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### RRSP Contributors, Canadian Savers, Canadian Investors

1991

The 1991 edition of the RRSP and Investment Statistics data products is now available. These data focus on **contributions** to RRSPs for the 1991 tax year. RRSP contributions in 1991 increased 30% from 1990, while the number of contributors increased 14%. (Yesterday, Statistics Canada released a report on the amounts of **withdrawals** from RRSPs in 1990.)

Today's release also reports investment income from interest and dividends. Investment income decreased in Canada by 5% in 1991.

The 1991 data are available in print, diskette and magnetic tape formats for close to 24,000 postal areas. Highlights of these data are presented on page 2 of today's *Daily*.

For more information about these data and products, contact the Small Area and Administrative Data Division (613-951-9720, Fax: 613-951-4745).



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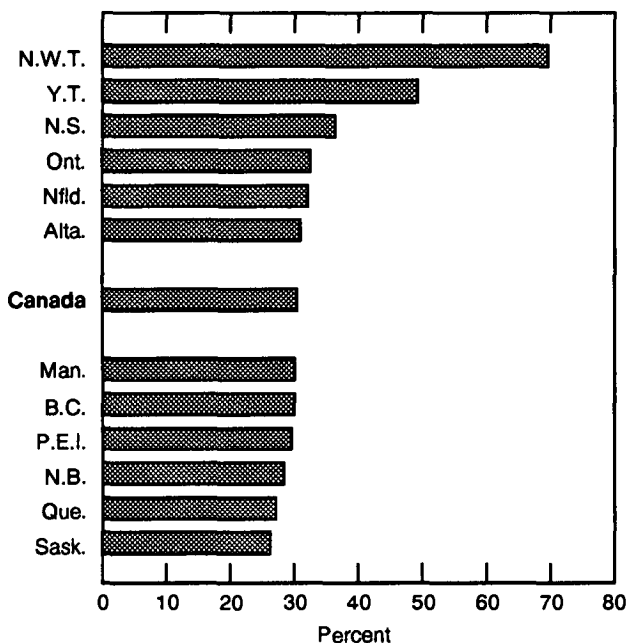
### RRSP Contributors, Canadian Savers, Canadian Investors

1991

#### Highlights

Changes in RRSP eligibility rules, and the notification of allowable contributions that was sent to each eligible person, together served to increase both the number of contributors and the amount of contributions in 1991.

#### Percentage Changes Between 1990 and 1991 of RRSP Contributions for Canada and the Provinces



Source: Small Area and Administrative Division, Statistics Canada

#### RRSP Contributors

- For the 1991 tax year, the number of RRSP contributors in Canada rose by 14% to 4,596,030.
- The sharpest increases in the number of contributors were recorded in the Northwest Territories (28%) and in the Yukon Territory (25%).

- The smallest increases in the number of contributors were reported in Quebec (11%), Newfoundland (12%) and Manitoba (12%).

#### RRSP Contributions

- In 1991, the total amount contributed to RRSPs increased by 30% to \$14.6 billion.
- The largest percentage increases in RRSP contributions were recorded in the Northwest Territories (69%) and in the Yukon Territory (49%).
- The smallest increases in contributions occurred in Saskatchewan (26%) and Quebec (27%).

As depicted in the accompanying graph, the provinces and territories were evenly divided (six each) between those reporting contributions higher and lower than the national average.

#### Savers

A saver is someone who received interest income during the tax year.

- In 1991, the number of savers in Canada decreased by 4%. Alberta had the largest decrease with 10% fewer savers in 1991 than in 1990.
- Interest income decreased by 8% at the Canada level. For the provinces and territories, the largest decreases in interest income were in Alberta (-17%) and Newfoundland (-14%), while the smallest decreases were in Saskatchewan (-8%) and New Brunswick (-8%). The only increase in interest income in 1991 was in Quebec (1.5%).

#### Investors

An investor is someone who reported dividend income during the tax year.

- Alberta and British Columbia were the only two provinces to show an increase in both the number of investors and their investment income in 1991. The number of investors increased by 36% in Alberta and by 4% in British Columbia.

- All other provinces and territories showed a decline in the number of investors, with the largest decline occurring in New Brunswick (-8%).
- An 11% increase in investors' investment income occurred in Alberta in 1991, while a 2% increase was noted in British Columbia.
- All other provinces and territories showed decreases in investment income in 1991; the largest decreases were in Newfoundland (-10%) and New Brunswick (-9%).

The median investment income reported by investors is shown in the accompanying table ranked from highest to lowest. In 1991, the median investment income for investors at the Canada level was \$2,800.

