



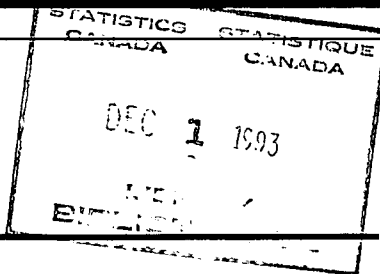
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## MAJOR RELEASES

### RRSP Contributors, Savers and Investors

1992

Canadians contributed 9.6% more to Registered Retirement Savings Plans (RRSPs) in 1992 than in 1991, but their total contribution represented only 22% of their overall limit (total room).

For the 1992 tax year, 4.8 million Canadians contributed \$16 billion to RRSPs, compared with \$14.6 billion in 1991. However, Canadians were actually eligible to contribute \$72 billion to RRSPs for the 1992 tax year.

In 1993, Canadians will be able to carry over the unused portion of their contribution limit, \$56 billion, and add this to \$42 billion in new deduction limits (new room) available for 1993. Overall, Canadians may contribute \$98 billion to RRSPs to use as deductions on their 1993 tax returns. A total of 15 million Canadians are eligible to make a tax-deductible RRSP contribution in the 1993 tax year.

#### RRSP contributors

In 1992, Canadians contributed a median \$2,000 to RRSPs. The average contributor was 42 years-old.

Residents of the Northwest Territories recorded the highest median contribution to RRSPs, \$3,300, which was 65% higher than the national median contribution. The average contributor in the Northwest Territories was 37 years-old, youngest among all the provinces and territories.

#### New room in 1993

The average Canadian is eligible for \$3,062 in additional deductible RRSP contributions for the 1993 tax year (new room for 1993). Residents of the Northwest Territories have the highest average new room for 1993 at \$3,780, and Newfoundlanders have the lowest at \$2,077.

#### Savings and Investment

Total investment income of savers and investors in Canada was \$29.5 billion, a decrease of \$6.3 billion from 1991. The largest portion of this reduction was borne by Ontario residents, \$2.8 billion.

#### Definitions

**Investors:** taxfilers who reported dividend income on line 120 of their personal income tax return.

**Investment income:** the sum of dividends received plus any interest reported on line 121.

**New room in 1993:** equal to 18% of 1992 earned income (maximum \$12,500) minus pension adjustments.

**Savers:** taxfilers who reported interest income on line 121 of their personal income tax return and who reported no dividend income on line 120.

**Total room:** the maximum a taxfiler is allowed to contribute to an RRSP in a specific year. It includes unused room from previous years and new room in the current year.

Almost seven million Canadians were savers in 1992, a decrease of 9% from 1991. Their interest income in the 1992 tax year totalled \$15.5 billion, a 23% decrease from the previous year.

#### Data for small areas

Data are available for areas as small as letter-carrier walks, Forward Sortation Areas (FSAs), cities and towns.

Among the cities and towns with at least 500 taxfilers, those with the highest average new room for the 1993 tax year are predominant in resource-based towns.

Tumbler Ridge, British Columbia	\$6,168
Faro, Yukon	5,868
Fermont, Quebec	5,367
Kingsey Falls, Quebec	5,121
Hampstead, Quebec	5,083

The same is not true of the highest median contributions made to RRSPs for the 1992 tax year. Although some resource-based towns are among the regions making the highest contributions, there is a greater predominance of cities.

Hampstead, Quebec	\$5,000
Cambridge Bay, Northwest Territories	4,800
Rockcliffe, Ontario	4,500
West Vancouver, British Columbia	4,200
Mount Royal, Quebec	4,200

Hampstead, Quebec, a region of greater Montreal, is high on both lists. It appears that these people are making good use of their RRSP opportunities: in 1992, the median contribution of \$5,000 was close to the average new room of \$5,028 available for the 1993 tax year.

In the rankings for FSAs with 500 or more taxfilers, North York predominates the list of high median contributions and Toronto predominates the list of FSAs with highest average room. The top FSAs, however, are both in North York: M5N had the highest average new room of \$5,230; and M4R had the highest median 1992 RRSP contribution of \$6,000.

