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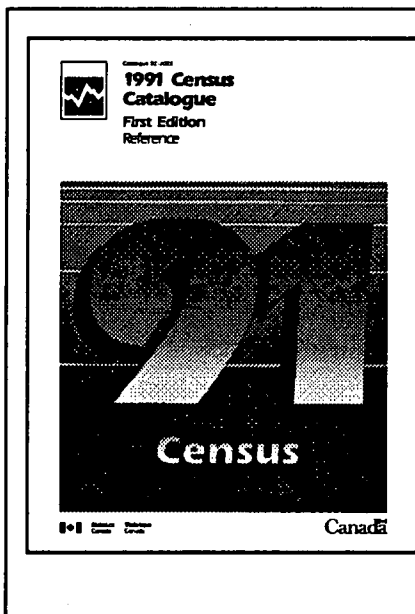
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### 1991 Census Catalogue

The first edition of the *1991 Census Catalogue* is now available. The catalogue describes the products and services of the 1991 Census of Population, the 1991 Census of Agriculture, the Post-censal Surveys Program and the Employment Equity Data Program.

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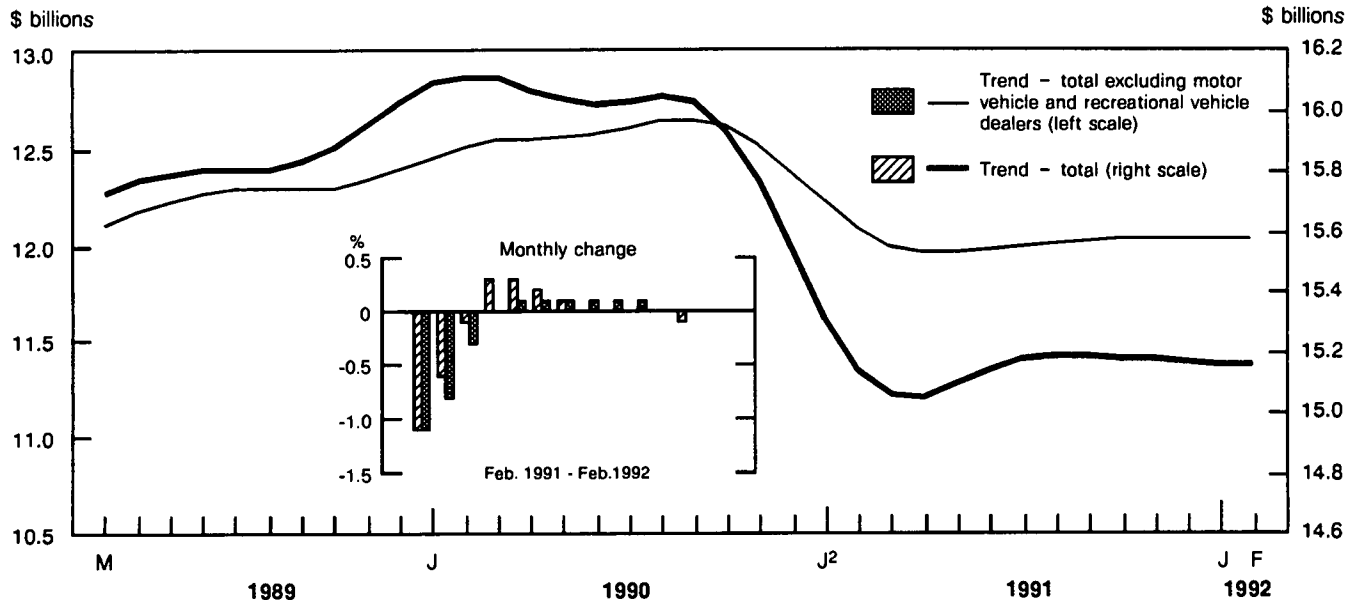
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## MAJOR RELEASES

### Retail Sales Trends<sup>1</sup> - Canada



<sup>1</sup> Trends represent smoothed seasonally adjusted data.  
<sup>2</sup> Prior to 1991, data includes indirect taxes.

