1	1.4
Quebec City	132.9	132.9	129.2	-	2.9
Montreal	134.4	134.4	132.0	-	1.8
Ottawa-Hull	124.8	123.9	122.4	0.7	2.0
Toronto	160.7	161.4	182.9	-0.4	-12.1
Hamilton	140.3	140.0	146.4	0.2	-4.2
St. Catharines-Niagara	138.0	137.0	137.3	0.7	0.5
Kitchener-Waterloo	133.1	134.8	141.3	-1.3	-5.8
London	146.3	146.1	141.4	0.1	3.5
Windsor	128.8	128.8	123.9	-	4.0
Sudbury-Thunder Bay	133.5	133.4	128.1	0.1	4.2
Winnipeg	108.9	109.1	107.0	-0.2	1.8
Regina	109.3	109.3	107.6	-	1.6
Saskatoon	107.7	107.7	107.2	-	0.5
Calgary	133.2	136.7	130.4	-2.6	2.1
Edmonton	140.1	139.9	125.8	0.1	11.4
Vancouver	123.7	124.4	136.9	-0.6	-9.6
Victoria	117.0	117.6	119.5	-0.5	-2.1

- Nil or zero.

Provincial and Territorial Government and Government Business Enterprise Employment and Remuneration

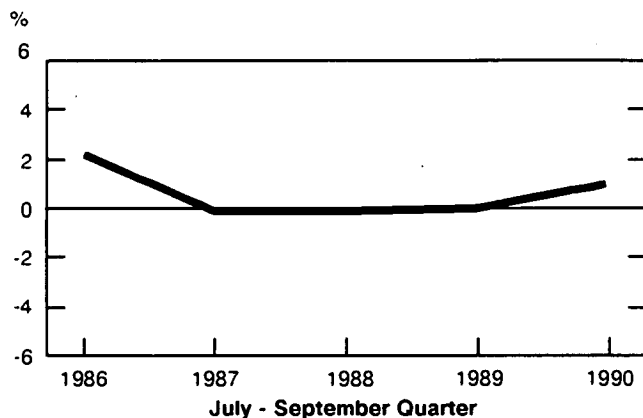
July - September 1990

Government

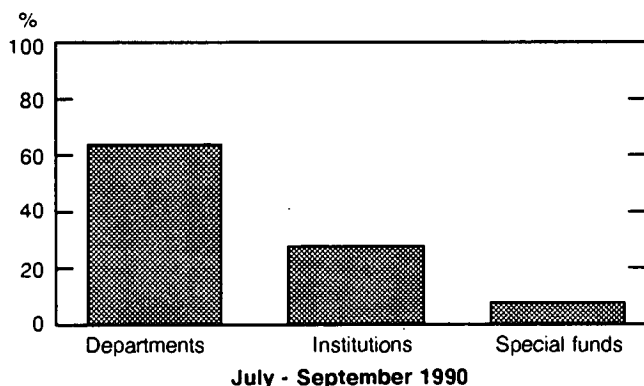
Employment

- Provincial and territorial government employment averaged 512,300 employees in the July-September 1990 quarter, an increase of 0.9% over the same period in 1989.

Growth in Provincial and Territorial Government Employment



Provincial and Territorial Government Employment, Percentage by Component



Note to Users:

Government includes departments, agencies, boards, commissions, and government institutions engaged in education, health or social services, but excludes government business enterprises.

Government business enterprises are entities owned by government that engage in operations of a commercial nature and sell goods and services primarily on the open market as their principal activity and source of revenue.

- Employment in departments, which constituted 64% of government employment, rose 0.8% from the July-September 1989 quarter to 329,100 employees.
- Employment in government-owned institutions of health, education and social services, which comprised about 28% of government employment, was 144,400 employees in July-September 1990. This represented an increase of 0.8% from July-September 1989. The annual rate of growth for this component was 2.4% during the last five years.
- Employment for other agencies, boards and commissions, such as development agencies, Worker's Compensation boards and lottery commissions, was 8.0% of government employment. This component increased 2.4% from July-September 1989 to 38,800 employees.

Remuneration

- Total remuneration paid by all provincial and territorial governments for the period July-September 1990 was \$4.1 billion, an increase of 8.3% from the same period in 1989. The growth in quarterly remuneration was accounted for by employment increases, pay increases, and by an extra pay period for some components of provincial governments in the current quarter.

Government Business Enterprises

- Government business enterprise employment increased 2.2%, or 3,600 employees, from July-September 1989 to July-September 1990, to average 165,700 employees. Government business enterprise employment has increased at an annual average growth rate of 0.8% during the last five years.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 2722 holds total employment and remuneration data by province and territory, by month. Government employment data are in series 1 and their corresponding remuneration data in series 2. Government business enterprise employment data are in series 3 and their corresponding remuneration data in series 4.

Further information concerning this release may be obtained from Peter Dudley (613-951-1851), Employment Section, Public Institutions Division.

Data are available in standard format or special tabulations. For more information on Public Institutions Division's products, contact Patricia Phillips, Data Dissemination (613-951-0767) or Fax (613-951-0661). ■

DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Oils and Fats

December 1990

Production by Canadian manufacturers of all types of deodorized oils in December 1990 totalled 47 343 tonnes, a decrease of 23.6% from the 61 990^r (revised) tonnes produced in November 1990. The 1990 year-to-date production totalled 627 324^r tonnes, an increase of 3.5% from the corresponding 1989 figure of 605 854 tonnes.

Manufacturers' packaged sales of shortening totalled 8 628 tonnes in December 1990, down from the 11 993^r tonnes sold the previous month. The cumulative sales to date were 118 021^r tonnes compared to the cumulative sales of 119 126 tonnes in 1989.

