



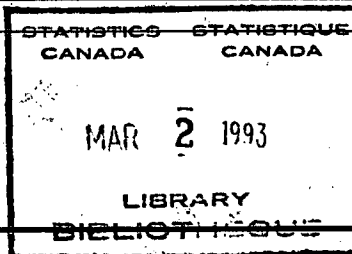
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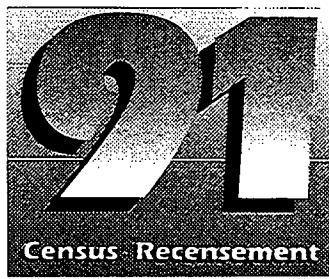


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Ethnic Origin and Occupied Private Dwellings 1991 Census

Tomorrow, *The Daily* will be dedicated to census data on the ethnic origins of people living in Canada and on the condition of Canada's housing stock.

Two publications will accompany this data release. *Ethnic Origin - The Nation* (93-315, \$40) presents information on ethnic ancestry by age and sex, and by single and multiple responses. It also includes a list of ethnic origins collected in the 1991, 1986 and 1981 Censuses. *Occupied Private Dwellings - The Nation* (93-314, \$40) presents information on dwelling characteristics based on a 20% sample of households from the 1991 Census. Both publications provide data for Canada, the provinces/territories and census metropolitan areas.

The March 2, 1993 issue of *The Daily* will be dedicated to labour force activity, industry and occupation data from the 1991 Census.



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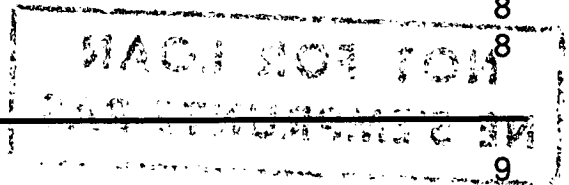
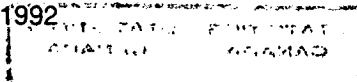
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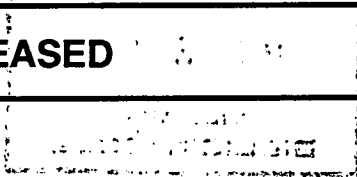
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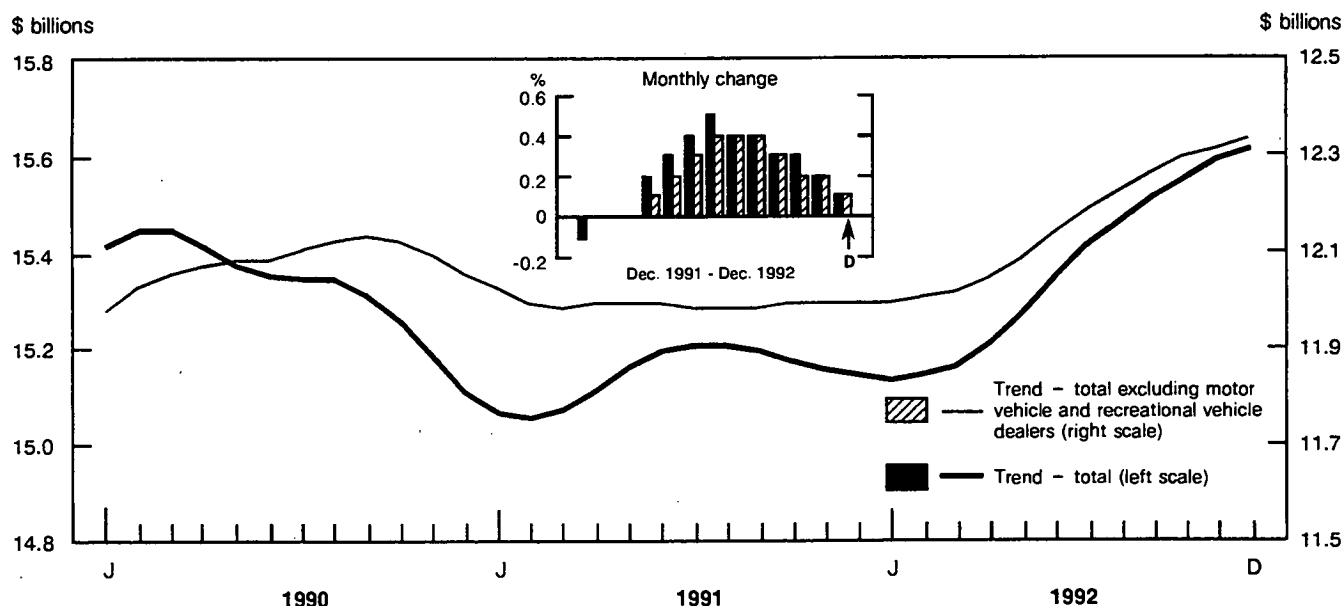


