

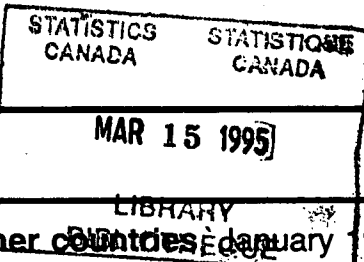


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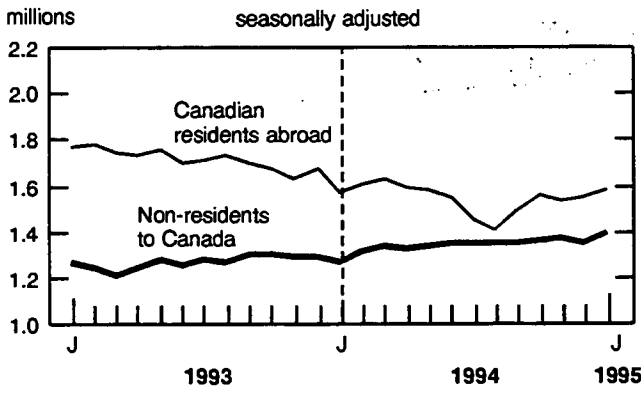
MAJOR RELEASE

Travel between Canada and other countries

January 1995

In January, 1.4 million foreigners visited Canada for at least one night, a 3.0% increase over December 1994 and the most since February 1988. This type of travel has been increasing since August 1992, after having been relatively constant between late 1986 and mid-1992.

Overnight trips to Canada reach highest level in seven years



Americans made 1.1 million overnight trips to Canada, 2.8% more than in December 1994. Overseas visitors made a record 310,000 overnight trips to Canada, up 3.7% from December and an extension of the upward trend that emerged in mid-1992.

Over time, residents of countries other than the United States have represented an increasing share of the visitors to Canada; the share from overseas was only 5% of overnight visits in 1972, it stood at 22% in January. Since overseas visitors tend to make longer trips to Canada than Americans, the economic impact of this increase is significantly greater than that of a comparable rise in the number of U.S. visitors. In 1993, overseas visitors spent an average C\$914 per overnight trip, compared with C\$343 for Americans.

The weak Canadian dollar has stimulated higher spending in Canada by visitors. This has contributed to reducing Canada's international travel account deficit, which stood at \$6.0 billion in 1994. The travel account deficit peaked at \$8.2 billion in 1992.

Note to users

Month-to-month comparisons in international travel use seasonally adjusted data (data adjusted for variations that repeat annually and for variability caused by the different volumes of travellers associated with different days of the week).

Year-over-year comparisons use unadjusted data (the actual traffic counts).

Canadians' overnight overseas trips reach a new high

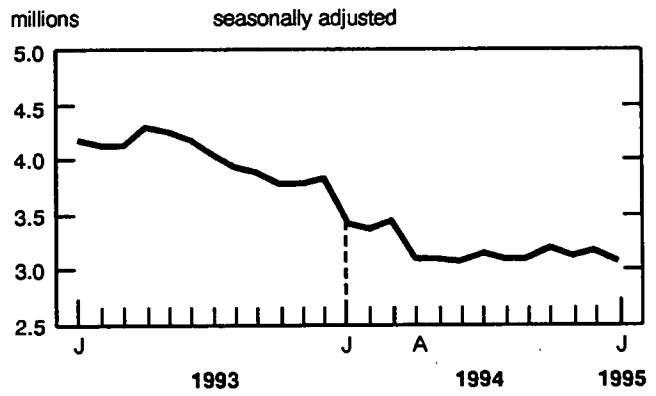
In January, Canadians made a record 297,000 overnight trips to countries other than the United States, 2.0% more than in December. Canadians' travel overseas has been increasing since June 1991.

Nonetheless, most overnight international travel by Canadians is to the United States. Although overnight travel to the United States also increased in January (+1.9% to 1.3 million trips), it has generally been decreasing since late 1991.

Americans' same-day car trips to Canada reach highest level in eight years

Americans' same-day car trips to Canada increased 0.8% to 1.9 million, the highest level since December 1986. The Canadian dollar stood at about US71 cents in January, and the gap between Canadian and U.S. gas prices narrowed to C10 cents per litre. Same-day car trips by Americans to Canada have been increasing since May 1993.

Canadians' same-day U.S. car trips have been stable since April 1994



On the other hand, Canadians' same-day U.S. car trips, often used as an indicator of cross-border shopping, have been relatively stable since April 1994. This type of travel peaked at 5.4 million trips in November 1991, then declined until March 1994.