## Retail Trade

February 1992

### Highlights

#### Seasonally Adjusted Monthly Sales in Current Dollars

- Preliminary estimates indicate that retail sales were virtually flat in February at \$15.1 billion, following no growth in January. Excluding motor vehicle and recreational vehicle dealers, retail sales increased 0.1% in February after a 0.2% decline in January.
- Most trade groups showed little change from January. Decreases reported by motor vehicle and recreational vehicle dealers (-0.5%) and automotive parts, accessories and services

#### Note to Users

##### 1990 and 1991 Revisions

Revised monthly retail trade estimates for 1990 and 1991 are now available on CANSIM or on request from the Retail Trade Section, Industry Division. The revised data will also appear in the February 1992 issue of Retail Trade (63-005, \$18.20/\$182).

- (-1.5%) were offset by the gains of general merchandise stores (+2.0%) and household furniture and appliance stores (+1.6%).
- Sales of motor vehicle and recreational vehicle dealers continued in February to fluctuate around a declining trend. Automotive parts, accessories and services posted the sales decrease in February after a 0.4% increase in January. The increase in sales of general merchandise stores

followed a 2.9% drop in January. The higher sales by household furniture and appliance stores in February followed two declines, -0.4% in January and -0.2% in December.

- All provinces except Manitoba (+1.0%) and British Columbia (+0.8%) posted sales decreases in February, ranging from -6.9% in Nova Scotia to -0.1% in Ontario. Sales advanced in the Yukon (+0.5%) but fell in the Northwest Territories (-0.9%).

#### Trends

- As illustrated in the accompanying chart, after declining sharply from July 1990 to April 1991 and rising slightly between May and August, the trend for total retail trade has been decreasing slightly.

Retail sales excluding recreational and motor vehicle dealers have remained virtually unchanged since May 1991.

**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 and territories).**

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

For more detailed information on this release, contact John Svab (613-951-3549) or Sonia Demers (613-951-3551), Retail Trade Section, Industry Division. □

