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Senior families

1992

Data on senior families (one spouse 55 years of age or older) are now available. With close to 5.5 million Canadians aged 55 and over, this segment of the population continues to grow. Today's release contains demographic and financial data for researchers and social policy planners. For example, the data indicate that in 1992, senior husband-wife families saw decreases in average investment income.

Small area data on senior families are produced annually for many levels of postal geography, and are ideal for supporting market analyses and policy decisions. For more information, contact client services (613-951-9720), Small Area and Administrative Data Division.



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Senior husband-wife families hit by declining investment income

In 1992, senior husband-wife families reported lower investment income, partly the result of falling interest rates.

The drop in average investment income was largest (-16.8%) for senior husband-wife families in the 75+ age group. Average investment income dropped 15.6% among husband-wife families in the 55 to 64 age bracket, while husband-wife families in the 65 to 74 age bracket saw the smallest decrease (-14.3%).

In 1992, almost two-thirds (66.4%) of investment income of husband-wife families was in senior husband-wife families.

Senior husband-wife families in the 55 to 64 bracket drew the majority of their income from employment (69.0%).

However, husband-wife families in the 65+ age group relied most heavily on pension income (50.0%). Pensions, including Old-Age Security, Canada Pension Plan and private pensions, accounted for more than half (52.2%) the income of the 75+ age group.

Median income for senior husband-wife families

For the first time, in 1992, the definition of "total family income", was expanded to include the income of non-filing spouses. Therefore, comparisons of median income to previous years cannot be made. The median is the middle point at which half the families have higher income, and half have lower income.

Senior husband-wife families with the older spouse aged 55 to 64 had a median income of \$48,800. Median total income was lower in the two

Note to users

The source of the data produced by the Small Area and Administrative Data Division is the T1 tax form from Revenue Canada. Income of a non-filing spouse is calculated based on information obtained from the filing spouse's T1.

A senior is a person 55 years of age or older.

A senior husband-wife family is a family headed by a married or common-law couple with at least one spouse aged 55 or older. Families are classified by the age of the older spouse.

Investment income is the sum of dividends received from taxable Canadian corporations, interest, and other investment income reported.

Average investment income is calculated by dividing the total amount of investment dollars by the total number of families reporting investment income.

Median total income is the middle amount at which half the families have higher total income and half have lower total income.

other age groups: husband-wife families in the 65 to 74 age bracket had median total income of \$34,600, and those in the 75+ age bracket had median total income of \$27,400.

The census metropolitan areas—urban areas with populations above 100,000—where senior husband-wife families in the 55 to 64 age bracket reported the highest median total incomes were: Ottawa-Hull (Ontario part) (\$68,600), Toronto, Ontario (\$59,800), and Thunder Bay, Ontario (\$59,400).

Over three in 10 Saskatchewan husband-wife families were headed by seniors

Nationally, 31.1% of families headed by a married or common-law couple in 1992 had at least one family member aged 55 or older.

Just over three in 10 (34.9%) families headed by a married or common-law couple in Saskatchewan were headed by a senior, the highest proportion in Canada. The Northwest Territories had the lowest proportion (14.0%).

Victoria had the highest concentration of senior husband-wife families of any census metropolitan area (38.7%), followed by St. Catharines-Niagara (37.4%) and Hamilton (34.8%).

Census metropolitan areas with highest concentrations of senior husband-wife families, 1992

	Senior husband-wife families (as a % of all husband-wife families)
	%
Victoria, B.C.	38.7
St. Catharines-Niagara, Ont.	37.4
Hamilton, Ont.	34.8
Windsor, Ont.	33.4
Thunder Bay, Ont.	33.2
Sudbury, Ont.	31.8
Winnipeg, Man.	31.3
London, Ont.	31.3
Vancouver, B.C.	31.1
Montréal, Que.	30.6

Metro Toronto had four of top six postal areas for seniors aged 55 to 64

Four of the top six postal areas (at least 500 taxfilers) with the highest median total income for senior husband-wife families with the older spouse aged 55 to 64 were located in Metro Toronto. A postal area is identified by the first three characters of the postal code.

