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1991 Census of Canada: Population and Dwelling Counts

Tomorrow, *The Daily* will release the first in a series of 10 special issues that are dedicated to data derived from the June 1991 Census.

Two publications will accompany the release of these data. *A National Overview* (93-301, \$20) presents 1991 population and dwelling counts for Canada, the provinces and territories, federal electoral districts, census divisions, census metropolitan areas, census agglomerations, as well as counts of the urban and rural population. *Census Divisions and Census Subdivisions* (93-304, \$50; 93-304D - diskette format, \$100) presents 1991 and 1986 population and 1991 dwelling counts, land area and population density for these two types of geographic areas.

Census data on age, sex, marital status, dwellings, households and families will be released on July 7.



MAJOR RELEASE

Employment, Earnings and Hours

February 1992
 (Unadjusted data)

Industrial Aggregate Summary

In February, the preliminary estimate of average weekly earnings for all employees in the industrial aggregate¹ was \$552.23, down 0.1% from January. Earnings increased 4.5%² (\$23.76) compared to February 1991.

Canada industrial aggregate employment was estimated at 9,080,000, up 0.5% from the January 1992 level. On a year-over-year basis, employment decreased for the 26th consecutive month.

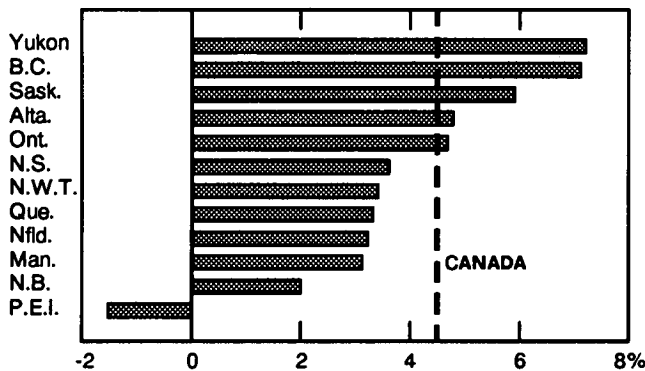
Note To Users

Average weekly and hourly earnings data are affected by compositional shifts in employment by industry, occupation and province, as well as by changes in the underlying rates of pay. To partially adjust for this, fixed-weighted average hourly earnings series have been constructed.

For further information on fixed-weighted earnings data, refer to "Recent Trends in Wages," Perspectives on Labour and Income, Winter 1990 (75-001E).

- The estimate for average weekly earnings in the service-producing industries for February 1992 was \$517.28, up 5.0% from February 1991. Finance and wholesale trade contributed to the February 1992 increase in average weekly earnings.

Percentage Change In Average Weekly Earnings February 1991 - February 1992



Number of Employees

- Employment in the goods-producing industries has declined for 27 consecutive months on a year-over-year basis. In February 1992, declines in forestry, mining and non-durable goods manufacturing were noted.
- In construction, employment dropped 8.8% from February 1991, continuing a generally declining trend evident since the beginning of 1990. The year-over-year declines were widespread with only Newfoundland and Saskatchewan showing gains.
- On a year-over-year basis, the number of employees in the service-producing industries declined for the 20th consecutive month and was down 3.6% from February 1991.
- Wholesale trade (-5.7%) and retail trade (-7.0%) have shown year-over-year employment declines for 14 and 20 months, respectively.

National Highlights

Average Weekly Earnings

- For the goods-producing industries, year-over-year growth in earnings for February 1992 was 3.9%, led by durable goods manufacturing (+6.4%). The increase in earnings in durable goods manufacturing was due in part to an increase in hours worked by employees paid by the hour.

¹ The industrial aggregate is the sum of all industries with the exception of agriculture, fishing and trapping, religious organizations, private households and military personnel.
² Not adjusted for inflation.

- Services to business management (-8.2%) and accommodation and food services (-10.0%) were the major contributors to the February employment decline in commercial services³ (-8.4%). Commercial services has shown year-over-year employment declines since February 1990.

