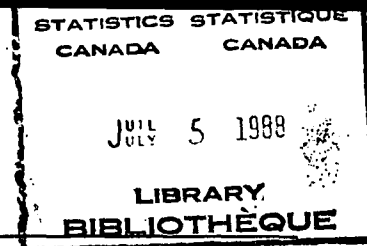


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- Canada recorded, on a seasonally adjusted basis, its highest May level on record of Canadian residents travelling abroad.

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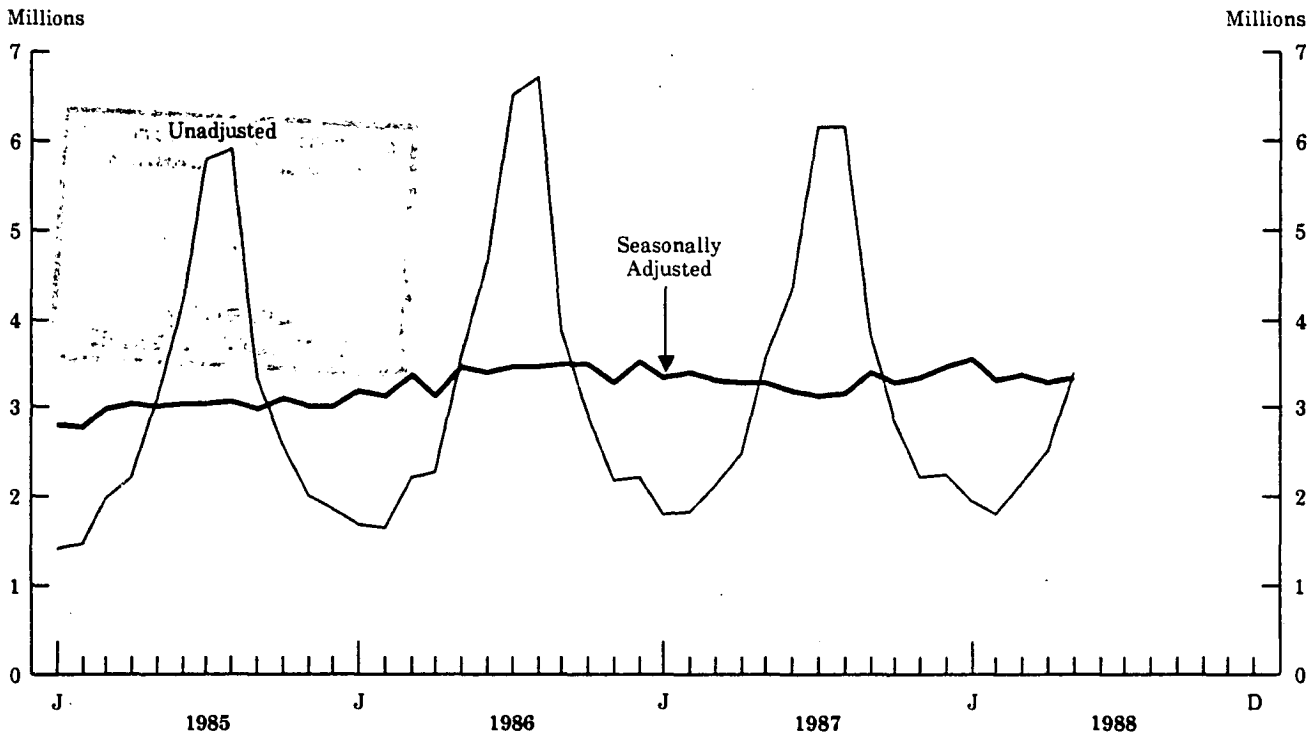


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Total Trips to Canada by Non-residents, 1985-1988



Travel Between Canada and Other Countries

May 1988

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Total Travel

- Total trips to Canada by United States residents decreased by 5.5% from May 1987 to 3.1 million, resulting in a fourth consecutive monthly decline from the comparable periods last year.
- Total trips to Canada by residents of countries other than the United States increased by 17.2% to 290,000 during the same month. Record levels have been set since August 1986.
- Total international trips to all foreign destinations by Canadian residents numbered 4.5 million, 10.2% above last May.

Overnight Travel

- Preliminary estimates indicate that non-resident trips of one or more nights to Canada in May 1988 were 3.3% below those of May 1987, marking a reversal after six months of record levels. In the first five months of 1988, these volumes were up 3.4% over the same period in 1987.
- The highest May level on record was registered for the number of overnight visits by Canadian residents returning from trips abroad. These figures renew the upward trend interrupted by the slight downturn experienced in March.