Postal area	Location (city)	Median income in 1992
		\$
M4N	North York, Ontario	168,400
M5N	North York, Ontario	158,200
M4W	Toronto, Ontario	154,900
K1M	Rockcliffe, Ontario	144,100
H3Y	Westmount, Quebec	135,200
M4V	Toronto, Ontario	121,800

Median total income for senior husband-wife families

	55 to 64 years	65 to 74 years	75 + years
	\$	\$	\$
Canada	48,800	34,600	27,400
Provinces and territories			
Newfoundland	35,900	23,700	19,500
Prince Edward Island	42,300	30,300	22,600
Nova Scotia	42,200	31,300	23,900
New Brunswick	41,500	29,800	22,800
Quebec	43,400	30,600	24,400
Ontario	54,700	38,200	30,600
Manitoba	45,600	33,400	25,900
Saskatchewan	41,700	32,400	25,000
Alberta	49,900	35,300	26,700
British Columbia	51,000	36,200	29,000
Northwest Territories	48,500	25,900	22,000
Yukon	60,300	43,100	27,700

Census metropolitan area (CMA)

St. John's	46,900	32,500	23,900
Halifax	52,500	39,700	31,600
Saint John	47,900	34,500	27,500
Chicoutimi-Jonquière	43,700	32,100	25,900
Québec	49,300	34,700	28,400
Sherbrooke	42,700	29,700	24,100
Trois-Rivières	42,400	30,100	23,500
Montréal	48,200	34,800	28,000
Ottawa-Hull (Québec part)	48,200	34,300	25,700
Ottawa-Hull (Ontario part)	68,600	52,900	44,200
Oshawa	57,300	37,500	30,500
Toronto	59,800	41,700	32,500
Hamilton	57,800	38,200	30,800
St. Catharines-Niagara	52,600	36,200	29,300
Kitchener	54,900	37,200	30,100
London	56,200	40,100	33,700
Windsor	58,300	37,900	31,000
Sudbury	54,500	34,700	28,900
Thunder Bay	59,400	39,500	29,000
Winnipeg	51,900	37,600	29,400
Regina	54,800	39,700	30,700
Saskatoon	51,900	37,400	28,400
Calgary	56,400	39,800	30,200
Edmonton	55,400	38,300	28,500
Vancouver	56,700	39,600	30,800
Victoria	55,800	43,300	35,900

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DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sugar sales

August 1994

Refiners' sales totalled 105 780 tonnes for all types of sugar in August 1994, comprising 96 874 tonnes in domestic sales and 8 906 tonnes in export sales. At the end of August 1994, year-to-date sales for all types of sugar totalled 729 100 tonnes: 652 226 tonnes in domestic sales and 76 874 tonnes in export sales.

This compares to total sales of 85 673^r (revised) tonnes in August 1993, of which 81 725^r tonnes were domestic sales and 3 948^r tonnes were export sales. The 1993 year-to-date sales reported for all types of sugar totalled 698 332^r tonnes: 618 399^r tonnes in domestic sales and 79 933^r tonnes in export sales.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 141.

The August 1994 issue of *The sugar situation* (32-013, \$6/\$60) will be available at a later date. See "How to order publications".

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

Railway carloadings

Seven-day period ending August 21, 1994

The number of railway cars loaded in Canada during the seven-day period increased 22.1% from the year-earlier period; revenue-freight loaded increased 27.3% to 4.8 million tonnes.

Piggyback traffic tonnage, which is included in total carload traffic, increased 18.9% during the same period.

Tonnage of revenue-freight loaded as of August 21, 1994 increased 6.8% from the previous year.

Cumulative data for 1993 and 1994 have been revised.

For further information, contact Angus MacLean (613-951-2528, fax: 613-951-0579), Surface Transport Unit, Transportation Division. ■

Oils and fats

July 1994

Production of all types of deodorized oils in July 1994 totalled 63 511 tonnes, down 7.2% from 68 456 tonnes in June 1994. At the end of July 1994, year-

to-date production totalled 485 447 tonnes, an 8.6% increase from 447 030^r (revised) tonnes a year earlier.

