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According to the General Social Survey, spouses and children were the main sources of emotional support for most of the three million Canadians aged 65 and over in 1990.

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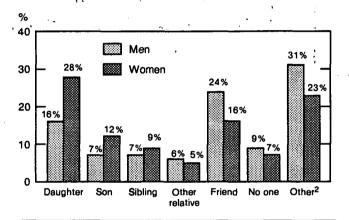
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When asked who they would turn to first when they were a bit down or depressed, older women tended to report a larger variety of sources of support than did older men.

Sources of emotional support for elderly men and women without spouses¹, 1990



Includes persons without sons, daughters, siblings, etc.
Includes neighbours, co-workers, clergy, doctors, professional counsellors, others, and "don't know". None of these specific sources exceeded 5%.

Source: Statistics Canada, General Social Survey, 1990.

Highlights

- While a relatively large proportion of married seniors (including common-law) reported that they would turn to their spouse for support, it was more common for men this age (45%) to do so than it was for women (37%).
- Married women were more likely to seek support from one of their children (25%) or from a friend (10%) than were married men (15% and 4%, respectively).

Note to Users

Elderly people can no longer expect to spend their senior years living with their families. This is particularly true for older women, who as widows in many cases are more and more likely to be living alone. With more seniors living on their own, emotional support from family may not be as easy to come by as in the past. It takes some effort by the individual, as well as by family and friends, to maintain the social contact they want.

The Spring 1993 issue of Canadian Social Trends (released on March 31, 1993) features an article entitled "Emotional Support and Family Contacts of Older Canadians." The study analyzes data from the 1990 General Social Survey.

- More than twice the proportion of married men (12%) as women (5%) reported they would not seek support from anyone.
- Women aged 65 and over not living with a spouse were most likely to say they would turn to a daughter for emotional support (28%), whereas only 16% of the men without spouses would do so.
- Both women and men not living with a spouse were less likely to turn to a son than to a daughter (12% and 7%, respectively).
- Men not living with a spouse would most likely turn to a friend (24%), whereas this was the case for only 16% of women not living with a spouse.

The Spring 1993 issue of Canadian Social Trends (11-008E, \$8.50/\$34) was released March 31. See "How to Order Publications."

For further information on this report, contact Cynthia Silver (613-951-6894, Canadian Social Trends, Housing, Family and Social Statistics Division.

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Oil Pipeline Transport

January 1993

Highlights

- In January, net receipts of crude oil and refined petroleum products into Canadian pipelines increased by 3.0% from the same period last year to 15 697 049 cubic metres (m³).
- Pipeline exports of crude oil increased 0.8% compared to January 1992, but pipeline imports declined 1.7% for the same period.
- Deliveries of crude oil by pipeline to Canadian refineries in January rose 2.2% from 1992, but deliveries of liquid petroleum gases and refined petroleum products decreased 4.1%.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 181.

The January 1993 issue of *Oil Pipeline Transport* (55-001, \$10/\$100) will be available the first week of April. See "How to Order Publications".

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

Restaurants, Caterers and Taverns January 1993

Restaurant, caterer and tavern receipts totalled \$1,397 million for January 1993, an increase of 5.6% from \$1,324 million a year earlier.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 52.

The January 1993 issue of Restaurants, Caterers and Taverns (63-011, \$6.10/\$61) will be available in about three weeks. See "How to Order Publications"

For more detailed information on this release, contact William Birbeck (613-951-3506), Services, Science and Technology Division.

Courier Industry in Canada 1990

In 1990, an estimated 2,038 courier companies in Canada generated a total of \$1.9 billion in annual sales and employed over 63,000 people across the country.

In 1992, Statistics Canada conducted a pilot study with the objective of measuring the economic activity of Canadian companies principally engaged in parcel delivery. The study did not include postal services. Analysis of a combination of administrative (tax) and survey data produced the following overall results:

Courier Industry in Canada 1990

| | <u>-</u> | Revenue \$'000 | '000' |
|------------------------------------|----------|-------------------|---------|
| Newfoundland | 23 | 4,405 | 1,040 |
| Prince Edward Island ¹ | x | X | x |
| Nova Scotia | 53 | 10,181 | 3,474 |
| New Brunswick | 28 | 1,749 | 1,142 |
| Quebec | 421 | 155,183 | 78,381 |
| Ontario | 550 | 1,341,269 | 371,098 |
| Manitoba | 155 | 28,493 | 10,196 |
| Saskatchewan | 120 | 12,019 | 5,215 |
| Alberta | 338 | 69,385 | 20,233 |
| British Columbia | 350 | 267,059 | 150,136 |
| Yukon Territory ¹ | x | x | · x |
| Northwest Territories ¹ | x | x | x |
| Canada | 2,038 | 1,889,743 | 640,915 |

Confidential data for Prince Edward Island have been included with Newfoundland; those for the Yukon Territory and the Northwest Territories are combined with British Columbia.

A more detailed report will appear in the Vol. 9, No. 3 issue of *Surface and Marine Transport Service Bulletin* (50-002, \$9.40/\$75), scheduled for release in April.

For further information, please contact Andrea Mathieson, Transportation Division (613-951-2493, fax: 613-951-0579).

Annual Survey of Construction

1988 and 1989

Results for the 1988 and 1989 Survey of Construction are now available. Principal statistics are provided by size groupings for seven industries and 10 provinces.

For more detailed information about this release, contact Mamady Kaba (613-951-3550), Industry Division.

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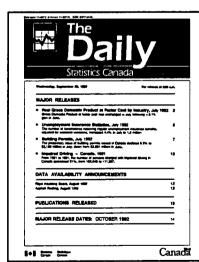
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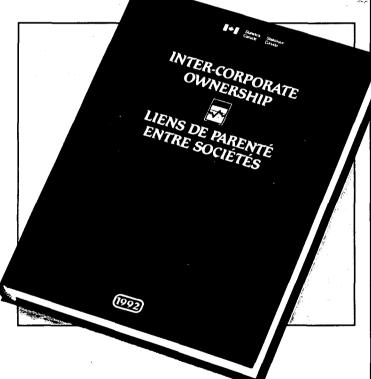
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