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Retail Trade, October 1992
 Seasonally adjusted, retail sales increased 0.1% in October, partly counterbalancing the 0.2% decline in September. The trend has continued to rise steadily since March 1992, increasing by 0.2% in October.

 Control and Sale of Alcoholic Beverages, Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 1991

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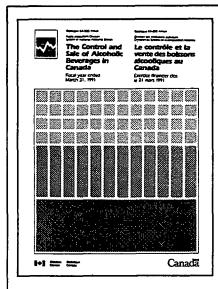
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For the third consecutive year, lower sales were recorded for all three types of alcoholic beverages: spirits, wines and beer.

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The Control and Sale of Alcoholic Beverages in Canada

Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 1991

The 1990/91 issue marks the reintroduction of *The Control and Sale of Alcoholic Beverages in Canada*. The last issue, released in February 1989, contained data for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1987.

The publication released today contains statistics by province and territory on the net income of liquor authorities, provincial and territorial government revenue from the control of the retailing of alcoholic beverages, and on the value and volume of alcoholic beverages sold. Also presented are historical data on the value and volume of sales from 1986/87 to 1990/91.

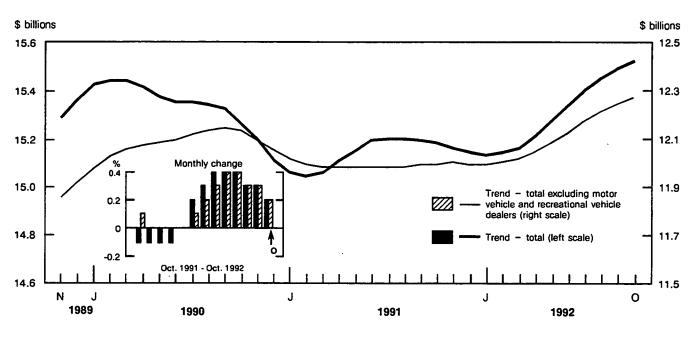
The Control and Sale of Alcoholic Beverages in Canada, Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 1991 (63-202, \$26) is now available. See "How to Order Publications". For highlights, turn to page 6 of today's Daily.

For further information, contact Richard Sauriol (613-951-1829) or Patti Phillips (613-951-0767), Public Institutions Division.

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Retail Sales Trends1 - Canada



1 Trends represent smoothed seasonally adjusted data.
Data prior to 1991 have been adjusted to remove the Federal Sales Tax to be comparable to January 1991 and subsequent data.

Retail Trade

October 1992

Highlights

Seasonally Adjusted Monthly Sales in Current Dollars

- Preliminary estimates indicate that retail sales rose 0.1% in October to \$15.5 billion, partly counterbalancing the 0.2% decline in September.
- In October, small offsetting movements resulted in marginal growth, as decreases virtually offset gains. The most significant increases, in terms of dollar impact, were reported by "other retail stores" (e.g., liquor stores, opticians' shops and

- pet stores) (+1.5%), automotive parts, accessories and services (+1.3%) and drug and patent medicine stores (+1.1%). Partly offsetting these gains were declines reported by motor vehicle and recreational vehicle dealers (-0.4%) and supermarkets and grocery stores (-0.3%).
- Higher sales by "other retail stores" in October followed 0.5% growth in September, which was preceded by four consecutive monthly decreases. Sales of automotive parts, accessories and services have shown a pattern of alternating gains and declines in 1992. Drug and patent medicine stores reported higher sales in October, counterbalancing the 0.2% decrease in September.

- Lower sales by motor vehicle and recreational vehicle dealers followed a decline of 0.3% in September. The lower sales registered by supermarkets and grocery stores in October contrasted with the rises of the two preceding months.
- Five provinces posted sales increases in October, ranging from 0.5% in Newfoundland to 2.1% in Nova Scotia. Notable decreases were reported by New Brunswick (-2.7%) and British Columbia (-2.3%). No change was reported by Ontario.

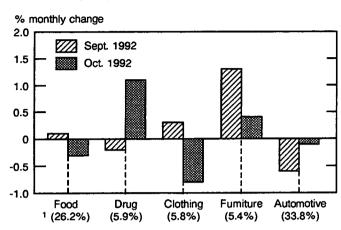
Trends

 The trend smooths out irregular month-to-month movements which are not sustained over a longer period. The trend for retail sales was relatively stable from January 1991 to February 1992 and has risen steadily since March 1992, increasing by 0.2% in October.

Year-to-date Sales in Current Dollars

 Cumulative retail sales in current dollars for the first 10 months of 1992 amounted to \$150.1 billion, up 1.9% from the corresponding period in 1991. In September, cumulative sales were 1.5% higher than in the same period of the previous year.

