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Community profiles 1993

Community profiles, which are based on 1993 tax records filed in the spring of 1994, are available today. These data are ideal for supporting policy analysis because they provide a comprehensive picture of more than 5,000 communities across Canada.

The profile for each community consists of five tables: taxfilers and dependants, family characteristics, sources of income, labour force participation, and economic dependency. Data on each community can be compared with similar provincial data to show how communities fit into the broader picture. These data can also be used to assess trends over the last four years.

High standards of confidentiality ensure that no individual can be identified from these profiles.

For further information on *Community profiles*, or to order, contact Client Services (613-951-9720, fax: 613-951-4745), Small Area and Administrative Data Division.



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Short-term expectations survey

Every month for five years, Statistics Canada has canvassed a group of economic analysts (on average 17) for one-month-ahead forecasts of key economic indicators. Participants in this survey forecast the year-over-year changes in the consumer price index, the unemployment rate, and merchandise exports and imports. They also forecast the monthly change in gross domestic product at constant prices.

An evaluation of the accuracy of the mean forecast in the March 1993 issue of *Canadian economic observer* showed it to be superior to a mean naive forecast, and suggested that the quality of the forecasts improved over time.

- The mean forecast for September's consumer price index is a year-over-year change of +2.3%. Opinions range from a minimum change of +2.2% to a maximum of +2.5%. The mean forecast for August (+2.5%) overestimated the outcome (+2.3%).
- The forecasters estimate September's unemployment rate to be 9.5% (minimum 9.0%, maximum 9.8%). In August, the mean forecast (9.7%) overestimated the outcome by a slight 0.1%.
- The mean forecast of exports in August is \$19.2 billion, down from \$20.0 billion in July. Opinions range from a minimum of \$18.2 billion to a maximum of \$20.0 billion. The mean forecast of imports for August is \$18.0 billion. Forecasts range from a minimum of \$17.5 billion to a maximum of \$18.5 billion. The current forecast is a decrease of \$0.8 billion from the previous month's forecast, which overestimated the outcome (\$17.8 billion).
- The mean forecast for real GDP in August is a 0.2% increase. Opinions range widely, from a minimum of -0.3% to a maximum of +1.0%. The July forecast, which predicted a 0.1% change, matched the actual outcome.

The next release will be on October 31.

For a set of tables, or for further information on this release, contact Diane Lachapelle (613-951-0568). ■

Department store sales and stocks

August 1995

Data for August 1995 on department store sales and inventories by merchandise department are now available.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 112 (series 5-6) and 113.

The August 1995 issue of *Department store sales and stocks* (63-002, \$16/\$160) will be available shortly. See "How to order publications".

For further information on this release, contact Leslie Kiss (613-951-3556), Retail Trade Section, Industry Division. ■

Rigid insulating board

August 1995

Shipments of rigid insulating board totalled 3 024 000 square metres (12.7 mm basis) in August, an 18.4% decrease from 3 707 000 square metres in August 1994.

For January to August 1995, shipments totalled 22 081 000 square metres, a 12.8% decrease from 25 321 000 square metres in 1994.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 31 (series 1) and 122 (series 4-7).

The August 1995 issue of *Rigid insulating board* (36-002, \$6/\$60) will be available shortly. See "How to order publications".

For further information on this release, contact Bruno Pépin (613-951-3516), Industry Division. ■

Asphalt roofing

August 1995

Shipments of asphalt shingles totalled 3 634 240 metric bundles in August 1995, a 19.0% drop from 4 484 641 metric bundles a year earlier.

For January to August 1995, shipments amounted to 24 722 906 metric bundles, a 12.1% decrease from the 28 114 913 metric bundles (revised) shipped during the same period in 1994.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 32 and 122 (series 27-28).

The August 1995 issue of *Asphalt roofing* (45-001, \$6/\$60) will be available shortly. See "How to order publications".

For further information on this release, contact Bruno Pépin (613-951-3516), Industry Division. ■

Gypsum products

August 1995

Manufacturers shipped 22 644 000 square metres of plain gypsum wallboard in August, a 3.4% decrease from 23 435 000 square metres in August 1994, but a 36.8% increase from 16 552 000 (revised) square metres in July 1995.

Year-to-date shipments to the end of August 1995 totalled 153 944 000 (revised) square metres, down 8.1% from a year earlier.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 39 and 122 (series 11).

The August 1995 issue of *Gypsum products* (44-003, \$6/\$60) will be available shortly. See "How to order publications".

For further information on this release, contact Roland Joubert (613-951-3527), Industry Division. ■

Cereals and oilseeds review

July 1995

Data for July 1995 on cereal and oilseed production are now available.

The July 1995 issue of *Cereals and oilseeds review* (22-007, \$15/\$144), which contains the first complete details on grain supply and disposition for the 1994/95 crop year, will be released shortly. See "How to order publications".

For further information on this release, contact Jeannine Fleury (613-951-3859) or Karen Gray (204-983-2856), Grain Marketing Unit, Agriculture Division. ■



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Livestock statistics updates, September 1995

Catalogue number 10-006E

(Canada: \$144; United States: US\$173; other countries: US\$202).

Electric lamps, August 1995

Catalogue number 43-009

(Canada: \$6/\$60; United States: US\$8/US\$72; other countries: US\$9/US\$84).

Surface and marine transport service bulletin, vol. 11, no. 6

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Railway carloadings, July 1995, vol. 72, no. 7

Catalogue number 52-001

(Canada: \$10/\$100; United States: US\$12/US\$120; other countries: US\$14/US\$140).

Railway operating statistics, February 1995, vol. 75, no. 2

Catalogue number 52-003

(Canada: \$12/\$120; United States: US\$15/US\$144; other countries: US\$17/US\$168).

Electric power statistics, July 1995

Catalogue number 57-001

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Imports by commodity, July 1995, microfiche version

Catalogue number 65-0070XMB

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