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Travel Between Canada and Other Countries

March 1993

Seasonally Adjusted

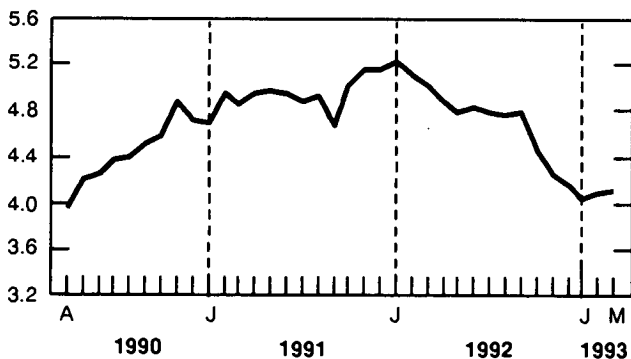
The overall volume of non-resident travellers visiting Canada decreased in March 1993 but the number of outbound Canadian trips increased.

Same-day automobile trips by Canadian residents to the United States remained relatively stable at 4.1 million, though the volume was substantially below the March 1992 level and the trend remained downward. A downtrend in same-day, cross-border automobile trips by Canadian residents has been evident since February 1992, after having peaked in January 1992.

Same-day Trips by Canadian Residents to the United States, by Automobile

Seasonally adjusted

Millions



Automobile trips of one or more nights to the United States rose, increasing 4.1% to 1.1 million.

Trips of one or more nights to all other countries by Canadian residents increased slightly (+0.4%) to 1.8 million, continuing the uptrend visible since mid-1986.

Trips of one or more nights to the United States by all modes of travel (including automobile) increased 0.5% to 1.5 million, while trips to all other countries remained relatively stable at 267,000.

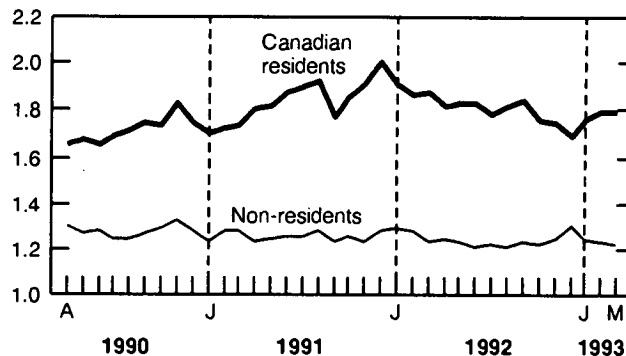
Trips of one or more nights to Canada by non-residents decreased 1.5% to 1.2 million. The level of this type of travel has fluctuated within a narrow band since late 1986.

Trips of one or more nights to Canada by U.S. residents dropped 2.3% to 956,000. At the same time, trips to Canada by residents of all other countries increased 1.7% to 252,000.

Trips of One or More Nights between Canada and Other Countries

Seasonally adjusted

Millions



Unadjusted

In terms of actual counts, same-day automobile trips by Canadian residents to the United States dropped 19.3% from March 1992 to 3.9 million. This was the sixth consecutive month showing a double-digit, year-over-year decrease.

Automobile trips to the United States of one or more nights also decreased, down 9.9% to 1.0 million.

Trips of one or more nights to all other countries by Canadian residents decreased 5.3% to 1.9 million.

Trips of one or more nights to the United States by all modes of travel dropped 6.5% from March 1992 to 1.6 million. At the same time, similar trips to all other countries increased 1.0% to 350,000.

Trips of one or more nights to Canada by non-residents dropped 2.8% to 631,000.

Trips of one or more nights to Canada by U.S. residents decreased 4.3% from March 1992 to 500,000 trips. Meanwhile, trips to Canada by residents of all other countries increased 3.7% to 131,000.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 2661-2697.

The March 1993 issue of *International Travel - Advance Information* (66-001P, \$6.10/\$61) will be available shortly. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, contact Ruth McMillan (613-951-1791), International Travel Section, Education, Culture and Tourism Division. □

International Travel Between Canada and Other Countries

	December 1992 ^r	January 1993 ^r	February 1993 ^r	March 1993 ^p
	seasonally adjusted			
	'000			
One or More Nights Trips¹				
Non-resident Travellers:				
United States	1,039	982	979	956
Other Countries ²	250	257	248	252
Residents of Canada:				
United States	1,428	1,486	1,517	1,524
Other Countries	259	268	268	267
Total Trips				
Non-resident Travellers:				
United States	2,748	2,688	2,666	2,599
Other Countries	280	283	277	277
Residents of Canada:				
United States	5,718	5,570	5,683	5,709
Auto Re-entries				
Same-day	4,144	4,026	4,079	4,085
One or More Nights	969	1,032	1,058	1,101
	March 1993 ^p	1993/1992	January- March 1993 ^p	1993/1992
	unadjusted			
	'000	% change	'000	% change
One or More Nights Trips¹				
Non-resident Travellers:				
United States	500	-4.3	1,398	-3.4
Other Countries ²	131	3.7	351	0.8
Residents of Canada:				
United States	1,586	-6.5	3,699	-7.7
Other Countries	350	1.0	1,030	5.0
Same-day Trips				
Residents of Canada:				
United States ¹	3,989	-19.0	10,852	-21.5
Auto Re-entries	3,899	-19.3	10,588	-21.8

¹ Estimates for the United States include counts of auto and bus, and estimated numbers for plane, train, boat and other methods.

