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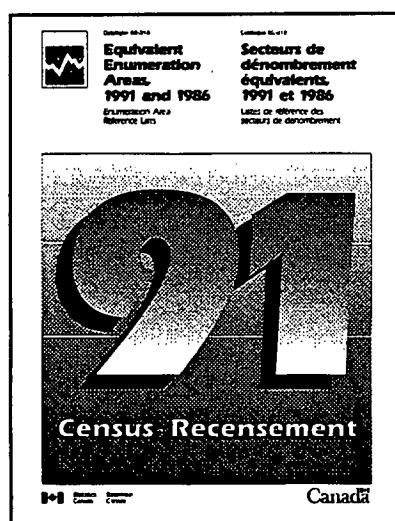
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### Equivalent Enumeration Areas, 1991 and 1986

Enumeration Area Reference Lists

*Equivalent Enumeration Areas, 1991 and 1986* is now available. This publication lists enumeration areas from the 1991 Census along with their 1986 equivalents.

Five tables are presented for each province and territory. The first two tables list all the enumeration areas (EAs) for which there is a one-to-one correspondence between 1991 and 1986. The third table identifies geographically equivalent groups of EAs for each census, and the last two tables serve as indexes to the third table.

An enumeration area is the smallest geographical area for which census data are normally available.

To obtain a copy of *Equivalent Enumeration Areas, 1991 and 1986* (92-318, \$55), see "How to Order Publications." For further information, contact your nearest Statistics Canada Regional Reference Centre.



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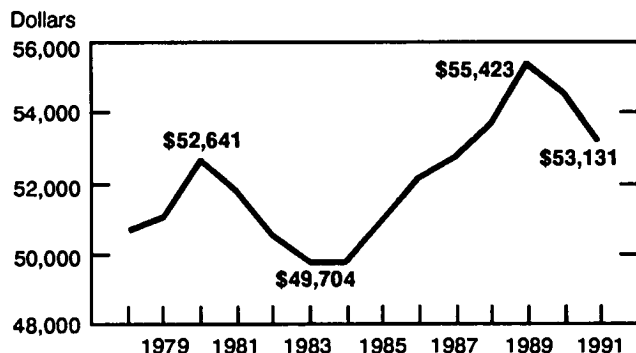
### Income Distributions by Size in Canada

1991

Average family income in 1991 was an estimated \$53,131, down 2.6% from 1990 after adjusting for inflation as measured by changes in the consumer price index. This decrease marked the second consecutive year of diminishing average income and, as a result, 40% of the gains realized since the recession of the early 1980s have been eroded. When the losses of both recessions are taken into consideration, real average family income in 1991 was only slightly above its level in 1980. Over the same period, average family income per capita increased 7.0% due to declining average family size.

Consistent with the decline in average family income, the size of the low-income population increased. The proportion of persons below Statistics Canada's low-income cutoffs increased to 16.0% in 1991, up from 14.6% in 1990 and 13.6% in 1989. There were an estimated 4,227,000 low-income persons in 1991, up from 3,821,000 in 1990 and 3,487,000 in 1989. Before 1989, low-income rates declined in each year following the recession of the early 1980s.

**Average Family Income in Constant (1991)  
Dollars, Canada, 1978 to 1991**



### Highlights

- The decline in real income was widespread among various types of families. Both elderly and non-elderly families suffered income reductions in 1991. Notable losses were recorded for childless couples with one earner (down 8.2% to \$40,848), female lone-parent families (down 4.4% to \$22,186) and elderly couples (down 3.3% to \$35,553).
- The continuing reduction in full-year full-time work contributed to the erosion of real income. For example, the number of persons who worked full-year full-time in 1991 was down 2.2% from 1990. At the same time, the number of families where at least one member had some unemployment in 1991 increased by 6.8% from 1990.
- The average number of earners per family declined for the second consecutive year, to 1.73 in 1991 from 1.75 in 1990 and 1.80 in 1989. Similar trends were observed during the recession of the early 1980s.
- The low-income rate for children less than 18 years of age rose to 18.3% in 1991, up from 16.9% in 1990 and 14.5% in 1989. This represented an increase of 105,000 children, so that in 1991 an estimated 1,210,000 children under the age of 18 lived in families with incomes below the low-income cutoffs.
- The low-income rate for elderly persons 65 years of age and over was 20.0% in 1991 compared to 19.3% in 1990, halting the downward trend observed since the last recession. However, the 1991 rate was still the second lowest ever recorded.
- Almost all family types experienced increased low-income rates. Female lone-parent families continued to have a low-income rate higher than other family types. Their 1991 rate was 61.9%, up from 60.6% in 1990.

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- The average low-income deficiency or gap for low-income families was \$7,439 in 1991, essentially unchanged from \$7,473 in 1990. (Low-income deficiency represents the difference between family income and the low-income cutoff. Thus, the average income for low-income families was an estimated \$7,439 below the low-income cutoffs in 1991.)
  - The average 1991 deficiency of \$9,051 for low-income female lone-parent families was up 4.1% from \$8,695 in 1990. They had one of the largest deficiencies of all family types.

