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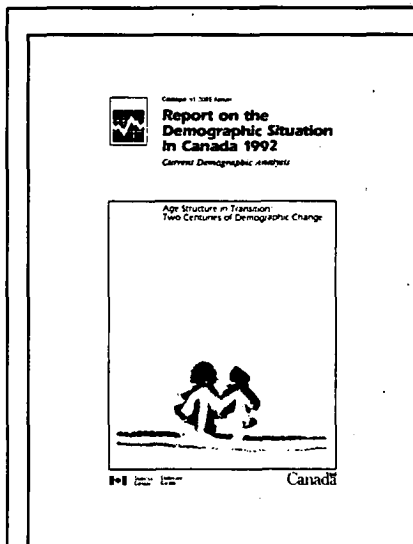
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Report on the Demographic Situation in Canada 1992

Today, Statistics Canada is releasing its sixth annual *Report on the Demographic Situation in Canada* in the Current Demographic Analysis series. The report contains 160 pages of analysis, 71 tables never before published or updated and 16 charts.

The publication notes that among the trends which are confirmed, is that after a reluctance to marry, and a reduced propensity for living in couple, for many there is now a clear attraction for solo living.

Report on the Demographic Situation in Canada 1992 (91-209E, \$26) is now available. See "How to Order Publications."

For more information, contact Jean Dumas (613-951-2327), Research and Analysis Section, Demography Division.



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Report on the Demographic Situation in Canada

1992

Highlights

- Fewer couples, because I live at my place and you live at yours...!
- In Quebec, half of first-born children have an unmarried mother.

Part I

- At 1.5% in 1990, Canada's rate of population growth remained the highest in the industrialized world. The rate has climbed no higher than 0.4% in Europe, 1.1% in the United States and 1.4% in Australia.
- In 1971, 68% of persons aged 20 to 24 were single, while in 1991, 91% of this age group were single.
- Not only are people marrying less, but fewer and fewer are living as couples. For example, among women aged 25 to 29 in 1981, 79% were living in female-male arrangement; in 1991, only 66% were.
- Single-parent families are increasing, but more slowly in the last five years than in the preceding five (12% compared to 20%). As the growth in two-parent families has been very weak (3.0%), single-parent families have stolen the limelight (they accounted for 20% of families in 1991 compared to 17% in 1981).
- Solo living is becoming more prominent. Between 1981 and 1991, the proportion of one-person households grew by 111%. This increase was greater in the east than in the west of the country. Quebec has by far the greatest proportion of one-person households (22%). In British Columbia, which placed second, one-person households only accounted for 14% of the total. Ontario had the lowest percentage (7.4%).
- For every 100 marriages registered in 1960, there were 55 unions that ended either in divorce or death; in 1990, for 100 marriages there were 89 dissolutions – 42 by divorce.

- For the fourth consecutive year, Canada's total fertility rate increased; the 1990 level of 1.83 children per woman represented a return to a level not seen in 14 years.
- Births to unmarried women rose in all provinces in 1990. The highest percentage of such births (36%) occurred in Quebec and the lowest (14.5%) in Ontario. Almost half of the first births in Quebec were to unmarried women, compared to one-fifth of the first births in Ontario and one-third in Canada.
- Deaths due to AIDS are increasing – but slowly.
- Though immigration was strong in 1990 compared to preceding years (228,557 persons), if the rate had been equal to that of 1958, Canada would have received 450,000 immigrants.

Part II

- The average annual growth of the youth population during the last 120 years has been 1.2%, and that of persons aged 65 and over has been 2.7%. As a result, between 1861 and 1981, the number of older persons increased by a factor of 24.
- Of the men and women born in Canada in 1951, more will live past their 60th birthday than survived to their first birthday among those born during the 18th century.
- Thanks to the decline in mortality rates, of women born in 1950, only 50 per 1,000 will die before becoming mothers. For every 1,000 women born during the 18th century, 400 died before giving birth to a child.
- A curious turn of events in education: following a call for downsizing due to a drop in the number of persons under 20 years of age, the educational sector, whose activities have traditionally been centred on the youth, is now being sustained by a growing senior population.

