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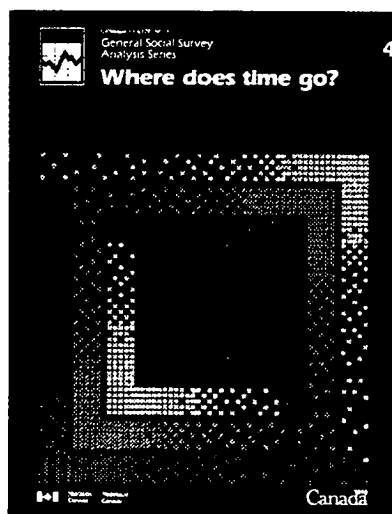
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General Social Survey Analysis Series - Where does time go?

Few measures could reveal more about the Canadian way of life than a systematic account of how Canadians spend their time. *Where does time go?* presents the results of precisely that kind of account and is based on data from a survey of nearly 10,000 Canadian adults conducted during the last quarter of 1986. An analysis of the data collected identifies how the total population and various subpopulations (for example, students, employed mothers and the elderly) allocate their time. These data are relevant to such issues as the increased labour force participation of women and the sharing of household tasks and other responsibilities; the amount of time given to volunteer, housework and other unpaid work in relation to paid work; and how much time Canadians spend in activities with family members versus time spent with others or alone.

Where does time go? (11-612E, No. 4, \$40) presents analysis of the General Social Survey (Cycle 2), which focused in part on the time use of Canadians. For highlights from this publication and details on how to order, turn to page 2 of today's *Daily*.



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General Social Survey - Time Use 1986

Canadians aged 15 years and over spend 7.5 hours per day (averaged over a seven-day week) on productive activity, which includes paid work, education and unpaid work (i.e. domestic tasks, primary child care and shopping and services). Sleeping, eating and other personal care activities consume another 11.0 hours per day and free time averages 5.5 hours.

This finding is one of the highlights presented in the first of two major reports from the 1986 *General Social Survey*. Other findings from the time-use component of this survey include the following:

- Men and women allocate the same amount of time to productive activity; however, the way they spend that time differs. The productive time for males is heavily concentrated on paid work, with an average of 4.7 hours per day, compared to 2.5 hours for females (averaged over the total population and all days of the week). The major component of productive activity for females, however, is unpaid work, with an average of 4.1 hours per day, compared to 1.9 hours for males.
- On average, Canadians spend 1.8 hours per day on domestic activities. Women spend 2.5 hours per day, compared to 1.0 hours for men.
- Shopping and the use of services, such as adult medical and dental care, increases with age. On a given day, 28% of people aged 15 to 24 shop or use services. Those that do average 2.0 hours. However, 41% of people 65 and over shop or use services on a given day. Those that do average 2.7 hours on such activities.
- Time spent by students 15 years of age and over on their main activity - education (6.2 hours per day) - is comparable to the 6.6 hours per day allocated by the employed to their main activity, paid work. Students spend more than twice as much time with friends as the average Canadian, 5.2 hours a day compared to 2.4 hours.
- Television viewing accounts for more than 40% of free-time activity.
- Free time rises from an average of 4.7 hours on weekdays to 7.0 hours on Saturday and peaks at 7.5 hours on Sunday. Men have 0.3 hours more free time on weekdays than women, 0.7 hours more on Saturday and nearly one hour more free time on Sunday.
- Whether Canadians drive or use public transit, they spend about the same amount of time on transportation. The 69% of the population who travel by car average 1.3 hours per day, about the same amount of time as the 11% of the population who use public transportation.

The *General Social Survey*, a continuing program with a five-year cycle, has two principal objectives: first, to gather data on social trends in order to monitor changes in Canadian society over time; and second, to provide information on specific social policy issues. The second cycle of the GSS, conducted in November and December of 1986, collected data on time use, social mobility and language knowledge and use. A sample of 9,946 persons aged 15 and over was interviewed in the 10 provinces for the time-use component.

A report covering social mobility, another module of the 1986 GSS, will be released in the fall of 1991 - *Ups and downs on the ladder of success* (11-612E, No. 5). A data file from this survey was released in December 1989 and a number of articles based on the data have been published in *Canadian Social Trends* (11-008E, \$8.50/\$34). This report provides a more detailed analysis of the time-use data.

Where does time go? (11-612E, No. 4, \$40) is now available. See "How to Order Publications".

For more information, contact Professor Andrew Harvey of Saint Mary's University (902-477-3531), or Judith Frederick of the Housing, Family and Social Statistics Division (613-951-0279). ■

DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENT

Postcensal Estimates of Total Population, Canada, Provinces and Territories

June 1, 1991

Note: These figures are not 1991 Census counts but, in fact, estimates based on the 1986 Census. The 1991 Census counts are scheduled for release in April 1992.

Preliminary postcensal estimates of total population for Canada, provinces and territories for June 1, 1991 are presented below as well as those for June 1, 1990 and June 1, 1989.