Retail Sales, by Major Group Seasonally Adjusted



Percentage of total sales.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 2399 (seasonally adjusted), 2400 (not seasonally adjusted), 2398 (department store type merchandise totals for the provinces and territories), and 2299, 2401-2417 (quarterly trade group estimates for Canada, the provinces, territories and totals for the four census metropolitan areas).

The October 1992 issue of *Retail Trade* (63-005, \$18.20/\$182) will be available the first week of January 1993. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact John Svab (613-951-3549), Retail Trade Section, Industry Division.

Retail Sales, by Trade Group and by Region October 1992

	Unadjusted				Seasonally Adjusted							
Trade group		Oct. 1991	Sept. 1992 ^r	Oct. 1992P	Oct. 1992/ 1991	Oct. 1991	July 1992	Aug. 1992 ^r	Sept. 1992	Oct. 1992P	Oct./ Sept. 1992	Oct 1992 1991
		m	nillions of	\$	%		m	nillions of	\$		%	%
Canada												
Supermarkets and grocery stores		3,649	3,713	4,018	10.1	3,637	3,702	3,774	3,777	3,765	-0.3	3.5
All other food stores		287	278	287		292	285	289	291	289	-0.7	-1.2
Drug and patent medicine stores		860	877	952	10.7	834	898	908	906	916	1.1	9.9
Shoe stores		138	140	149	8.3	126	127	130	127	130	2.2	3.
Men's clothing stores		140	131	144	2.5	129	133	132	132	130	-1.8	0.0
Women's clothing stores		314	346	333	6.1	306	309	315	315	315	-0.1	2.
Other clothing stores		331	348	353	6.7	309	322	323	328	321	-2.1	3.
Household furniture and appliance stores		650	672	692	6.5	621	630	632	646	650	0.7	4.8
Household furnishings stores Motor vehicle and recreational		192	188	196	2.2	178	186	186	183	182	-0.4	2.
vehicle dealers		3,065	3,249	3,225	5.2	2,968	3,249	3,260	3,252	3,238	-0.4	9.
Gasoline service stations		1.223	1,140	1,200	-1.9	1,175	1,166	1,151	1,138	1.137		-3.
Automotive parts, accessories and services		933	844	908	-2.8	884	847	861	851	862	1.3	-2.
General merchandise stores		1.806	1,697	1,865	3.2	1,719	1,768	1,768	1,747	1,753	0.3	2.0
Other semi-durable goods stores		478	542	536	12.1	498	538	543	550	550	0.1	10.5
Other durable goods stores		382	402	387	1.2	415	419	414	412	412	0.1	-0.8
All other retail stores		837	799	858	2.6	878	833	830	834	847	1.5	-3.6
Total, all stores		15,285	15,365	16,102	5.3	14,970	15,412	15,515	15,488	15,495	0.1	3.5
Total excluding motor vehicle and recreational vehicle dealers		12,221	12,116	12,877	5.4	12,002	12,163	12,255	12,236	12,258	0.2	2.1
Department store type merchandise	•	5,291	5,343	5,607	. 6.0	5,134	5,330	5,350	5,345	5,358	0.2	4.4
Regions												
Newfoundland		277	275	284	2.6	280	280	279	282	284	0.5	1.2
Prince Edward Island		61	69	69	12.2	63	68	69	69	70	1.0	11.2
Nova Scotia		480	490	528	10.0	477	508	511	504	515	2.1	8.
New Brunswick		382	408	414	8.2	376	393	403	415	403	-2.7	7.3
Quebec		3,816	3,723	3.987	4.5	3.710	3,777	3.769	3,758	3,818	1.6	2.9
Ontario		5,681	5,687	5,951	4.8	5,570	5.747	5,752	5,732	5,730	-	2.9
Manitoba		527	516	547	3.8	513	527	534	523	529	1.0	3.0
Saskatchewan		453	426	457	0.8	430	443	441	434	432	-0.5	0.6
Alberta		1,588	1,643	1,698	6.9	1.538	1,633	1,680	1,655	1,640	-0.9	6.6
British Columbia		1,974	2,082	2,119	7.3	1,967	2,022	2,057	2,108	2.059	-2.3	4.7
Yukon		14	17	16	11.7	1,307	15	15	16	15	-2.8	11.7
Northwest Territories		30	31	32	9.0	30	33	32	32	32	-1.5	7.3
Trend* - Total Retail Sales, Canada												•
	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec
					=	mill	ions of \$,,,, «=·	· · · · · ·		
1990	15,421	15,447	15,440	15,410	15,373	15,353	15,350	15,347	15,320	15,266	15,190	15,116
1991	15.064	15,048	15.068	15,111	15,157	15,191	15,205	15,204	15,195	15,180	15,162	15,147
1992	15,138	15,143	15,166	15,211	15,273	15,342	15,405	15,456	15,497	15,520	.0,102	. 0, 141
Monthly % change (1992)	-0.1	_	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2		