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MAJOR RELEASES

Retail Sales Trends¹ - Canada



¹ Trends represent smoothed seasonally adjusted data.

Data prior to 1991 have been adjusted to remove the Federal Sales Tax to be comparable to January 1991 and subsequent data.

Retail Trade

December 1992

Highlights

Preliminary estimates indicate that seasonally adjusted retail sales remained unchanged in December at \$15.7 billion, following a 0.5% increase in November. Compared to December 1991, this was a 3.5% gain.

Major Components

(seasonally adjusted sales in current dollars)

The unchanged retail sales level in December was due to offsetting movements. In dollar terms, the most significant changes were in the drug (-1.5%) and "other" (+0.7%) groups.

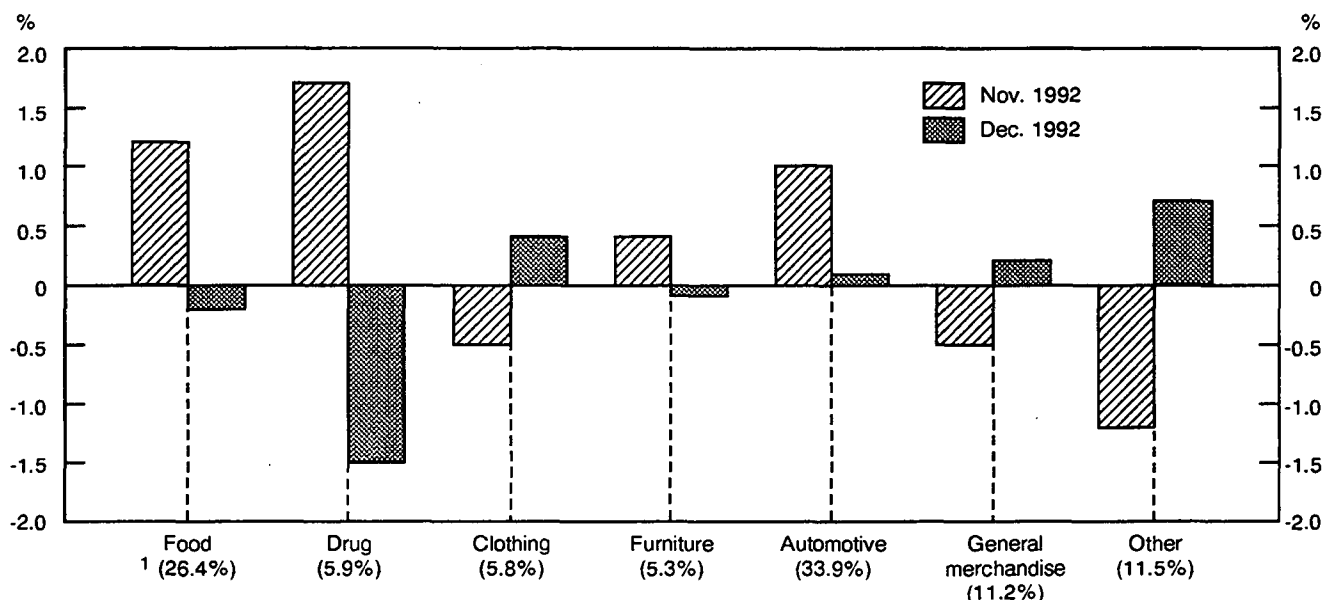
Drug Group: -1.5%

The 1.5% sales decrease in December by drug and patent medicine stores partly offset the 1.7% gain in November. This was the first decrease in 1992 and left sales 9.8% higher than in December 1991.