Hours and Hourly Earnings

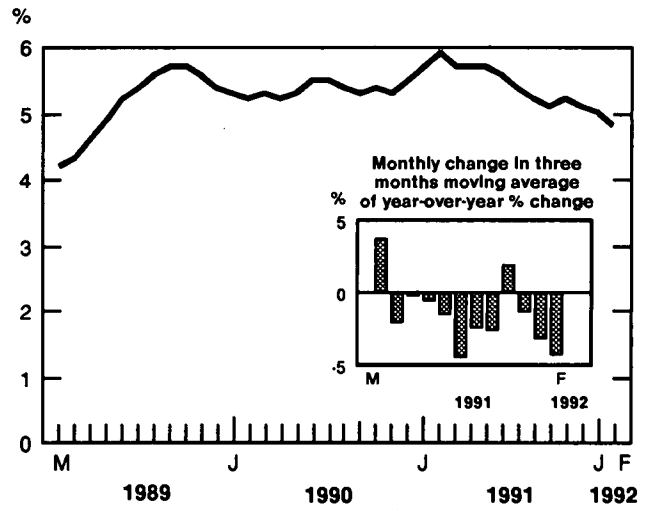
- In February 1992, average weekly hours for employees paid by the hour⁴ were estimated at 30.3, the same as a year earlier. On a year-over-year basis, the average weekly hours have been generally declining since December 1989.
- In the goods-producing industries, average weekly hours for hourly-paid employees were estimated at 37.9 for February 1992, compared to 37.5 in February 1991. This increase was in part due to increases in paid hours in durable goods manufacturing. Year-over-year change in paid hours in the goods-producing industries has been positive for two consecutive months for the first time since 1988.
- Average hourly earnings for employees paid by the hour were estimated at \$14.00 in February 1992, up 4.2% from a year earlier. Hourly earnings were estimated at \$16.29 in the goods-producing and at \$12.66 in the service-producing industries.

Provincial and Territorial Highlights

- In February 1992, the Yukon (+13.7%), Prince Edward Island (+5.2%) and the Northwest Territories (+1.7%) showed year-over-year increases in employment. Of the remaining provinces, the largest decreases were noted in Alberta (-6.5%), Quebec (-5.7%), Nova Scotia (-4.4%) and Ontario (-4.1%).
- In February, the Yukon (+7.2%) and British Columbia (+7.1%) had the highest year-over-year growth in average weekly earnings.

Three-month Moving Average of the Year-over-year Percentage Change in Average Weekly Earnings

Industrial Aggregate - Canada



Available on CANSIM: matrices 8003-9000 and 9584-9638.

Data are available from *Employment, Earnings and Hours* (72-002, \$38.50/\$385) and by special tabulation. See "How to Order Publications."

For further information on this release or on the program, products and services of Labour Division, contact Sylvie Picard (613-951-4090) or fax (613-951-4087), Labour Division. □

³ Commercial services comprise amusement and recreation services, services to business management, personal services, accommodation and food services and miscellaneous services. Non-commercial services include education and health and welfare.

⁴ Employees paid by the hour account for approximately half of industrial aggregate employment.

Employment, Earnings and Hours
February 1992 (data not seasonally adjusted)

