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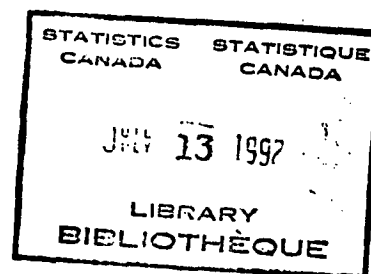
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## MAJOR RELEASE

### Characteristics of Dual-earner Families

1990

Dual-earner families made up 61.6% of all husband-wife families in 1990, a slight decline from 62.3% in 1989. This proportion has hovered around 62% since 1988. The slight decline in 1990 likely reflects the impact of the recession, since a similar change was observed during the 1982 recession.

The slight decline in the proportion of families with dual-earners did not signal a return to the traditional family form, as families with the husband as sole-earner declined to 19.4% of husband-wife families in 1990, down from 19.8% in 1989. In fact, wives were the sole earner in 3.9% of husband-wife families in 1990, up from 3.5% in 1989.

#### Highlights

- The uptrend continued in the proportion of families with neither spouse reporting earnings (15.1% of husband-wife families in 1990), reflecting the aging of society and a greater tendency for early retirement.
- Average family income of dual-earner families was \$62,808 in 1990, virtually unchanged from 1989. For single-earner families, income declined 5.2% to \$47,803; but average family income increased 3.2% to \$32,385 for families with neither spouse having earnings.
- In dual-earner families, the earnings of the husband made up over half (55.8%) of the total family income in 1990, while the wife's earnings contributed 29.4%. The remainder of family income came from other family members' earnings, investment income, transfer payments, pensions and other money income.

#### Note to Users

*The data in Characteristics of Dual-earner Families, 1990, are drawn from the Survey of Consumer Finances conducted in April 1991. This report compares 1990 earnings of husband-wife families by earning status and by characteristics such as age, education, occupation and work experience.*

- There was a very strong relationship between family income and husband-wife employment experience. For example, when both spouses were full-year and full-time earners, family income in 1990 was \$72,105, compared to \$39,603 when both spouses were less than full-time earners.
- In dual-earner families, the average earnings of wives employed full-year and full-time were \$24,797 in 1990. For husbands with similar work activity, average earnings were \$39,079, resulting in an earnings ratio of 63.5%.
- In 1990, wives earned more than husbands in 19.8% of dual-earner families, up from 18.8% in 1989.

*Characteristics of Dual-earner Families, 1990 (13-215, \$25) is now available. See "How to Order Publications".*

Microdata tapes containing information on dual-earner families for 1990 and for earlier years may also be ordered by contacting the Household Surveys Division. These tapes have been carefully reviewed to ensure that they do not contain information that would allow identification of specific households, families or individuals.

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

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### Microdata Tapes on Incomes of Households, Families and Individuals 1990

Four microdata tapes containing information on 1990 income are now available: households, economic families, census families and individuals. A key file tape that allows the user greater flexibility in the creation of analytical variables and units of analysis is also available. Each tape costs \$1,000 plus GST, if applicable.

In addition to income by source (e.g., earnings, investment income, government transfer payments), the tapes contain personal, family and labour-related characteristics such as age, sex, education, family relationship, occupation and labour force status. The household tape includes information on housing characteristics and household facilities and equipment.

The income data were collected as part of the 1991 Survey of Consumer Finances. The housing facilities and equipment data were collected by the 1991 Household Facilities and Equipment Survey. Both surveys are conducted every spring as a supplement to the Labour Force Survey.

The household tape contains approximately 43,000 records, the economic family tape about 46,000 records, the census family tape 48,000 records, the individual tape 90,000 records and the key tape 116,000 records.

These tapes have been carefully reviewed to ensure that they do not contain information that would allow identification of specific households, families or individuals.

For further information on this release, contact Peter Hewer (613-951-4633) or the Income and Housing Surveys Section (613-951-9775), Household Surveys Division (fax: 613-951-0562). ■

### Oils and Fats

May 1992

Production by Canadian manufacturers of all types of deodorized oils in May 1992 totalled 63 747 tonnes, a decrease of 6.9% from the 68 454<sup>r</sup> (revised) tonnes produced in April 1992.

The 1992 year-to-date production in May totalled 307 552<sup>r</sup> tonnes, an increase of 6.7% from the corresponding 1991 figure of 288 172 tonnes.

Manufacturers' packaged sales of shortening totalled 9 509 tonnes in May 1992, down from the 9 887<sup>r</sup> tonnes sold the previous month. The cumulative sales to date in May were 45 511<sup>r</sup> tonnes compared to the cumulative sales of 50 230<sup>r</sup> tonnes in May 1991.

Sales of packaged salad oil increased to 5 320 tonnes in May 1992, up from 4 120 tonnes in April 1992. The cumulative sales to date in May 1992 were 25 929 tonnes, compared to the cumulative sales of 31 336 tonnes in May 1991.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 184.

The May 1992 issue of *Oils and Fats* (32-006, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date.

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

### Milling and Crushing Statistics

May 1992

#### Milling

The total amount of wheat milled in May 1992 was 194 899 tonnes, down 5% from the 205 065 tonnes milled in May 1991.

The resulting wheat flour production in May 1992 decreased 6% to 144 973 tonnes from 154 656 tonnes in May 1991.

#### Crushing

The canola crushings for May 1992 amounted to 141 449 tonnes, up 13% from the 125 317 tonnes crushed in May 1991. The resulting oil production increased 15% to 57 522 tonnes from 50 139 tonnes in May 1991. Meal production in May 1992 increased 13% to 85 680 tonnes from 75 853 tonnes in May 1991.

Soybean crushings are now confidential.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5687.

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

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

## Dairy Review

May 1992

Creamery butter production in Canada totalled 7 300 tonnes in May 1992, a 17.0% decrease from a year earlier. Production of cheddar cheese amounted to 9 900 tonnes in May, a decrease of 5.7% from May 1991.

An estimated 592 000 kilolitres of milk were sold off Canadian farms for all purposes in April 1992, a decrease of 4.5% from April 1991. This brought the total estimate of milk sold off farms during the first four months of 1992 to 2 362 000 kilolitres, a decrease of 0.2% from the January-April 1991 period.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 3428, 5632-5638, 5650-5661, 5664- 5667 and 5673.

The May 1992 issue of *The Dairy Review* (23-001, \$12.20/\$122) is scheduled for release on July 27. See "How to Order Publications".

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

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**Service Industries Service Bulletin: The**  
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(Canada: \$7.20/\$43; United States: US\$8.65/US\$52;  
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**Touriscope: International Travel - National and**  
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