



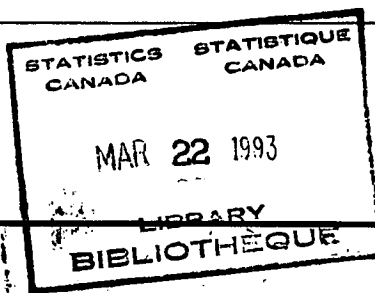
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## MAJOR RELEASES

### ● Retail Trade, January 1993

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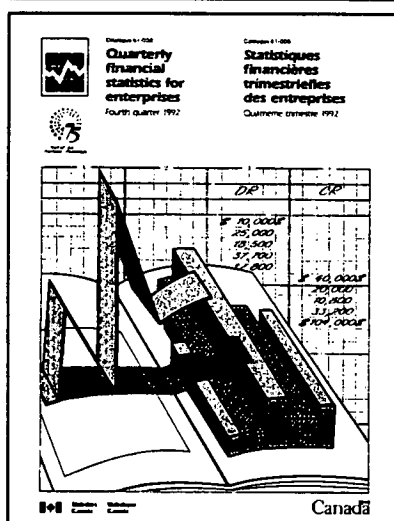
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## Quarterly Financial Statistics for Enterprises

Fourth Quarter 1992

This publication presents statistics based on a survey of the quarterly financial statements of enterprises in Canada, showing the results for 31 financial and non-financial industry groupings along with the sector totals. In addition, statistics for the last five quarters are provided for balance sheet and income statements along with financial ratios and quarterly percentage changes.

Featured in this issue is a special study, "Changes in Financial Characteristics of Canadian Enterprises: 1980-1992, Part I - Assets".

*Quarterly Financial Statistics for Enterprises, Fourth Quarter 1992* (61-008, (\$23/\$92) is now available. See "How to Order Publications".

To obtain more information on the publication or other products from the Quarterly Survey of Financial Statistics, contact Gail Campbell (613-951-9843) or fax (613-951-0319), Industrial Organization and Finance Division.



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### Area Profile Series

1991 Census of Canada

Twenty-one publications are now available from the Area Profile Series. This series presents 1991 Census data collected from all households in Canada for census tracts (neighbourhoods). The information released today focuses on population counts by age, sex, marital status and mother tongue. Also shown are dwelling counts by type and tenure, households by size, and families by size and structure.

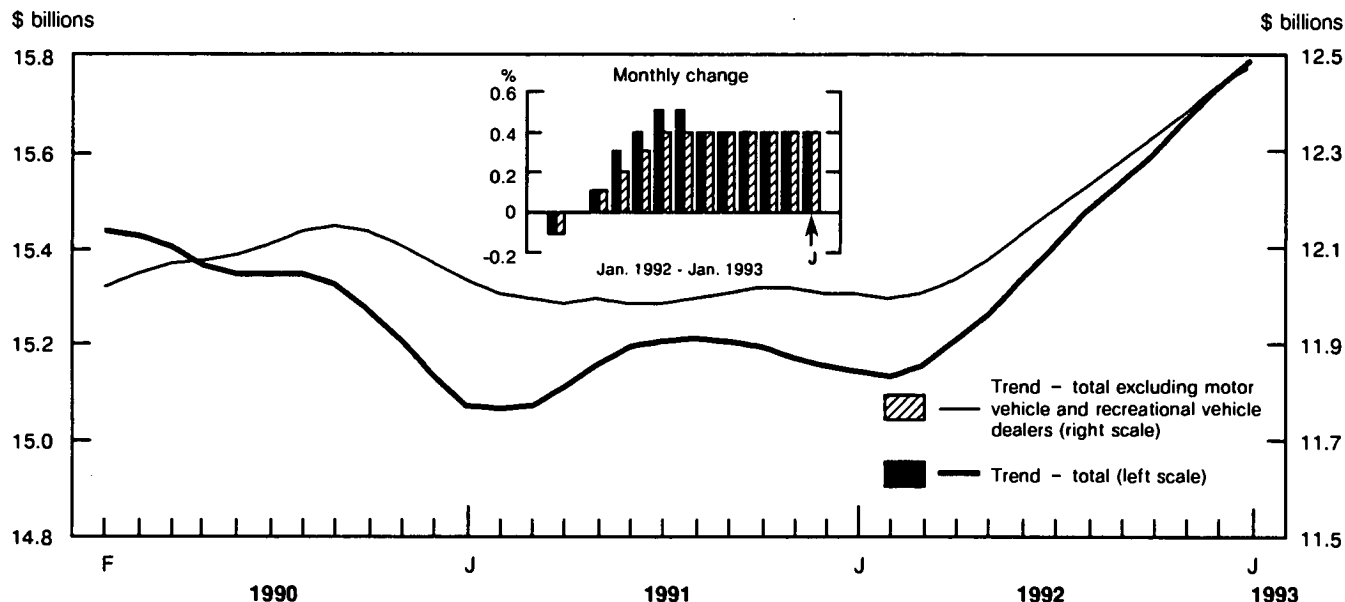
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- Calgary - Part A (95-374, \$35)
- Edmonton - Part A (95-377, \$40)
- Lethbridge, Red Deer - Part A (95-380, \$30)
- Kamloops, Kelowna, Prince George - Part A (95-386, \$35)
- Matsqui, Vancouver - Part A (95-388, \$45)
- Victoria - Part A (95-391, \$30)

