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Income Distributions by Size in Canada 1987

In 1987, average family income at \$43,604 was an estimated 1.3% higher than in 1986, on an inflation-adjusted basis. This was the third consecutive year of increase in inflation-adjusted family income following four years of decline. Inflation-adjusted family income has now regained the level experienced in 1980. However, since family size in 1987 was somewhat lower than it was in 1980, family income per capita reached its highest level ever (\$13,542).

The trend in the proportion and number of persons below Statistics Canada's low income cut-offs continued downward in 1987. The proportion of low income persons declined to 14.1% in 1987 from 14.5% in 1986 and 15.6% in 1985. In 1987, there were 3,535,000 low income persons, down 59,000 from 1986 and 287,000 since 1985.

Other highlights of the report *Income Distributions by Size in Canada, 1987*, released today, include:

Provincial average family income ranged from \$48,967 in Ontario to \$33,710 in Newfoundland. Average family incomes from highest to lowest were:

• Ontario	\$48,967
• Alberta	\$44,388
• British Columbia	\$42,639
• Quebec	\$40,113
• Manitoba	\$39,709
• Saskatchewan	\$39,119
• Nova Scotia	\$38,141
• New Brunswick	\$35,231
• Prince Edward Island	\$34,792
• Newfoundland	\$33,710

• Canada \$43,604

• The average income of female lone-parent families was \$18,945 compared to \$48,650 for two-parent families with children.

• The upper 20% of all families (those with incomes in excess of \$60,912) received 39.4% of total income, while the lowest 20% (incomes below \$20,733) received 6.5%. The median or mid-point income was \$38,851.

- The low income rate for children under 16 years of age (16.9% in 1987) was virtually unchanged from 1986 (17.0%). There were 955,000 low income children in 1987. They represented 27.0% of the low income population, little changed since 1985.
- An estimated 17.3% of elderly persons 65 years of age and over were below the low income cut-offs in 1987, down from 18.9% in 1986. This continues the downward trend in rates observed during the 1970s and 1980s for the elderly.
- There were 456,000 low income elderly persons in 1987. They made up 12.9% of the low income population, basically unchanged from 1985.
- For families, the rate of low income was 11.3% (or 777,000 families) in 1987, down from 11.8% in 1986 and 12.6% in 1985.
- The number of earners in a family has a substantial effect on average income and low income rates for families. Two-parent families with one earner had an average income of \$34,996 and a low income rate of 21.2%. With two earners, the average was \$49,156 and the rate of low income was only 5.9%.
- Lone-parent families and elderly unattached individuals continued to have a substantially higher than average incidence of low income. For female lone-parent families, the 1987 rate was 56.6%, little changed from 1986. The rate for unattached elderly improved from 1986 (39.4% versus 43.0%).

These estimates were prepared from data collected as a supplement to the April 1988 Labour Force Survey, using five-sixths of the regular sample (approximately 42,000 households). They exclude the institutional population and households in the Yukon and Northwest Territories and on Indian reserves.

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Income Distributions by Size in Canada, 1987 (13-207, \$39) is now available. See "How to Order Publications".

For more information concerning these data or on the availability of special request tabulations, contact the Income and Housing Surveys Section (613-951-9775), Household Surveys Division.

Note: Microdata tapes containing information on the 1987 incomes of economic families and of individuals aged 15 years and over, along with socio-demographic characteristics, will be released later. These tapes can be ordered by contacting the Household Surveys Division (613-951-9775).

Construction Union Wage Rate Index

October 1988

Highlights

- The Canada total Union Wage Rate Index (including supplements) for construction trades (1981=100) for October 1988 rose 0.1% from September's figure of 144.0. On a year-over-year basis, the 18-city composite index increased by 2.4%, from 140.7 to 144.1.
- In Saint John, electricians and sheet metal workers received wage increases of 4.9% and 4.0% respectively, which resulted in an increase of 0.9% for that city. In Winnipeg, 10 trades received wage increments, ranging between 0.3% and 1.7%, increasing this city's index by 0.6%. These increments moved the Canada total up 0.1%.

- On an annual basis, Quebec City, Chicoutimi and Montreal each showed increases of 5.1%, followed by Saint John at 3.7% and Winnipeg at 3.1%, Ontario cities on average increased 2.5%, while Halifax and St. John's rose 1.4% and 0.1% respectively. Cities in British Columbia recorded no change.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 400-405, 956 and 958.

The third quarter 1988 issue of *Construction Price Statistics* (62-007, \$16.50/\$66) will be available in December. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact the Information and Current Analysis Unit (613-951-9607), Prices Division.