Canadians' same-day U.S. car trips

	January 1995 ^P	January 1994 to January 1995
	unadjusted	
	'000	% change
Canada	2,522	-11.9
Province of re-entry		
New Brunswick	383	-17.9
Quebec	205	-12.7
Ontario	1,193	-6.7
Manitoba	39	-16.2
Saskatchewan	17	-17.0
Alberta	12	-10.6
British Columbia	672	-16.3
Yukon	1	18.4

^P Preliminary figures.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 2661-2697.

The January 1995 issue of *International travel, advance information* (66-001P, \$7/\$70) will be available shortly. See "How to order publications".

For further information on this release, contact Ruth Martin (613-951-1791), International Travel Section, Education, Culture and Tourism Division. □

Travel between Canada and other countries

	November 1994 ^r	December 1994 ^r	January 1995 ^p	December 1994 to January 1995
seasonally adjusted				
	'000			% change
Canadian trips abroad				
Car trips to the United States				
Same-day	3,124	3,171	3,065	-3.3
One or more nights	814	809	878	8.5
Total trips, one or more nights				
United States ¹	1,242	1,251	1,275	1.9
Other countries	287	291	297	2.0
Travel to Canada				
Car trips from United States				
Same-day	1,896	1,928	1,944	0.8
One or more nights	727	716	729	1.7
Total trips, one or more nights				
United States ¹	1,060	1,044	1,073	2.8
Other countries ²	300	299	310	3.7
	January 1995 ^p			January 1994 to January 1995
unadjusted				
	'000			% change
Canadian trips abroad				
Car trips to the United States				
Same-day		2,522		-11.9
One or more nights		528		-1.4
Total trips, one or more nights				
United States ¹		962		-1.8
Other countries		418		5.3
Travel to Canada				
Car trips from United States				
Same-day		1,398		31.8
One or more nights		280		5.8
Total trips, one or more nights				
United States ¹		439		7.1
Other countries ²		129		18.4

¹ Estimates for the United States include counts of cars and buses, and estimated numbers for planes, trains, boats and other methods.

² Figures for "other countries" exclude same-day entries by land only, via the United States.

^p Preliminary figures.

^r Revised figures.

OTHER RELEASES

Department store sales

January 1995

Continuing an upward trend that started near the beginning of 1994, department store sales (seasonally adjusted) rose 0.9% in January. Sales were up 9.4% from January 1994 and up 4.4% from January 1993.

Consumers are relying increasingly on credit to finance their purchases, so department stores' accounts receivable have been increasing at an exceptional pace since the fourth quarter of 1993. By January, accounts receivable stood at \$3.3 billion, 19.9% higher than in January 1994 and 32.0% higher than in January 1993.

Inventories rose 0.7% from January 1994.

Department store sales and inventories

	December	January	December	January
	1994 ^r	1995 ^p	1994 to January 1995	1994 to January 1995
	seasonally adjusted			
	\$ millions		% change	
Sales	1,128.2	1,138.8	0.9	9.4
Inventories	5,047.0	5,292.0	4.9	0.7

^p Preliminary figures.

^r Revised figures.

Unadjusted

Consumers spent \$354 million in the major or full-line department stores in January, 3.2% less than in January 1994. In contrast, sales by the discount category (\$363 million) were 21.0% higher.

The share of total retail spending done in department stores has been declining. In 1991, purchases made in department stores represented 7.1% of all retail spending and 21.0% of spending on department store-type merchandise. By 1994, these shares had fallen to 6.4% and 19.1%, respectively. The declines are linked to a downward trend in the shares held by the full-line stores. The shares held by the discount category have remained reasonably stable over this four-year period.

Department store sales including concessions

	January 1995	January 1994 to January 1995
	unadjusted	
	\$ millions	% change
Canada	717.6	7.7
Newfoundland	10.5	22.8
Prince Edward Island	2.3	-8.3
Nova Scotia	21.5	7.9
New Brunswick	15.0	7.6
Quebec	130.3	6.9
Ontario	300.6	6.9
Manitoba	30.1	9.1
Saskatchewan	22.5	24.3
Alberta	82.3	17.9
British Columbia, Yukon, Northwest Territories	102.5	-0.2

Available on CANSIM: matrices 111-113.

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

For further information on this release, contact Janet Sear (613-951-3551), Retail Trade Section, Industry Division. ■

Railway carloadings

10-day period ending January 31, 1995

The number of railway cars loaded in Canada during the 10-day period increased 19.7% from the year-earlier period; loadings of revenue freight increased 26.1% to 6.7 million tonnes.

