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Travel Between Canada and Other Countries

March 1992

Seasonally Adjusted Data

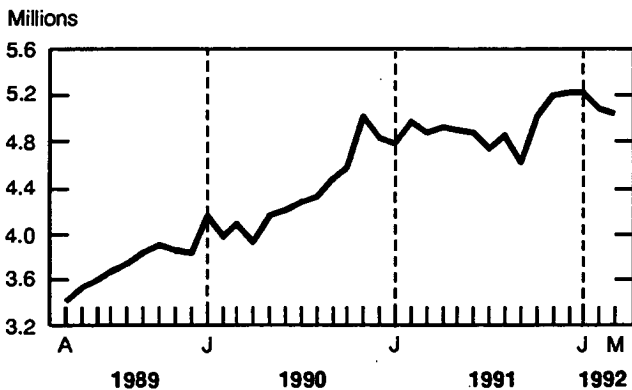
Seasonally adjusted data, which highlight month-to-month trends in international travel, show that the overall volume of non-resident travel to Canada decreased in March. Meanwhile, the number of outbound Canadian travellers also dropped, as a decrease in trips to the United States outweighed increased travel to other countries.

Highlights

- In March, same-day automobile trips by Canadian residents to the United States decreased 0.8% from February, to a seasonally adjusted 5.0 million. This followed the 2.5% decline registered in February. At the same time, the long-term uptrend in outbound automobile trips of one or more nights continued, increasing 0.4% to 1.3 million.

Same-day Trips by Canadian Residents to the United States, by Automobile

Seasonally adjusted

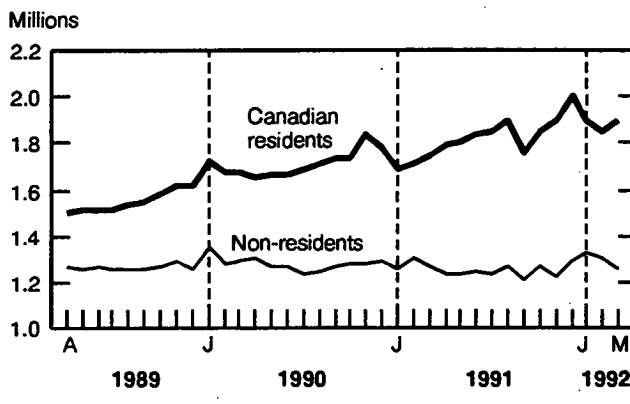


- Travel of one or more nights to the United States by Canadian residents (by all modes of travel) increased 2.6% in March, to a seasonally adjusted 1.6 million trips. Meanwhile, the uptrend in travel to all other countries continued, increasing 2.4% to 258,000 trips.

- Trips of one or more nights to Canada by residents of the United States dropped 3.5% in March to a seasonally adjusted 1.0 million. Comparable trips by residents of all other countries also decreased, down 6.5% to 238,000.

Trips of One or More Nights between Canada and Other Countries

Seasonally adjusted



Unadjusted Data

- In terms of actual counts, same-day trips by Canadian residents to the United States by automobile totalled 4.8 million, a 0.4% decrease from March 1991. This was the first year-over-year decrease since September 1986. Automobile trips to the United States of one or more nights also decreased, down 1.2% to 1.1 million.
- Trips of one or more nights by Canadian residents to the United States (by all modes of travel) in March 1992 totalled 1.7 million, up 1.9% from March 1991. Similar trips to all other countries also increased, up 11.7% to 346,000, but did not surpass the March 1990 figure.
- Trips of one or more nights by United States residents to Canada totalled 526,000, down 11.4% from March 1991, largely due to a 14.8% decline in automobile travel. Easter in March in 1991 as opposed to April in 1992 accounted in part for this decrease. Meanwhile, comparable trips by residents of all other countries dropped 9.4% to 126,000.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 2661-2697.

For further information on this release, contact Paul L. Paradis (613-951-8933), International Travel Section, Education, Culture and Tourism Division.

The March 1992 issue of *International Travel - Advance Information* (66-001P, \$6.10/\$61) will be available shortly. See "How to Order Publications".

International Travel Between Canada and Other Countries

March 1992

	December 1991 ^r	January 1992 ^r	February 1992 ^r	March 1992 ^P
	Seasonally Adjusted			
	('000)	('000)	('000)	('000)
One or More Nights Trips¹				
Non-resident Travellers:				
United States	1,032	1,073	1,044	1,007
Other Countries ²	251	243	255	238
Residents of Canada:				
United States	1,756	1,645	1,600	1,642
Other Countries	248	248	251	258
Total Trips				
Non-resident Travellers:				
United States	2,786	2,774	2,809	2,695
Other Countries	271	266	282	265
Residents of Canada:				
United States	7,029	6,955	6,881	6,764
Auto Re-entries				
Same-day	5,213	5,216	5,083	5,045
One or More Nights	1,347	1,272	1,252	1,257
	March 1992 ^P	%Change 1992/1991	January-March 1992 ^P	% Change 1992/1991
	Unadjusted			
	('000)		('000)	
One or More Nights Trips¹				
Non-resident Travellers:				
United States	526	-11.4	1,458	0.9
Other Countries ²	126	-9.4	349	-1.4
Residents of Canada:				
United States	1,694	1.9	4,000	7.7
Other Countries	346	11.7	981	12.1
Same-day Trips				
Residents of Canada:				
United States ¹	4,927	-0.3	13,825	6.2
Auto Re-entries	4,835	-0.4	13,535	6.2

¹ Estimates for the United States include counts of auto and bus, and estimated numbers for plane, train, boat and other methods.

² Figures for "Other Countries" exclude same-day entries by land only, via the United States.

