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The Census $2 A$ and $2 B$ Profiles are now available on CD-ROM. The profiles are based on data collected in the 1991 Census. They contain hundreds of cultural, demographic, housing, family and economic statistics on a single disc.

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The CD-ROM includes reference materials such as the Geography Information File and the 1991 Census Dictionary.

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Retail Sales


Data prior to 1991 have been adjusted to remove the Federal Sales Tax to be comparable to January 1991 and subsequent data.
1 Trend represents smoothed seasonally adjusted data.

## Retail Trade

December 1993 (Preliminary)
The seasonally adjusted estimate of retail sales advanced $0.9 \%$ to $\$ 16.4$ billion in December after moderate monthly movements since July 1993. Five of the seven major groups, accounting for $68.2 \%$ of total retail sales, reported increases from November.

In the fourth quarter of 1993, total seasonally adjusted retail sales increased by $0.6 \%$ from the third quarter-continuing the upward movement observed in the three previous quarters.

Annual estimates for 1993 amounted to $\$ 193.8$ billion, a $4.7 \%$ increase from 1992. This compares with a gain of $2.1 \%$ in 1992 and a decline of $1.8 \%$ in 1991 (after removing Federal Sales Tax from 1990 data).

## Automotive sector led the strength in December

Over the past five months, the retail sales trend has decelerated from what had been steady, modest growth since March 1992.

Seasonally adjusted, the month-to-month gain in December followed a $0.1 \%$ gain in November (revised upward from $-0.2 \%$ ) and a $0.3 \%$ gain in October. December's largest increase was in the automotive sector, where sales rose $2.0 \%$ to $\$ 5.77$ billion. This was the fourth consecutive monthly increase. This growth is attributable to a strong $4.3 \%$ rise in sales by motor vehicle and recreational vehicle dealers-also a fourth consecutive monthly increase. The number of new motor vehicles sold rose $2.5 \%$ in December. A small dampening of this increase resulted from a 4.3\% decline in gasoline service stations' sales. The trend for the automotive sector has been rising steadily since January 1992.

Also contributing to the overall increase were higher sales in the general merchandise ( $+1.9 \%$ to $\$ 1.75$ billion) and furniture ( $+2.2 \%$ to $\$ 314$ million) sectors. Sales were lower in the food $(-0.4 \%$ to $\$ 4.25$ billion) and drug ( $-1.5 \%$ to $\$ 986$ million) sectors.

## Provinces and territories

Six provinces and territories recorded month-tomonth increases. The largest gains in dollar terms were in Ontario ( $+2.0 \%$ ) and British Columbia $(+1.2 \%)$. These were partly offset by decreases in New Brunswick ( $-2.9 \%$ ) and Manitoba ( $-1.8 \%$ ). Sales levels for Quebec remained unchanged.

## Quarterly sales

Total seasonally adjusted retail sales increased by $0.6 \%$ in the fourth quarter of 1993. This gain was weaker than the growth rates of $0.9 \%, 0.8 \%$ and $1.8 \%$ reported during the three previous quarters. Four of the seven major groups posted sales increases. Lower sales were reported in the clothing, drug, and other retail stores sectors.

Six provinces and territories contributed to the general increase during the fourth quarter, with gains ranging from $0.6 \%$ to $4.9 \%$. Lower sales were recorded by the four Atlantic provinces and the Yukon Territory; sales levels were unchanged in Quebec.

## UnadJusted

Year-over-year, unadjusted sales in December were $\$ 1.06$ billion higher than in December 1992. All groups gained sales except gasoline service stations (-3.0\%). The biggest increases were posted by motor vehicle and recreational vehicle dealers ( $+13.6 \%$ to $\$ 3.1$ billion) and household furniture and appliance stores ( $+9.0 \%$ to $\$ 1.0$ billion).

Year-over-year, sales increased for all provinces compared with December 1992. In dollar terms, increases were led by Ontario ( $+5.1 \%$ ), Quebec ( $+6.4 \%$ ), British Columbia ( $+7.2 \%$ ) and Alberta (+5.7\%).

## Sales continued to strengthen in 1993

All sectors posted sales increases in 1993. Three sectors (accounting for $66.5 \%$ of total sales) led the growth-in order of dollar impact: automotive ( $+5.5 \%$ ), food ( $+4.2 \%$ ) and drugs ( $+10.0 \%$ ). Only marginal growth was reported by the general merchandise sector.

