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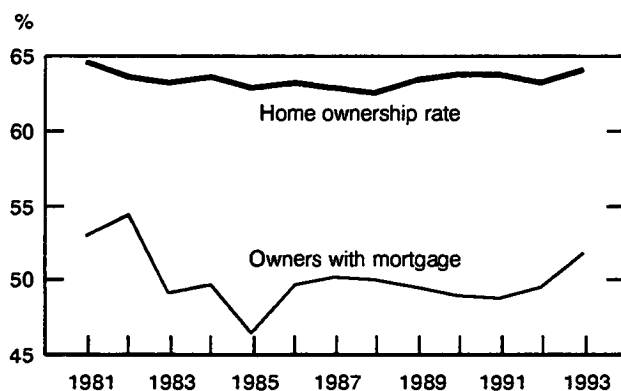
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Household Facilities and Equipment 1993

In 1993, an estimated 64.1% of Canada's 10,247,000 households own their home, up from 63.1% in 1992. The proportion of homeowners has been increasing gradually since 1988 (62.5%) and follows an overall decline in home ownership between 1981 and 1988. Tied to this increase in ownership is an increase in the percentage of homeowners with a mortgage, 51.7% in 1993 compared with 49.4% in 1992. Lower interest rates and first-time buyer assistance plans are two factors contributing to these changes in the ownership market.

Home ownership



Ownership of single detached dwellings is declining

The single detached dwelling continues to be most popular type among homeowners. In 1993, 80.5% of owners occupy a single detached dwelling; however, this proportion has been declining gradually over the last five years, from 81.4% in 1992 and 83.2% in 1988.

Note to users

Another report, *Household Facilities by Income and Other Characteristics* (13-218), relates household facilities and equipment data to the level of income received in the preceding year. (Details on income are provided by the *Survey of Consumer Finances*.) The 1993 issue of *Household Facilities by Income and Other Characteristics* will be released in early 1994. It will present distributions of households within household income size groups (by household type, province and other characteristics).

This decrease in ownership of single homes has been offset by a corresponding increase in the proportion of owners occupying either single attached dwellings or apartments and duplexes. In 1993, 16.3% of owners live in attached or apartment-type dwellings, compared with 15.4% in 1992 and 13.7% in 1988. First-time buyers seeking affordable housing, combined with empty-nester families who are down-sizing, may be responsible for this shift in housing preference.

Home electronics are becoming standard household equipment

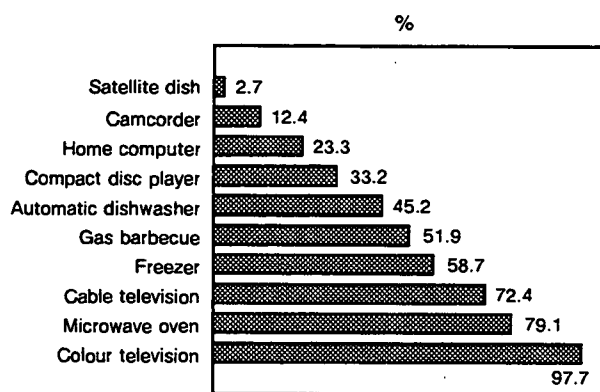
No longer luxury items, video cassette recorders (VCRs) are standard fixtures in the home. In 1993, 77.3% of households have a VCR. Just 10 years ago, only 6.4% of households had a VCR. Multiple VCR ownership increased from 9.8% of households in 1992 to 12.9% in 1993.

The compact disc (CD) player appears well on its way to becoming a standard piece of household equipment with 33.2% of households having one in 1993, up from 26.9% in 1992 and 7.9% only five years ago. However, the acceptance of CD players has not been as rapid as it was for VCRs.

The trend toward "high-tech" is evident by the increasing popularity of home computers, in 23.3% of households in 1993 (up from 20.0% in 1992), and camcorders, in 12.4% of households in 1993 (up from 10.2% in 1992).

Data collected for the first time in 1993 show an estimated 2.7% of households have a satellite dish.

Selected features of households, 1993



Microwave ovens are a common time-saving kitchen appliance. In 1993, 79.1% of households have a microwave oven, up from 76.0% in 1992 and 12.4% just 10 years ago.

Fire safety: renters lag in protection

Smoke detectors are installed in 91.6% of dwellings, up from 90.0% last year and up from 81.4% in 1988. Almost half of households today have

two or more smoke detectors (49.5%) and a portable fire extinguisher (49.9%).

Renters are less likely than owners to have household safety items in the dwelling. Smoke detectors are found in 87.2% of rented dwellings, compared with 94.0% of owner-occupied dwellings. Portable fire extinguishers are found in 26.1% of rented dwellings, compared with 63.2% of owner-occupied dwellings.