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## MAJOR RELEASES

### Retail Sales Trends<sup>1</sup> - Canada



<sup>1</sup> 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

January 1993

Preliminary estimates indicate that seasonally adjusted retail sales rose 1.8% in January to \$16.0 billion. The increase was broadly based and the trend has continued to rise at about 0.4% per month since May 1992.

#### Major Components

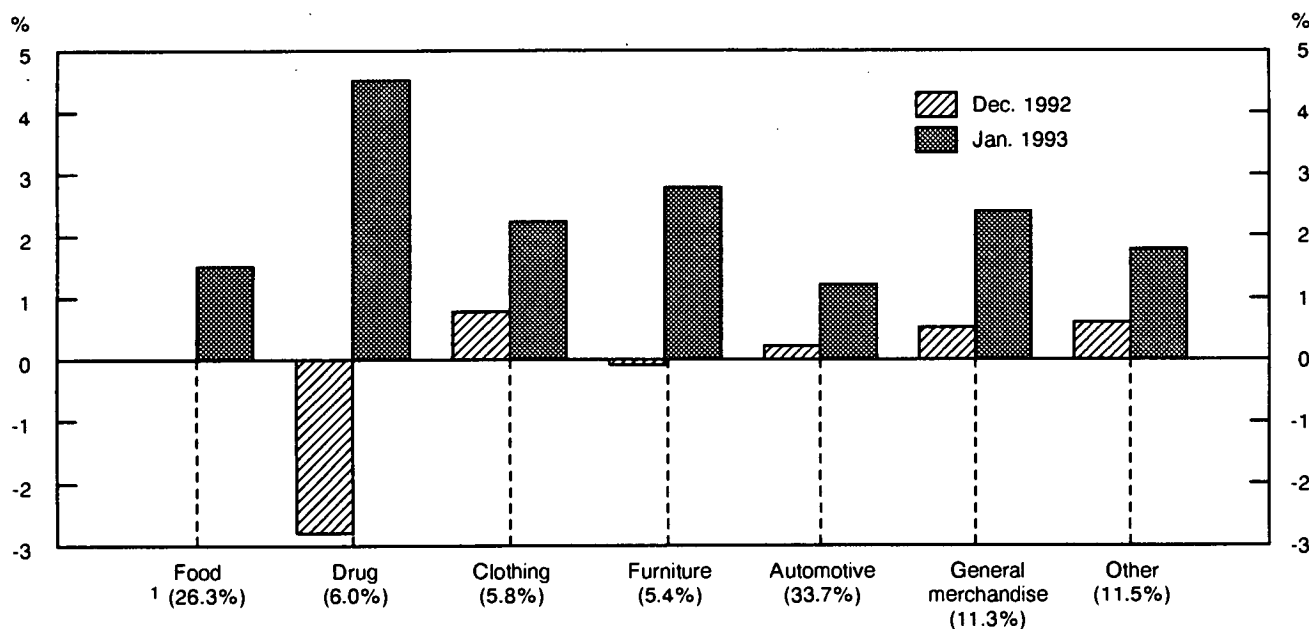
(seasonally adjusted sales in current dollars)

The most significant increases in terms of dollar impact were in the automotive (+1.2%) and food (+1.5%) groups.

