



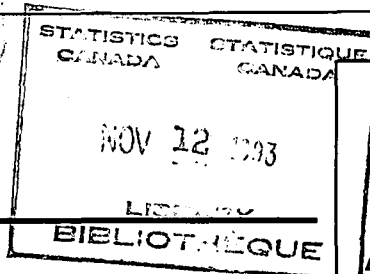
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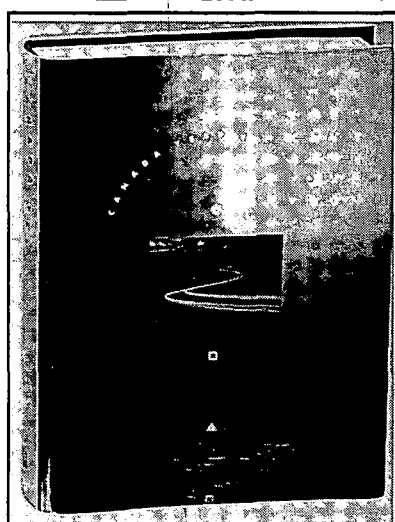
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The 1994 *Canada Year Book* (11-402E, \$65.) is now available. See "How to Order Publications". For more information, contact Jonina Wood (613-951-1114), Communications Division.



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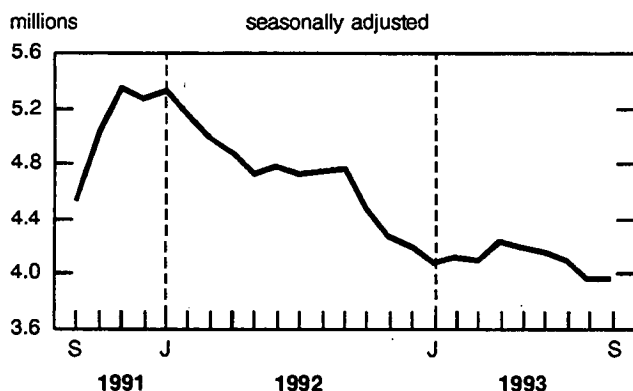
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### Travel Between Canada and Other Countries

September 1993

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#### Same-day car trips by Canadian residents to the United States



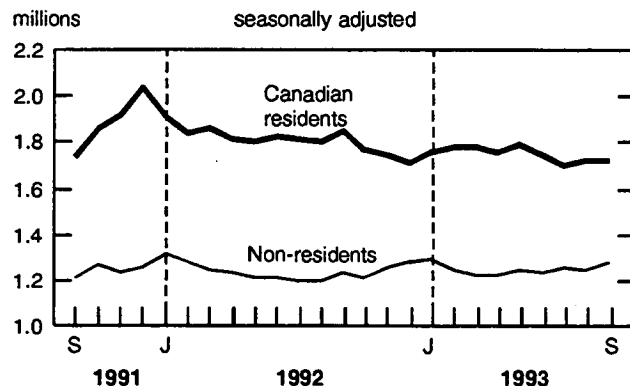
#### Seasonally adjusted

Seasonally adjusted data, which highlight month-to-month trends in international travel, show a 3.1% increase in total travel to Canada in September 1993. Meanwhile, outbound Canadian travel remained stable.

Same-day car trips by Canadian residents to the United States were unchanged from August, at 4.0 million. This was the lowest level since December 1989. The trend in same-day, cross-border car trips by Canadian residents has been generally downward since February 1992, after having peaked at 5.3 million in November 1991.

The downtrend in car trips of one or more nights to the United States continued, decreasing 0.9% to 1.0 million. Meanwhile, car trips of one or more nights to Canada by residents of the United States increased 10.6% to 701,000.

#### Trips of one or more nights between Canada and other countries



Canadian residents' trips of one or more nights to all countries by all modes of travel remained unchanged at 1.7 million. Trips of one or more nights to the United States by all modes of travel (including car) were stable at 1.4 million; trips to all other countries decreased 1.2% to 275,000.

Trips of one or more nights to Canada by non-residents increased 2.9% to 1.3 million. The level of this type of travel has fluctuated within a narrow band since late 1986. Trips of one or more nights to Canada by residents of the United States increased 3.3% to 1.0 million, while comparable trips by residents of all other countries increased 1.3% to 264,000.

#### Unadjusted

In terms of actual counts, same-day car trips by Canadian residents to the United States dropped 16.5% from September 1992, to 3.9 million.

Car trips to the United States of one or more nights also decreased, down 10.8% to 1.1 million. Meanwhile, car trips of one or more nights to Canada by residents of the United States increased 7.0% to 868,000.

Canadian residents' trips of one or more nights to all countries by all modes of travel decreased 6.3% from September 1992 to 1.7 million; trips of one or more nights to the United States dropped 7.5% to 1.5 million, while similar trips to all other countries increased 1.2% to 255,000.

