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Basic Summary Tabulations (20% Sample) - Urban and Rural Census Tracts 1986 Census

A second set of detailed socio-economic data from the 1986 Census is now available on computer tape for the provinces, 37 large urban centres, census tracts (CTs) and provincial census tracts (PCTs). Census tracts are small permanent census geostatistical areas established in large urban communities (CTs) as well as in rural and smaller urban areas (PCTs); populations of CTs and PCTs normally vary between 2,500 and 8,000 persons.

These data were collected from one in five Canadian households. This new information is presented in the form of cross-tabulations, with each table featuring two or three variables.

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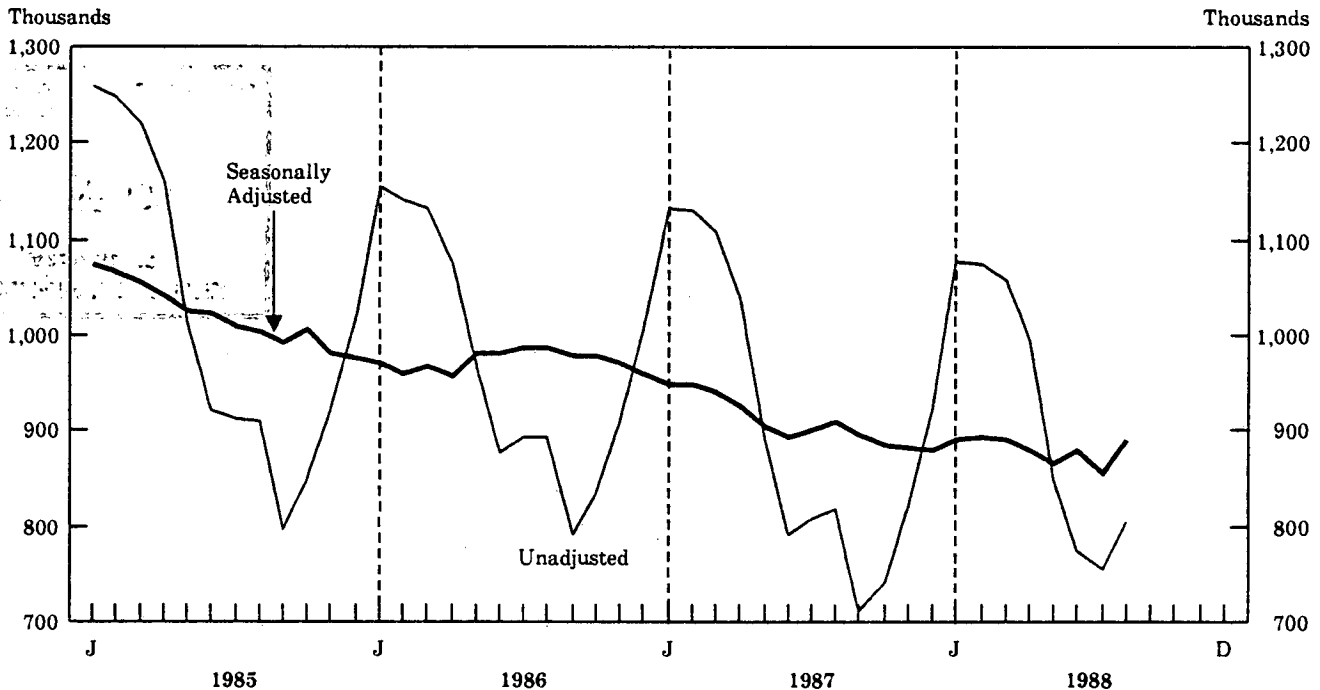


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Number of Beneficiaries Receiving Regular Benefits, Canada, 1985-1988



Unemployment Insurance Statistics August 1988

Seasonally Adjusted Data

- For the week ending August 20, 1988, preliminary estimates show that the number of beneficiaries¹ receiving regular unemployment insurance benefits increased 4.3% from the previous month to 890,000. This is the largest month-to-month increase since October 1982. As a result, the number of beneficiaries reached the level observed in January 1988.
- Between July and August 1988, the seasonally adjusted number of beneficiaries receiving regular benefits increased in all provinces: 6.3% in Prince Edward Island, 6.2% in Saskatchewan,

6.1% in Ontario, 5.8% in Quebec, 5.7% in Manitoba, 4.0% in Nova Scotia, 3.2% in British Columbia, 2.9% in New Brunswick, 2.7% in Alberta, and 1.2% in Newfoundland. The Northwest Territories (-3.6%) was the only region registering a decrease, while there was only little change in the Yukon.

