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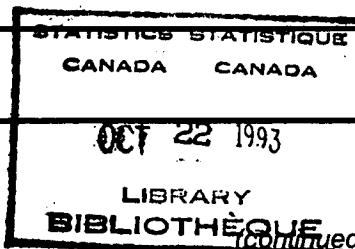
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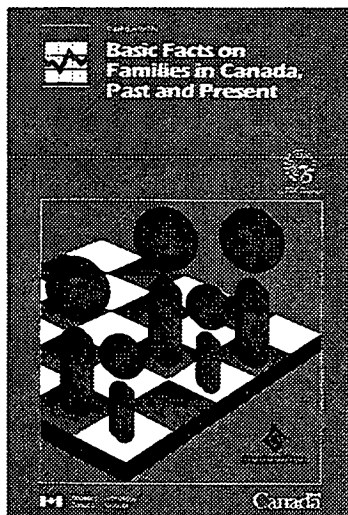
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Basic Facts on Families in Canada, Past and Present

Basic Facts on Families in Canada, Past and Present focuses on key aspects of family life in Canada. Some of the topics explored are: changing family structure, marriage and divorce, children in families, families and the workplace, and family income. The text of this fact book is presented in a question and answer format, illustrated with tables and charts. Where appropriate, historical data are used to show trends in family life.

This report is one in a series of publications being released in conjunction with the forthcoming International Year of the Family. Another more comprehensive report soon to follow will be *A Portrait of Families in Canada* (89-509, \$40). This upcoming report will provide the most comprehensive set of integrated, national data on families in Canada, on topics ranging from family characteristics, distribution of labour within the family, family income and low income, child care, and housing. The material is organized in over 40 tables and 25 charts and accompanied by easy-to-read text highlighting the most important trends.

To order *Basic Facts on Families in Canada, Past and Present* (89-516, \$10), contact your nearest Statistics Canada Regional Reference Centre or call 1-800-267-6677 and use your VISA or MasterCard. For more information on this release, contact Janet Che-Alford (613-951-2544, fax: 613-951-0387), Housing, Family and Social Statistics Division.



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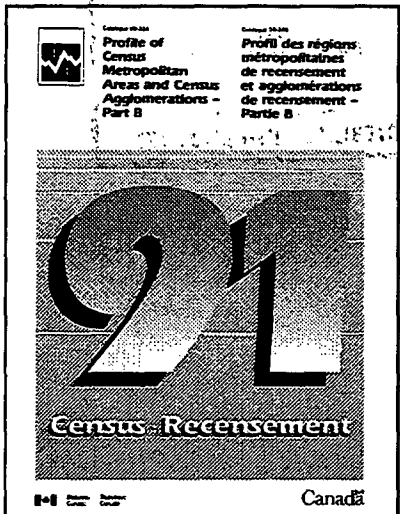
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Profile of Census Metropolitan Areas and Census Agglomerations, Part B
1991 Census

Profile of Census Metropolitan Areas and Census Agglomerations, Part B is now available. This publication provides profiles of census metropolitan areas and census agglomerations based on 20% sample data from the 1991 Census of Population.

These profiles show population counts for characteristics such as home language, knowledge of languages, religion, ethnic origin, place of birth, period of immigration, mobility status, fertility, highest level of schooling, labour force activity, occupation, and industry. They also show dwelling counts by need for repair, period of construction, as well as average housing costs for households, and income distributions for individuals, households and families.

To order *Profile of Census Metropolitan Areas and Census Agglomerations, Part B* (93-338, \$55), contact your nearest Statistics Canada Regional Reference Centre.

MAJOR RELEASE

Wholesale Trade

August 1993 (Preliminary)

After increasing for the previous three months, seasonally adjusted wholesale merchants' sales declined 0.4% in August to a level of \$16.9 billion.