Retall sales by sector

|  | 1993 | 1992 to 1993 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
|  | $\$$ millions | \% change |
| Food | 50,609 | 4.2 |
| Drug | 11,794 | 10.0 |
| Clothing | 11,341 | 5.5 |
| Furniture | 10,579 | 7.6 |
| Automotive | 66,413 | 5.5 |
| General merchandise | 20,949 | 0.4 |
| Other | 22,086 | 3.3 |
| Total, all stores | 193,770 | 4.7 |

All provinces except Newfoundland reported higher sales in 1993 than in 1992. The largest increases in terms of dollar impact were recorded by Ontario ( $+3.8 \%$ ), Quebec ( $+5.0 \%$ ) and British Columbia ( $+7.8 \%$ ). The growth in these three provinces was mainly attributable to the automotive, food, and drug sectors. The growth rate was relatively uniform among the other provinces.

Retall sales by province and territory

|  | 1993 | 1992 to 1993 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
|  | \$ millions | \% change |
| Newfoundland | 3,331 |  |
| Prince Edward Island | 840 | -0.8 |
| Nova Scotia | 6,394 | 5.3 |
| New Brunswick | 4,985 | 4.7 |
| Quebec | 47,316 | 4.7 |
| Ontario | 71,287 | 5.0 |
| Manitoba | 6,647 | 3.8 |
| Saskatchewan | 5,712 | 4.0 |
| Alberta | 20,290 | 6.2 |
| British Colurnbia | 26,350 | 4.4 |
| Yukon | 203 | 7.8 |
| Northwest Territories | 414 | 2.0 |

Avallable on CANSIM: matrices 2299, 2398-2417 and 2420.

The December 1993 issue of Retail Trade ( $63-005, \$ 18.20 / \$ 182$ ) will be available the first week of March. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information, contact Pierre Desjardins (613-951-9682), Retail Trade Section, Industry Division.

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## DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Education Statistics Bulietin: The Elementary-secondary Teaching Force 1991-92

In 1991-92, there were 284,170 full-time public school teachers, up $9 \%$ from 1981-82. The majority of this growth was in Ontario, due to a change in the funding of its Roman Catholic schools during this period.

Approximately $60 \%$ of elementary and secondary teachers were women in 1991-92, a $4 \%$ increase on the decade.

About $71 \%$ of school administrators were men in 1991-92, down from over $80 \%$ in 1981-82.

The average age of the teaching force was 42 years in 1991-92, compared with 38 years in 1981-82.

Only $11 \%$ of all teachers were under 30 in 199192, compared with 18\% in 1981-82.

The Vol. 16, No. 2 issue of Education Statistics Bulletin: The Elementary-secondary Teaching Force ( $81-002, \$ 4.90 / \$ 49$ ) is now available. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on these data, contact Crystal Sewards (613-951-1498), Education, Culture and Tourism Division.

## Construction Type Plywood <br> December 1993

In December, production of construction type plywood totalled 147876 cubic metres, a $10.6 \%$ decrease from 165429 cubic metres in December 1992.

For January to December 1993, production totalled 1824004 cubic metres, a $0.8 \%$ decrease from 1838275 cubic metres produced during the same period in 1992.

Avallable on CANSIM: matrix 122 (level 1).
The December 1993 issue of Construction Type Plywood (35-001, $\$ 5 / \$ 50$ ) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

For information on this release, contact Ted Brown (604-666-3694), Pacific Region, Statistics Canada, Sinclair Centre, 757 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, B.C., V6C 3C9.

## Production, Shipments and Stocks of Sawmilis In British Columbla December 1993

Sawmills in British Columbia produced 2754561 cubic metres of lumber and ties in December 1993, a $0.3 \%$ increase from 2745299 cubic metres in December 1992.

For January to December 1993, production totalled 33942127 cubic metres, up $1.6 \%$ from 33395844 cubic metres produced during the same period in 1992.

Avaliable on CANSIM: matrix 53 (serles 1.2, 2.2 and 3.2).

The December 1993 issue of Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills in British Columbia (35-003, $\$ 7.10 / \$ 71$ ) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

For detailed information on this release, contact Ted Brown (604-666-3694), Statistics Canada, Pacific Region, Sinclair Centre, 757 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, B.C., V6C 3C9.

## Soft Drinks

January 1994
Data for January 1994 on soft drink production are now available.

Avaliable on CANSIM: matrix 196.
Monthly Production of Soft Drinks (32-001, $\$ 2.70 / \$ 27$ ) will be available shortly. See "How to Order Publications".

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

## Frult and Vegetable Production

February 1994 Issue
The most recent updates to data on the area, production and value of fruits and vegetables are now available.

Avallable on CANSIM: matrices 1371-1395, 13971399, 1401-1406, 5587-5590, 5593-5610, 5614-5620, 5623, 5624 and 5627.