- In August 1988, total benefit payments, adjusted for seasonal variations and the number of working days, increased 7.7% from the preceding month to \$927 million. During the same period, the number of benefit weeks advanced 5.5% to 4.5 million.

Data Not Adjusted for Seasonal Variation

- In August 1988, the total number of beneficiaries¹ (including all persons qualifying for regular and special unemployment insurance
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¹ The number of beneficiaries represents a count of persons who qualified for unemployment insurance benefits during a specific week of the reference month.

benefits) stood at 910,000, a slight decrease of 1.1% from the same month a year ago. For the same period, the number of male beneficiaries decreased by 4.2% to 410,000, and the number of female beneficiaries increased by 1.6% to 499,000.

- Benefits paid during August 1988 totalled \$878 million², up 15.5% from August 1987. This increase is in part attributable to the greater number of working days in August 1988. Since January 1988, benefit payments totalled \$7,565 million, increasing 2.6% from the same period last year. The year-to-date change resulted from a 6.5% increase in the average weekly benefit to \$201.53, which was partially offset by a 3.7% decrease in the number of benefit weeks to 37.5 million.
- A total of 238,000 claims² (applications) for unemployment insurance benefits were received in August 1988, up 11.3% from the same month a year ago. This increase is also in part attributable to the greater number of working

days observed in August 1988. Since the start of 1988, the number of claims received totalled 1,976,000, up slightly (1.0%) from the same period last year.

(see table on page 4)

Available on CANSIM: matrices 26 (series 1.6), 5700-5717, 5735, and 5736. The last two matrices contain monthly data, starting in January 1984, on beneficiaries by sex and Census Metropolitan Area (CMA) or Census Agglomeration (CA).

Data for the months of June, July and August 1988 will be published in the August 1988 issue of *Unemployment Insurance Statistics* (73-001, \$13/\$130), available at the beginning of November 1988. Unpublished beneficiaries data are also available on request, including statistics for small areas as defined by data users.

For special tabulations or further information contact Jean-Pierre Maynard (613-951-4045) or Horst Stiebert (613-951-4044), Labour Division.

² Benefits paid, number of benefit weeks, and number of claims received relate to a complete calendar month. It should be noted that these data are affected by the number of working days available during the reference month to process claims and to pay benefits. In making short-term comparisons it is not uncommon to observe different trends between these data and the number of beneficiaries.

Unemployment Insurance Statistics

	August 1988	July 1988	June 1988	August 1987	% change from	
					July 1988	August 1987

Seasonally adjusted

Benefits

Amount paid (\$000)	927,077	860,885	873,577	893,587	7.7	3.7
Weeks of benefit (000)	4,495	4,263	4,415	4,537	5.5	-0.9
Beneficiaries - Regular benefit (000)	890 ^p	853 ^p	880 ^r	910 ^r	4.3	-2.2

Unadjusted

Benefits

Amount paid (\$000)	877,750	685,253	785,044	760,128	28.1	15.5
Weeks of benefit (000)	4,418	3,492	4,000	4,061	26.5	8.8
Average weekly benefit (\$)	198.67	196.21	196.24	187.20	1.3	6.1
Claims received (000)	238	280	241	214	-14.9	11.3

Beneficiaries¹ (000)

Total	910 ^p	859 ^p	892 ^r	920 ^r	5.9	-1.1
Regular benefits	805 ^p	754 ^p	775 ^r	818 ^r	6.8	-1.6

January to August

% Change

1988	1987	1988/1987
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Benefits

Amount paid (\$000)	7,565,178	7,372,656	2.6
Weeks of benefit (000)	37,539	38,962	-3.7
Average weekly benefit (\$)	201.53	189.22	6.5
Claims received (000)	1,976	1,956	1.0
Beneficiaries - Year-to-date average ¹ (000)	1,055 ^p	1,090 ^r	-3.3

¹ The beneficiaries include all claimants who receive benefits through the computer pay system. Excluded are year-round fishermen, a few seasonal fishermen and a small number of work sharing and job creation claimants who are paid through the manual pay system.