Sales

The month-to-month movements were mixed. Five of the nine trade groups recorded lower sales. The largest decline (in dollar value) was in food, beverage, drug and tobacco products, down 1.9%. This was the second decline in a row following a period of rising sales which began in April. Decreases were also registered for lumber and building materials (-1.5%), wholesalers of metals, hardware, plumbing and heating equipment and supplies (-1.8%) and suppliers of other products (such as farm and paper products, agricultural supplies, industrial and household chemicals, etc.), down 0.8%.

Moderating the overall decline were increased sales of other machinery, equipment and supplies, up 1.4% to maintain four months of steady growth. Higher sales were also recorded by wholesalers of apparel and dry goods (+4.5%), followed by motor vehicles, parts and accessories (+0.7%).

Regionally, eight provinces and territories had lower sales in August. The declines were moderate, ranging from -0.5% in Prince Edward Island to -3.0% in New Brunswick.

Note to Users

Wholesalers interact with various sectors of the economy both in buying and selling goods. More specifically, wholesalers purchase through a network of importers, manufacturers and other wholesalers. They sell to other wholesalers, retailers, household consumers, industrial and commercial users, and to foreign markets.

Inventories

Wholesale merchants' inventories totalled \$25.8 billion in August, a level nearly unchanged (-0.1%) from the previous month.

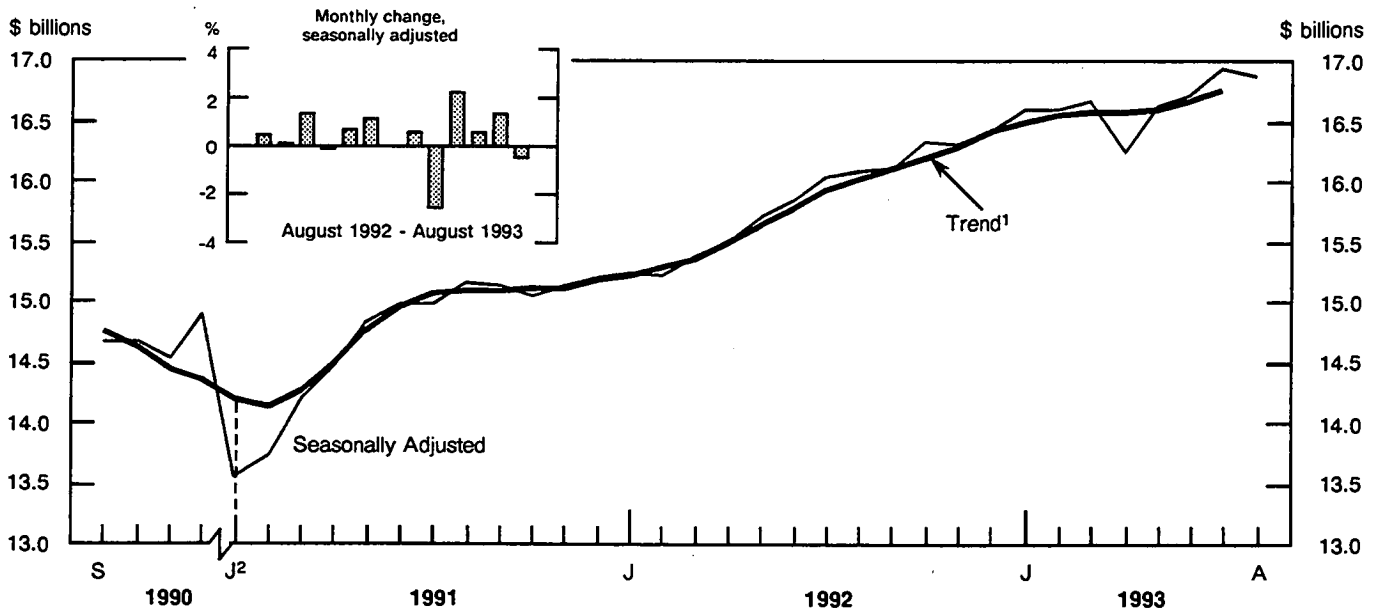
The inventories-to-sales ratio at the end of August was up to 1.53:1 from 1.52:1 recorded in July.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 59, 61, 648 and 649.

