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#### Focus on Culture

Autumn 1991

The autumn issue of *Focus on Culture* contains articles on the sound recording industry, the periodical publishing survey, and on the survey process, and also a list of articles from previous issues.

#### Highlights

- In 1989-1990, record label companies spent \$80 million on marketing, an increase of 25% from the previous fiscal year.
- Corporate revenues for record label companies totalled \$636 million in 1989-1990. About half of their revenues (\$340 million) came from sales of records, tapes and compact discs.
- Approximately 80% of total sales of records, tapes and compact discs (\$275 million) were generated from recordings produced from master tapes licensed or leased from companies located outside Canada.

The Autumn 1991 issue (Volume 3, number 3) of *Focus on Culture* (87-004, \$6.25/\$25) is now available. See "How to Order Publications."

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### Trends in Impaired Driving Statistics

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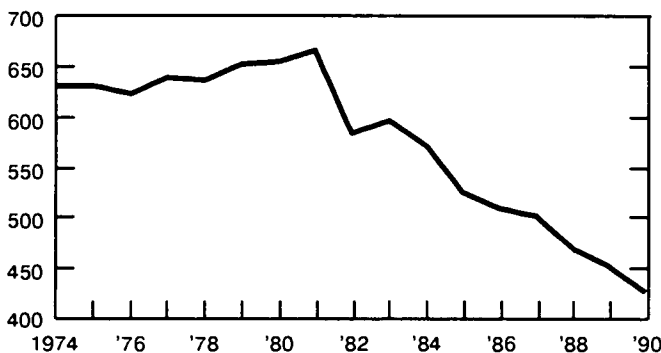
#### Highlights

##### Traffic Data, 1974-1990

- There were 112,925 persons charged with impaired driving offences in Canada in 1990, a decrease of 5% from the previous year. This is the lowest number recorded since statistics were first gathered in 1974, and marks the seventh consecutive annual decrease.

##### Persons Charged with Impaired Driving Offences<sup>1</sup>, Canada, 1974-1990

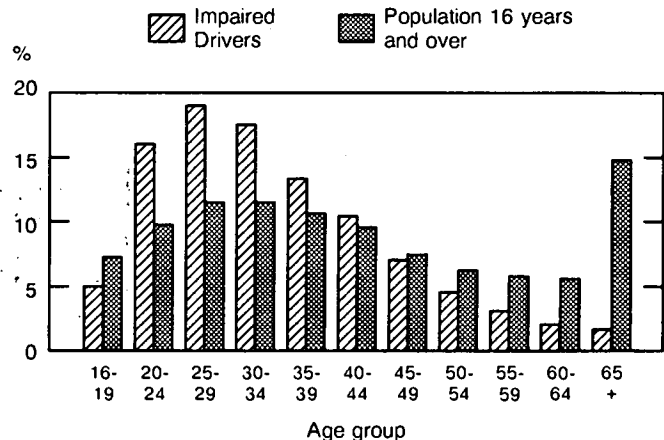
Rate per 100,000 population



<sup>1</sup> Includes "Impaired Operation of a Motor Vehicle, Vessel or Aircraft (Causing Death, Bodily Harm, or Impaired Operation or Over 80 mgs.)" and "Failing to Provide a Breath Sample or Blood Sample".

- The downtrend is confirmed by statistics which show that the proportion of fatally injured drivers found to have a blood alcohol concentration above the legal limit has decreased from a high of 52% in 1981 to 36% in 1989.
- A total of 127 persons were charged with impaired driving of a motor vehicle causing death in 1990, the lowest figure since legislation introduced this offence in 1985. A further 1,147 persons were charged with impaired driving of a motor vehicle causing bodily harm, a slight increase over 1989.

### A Comparison of Impaired Drivers and the Population (16 years and over) by Age Group



Source: Revised Uniform Crime Reporting Survey 1989-1990, data from 10 police forces.

- All provinces and territories except Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Saskatchewan recorded decreases in 1990 in the number of persons charged with impaired driving offences, drops ranging from 3% in British Columbia to 18% in Newfoundland. Provincially, Saskatchewan and Alberta continued to experience the highest impaired driving rates (per 100,000 population), while Quebec and Ontario had the lowest rates.
- In 1990, 91% of persons charged with impaired driving offences were males, 9% females.

#### Revised Uniform Crime Reporting Survey Data

The Revised Uniform Crime Reporting Survey is able to provide more detailed data about the people who were charged with impaired driving offences. For the 1989-1990 period, data are available from 10 police forces. These data are not a representative sample of any particular geographic area in Canada, thus they are not indicative of any national or regional trends.

- Analysis of 26,478 impaired driving incidents shows that over 70% of those charged with impaired driving offences were found to be under 40 years of age.
- The most over-represented group were persons 25-29 years of age, making up 19% of those charged while comprising only 11.5% of the population 16 years of age and over.

The above highlights are from the new *Juristat Bulletin, Trends in Impaired Driving Statistics, 1990* (85-002, Vol. 11, No. 13, \$3.60/\$90). See "How to Order Publications".

This report analyzes trends in the rate of persons charged with impaired driving offences between 1974 and 1990 in Canada. It also explores the association between alcohol sales and alcohol consumption with traffic fatalities and trends in impaired driving offences.

For further information on this release, please contact Information and Client Services (613-951-9023) (Fax: 613-951-6615), Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics. ■

## Family Income Inequality in the 1980s

The Autumn 1991 issue of *Perspectives on Labour and Income* includes an article entitled "Family income inequality in the 1980s." The article studies the growth of family income and the distribution of after-tax income in the 1980s. It shows that in 1989 average family income was essentially unchanged from 1980.

## Highlights

- Although average family income at the end of the 1980s was little changed from the beginning of the decade, there was a decline of 6% from 1980 to 1983 and an increase of 7% from 1984 to 1989. This observation contrasts sharply with earlier decades when the average family income was substantially higher at the end of each period.
- In 1989, the distribution of after-tax income of families, ranked according to the size of their income, showed an average income for the top 10% (decile) of \$88,800 compared with \$11,600 for the lowest decile.
- Even though the variations were not large, income inequality increased until 1984, then declined until the end of the decade.
- For the first four years of the decade, there was evidence of a declining proportion of families in the middle income group and an increased polarization in the income distribution. This trend reversed in the last half of the 1980s.

For further information, contact Roger Love (613-951-6898) or Susan Poulin (613-951-0086).

The Autumn 1991 edition of *Perspectives on Labour and Income* (75-001E, \$13.25/\$53) is now available. See "How to Order Publications." ■



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