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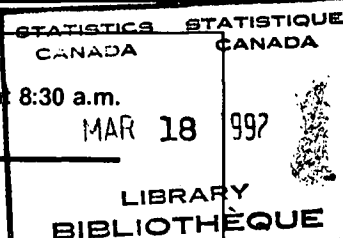
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In 1990, average household income was \$45,251, a decrease of 1.5% from 1989 after adjusting for inflation as measured by changes in the consumer price index. This was a reversal in the trend of increasing income in previous years.

The 1991 issue of *Household Facilities by Income and Other Characteristics* is the latest report to provide data on dwelling characteristics and household goods by 1990 household income class.

Highlights

- Average household income ranged from \$23,211 for one-person households (23.9% of households) to \$51,914 for single-family households (71.2%) and \$56,034 for multi-unit households (4.9%).
- While 18.6% of households had a home computer, almost 37.8% in the \$70,000 and over income group had one.
- Compact disc (CD) players, one of the newest home entertainment items surveyed, were owned by 20.9% of households. In the under \$10,000 group, 9.3% had a CD player compared to 37.7% in the \$70,000 and over group.
- About 11.6% of households in the under \$10,000 group owned more than one vehicle, while 67.2% in the \$70,000 and over group owned two or more vehicles. Some 22.2% of all households had a van or truck in 1991; ownership ranged from 11.1% in the under \$10,000 group to 27.1% in the \$70,000 and over group.
- The proportion of renters who spent 30% or more of their income on rent was 28.0% in 1991. The 1991 rate was little changed from 1990 (27.2%) but was substantially higher than in 1982 (22.0%).

This report presents variations in household items and dwelling characteristics by income, province, rural/urban classification, age of head of household, and household type. Tables are based on household facilities and equipment data as of the survey date (May 1991) and on income data for 1990.

Household Facilities by Income and Other Characteristics, 1991 (13-218, \$35) is now available. See "How to Order Publications".

A microdata tape containing 1990 household income and 1991 facilities and equipment data, along with dwelling and socio-demographic characteristics of the household will be available this summer at a cost of \$1,000. This tape has been reviewed to ensure that it does not contain information that would allow identification of specific households, families or individuals and can be ordered by contacting the Household Surveys Division.

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

Single Industry Towns: Communities Dependent on Fishing, Mining or Wood Products

1981 and 1986

The Spring 1992 edition of *Perspectives on Labour and Income* (released on March 3) features an article entitled "Are Single Industry Towns Diversifying? A Look at Fishing, Mining and Wood-based Communities." The study examines labour force and industry changes that have taken place since 1971 in 172 single industry communities, specifically those dependent on fishing, mining or wood products.

Highlights

- In 63% of the 38 fishing communities studied, both the total labour force and the labour force in fishing either remained stable or grew over the 1981-86 period, and dependency on this single sector may have increased.
- Two-thirds of the 54 mining communities had a smaller total labour force in 1986 than in 1981. The labour force in mining also dropped in 32 of these towns, and in 20 cases it was below 30% of the total labour force.
- Among the 18 mining communities that saw a stable or an increased labour force over the period, nine had less than 30% of their labour force in mining in 1986 and have potentially diversified.
- Of the 80 wood-based communities examined, 30% had a stable or slightly higher total labour force in 1986 than in 1981, but a smaller labour force in wood-based industries. In 17 of these towns, the labour force in the wood-based sector accounted for less than 30% of the total labour force. This may represent the most significant change towards diversification among the three types of communities studied.

The Spring 1992 issue of *Perspectives on Labour and Income* (75-001E, \$13.25/\$53) is now available. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information, contact Heather Clemenson (819-994-1991) or Doreen Duchesne (613-951-6893), Labour and Household Surveys Analysis Division.

Distribution of Labour Force by Industry

1981 and 1986

	Single sector communities							
	Canada		Fishing		Mining		Wood-based	
	1981	1986	1981	1986	1981	1986	1981	1986
All industries	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Fishing and fish processing	0.8	0.8	44.0	43.8	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.6
Mining and refining	3.1	2.5	0.8	0.5	38.7	31.4	1.5	2.0
Wood-based	3.8	3.5	0.7	0.7	3.5	4.3	33.4	29.6
Other primary ¹	3.9	3.8	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.8	1.2
Manufacturing ²	13.3	12.2	3.6	2.9	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.6
Construction	6.1	5.6	3.7	3.3	4.9	4.1	4.7	3.6
Transportation, communication and other utilities	7.6	7.3	4.7	4.8	5.2	5.6	5.8	6.5
Trade	16.0	16.0	12.2	11.4	11.4	12.1	13.1	13.2
Finance, insurance and real estate	5.1	5.1	1.3	1.4	2.7	2.5	2.9	2.8
Community, business and personal services	27.7	30.2	17.7	18.0	21.3	25.2	23.8	25.8
Public administration	7.2	7.2	5.1	6.9	4.3	5.4	4.8	4.8
Other ³	5.4	5.9	6.0	6.1	4.7	5.9	6.1	7.2

¹ Consists of agriculture, hunting and trapping.

² Excludes industries included in the three primary sectors.

³ Includes persons that could not be coded into an industry group.

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