These estimates were prepared from data collected by the Survey of Consumer Finances (approximately 41,000 households), a supplement to the April 1992 Labour Force Survey. The sample excludes the institutional population and households in

the Yukon, the Northwest Territories and on Indian reserves.

Microdata tapes containing information on the 1991 incomes of economic families and individuals aged 15 years and over, along with socio-demographic characteristics, will be released later. These tapes have been carefully reviewed to ensure that they do not contain information that would allow identification of specific households, families or individuals. The tapes can be ordered by contacting the Household Surveys Division.

*Income Distributions by Size in Canada, 1991* (13-207, \$40) is now available. See "How to Order Publications".

For more information concerning these data or the availability of special request tabulations, contact the Income and Housing Surveys Section (613-951-9775), Household Surveys Division. ■

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## DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### Elementary and Secondary School Enrolment

1990-91

Following declines which began in the early 1970s, elementary and secondary school enrolment has increased annually since 1985-86. In 1988-89, enrolment exceeded five million students for the first time since 1981-82. Between 1989-1990 and 1990-91, the number of students increased by a further 66,000. This brought the total elementary and secondary enrolment to 5.1 million, approximately the same as 10 years earlier.

The increase in enrolment since the mid-1980s was primarily the result of growth at the pre-elementary and elementary levels. Between 1989-1990 and 1990-91, enrolment remained stable at the pre-elementary level while enrolment increased by 30,000 students at the elementary and secondary levels.

Since 1970-71, total public school enrolment decreased by 810,000 students (-14%). Over the same period, private school enrolment grew by more than 98,000 (69%), and federal schools added 20,000 students (71%).

The publication *Elementary-Secondary School Enrolment, 1990-91* (81-210, \$26) is now available. See "How to Order Publications".

For additional information, contact Éline Fournier, (613-951-1520), Education, Culture and Tourism Division. ■

### Milling and Crushing Statistics

October 1992

#### Milling

The total amount of wheat milled in October 1992 was 213 928 tonnes, up 1% from the 211 816 tonnes milled in October 1991. The resulting wheat flour production increased 10% to 162 782 tonnes in October 1992, up from 147 379 tonnes in October 1991.

#### Crushing

Canola crushings for October 1992 amounted to 164 501 tonnes, up 3% from the 159 993 tonnes crushed in October 1991. The resulting oil production increased 4% to 67 774 tonnes from 64 930 tonnes in October 1991. Meal production increased 4% to 99 318 tonnes from 95 675 tonnes in October 1991.

Data on soybean crushings are now confidential.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5687.

The October 1992 issue of *Cereals and Oilseeds Review* (22-007, \$13.80/\$138) is scheduled for release in December. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, contact A. Y. Bertrand (613-951-3859), Agriculture Division. ■

### Canadian Civil Aviation Statistics

October 1992

Preliminary operational data for October 1992 are now available. Canadian Level I air carriers on scheduled services reported that domestic passenger-kilometres in October decreased by 10% from October 1991.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 385.

Preliminary civil aviation data for October 1992 will be published in the January issue of *Aviation Statistics Centre Service Bulletin* (51-004, \$9.30/\$93). See "How to Order Publications".

For more information on this release, contact Robert Lund (819-997-6188), Aviation Statistics Centre, Transportation Division. ■

## PUBLICATIONS RELEASED

### Income Distribution by Size in Canada, 1991. Catalogue number 13-207

(Canada: \$40; United States: US\$48; Other Countries: US\$56).

### New Motor Vehicle Sales, May 1992. Catalogue number 63-007

(Canada: \$14.40/\$144; United States: US\$17.30/US\$173; Other Countries: US\$20.20/US\$202).

### Elementary-Secondary School Enrolment, 1990-91.

#### Catalogue number 81-210

(Canada: \$26; United States: US\$31; Other Countries: US\$36).

### Imports by Country, January-September 1992. Catalogue number 65-006

(Canada: \$82.75/\$331; United States: US\$99.25/US\$397; Other Countries: US\$115.75/US\$463).

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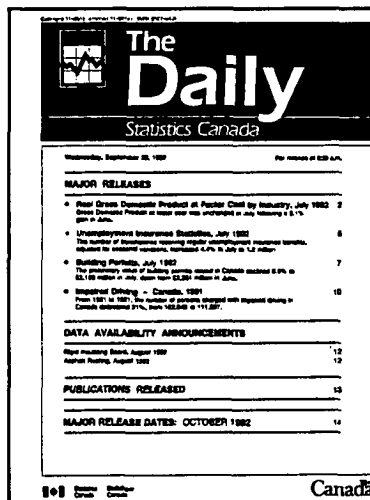
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