Sales of packaged salad oil decreased to 5 892 tonnes in December 1990 from 6 206^r tonnes in November 1990. The cumulative sales to date in 1990 were 70 115^r tonnes, compared to the cumulative sales of 74 323 tonnes in 1989.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 184.

The December 1990 issue of *Oils and Fats* (32-006, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date.

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

Sugar Sales

January 1991

Canadian sugar refiners reported total sales of 73 100 tonnes for all types of sugar in January 1991, comprising 67 113 tonnes in domestic sales and 5 987 tonnes in export sales.

This compares to total sales of 72 483 tonnes in January 1990, of which 67 852 tonnes were domestic sales and 4 631 tonnes were export sales.

The January 1991 issue of *The Sugar Situation* (32-013, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

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

Particleboard, Waferboard and Fibreboard

December 1990

Canadian firms produced 96 992 cubic metres of waferboard in December 1990, a decrease of 47.4% from the 184 513 cubic metres produced in December 1989. Particleboard production totalled 67 852 cubic metres, down 27.8% from 93 973 cubic metres the previous year. Production of fibreboard for December 1990 was 5 393 thousand square metres, basis 3.175mm, a decrease of 18.9% from the 6 651^r (revised) thousand square metres, basis 3.175mm, of fibreboard produced in December 1989.

Cumulative production of waferboard during the year 1990 totalled 1 965 827^r cubic metres, down 9.0% from the 2 159 961^r cubic metres produced during the previous year. Particleboard production was 1 146 018^r cubic metres, down 10.4% from the 1 279 414 cubic metres in January to December 1989. Year-to-date production of fibreboard was 92 160^r thousand square metres, basis 3.175mm, down 2.5% from the 94 548^r thousand square metres, basis 3.175mm, for the same period in 1989.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 31 (series 2, 3 and 4) and 122 (series 8 and 34).

The December 1990 issue of *Particleboard, Waferboard and Fibreboard* (36-003, \$5/\$50) 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. ■

Annual Retail Trade 1988

Highlights

- Total annual retail trade amounted to an estimated \$181.6 billion in 1988, an increase of 7.0% over 1987.
- The number of retail outlets increased by nearly 5,000 to approximately 227,000 stores.
- All provinces and territories registered sales increases in 1988, ranging from 11.7% in Newfoundland to 0.1% in Saskatchewan.

The 1988 edition of *Annual Retail Trade* provides a comprehensive coverage of the retail sector in Canada. In this publication, data from Statistics Canada's annual surveys of larger firms are supplemented with statistics on smaller retail businesses provided with the cooperation of Revenue

Canada (Taxation). Coverage includes all businesses with sales over \$25,000, except for non-store retailing such as direct selling.

Tabulations for 1988 include:

- The number of retail locations (stores) and sales for Canada, by province and industry group (3-digit SIC).
- The number of retail locations, sales and selected financial ratios, Canada, by industry class (4-digit SIC).

In addition to the published data, special tabulations may be available on a cost-recovery basis.

The 1988 issue of *Annual Retail Trade* (63-223, \$22) is now available.

For more detailed information on this release, contact David Roeske (613-951-9236) Retail Trade Section, Industry Division. ■



1010056668

The Daily, February 12, 1991

PUBLICATIONS RELEASED

Production of Selected Biscuits, Semi-annual
period Ended December 1990.

Catalogue number 32-026

(Canada: \$6.75/\$13.50; United States:
US\$8.10/US\$16.20; Other Countries:
US\$9.45/US\$18.90).

Cement, December 1990.

Catalogue number 44-001

(Canada: \$5.00/\$50.00; United States:
US\$6.00/US\$60.00; Other Countries:
US\$7.00/US\$70.00).

**Service Bulletin - Communications -
Telecommunication Statistics**, Third Quarter 1990.

Catalogue number 56-001

(Canada: \$8.20/\$49.00; United States:
US\$9.85/US\$59.00; Other Countries:
US\$11.50/US\$69.00).

Annual Retail Trade, 1988.

Catalogue number 63-223

(Canada: \$22.00; United States: US\$26.00; Other
Countries: US\$31.00).

Work Injuries, 1987-1989

Catalogue number 72-208

(Canada: \$25.00; United States: US\$30.00; Other
Countries: US\$35.00).

How to Order Publications

*Statistics Canada publications may be purchased by
mail order from Publication Sales, Room 1710, Main
Building, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6 or phone
613-951-7277.*

*Please enclose cheque or money order payable to the
Receiver General for Canada/Publications and provide
full information on publications required (catalogue
number, title, issue).*

*Publications may also be ordered through Statistics
Canada's offices in St. John's, Halifax, Montreal, Ottawa,
Toronto, Winnipeg, Regina, Edmonton, Calgary and
Vancouver, or from authorized bookstore agents or other
booksellers.*

*A national toll-free telephone order service is in
operation at Statistics Canada. The toll-free line
(1-800-267-6677) can be used by Canadian customers
for the ordering of Statistics Canada products and
services.*

**The
Daily**

Statistics Canada's Official Release Bulletin for Statistical Information

Catalogue 11-001E. Price: Canada: \$120.00 annually; United States: US\$144.00 annually;
Other Countries: US\$168.00 annually

Published by the Communications Division
Statistics Canada, 3-N, R.H. Coats Bldg., Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Senior Editor: Greg Thomson (613-951-1116)
Editor: Bonnie Williams (613-951-1103)

Published under the authority of the Minister of Industry, Science and Technology. All rights
reserved. No part of this publication may be reproduced, stored in a retrieval system or
transmitted in any form or by any means, electronic, mechanical, photocopying, recording or
otherwise without prior written permission of the Minister of Supply and Services Canada.