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Control and Sale of Alcoholic Beverages

Fiscal Year ended March 31, 1991

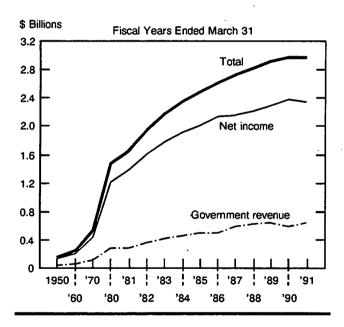
For the third consecutive year, the volume of sales decreased for all three types of alcoholic beverages: spirits, wines, and beer.

Highlights

Despite the decline in the volume of sales, the value of sales of alcoholic beverages during 1990/91 reached \$10,094 million, \$163 million (1.6%) higher than in 1989/1990. The average annual growth rate between 1979/1980 and 1989/1990 was 7.8%.

Chart 1

Net Income of Liquor Authorities and Provincial and Territorial Government Revenue Derived From the Control and Sale of Alcoholic Beverages – Fiscal Years 1949/1950 to 1990/91



 In terms of absolute alcohol, the volume of alcoholic beverages sold in 1990/91 totalled 182 million litres, a decrease of 6 million litres or 3.2% from the previous year.

- The decline in the volume of sales decreased the net income of liquor authorities for the first time since 1950. The net income of liquor authorities totalled \$2,342 million in 1990/91, a decrease of \$44 million or 1.8% from 1989/1990. The decline in 1990/91 contrasts with the average annual growth in net income of 7.0% between 1979/1980 and 1989/1990 (see Chart 1).
- Provincial and territorial government revenue from the control of retailing alcoholic beverages (licenses, permits, etc.) reached \$632 million in 1990/91, up \$55 million or 9.5% from 1989/1990 (see Chart 1).

Spirits

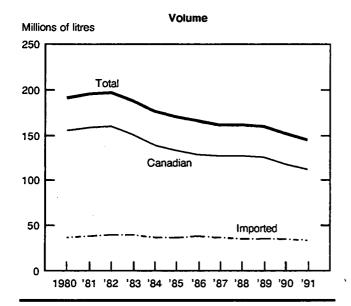
- The sales volume of spirits peaked at 197 million litres in 1981/82 and, except for a small increase in 1987/88, has been declining since then. Sales in 1990/91 (144 million litres) decreased by 8 million litres or 5.3% from 1989/1990, compared to a 2.3% average annual decrease from 1979/1980 to 1989/1990.
- The sales value of spirits declined by 2.7% to \$3,088 million compared to average annual growth of 4.3% between 1979/1980 and 1989/1990.
- In 1990/91, the volume of Canadian spirits sold decreased from the previous year by 7 million litres (5.0%) to 112 million litres, while sales of imported spirits dropped by 1 million litres (see Chart 2).
- Per capita sales to Canadians 15 years of age and over fell from 7.3 litres in 1989/1990 to 6.7 litres in 1990/91.

Wines

- The volume of wines sold (including wine-based coolers) declined by 9 million litres (3.7%) to 237 million litres during the fiscal year 1990/91.
- Despite the drop in volume, the value of wines sold increased by \$35 million or 2.0% to reach \$1,776 million in 1990/91.
- The sales decline of Canadian wines accounted for the entire decrease of 9 million litres to 115 million litres, while the volume of imported wines sold was stable at 122 million litres (see Chart 3).

Chart 2

Volume of Sales of Spirits -Fiscal Years 1979/1980 to 1990/91



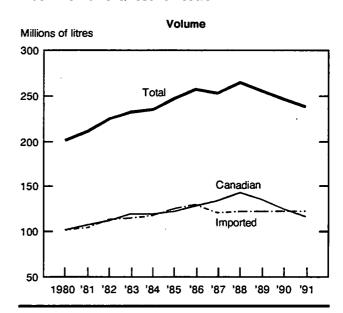
- Sales of white wines totalled 131 million litres or 55.2% of total wine sales in 1990/91, while sales of red wines totalled 48 million litres or 20.2% of total wine sales. Sales of wines considered as neither red nor white totalled 58 million litres or 24.6% of total wine sales.
- Per capita sales of wines to Canadians 15 years of age and over dropped to 11.1 litres in 1990/91, down from 11.7 litres the previous year.