Trips of one or more nights to Canada by non-residents increased 6.3% to 1.6 million. Trips of one or more nights to Canada by residents of the United States increased 5.9% from September 1992, to 1.3 million. Trips of one or more nights to Canada by residents of countries other than the United States increased 7.8% to 375,000.

The September 1993 issue of *International Travel—Advance Information* (66-001P, \$6.10/\$61) will be available shortly. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, contact Ruth McMillan (613-951-1791), International Travel Section, Education, Culture and Tourism Division.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 2661-2697.

### Travel between Canada and other countries

	June 1993 <sup>r</sup>	July 1993 <sup>r</sup>	August 1993 <sup>r</sup>	September 1993 <sup>p</sup>
seasonally adjusted				
	'000			
<b>One or more nights trips<sup>1</sup></b>				
Non-resident travellers				
United States	962	986	971	1,002
Other countries <sup>2</sup>	259	263	260	264
Residents of Canada				
United States	1,466	1,428	1,442	1,445
Other countries	276	270	278	275
<b>Total trips</b>				
Non-resident travellers				
United States	2,649	2,723	2,659	2,751
Other countries	292	302	302	302
Residents of Canada				
United States	5,749	5,583	5,512	5,520
Car re-entries				
Same-day	4,144	4,082	3,954	3,951
One or more nights	1,026	1,012	1,005	996
	September 1993 <sup>p</sup>	September 1992 to September 1993	January to September <sup>p</sup> 1993	January-September 1992 to January-September <sup>p</sup> 1993
unadjusted				
	'000	% change	'000	% change
<b>One or more nights trips<sup>1</sup></b>				
Non-resident travellers				
United States	1,271	5.9	9,948	0.6
Other countries <sup>2</sup>	376	7.8	2,596	5.6
Residents of Canada				
United States	1,462	-7.5	14,106	-6.9
Other countries	255	1.2	2,621	5.2
<b>Total trips</b>				
Non-resident travellers				
United States	3,144	3.6	26,241	0.2
Other countries	425	6.0	2,885	5.1
Residents of Canada				
United States	5,456	-14.1	52,484	-13.9
Car re-entries				
Same-day	3,904	-16.5	37,491	-16.5
One or more nights	1,086	-10.8	10,041	-10.5

<sup>1</sup> Estimates for the United States include counts of car and bus, and estimated numbers for plane, train, boat and other methods.

<sup>2</sup> Figures for "Other countries" exclude same-day entries by land only, via the United States.

<sup>p</sup> Preliminary figures.

<sup>r</sup> Revised figures.

## How Far is it to the Nearest Hospital? Calculating Distances using the Postal Code Conversion File

Two out of three people in Canada live within a 5 km radius of a hospital. Less than 1% of Canadians live more than 50 km from a hospital.

As expected, the average distance (aerial distance) varies greatly by region. In Ontario, for example, the average distance to the nearest hospital is 5.5 km; in Newfoundland, it is 15 km. Northern Canada is sparsely populated and has few hospitals, so the distance to the nearest facility tends to be much greater.

In Atlantic Canada, 40% of the population live more than 10 km from the nearest hospital, compared with only 20% of the population in other provinces.

### *Note to users*

*Accessibility to hospital services is far from equal for all Canadians. This is due in large part to the unequal distribution of Canada's population over its vast territory.*

*Using the Postal Code Conversion File, the authors of this article calculated the average distance (aerial distance) to the nearest hospital, a crude but objective indicator of geographic accessibility to hospital services. This article illustrates one of the many possible applications of the Postal Code Conversion File.*

This article appears in the second quarter 1993 (Vol. 5, No. 2) issue of *Health Reports* (82-003, \$26/\$104), which was released on November 9. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, contact Information Requests (613-951-1746), Canadian Centre for Health Information. ■

## Machinery and Equipment Price Index

Third Quarter 1993 (Preliminary)

The Machinery and Equipment Price Index by industry of purchase (MEPI, 1986=100) was at a preliminary level of 108.9 in the third quarter of 1993, up 1.0% from the second quarter of 1993. This marked eight consecutive quarters of positive movement. The domestic component rose by 0.3% and the import component rose by 1.9%.

The total index was up 4.8% in the third quarter of 1993 from the third quarter of 1992. Both components rose: the domestic component by 2.2% and the import component by 7.5%. The increase in the import component reflected the 8.5% rise in the U.S. exchange rate.

Among the industry divisions, the three largest contributors to the overall quarterly price increase were manufacturing (+1.5%), transportation, communications, storage and utilities (+0.9%) and mines, quarries and oil wells (+1.6%).

Comparing the third quarters of 1992 and 1993, the three largest contributors to the annual price increase were manufacturing (+5.5%), transportation, communications, storage and utilities (+3.9%) and agriculture (+5.4%).

**Available on CANSIM: matrices 2023-2025.**

The third quarter 1993 issue of *Construction Price Statistics* (62-007, \$18/\$72) will be available in December. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, contact the Information and Current Analysis Unit (613-951-9607), Prices Division.

