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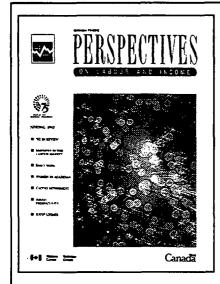
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The majority of working Canadians aged 45 to 64 are heading toward retirement with private pension plans (57%), registered retirement savings plans (67%) and their own homes (80%).

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Perspectives on Labour and Income

Spring 1993

The Spring 1993 edition of *Perspectives on Labour and Income*, Statistics Canada's quarterly journal on labour and income topics, is released today. This issue contains a supplement that reviews labour market developments in 1992 and an article on retirement planning by workers aged 45 to 64. Two articles deal with women: one on female lone parents in the labour market and another on women in academia. Other articles cover shift work, RRSP contributions and benefits, and the concept and measurement of productivity.

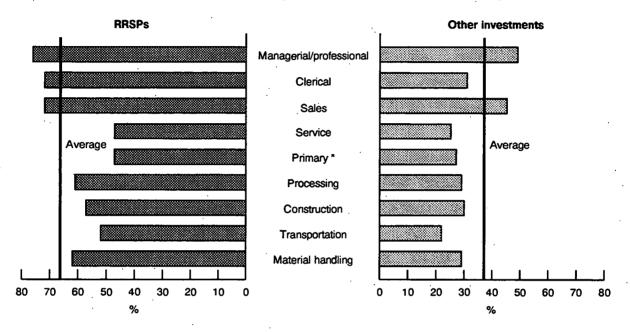
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To obtain further information on this release, contact Cécile Dumas (613-951-6894) or Doreen Duchesne (613-951-6893), Labour and Household Surveys Analysis Division.

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In 1991, RRSPs were the most popular form of retirement savings for workers aged 45 to 64



^{*} Includes farming, fishing, forestry and mining. Source: Survey on Ageing and Independence

Facing Retirement

Highlights

- Almost three million Canadian workers aged 45 to 64 will retire over the next two decades. In 1991, 55% of them participated in pension plans through employment.
- Pension plan coverage differs markedly by sex: 60% of male workers aged 45 to 64 can expect to receive company pensions upon retirement, but only 48% of their female colleagues enjoy the same security. Part of this disparity can be explained by the fact that 25% of women work part time.
- As of 1991, over two-thirds of all working Canadians aged 45 to 64 had contributed to

Note to Users

The Spring 1993 edition of Perspectives on Labour and Income features an article titled "Facing Retirement," which looks at some of the basic retirement planning done by working Canadians aged 45 to 64. The study also examines the financial resources that will enable these Canadians to enjoy retirement.

registered retirement savings plans (RRSPs). Participation rates were highest (79%) among workers with personal incomes of \$40,000 or more, yet half of workers with incomes less than \$20,000 had RRSP savings.

 For many workers, the most important capital asset is the equity invested in their homes. In 1991, eight in 10 working Canadians aged 45 to 64 owned their homes. Two-thirds of these homeowners were mortgage free. On the whole, working Canadians aged 45 to 64 seem to be heading toward retirement with reasonably solid financial security. The majority have private pension plans, RRSPs, and own their homes. On the other hand, many pre-retirees do not enjoy such favoured circumstances, and probably will not achieve them before retiring.

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Age, Sex, Marital Status and Common-law Status

1991 Census Technical Reports

Age, Sex, Marital Status, and Common-law Status (92-325E, \$20), the first report from the new 1991 Census Technical Reports Series, is now available.

The Technical Reports examine the quality of 1991 Census data and inform users of the conceptual framework and definitions used in data collection, any unusual circumstances that may influence the data, principal sources of error and, where possible, the size of error.

This report examines the quality of the data for age, sex, marital status and common-law status.

To obtain a copy of Age, Sex, Marital Status, and Common-law Status (92-325E, \$20), see "How to Order Publications." For more information, contact your nearest Statistics Canada Regional Reference Centre.

Legal Aid Resources and Caseload 1991/92

Highlights

This report contains data on the resources and caseloads reported by each Legal Aid Plan for the 1991/92 fiscal year.

- Expenditures on legal aid in Canada totalled \$514 million in 1991/92, a 25% increase over the previous year or a constant dollar increase of 20%. The national per capita expenditure was \$18.95 in 1991/92.
- In 1991/92, there were 1,117,570 applications for legal aid, a 14% increase from 1990/91.
- Governments were the major funding source for the Legal Aid Plans in 1991/92, contributing 86%

of total revenues, followed by contributions from the legal profession (7%), from other sources (4%) and from clients (3%).

This report, "Legal Aid Resources and Caseload, 1991/92," is uncatalogued and is only available directly from the Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics.

For further information, please contact Information and Client Services (613-951-9023 or toll-free in Canada 1-800-387-2231), Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics.