The February issue of Fruit and Vegetable Production (22-003, $\$ 24 / \$ 72$ ) is now available. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information, contact Gerry Mason (613-951-0573), Agriculture Division.

## Processed Frults and Vegetables

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

Canned and Frozen Fruits and VegetablesMonthly ( $32-011, \$ 5 / \$ 50$ ) will be available shortly.

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

## Poultry Products Industry <br> 1992 Annual Survey of Manufactures

In 1992, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the poultry products industry (SIC 1012) totalled $\$ 2,271.4$ million, down $1.9 \%$ from $\$ 2,315.6$ million in 1991.

Avallable on CANSIM: matrix 5381.
Data for this industry will be released in Food Industries (32-250, \$38).

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

## Wooden Door and Window Industry <br> 1992 Annual Survey of Manufactures

In 1992, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the wooden door and window industry (SIC 2543) totalled $\$ 1,043.8$ million, down $1.2 \%$ from $\$ 1,056.6$ million in 1991.

## Avallable on CANSIM: matrix 5465.

Data for this industry will be released in Wood Industries (35-250, \$53).

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

## Coated and Treated Paper Industry 1992 Annual Survey of Manufactures

In 1992, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the coated and treated paper industry (SIC 2791) totalled $\$ 586.2$ million, down $0.6 \%$ from \$589.6 million in 1991.

## Avallable on CANSIM: matrlx 5492.

Data for this industry will be released in Paper and Allied Products Industries (36-250, \$38).

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

## Other Rolied, Cast and Extruded Nonferrous Metal Products Industries 1992 Annual Survey of Manufactures

In 1992, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the other rolled, cast and extruded non-ferrous metal products industries (SIC 2999) totalled $\$ 725.7$ million, down $6.4 \%$ from $\$ 775.8$ million in 1991.

## Avallable on CANSIM: matrix 5514.

Data for this industry will be released in Primary Metal Industries (41-250, \$38).

For detailed information on this release, contact Andy Shinnan (613-951-3515), Industry Division.

## Power Boller and Heat Exchanger Industry <br> 1992 Annual Survey of Manufactures

In 1992, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the power boiler and heat exchanger industry (SIC 3011) totalled $\$ 531.1$ million, down $6.5 \%$ from $\$ 568.0$ million in 1991.

## Avallable on CANSIM: matrlx 5516.

Data for this industry will be released in Fabricated Metal Products Industries (41-251, \$38).

For detailed information on this release, contact Bruno Pépin (613-951-9837), Industry Division.

## Heating Equipment Industry

1992 Annual Survey of Manufactures
In 1992, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the heating equipment industry (SIC 3071) totalled $\$ 458.9$ million, down $8.6 \%$ from \$502.3 million in 1991.

Avallable on CANSIM: matrix 5535.
Data for this industry will be released in Fabricated Metal Products Industries (41-251, \$38).

For detailed information on this release, contact Bruno Pépin (613-951-9837), Industry Division.

## Structural Concrete Products Industry 1992 Annual Survey of Manufactures

In 1992, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the structural concrete products industry (SIC 3542) totalled $\$ 215.8$ million, down $26.1 \%$ from $\$ 291.9$ million in 1991.

## Avaliable on CANSIM: matrix 6853.

Data for this industry will be released in Nonmetallic Mineral Products Industries (44-250, \$38).

For detailed information on this release, contact Suzanne Pépin (613-951-3520), Industry Division.

## Refined Petroieum Products (Except Lubricating Oll and Grease) Industry 1992 Annual Survey of Manufactures

In 1992, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the refined petroleum products industry (except lubricating oil and grease) (SIC 3611) totalled $\$ 16,936.7$ million, down $3.3 \%$ from $\$ 17,512.6$ million in 1991.

## Avaliable on CANSIM: matrix 6866.

Data for this industry will be released in Refined Petroleum and Coal Products Industries (45-250, $\$ 38$ ).

For detailed information on this release, contact T. Raj Sehdev (613-951-3513), Industry Division.

## Printing Ink Industry 1992 Annual Survey of Manufactures

In 1992, the value of shipments of goods of own manufacture for the printing ink industry (SIC 3791) totalled $\$ 279.9$ million, up $\mathbf{1 1 . 2 \%}$ from $\$ 251.8$ million in 1991.

Avallable on CANSIM: matrix 6880.
Data for this industry will be released in Chemical and Chemical Products Industries (46-250, \$38).

For detailed information on this release, contact T. Raj Sehdev (613-951-3513), Industry Division.

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