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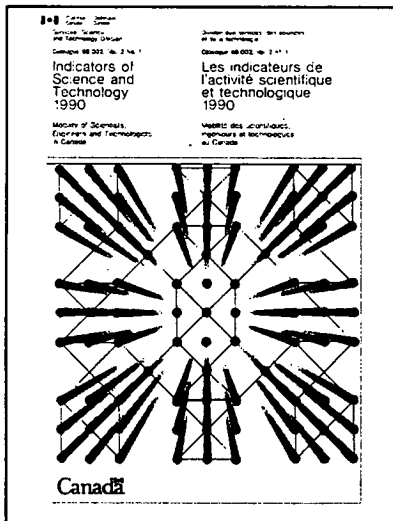
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Indicators of Science and Technology, 1990

Mobility of Scientists, Engineers and Technologists in Canada

Scientists, engineers and technologists are concentrated mainly in six industries: finance, education and health services, public administration, machine construction, electronic products and the petro-chemical sector. Scientists, engineers and technologists in the natural sciences are better educated and less vulnerable to unemployment. The typical migrant scientist, engineer or technologist is a man between 25 and 34 years of age with a bachelor's degree or university diploma.

This report presents an analysis of the mobility of scientists, engineers and technologists taken from the 1986 Census of Canada.

Indicators of Science and Technology 1990: Mobility of Scientists, Engineers and Technologists in Canada (88-002, Vol. 2, No. 1, \$18 in Canada, US\$21.50 in the United States and US\$25.25 in other countries) is now available. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, contact Carole Sage (613-992-5429) or Louis Marc Ducharme (613-951-9921), Services, Science and Technology Division.



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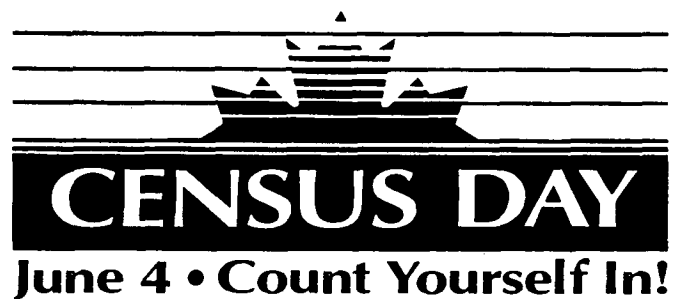
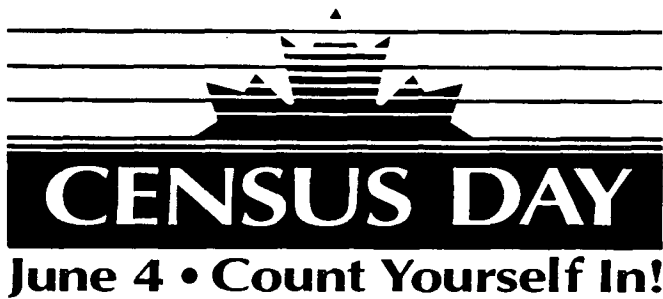
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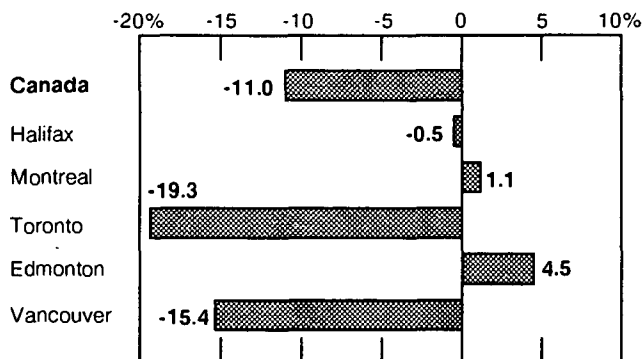
MAJOR RELEASES

New Housing Price Index

February 1991

The New Housing Price Index (1986 = 100) for Canada stood at 130.3 in February, down 2.3% from January 1991. This was the 11th consecutive monthly decrease in the Canada Total Index.

Percentage Change in New Housing Price Index from Same Month of the Previous Year, Canada and Selected Cities, February 1991



The estimated House Only Index decreased 2.1% while the estimated Land Only Index decreased 2.7%.

Since Toronto accounts for approximately one-third of the Canada Total Index weight, Toronto's decrease (-5.0%) was the major factor in the national decrease.