"Other" Group: +0.7%

Higher sales by the "other" group in December (+0.7%) followed a 1.2% decline in November and a 0.9% gain in October. During 1992, the sales movement of this group fluctuated from month to month and ended the year 3.1% higher than in December 1991. The December increase was mainly attributed to "other retail stores" that reported higher sales (+1.1%) in December but lower sales (-2.8%) in November.

Monthly Change in Seasonally Adjusted Retail Sales, by Major Group



¹ Percentage of total sales

Regions

(seasonally adjusted sales in current dollars)

Seven provinces posted sales decreases in December, ranging from -1.4% in Prince Edward Island to -0.1% Newfoundland. Notable increases were reported by Saskatchewan (+2.9%) and Manitoba (+2.2%).

Quarterly Sales

(seasonally adjusted sales in current dollars)

Total retail trade increased 1.0% in the fourth quarter of 1992, continuing the upward movement observed in the second (+0.9%) and third (+1.5%) quarters.

Trend

(current dollars)

The trend for retail sales (up 0.1% in December) has been rising since March 1992, but at a decelerating rate since June. (The trend smooths out irregular

month-to-month movements which are not sustained over a longer period.)

Annual Sales – 1992 Preliminary Estimates

(current dollars)

Retail sales estimates for 1992 totalled \$184.5 billion, an increase of 1.8%. By contrast, this gain followed a decline of 1.8% in 1991, which followed increases of 1.7% in 1990 and 4.2% in 1989.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 2299, 2398-2417.

The December 1992 issue of *Retail Trade* (63-005, \$18.20/\$182) will be available the first week of March. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact John Svab (613-951-3549), Retail Trade Section, Industry Division. □

