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### Break and Enter in Canada

1980-90

#### Highlights

- The number of residential Break and Enters (B&Es) remained relatively stable from 1980 to 1990, totalling 215,361 in 1990. However, the rate of residential B&Es decreased by almost 15%, from 26.3 per 1,000 households in 1980 to 22.4 in 1990.
  - Estimated property loss and damage from residential Break and Enters, based on claims submitted to insurance companies, was more than \$400 million in 1990 (Insurance Bureau of Canada). Radios and televisions were the items most often stolen.
  - The number of commercial B&Es increased by 18.2% over the same period, from 99,041 in 1980 to 117,082 in 1990.
  - All provinces except Quebec (-30.3%), Ontario (-17.7%) and British Columbia (-1.8%) had increases in their residential B&E rates from 1980 to 1990. Quebec, however, still had the highest rate of residential Break and Enters per 1,000 households in 1990 (27.8), while the Atlantic provinces had the lowest rates among the provinces, ranging from 9.1 for Prince Edward Island to 16.9 for New Brunswick.
  - Of the almost 120,000 commercial Break and Enters reported in 1990, about 70% occurred in Ontario and Quebec. Of the provinces, Quebec had the greatest increase (31.9%) in commercial Break and Enters from 1980 to 1990.
  - Of the major cities, Quebec City had the highest rate of residential Break and Enters (1,844 per 100,000 population) in 1990, and Victoria had the highest rate of commercial Break and Enters (1,191 per 100,000 population).
  - More than 80% of those charged with Break and Enters were persons between 12 and 25 years of age, with about one-third of those charged being young offenders aged 12 to 17.
- Juristat Service Bulletin, Vol. 12, No. 1 - *Break and Enter in Canada, 1980-1990* (85-002, \$3.60/\$90) is now available. See "How to Order Publications".
- For further information on this release, contact Information and Client Services (613-951-9023), Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics.

### Number of Break and Enter Offences by Type, Canada, Provinces and Territories, 1980 and 1990

Province/Territory	Break and Enter Offences					
	Residential			Commercial		
	1980	1990	Percentage Change	1980	1990	Percentage change
	Number	Number	%	Number	Number	%
Newfoundland	1,127	2,224	97.3	1,711	1,497	-12.5
Prince Edward Island	213	408	91.5	452	383	-15.3
Nova Scotia	3,808	5,363	40.8	3,014	2,770	-8.1
New Brunswick	2,992	3,897	30.2	2,309	2,283	-1.1
Quebec	83,871	70,506	-15.9	23,324	30,770	31.9
Ontario	62,146	61,435	-1.1	33,868	40,135	18.5
Manitoba	7,674	9,879	28.7	4,523	4,388	-3.0
Saskatchewan	5,336	8,100	51.8	3,684	3,998	8.5
Alberta	15,882	19,718	24.2	10,542	11,893	12.8
British Columbia	25,772	32,698	26.9	14,694	17,705	20.5
Yukon	224	285	27.2	202	225	11.4
Northwest Territories	518	848	63.7	524	797	52.1
Canada <sup>1</sup>	209,565	215,361	2.8	99,041	117,082	18.2

<sup>1</sup> Includes Canadian National and Canadian Pacific Railway Police data; these data are excluded in provincial breakdowns.

Source: Current Uniform Crime Reporting Survey.

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## DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENT

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### **Production and Sales of Major Appliances**

December 1991

Data on domestic sales of major appliances by Canadian manufacturers for the month of December are now available.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 65, 66 and 122 (series 30).

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For more detailed information on this release, contact L. Pent (613-951-3526), Industry Division. ■



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