Piggyback traffic tonnage, which is included in total carload traffic, increased 17.6% during the same period. Tonnage of revenue freight loaded as of January 31, 1995 increased 22.2% from the previous year.

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

Shipments of rolled steel
January 1995

Rolled steel shipments for January 1995 totalled 1 126 653 tonnes, up 1.6% from 1 108 533 tonnes in December 1994 and up 6.1% from 1 061 803 tonnes in January 1994.

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

The January 1995 issue of *Primary iron and steel* (41-001, \$6/\$60) will be available shortly. See "How to order publications".

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

Particleboard, waferboard and fibreboard
January 1995

Waferboard production in January totalled 257 844 cubic metres, a 9.4% increase from a revised 235 627 cubic metres in January 1994. Particleboard production reached 118 327 cubic metres, up 17.4% from 100 797 cubic metres in January 1994. Fibreboard production in January was 9 367 thousand square metres, basis 3.175mm, up 6.5% from 8 799 thousand square metres in January 1994.

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

The January 1995 issue of *Particleboard, waferboard and fibreboard* (36-003, \$6/\$60) will be available shortly. See "How to order publications".

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

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The unemployment rate fell 0.2 to 11.3 in August 1993.
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- Advance Statistics of Education, 1993-94 6
Since 1993-94, according to completion of studies, the number of students has risen from 285.3 billion to an estimated 285.8 billion in 1993-94. The 5.4% increase from 1992-93 over the previous increase is a decline.

DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Department Store Sales for November and December: Aug. July 1994
- Retail Prices: Monthly, Yearly, Quarterly: Aug. 1, 1995
- Monthly Consumer Spending: August 27, 1993
- Money Quantity: Quarterly: April 1995
- Money and Currency: Quarterly: July 1995
- Core PPI: July 1995
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Oils and fats, January 1995

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Pack of processed carrots, 1994

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Production and shipments of blow-moulded plastic bottles, quarter ended December 31, 1994

Catalogue number 47-006

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Air carrier traffic at Canadian airports, January-March 1994

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Trucking in Canada, 1992

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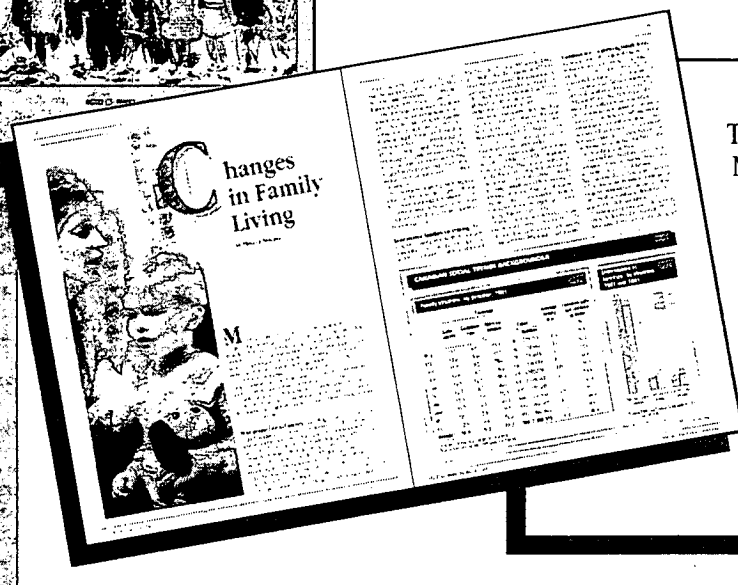
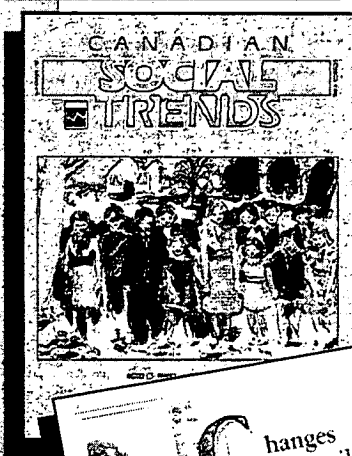
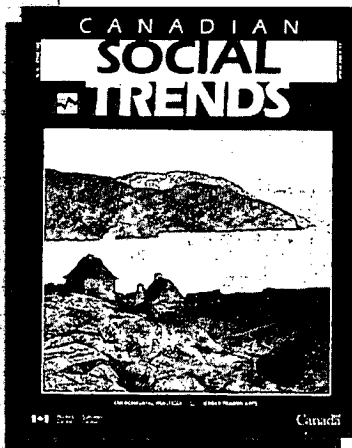
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