| Industry Group - Canada (1970 S.I.C.) | Number of employees * | | | | | |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| | Feb. 1992 ^P | Jan. 1992 ^r | Feb. 1991 | Feb. 1992/1991 | Jan.-Dec. 1991/1990 | Jan.-Dec. 1990/1989 |
| | Thousands | | | Year-over-year % change | | |
| Industrial aggregate | 9,079.7 | 9,032.9 | 9,496.9 | -4.4 | -6.8 | -1.8 |
| Goods-producing industries | 1,975.6 | 1,977.6 | 2,125.5 | -7.1 | -12.3 | -7.0 |
| Forestry | 41.9 | 42.4 | 46.9 | -10.5 | -2.7 | -11.7 |
| Mines, quarries and oil wells | 130.4 | 131.5 | 145.1 | -10.2 | -0.8 | -2.4 |
| Manufacturing | 1,479.7 | 1,478.5 | 1,578.5 | -6.3 | -12.4 | -7.3 |
| Construction | 323.7 | 325.1 | 355.0 | -8.8 | -16.3 | -6.4 |
| Service-producing industries | 7,104.0 | 7,055.4 | 7,371.3 | -3.6 | -5.1 | -0.0 |
| Transportation, communication & other utilities | 818.5 | 814.2 | 809.9 | 1.1 | -3.8 | 0.8 |
| Trade | 1,575.9 | 1,592.8 | 1,688.0 | -6.6 | -10.4 | -0.3 |
| Finance, insurance & real estate | 599.8 | 602.5 | 633.8 | -5.4 | -1.9 | 0.6 |
| Community, business & personal services | 3,408.5 | 3,349.1 | 3,543.9 | -3.8 | -4.5 | -0.5 |
| Public administration | 701.3 | 696.8 | 695.8 | 0.8 | 1.4 | 1.3 |
| Industrial aggregate - Provinces | | | | | | |
| Newfoundland | 130.7 | 130.9 | 131.5 | -0.6 | -5.1 | -1.1 |
| Prince Edward Island | 35.7 | 36.0 | 34.0 | 5.2 | 1.1 | 1.9 |
| Nova Scotia | 268.4 | 264.7 | 280.6 | -4.4 | -5.0 | -0.8 |
| New Brunswick | 206.1 | 205.4 | 210.7 | -2.2 | -0.9 | -0.5 |
| Quebec | 2,157.4 | 2,139.8 | 2,288.9 | -5.7 | -7.2 | -3.0 |
| Ontario | 3,881.1 | 3,663.1 | 3,837.2 | -4.1 | -8.5 | -3.0 |
| Manitoba | 359.5 | 355.0 | 369.8 | -2.8 | -5.5 | -0.4 |
| Saskatchewan | 282.0 | 281.5 | 288.5 | -2.2 | -3.9 | -0.4 |
| Alberta | 869.5 | 867.7 | 930.3 | -6.5 | -6.0 | 0.7 |
| British Columbia | 1,059.2 | 1,059.1 | 1,096.9 | -3.4 | -4.2 | 1.6 |
| Yukon | 10.7 | 10.4 | 9.4 | 13.7 | 3.2 | -7.0 |
| Northwest Territories | 19.3 | 19.3 | 18.9 | 1.7 | -0.8 | -2.6 |
| | Average weekly earnings * | | | | | |
| | Dollars | | | Year-over-year % change | | |
| Industrial aggregate | 552.23 | 552.80 | 528.47 | 4.5 | 5.5 | 5.3 |
| Goods-producing industries | 677.89 | 676.89 | 652.17 | 3.9 | 4.7 | 5.7 |
| Forestry | 748.39 | 748.22 | 751.92 | -0.5 | 6.8 | 3.2 |
| Mines, quarries and oil wells | 940.23 | 949.08 | 904.23 | 4.0 | 5.3 | 5.4 |
| Manufacturing | 658.66 | 655.62 | 626.16 | 5.2 | 4.8 | 5.5 |
| Construction | 651.01 | 654.20 | 651.62 | -0.1 | 2.0 | 6.6 |
| Service-producing industries | 517.28 | 518.02 | 492.80 | 5.0 | 6.4 | 5.8 |
| Transportation, communication & other utilities | 697.70 | 700.46 | 688.96 | 4.3 | 6.5 | 4.2 |
| Trade | 394.71 | 395.32 | 380.86 | 3.6 | 3.9 | 4.8 |
| Finance, insurance & real estate | 575.38 | 573.61 | 549.53 | 4.7 | 4.2 | 1.5 |
| Community, business & personal services | 480.57 | 481.55 | 454.70 | 5.7 | 7.2 | 6.9 |
| Public administration | 710.91 | 712.49 | 701.66 | 1.3 | 4.0 | 7.5 |
| Industrial aggregate - Provinces | | | | | | |
| Newfoundland | 519.23 | 515.75 | 503.07 | 3.2 | 5.5 | 4.0 |
| Prince Edward Island | 428.88 | 427.21 | 435.58 | -1.5 | 2.8 | 4.7 |
| Nova Scotia | 492.44 | 493.60 | 475.43 | 3.6 | 5.5 | 5.9 |
| New Brunswick | 495.49 | 497.77 | 485.87 | 2.0 | 5.7 | 4.7 |
| Quebec | 538.62 | 537.98 | 521.56 | 3.3 | 5.6 | 6.2 |
| Ontario | 577.33 | 577.53 | 551.36 | 4.7 | 5.5 | 5.3 |
| Manitoba | 488.15 | 492.61 | 473.39 | 3.1 | 4.2 | 4.0 |
| Saskatchewan | 483.26 | 486.04 | 456.39 | 5.9 | 5.7 | 4.7 |
| Alberta | 554.72 | 558.93 | 529.11 | 4.8 | 6.4 | 5.2 |
| British Columbia | 560.17 | 559.39 | 522.99 | 7.1 | 5.3 | 4.9 |
| Yukon | 674.40 | 688.06 | 629.04 | 7.2 | 5.5 | 4.5 |
| Northwest Territories | 761.18 | 766.01 | 736.23 | 3.4 | 6.2 | 6.3 |