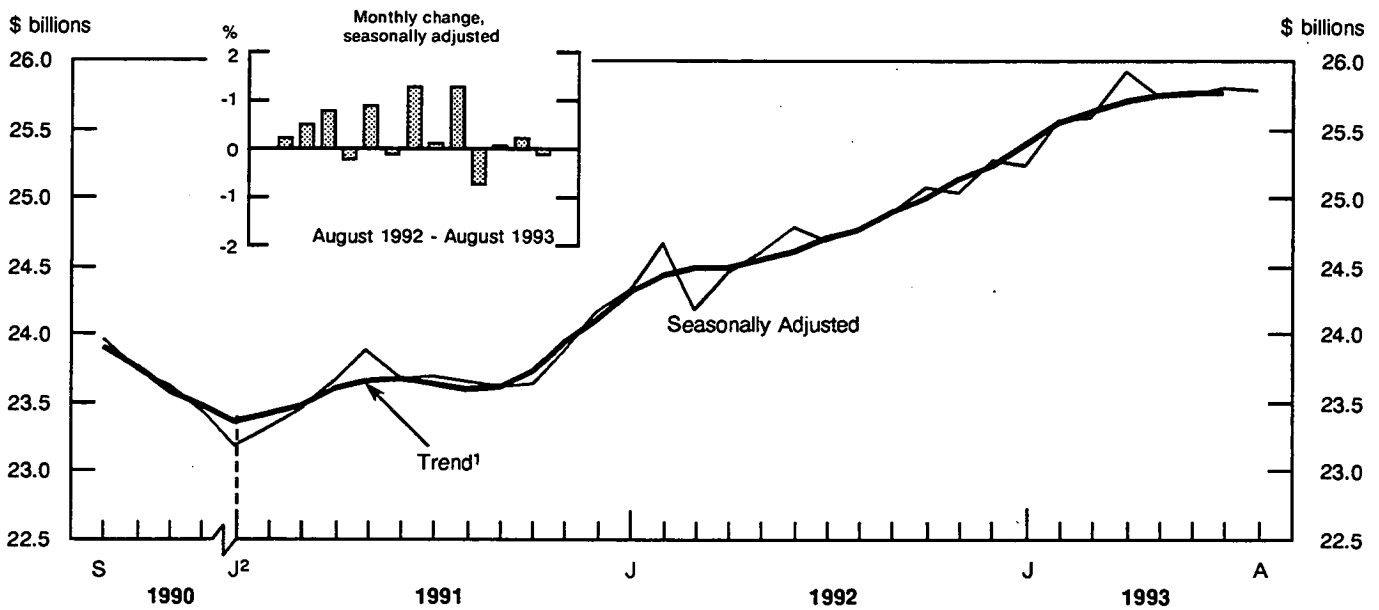
The August issue of *Wholesale Trade* (63-008, \$14.40/\$144) will be available the second week of November. See "How to Order Publications".

For more information on this release contact Larry Murphy (613-951-3542) or Gilles Berniquez (613-951-3540), Industry Division. □

Wholesale merchants' sales



Wholesale merchants' inventories



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

² Prior to 1991, data includes Federal Sales Tax. Its successor, the Goods and Services Tax is not included in the 1991 and later data.