² Figures for "Other Countries" exclude same-day entries by land only, via the United States.

^p Preliminary.

^r Revised.

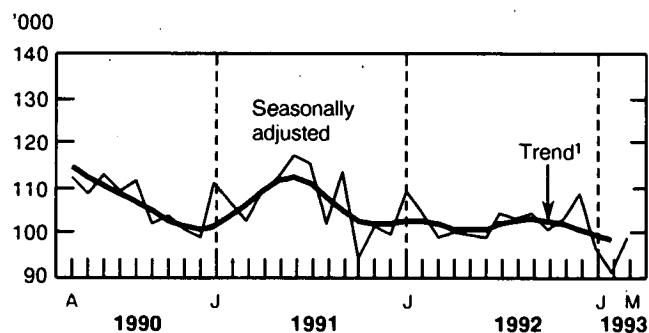
New Motor Vehicle Sales

March 1993

Seasonally Adjusted Sales

Preliminary estimates indicate that new motor vehicle sales totalled 99,000 units in March 1993, an increase of 8.8% from the revised February value. This increase was due to stronger car sales (+12.0%) and truck sales (+3.5%).

Monthly Sales of New Motor Vehicles



¹ The short-term trend represents a moving average of the data.

Unadjusted Sales

Sales of all new motor vehicles for the month of March 1993 were 114,000 units, up 3.1% from the March 1992 level. Sales of passenger cars remained unchanged at -0.2%, while truck sales rose by 9.0%.

Note to users

North American vehicles: motor vehicles manufactured or assembled in North America. These vehicles may be built by domestic or foreign-owned companies.

Imported vehicles: motor vehicles manufactured or assembled overseas and marketed in Canada by domestic or foreign-owned companies.

March sales of North American passenger cars rose by 8.6%, however Japanese passenger car sales declined by 15.8%. For the first quarter of 1993, both North American and Japanese passenger car sales were down at -8.3% and -18.9% respectively.

The North American share of the Canadian passenger car market rose to 63.7% from 58.6% a year earlier while the Japanese share fell from 34.1% to 28.7% for the same period.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 64.

The March 1993 issue of New Motor Vehicle Sales (63-007, \$14.40/\$144), will be available June 1993. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Diane Lake (613-951-9824), Industry Division.

□

New Motor Vehicle Sales – Canada

	December 1992 ^r	January 1993 ^r	February 1993 ^r	March 1993 ^p
seasonally adjusted				
	units % change			
Total New Motor Vehicles	107,973 + 5.0	95,985 -11.1	90,714 -5.5	98,693 + 8.8
Passenger Cars by Origin:				
North America	45,665 + 9.2	41,035 -10.1	34,980 -14.8	41,696 + 19.2
Overseas	21,089 -8.5	21,121 + 0.2	21,302 + 0.9	21,351 + 0.2
Total	66,753 + 2.9	62,156 -6.9	56,282 -9.4	63,047 + 12.0
Trucks, Vans and Buses	41,220 + 8.5	33,829 -17.9	34,432 + 1.8	35,646 + 3.5
	March 1993	1993/1992	January- March 1993	1993/1992
unadjusted				
	units	% change	units	% change
Total New Motor Vehicles	113,520	+ 3.1	250,575	-7.9
Passenger Cars by Origin:				
North America	45,436	+ 8.6	101,814	-8.3
Japan	20,491	-15.8	43,038	-18.9
Other Countries	5,403	+ 2.6	11,908	-5.0
Total	71,330	-0.2	156,760	-11.3
Trucks, Vans and Buses by Origin:				
North America	37,264	+ 11.4	82,443	-0.2
Overseas	4,926	-6.3	11,372	-10.2
Total	42,190	+ 9.0	93,815	-1.6

^p Preliminary figures.

^r Revised figures.

DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Motor Carriers of Freight Annual Survey (Private Carriers)

1990

The 1990 financial and operating statistics for Canadian-domiciled private carriers are now available.

A summary will appear in the Vol. 9, No. 3 issue of *Surface and Marine Service Bulletin* (50-002, \$9.40/\$75).

For further information on the survey objectives, coverage and quality, please contact Andrea Mathieson (613-951-2493) or Gilles Paré (613-951-2517, fax: 613-951-0579), Surface Transport Unit, Transportation Division. ■

Radio and Television Broadcasting Industry

1992

Preliminary 1992 data are now available for the radio and television broadcasting industry.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 1810 and 1818.

The Vol. 23, No. 2 issue of *Communications Service Bulletin* (56-001, \$8.20/\$49) is now available. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, contact J.R. Slattery (613-951-2205, fax: 613-951-9920), Services, Science and Technology Division. ■

Cable Television Industry

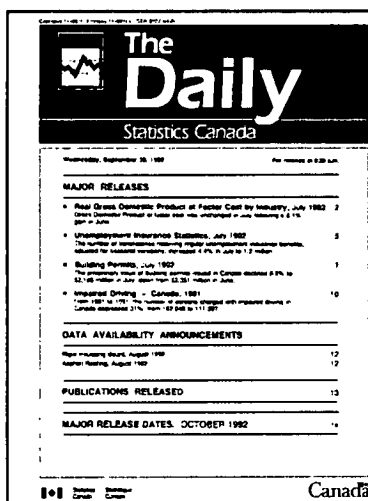
1992

Preliminary 1992 data are now available for the cable television industry.

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20	Consumer Price Index	April 1993
20	Sales of Natural Gas	March 1993