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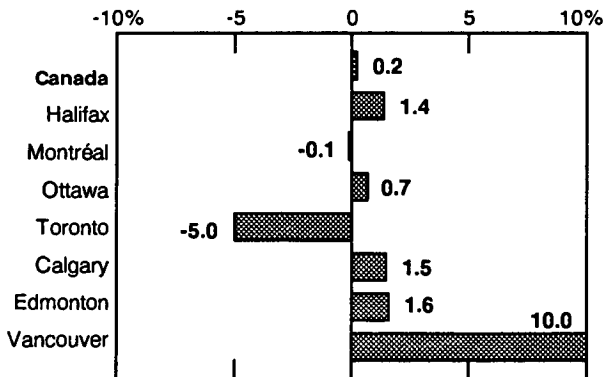
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New Housing Price Index

October 1992

The New Housing Price Index (1986=100) for Canada stood at 134.7 in October, up 0.1% from September 1992. The estimated House Only index increased 0.1% and the Land Only index increased 0.6%.

Percentage Changes in New Housing Price Index from Same Month of Previous Year, Canada and Selected Cities, October 1992



The largest monthly decrease in new housing prices was recorded in Hamilton (-0.6%), while the largest monthly increases were recorded in Vancouver (0.9%) and Victoria (0.5%).

This index of Canadian housing contractors' selling prices was up 0.2% from the year-earlier level. The movement mainly reflected the offsetting impact of decreases in Toronto (-5.0%), Hamilton (-3.4%), Kitchener-Waterloo (-3.3%) and St. Catharines-Niagara (-3.1%) compared to increases in Vancouver (10.0%), Victoria (6.2%) and Regina (5.4%).

Available on CANSIM: matrix 2032.

The fourth quarter 1992 issue of *Construction Price Statistics* (62-007, \$18/\$72) will be available in March 1993. 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

	October 1992	September 1992	October 1991	% change	
				October 1992/September 1992	October 1992/October 1991
Canada Total	134.7	134.5	134.4	0.1	0.2
Canada (House Only)	124.2	124.1	125.6	0.1	-1.1
Canada (Land Only)	166.3	165.3	160.6	0.6	3.5
St. John's	127.0	127.0	126.5	-	0.4
Halifax	111.0	111.1	109.5	-0.1	1.4
Saint John-Moncton-Fredericton	115.4	115.4	114.2	-	1.1
Quebec City	134.9	135.1	134.4	-0.1	0.4
Montreal	134.8	134.7	135.0	0.1	-0.1
Ottawa-Hull	123.8	123.9	123.0	-0.1	0.7
Toronto	139.1	139.2	146.4	-0.1	-5.0
Hamilton	129.3	130.1	133.9	-0.6	-3.4
St. Catharines-Niagara	129.3	129.7	133.5	-0.3	-3.1
Kitchener-Waterloo	124.6	124.7	128.8	-0.1	-3.3
London	146.0	146.2	147.3	-0.1	-0.9
Windsor	127.8	127.9	127.1	-0.1	0.6
Sudbury-Thunder Bay	132.8	133.0	132.3	-0.2	0.4
Winnipeg	108.7	108.7	108.0	-	0.6
Regina	118.2	118.2	112.1	-	5.4
Saskatoon	107.4	107.4	106.7	-	0.7
Calgary	134.2	133.6	132.2	0.4	1.5
Edmonton	143.4	142.8	141.2	0.4	1.6
Vancouver	139.8	138.6	127.1	0.9	10.0
Victoria	129.7	129.0	122.1	0.5	6.2

- Nil or zero.

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Department Store Sales by Province and Metropolitan Area

October 1992

Department stores sales including concessions totalled \$1,145.0 million in October 1992, up 4.3% from October 1991. Concessions sales totalled \$64.6 million, 5.6% of total department store sales.

Note to Users

Information on department store sales and stocks by major commodity lines and a seasonally adjusted estimate at the Canada level will be released in The Daily on December 22, 1992.

Department store sales during October 1992 for the provinces and the 10 metropolitan areas were as follows:

Department Store Sales Including Concessions October 1992

	Sales (\$ millions)	Year-over-year % Change
Province		
Newfoundland	16.0	+6.0
Prince Edward Island	4.5	+3.3
Nova Scotia	39.1	+6.6
New Brunswick	27.2	+8.0
Quebec	215.3	+3.3
Ontario	476.8	+6.9
Manitoba	46.0	+2.6
Saskatchewan	31.5	+1.9
Alberta	119.7	-4.3
British Columbia	168.8	+4.7
Metropolitan Area		
Calgary	44.0	-5.5
Edmonton	51.5	-4.2
Halifax-Dartmouth	20.0	+3.6
Hamilton	33.2	+6.7
Montreal	116.3	+1.9
Ottawa-Hull	54.9	+8.2
Quebec City	31.0	+8.3
Toronto	184.5	+3.2
Vancouver	91.5	+5.2
Winnipeg	40.8	+2.6

Available on CANSIM: matrices 111, 112 (series 1, levels 10-12).