Construction Union Wage Rate Indexes, Basic Rate plus Supplements

October 1988
(1981=100)

	Oct. 1988	Sept. 1988	Oct. 1987	% change	
				Oct. '88/ Sept. '88	Oct. '88/ Oct. '87
Canada	144.1	144.0	140.7	0.1	2.4
St. John's	142.8	142.8	142.7	-	0.1
Halifax	167.4	167.4	165.1	-	1.4
Saint John	149.5	148.2	144.2	0.9	3.7
Quebec City	149.7	149.7	142.5	-	5.1
Chicoutimi	149.1	149.1	141.8	-	5.1
Montreal	149.4	149.4	142.2	-	5.1
Ottawa	149.1	149.1	146.8	-	1.6
Toronto	144.6	144.6	142.3	-	1.6
Hamilton	145.1	145.1	142.8	-	1.6
St. Catharines	147.2	147.2	143.1	-	2.9
Kitchener	150.4	150.4	146.3	-	2.8
London	149.8	149.8	145.5	-	3.0
Windsor	146.7	146.7	142.5	-	2.9
Sudbury	148.4	148.4	144.2	-	2.9
Thunder Bay	147.4	147.4	143.2	-	2.9
Winnipeg	140.6	139.8	136.1	0.6	3.1
Vancouver	132.1	132.1	132.1	-	-
Victoria	132.1	132.1	132.1	-	-

- Nil or zero.

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Work Injuries Statistics

1987

Highlights

- In 1987, there were 602,531 reported work-related injuries or illnesses in Canada which resulted in permanent disabilities or in injuries which required workers to take time off work to recover.
- Most reported injuries involved sprains and strains (48%), contusions, crushings and bruising (18%), and cuts, lacerations, and punctures (13%).
- The largest number of reported injuries involved the back (27%), followed by the wrist, hand or fingers (22%), and the ankle, foot or toes (10%).
- The most frequent sources of injury were working surfaces such as floors, ramps, and platforms (13%), bodily motion (12%), and metal items including such things as nails, nuts, bolts, and metal plates (11%).
- Of all the events which directly resulted in work-related injuries, the most common was overexertion (31%), followed by being struck by an object (19%) and falls (16%).

Data on work-related injuries and illnesses, supplied by 11 Workers' Compensation Boards, are now available for the years 1982 to 1987 by province, sex, age, and occupation of the injured worker; industry of the employer; and nature of injury (for example, cuts, sprains and strains, or amputations); part of body injured; source of injury (for example, chemicals, conveyors, explosives, or wood items); and type of accident (for example, overexertions, or falls from elevation).

The third issue of *Work Injuries*, 1985-87 (72-208, \$22) is scheduled to be released the week of December 19. For further information or to order special tabulations, contact Joanne Proulx (613-951-4040) or Horst Stiebert (613-951-4044), Labour Division.

Unemployment Insurance Statistics - Number of Contributors and Their Contributions

1985 and 1986

Highlights

- In 1986, 12.2 million persons contributed to unemployment insurance sometime during the year, up 2.5% from the previous year. Between the two years, the number of male contributors increased 1.6% to 6.8 million and the number of female contributors advanced 3.8% to 6.7 million.
- Employee contributions to unemployment insurance in 1986 amounted to \$4,124 million, increasing by 8.3% from 1985. Males contributed \$2,621 million and female contributions totalled \$1,504 million.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 5718, 5719, 5729 and 5730.

The data are also published in the 1988 edition of the *Annual Supplement to Unemployment Insurance Statistics* (73-202S, \$36), now available. In this report the data are shown by sex and province, covering the years 1978 to 1986.

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

Electric Power Statistics

September 1988

Highlights

- Net generation of electric energy in Canada in September 1988 increased to 35 174 gigawatt hours (GWh), up 0.9% from the corresponding month last year. Exports decreased 24.1% to 2 612 GWh, while imports climbed from 352 GWh to 447 GWh.
- Year-to-date figures show net generation at 361 967 GWh, up 1.9% over the previous year's period. Exports, at 27 564 GWh, were down 26.5%, while imports, at 4 497 GWh, were up 109.9%.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 3987-3999.

The September 1988 issue of *Electric Power Statistics* (57-001, \$9/\$90) will be available the second week of December. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Dave Madsen (613-951-9823), Energy Section, Industry Division.

Industrial Chemicals and Synthetic Resins

October 1988

Canadian chemical firms produced 101 817 tonnes of polyethylene synthetic resins in October 1988, a decrease of 15.6% from the 120 644 tonnes (revised figure) produced in October 1987.