^P Preliminary.

^r Revised.

New Motor Vehicle Sales

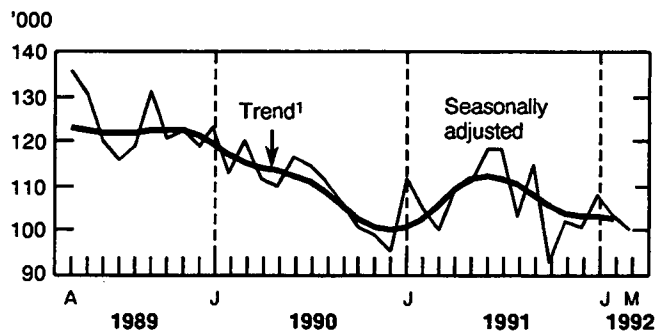
March 1992

Highlights

Seasonally Adjusted Series

- Preliminary estimates indicate that new motor vehicle sales totalled 99,000 units in March 1992, a 3.1% decrease from the revised February figure. This decrease was due to weaker sales of both passenger cars (-3.2%) and trucks (-3.1%).
- The 3.1% decline in March new motor vehicle sales followed a 4.7% decrease in February.

Monthly Sales of New Motor Vehicles, Canada, Seasonally Adjusted, in Units, 1989-1992



¹ The short-term trend represents a moving average of the data.

Note to Users

North American vehicles: motor vehicles manufactured or assembled in North America. These vehicles may be built by domestic or foreign-owned companies.

Imported vehicles: motor vehicles manufactured or assembled overseas and marketed in Canada by domestic or foreign-owned companies.

Unadjusted Sales

- Sales of all new motor vehicles for March 1992 were 110,000 units, up 0.4% from March 1991. Truck sales increased 8.6%, but passenger car sales declined 3.5%.
- The March decrease in passenger car sales was mainly attributed to a 9.4% decrease in cars manufactured in North America. This decrease was offset by a 9.7% increase in sales of cars manufactured in Japan.
- The North American share of the Canadian passenger car market fell to 59% in March 1992, down from 62% a year earlier, whereas the Japanese share rose from 30% to 34% for the same period.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 64.

The March 1992 issue of *New Motor Vehicle Sales* (63-007, \$14.40/\$144) will be available in June. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Tom Newton (613-951-9693) or Diane Lake (613-951-9824), Retail Trade Section, Industry Division. □

New Motor Vehicle Sales - Canada
March 1992

	Seasonally Adjusted Data			
	December 1991 ^r	January 1992 ^r	February 1992 ^r	March 1992 ^P
	Units % Change	Units % Change	Units % Change	Units % Change
Total New Motor Vehicles	100,262 -1.3	107,729 +7.4	102,688 -4.7	99,462 -3.1
Passenger Cars by Origin:				
North America	41,888 -4.8	47,590 +13.6	43,495 -8.6	39,106 -10.1
Overseas	24,431 +2.4	24,520 +0.4	23,411 -4.5	25,669 +9.6
Total	66,319 -2.3	72,110 +8.7	66,906 -7.2	64,775 -3.2
Trucks, Vans and Buses	33,943 +0.5	35,619 +4.9	35,782 +0.5	34,687 -3.1
	Unadjusted Sales			
	March 1992	Change 1992/1991	January- March 1992	Change 1992/1991
	Units	%	Units	%
Total New Motor Vehicles	110,159	+0.4	271,891	-1.0
Passenger Cars by Origin:				
North America	41,897	-9.4	111,106	-10.7
Japan	24,288	+9.7	53,014	+5.4
Other Countries (Including South Korea)	5,268	-7.5	12,467	-9.5
Total	71,453	-3.5	176,587	-6.3
Trucks, Vans and Buses by Origin:				
North America	33,450	+10.9	82,645	+13.1
Overseas	5,256	-4.2	12,659	-4.2
Total	38,706	+8.6	95,304	+10.4

^P Preliminary figures.

^r Revised figures.

DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Department Store Sales - Advance Release

April 1992

Advance department stores sales including concessions for April were \$1,018 million. Sales for the major department stores were \$537 million and sales for the junior category were \$480 million.

For further information, on this release, contact Tom Newton (613-951-3552) or Diane Lake (613-951-9842), Retail Trade Section, Industry Division. ■

Tobacco Products

April 1992

Canadian tobacco product firms produced 3.51 billion cigarettes in April 1992, a 4.9% decrease from the 3.69^r (revised) billion cigarettes manufactured during the same period in 1991. Production from January to April 1992 totalled 14.76 billion cigarettes, down 9.6% from 16.33^r billion cigarettes for the corresponding period in 1991.

Domestic sales in April 1992 totalled 2.95 billion cigarettes, a 19.2% decrease from the 3.65 billion cigarettes sold in April 1991. Year-to-date sales for 1992 totalled 11.31 billion cigarettes, down 11.1% from the 1991 cumulative amount of 12.72 billion cigarettes.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 46.

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

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

Railway Carloadings

Nine-day Period Ending April 30, 1992

Revenue freight loaded by railways in Canada during the period totalled 5.8 million tonnes, a 17.4% decrease from the same period of the previous year.

Piggyback traffic decreased 6.5% from the same period a year earlier. The number of cars loaded decreased 10.0% during the same period.

The tonnage of revenue freight loaded to date this year increased 2.1% 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. ■

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MAJOR RELEASE DATES

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20	Preliminary Statement of Canadian International Merchandise Trade	March 1992
21	The Consumer Price Index	April 1992
21	Retail Trade	March 1992
21	Sales of Natural Gas	March 1992
22	Wholesale Trade	March 1992
