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### Family Expenditure in Canada

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This new publication summarizes the results from the Survey of Family Expenditures in 1992, which was conducted across the 10 provinces as well as in Whitehorse and Yellowknife. This was the first national survey of family expenditures since 1986.

The publication presents a synopsis of differences in expenditure patterns between 1986 and 1992, and between household groups and areas. It provides a comparison of results from all previous national surveys and offers an interesting menu of comprehensive data tabulations presenting categories of household expenditures for 1992 classified by various household characteristics, such as household income, size and type, and by various geographical areas.

*Family Expenditure in Canada, 1992* (62-555, \$60) - a unique source of information about the expenditure patterns of households - is now available. See "How to Order Publications".

To obtain more information on the publication or the exclusive range of products from the Survey of Family Expenditures, contact Réjean Lasnier (613-951-4643) or fax (613-951-3012), Household Surveys Division.



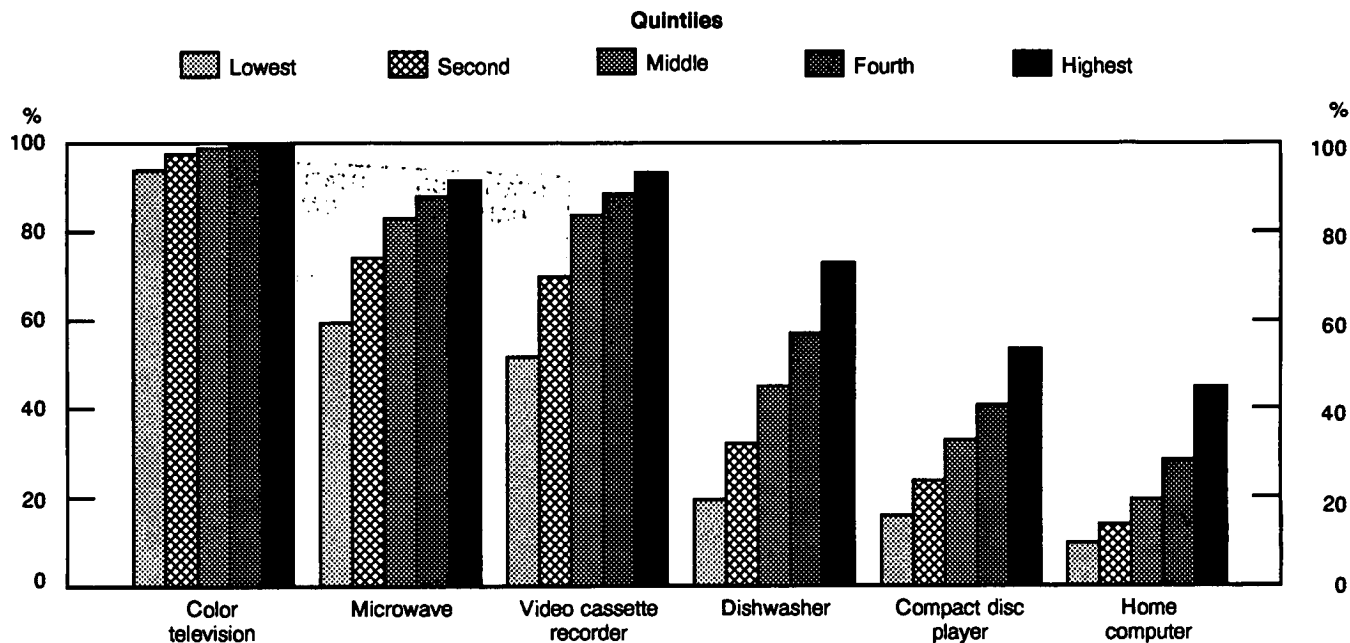
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### Selected household equipment, 1993, by 1992 income quintile



### Household Facilities by Income and Other Characteristics

1993

In 1992, the average household income was \$46,756, virtually unchanged from 1991 after adjusting for inflation as measured by changes in the Consumer Price Index. Despite the lack of growth in real income, households in 1993 continued to acquire time-saving and leisure equipment.

The ownership of video cassette recorders and compact disk players increased in all income groups. In 1993, 93.4% of households in the highest income quintile (the 20% of households with the highest income) had VCRs, compared to 91.5% in 1992. Compact disk players were owned by 53.1% of these households, up from 44.8% in 1992. In the lowest income quintile, 51.7% of households had VCRs in 1993, up from 47.9% in 1992. Compact disk players

were owned by 15.8% of these households, compared to 12.5% in 1992.

#### Families with kids more likely to have gadgets

Single-family households with children under 18 were more likely than other household types to own a wide variety of household equipment. These households had above-average ownership rates of video recorders (90.9%), microwave ovens (88.4%), gas barbecues (68.8%), dishwashers (57.2%), home computers (33.6%), and camcorders (20.3%).

Generally, single-family households had more household equipment than multi-family households, and both had more than one-person households. Video cassette recorders were owned by 85.0% of single-family households versus 78.2% of multi-family households, home computers by 27.4% (versus 22.6%) and camcorders by 15.5% (versus 8.8%). In one-person households, 54.6% had a VCR, 11.2% a home computer and 3.9% a camcorder.

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### Home ownership increasing for married couples without children

In 1993, 74.6% of single-family households owned their home, almost the same rate as in 1992 (74.2%), but up from 72.8% in 1983. The ownership rate for families consisting of only a married couple continued its steady increase, climbing to 75.4% in 1993 from 72.4% in 1992 and 66.8% in 1983.

Little change was seen among other family types. For example, in 1993, 79.4% of married couples with children under 18 owned a home, compared to 78.6% in 1992 and 78.7% in 1983. The ownership rate for lone parents with children under 18 was 32.0% in 1993, virtually unchanged from 1992, and up slightly from 1983 (30.8%).