**Retail Sales, by Trade Group and by Region**  
February 1992

Trade group	Unadjusted				Seasonally Adjusted							
	Feb. 1991 <sup>r</sup>	Jan. 1992 <sup>r</sup>	Feb. 1992 <sup>p</sup>	Feb. 1992/1991 <sup>r</sup>	Feb. 1991 <sup>r</sup>	Nov. 1991 <sup>r</sup>	Dec. 1991 <sup>r</sup>	Jan. 1992 <sup>r</sup>	Feb. 1992 <sup>p</sup>	Feb./Jan. 1992 <sup>r</sup>	Feb. 1992/1991 <sup>r</sup>	
	millions of \$		%		millions of \$				%		%	
<b>Canada</b>												
Supermarkets and grocery stores	3,175	3,569	3,385	6.6	3,580	3,632	3,644	3,605	3,597	-0.2	0.5	
All other food stores	256	262	257	0.6	304	300	300	299	295	-1.2	-2.9	
Drug and patent medicine stores	734	832	790	7.6	814	881	840	846	851	0.6	4.5	
Shoe stores	78	97	78	-0.5	136	125	131	128	128	-0.4	-6.1	
Men's clothing stores	83	105	83	-0.8	150	134	140	142	139	-2.5	-7.5	
Women's clothing stores	200	217	204	2.1	306	315	338	297	299	0.4	-2.5	
Other clothing stores	210	228	208	-1.0	324	309	312	305	305	-0.1	-6.0	
Household furniture and appliance stores	464	551	522	12.6	595	636	635	632	642	1.6	8.0	
Household furnishings stores	127	143	145	14.6	166	170	163	180	185	2.6	11.3	
Motor vehicle and recreational vehicle dealers	2,482	2,506	2,551	2.8	3,076	3,168	3,140	3,151	3,134	-0.5	1.9	
Gasoline service stations	1,081	1,115	1,045	-3.3	1,245	1,138	1,107	1,170	1,165	-0.5	-6.4	
Automotive parts, accessories and services	683	731	660	-3.3	911	871	867	870	857	-1.5	-5.9	
General merchandise stores	1,183	1,237	1,275	7.8	1,709	1,741	1,767	1,715	1,749	2.0	2.3	
Other semi-durable goods stores	375	384	395	5.3	506	506	506	518	510	-1.5	0.7	
Other durable goods stores	279	307	297	6.4	401	410	421	404	411	1.6	2.4	
All other retail stores	604	655	658	8.9	829	872	826	869	856	-1.4	3.3	
<b>Total, all stores</b>	<b>12,015</b>	<b>12,940</b>	<b>12,555</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>15,052</b>	<b>15,208</b>	<b>15,138</b>	<b>15,131</b>	<b>15,121</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>0.5</b>	
<b>Total excluding motor vehicle and recreational vehicle dealers</b>	<b>9,532</b>	<b>10,434</b>	<b>10,003</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>11,976</b>	<b>12,039</b>	<b>11,998</b>	<b>11,980</b>	<b>11,987</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.1</b>	
Department store type merchandise	3,734	4,101	3,998	7.1	5,108	5,227	5,254	5,168	5,217	0.9	2.1	
<b>Regions</b>												
Newfoundland	228	234	236	3.4	289	290	287	291	288	-1.1	-0.6	
Prince Edward Island	48	54	51	5.9	64	64	65	67	65	-3.4	1.4	
Nova Scotia	396	424	390	-1.5	498	486	487	505	470	-6.9	-5.7	
New Brunswick	308	322	316	2.8	388	382	377	388	384	-1.1	-1.1	
Quebec	2,919	3,098	2,985	2.3	3,716	3,768	3,722	3,749	3,667	-2.2	-1.3	
Ontario	4,437	4,821	4,681	5.5	5,568	5,629	5,619	5,622	5,615	-0.1	0.8	
Manitoba	417	459	448	7.4	518	529	528	531	537	1.0	3.6	
Saskatchewan	359	394	369	2.6	454	440	452	451	442	-2.1	-2.7	
Alberta	1,264	1,391	1,326	4.9	1,566	1,575	1,578	1,608	1,579	-1.8	0.8	
British Columbia	1,604	1,705	1,716	7.0	1,945	1,967	1,992	1,972	1,987	0.8	2.1	
Yukon	10	11	11	4.6	14	14	14	14	14	0.5	1.8	
Northwest Territories	24	25	26	6.4	29	30	30	30	30	-0.9	1.5	

<sup>p</sup> Preliminary figure.  
<sup>r</sup> Revised figure.

## Construction Union Wage Rate Index

March 1992

In March, the Canada Total Union Wage Rate Index (including supplements) for construction trades (1986=100) remained unchanged from February's revised level of 127.6. On a year-over-year basis, the composite index increased 6.2%, rising from 120.1 to 127.6.

The accompanying table shows wage rates for crane operators, heavy equipment operators and truck drivers.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 956, 958 and 2033-2038.

The first quarter 1992 issue of *Construction Price Statistics* (62-007, \$18/\$72) will be available in June. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, contact the Information and Current Analysis Unit (613-951-9607), Prices Division.

## Construction Union Wage Rates<sup>1</sup>

March 1992

	Trades					
	Crane Operator		Heavy Equipment Operator		Truck Driver	
	B	B + S	B	B + S	B	B + S
	(in dollars)					
St. John's	14.55	16.72	15.70	18.73	15.35	18.35
Halifax	18.77	22.28	18.39	21.87	17.51	20.92
Saint John	17.91	22.59	17.30	21.89	16.63	21.13
Montreal	20.94	25.40	19.68	23.99	17.43	21.49
Ottawa	23.28	29.37	22.26	28.25	18.50	24.11
Toronto	24.88	31.15	23.94	30.11	18.33	22.31
Thunder Bay	23.06	29.12	21.98	27.93	18.55	24.16
Winnipeg	22.20	27.07	17.83	22.26	17.10	21.46
Regina	..	..	..	..	..	..
Edmonton	21.93	26.31	21.83	26.31	20.77	25.26
Vancouver	23.96	31.20	23.96	31.19	23.15	30.12

<sup>1</sup> Rates are available for other trades and other cities.