Also available now are annual figures for components of population growth.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 60 (total population), 6507 (births), 6508 (deaths), 6509 (immigrants), 6510 (emigrants), 6511 (net interprovincial migrants) and 6514 (interprovincial migrants - family allowance).

These estimates will appear in the following publication in the near future: *Postcensal Annual Estimates of Population by Marital Status, Age, Sex and Components of Growth for Canada, Provinces and Territories, June 1, 1991* (91-210, \$29).

For more detailed information, contact the nearest regional reference centre, or Lise Champagne (613-951-2320), Demography Division.

Postcensal Estimates of Total Population, Canada, Provinces and Territories

	Population			Annual GrowthRate forYears Ending May 31	
	1991(PP)	1990(PR)	1989(PD)	1990-91	1989-90
	(thousands)			(%)	
Canada	26,991.6	26,602.6	26,240.3	1.5	1.4
Newfoundland	574.2	573.4	571.1	0.1	0.4
Prince Edward Island	130.3	130.3	129.9	0.0	0.3
Nova Scotia	899.6	894.2	888.3	0.6	0.7
New Brunswick	726.8	723.2	717.8	0.5	0.8
Quebec	6,845.0	6,769.0	6,698.2	1.1	1.1
Ontario	9,906.4	9,743.3	9,589.6	1.7	1.6
Manitoba	1,096.2	1,091.6	1,086.3	0.4	0.5
Saskatchewan	996.8	999.5	1,006.7	-0.3	-0.7
Alberta	2,521.5	2,471.6	2,425.9	2.0	1.9
British Columbia	3,213.2	3,126.6	3,048.3	2.7	2.5
Yukon	26.9	26.1	25.5	3.0	2.6
Northwest Territories	54.6	53.8	52.9	1.6	1.7

(PD): Final postcensal estimates.

(PR): Updated postcensal estimates.

(PP): Preliminary postcensal estimates.

Note: Figures have been rounded independently to the nearest hundred.

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General Social Survey – Analysis Series : Where does time go?, 1991.

Catalogue number 11-612E, No. 4

(Canada: \$40.00; United States: US\$48.00; Other Countries: US\$56.00).

Exports by Commodity, May 1991.

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).

The Labour Force, July 1991.

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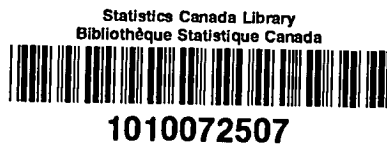
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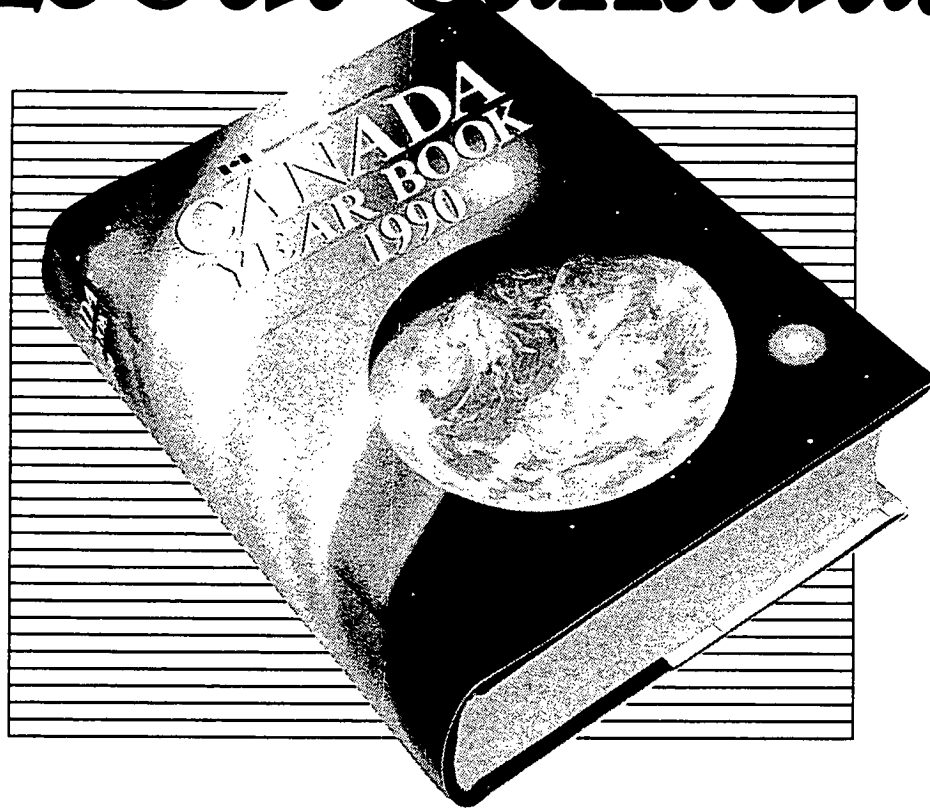
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