Over the last decade, there has been a steady decline of the home-ownership rate among households in the lowest income quintile (41.2% in 1983 vs 35.0% in 1993). All other income quintiles had moderately higher rates of home ownership. For example, the rate for the highest income quintile was 87.5% in 1993, compared to 85.1% in 1983.

### Rent takes bigger slice of income

The proportion of renters spending 30% or more of their income on rent increased to 31.5% in 1993 from 29.5% in 1992. The 1983 proportion was substantially lower at 24.0%.

The average monthly cash rent was \$502 in April 1993. Average monthly rent ranged from \$377 for households with income under \$10,000 to \$755 for households with income of \$70,000 and over.

Data on households by income, province, household type, age of head, and other characteristics are presented in *Household Facilities by Income and Other Characteristics*, 1993 (13-218, \$35), which is now available. See "How to Order Publications".

A microdata file containing 1993 facilities and equipment data, along with dwelling and socio-demographic characteristics and 1992 household income will be available in the spring. This file has been carefully reviewed to ensure that it does not contain information that would allow identification of specific household, families or individuals.

For more information concerning these data or on the availability of special request tabulations or microdata files, contact the Income and Housing Surveys Section (613-951-9775), Household Surveys Division. ■

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### Oils and Fats

December 1993

Production of all types of deodorized oils in December 1993 totalled 68 363 tonnes, down 2.2% from 69 888 tonnes in November 1993. At the end of December 1993, year-to-date production totalled 806 852 tonnes, a 5.5% increase from 764 535<sup>r</sup> (revised) tonnes a year earlier.

Manufacturers' packaged sales of shortening totalled 9 575 tonnes in December 1993, down from 10 072 tonnes the previous month. At the end of December 1993, year-to-date sales totalled 123 821 tonnes, compared with 124 444 tonnes a year earlier.

Sales of packaged salad oil totalled 7 175 tonnes in December 1993, up from 6 436 tonnes the previous month. Year-to-date sales at the end of December 1993 totalled 69 697 tonnes, compared with 71 861<sup>r</sup> tonnes a year earlier.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 184.

The December 1993 issue of *Oils and Fats* (32-006, \$5/\$50) will be available shortly. See "How to Order Publications".

For detailed information on this release, contact Peter Zylstra (613-951-3511), Industry Division. ■

### Management Consulting Industry, Pilot Survey

1991

Data from the pilot survey of the management consulting industry are available. The results pertain to 1991 and cover a small number of firms in the

industry. This survey is still in the developmental stage and the data are not intended to represent total output of the industry. They are useful to identify some of the operating characteristics of firms, and aid in efforts to classify the outputs of the industry.

For further information, contact Nancy Preston (613-951-0379), Business Services Section, Services, Science and Technology Division. ■

### Pack of Processed Mixed Vegetables

1993

The data on pack of processed mixed vegetables for 1993 are now available.

The publication *Pack of Selected Processed Vegetables* (32-240, \$13) will be available shortly. See "How to order Publications".

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

### Pack of Processed Blueberries

1993

The data on pack of processed blueberries for 1993 are now available.

The publication *Pack of Selected Fruits (excluding apples)*, 1993 (32-234 \$13) will be available shortly. See "How to Order Publications".

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

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**Household Facilities by Income and Other Characteristics, 1993.**

**Catalogue number 13-218**

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

**Pulpwood and Wood Residue Statistics, December 1993.**

**Catalogue number 25-001**

(Canada: \$6.10/\$61; United States: US\$7.30/US\$73; Other Countries: US\$8.50/US\$85).

**Production and Shipments of Steel Pipe and Tubing, December 1993.**

**Catalogue number 41-011**

(Canada: \$5/\$50; United States: US\$6/US\$60; Other Countries: US\$7/US\$70).

**Energy Statistics Handbook, February 1994.**

**Catalogue number 57-601**

(Canada: \$300; United States: US\$360; Other Countries: US\$420).

**Family Expenditure in Canada, 1992.**

**Catalogue number 62-555**

(Canada: \$60; United States: US\$72; Other Countries: US\$84).

**Canada's International Transactions in Securities, November 1993.**

**Catalogue number 67-002**

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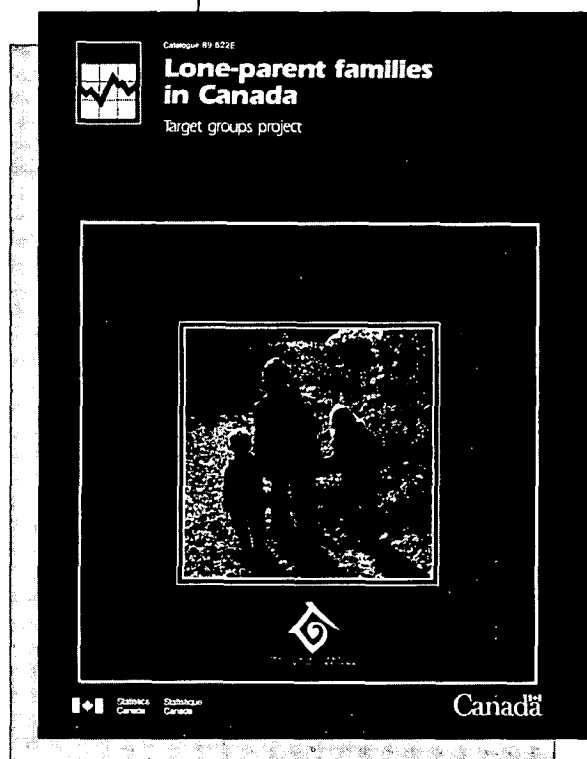
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