#### Automotive Group: +1.2%

The 1.2% sales increase of the automotive group in January followed a 0.2% gain in December. Notwithstanding a drop in new motor vehicle sales in January, motor vehicle and recreational vehicle dealers, who also report used car sales, reported a 1.1% increase in January after a 0.3% gain in December. Gasoline service stations' sales increased 1.6% in January following a 0.1% decrease in December. Higher sales for automotive parts, accessories and services outlets in January (+0.8%) followed a 0.1% increase in December.

**Retail Sales, by Major Group**  
**Seasonally Adjusted - monthly change**



<sup>1</sup> Percentage of total sales

**Food Group: +1.5%**

Higher sales reported by the food group in January continued a steadily increasing trend that began in March 1992. Sales at supermarkets and grocery stores have been increasing since July, rising 1.2% in January. All other food stores reported a 4.9% increase in January that more than offset the two consecutive monthly declines registered in November and December.

**Regions**

(seasonally adjusted sales in current dollars)

All provinces posted sales increases in January, with gains ranging from +0.5% in Newfoundland to +5.5% in Quebec.

**Trend**

(current dollars)

The trend for retail sales has risen steadily since March 1992, increasing by 0.4% in January 1993. (The trend smooths out irregular month-to-month movements that are not sustained over a longer period.)

**Available on CANSIM: matrices 2299, 2398-2417.**

The January 1993 issue of *Retail Trade* (63-005, \$18.20/\$182) will be available the first week of April. 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

January 1993

Trade group	Unadjusted				Seasonally Adjusted						
	Jan. 1992	Dec. 1992 <sup>r</sup>	Jan. 1993 <sup>p</sup>	Jan. 1993/1992	Jan. 1992	Oct. 1992 <sup>r</sup>	Nov. 1992 <sup>r</sup>	Dec. 1992 <sup>r</sup>	Jan. 1993 <sup>p</sup>	Jan. 1993/Dec. 1992	Jan. 1993/1992
	millions of \$				millions of \$						
<b>Canada</b>				%						%	%
<b>Food</b>											
Supermarkets and grocery stores	3,569	4,108	3,869	8.4	3,618	3,810	3,865	3,868	3,915	1.2	8.2
All other food stores	262	348	261	-0.4	298	291	286	283	297	4.9	-0.3
<b>Drug</b>											
Drug and patent medicine stores	832	1,151	908	9.1	845	922	940	914	955	4.5	13.0
<b>Clothing</b>											
Shoe stores	97	173	101	4.7	128	128	126	123	130	5.8	1.5
Men's clothing stores	105	294	108	2.6	141	137	142	141	142	0.6	1.1
Women's clothing stores	217	509	240	10.7	297	317	314	321	321	0.1	8.1
Other clothing stores	228	562	255	12.2	306	326	323	326	338	3.7	10.4
<b>Furniture</b>											
Household furniture and appliance stores	551	946	593	7.5	632	656	662	675	687	1.8	8.7
Household furnishings stores	143	205	138	-3.8	180	181	178	164	175	6.9	-2.8
<b>Automotive</b>											
Motor vehicle and recreational vehicle dealers	2,506	2,725	2,487	-0.8	3,155	3,247	3,302	3,310	3,348	1.1	6.1
Gasoline service stations	1,115	1,141	1,095	-1.8	1,171	1,143	1,149	1,148	1,166	1.6	-0.5
Automotive parts, accessories and services	731	966	715	-2.2	871	871	870	871	878	0.8	0.8
<b>General Merchandise</b>											
General merchandise stores	1,237	3,010	1,287	4.0	1,715	1,759	1,751	1,759	1,801	2.4	5.0
<b>Retail stores not elsewhere classified</b>											
Other semi-durable goods stores	384	881	400	4.1	517	557	559	558	555	-0.6	7.3
Other durable goods stores	307	838	325	5.9	405	413	413	413	428	3.6	5.5
Other retail stores	655	1,263	647	-1.2	868	849	826	838	858	2.4	-1.1
<b>Total, Retail Sales</b>	<b>12,940</b>	<b>19,120</b>	<b>13,428</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>15,147</b>	<b>15,607</b>	<b>15,705</b>	<b>15,712</b>	<b>15,993</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>5.6</b>
<b>Total excluding motor vehicle and recreational vehicle dealers</b>	<b>10,434</b>	<b>16,396</b>	<b>10,941</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>11,992</b>	<b>12,360</b>	<b>12,403</b>	<b>12,402</b>	<b>12,645</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>5.4</b>
Department store type merchandise	4,101	8,569	4,354	6.2	5,166	5,396	5,407	5,394	5,532	2.6	7.1
<b>Regions</b>											
Newfoundland	234	364	230	-2.0	289	285	286	285	287	0.5	-0.7
Prince Edward Island	54	83	54	-0.4	67	70	69	68	69	2.3	3.0
Nova Scotia	424	636	433	2.0	506	520	517	514	526	2.3	3.9
New Brunswick	322	485	335	3.8	388	407	401	397	414	4.2	6.7
Quebec	3,098	4,309	3,183	2.7	3,749	3,810	3,776	3,732	3,939	5.5	5.0
Ontario	4,821	7,256	4,974	3.2	5,614	5,769	5,806	5,772	5,887	2.0	4.9
Manitoba	459	694	474	3.3	530	538	542	553	560	1.2	5.7
Saskatchewan	394	566	405	2.8	452	443	450	461	472	2.5	4.4
Alberta	1,391	2,056	1,468	5.5	1,606	1,655	1,663	1,676	1,726	3.0	7.4
British Columbia	1,705	2,615	1,833	7.5	1,959	2,076	2,130	2,111	2,142	1.5	9.3
Yukon	11	19	13	14.6	14	16	16	16	17	2.6	16.6
Northwest Territories	25	37	26	5.4	30	32	31	31	32	2.8	4.5