Retail Sales, by Trade Group and by Region

December 1992

Trade group	Unadjusted				Seasonally Adjusted						
	Dec. 1991	Nov. 1992 ^r	Dec. 1992 ^p	Dec. 1992/ 1991	Dec. 1991	Sept. 1992 ^r	Oct. 1992 ^r	Nov. 1992 ^r	Dec. 1992 ^p	Dec./ Nov. 1992 ^r	Dec. 1992/ 1991
	millions of \$		%		millions of \$		%		%		
Canada											
Food											
Supermarkets and grocery stores	3,721	3,584	4,103	10.3	3,652	3,801	3,804	3,858	3,852	-0.1	5.5
All other food stores	359	268	347	-3.6	298	291	290	284	282	-0.8	-5.4
Drug											
Drug and patent medicine stores	1,042	924	1,158	11.1	840	910	921	936	922	-1.5	9.8
Clothing											
Shoe stores	182	143	180	-0.7	132	127	129	126	126	-	-4.2
Men's clothing stores	275	175	296	7.6	139	137	136	141	140	-0.1	1.1
Women's clothing stores	506	327	493	-2.6	338	314	314	311	311	0.1	-7.9
Other clothing stores	533	365	565	6.0	312	329	325	321	324	1.0	3.8
Furniture											
Household furniture and appliance stores	856	711	943	10.2	635	649	653	659	669	1.6	5.4
Household furnishings stores	201	194	206	2.6	163	181	180	178	167	-6.2	2.2
Automotive											
Motor vehicle and recreational vehicle dealers	2,504	2,997	2,724	8.8	3,136	3,252	3,244	3,297	3,302	0.2	5.3
Gasoline service stations	1,116	1,140	1,148	2.9	1,106	1,143	1,143	1,147	1,149	0.1	3.8
Automotive parts, accessories and services	938	932	969	3.2	870	854	870	868	869	0.1	-0.1
General Merchandise											
General merchandise stores	2,920	2,136	3,010	3.1	1,764	1,750	1,755	1,746	1,749	0.2	-0.9
Other											
Other semi-durable goods stores	776	572	880	13.4	506	555	556	559	558	-0.1	10.4
Other durable goods stores	831	415	861	3.5	421	413	414	413	417	0.9	-1.0
All other retail stores	1,209	796	1,257	4.0	826	834	846	823	832	1.1	0.7
Total, Retail Sales	17,969	15,679	19,139	6.5	15,138	15,539	15,581	15,666	15,671	-	3.5
Total excluding motor vehicle and recreational vehicle dealers	15,465	12,682	16,415	6.1	12,002	12,288	12,337	12,369	12,368	-	3.1
Department store type merchandise	8,121	5,962	8,591	5.8	5,250	5,365	5,383	5,389	5,384	-0.1	2.6
Regions											
Newfoundland	350	298	364	4.0	286	283	285	286	285	-0.1	-0.4
Prince Edward Island	77	68	83	8.1	65	69	70	69	68	-1.4	4.3
Nova Scotia	590	524	634	7.5	489	507	519	516	511	-0.9	4.5
New Brunswick	449	411	485	8.1	377	416	405	400	399	-0.4	5.7
Quebec	4,161	3,674	4,317	3.8	3,721	3,760	3,801	3,759	3,739	-0.6	0.5
Ontario	6,839	5,900	7,255	6.1	5,614	5,758	5,758	5,791	5,752	-0.7	2.5
Manitoba	637	551	696	9.2	528	528	537	541	553	2.2	4.6
Saskatchewan	527	456	564	7.1	452	439	442	448	461	2.9	2.0
Alberta	1,894	1,658	2,061	8.8	1,582	1,663	1,650	1,658	1,669	0.7	5.5
British Columbia	2,394	2,091	2,623	9.6	1,988	2,115	2,077	2,130	2,114	-0.8	6.3
Yukon	16	16	19	20.1	14	16	16	16	16	0.7	16.7
Northwest Territories	36	31	37	2.8	30	32	32	31	31	-0.8	3.7

***Trend - Total Retail Sales, Canada**

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
	millions of \$											
1990	15,419	15,447	15,442	15,411	15,374	15,352	15,346	15,340	15,311	15,259	15,186	15,116
1991	15,068	15,053	15,073	15,116	15,161	15,194	15,207	15,205	15,193	15,175	15,157	15,143
1992	15,135	15,143	15,168	15,213	15,274	15,343	15,411	15,468	15,515	15,555	15,590	15,612
Monthly % Change (1992)	-	-	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1

* Trend represents smoothed seasonally adjusted data. Data prior to 1991 have been adjusted to remove the Federal Sales Tax to be comparable to January 1991 and subsequent data.

- Amount too small to be expressed.

^p Preliminary figure.

^r Revised figure.

Department Store Sales and Stocks

December 1992

Highlights

Seasonally Adjusted Data

- Department store sales (including concessions) totalled \$1,078 million in December 1992, a decrease of 0.7% from the previous month's total (revised) of \$1,086 million.
- Annual department store sales with concessions for 1992 amounted to \$12,979.3 million, up 0.5% from \$12,919.3 million in 1991.

- Department store stocks (at selling value) totalled \$5,127 million at the end of December, an increase of 0.9% from the November 1992 value (revised) of \$5,081 million.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 112 (series 5-6) and 113.

The December 1992 issue of *Department Store Sales and Stocks* (63-002, \$14.40/\$144) will be available in March.

For further information, contact Diane Lake (613-951-9824), Retail Trade Section, Industry Division.