.. Figures not available.

B = Basic rate.

B + S = Basic rate and selected pay supplements: vacation pay, statutory holiday pay, employer's contribution to health and welfare and pension plans.

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### Electric Lamps

March 1992

Canadian light bulb and tube manufacturers sold 22,046,955 light bulbs and tubes in March 1992, a 24.4% decrease from the 29,167,779 units sold a year earlier. Year-to-date sales for 1992 amounted to 76,958,867 light bulbs and tubes, up 5.1% from the 73,232,371 sold during the same period in 1991.

The March 1992 issue of *Electric Lamps* (43-009, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Laurie Vincent (613-951-3523), Industry Division. ■

### Tobacco Products

March 1992

Canadian tobacco product firms produced 3.97 billion cigarettes in March 1992, a 15.2% decrease from the 4.68<sup>r</sup> (revised) billion cigarettes manufactured during the same period in 1991. Production for January to March 1992 totalled 11.24 billion cigarettes, down 11.0% from 12.63<sup>r</sup> billion cigarettes for the corresponding period in 1991.

Domestic sales in March 1992 totalled 2.54 billion cigarettes, a 25.2% increase over the 2.03 billion cigarettes sold in March 1991. Year-to-date sales for 1992 totalled 8.37 billion cigarettes, down 7.8% from the 1991 cumulative amount of 9.08 billion cigarettes.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 46.

The March 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. ■

### Oils and Fats

February 1992

Production by Canadian manufacturers of all types of deodorized oils in February 1992 totalled 57 276 tonnes, a 6.6% decrease from the 61 295 tonnes

produced in January 1992. The 1992 year-to-date production totalled 118 571 tonnes, an 8.0% increase from the corresponding 1991 figure of 109 808<sup>r</sup> (revised) tonnes.

Manufacturers' packaged sales of shortening totalled 9 196 tonnes in February 1992, up from the 8 735 tonnes sold the previous month. The cumulative sales to date were 17 931 tonnes compared to the cumulative sales of 19 808<sup>r</sup> tonnes in 1991.

Sales of packaged salad oil increased to 5 990 tonnes in February 1992, up from 4 174 tonnes in January 1992. The cumulative sales to date in 1992 were 10 164 tonnes, compared to the cumulative sales of 11 494<sup>r</sup> tonnes in 1991.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 184.

The February 1992 issue of *Oils and Fats* (32-006, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Peter Zylstra (613-951-3511), Industry Division. ■

### Telephone Statistics

February 1992

Canada's 13 major telephone systems reported monthly revenues of \$1,101.4 million in February 1992, up 4.9% from February 1991.

Operating expenses were \$817.5 million, a 4.9% increase from February 1991. Net operating revenue was \$283.9 million, a 4.6% increase from February 1991.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 355.

The February 1992 issue of *Telephone Statistics* (56-002, \$8.30/\$83) is scheduled for release the week of April 27. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact J. R. Slattery (613-951-2205), Services, Science and Technology Division. ■

**Selected Financial Indexes**

March 1992

March 1992 figures are now available for the Selected Financial Indexes.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 2031.

The first quarter 1992 issue of *Construction Price Statistics* (62-007, \$18/\$72) will be available in June. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact the Information and Current Analysis Unit (613-951-9607), Prices Division. ■



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**Monthly Survey of Manufacturing, February 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, March 1992.**

**Catalogue number 32-001**

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

**Construction Type Plywood, February 1992.**

**Catalogue number 35-001**

(Canada: \$5/\$50; United States: US\$6/US\$60; Other  
Countries: US\$7/US\$70).

**Passenger Bus and Urban Transit Statistics,**  
February 1992.

**Catalogue number 53-003**

(Canada: \$7.10/\$71; United States: US\$8.50/US\$85;  
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