Note to Users:

Since January 1991, the New Housing Price Index (NHPI) reflects the termination of the Federal Sales Tax and 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, excludes 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 is available for comparative purposes.

This index of Canadian housing contractors' selling prices now stands 11.0% lower than the level a year earlier. Toronto was the major factor in this downward movement with a year-over-year decrease of 19.3%, although Vancouver, with a year-over-year decrease of 15.4% also contributed significantly.

Prices Division has calculated an analytical index in which current regulations concerning the Goods and Services Tax (GST) and relevant new housing and Federal Sales Tax rebates are applied to the current price sample to calculate an index that includes the GST. In February 1991, this index was 132.3, down 2.2% from the Canada Total level of 135.3 for January 1991.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 2032.

The first quarter 1991 issue of *Construction Price Statistics* (62-007, \$18/\$72) will be available in June. See "How to Order Publications".

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

New Housing Price Indexes

1986 = 100

	February 1991	January 1991	February 1990	% Change	
				February 1991/ January 1991	February 1991/ February 1990
Canada Total	130.3	133.4	146.4	-2.3	-11.0
Canada (House Only)	120.0	122.6	138.5	-2.1	-13.4
Canada (Land Only)	157.3	161.6	168.8	-2.7	-6.8
St. John's	125.1	119.1	115.8	5.0	8.0
Halifax	109.1	109.3	109.6	-0.2	-0.5
Saint John-Moncton-Fredericton	114.5	113.6	112.7	0.8	1.6
Quebec City	135.8	132.4	129.3	2.6	5.0
Montreal	134.1	133.8	132.7	0.2	1.1
Ottawa-Hull	124.8	125.2	124.1	-0.3	0.6
Toronto	146.8	154.5	181.9	-5.0	-19.3
Hamilton	138.0	137.7	147.1	0.2	-6.2
St. Catharines-Niagara	135.9	137.3	140.6	-1.0	-3.3
Kitchener-Waterloo	129.5	130.9	143.3	-1.1	-9.6
London	144.8	144.5	144.2	0.2	0.4
Windsor	129.1	129.1	123.9	-	4.2
Sudbury-Thunder Bay	132.8	132.2	132.5	0.5	0.2
Winnipeg	108.7	108.6	107.4	0.1	1.2
Regina	110.1	109.6	108.7	0.5	1.3
Saskatoon	107.3	107.3	107.5	-	-0.2
Calgary	133.3	133.2	133.8	0.1	-0.4
Edmonton	139.5	140.7	133.5	-0.9	4.5
Vancouver	119.8	123.2	141.6	-2.8	-15.4
Victoria	117.2	116.9	128.1	0.3	-8.5

- Nil or zero.

New Motor Vehicle Sales

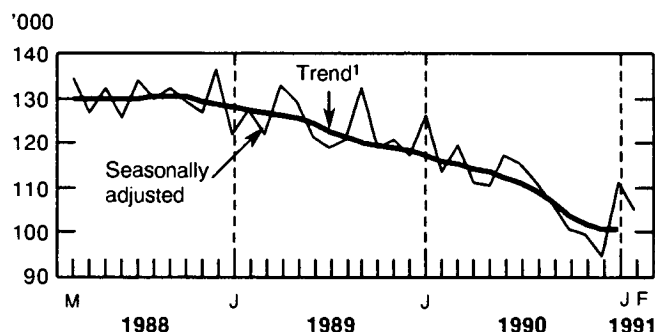
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Highlights

Seasonally Adjusted Sales

- Preliminary estimates indicate that sales of all new motor vehicles totalled 105,000 units in February 1991, a decline of 5.6% from the revised January 1991 level. In February, passenger car sales decreased by 7.1% while truck sales posted a decline of 1.8%.
- The 5.6% decline in sales in February followed a sharp increase of 17.5% in January and a decrease of 4.6% in December. New motor vehicle sales declined in seven of the last eight months.
- On the basis of origin, sales of North American passenger cars decreased by 17.7% in February to a level of 47,000 units. Sales of imported passenger cars recorded a gain of 21.3% to a level of 26,000 units. The February drop for North

Monthly Sales of New Motor Vehicles, Canada, Seasonally Adjusted, in Units, 1988-1991



¹ The short-term trend represents a weighted average of the data.