Beer

- The volume of beer sold decreased by 30 million litres or 1.4%, totalling 2,082 million litres in 1990/91. The 1.4% decrease contrasted with 0.2% average annual growth from 1979/1980 to 1989/1990.
- The value of beer sold reached \$5,230 million in 1990/91, up \$215 million or 4.3% over 1989/1990.
 Average annual growth for the period 1979/1980 to 1989/1990 was 10.5% compared to 4.3% for 1990/91.

Chart 3

Volume of Sales of Wines -Fiscal Years 1979/1980 to 1990/91



- The volume of Canadian beer sold fell by 1.0% or 20 million litres in 1990/91. The sale of imported beer declined by 11.2% or 10 million litres, totalling 79 million litres in 1990/91.
- Per capita sales of beer to Canadians 15 years of age and over dropped from 100.4 litres in 1989/1990 to 97.6 litres in 1990/91.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 2728-2731.

The Control and Sale of Alcoholic Beverages in Canada, Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 1991 (63-202, \$26) is now available. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, contact Richard Sauriol (613-951-1829) or Jeannine D'Angelo (613-951-1834), Public Holdings Section, Public Institutions Division.

Data are also available through custom and special tabulations. For more information or general inquiries on Public Institutions Division products or services, contact Patricia Phillips, Data Dissemination and External Relations Coordinator (613-951-0767).

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Volume of Sales of Alcoholic Beverages and Per Capita Sales 15 Years of Age and Over Years Ended 1979/1980 to 1990/91

	Sales			Per Capita			
	Spirits	Wines	Beer	Spirits	Wines	Beer	
	n	nillions of litres			litres		
1979/1980	191	200	2,061	10.4	10.8	111.8	
1980/1981	195	210	2,007	10.4	11.1	106.4	
1981/1982	197	224	2,086	10.3	11.7	109.2	
1982/1983	188	233	2,056	9.7	12.1	106.4	
1983/1984	175	235	2,078	9.0	12.0	106.5	
1984/1985	169	246	2,073	8.5	12.5	105.1	
1985/1986	165	256	2,067	8.4	12.9	106.4	
1986/1987	160	253	2,074	8.0	12.5	102.7	
1987/1988	161	264	2,128	7.9	12.9	104.0	
1988/1989	159	256	2,119	7.7	12.3	102.3	
1989/1990	152	246	2,112	7.3	11.7	100.4	
1990/1991	144	237	2,082	6.7	11,1	97.6	

DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Legal Aid in Canada

Highlights

- Expenditures on legal aid in Canada totalled \$412 million in 1990-91, a 21% increase over the previous year and a constant dollar increase of 15%. Expenditures in constant dollars grew during the four years up to and including 1990-91 by an average of 12%, compared to an average of 4% during the six years previous to this period. The national per capita expenditure on legal aid was \$15.10 in 1990-91.
- In 1990-91, there were 979,763 applications for legal aid, a 13% increase from 1989-1990. The average annual increase for the five years previous to 1989-1990 was 4%. Nationally, the approval rate for full- and summary-service applications in 1990-91 was 88%, about the same as in 1989-1990.
- Governments were the major funding source for legal aid plans in 1990-91, contributing 84% of total revenues, followed by legal profession contributions 11%, client contributions 3% and other sources 2%.
- Payments to private law firms totalled 60% of legal aid expenditures in 1990-91, a percentage that has remained relatively constant during the last 10 years.

Juristat Service Bulletin: Legal Aid in Canada, 1990-91, Vol. 12, No. 23 (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 or 1-800-387-2231), Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics.

Divorces in Canada

1991

A total of 77,031 divorces were granted in Canada in 1991, a decrease of 1.9% from 1990.

The divorce rate (number of divorces per 1,000 population) was 2.82 in 1991, down from 2.95 in

1990. The Northwest Territories and Newfoundland had distinctively low 1991 divorce rates of 1.51 and 1.60, respectively. Divorce rates for the other provinces and the Yukon ranged from 2.07 for Prince Edward Island to 3.30 for Alberta.

The number of divorces per 1,000 legally married women aged 15 or over was 12.5 for Canada as a whole in 1991. Newfoundland had a distinctively low divorce rate of 7.1, while the rates for the rest of Canada ranged from 9.1 for Prince Edward Island to 14.8 for Alberta.