Nationally, the median interest income of savers dropped to \$500 in 1992, from \$600 in 1991. Regionally, the largest decreases in interest income occurred in the Northwest Territories (-29%) and Nova Scotia (-28%). Even the smallest decreases were near the 23% national decline: -23% in Ontario and -22% in Quebec.

Canadians with dividends fared slightly better. Investors experienced a 10% drop in their investment income, while the number of investors remained the same.

The 1992 edition of the RRSP and Investment Statistics Databank is now available. Based on nearly

19 million tax records, these data report on RRSP contributions, contribution limits (room), investment income from interest and dividends, and include the taxfiler profile. This is the first year that data are available on RRSP room.

An in-depth study of 1992 RRSP deduction limits will be published in the Winter 1993 issue of *Perspectives on Labour and Income*, which will be released on Tuesday, December 7.

For more information about these data and products, contact the Small Area and Administrative Data Division (613-951-9720, fax: 613-951-4745).

### RRSP new room, RRSP contributions and Investment Income of savers and Investors 1992

	1993		1992					
	RRSP New Room		RRSP Contributions		Savers		Investors	
	Average Room	Average Age	Median Contribution	Average Age	Median Interest	Average Age	Median Investment Income	Average Age
	\$		\$		\$		\$	
<b>Canada</b>	<b>3,062</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>2,300</b>	<b>51</b>
Newfoundland	2,077	37	1,800	41	300	48	900	48
Nova Scotia	2,619	38	1,900	42	300	50	1,700	52
Prince Edward Island	2,275	37	1,800	42	300	50	1,700	52
New Brunswick	2,504	37	1,900	42	300	49	2,000	53
Quebec	2,848	38	1,900	42	600	49	2,500	49
Ontario	3,291	38	2,300	43	500	49	2,500	52
Manitoba	2,714	38	2,000	42	500	51	2,000	52
Saskatchewan	2,625	39	2,000	42	600	52	2,400	52
Alberta	3,183	37	2,200	41	400	47	1,600	48
British Columbia	3,326	38	2,500	43	500	50	2,900	53
Northwest Territories	3,780	35	3,300	37	300	38	900	41
Yukon	3,716	37	2,900	40	300	42	1,200	44

## Help-wanted Index

November 1993

Seasonally adjusted, the Help-wanted Index (1991=100) for Canada increased 2% to 89 in November. Advances occurred in the three eastern regions; decreases were observed in the Prairie provinces and in British Columbia.

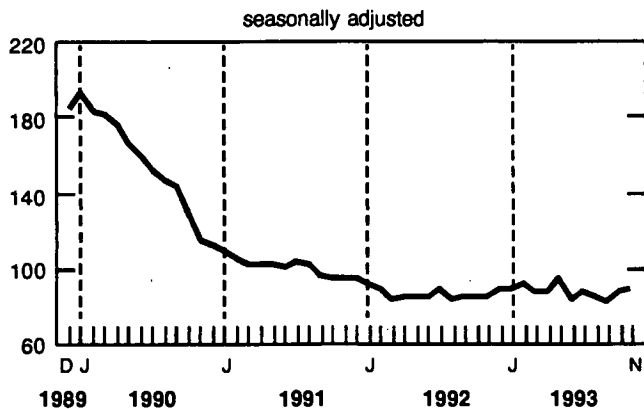
### Note to users

*The Help-wanted Index serves as an early indicator of changes in the demand for labour by monitoring the number of help-wanted ads published in 20 major metropolitan areas.*

The Help-wanted Index peaked at 217 at the beginning of 1989. The following decline in the trend came to a halt at 83 in March 1992. The recovery was interrupted in May 1993, when the index crested at 95. After falling to 81 in September, the index made gains in October (to 87) and in November (to 89).

### Help-wanted Index

(1991 = 100)



### Regional changes

Between October and November 1993, the index increased 23% in the Atlantic provinces, 6% in Ontario and 3% in Quebec. Decreases of 6% were observed in the Prairie provinces and in British Columbia.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 105 (levels 8 and 9).