## Trend\* - Total Retail Sales, Canada

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
	millions of \$											
1991	15,079	15,060	15,075	15,113	15,156	15,190	15,208	15,213	15,209	15,196	15,177	15,157
1992	15,140	15,139	15,157	15,201	15,264	15,338	15,408	15,471	15,531	15,595	15,664	15,733
1993	15,797											
Monthly % change												
1992	-0.1	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
1993	0.4											

\* Trend represents smoothed seasonally adjusted data.

<sup>p</sup> Preliminary figure.

<sup>r</sup> Revised figure.

-- Amount too small to be expressed.

## Quarterly Report on Energy Supply and Demand in Canada

Third Quarter 1992

### Highlights

- During the third quarter of 1992, Canadian production of primary energy reached 2 961 petajoules (PJs)<sup>1</sup>, up 7.5% from the third quarter of 1991. Two of the four primary energy forms posted increased production levels from the third quarter of 1991: natural gas and natural gas liquids (NGLs) production was up 19.9% and crude oil was up 6.0%. Coal production declined 14.1% and hydro and nuclear generation declined a modest 0.7% from the third quarter of 1991. Of the contributors to third-quarter production, natural gas and NGLs accounted for 43.5%, crude oil 33.6%, coal 12.1% and electricity 10.8%.
- Canada's positive trade balance in energy products for the third quarter of 1992 was higher than for the same period in 1991, increasing by 182 PJs to 1 871 PJs. Within this trade balance, exports increased 9.4%, while imports decreased 10.7%. Exports of all primary energy forms except coal increased: natural gas and NGLs by 28.2%, crude oil 21.4%, and hydro and nuclear generation 12.3%. Coal exports during the third quarter were 26.8% lower due to major work stoppages at mines in British Columbia. Imports of crude oil declined by 11.5% from the third quarter of 1991, while imports of coal were slightly lower.
- The amount of energy available for Canadian domestic consumption increased by 40 PJs from the third quarter of 1991, to 1 754 PJs. Per capita domestic consumption (based on population estimates at the beginning of the quarter) stood at 64 gigajoules<sup>2</sup>, the same as a year earlier.
- Energy use was up by 0.8%, with declines in the industrial, commercial and government sectors more than offset by an increase in the transportation sector. The increase in the transportation sector was mainly due to increased use of natural gas as a compressor fuel in the movement of natural gas through pipelines (from the producing regions to various parts of the country for domestic use and to points of export).