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#### Investors' Median Investment Income 1991

Province	Median Investment Income (dollars)
Saskatchewan	3,400
British Columbia	3,300
Ontario	3,000
Manitoba	2,900
Quebec	2,900
<b>Canada</b>	<b>2,800</b>
Nova Scotia	2,600
New Brunswick	2,500
Prince Edward Island	2,300
Alberta	2,000
Yukon	1,800
Newfoundland	1,300
Northwest Territories	1,200

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## Help-wanted Index

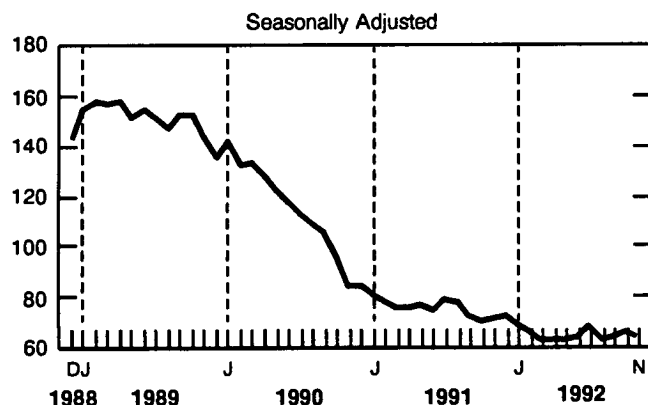
November 1992

The Help-wanted Index serves as an early indicator of the demand for labour by monitoring changes in the number of help-wanted ads published in 20 major metropolitan areas.

### Highlights – Seasonally Adjusted

- Over the past year, the Help-wanted Index for Canada (1981=100) decreased from 71 in November 1991 to 62 in March 1992. Since then, the index has fluctuated around this level, falling from 65 in October to 63 in November.

### Help-wanted Index, Canada (1981 = 100)



### Changes by Region

- Between October and November 1992, the Help-wanted Index decreased 9% in the Atlantic provinces (from 103 to 94), 8% in Quebec (from 73 to 67) and 5% in British Columbia (from 74 to 70). There were increases of 2% in the Prairie provinces (from 43 to 44) and Ontario (from 60 to 61).
- Compared to November 1991, the Help-wanted Index was down in all regions: -24% in Quebec, -14% in the Prairie provinces, -5% in the Atlantic provinces, -4% in British Columbia and -3% in Ontario.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 105 (levels 5 and 7).

Help-wanted indices for census metropolitan areas and trend-cycle estimates are available on request. The trend-cycle estimates can also be obtained directly from CANSIM.

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# **Help-wanted Index (1981 = 100), Canada and Regions**

Year and month	Canada	Atlantic Region	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Region	British Columbia
Seasonally Adjusted						
<b>1991</b>						
November	71	99	88	63	51	73
December	72	104	87	67	49	75
<b>1992</b>						
January	69	110	88	60	46	68
February	65	90	74	61	46	74
March	62	87	74	55	49	67
April	62	85	78	56	44	64
May	62	92	69	60	45	68
June	63	92	70	59	43	69
July	67	90	80	64	42	70
August	62	90	69	59	44	69
September	63	90	71	61	41	69
October	65	103	73	60	43	74
November	63	94	67	61	44	70

## University Enrolment

1992-93 (Preliminary Data)

### Highlights

- The growth trend evident for the past 12 years in university enrolment is continuing. In 1992-93, full-time enrolment increased by 3.2% over 1991 to a record high of 572,000, while part-time enrolment increased by 2.5% to 321,000.
- The increase in part-time enrolment occurred solely at the undergraduate level (3.4%). Part-time enrolment in graduate level courses decreased by 3.6% from 1991-92.
- University enrolment continued to increase over the past decade despite annual declines of

between 1% and 3% in the university-aged population (18-24 year-olds). University participation rates, based on this population group, rose from 10% in 1982 to 15% in 1992.

- Enrolments include a growing number of mature students. Full-time students aged 30 and over represent 11% of enrolment in 1992-93 compared to 8% in 1982.

Preliminary data on the number of students in universities by level and type of attendance are obtained before the regular annual survey of enrolments. Preliminary figures are usually close estimates of final enrolment counts.

For further information, contact Robert Poirier (613-951-1526) or Mongi Mouelhi (613-951-1537), Postsecondary Education Section, Education, Culture and Tourism Division.