Help-wanted indexes for metropolitan areas included in the survey and trend-cycle estimates are available on request.

For Further information, contact Carole Lacroix (613-951-4039) or André Picard (613-951-4045), Labour Division (fax: 613-951-4087).

### Help-wanted Index

(1991 = 100)

	November 1992	September 1993	October 1993	November 1993	November 1992 to November 1993	October 1993 to November 1993
	seasonally adjusted				% change	
Canada	84	81	87	89	6	2
Atlantic provinces	87	78	77	95	9	23
Quebec	81	86	92	95	17	3
Ontario	88	81	85	90	2	6
Prairie provinces	81	80	86	81	0	-6
British Columbia	87	78	85	80	-8	-6

## Residential Building Permits

October 1993 (Advance Estimate)

Municipalities issued residential building permits at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 148,000 units in October, down 4.1% from September's revised level of 154,000 units. However, the short-term trend index (which removes price effects and irregular movements) has stayed relatively stable at 100.9 since June 1993. This stability is due in part to favorable interest rates and to the extension of government initiatives to stimulate residential construction.

### Seasonally adjusted

The decrease in October's residential building intentions was attributable to both the multi-family (-7.8% to 63,000 units) and the single-family (-1.2% to 85,000 units) dwelling sectors.

Ontario (-14.7%) and the British Columbia (-6.3%) region accounted for most of the decrease in the number of dwelling units authorized, while the Prairies reported the biggest increase (+8.3%).

The value of building permits decreased 4.5% to \$1,291 million in October, from \$1,353 million in September. The multi-family dwelling sector (-11.3% to \$356 million) contributed most to the decrease in

the value of building permits. The single-family dwelling sector (-1.7% to \$936 million) also showed a decrease, but it was less significant.

Declines in the value of permits issued in the multi-family dwelling sector occurred in Ontario (-33.4%) and British Columbia (-11.8%). However, the multi-family sector's performance in the Prairie region (+43.7%), partly countered this decrease.

### Residential building permits index

In August 1993, the short-term trend index for residential permits (which smooths irregular month-to-month movements not sustained over a longer period) remained unchanged from July's revised level of 100.9. The residential trend index, which has steadily declined since November 1992 at a decelerating rate, stayed relatively stable at 100.9 since June 1993. This is partly attributable to favorable interest rates and to the extension of government initiatives to stimulate residential construction.

The residential building permits advance estimate is based on results from over 90% of the municipalities surveyed.

The residential and non-residential building permits preliminary estimate for October 1993 will be released on December 15.

For further information, contact Nathalie Léveillé (613-951-2025), Current Investment Indicators Section, Investment and Capital Stock Division. □

**Value of residential building permits (advance estimate)**

	September 1993 <sup>r</sup>	October 1993 <sup>a</sup>	September 1993 <sup>r</sup> to October 1993 <sup>a</sup>	October 1992 to October 1993 <sup>a</sup>
	\$ thousands		% change	
<b>Canada</b>				
Seasonally adjusted	1,352,612	1,291,206	-4.5	-11.7
Unadjusted	1,529,972	1,345,289	-12.1	-14.7

**Number of dwelling units authorized (advance estimate)**

	September 1993 <sup>r</sup>	October 1993 <sup>a</sup>	September 1993 <sup>r</sup> to October 1993 <sup>a</sup>	October 1992 to October 1993 <sup>a</sup>
	units at an annual rate		% change	
<b>Canada</b>				
Seasonally adjusted	154,344	148,032	-4.1	-10.5
Unadjusted	174,300	156,588	-10.2	-14.1

<sup>a</sup> Advance figures.

<sup>r</sup> Revised figures.

## Crude Oil and Natural Gas

September 1993 (Preliminary)

Crude oil and natural gas exports to the United States continued to grow in September 1993. Natural gas production rose 7.9% from September 1992, reflecting robust growth in exports as well as inventory replacement. Crude oil exports rose 10.7% in September from a year earlier; crude oil imports were down 19.8%. Crude oil production rose a strong 9.5% from September 1992.