**Available on CANSIM: matrices 4945, 4946, 4950-4962, 7976-8001.**

The third quarter 1992 issue of *Quarterly Report on Energy Supply/Demand in Canada* (57-003, \$31.75/\$127) will be available the first week of May. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Don Wilson (613-951-3566), Energy Section, Industry Division.

<sup>1</sup> Petajoules are a heat-equivalent unit of measure used to compare different fuels. One PJ is equal to the energy required to drive 13,800 cars for a year, if each car uses 40 litres of gasoline a week.

<sup>2</sup> Seventy-two gigajoules is roughly equivalent to the energy required to run the average car for one year. □

# Supply and Demand of Energy, Canada

Third Quarter 1992

	1991			1992			
	Q III	Year to date	Year 1991	Q III	Year to date	Q III 1992/ 1991	Year to date
	Petajoules					% change	
Primary							
Production	2 755	8 644	11 789	2 961	9 060	7.5	4.8
Exports	1 120	3 511	4 802	1 266	3 875	13.1	10.4
Imports	475	1 138	1 611	436	1 135	-8.2	-0.3
Availability	1 933	6 291	8 633	1 955	6 353	1.1	1.0
Total Primary and Secondary							
Exports	1 269	3 949	5 400	1 389	4 253	9.4	7.7
Imports	580	1 400	1 966	518	1 401	-10.7	0.1
Non-energy use	188	504	666	199	512	6.0	1.6
Final demand	1 324	4 542	6 221	1 334	4 577	0.8	0.8
Industrial	455	1 484	2 022	451	1 432	-0.9	-3.5
Transportation	476	1 329	1 785	492	1 390	3.2	4.6
Residential and farm	200	966	1 362	200	986	0.0	2.1
Commercial and government	192	763	1 053	191	768	-0.6	0.7

## DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Corrugated Boxes and Wrappers

February 1993

Canadian domestic shipments of corrugated boxes and wrappers totalled 164 354 thousand square metres in February 1993, an increase of 8.7% from the 151 149<sup>r</sup> (revised) thousand square metres shipped a year earlier.

For January to February 1993, domestic shipments totalled 313 900<sup>r</sup> thousand square metres, an increase of 4.9% from the 299 237<sup>r</sup> thousand square metres shipped during the same period in 1992.

The February 1993 issue of *Corrugated Boxes and Wrappers* (36-004, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date.

For more detailed information on this release, contact Sandra Bohatyretz (613-951-3531), Industry Division. ■

### Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills East of the Rockies

January 1993

Production of lumber in sawmills east of the Rockies increased 9.1% to 1 956 792 cubic metres in January 1993, up from 1 793 003 cubic metres after revisions in January 1992.

Stocks on hand at the end of January 1993 totalled 2 534 903 cubic metres, a decrease of 11.6% compared to 2 868 298 cubic metres in January 1992.

**Available on CANSIM:** matrix 53 (except series 1, 1.2, 2, 2.2, 3, and 3.2).

The January 1993 issue of *Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills East of the Rockies* (35-002, \$10/\$100) will be available at a later date.

For more detailed information on this release, contact Jacques Lepage (613-951-3516), Industry Division. ■

### Department Store Sales and Stocks

January 1993

Seasonally adjusted data on department store sales and stocks for January are now available. Unadjusted data on sales and stock values by commodity are also available.

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

The January 1993 issue of *Department Store Sales and Stocks* (63-002, \$14.40/\$144) will be available in April.

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

### Processed Fruits And Vegetables

January 1993

Data on processed fruits and vegetables for January 1993 are now available.

*Canned and Frozen Fruits and Vegetables - Monthly* (32-011, \$5/\$50) will be released at a later date.

For further information, contact Peter Zylstra (613-951-3511), Industry Division. ■

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**Catalogue number 31-001**

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

**Industrial Capacity Utilization Rates in Canada,**  
Fourth Quarter 1992.

**Catalogue number 31-003**

(Canada: \$11/\$44; United States: US\$13.25/US\$53;  
Other Countries: US\$15.50/US\$62).