More detailed 1991 data are now available. For more information, please contact the Information Request Unit (613-951-1746) or Jane Gentleman (613-951-8553), Canadian Centre for Health Information.

Railway Carloadings

Seven-day Period Ending December 7, 1992

Highlights

- Revenue freight loaded by railways in Canada during the seven-day period totalled 4.2 million tonnes, a decrease of 0.5% from the same period last year.
- Piggyback traffic increased 8.2% from the same period last year. The number of cars loaded increased 14.5% during the same period.
- The tonnage of revenue freight loaded as of December 7, 1992 decreased 4.8% 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.

Corrugated Boxes and Wrappers

November 1992

Canadian domestic shipments of corrugated boxes and wrappers totalled 165 037 thousand square metres in November 1992, an increase of 1.0% from the 163 373 thousand square metres shipped a year earlier.

From January to November 1992, domestic shipments totalled 1 827 728 thousand square metres, a decrease of 1.3% from the 1 851 263r (revised) thousand square metres shipped in the year-earlier period.

The November 1992 issue of Corrugated Boxes and Wrappers (36-004, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date.

For more detailed information on this release, contact Sandra Bohatyretz (613-951-3531), Industry Division.

Mineral Wool Including Fibrous Glass Insulation

November 1992

Manufacturers shipped 3 363 659 square metres of R12 factor (RSI 2.1) mineral wool batts in November 1992, down 2.7% from the 3 456 490 square metres shipped a year earlier and down 1.7% from the 3 423 352 square metres shipped the previous month.

Year-to-date shipments to the end of November 1992 totalled 29 527 032 square metres, an increase of 2.8% from the same period in 1991.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 40 and 122 (series 32 and 33).

The November 1992 issue of *Mineral Wool Including Fibrous Glass Insulation* (44-004, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date.

For more detailed information on this release, contact Roland Joubert (613-951-3527), Industry Division.

Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills in British Columbia October 1992.

Sawmills in British Columbia produced 3 061 893 cubic metres of lumber and ties in October 1992, an increase of 8.8% from the 2 814 106 cubic metres produced in October 1991.

From January to October 1992, production totalled 27 924 313 cubic metres, an increase of 5.0% from the 26 590 738 cubic metres produced over the same period in 1991.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 53 (series 1.2, 2.2 and 3.2).

The October 1992 issue of *Production, Shipments* and *Stocks on Hand of Sawmills in British Columbia* (35-003, \$7.10/\$71) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Ted Brown (604-666-3694), Pacific Region, Statistics Canada, Sinclair Centre, 757 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6C 3C9.

Pack of Processed Peas

1992

Data on the pack of processed peas are now available for 1992.

Pack of Processed Peas (32-235, \$13) will be released at a later date.

For further information, contact Peter Zylstra (613-951-3511), Industry Division.

PUBLICATIONS RELEASED

The Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas Industry, 1991.

Catalogue number 26-213

(Canada: \$26; United States: US\$31;

Other Countries: US\$36).

Monthly Survey of Manufacturing, October 1992. Catalogue number 31-001

(Canada: \$17.30/\$173; United States: US\$20.80/US\$208; Other Countries: US\$24.20/US\$242).

Monthly Production of Soft Drinks, November 1992.

Catalogue number 32-001

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

Canned and Frozen Fruits and Vegetables, October 1992.

Catalogue number 32-011

(Canada: \$5/\$50; United States: US\$6/US\$60;

Other Countries: US\$7/US\$70).

Production and Disposition of Tobacco Products,

November 1992.

Catalogue number 32-022

(Canada: \$5/\$50; United States: US\$6/US\$60;

Other Countries: US\$7/US\$70).

Primary Iron and Steel, October 1992. Catalogue number 41-001

(Canada: \$5/\$50; United States: US\$6/US\$60;

Other Countries: US\$7/US\$70).

Construction Price Statistics, Third Quarter 1992. Catalogue number 62-007

(Canada: \$18/\$72; United States: US\$21.50/US\$86;

Other Countries: US\$25.25/US\$101).

The Control and Sale of Alcoholic Beverages in Canada, Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 1991.

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Juristat Service Bulletin: Legal Aid in Canada, 1990-91. Vol. 12, No. 23.

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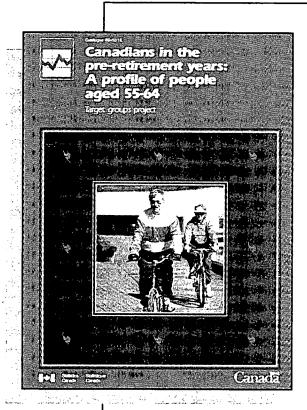
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