^p Preliminary figures.

^r Revised figures.

Data Availability Announcements

Postcensal Estimates of Families, Canada, Provinces and Territories

June 1, 1988

Highlights

- On June 1, 1988, there were 6,917,500 census families in Canada, representing an increase of 86,100 units compared with the previous year, for an annual rate of increase of 12.5 per 1,000. Three provinces had a rate of increase in the number of families that was higher than the national average: Prince Edward Island (20.1 per 1,000); Ontario (17.9 per 1,000), and Newfoundland (13.1 per 1,000).
- For the year ending May 31, 1988, the annual growth rate was four times higher for lone-parent families (33.7 per 1,000) than for husband-wife families (9.3 per 1,000), at the national level.
- In 1988, mothers provided the parental presence in 82.1% of lone-parent families. Women largely out-numbered men at all age groups, with proportions ranging from 74.9% in families whose lone-parent was aged between 45 and 54 years, to 94.1% for the 15-24 age category.
- Some 13.4% of husband-wife families where the wife was 35-44 years of age had no children at home on June 1, 1988. This percentage rose to 26.1% for the 25-34 age group and 60.8% in families with wife aged 15-24. In comparison to 1976, these values were, respectively, 7.8%, 18.6%, and 53.3%.

The estimates of the total number of census families for the provinces and the territories on June 1, 1988 are as follows:

• Newfoundland	145,700
• Prince Edward Island	33,300
• Nova Scotia	235,200
• New Brunswick	191,000
• Quebec	1,793,200
• Ontario	2,541,300
• Manitoba	281,800
• Saskatchewan	261,300
• Alberta	623,400
• British Columbia	792,900
• Yukon	6,600
• Northwest Territories	11,800

The postcensal estimates of the total number of census families and of their characteristics for Canada, the provinces and the territories as of June 1, 1988 are available today and will be published in the following publication: *Postcensal Estimates of Families for Canada, Provinces and Territories*, June 1, 1987 and 1988, available mid-December (91-204, \$20).

For more detailed information, contact the nearest regional reference centre, or Lise Champagne (613-951-2320), Demography Division.

Basic Summary Tabulations (20% Sample)

1986 Census

The following tables are available today at the census tract and provincial census tract level, with totals for 37 large urban centres and provinces.

These tables contain data extracted from the long questionnaire completed by a 20% sample of households. This set of tables completes the offering of basic summary tabulations from the 1986 Census for this level of geography. Data extracted from the questionnaire completed by all Canadian households were released in February 1988 and other data extracted from the long questionnaire completed by a 20% sample of households were released last week.

These tabulations are designed to meet the most commonly expressed needs of census data users who wish to study the characteristics of small areas. The data stored on these computer tapes are more detailed than those presented in census publications. These data can be used with geographic and cartographic computer files - also available from Statistics Canada - in detailed analyses for such purposes as market research and the planning of community services.

Basic summary tabulations are available on computer tapes. Because these products have a standard format, they can be offered for the lowest price of all machine-readable data from the 1986 Census. Prices for tapes range from \$300 for the Yukon to \$860 for all of Canada. Cost estimates for data for selected subprovincial regions or for diskette or paper copies will be provided upon request.

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Schooling

- SC86B01 Population 15 years and over by highest level of schooling (7), sex (3) and age groups (7)
- SC86B02 Population 15 years and over by major field of study (13) and sex (3)

Labour Force Characteristics

- LF86B01 Population 15 years and over by labour force activity (7), age groups (7) and sex (3)
- LF86B02 Population 15 years and over by labour force activity (7), sex (3) and marital status (6)
- LF86B03 Population 15 years and over by labour force activity (7), highest level of schooling (8) and sex (3)
- LF86B04 Labour force 15 years and over by occupation major groups (25) (based on the 1980 classification) and sex (3)
- LF86B05 Labour force 15 years and over by industry divisions (21) (based on the 1980 classification - "unspecified or undefined" distributed among industry divisions) and sex (3)
- LF86B06 Labour force 15 years and over by class of worker (5) and sex (3)
- LF86B07 Population 15 years and over by work activity in 1985 (14) (number of weeks worked in 1985 and whether these weeks were mostly full or part time) and sex (3)
- LF86B08 Labour force activity (4) of females 15 years and over in occupied private households by presence of children (6)
- LF86B09 Labour force 15 years and over by industry divisions (15) (based on the 1970 classification - "unspecified or undefined" shown as a separate division) and sex (3)