### Preliminary Fall Enrolment In Canadian Universities

1992-93, and Percentage Change from 1991-92

Level and Type of Attendance	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Canada	1992-93/ 1991-92 %
<b>Undergraduate</b>												
Full-time	13,068	2,739	26,987	18,000	114,038	203,766	18,703	21,996	45,272	36,891	501,460	3.3
Part-time	4,385	900	6,787	5,332	106,927	97,217	15,387	8,863	16,078	19,289	281,165	3.4
<b>Graduate</b>												
Full-time	883	12	2,483	1,002	20,391	27,181	2,195	1,853	5,434	8,899	70,333	2.7
Part-time	496	11	1,416	517	18,544	12,171	1,414	918	2,034	2,521	40,042	-3.6
<b>Total Enrolment</b>												
<b>Full-time</b>												
Number	13,951	2,751	29,470	19,002	134,429	230,947	20,898	23,849	50,706	45,790	571,793	3.2
% Change	8.0	5.4	3.0	5.0	3.4	2.4	1.7	6.9	3.9	3.0		
<b>Part-time</b>												
Number	4,881	911	8,203	5,849	125,471	109,388	16,801	9,781	18,112	21,810	321,207	2.5
% Change	2.7	-4.2	-5.7	2.6	4.7	0.3	1.0	3.7	5.6	2.6		

Note: Due to rounding, detail may not always add to total.

## DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Crop Year Prices

1991-92

Preliminary 1991-92 crop year prices for some grains are now available for the Western provinces. Figures are based on final prices from the Canadian Grain Commission but do not reflect the Commission's final producer deliveries.

### Crop Year Prices

1991-92

	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.
	(\$/tonne)			
Oats	84.62	83.41	85.51	81.00
Rye	67.60	63.82	71.95	72.98
Flaxseed	154.64	148.50	156.85	...
Canola	235.02	233.75	251.72	241.74

... Figures not appropriate or not applicable.

For further information, contact Liz Leckie (613-951-2441), Farm Income and Prices Section, Agriculture Division. ■

### Railway Carloadings

Seven-day Period ending November 21, 1992

#### Highlights

- Revenue freight loaded by railways in Canada during the seven-day period totalled 4.5 million tonnes, a decrease of 8.8% from the same period last year.
- Piggyback traffic increased 2.0% from the same period last year. The number of cars loaded decreased 0.9% during the same period.
- The tonnage of revenue freight loaded as of November 21, 1992 decreased 4.6% 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. ■

### Canadian Civil Aviation Statistics

Septembre 1992

Preliminary operational data for September 1992 is now available. For Canadian Level I air carriers on scheduled services, international passenger-kilometres in September increased by 8% over September of 1991.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 385.

Preliminary civil aviation data for September 1992 will be published in the December 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. ■

### Teachers in Universities

1989-1990

#### Highlights

- The number of full-time university teachers in Canada increased to a new high of 36,886 in 1989-1990, an increase of 496 or 1.5% over the previous year.
- In 1989-1990, Canada's female faculty increased by 376 or 5.5% from the previous year, whereas male faculty increased by only 120 or less than 0.5%.
- Two-thirds of the faculty increase in 1989-1990 occurred in Ontario.
- One-third of the 290 new appointees in mathematics and the physical sciences in 1989-1990 were non-Canadians.
- The median salary of university teachers in Quebec continued to be the highest in the country at \$62,846.

*Teachers in Universities*, 1989-90 (81-241, \$27) is now available. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, please contact Dev Uppal (613-951-1527) or Grafton Ross (613-951-0608), Postsecondary Education Section, Education, Culture and Tourism Division (fax: 613-951-9040). ■



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### Cereal and Oilseeds Review, September 1992. Catalogue number 22-007

(Canada: \$13.80/\$138; United States: US\$16.60/US\$166; Other Countries: US\$19.30/US\$193).

### Gas Utilities, August 1992.

#### Catalogue number 55-002

(Canada: \$12.70/\$127; United States: US\$15.20/US\$152; Other Countries: US\$17.80/US\$178).

### Department Store Monthly Sales by Province and Metropolitan Area, August 1992.

#### Catalogue number 63-004

(Canada: \$2.70/\$27; United States: US\$3.20/US\$32; Other Countries: US\$3.80/US\$38).

### Building Permits, September 1992.

#### Catalogue number 64-001

(Canada: \$22.10/\$221; United States: US\$26.50/US\$265; Other Countries: US\$30.90/US\$309).

### Teachers in Universities, 1989-1990.

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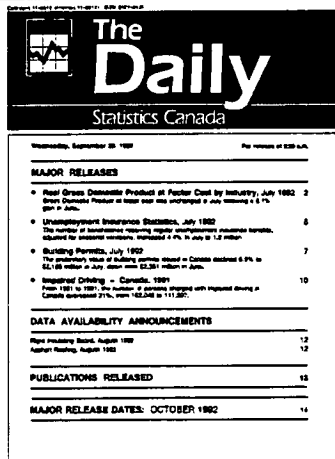
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