



The Daily

Statistics Canada

Wednesday, March 13, 1996
For release at 8:30 a.m.

MAR 13 1996

LIBRARY
BIBLIOTHÈQUE

MAJOR RELEASES

There are no major releases today.

OTHER RELEASES

Motor carriers of freight—large, for-hire carriers, fourth quarter 1995	2
Trusteed pension funds, third quarter 1995	2
Wage rates for hired agricultural labour, 1995	2
Blow-moulded plastic bottles, fourth quarter 1995	2

PUBLICATIONS RELEASED

3



Canadian social trends Spring 1996

The Spring 1996 issue of *Canadian social trends* features three articles examining government sponsored income security programs for seniors (an overview, an article on Old Age Security, and another on the Canada and Quebec Pension Plans). Other articles in this issue are "Canadians working at home", "Distance education: Beyond correspondence courses", "Health facts from the 1994 National Population Health Survey" and "1996 Census: Count yourself in!".

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

The Spring 1996 issue of *Canadian social trends* (11-008E, \$10/\$34) is now available. See "How to order publications".

For further information on this release, contact Cynthia Silver (613-951-2556), Housing, Family and Social Statistics Division.



Statistics
Canada

Statistique
Canada

Canada

OTHER RELEASES

Motor carriers of freight—large, for-hire carriers

Fourth quarter 1995

During the fourth quarter of 1995, Canada-based for-hire motor carriers of freight (those with annual operating revenues greater than \$25 million) generated \$1,004 million in operating revenues. This translated into an average of \$17.3 million per carrier, down from \$18.8 million in the fourth quarter of 1994.

The operating ratio (total operating expenses divided by total operating revenues) was 0.96, up from 0.95 in the fourth quarter of 1994. General freight carriers maintained a ratio of 0.96 during the fourth quarters of 1994 and 1995, whereas specialized freight carriers saw their ratio jump from 0.94 to 0.97. An operating ratio greater than 1.00 represents an operating loss.

These data and more are now available from the Quarterly Motor Carriers of Freight Survey.

For further information on this release, contact Fred Barzyk (613-951-2493), Transportation Division (fax: 613-951-0579). ■

Trusteed pension funds

Third quarter 1995

The assets of trusteed pension funds (\$344 billion at market value at the end of the third quarter of 1995) represent one of the largest pools of capital in Canada, second only to the financial assets of the chartered banks. These funds hold close to two-thirds of the assets of all employer-sponsored pension plans.

Data for the third quarter of 1995 from the Quarterly Survey of Trusteed Pension Funds, as well as revised data for the six previous quarters, are now available. Estimates of the income, expenditures and investment portfolio (book and market value) for all trusteed pension funds are derived from this survey of the largest funds.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5749.

The third quarter 1995 issue of *Quarterly estimates of trusteed pension funds* (74-001-XPB, \$18/\$60) will be available in April. See "How to order publications".

For further information on this release, contact Thomas Dufour (613-951-2088) or Johanne Pineau (613-951-4034), Pensions Section, Labour Division (fax: 613-951-4087). ■

Wage rates for hired agricultural labour 1995

Between 1994 and 1995, the average wage rates of hired agricultural labour rose a modest 1.6%. The average wage for hired agricultural labour in Canada last year was \$8.89 per hour.

All types of agricultural workers except machinery operators received higher wages last year. Wage rates rose in Ontario, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia, but dropped in the Atlantic provinces, Quebec and Manitoba.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 160.

For further information on this release, contact Rick Burroughs (613-951-2890), Agriculture Division. ■

Blow-moulded plastic bottles

Fourth quarter 1995

Data for the fourth quarter of 1995 on the production and shipments of blow-moulded plastic bottles are now available.

The December 1995 issue of *Production and shipments of blow-moulded plastic bottles* (47-006-XPB, \$10/\$32) will be available shortly. See "How to order publications".

Note: The December 1995 issue will be the last publication of this series.

For further information on this release, contact Suzette DesRosiers (613-951-9836), Industry Division. ■

PUBLICATIONS RELEASED

Livestock statistics updates, issue 95-004,
March 1996
Catalogue number 10-600E
(Canada: \$144; United States: US\$173; other
countries: US\$202).

Canadian social trends, Spring 1996
Catalogue number 11-008E
(Canada: \$10/\$34; United States: US\$13/US\$41; other
countries: US\$15/US\$48).