American passenger car sales followed a sharp gain of 44.7% in January, whereas the increase in imported passenger car sales followed a decline of 10.6%.

Unadjusted Sales

- Sales of all new motor vehicles totalled 81,000 units in February 1991, down 8.2% from the February 1990 level. Sales of trucks recorded a decline of 16.6%, while passenger car sales decreased by 4.0%.
- Unit sales of North American passenger cars decreased by 6.6% while imported passenger cars were up by 1.0% over their level in February 1990. The increase in imported passenger cars was attributable to a 2.7% increase in Japanese cars.
- The share of Japanese cars in the Canadian passenger car market rose to 29.1% in February 1991 from 27.2% a year earlier. This gain was at the expense of North American manufacturers, as their market share declined to 63.5% from 65.3% in February 1990.

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.

- All provinces registered lower unit sales of motor vehicles in February 1991 compared to February 1990. The decreases ranged from 26.1% in Prince Edward Island to 3.2% in British Columbia.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 64.

The February 1991 issue of *New Motor Vehicle Sales* (63-007, \$9/\$90) will be available the third week of April. See "How to Order Publications".

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

New Motor Vehicle Sales - Canada

February 1991

	Seasonally Adjusted Data			
	November 1990 ^r	December 1990 ^r	January 1991 ^r	February 1991 ^p
	Units % Change	Units % Change	Units % Change	Units % Change
Total New Motor Vehicles	98,911 -1.6	94,347 -4.6	110,894 + 17.5	104,718 -5.6
Passenger Cars by Origin:				
North America	43,890 -1.2	39,699 -9.5	57,456 + 44.7	47,282 -17.7
Overseas	23,778 -2.5	23,951 + 0.7	21,406 -10.6	25,973 +21.3
Total	67,668 -1.6	63,650 -5.9	78,862 + 23.9	73,255 -7.1
Trucks, Vans and Buses	31,243 -1.6	30,697 -1.7	32,032 + 4.3	31,463 -1.8
	Unadjusted Sales			
	February 1991	Change 1991/90	January- February 1991	Change 1991/90
	Units	%	Units	%
Total New Motor Vehicles	81,316	-8.2	165,032	-8.2
Passenger Cars by Origin:				
North America	35,894	-6.6	78,123	+ 3.4
Japan	16,474	+ 2.7	28,163	-10.9
Other Countries (Including South Korea)	4,191	-5.1	8,074	-3.5
Total	56,559	-4.0	114,360	-1.0
Trucks, Vans and Buses by Origin:				
North America	20,314	-15.9	42,948	-19.9
Overseas	4,443	-19.5	7,724	-28.3
Total	24,757	-16.6	50,672	-21.3

^p Preliminary.

^r Revised.

DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cement

February 1991

Canadian manufacturers shipped 375 059 tonnes of cement in February 1991, a decrease of 28.7% from the 526 387 tonnes shipped a year earlier but an increase of 23.3% from the 304 282 tonnes shipped in January 1991.

January-to-February 1991 shipments totalled 679 341 tonnes, down 32.9% from the 1 013 178 tonnes shipped during the same period in 1990.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 92 and 122 (series 35) .

The February 1991 issue of *Cement* (44-001, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date.

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

Steel Pipe and Tubing

February 1991

Steel pipe and tubing production for February 1991 totalled 152 387 tonnes, an increase of 10.9% from the 137 402 tonnes produced a year earlier.

Year-to-date production totalled 297 061 tonnes, up 6.1% from the 280 045 tonnes produced during the same period in 1990.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 35.

The February 1991 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. ■

Electric Power Statistics

January 1991

Net generation of electric energy in Canada in January 1991 increased to 50 003 gigawatt hours (GWh), up 8.7% from the corresponding month last year. Exports increased 15.1% to 1 410 GWh, while imports decreased from 1 707 GWh to 750 GWh.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 3987-3999.

The January 1991 issue of *Electric Power Statistics* (57-001, \$9/\$90) will be available the second week of April. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Dave Madsen (613-951-9823), Energy Section, Industry Division. ■



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Income After Tax, Distributions by Size in Canada, 1989.

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

Summary of Canadian International Trade, January 1991.

Catalogue number 65-001

(Canada: \$18.20/\$182.00; United States: US\$21.80/US\$218.00; Other Countries: US\$25.50/US\$255.00).

Indicators of Science and Technology, 1990 (Vol. 2, No. 1).

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