Labour Market Activity Survey: Three-year Longitudinal Microdata Tape 1988-1990

A unique type of microdata tape that tracks labour market and related events in the lives of 55,000 Canadians for three years is now available.

The Labour Market Activity Survey has been collecting annual labour-market histories of individuals for the period from 1986 to 1990. A longitudinal file covering the cohort of families surveyed about their activities in 1988, 1989 and 1990 has now been created. This file contains continuous information about working and non-working spells, job changes, family changes, Unemployment Insurance and social assistance recipiency, wages, unionization, and pension coverage during the three-year period.

The file can be used to analyse a variety of labour market events and to simulate potential government programs (wage incentives, minimum wages, layoffs, labour force entry, job duration, and mobility of target groups). There is enough sample data for provincial analysis. No other similar database will be available until 1996.

Each tape file costs \$1,000 plus GST if applicable.

To order the Labour Market Activity Survey Three-year Microdata Tape, contact Michael Sivyer (613-951-4598). For more information about the files, contact the Special Surveys Group (613-951-4625). ■

Steel Primary Forms

Week Ending February 27, 1993

Preliminary estimates indicate that Canadian steel primary forms production for the week ending February 27, 1993 totalled 281 443 tonnes, a 0.6% decrease from the preceding week's total of 283 104 tonnes and down 1.1% from the year-earlier 284 636 tonnes. The cumulative total at February 27, 1993 was 2 229 954 tonnes, a 5.1% increase from 2 122 672 tonnes for the same period in 1992.

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

Railway Carloadings

Seven-day Period Ending February 21, 1993

Highlights

- Revenue freight loaded by railways in Canada during the seven-day period totalled 4.5 million tonnes, a decrease of 3.8% from the same period last year.
- Piggyback traffic increased 5.2% from the same period last year. The number of cars loaded increased 3.8% during the same period.
- The tonnage of revenue freight loaded as of February 21, 1993 decreased 8.3% from the previous year.

Note: Piggyback traffic includes trailers and containers on flat cars. Piggyback traffic numbers are included in total carload traffic. All 1992 figures and 1993 cumulative data have been revised.

For more detailed information on this release, contact Angus MacLean (613-951-2484), Surface Transport Unit, Transportation Division.

Railway Carloadings

January 1993

Revenue freight loaded by railways in Canada totalled 16.4 million tonnes in January 1993, a decrease of 16.9% from January 1992. The carriers received an additional 1.0 million tonnes from United States connections in January 1993.

All 1992 figures have been revised.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 1431.

The January 1993 issue of *Railway Carloadings* (52-001, \$8.30/\$83) will be released the fourth week of March.

For seasonally adjusted revenue-freight loadings data, contact Angus MacLean (613-951-2484), Transportation Division.

Air Carrier Operations in Canada

January-March 1992

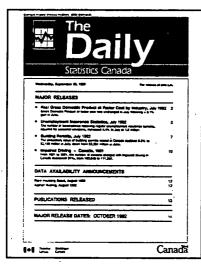
Highlights

- The number of passengers carried by Canadian air carriers on scheduled services dropped by 1% in the first quarter of 1992 from the year-earlier period, but the number of passenger-kilometres increased by 1%. However, passenger revenue generated on these services dropped by 4%. Each of the major carriers and affiliate networks contributed to this reduction in yield (passenger revenue per passenger-kilometre).
- Scheduled services did not recover by the first quarter of 1992, but charter operations did show signs of growth. Charter passengers and passenger-kilometres increased by 6% and 12%, respectively, over the first quarter of 1991. The large increase in passenger-kilometres reflected bigger gains by the large charter carriers that operate in international markets. Meanwhile, hours flown by charter carriers dropped a substantial 12%, indicating that business in the first quarter of 1992 continued to decline for the bulk of small, domestic charter carriers.
- Operating revenue reported by Canadian air carriers decreased by 4% from the first quarter of 1991. Air Canada accounted for most of the decrease, reporting a drop of \$45 million (7%) in its operating revenue.
- Both Air Canada and Canadian Airlines International Ltd. (CAIL) reported smaller operating losses. Air Canada trimmed its first quarter 1992 operating loss by 8% to \$99 million, while CAIL reduced its loss by 19% to \$72 million. For the industry as a whole, the first quarter operating loss dropped from \$191 million to \$165 million.

- During the first quarter of 1992, 64% of domestic scheduled passengers travelled on discount fares, up from 62% in 1991. In international markets, four out of every five (82%) scheduled passengers flew on discount fares.
- During the first quarter of 1992, the average fare paid by passengers on all domestic city-pairs was \$179, unchanged from a year earlier. The average fare paid by international passengers was \$315, less than 1% changed from a year earlier.

The January-March 1992 issue of *Air Carrier Operations in Canada* (51-002, \$24.95/\$97) will be released shortly.

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



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