January to October 1988 production totalled 1 170 575 tonnes (revised figure), up 10.8% from 1 056 610 tonnes (revised figure) produced during the same period in 1987.

Data are also available on Canadian production of three other types of synthetic resins and 28 industrial chemicals for October 1988, October 1987 and corresponding cumulative figures.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 951.

The October 1988 issue of *Industrial Chemicals and Synthetic Resins* (46-002, \$5/\$50) will be available a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

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

Steel Ingots

Week Ending November 26, 1988

Preliminary estimates indicate that Canadian steel ingot production for the week ending November 26, 1988 totalled 301 668 tonnes, a decrease of 8.7% from the preceding week's total of 330 410 tonnes but up 7.3% from the year-earlier level of 281 192 tonnes. The cumulative total in 1988 was 13 428 161 tonnes, an increase of 1.3% from 13 253 003 tonnes for the same period in 1987.

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

Gypsum Products

October 1988

Manufacturers shipped 25 868 thousand square metres of plain gypsum wallboard in October 1988, down 13.0% from the 29 733 thousand square metres shipped in October 1987 and down 7.2% from the 27 884 thousand square metres shipped in September 1988.

Year-to-date shipments were 258 188 thousand square metres, a decrease of 8.8% from the January to October 1987 period.

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

The October 1988 issue of *Gypsum Products* (44-003, \$4.50/\$45) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Sharon Boyer (613-951-3520), Industry Division.

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Income Distributions by Size in Canada, 1987.
Catalogue number 13-207
(Canada: \$39; Other countries: \$41).

Canned and Frozen Fruits and Vegetables,
September 1988.
Catalogue number 32-011
(Canada: \$4.50/\$45; Other Countries: \$5.50/\$55).

Production and Inventories of Process Cheese
and Instant Skim Milk Powder, October 1988.
Catalogue number 32-024
(Canada: \$4.50/\$45; Other Countries: \$5.50/\$55).

Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of
Sawmills in British Columbia, August 1988.
Catalogue number 35-003
(Canada: \$6.50/\$65; Other Countries: \$7.50/\$75).

Wood Industries - Sawmill and Planing Mill
Products Industry (Except Shingles and
Shakes), 1986 Census of Manufactures.
Catalogue number 35-250B 2512
(Canada: \$4; Other Countries \$5).

Corrugated Boxed and Wrappers, October 1988.
Catalogue number 36-004
(Canada: \$4.50/\$45; Other Countries: \$5.50/\$55).

Production, Sales and Stocks of Major
Appliances, October 1988.
Catalogue number 43-010
(Canada: \$4.50/\$45; Other Countries: \$5.50/\$55).

Other Manufacturing Industries - Sign and
Display Industry, 1986 Census of Manufactures.
Catalogue number 47-250B 3971
(Canada: \$4; Other Countries: \$5).

Railway Operating Statistics, September 1988.
Catalogue number 52-003
(Canada: \$9.50/\$95; Other Countries: \$10.50/\$105).

Electric Power Statistics, Vol. 1, 1987 Actual and
1988 - 1997 Forecast.
Catalogue number 57-204
(Canada: \$25; Other Countries: \$26).

Farm Product Price Index, September 1988.
Catalogue number 62-003
(Canada: 6.50/\$65; Other Countries: \$7.50/\$75).

Department Store Sales and Stocks, March 1988.
Catalogue number 63-002
(Canada: \$13/\$130; Other Countries: \$14/\$140).

Building Permits, July 1988.
Catalogue number 64-001
(Canada: \$20/\$200; Other Countries: \$21/\$210).

Labour Force Information, November 1988
Catalogue number 71-001P
(Canada: \$5.50/\$55; Other Countries: \$6.50/\$6.50).
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Store Stocks, Chain	September 1988	November 23, 1988
Strawberries, Processed	1988	November 29, 1988
Structural Steel Price Indexes	Third Quarter 1988	November 30, 1988
Student Participation in Canadian Education, International	1987	November 7, 1988
Sugar Sales	October 1988	November 15, 1988
Switchgear, Electrical, Protective Equipment Industries	1986 Census of Manufactures	November 4, 1988
Synthetic Resins, Industrial Chemicals	September 1988	November 7, 1988
Tapes, Pre-Recorded	September 1988	November 14, 1988
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Telephone Statistics	September 1988	November 22, 1988
Television Viewing in Canada	Fall 1987	November 28, 1988
Television, Cable	1987	November 2, 1988
Tobacco Products	October 1988	November 18, 1988
Trade, Preliminary Statement of Canadian International	September 1988	November 16, 1988
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Trusted Pension Funds	1987	November 21, 1988
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