The consumer price index, February 1996
Catalogue number 62-001
(Canada: \$10/\$100; United States: US\$12/US\$120;
other countries: US\$14/US\$140).
Available at 7:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 14

Average prices of selected farm inputs,
January 1996
Catalogue number 62-012
(Canada: \$9/\$48; United States: US\$11/US\$58; other
countries: US\$13/US\$68).

Building permits, January 1996
Catalogue number 64-001-XPB
(Canada: \$24/\$240; United States: US\$29/US\$288;
other countries: US\$34/US\$336).

The paper used in this publication meets the minimum
requirements of American National Standard for Information
Sciences - Permanence of Paper for Printed Library
Materials, ANSI Z39.48 - 1984.



Published by authority of the Minister responsible for Statistics
Canada. © Minister of Industry, 1996. Citation in newsprint,
magazine, radio, and television reporting is permitted subject to the
requirement that Statistics Canada is acknowledged as the source.
Any other reproduction is permitted subject to the requirement that
Statistics Canada is acknowledged as the source on all copies as
follows: Statistics Canada, *The Daily*, catalogue 11-001E, along with
date and page references.

How to order publications

Simplify your data search with *Statistics Canada Catalogue*, 1994 (11-204E, \$15; United States: US\$18; other countries: US\$21).
Its keyword index will guide you to statistics on Canada's social and economic activity.

Order *The Daily* and other publications by phone:

Please refer to the • Title • Catalogue number • Volume number • Issue number • Your VISA or MasterCard number.

In Canada and the United States call:

1-800-267-6677

From other countries call:

1-613-951-7277

Or fax your order to us:

1-613-951-1584

For address changes: Please refer to your customer account number.

To order a publication by mail write: Sales and Service, Marketing Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa, K1A 0T6.

Include a cheque or money order payable to Receiver General of Canada/Publications. Canadian customers add 7% GST.

Statistics Canada Regional Reference Centres provide a full range of the Agency's products and services.

For the reference centre nearest you, check the blue pages or your telephone directory under Statistics Canada.

Authorized agents and bookstores also carry Statistics Canada's catalogued publications.

S E R V I C E

STATISTICS CANADA LIBRARY
BIBLIOTHEQUE STATISTIQUE CANADA

1010209775

A T O R S

For and ABOUT Businesses Serving the Business of Canada...

At last, current data and expert analysis on this VITAL sector in one publication!



he services sector now dominates the industrial economies of the world.

Telecommunications, banking, advertising, computers, real estate, engineering and insurance represent an eclectic range of services on which all other economic sectors rely.

Despite their critical economic role, however, it has been hard to find out what's happening in these industries. Extensive and time-consuming efforts have, at best, provided a collection of diverse bits and pieces of information ... an incomplete basis for informed understanding and effective action.

Now, instead of this fragmented picture, *Services Indicators* brings you a cohesive whole. An innovative quarterly from Statistics Canada, this publication **breaks new ground**, providing timely updates on performance and developments in:

- *Communications*
- *Finance, Insurance and Real Estate*
- *Business Services*

Services Indicators brings together analytical tables, charts, graphs and commentary in a stimulating and inviting format. From a wide range of key financial indicators including profits, equity, revenues, assets and liabilities, to



trends and analysis of employment, salaries and output – PLUS a probing feature article in every issue, *Services Indicators* gives you the complete picture **for the first time!**

Finally, anyone with a vested interest in the services economy can go to *Services Indicators* for **current** information on these industries ... both at-a-glance and in more detail than has ever been available before – all in one unique publication.

If **your** business is serving business in Canada, or if you are involved in financing, supplying, assessing or

actually using these services, *Services Indicators* is a turning point – an opportunity to forge into the future armed with the most current insights and knowledge.

Order YOUR subscription to *Services Indicators* today!

Services Indicators (catalogue no. 63-0160XPB) is \$112 (plus 7% GST and applicable PST) in Canada, US\$135 in the United States and US\$157 in other countries.

To order, write to Statistics Canada, Operations and Integration Division, Circulation Management, 120 Parkdale Avenue, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0T6 or contact the nearest Statistics Canada Regional Reference Centre listed in this publication.

If more convenient, fax your order to **1-613-951-1584** or call **1-800-267-6677** toll-free in Canada and the United States [**1-613-951-7277** elsewhere] and charge to your VISA or MasterCard. Via Internet: order@statcan.ca