Department Store Sales (including concessions), Canada

	Unadjusted			Seasonally Adjusted				
	December 1991	November 1992	December 1992	December 1991	September 1992 ^r	October 1992 ^r	November 1992 ^r	December 1992 ^p
	millions of \$							
Total Sales	2,014	1,356	2,082	1,084	1,081	1,083	1,085	1,078
Total Stocks	4,856	6,047	4,784	5,283	4,992	5,034	5,081	5,127
Stock to Sales Ratio	2.4	4.5	2.3	4.9	4.6	4.7	4.7	4.8

^p Preliminary figures.

^r Revised figures.

Crude Oil and Natural Gas

November 1992

Highlights

- Preliminary estimates indicate that production of crude oil and equivalent hydrocarbons in November amounted to 8.6 million cubic metres, an increase of 2.8% from November 1991. Year-to-date production at the end of November rose 4.9% over the same period in 1991, to 92.6 million cubic metres.
- Imports of crude oil decreased 2.8% from November 1991 to 2.6 million cubic metres. Year-to-date imports for 1992 amounted to 26.6 million cubic metres, a decrease of 6.3% from the previous year.
- Exports of crude oil increased 3.5% from November 1991 to 3.8 million cubic metres. Year-to-date exports totalled 43.7 million cubic metres, 9.0% higher than in 1991.
- Marketable production of natural gas, at 10.5 billion cubic metres, posted a 7.5% gain over November 1991. Year-to-date production in 1992 was 10.9% higher than the previous year at 105.1 billion cubic metres.
- Exports of natural gas, at 5.3 billion cubic metres, rose 17.8% over November 1991. Year-to-date exports, at 52.4 billion cubic metres, posted a 22.3% gain over 1991.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 127 and 128.

The November 1992 issue of *Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas Production* (26-006, \$10/\$100) will be available during the first week of March. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Gerard O'Connor (613-951-3562), Energy Section, Industry Division.

Crude Oil and Natural Gas

	November 1992	% Change from November 1991	January - November 1992	% Change from January - November 1991
	m ³ thousands		m ³ thousands	
Crude oil and equivalent¹				
Production	8 581.3	2.8	92 585.7	4.9
Exports	3 825.0	3.5	43 732.0	9.0
Imports	2 646.2	-2.8	26 602.6	-6.3
Refinery receipts	6 939.1	-3.7	74 071.3	-3.5
	m ³ millions		m ³ millions	
Natural Gas²				
Marketable production	10 490.9	7.5	105 056.4	10.9
Exports	5 303.1	17.8	52 363.4	22.3
Canadian sales	5 473.9	-0.2	49 756.7	2.6

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

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



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February 1993

Highlights

- From January to November 1992, available seat-kilometres on scheduled services were up 5% over the same period in 1991. However, passenger-kilometres were up 6% for the same period, resulting in a one-point increase in the passenger load factor.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 385.

- In September 1992 at the 56 Transport Canada towered airports, total movements decreased by 9% from September 1991.
- Preliminary estimates indicate that 64% of passengers carried on Level I airlines' domestic scheduled services travelled on a discount ticket in the first quarter of 1992.
- In 1991, Montreal - Fort Lauderdale emerged as the most heavily travelled international city-pair for all charter regions, despite an 8% decrease between 1990 and 1991 to 236,000 passengers.

The Vol. 25, No. 2 issue of *Aviation Statistics Centre Service Bulletin* (51-004, \$9.30/\$93) will be available shortly. See "How to Order Publication".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Robert Lund (819-997-6188), Aviation Statistics Centre, Transportation Division. ■

Telephone Statistics

December 1992

Canada's 13 major telephone systems reported monthly revenues of \$1,146.5 million in December 1992, up 3.4% from December 1991.

Operating expenses totalled \$935.1 million, an increase of 4.3% from December 1991. Net operating revenue was \$211.4 million, a decrease of 0.2% from December 1991.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 355.

The December 1992 issue of *Telephone Statistics* (56-002, \$8.30/\$83) will be released shortly. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact J. R. Slattery (613-951-2205), Services, Science and Technology Division. ■

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New Motor Vehicle Sales, October 1992.

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