^P Preliminary estimates.

^r Revised estimates.

* For all employees.

DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Corrugated Boxes and Wrappers

March 1992

Canadian domestic shipments of corrugated boxes and wrappers totalled 177 941 thousand square metres in March 1992, a 2.4% increase from the 173 840 thousand square metres shipped a year earlier.

January to March 1992 domestic shipments totalled 477 867^r (revised) thousand square metres, a 0.04% decrease from the 478 045 thousand square metres for the same period in 1991.

The March 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

March 1992

Manufacturers shipped 1 853 340 square metres of R12 factor (RSI 2.1) mineral wool batts in March 1992, down 8.4% from the 2 022 741 square metres shipped a year earlier and down 22.6% from the 2 394 040 square metres shipped the previous month.

Year-to-date shipments to the end of March 1992 totalled 7 032 657 square metres, an 18.3% increase over the same period in 1991.

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

The 1992 March 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. ■

Stocks of Frozen Meat Products

April 1, 1992

Total frozen meat in cold storage as of April 1 amounted to 32 160 tonnes, compared with 32 510

tonnes the previous month and 29 200 tonnes a year earlier.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 87 and 9517-9525.

To order *Stocks of Frozen Meat Products* (\$11.50/\$115), a statistical bulletin, contact Guy Gervais (613-951-2453).

For more information on this release, contact Russell Kowaluk (613-951-2508), Agriculture Division. ■

Stocks of Food Commodities in Cold Storage and Other Warehouses

1991

At January 1, 1992, cold storage holdings of creamery butter decreased to 15 080 tonnes, down from 18 690 tonnes a year earlier, while stocks of cheddar cheese increased to 33 760 tonnes, up from 30 770 tonnes a year earlier.

Stocks of skim milk powder decreased to 12 610 tonnes at January 1, 1992, down from 14 450 tonnes a year earlier, while stocks of concentrated milk decreased to 2 960 tonnes from 3 370 tonnes during the same period.

Stocks of frozen poultry meat decreased to 36 780 tonnes at January 1, 1992, down from 37 890 tonnes at January 1, 1991, but stocks of frozen meats increased from 26 810 tonnes at January 1, 1991 to 30 800 tonnes at January 1, 1992.

The 1991 issue of *Stocks of Food Commodities in Cold Storage and Other Warehouses* (32-217, \$34) will be available at the end of May. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information, contact Russell Kowaluk (613-951-2511), Agriculture Division. ■

Leisure and Personal Services

1987-1989

Data on leisure and personal service industries for 1987-1989 are now available.

Leisure and Personal Services, 1987-1989 (63-233, \$30) will be released in May. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information, please contact Shirley Beyer (613-951-3492), Leisure and Personal Services Section, Services, Science and Technology Division. ■



PUBLICATIONS RELEASED

Education Statistics Bulletin – Trends In Private School Enrolment, 1960-61 to 1990-91. Vol. 14, No. 1.
Catalogue number 81-002
 (Canada: \$4.90/\$49; United States: US\$5.90/US\$59; Other Countries: US\$6.90/US\$69).

A National Overview: Population and Dwelling Counts. 1991 Census.
Catalogue number 93-301
 (Canada: \$20; United States: US\$24; Other Countries: US\$28).
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Census Divisions and Census Subdivisions: Population and Dwelling Counts. 1991 Census.
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