Home heating

The late 1970s to early 1980s saw a dramatic swing away from oil to piped gas as the principal heating fuel, so that piped gas is now used to heat 45.9% of dwellings (electricity is used to heat 34.1% and oil is used to heat only 14.5%). Since the early 1980s, the popularity of piped gas has grown slowly and steadily, especially in Ontario, where 62.7% of households use piped gas (compared with 60.6% in 1992 and 55.3% in 1983).

For both national and provincial estimates, order the 1993 issue of *Household Facilities and Equipment* (64-202, \$28), now available. See "How to Order Publications".

For more information about these data or the availability of special request tabulations, contact Réjean Lasnier (613-951-4633) or the Income and Housing Surveys Section (613-951-9778, fax: 613-951-3012), Household Surveys Division.

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Errata: Labour Force Survey

November 1993

The *Daily* of Friday, December 3, 1993 contains an error on page three. Specifically, the table entitled "Unemployment levels and rates for November and changes from October" contains incorrect data and should be replaced with the table below. There are no errors in the corresponding table in the publication *Labour Force Information for the Week Ended December 3, 1993* (71-001P).

Unemployment levels and rates for November and changes from October

	Level	Change	Rate	Change
	'000	%		
Newfoundland	48	+1	20.6	+0.4
Prince Edward Island	12	-1	17.8	-1.2
Nova Scotia	64	+2	15.3	+0.4
New Brunswick	40	-3	12.1	-0.9
Quebec	440	-15	12.9	-0.5
Ontario	563	+5	10.5	+0.1
Manitoba	50	0	9.1	-0.1
Saskatchewan	36	+1	7.6	+0.3
Alberta	131	+1	9.3	0.0
British Columbia	150	-11	8.6	-0.7

For further information about the Labour Force Survey, contact Doug Drew (613-951-4720), Jean-Marc Lévesque (613-951-2301), Vincent Ferrao (613-951-4750), Mike Sheridan (613-951-9480), Deborah Sunter (613-951-4740), Alain Baril (613-951-3325) or the information line (613-951-9448), Household Surveys Division. ■

Vegetable Oil Mills (except corn oil)


1992 Annual Survey of Manufactures

In 1992, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the vegetable oil mills (except corn oil) (SIC 1061) totalled \$974.3 million, up 17.7% from \$828.0 million in 1991.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5390.

The data for this industry will be released in *Food Industries* (32-250, \$35).

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



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- Labour Force Survey, August 1993
The unemployment rate fell 0.3 to 13.3 in August 1993.
- Farm Product Price Index, July 1993
The farm product price index rose 0.2% in July. This index is revised to reflect the price of July 1992 for vegetables and other products whose seasonal supply has declined.
- Advertiser Statistics of September, 1992-93
From 1992-93, advertising on television for sports declined 10% from 1991-92 when it averaged \$28.2 billion in 1992-93. This 10% increase from 1991-92 was the primary reason for the decline.

DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Unemployment rates: Data for September and October, 1993.
Steel Prices: Prices for various types of steel, July 1993.
Energy: Coal, Oil, Gas, and Electricity, July 1993.
Retail: Consumer Spending, July 1993.
Money and Banking: Deposits, July 1993.
CPI and PPI: July 1993.
New Housing: New Starts, July 1993.
Canadian Patent Production, August 1993.

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**Production and Inventories of Process Cheese
and Instant Skim Milk Powder, October 1993.**

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Cement, October 1993.

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Gypsum Products, October 1993.

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**Industrial Chemicals and Synthetic Resins,
October 1993.**

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Electric Power Statistics, September 1993.

Catalogue number 57-001

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

New Motor Vehicle Sales, August 1993.

Catalogue number 63-007

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US\$20.20/US\$202).

**Restaurant, Caterer and Tavern Statistics,
September 1993.**

Catalogue number 63-011

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Household Facilities and Equipment, 1993.

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Work Injuries, 1990-92.

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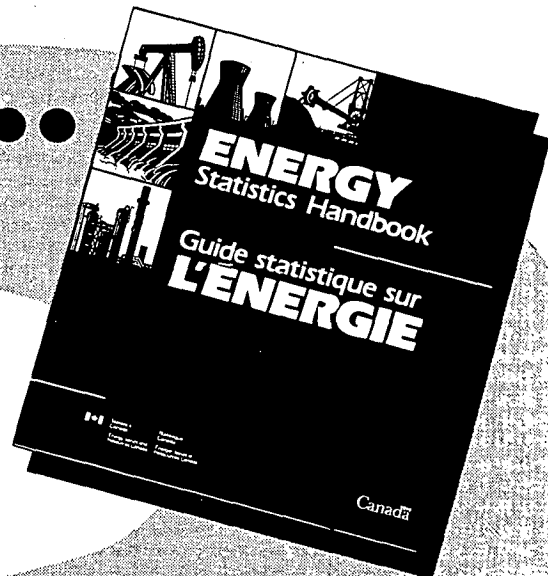
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