### Machinery and equipment price index (1986 = 100)

	Third quarter 1992 <sup>r</sup>	Second quarter 1993 <sup>r</sup>	Third quarter 1993 <sup>p</sup>	Third quarter 1992 to third quarter 1993	Second quarter 1993 to third quarter 1993
	% change				
<b>Machinery and equipment price index:</b>	<b>103.9</b>	<b>107.8</b>	<b>108.9</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>1.0</b>
Agriculture	116.0	122.0	122.3	5.4	0.2
Forestry	114.4	117.2	118.1	3.2	0.8
Fishing	106.1	108.1	109.5	3.2	1.3
Mines, quarries and oil wells	102.2	106.3	108.0	5.7	1.6
Manufacturing	106.1	110.3	111.9	5.5	1.5
Construction	102.6	108.0	110.0	7.2	1.9
Transportation, communications storage and utilities	102.7	105.8	106.7	3.9	0.9
Trade	98.3	101.3	102.2	4.0	0.9
Finance, insurance and real estate	97.2	99.0	99.5	2.4	0.5
Community, business and personal services	92.6	95.4	96.0	3.7	0.6
Public administration	102.6	106.8	108.2	5.5	1.3

<sup>p</sup> These indexes are preliminary.

<sup>r</sup> These indexes might have been revised from the last quarter, and have not been finalized.

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### Steel Primary Forms

Week Ending November 6, 1993 (Preliminary)

Steel primary forms production for the week ending November 6, 1993 totalled 284 217 tonnes, up 9.9% from the week-earlier 258 611 tonnes and up 11.6% from the year-earlier 254 728 tonnes.

The cumulative total at the end of the week was 12 123 446 tonnes, a 4.1% increase from 11 646 670 tonnes for the same period in 1992.

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

### Railway Carloadings

10-day Period Ending October 31, 1993

The number of railway cars loaded during the 10-day period decreased by 2.7% from the same period last year; revenue-freight loaded decreased by 2.6% to 6.0 million tonnes.

Piggyback traffic tonnage, which is included in total carload traffic, increased by 4.1% during the same period.

The tonnage of revenue-freight loaded as of October 31, 1993 decreased 3.4% from the previous year.

Cumulative data for 1992 and 1993 have been revised.

For further information, please contact Angus MacLean (613-951-2528, fax: 613-951-0579), Surface Transport Unit, Transportation Division. ■

### Sugar Sales

October 1993

In October 1993, refiners' sales for all types of sugar totalled 96 284 tonnes: 79 582 tonnes in domestic sales and 16 702 tonnes exported. At the end of October 1993, year-to-date sales for all types of sugar totalled 906 150 tonnes: 798 679 tonnes in domestic sales and 107 471 tonnes exported.

In October 1992, sales for all types of sugar totalled 90 290 tonnes: 77 023 tonnes in domestic sales and 13 267 tonnes in export sales. At the end of October 1992, year-to-date sales for all types of sugar totalled 876 802 tonnes: 766 488 tonnes in domestic sales and 110 314 tonnes in export sales.

**Available on CANSIM: matrix 141.**

The October 1993 issue of *The Sugar Situation* (32-013, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date.

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

### Average Prices of Selected Farm Inputs

October 1993

Average prices for selected farm inputs for October 1993 are now available by geographic region.

**Available on CANSIM: matrices 550 to 582.**

For further information, contact the Information and Current Analysis Unit (613-951-9606), Prices Division. ■

### Fabricated Structural Steel Price Indexes

Third Quarter 1993

Price indexes (1986=100) for the third quarter of 1993 for fabricated structural steel-in-place are now available. These indexes, at a Canada level, show a 0.1% increase from the second quarter of 1993 and a 0.2% increase from a year earlier.

**Available on CANSIM: matrix 2044.**

The third quarter 1993 issue of *Construction Price Statistics* (62-007, \$18/\$72) will be available in December. See "How to Order Publications".

For more information on this release, please contact the Information and Current Analysis Unit (613-951-9607), Prices Division. ■

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**Canada Year Book, 1994.**

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(Canada: \$65; United States: US\$72;  
Other Countries: US\$84).

**Transportation Equipment Industries, 1991.**

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(Canada: \$35; United States: US\$42; Other  
Countries: US\$49).

**Oil Pipeline Transport, August 1993.**

**Catalogue number 55-001**

(Canada: \$10/\$100; United States: US\$12/US\$120;  
Other Countries: US\$14/US\$140).

**Radio and Television Broadcasting, 1992.**

**Catalogue number 56-204**

(Canada: \$26; United States: US\$31; Other  
Countries: US\$36).

**Canada's International Transactions in Securities,**  
August 1993.

**Catalogue number 67-002**

(Canada: \$15.80/\$158; United States:  
US\$19/US\$190; Other Countries: US\$22.10/US\$221).

**Science Statistics Service Bulletin: Federal  
Government Personnel Engaged In Scientific and  
Technological (S&T) Activities, 1985-86 to  
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