**Aviation Statistics Centre Service Bulletin,**  
March 1993, Vol. 25, No. 3.

**Catalogue number 51-004**

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

**Passenger Bus and Urban Transit Statistics,**  
January 1993.

**Catalogue number 53-003**

(Canada: \$7.10/\$71; United States: US\$8.50/US\$85;  
Other Countries: US\$9.90/US\$99).

**Quarterly Financial Statistics for Enterprises,**  
Fourth Quarter 1992.

**Catalogue number 61-008**

(Canada: \$23/\$92; United States: US\$27.50/US\$110;  
Other Countries: US\$32.25/US\$129).

**Exports by Country, January-December 1992.**

**Catalogue number 65-003**

(Canada: \$82.75/\$331; United States: US\$99.25/  
US\$397; Other Countries: US\$115.75/US\$463).

**Imports by Country, January-December 1992.**

**Catalogue number 65-006**

(Canada: \$82.75/\$331; United States: US\$99.25/  
US\$397; Other Countries: US\$115.75/US\$463).

**Science Statistics Service Bulletin: Factors**  
**Affecting Spending on Research and**  
**Development (R&D) Performance by Firms in**  
**Canada, Vol. 17, No. 2.**

**Catalogue number 88-001**

(Canada: \$7.10/\$71; United States: US\$8.50/US\$85;  
Other Countries: US\$9.90/US\$99).

**Profile of Census Tracts in St-John's - Part A,**  
1991 Census.

**Catalogue number 95-303**

(Canada: \$30; United States: US\$36;  
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**Profile of Census Tracts in Halifax - Part A, 1991**  
Census.

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**Profile of Census Tracts in Moncton and Saint**  
**John - Part A, 1991 Census.**

**Catalogue number 95-321**

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Other Countries: US\$42).

**Profile of Census Tracts in Chicoutimi-Jonquière,**  
**Sherbrooke and Trois-Rivières - Part A, 1991**  
Census.

**Catalogue number 95-327**

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

**Profile of Tracts in Montréal - Part A, 1991**  
Census.

**Catalogue number 95-329**

(Canada: \$65; United States: US\$78;  
Other Countries: US\$91).

**Profile of Census Tracts in Québec - Part A,**  
1991 Census.

**Catalogue number 95-332**

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Other Countries: US\$49).

**Profile of Census Tracts in Brantford, Guelph,**  
**Kitchener and St. Catharines-Niagara - Part A,**  
1991 Census.

**Catalogue number 95-339**

(Canada: \$40; United States: US\$48;  
Other Countries: US\$56).

**Profile of Census Tracts in Hamilton - Part A,**  
1991 Census.

**Catalogue number 95-341**

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

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**Profile of Census Tracts in Kingston, Oshawa and Peterborough – Part A, 1991 Census.**

**Catalogue number 95-344**

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

**Profile of Census Tracts in London, Sarnia-Clearwater and Windsor – Part A, 1991 Census.**

**Catalogue number 95-346**

(Canada: \$40; United States: US\$48;  
Other Countries: US\$56).

**Profile of Census Tracts in North Bay, Sault Ste. Marie, Sudbury and Thunder Bay – Part A, 1991 Census.**

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**Profile of Census Tracts in Kamloops, Kelowna and Prince George – Part A, 1991 Census.**

**Catalogue number 95-386**

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

**Profile of Census Tracts in Matsqui and Vancouver – Part A, 1991 Census.**

**Catalogue number 95-388**

(Canada: \$45; United States: US\$54;  
Other Countries: US\$63).

**Profile of Census Tracts in Victoria – Part A, 1991 Census.**

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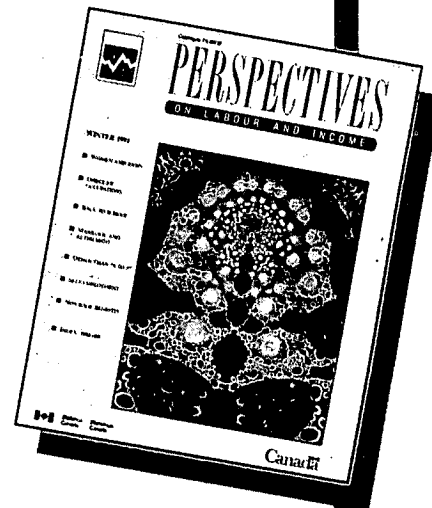
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