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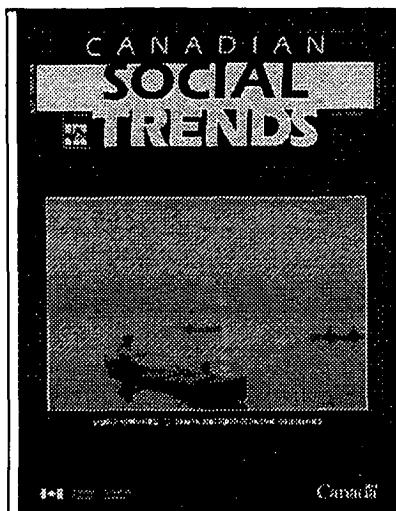
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Canadian social trends Summer 1995

The summer 1995 issue of *Canadian social trends* features several articles: "Visible minorities: A diverse group", "Immigrants in Quebec", "Health and socio-economic inequalities", "Canada's National Capital Region: A profile of Ottawa-Hull", "Their own boss: The self-employed in Canada" and "The importance of wildlife to Canadians".

Each quarter, *Canadian social trends* integrates data from various sources to examine social trends and issues. It also features the latest social indicators and information about Statistics Canada's products and services.

The summer 1995 issue of *Canadian social trends* (11-008E, \$9/\$34) is now available. See "How to order publications".

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Marriages

1993

In 1993, fewer Canadians got legally married, and those who did were older than ever. This was a result of two major factors: More Canadians chose common-law unions and the population between the ages of 20 and 30 (when most marriages have traditionally occurred) declined.

In 1993, 159,316 couples got married, down 5,257 or 3.2% from 1992. First marriages and remarriages declined for both men and women. The marriage rate (marriages per 1,000 population) declined from 5.8 in 1992 to 5.5. Among the provinces, the rate declined most in Ontario; it increased only in Prince Edward Island.

Marriage rates were lowest and common-law unions were most prevalent in Quebec and the Northwest Territories. At the 1993 rates of marriage, it can be estimated that more than half the population of Quebec and the Northwest Territories will never legally marry, compared with less than a third of the population in the other jurisdictions. In 1993, nearly 50% of the babies born in Quebec and more than 60% of those born in the Northwest Territories were born to women who were not legally married.

Those who still choose to marry are doing so at older ages. In 1973, nearly 30% of marriages involved brides under 20, compared with less than 4% in 1993. Similarly, in 1973 nearly 8.1% of all marriages involved bridegrooms under 20, compared with only 0.9% in 1993. The proportion of brides aged 25 or over has steadily increased. By 1993, one-third of men and one-fifth of women who married for the first time were over 30, compared with 10% of men and 5% of women in 1973.

Marriages, 1993 (84-212, \$30 paper version, \$25 microfiche version) will be available shortly. See "How to order publications".

For further information on this release, contact François Nault (613-951-1764) or the Information Requests Unit (613-951-1746), Health Statistics Division.

Number of marriages and marriage rates

Number of marriages	1992	1993	1992 to 1993
			% change
Canada	164,573	159,316	-3.2
Newfoundland	3,254	3,163	-2.8
Prince Edward Island	850	885	4.1
Nova Scotia	5,623	5,403	-3.9
New Brunswick	4,313	4,177	-3.2
Quebec	25,841	25,021	-3.2
Ontario	70,079	66,575	-5.0
Manitoba	6,899	6,752	-2.1
Saskatchewan	5,664	5,638	-0.5
Alberta	17,871	17,860	-0.1
British Columbia	23,749	23,446	-1.3
Yukon	221	180	-18.6
Northwest Territories	209	216	3.3

Marriage rates ¹	1992	1993
Canada	5.8	5.5
Newfoundland	5.6	5.4
Prince Edward Island	6.5	6.6
Nova Scotia	6.1	5.8
New Brunswick	5.7	5.5
Quebec	3.6	3.5
Ontario	6.6	6.2
Manitoba	6.2	6.0
Saskatchewan	5.6	5.6
Alberta	6.7	6.6
British Columbia	6.8	6.6
Yukon	7.3	5.9
Northwest Territories	3.3	3.4

¹ Number of marriages per 1,000 population.

Divorces

1993

Divorce counts and rates declined in 1993 as they have each year since 1987; the only exception was 1992, when there were slight increases.

The divorce rate per 1,000 population was 2.7 in 1993, down 2.4% from 2.8 in 1992. Rates peaked at 3.6 in 1987, after the grounds for divorce were liberalized in 1985.

The divorce rate per 1,000 married women aged 15 and over exhibited similar trends. In 1993 this rate was 12.4, a 1.6% decrease from 1992.

Among the provinces and territories, the divorce rate per 1,000 married women aged 15 and over ranged from 7.1 in Newfoundland to 16.2 in the Yukon. Contrasting with the national decline, it increased in 1993 in Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, Quebec, Alberta, British Columbia and the Northwest Territories. Elsewhere in Canada, rates fell.

For further information on this release, contact Evelyn Park (613-951-4864) or the Information Requests Unit (613-951-1746), Health Statistics Division.

Number of divorces and divorce rates

Year	Number	Rate ¹
1981	67,671	2.7
1982	70,430	2.8
1983	68,565	2.7
1984	65,170	2.5
1985	61,976	2.4
1986	78,304	3.0
1987	96,200	3.6
1988	83,507	3.1
1989	80,998	3.0
1990	78,463	2.8
1991	77,020	2.7
1992	79,034	2.8
1993	78,226	2.7

¹ Number of divorces per 1,000 population

Dairy review

April 1995

Creamery butter production totalled 8.0 thousand tonnes in April 1995, a 6.3% decrease from a year earlier. Cheddar cheese production amounted to 9.0 thousand tonnes, a 20.2% decrease from April 1994.

An estimated 613.9 thousand kilolitres of milk were sold off farms for all purposes in March 1995, a

2.2% increase from March 1994. This brought the total estimate of milk sold off farms during the first three months of 1995 to 1.8 million kilolitres, a 3.4% increase from the 1994 period.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 3428, 5632-5638, 5650-5661, 5664-5667 and 5673.

The April 1995 issue of *The dairy review* (23-001, \$14/\$138) will be released June 23. See "How to order publications".

For further information on this release, contact Debbie Dupuis (613-951-2553), Agriculture Division. ■

Average prices of selected farm inputs

May 1995

Average prices of selected farm inputs for May 1995 are now available by geographic region.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 550-582.

For further information on this release, contact the Information and Current Analysis Unit (613-951-9606), Prices Division. ■

Processed fruits and vegetables

April 1995

Data on processed fruits and vegetables for April 1995 are now available.

Canned and frozen fruits and vegetables, monthly (32-011, \$6/\$60) will be available shortly. See "How to order publications".

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



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- **Economic dependency profiles, 1992**
Canadian cities that are dependent on the 1992 are listed in the profile. The profile is available for every 1992 of individual income. This was an increase of about 10% from 1991 in the rate of economic dependency in individual income.
- **Monthly survey of manufacturing, April 1994**
After two months of economic downturn, the rate of manufacturing's employment grew to 62.7 billion, up 1.1% in April over a 2.1% drop in March. The leading of output index has returned to 1.2 billion in the first two months.
- **Industrial product price index, May 1994**
Driven by higher demand for processed raw materials, the manufacturing change in price for manufactured goods posted a 1.4% in May. The highest two price increases of the 27.
- **Rural assembly price index, May 1994**
The index rose 3.2% in May. One of price moved up 10.2% and was the major contributor to the change.

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