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Focus on culture

Summer 1994

The summer 1994 issue of *Focus on culture*, Statistics Canada's quarterly newsletter on culture, features articles on several topics: the move to develop today's youth audiences into tomorrow's adult enthusiasts in our theatres and concert halls; the direct and—often overlooked—indirect economic activities of print and broadcast media; a profile of the culture sector's labour force; and the structure of investment in Canadian film productions.

The summer 1994 (vol. 6, no. 2) issue of *Focus on culture* (87-004, \$7/\$26) is now available. See "How to order publications".

For further information on this release, contact Mary Cromie (613-951-6864), Education, Culture and Tourism Division.



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DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Department store sales

May 1994

Seasonally adjusted department store sales remained virtually unchanged in May. For the first five months of 1994, sales fluctuated as rationalization and acquisitions continued in the industry.

Sales totalled \$1,081.2 million in May, a 0.1% increase from April's revised \$1,080.5 million. Inventories (stocks) totalled \$5,285.7 million at the end of May, a 0.9% decline from \$5,334.5 million at the end of April.

Department store sales and stocks

	March 1994 ^r	April 1994 ^r	May 1994 ^p	April 1994 to May 1994	May 1993 to May 1994
	\$ millions			% change	
	seasonally adjusted				
Sales	1,137.1	1,080.5	1,081.2	0.1	1.6
Stocks	5,470.0	5,334.5	5,285.7	-0.9	4.3

^p Preliminary figures.

^r Revised figures.

Unadjusted

Department store sales including concessions totalled \$1,023.0 million in May, down 1.6% from May 1993. Concession sales totalled \$48.1 million, 4.7% of total department store sales.

Compared to May 1993, seven provinces recorded sales decreases, ranging from -0.5% in Prince Edward Island to -5.2% in Nova Scotia. Increases were reported in New Brunswick (+1.3%) and Newfoundland (+1.9%). In Ontario sales remained unchanged.

Department store sales including concessions

	May 1994	May 1993 to May 1994
	\$ millions	% change
	unadjusted	
Province		
Newfoundland	13.7	1.9
Prince Edward Island	4.0	-0.5
Nova Scotia	31.6	-5.2
New Brunswick	22.5	1.3
Quebec	198.8	-2.7
Ontario	425.3	-
Manitoba	41.9	-3.1
Saskatchewan	28.6	-1.7
Alberta	108.5	-4.4
British Columbia	148.0	-1.8
Metropolitan area		
Calgary	40.5	-1.9
Edmonton	44.6	-7.9
Halifax-Dartmouth	16.5	-1.6
Hamilton	29.9	1.3
Montréal	111.5	0.8
Ottawa-Hull	46.6	-4.2
Québec	24.7	-11.8
Toronto	164.1	0.1
Vancouver	79.2	0.9
Winnipeg	37.0	-3.7

- Nil or zero.

Data on department store sales and stocks by major commodity lines are also available.

Note: this release replaces two releases—department store sales by province and metropolitan area, and department store sales and stocks. In future these data will be available near the 15th of each month.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 111-113.

The May 1994 issue of *Department store sales and stocks* (63-002, \$16/\$160) will be available in August.

For further information on this release, contact Diane Lake (613-951-9824), Retail Trade Section, Industry Division.

Steel primary forms

Week ending July 9, 1994 (preliminary)

Steel primary forms production for the week ending July 9, 1994 totalled 216 400 tonnes, down 20.9% from the week-earlier 273 682 tonnes and down 21.1% from the year-earlier 274 101 tonnes.

The cumulative total at the end of the week was 7 129 065 tonnes, a 4.8% decrease from 7 486 193 tonnes for the same period in 1993.

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

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• Labour Force Survey, August 1993 The unemployment rate fell 0.2 to 11.5 in August 1993.	2
• Retail Prices: Price Index, July 1993 The Retail Prices Index rose 0.2% in July. The index refers to prices paid in July 1993. The index is not adjusted for inflation since it is based on the index in July 1993.	4
• Advance Statistics of Statistics, 1993-94 The 1993-94 advance statistics of Statistics Canada are now available. The 1993-94 advance statistics are based on the 1993-94 advance statistics of Statistics Canada.	6
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• Departmental Statistics by Province and Territory, July 1993 The Departmental Statistics by Province and Territory, July 1993, are now available. The statistics are based on the 1993-94 advance statistics of Statistics Canada.	10
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Fruit and vegetable production, June 1994.

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Cereals and oilseeds review, April 1994.

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other countries: US\$21/US\$202).

Oil pipeline transport, April 1994.

Catalogue number 55-001

(Canada: \$11/\$110; United States: US\$14/US\$132;
other countries: US\$16/US\$154).

**Canada's international transactions in securities,
March 1994.**

Catalogue number 67-002

(Canada: \$17/\$170; United States: US\$21/US\$204;
other countries: US\$24/US\$238).

Focus on culture, summer 1994, vol. 6, no. 2.

Catalogue number 87-004

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**Quarterly demographic statistics, January-March
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