Income

- IN86B01 Number, aggregate and average income of population 15 years and over in private households by sex (3) and 1985 income groups (2)

- IN86B02 Number, aggregate and average income of census families in private households
- IN86B03 Number, aggregate and average income of unattached individuals 15 years and over in private households by sex (3)
- IN86B04 Number, aggregate and average income of private households
- IN86B05 Number, aggregate and average employment income of population 15 years and over who worked in 1985 and reported employment income by sex (3)
- IN86B06 Number, aggregate and average income of non-family persons 15 years and over in private households by sex (3)
- IN86B07 Number, aggregate and average income of economic families in private households

Households

- HH86B01 Private households in owner-occupied non-farm, non-reserve dwellings by type of households (12) and owner's major payments (6)
- HH86B02 Private households in tenant-occupied non-farm, non-reserve dwellings by type of households (12) and gross rent (6)
- HH86B03(A) Private households in owner-occupied non-farm, non-reserve dwellings by owner's major payments as a percentage of 1985 household income (8) and age of household maintainer (6)
- HH86B03(B) Private households in tenant-occupied non-farm, non-reserve dwellings by gross rent as a percentage of 1985 household income (8) and age of household maintainer (6)

The figures between parentheses indicate the number of categories for each characteristic.

For further information, please contact your local Regional Reference Centre or the Electronic Data Dissemination Division (613-951-8200).

Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills in British Columbia

August 1988

Sawmills in British Columbia produced 2 889 100 cubic metres (1,224.3 million board feet) of lumber and ties in August 1988, an increase of 3.1% from the 2 800 800 cubic metres (1,186.9 million board feet) produced in August 1987.

January to August 1988 production was 24 818 200 cubic metres (10,517.4 million board feet), a decrease of 0.2% from the 24 869 500 cubic metres (10,539.1 million board feet) produced over the same period in 1987.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 53 (series 1.2, 2.2 and 3.2).

The August 1988 issue of *Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills in British Columbia* (35-003, \$6.50/\$65) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Jock Dobie (604) 666-2671, Pacific Region, Statistics Canada, Sinclair Centre, 757 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6C 3C9.

Factory Shipments of High Pressure Decorative Laminate Sheet

Third Quarter 1988

For the quarter ending September 30, 1988, domestic shipments of high pressure decorative laminate sheet, of 3.175 millimetres thickness and less, totalled 1 926 551 square metres, for a value of \$15,678,566. In the same quarter of the previous year, shipments amounted to 2 064 457 square metres for a value of \$16,024,531.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 2906.

The third quarter 1988 issue of *Factory Shipments of High Pressure Decorative Laminate Sheet* (47-005, \$6.25/\$25) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Raj Sehdev (613-951-3513), Industry Division.

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Production and Disposition of Tobacco Products, September 1988.
Catalogue number 32-022
(Canada: \$4.50/\$45; Other Countries: \$5.50/\$55).

Fruit and Vegetable Preservation Service Bulletin, Vol. 17, No. 1,
Pack of Processed Asparagus, 1987 and 1988.
Catalogue number 32-023
(Canada: \$7/\$115; Other Countries: \$8/\$125).

Primary Iron and Steel, August 1988.
Catalogue number 41-001
(Canada: \$4.50/\$45; Other Countries: \$5.50/\$55).

Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products, August 1988. Catalogue number 41-006
(Canada: \$4.50/\$45; Other Countries: \$5.50/\$55).

Electric Lamps, September 1988.
Catalogue number 43-009
(Canada: \$4.50/\$45; Other Countries: \$5.50/\$55).

Production and Sales of Phonograph Records and Pre-recorded Tapes in Canada, August 1988. Catalogue number 47-004
(Canada: \$4.50/\$45; Other Countries: \$5.50/\$55).

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