### Natural gas

Natural gas production rose 7.9% from September 1992, to 10.1 billion cubic metres. Year-to-date production was up 11.2% from the same period in 1992.

Natural gas exports increased 13.4% from September 1992, to 5.2 billion cubic metres. Year-to-date exports increased 9.1% from 1992.

Natural gas sales in Canada increased 0.5% from September 1992, to 3.4 billion cubic metres. Year-to-date sales were 7.0% higher than in 1992.

### Crude oil

Crude oil production rose 9.5% from September 1992, to 9.0 million cubic metres. Year-to-date production increased 4.3% over the same period in 1992.

#### Note to users

*The crude petroleum and natural gas industry (SIC 071) is an important sector of the economy, especially in Western Canada. In 1992, the total value of crude oil and natural gas production amounted to \$19.3 billion, of which \$11.0 billion was exported. (Crude oil production was valued at \$10.9 billion and natural gas production at \$8.4 billion.) The industry employs 30,000 Canadians and has annual capital expenditures of \$6.0 billion.*

Crude oil exports were up 10.7% from September 1992, to 4.6 million cubic metres. Year-to-date exports rose 7.1% to 39.0 million cubic metres.

Crude oil imports decreased 19.8% to 2.4 million cubic metres in September 1993. But year-to-date imports were up 15.4% over last year, at 25.2 million cubic metres.

September's refinery receipts were down 12.4% at 6.3 million cubic metres, but year-to-date receipts were up 6.0%.

**Available on CANSIM: matrices 530 and 539.**

The September 1993 issue of *Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas Production* (26-006, \$10/\$100) will be available the last week of December. See "How to Order Publications".

For detailed information on this release, contact Brian Preston (613-951-3563), Energy Section, Industry Division. □



## Crude oil and natural gas

	September 1992	September 1993	September 1992 to September 1993	January 1992 to September 1992	January 1993 to September 1993	Jan.- Sept. 1992 to Jan.- Sept. 1993
	thousands of cubic metres		% change	thousands of cubic metres		% change
<b>Crude oil and equivalent hydrocarbons<sup>1</sup></b>						
Production	8 263.2	9 045.3	9.5	75 110.1	78 345.2	4.3
Exports	4 145.5	4 588.0	10.7	36 384.2	38 965.9	7.1
Imports	2 993.3	2 401.4	-19.8	21 820.9	25 172.1	15.4
Refinery receipts	7 232.0	6 337.6	-12.4	60 471.2	64 071.7	6.0
	millions of cubic metres		% change	millions of cubic metres		% change
<b>Natural gas<sup>2</sup></b>						
Marketable production	9 404.9	10 147.9	7.9	85 154.7	94 672.5	11.2
Exports	4 568.6	5 182.5	13.4	42 166.4	46 002.0	9.1
Canadian sales <sup>3</sup>	3 430.4	3 448.6	0.5	40 149.7	42 978.0	7.0

<sup>1</sup> Disposition may differ from production due to inventory change, industry own-use, etc.

<sup>2</sup> Disposition may differ from production due to inventory change, usage as pipeline fuel, pipeline losses, line-pack fluctuations, etc.

<sup>3</sup> Includes direct sales.

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### Profile of Census Tracts (Electronic Product)

1991 Census

A profile of census tracts (Tables 1 and 2) for all the provinces and territories is now available on diskette and magnetic tape. The profile is based on 20% sample data from the 1991 Census.

The profile shows population counts for characteristics such as the following: 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. Also profiled are dwelling counts (by need for repair and period of construction), average housing costs for households and income distributions (for individuals, households and families).

To order *Profile of Census Tracts*, contact your nearest Statistics Canada Regional Reference Centre. ■

### Family Expenditure (Microdata File)

1992

A microdata file is now available that contains 1992 expenditure data for households in urban and rural areas of the 10 provinces. This is the latest in a series of files produced for the 1969, 1978, 1982, 1984, 1986 and 1990 Family Expenditure Surveys.