Manufacturers' packaged sales of shortening totalled 11 443 tonnes in July 1994, down from 12 055 tonnes the previous month. At the end of July 1994, year-to-date sales totalled 75 486 tonnes, compared with 70 082 tonnes a year earlier.

Sales of packaged salad oil totalled 5 823 tonnes in July 1994, down from 6 257 tonnes the previous month. Year-to-date sales at the end of July 1994 totalled 42 896 tonnes, compared with 37 707 tonnes a year earlier.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 184.

The July 1994 issue of *Oils and fats* (32-006, \$6/\$60) will be available shortly. See "How to order publications".

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

Particleboard, waferboard and fibreboard

July 1994

Waferboard production in July 1994 totalled 244 588 cubic metres, a 7.6% increase from 227 411^r (revised) cubic metres in July 1993. Particleboard production reached 114 863 cubic metres, down 5.9% from 122 107 cubic metres in July 1993. Fibreboard production in July was 9 683 thousand square metres, basis 3.175mm, up 11.6% from 8 673^r thousand square metres, in July 1993.

For January to July 1994, year-to-date waferboard production totalled 1 743 695 cubic metres, up 12.9% from 1 544 673^r cubic metres a year earlier. Year-to-date particleboard production was 833 247 cubic metres, up 4.6% from 796 924 cubic metres a year earlier. Year-to-date production of fibreboard reached 63 570^r thousand square metres, basis 3.175mm, up 8.1% from 58 794^r thousand square metres in the same period of 1993.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 31 (series 2, 3 and 4) and 122 (series 8 and 34).

The July 1994 issue of *Particleboard, waferboard and fibreboard* (36-003, \$6/\$60) will be available at a later date.

For further information, contact Sandra Bohatyretz (613-951-3516), Industry Division. ■

Shipments of rolled steel

July 1994

Rolled steel shipments for July 1994 totalled 984 857 tonnes, down 20.0% from 1 230 935 tonnes in June 1994 and up 4.8% from 939 558^r (revised) tonnes in July 1993.

Year-to-date shipments at the end of July 1994 totalled 7 753 686 tonnes, up 0.3% from 7 731 921^r tonnes the previous year.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 58 and 122 (series 22-25).

The July 1994 issue of *Primary iron and steel* (41-001, \$6/\$60) will be available at a later date.

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

Egg production

July 1994

Egg production in July 1994 totalled 40.7 million dozens, a decrease of 0.2% compared to the same month a year earlier. The average number of layers increased by 0.2% while the number of eggs per 100 layers decreased to 2,224 from 2,234.

Available on CANSIM; matrices 1145, 1146 and 5689-5691.

To order *Production and stocks of eggs and poultry* (\$115/year), contact Julie Gordon (613-951-5039).

For further information, contact Conrad Ogrodnik (613-951-2860), Livestock and Animal Product Section, Agriculture Division. ■

Blow-moulded plastic bottles

Second quarter 1994

Figures for the second quarter of 1994 for blow-moulded plastic bottles are now available.

Production and shipments of blow-moulded plastic bottles (47-006, \$8/\$32) will be available at a later date.

For further information, contact Raj Sehdev (613-951-3513), Industry Division. ■



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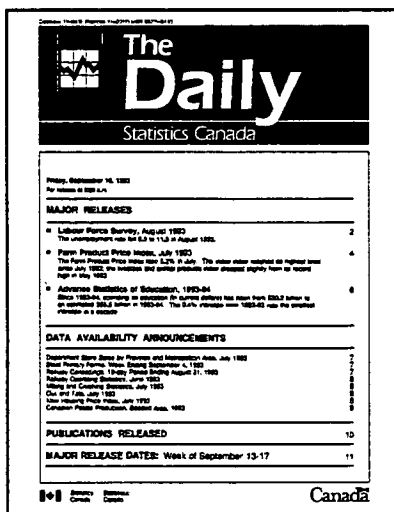
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