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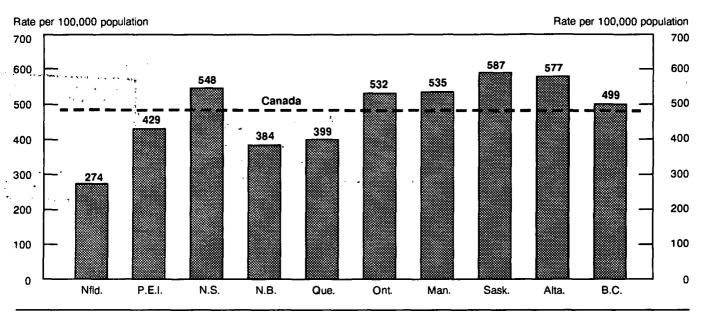
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Fraud Rates By Province, 1990



Source: Current Uniform Crime Reporting Survey.

Fraud in Canada

1990

According to Uniform Crime Reporting data, a total of 130,749 fraud offences were reported to police in Canada in 1990. This was the highest annual number of frauds recorded since comparable statistics were first collected in 1961.

Data for the 1980-1990 period show the number of frauds registered a steady increase between 1980 and 1986, followed by successive decreases between 1987 and 1989. Although the number of frauds reported for 1990 increased 7% over 1989, the 1990 figure was only marginally higher than the 1986 figure.

In 1990, Saskatchewan reported the highest provincial fraud rate (587 per 100,000 population). In fact, all four western provinces reported 1990 fraud rates in excess of the national average (491). Nova

Scotia (548) and Ontario (532) were the only additional provinces to exceed the national average. Newfoundland experienced the lowest rate.

Highlights

- Historically, the majority of frauds reported each year involved cheque fraud. However, credit card fraud increased by 33% in 1990 and by 115% between 1980 and 1990.
- Frauds exhibited a relatively high clearance rate when compared to other property crimes. Threequarters of all fraud offences were solved by the police, while approximately one-quarter of all break-and-enters, thefts, and robberies were cleared by the police.

- The average economic loss from fraud offences was \$3,123 in 1990, compared to \$2,528 for robbery, \$2,042 for break-and-enter, \$1,885 for theft, and \$564 for mischief.
- Accused persons aged 18 to 25 years accounted for 37% of all persons charged with fraud, while those aged 26 to 35 years accounted for a further 35%.

Juristat Service Bulletin: Fraud in Canada, 1990, Vol. 12, No. 5 (85-002, \$3.60) is now available. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, contact the Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics (613-951-9023).

Trends in Fraud 1980 - 1990

Year	Cheque Fraud		Credit Card Fraud		Other Fraud ¹		Total Fraud	
	No.	% Change From Previous Year	No.	% Change From Previous Year	No.	% Change From Previous Year	No.	% Change From Previous Year
1980	67,025	+8	8,310	+ 27	26,920	+ 17	102,255	+ 12
1981	70,707	+5	10,840	+30	30,780	+ 14	112,327	+ 10
1982	72,027	+2	14,540	+34	31,830	+3	118,397	+ 5
1983	70,047	-3	16,258	+ 12	32,065	+1	118,370	+0
1984	74,541	+6	16,268	+0	31,966	+0	122,775	+4
1985	74,472	+0	15,430	-5	33,238	+4	123,140	+ 0
1986	78,957	+6	15,243	-1	36,359	+ 9	130,359	+ 6
1987	74,095	-6	14,702	-4	37,345	+3	126,142	-3
1988	72,967	-2	13,286	-10	38,519	+3	124,772	-1
1989	72,670	+0	13,457	+1	36,491	-5	122,670	-2
1990	74,069	+2	17,885	+ 33	38,795	+6	130,749	+ 7
% change								
1980 - 1990	•••	+11	•••	+115	•••	+ 44	•••	+ 22

Includes other categories of fraud such as criminal breach of trust, false pretences, forgery, destroying or falsifying books and documents, trademark forgery, unauthorized use of computers, mail fraud, insurance fraud, fraudulent manipulation of stock exchange, etc.
 Figures not appropriate or not applicable.

Source: Current Uniform Crime Reporting Survey.

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Tobacco Products

February 1992

Canadian tobacco product firms produced 3.72 billion cigarettes in February 1992, a 12.6% decrease from the 4.26 billion cigarettes manufactured during the same period in 1991. Production for January to February 1992 totalled 7.28 billion cigarettes, down 8.5% from 7.95 billion cigarettes for the corresponding period in 1991.

Domestic sales in February 1992 totalled 3.38 billion cigarettes, a decrease of 18.3% from the 4.14 billion cigarettes sold in February 1991. Year-to-date sales for 1992 totalled 5.83 billion cigarettes, down 17.3% from the 1991 cumulative amount of 7.05 billion cigarettes.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 46.

The February 1992 issue of *Production and Disposition of Tobacco Products* (32-022, \$5/\$50) will be available shortly. See "How to Order Publications".

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

Deliveries of Major Grains

January 1992

Producer deliveries of major grains by prairie farmers showed an increase from January 1991, except in the cases of durum wheat, barley, and rye – where marketings decreased. Deliveries for January 1991 and January 1992 were as follows (in thousand tonnes):

	1991	1992
NATION OF CONTRACTOR OF CONTRACTOR	1 579.7	2 188.6
Wheat (excluding durum) Durum wheat	440.8	221.9
Total wheat	2 020.5	2 410.5
Oats	47.8	53.9
Barley	610.3	515.2
Rye	34.0	22.5
Flaxseed	32.3	52.2
Canola	207.1	235.1
Total	2 952.0	3 289.4

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

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

Stocks of Frozen Poultry Products

March 1, 1992

Preliminary figures on cold storage of frozen poultry products at March 1, 1992, are now available. Revised figures are also now available for February 1, 1992.

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