Wholesale merchants' sales

	Aug. 1992	July 1993 ^r	Aug. 1993 ^p	Aug. 1992 to Aug. 1993	Aug. 1992	May 1993 ^r	June 1993 ^r	July 1993 ^r	Aug. 1993 ^p	July 1993 to Aug. 1993	Aug. 1992 to Aug. 1993	
	\$ millions				% change		\$ millions				% change	
	unadjusted						seasonally adjusted					
Food, beverage, drug and tobacco products	4,297	4,560	4,434	3.2	4,230	4,456	4,476	4,452	4,369	-1.9	3.3	
Apparel and dry goods	509	481	614	20.6	391	446	439	433	453	4.5	16.0	
Household goods	595	550	613	2.9	587	581	591	599	583	-2.6	-0.6	
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories	1,624	1,736	1,815	11.7	1,729	1,825	1,831	1,870	1,883	0.7	8.9	
Metals, hardware, plumbing and heating equipment and supplies	1,093	1,175	1,209	10.6	1,089	1,143	1,163	1,187	1,166	-1.8	7.1	
Lumber and building materials	1,660	1,790	1,746	5.2	1,484	1,558	1,520	1,551	1,527	-1.5	2.9	
Farm machinery, equipment and supplies	383	390	436	14.0	342	361	364	370	379	2.4	10.7	
Other machinery, equipment and supplies	3,447	3,513	3,631	5.3	3,743	3,586	3,663	3,738	3,790	1.4	1.3	
Other products	2,344	2,556	2,595	10.7	2,498	2,666	2,665	2,732	2,711	-0.8	8.5	
Total, all trade groups	15,953	16,751	17,093	7.1	16,092	16,622	16,713	16,932	16,861	-0.4	4.8	
Provinces/Territories												
Newfoundland	170	190	183	7.4	161	175	170	175	172	-1.9	6.3	
Prince Edward Island	48	44	43	-11.2	45	41	41	40	39	-0.5	-11.4	
Nova Scotia	352	411	378	7.2	349	364	364	371	367	-1.1	5.2	
New Brunswick	253	254	245	-3.2	240	236	232	235	228	-3.0	-4.9	
Quebec	4,123	3,975	4,282	3.9	4,028	3,999	3,987	4,069	4,026	-1.1	-0.1	
Ontario	6,476	6,684	6,927	7.0	6,682	6,866	6,929	7,003	7,007	0.1	4.9	
Manitoba	570	670	598	5.0	553	586	594	600	589	-1.8	6.5	
Saskatchewan	492	563	533	8.4	464	511	519	516	509	-1.4	9.6	
Alberta	1,423	1,569	1,630	14.6	1,453	1,537	1,548	1,573	1,604	2.0	10.4	
British Columbia	2,022	2,368	2,250	11.3	2,094	2,285	2,306	2,329	2,298	-1.3	9.7	
Yukon and Northwest Territories	23	24	24	2.1	22	21	21	21	21	--	-3.5	

Wholesale merchants' inventories

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	\$ millions		% change		\$ millions		% change				
	unadjusted				seasonally adjusted						
Food, beverage, drug and tobacco products	3,080	3,367	3,323	7.9	3,055	3,302	3,309	3,332	3,316	-0.5	8.5
Apparel and dry goods	907	1,121	1,099	21.2	862	968	1,007	1,023	1,048	2.4	21.6
Household goods	1,242	1,375	1,364	9.8	1,242	1,285	1,301	1,375	1,364	-0.8	9.8
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories	3,520	3,617	3,621	2.9	3,597	3,834	3,735	3,719	3,725	0.2	3.6
Metals, hardware, plumbing and heating equipment and supplies	2,173	2,205	2,225	2.4	2,121	2,121	2,132	2,148	2,168	0.9	2.2
Lumber and building materials	2,401	2,584	2,571	7.1	2,392	2,640	2,605	2,567	2,589	0.9	8.2
Farm machinery, equipment and supplies	1,347	1,273	1,212	-10.0	1,363	1,221	1,238	1,244	1,226	-1.4	-10.0
Other machinery, equipment and supplies	7,097	7,295	6,999	-1.4	7,046	7,014	7,074	7,080	6,975	-1.5	-1.0
Other products	3,050	3,253	3,336	9.4	3,082	3,361	3,354	3,325	3,373	1.5	9.4
Total, all trades groups	24,816	26,090	25,750	3.8	24,761	25,745	25,755	25,812	25,785	-0.1	4.1

^r Revised figures.

^p Preliminary figures.

- Amount too small to be expressed.

DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Population Estimates By Age And Sex

As of July 1, 1971-1993

Released today are estimates by age and sex of national, provincial and territorial population, as of July 1, 1993. These new estimates are based on 1991 Census results along with the Agency's estimates of the number of people not counted by the Census. In addition, the revised population estimates by age and sex now include non-permanent residents. To ease comparison with earlier years, historical revisions have been produced back to 1971.

Inclusion of estimates of the population not counted in the Census has raised the national population estimates by percentages ranging from 1.6% to 2.9% over the 20-year period. Increases at the provincial level varied between 0.3% and 3.8%. The most important changes are for the age groups 0 to 4 (+2.2%), 20 to 24 (+7.0%) and 25 to 29 (+6.3%). Future annual population estimates use a reference date of July 1 rather than June 1 as was previously the case.

Please refer to *The Daily* of September 16, 1993, for additional information on: why the methodology has been revised for the population estimates; calculation of undercoverage and of historical revisions; and, the effect of revising the population estimates on Statistics Canada's products.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 6270-6295, 6303-6341 and 6367-6393.

All of the annual revised intercensal population estimates from 1971-1991 will be published in *Revised Intercensal Population Estimates, 1971-1991* (91-537) during the first quarter of 1994.

The postcensal annual estimates at national, provincial and territorial, census division and census metropolitan area levels for July 1, 1992 and 1993 will appear in *Annual Demographic Statistics* (91-213), which will replace catalogued publications numbered 91-204, 91-210, 91-211 and 91-212, also during the first quarter of 1994.

Future releases from the Population Estimates Program

Population by Age, Sex and
Marital Status as of
July 1, 1971 to 1993 October 28, 1993

Total Population, Census
Divisions and Census Metro-
politan Areas as of
July 1, 1986-1993 November 30, 1993

Population by Age and Sex
for Census Divisions and
Census Metropolitan Areas
as of July 1, 1986-1993 December 14, 1993

For more information, contact Ronald Raby (613-951-9582) about methodology on population estimates; Margaret Michalowski (613-951-2328) about net undercoverage by age and sex; Lise Champagne (613-951-2320) about other demographic estimates; and Don Royce (613-951-6940) about 1991 Census Coverage Studies. You may also contact your nearest Statistics Canada Regional Reference Centre. ■

Local Government Long-term Debt

September 1993

Estimates for the accumulated long-term debt of local governments for all provinces except Ontario are now available.

For further information on this release, contact Marlene Vollmer (613-951-1830), Public Institutions Division.

Data are also available through custom and special tabulations. For more information or general inquiries on Public Institutions Division products or services, contact Jo-Anne Thibault, Data Dissemination and External Relations Co-ordinator (613-951-0767). ■

PUBLICATIONS RELEASED

Monthly Survey of Manufacturing, August 1993.

Catalogue number 31-001

(Canada: \$17.30/\$173; United States:
US\$20.80/US\$208; Other Countries:
US\$24.20/US\$242).

**Aviation Statistics Centre Service Bulletin,
Vol. 25, No. 10.**

Catalogue number 51-004

(Canada: \$9.30/\$93; United States:
US\$11.20/US\$112; Other Countries: US\$13/US\$130).

Road Motor Vehicles, Fuel Sales, 1992.

Catalogue number 53-218

(Canada: \$17; United States: US\$20; Other
Countries: US\$24).

**Basic Facts on Families in Canada, Past and
Present, 1993.**

Catalogue number 89-516

(Canada: \$10; United States: US\$12; Other
Countries: US\$14).

**Profile of Census Metropolitan Areas and Census
Agglomerations, Part B, 1991 Census.**

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Week of October 25 to 29
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27	Unemployment Insurance Statistics	August 1993
27	Industrial Product Price Index	September 1993
27	Raw Materials Price Index	September 1993
29	Gross Domestic Product at Factor Cost by Industry	August 1993
29	Employment, Earnings and Hours	August 1993
29	Sales of Refined Petroleum Products	September 1993
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