The October 1992 issue of *Department Store Monthly Sales, by Province and Selected Metropolitan Area* (63-004, \$2.70/\$27) will be available in January 1993.

For further information, contact Diane Lake (613-951-9824) Retail Trade Section, Industry Division.

Raw Materials Price Index - Early Estimate

November 1992

The Raw Materials Price Index is estimated to have decreased 0.2% in November 1992 from October 1992. Decreases observed for mineral fuels (-0.7%) and metals (-2.8%) were partially offset by increases for animal and vegetable products (0.9%) and wood (0.8%). The RMPI excluding mineral fuels is estimated to have risen 0.1% in November.

This is an early estimate of the latest Raw Materials Price Index based on partial returns and other indicators. The regular index will be published at the end of the month.

For further information, contact the Information and Current Analysis Unit (613-951-9607), Prices Division.

Railway Carloadings

Nine-day Period Ending November 30, 1992

Highlights

- Revenue freight loaded by railways in Canada during the nine-day period totalled 5.1 million tonnes, a decrease of 18.7% from the same period last year.
- Piggyback traffic decreased 18.0% from the same period last year. The number of cars loaded decreased 18.0% during the same period.
- The tonnage of revenue freight loaded as of November 30, 1992 decreased 5.0% from the previous year.

Note: Piggyback traffic includes trailers and containers on flat cars. Piggyback traffic numbers are included in total carload traffic. All 1991 figures and 1992 cumulative data have been revised.

For more detailed information on this release, contact Angus MacLean (613-951-2484), Surface Transport Unit, Transportation Division. ■

Motor Carrier Freight Quarterly Survey (Large Carriers)

Third Quarter 1992

The results of the Motor Carrier Freight Quarterly Survey, covering the activities of the large for-hire trucking carriers with annual operating revenues of \$25 million or more, are now available for the third quarter of 1992.

Highlights

- During the third quarter of 1992, the 50 large carriers who earn \$25 million or more annually generated total operating revenues of \$751 million. This was a decline of 5.5% and 6.5% from the third quarters of 1991 and 1990, respectively.
- The large carriers' operating ratio of 0.99 in the third quarter of 1992 was a slight deterioration from 0.98 in the third quarter of 1991 and was a further deterioration from 0.97 in the third quarter of 1990.
- Total operating expenses for the third quarter of 1992 amounted to \$744 million, down 4.8% from the third quarter of 1991 and down 4.7% from the third quarter of 1990. The major expense, salaries and wages, accounted for 37.2% of total operating expenses, relatively consistent with the third quarters of 1990 and 1991.

Detailed data for the third quarter of 1992 will appear in the January 1993 issue of *Surface and Marine Transport Service Bulletin* (50-002, \$9.40/\$75).

For further information, contact Dan Calof (613-951-2519), Transportation Division. ■

Particleboard, Waferboard and Fibreboard

October 1992

Canadian firms produced 191 289 cubic metres of waferboard in October 1992, an increase of 14.7% from the 166 721 cubic metres produced in October 1991. Particleboard production totalled 110 112 cubic metres, up 30.4% from 84 436^r (revised) cubic metres the previous year. Production of fibreboard in October 1992 was 8 734 thousand square metres, basis 3.175mm, an increase of 4.1% from the 8 388^r thousand square metres, basis 3.175mm, produced in October 1991.

From January to October 1992, production of waferboard totalled 1 700 338 cubic metres, up 29.8% from the 1 310 101 cubic metres produced the year before. Particleboard production was 995 709^r cubic metres, up 13.0% from the 881 290^r cubic metres produced from January to October 1991. Year-to-date production of fibreboard amounted to 77 866 thousand square metres, basis 3.175mm, down 4.2% from the 81 265^r thousand square metres, basis 3.175mm, produced a year earlier.

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

The October 1992 issue of *Particleboard, Waferboard and Fibreboard* (36-003, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date.

For more detailed information on this release, contact Jacques Lepage (613-951-3516), Industry Division. ■

Steel Primary Forms

Week Ending December 5, 1992

Preliminary estimates indicate that Canadian steel primary forms production for the week ending December 5, 1992 totalled 293 610 tonnes, a 3.6% increase from the preceding week's total of 283 328 tonnes and up 14.4% from the year-earlier 256 657 tonnes. Year-to-date production at December 5, 1992 totalled 12 838 053 tonnes, a 6.7% increase from 12 027 226 tonnes for the same period in 1991.

For more detailed information on this release, contact Greg Milsom (613-951-9827), Industry Division. ■

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**Specified Domestic Electrical Appliances, October
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**Factory Sales of Electric Storage Batteries,
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Catalogue number 43-005

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