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First Quarter 1992

The latest issue of *Health Reports* features analytical articles about the association between place of birth and the smoking behaviour of Canadians and about trends in hospital care for psychiatric patients aged 65 and over. An overview of selected health surveys that have been conducted in Canada since 1985 is featured as well.

Highlights

- Foreign-born Canadians smoke fewer cigarettes a day, with less tar, than do native-born Canadians.
- Hospital separation rates for seniors with psychiatric disorders increased by 22% for men and 21% for women between 1980 and 1989.

Also presented in this issue are highlights of birth and marriage data, statistical indicators of residential care facilities and a summary of the proceedings from the workshop on record linkage methodology.

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Health Reports

First Quarter 1992

Highlights

Place of Birth and Ethnic Status: Factors Associated with Smoking Prevalence Among Canadians, 1990

- Native-born Canadians are more likely to smoke than those born outside Canada. Only 16% of foreign-born Canadians smoke compared with 25% of native-born Canadians.
- Of the population that smokes, foreign-born Canadians smoke fewer cigarettes than those born in Canada. Sixty-five percent of smokers born in Canada smoke 11 to 25 cigarettes a day, whereas 53% of foreign-born Canadians consume the same amount.
- The highest rates of smoking are found among Aboriginal Canadians – 59% smoke regularly. Asian Canadians have the lowest smoking rates (11%).
- There is a marked difference by place of birth in the proportion of the female population that has never smoked. Of foreign-born women, 70% have never smoked, compared with only 46% of Canadian-born women.
- Forty percent of smokers in the study population had attempted to quit during the year preceding the study. This likely reflects the combined impact of smoking prevention programs, increased taxation on cigarettes and smoking restrictions in the workplace and in public settings.

Short-term Hospital Care for Psychiatric Illness Among Seniors, 1989-1990

- Mental illness is a major health problem among seniors. With an increasing proportion of the population over the age of 65, the extent of this problem is likely to increase.

- For seniors with functional psychoses, days of care in hospitals for stays lasting less than one year increased by 83% for men and by 90% for women between 1980 and 1989.
- Senior men and women with functional psychoses accounted for approximately 19% of the hospital separations – discharges (including deaths) of inpatients – for that disorder in 1989. This represented an increase of 2% from 1980.
- Hospital separation rates were consistently higher for women over age 65 than they were for men over age 65. In 1989, for example, the separation rate for functional psychoses was 302 per 100,000 for senior men and 408 per 100,000 for senior women.
- Hospital separation rates for patients over age 65 with functional psychoses increased by 22% for men and by 21% for women between 1980 and 1989.

Overview of Selected Health Surveys in Canada, 1985-1991

Although Canada does not currently have a continuing national population health survey, a significant number of periodic health or health-related surveys have been conducted. This article provides a detailed examination of the population health surveys that have been completed since 1985 or are being planned for the future.

Emerging issues related to the analysis of population health status and health care are discussed, such as the growing body of evidence attesting to the importance of social and psychological health.

The importance of technological advances on survey-related activities (for instance, random digit dialling techniques) were discussed as a means of increasing the feasibility and cost-effectiveness of surveys.

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Particleboard, Waferboard and Fibreboard

June 1992

Canadian firms produced 177 942 cubic metres of waferboard in June 1992, an increase of 25.2% from the 142 163 cubic metres produced in June 1991. Particleboard production reached 111 097 cubic metres, up 12.0% from 99 189^r (revised) cubic metres produced in June 1991. Production of fibreboard for June 1992 was 7 530 thousand square metres, basis 3.175mm, a decrease of 15.7% from the 8 930^r thousand square metres, basis 3.175mm, produced in June 1991.

Cumulative production of waferboard from January to June 1992 totalled 969 091 cubic metres, up 40.5% from the 689 642 cubic metres produced during the year-earlier period. Year-to-date particleboard production was 582 609 cubic metres, up 13.2% from the 514 602^r cubic metres produced from January to June 1991. Year-to-date production of fibreboard totalled 46 122 thousand square metres, basis 3.175mm, down 4.6% from the 48 327^r thousand square metres, basis 3.175mm, produced during the same period in 1991.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 31 (series 2, 3 and 4) and 122 (series 8 and 34).

The June 1992 issue of *Particleboard, Waferboard and Fibreboard* (36-003, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date.

For more detailed information on this release, contact Jacques Lepage (613-951-3516), Industry Division. ■

Railway Carloadings

June 1992

Revenue freight loaded by railways in Canada totalled 18.6 million tonnes in June 1992, a decrease of 9.1% from the June 1991 figure. The carriers received an additional 1.0 million tonnes from United States connections during the month.

Total loadings in Canada from January to June 1992 showed a decrease of 1.5% from the 1991 period. Year-to-date receipts from United States connections increased 0.1%.

All 1991 figures and 1992 cumulative data have been revised.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 1431.

The June 1992 issue of *Railway Carloadings* (52-001, \$8.30/\$83) is to be released the third week of August.

For seasonally adjusted information, contact Angus MacLean (613-951-2484), Transportation Division. ■

Shipments of Rolled Steel

June 1992

Rolled steel shipments for June 1992 totalled 1 180 383 tonnes, an increase of 8.6% from the preceding month's total of 1 087 021 tonnes and an increase of 13.6% from the year-earlier level of 1 039 095 tonnes.

Year-to-date shipments totalled 6 087 637 tonnes, an increase of 12.4% compared to 5 415 930 tonnes the previous year.

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The June 1992 issue of *Primary Iron and Steel* (41-001, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date.

For more detailed information on this release, contact Greg Milsom (613-951-9827), Industry Division. ■

Oils and Fats

June 1992

Production by Canadian manufacturers of all types of deodorized oils in June 1992 totalled 68 115 tonnes, an increase of 6.9% from the 63 747 tonnes produced in May 1992. January to June 1992 production totalled 375 667 tonnes, an increase of 6.5% from the corresponding 1991 figure of 352 638^r (revised) tonnes.

Manufacturers' packaged sales of shortening totalled 9 473 tonnes in June 1992, down from the 9 509 tonnes sold the previous month. January to June 1992 sales were 54 984 tonnes compared to the cumulative sales of 61 346^r tonnes in 1991.

Sales of packaged salad oil increased to 7 459 tonnes in June 1992 from 5 320 tonnes in May 1992. Year-to-date sales in June 1992 were 33 388 tonnes, compared to 37 673 tonnes in June 1991.

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