The file includes data on household characteristics, income and selected expenditure items from 9,492 households. All records have been thoroughly screened to assure anonymity of the respondents. The file is available on tape, cartridge and microcomputer diskettes and costs \$3,000 plus GST.

For more information on this release, contact Robin Chaplin (613-951-4642) or Réjean Lasnier (613-951-4643), Family Expenditure Surveys Section (fax: 613-951-3012). ■

### Education in Canada

1991-92

*Education in Canada* (81-229, \$50), a compendium of statistics compiled from several annual publications, was released on November 25.

This report reviews major statistics on educational institutions, enrolment, graduates, teachers and finance for Canada, the provinces and territories. The 1991-92 issue displays time series of the most important variables for Canada from 1981-82 and for the provinces and territories from 1987-88.

More recent data on the education variables included in the compendium are also now available.

For information about this release, please contact Jim Seidle (613-951-1500), Education Subdivision, Education, Culture and Tourism Division (fax: 613-951-9040). ■

### Farm Taxation Data

1992 (Preliminary)

Preliminary data on farm revenue and expenses (derived from taxation data) are now available by farm type and revenue class for the 1992 tax year. These data cover all provinces for both unincorporated and incorporated farms. Final data should be available in March 1994.

For further information on these data, contact Mario Ménard (613-951-2446) or Lina Di Piéto (613-951-3171), Agriculture Division. ■

### Steel Primary Forms

Week Ending November 27, 1993 (Preliminary)

Steel primary forms production for the week ending November 27, 1993 totalled 266 851 tonnes, down 6.8% from the week-earlier 286 329 tonnes and down 5.8% from the year-earlier 283 328 tonnes.

The cumulative total at the end of the week was 12 955 879 tonnes, a 3.6% increase from 12 504 777 tonnes for the same period in 1992.

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

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## Railway Carloadings

Seven-day Period Ending November 21, 1993

The number of railway cars loaded during the seven-day period increased by 9.2% from the same period last year; revenue-freight loaded increased by 11.8% to 4.7 million tonnes.

Piggyback traffic tonnage, which is included in total carload traffic, increased by 12.3% during the same period.

The tonnage of revenue-freight loaded as of November 21, 1993 decreased 2.4% 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. ■

production at the end of October 1993 totalled 64 922 529 kilograms, up from 63 863 785 the previous year.

Production of instant skim milk powder in October totalled 388 575 kilograms, up 7.4% from September 1993 but down 17.5% from October 1992. Year-to-date production at the end of October 1993 totalled 3 540 056 kilograms, compared with 3 905 115 kilograms the year before.

**Available on CANSIM: matrix 188 (series 1.10).**

The October 1993 issue of *Production and Inventories of Process Cheese and Instant Skim Milk Powder* (32-024, \$5/\$50) will be available shortly. See "How to Order Publications".

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

## Process Cheese and Instant Skim Milk Powder

October 1993

Production of process cheese in October totalled 5 686 711 kilograms, down 32.1% from September 1993 but up 1.3% from October 1992. Year-to-date

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**Imports by Commodity, September 1993.**

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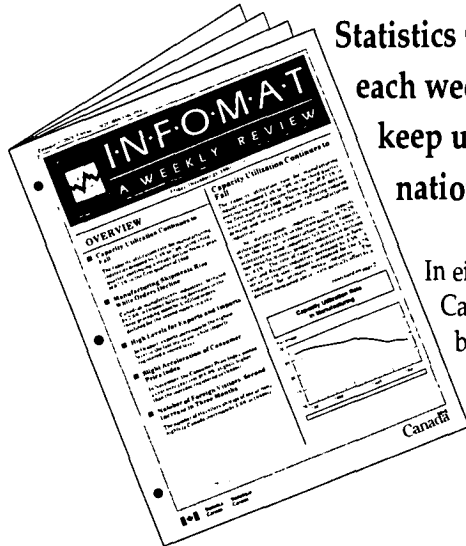
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