Seasonally Adjusted

International travel statistics are seasonal by nature, and therefore the most meaningful comparisons of
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unadjusted data are those made with similar time periods of previous years. The objective of seasonal adjustment is to reveal the underlying trend-cyclical movement in a time series. This permits comparisons with more recent time periods, because the series are not disturbed by seasonal change. The more pronounced the seasonality that exists in a series, the better it can be removed to reveal the underlying trend.

Total Travel

- The volume in May of foreign travel to Canada on a seasonally adjusted basis decreased 5.9% from January 1988.
- Total trips to Canada by United States residents decreased by 7.1% from January 1988 to 3,071,400 in May 1988. This level is the lowest since October 1987. Trips to Canada by overseas residents increased by 11.4% between January and May to 263,300; this total was lower though than the record level of February 1988, the month of the Calgary Winter Olympics.

- Total international trips by Canadian residents in May were 4.5% above the previous January figure, at 4,355,200.
- Trips by Canadian residents returning from the United States numbered 4,131,600 or 5.0% higher than in January 1988. This represented a record level. Trips to overseas countries decreased by 4.3% during the same period to 223,600, the lowest level since September 1987.

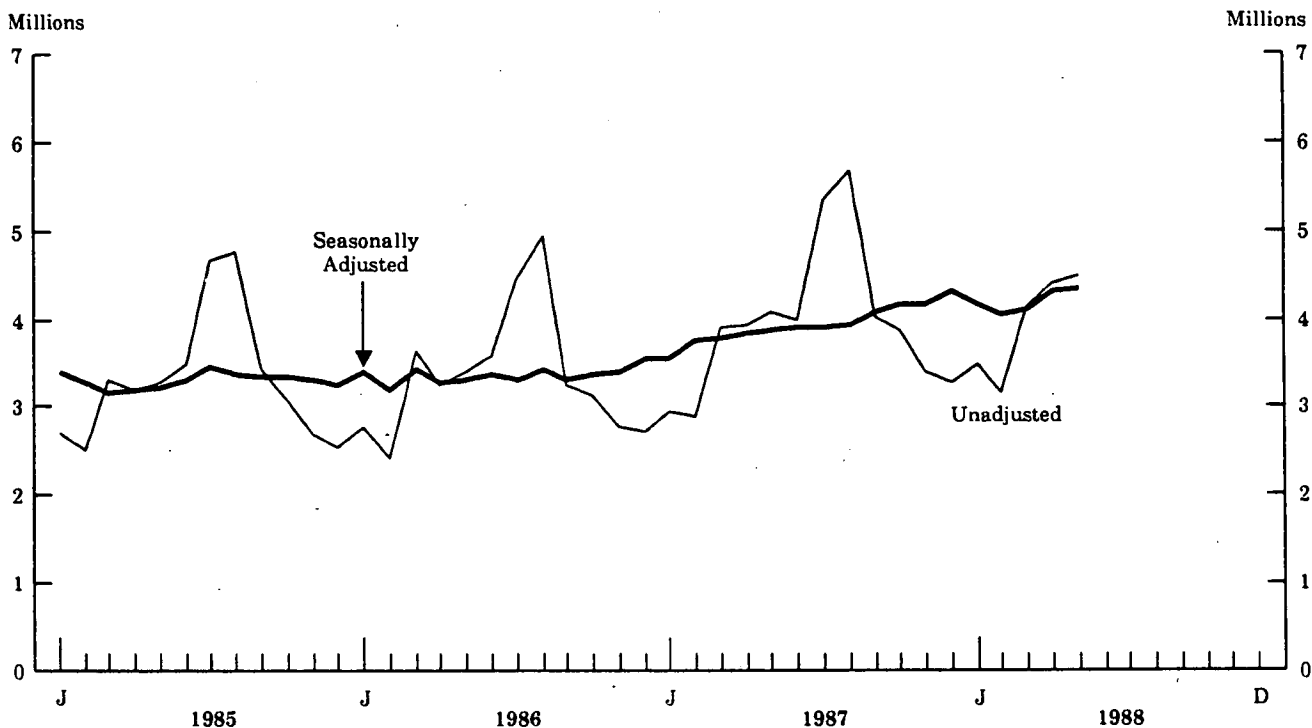
The accompanying graphs show traveller entries and re-entries, both seasonally and not seasonally adjusted, for the period 1985 to 1988.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 2661-2695.

The May 1988 issue of *International Travel - Advance Information* (66-001P, \$5.50/\$55) will be available mid-July. See "How to Order Publications".

For special tabulations and more detailed information on this release, contact Paul L. Paradis (613-951-8933), International Travel Section, Education, Culture and Tourism Division.

Total Trips Abroad by Canadian Residents, 1985-1988



Data Availability Announcements

Housing Starts

May 1988

Highlights

Total (all areas)

- Seasonally adjusted at annual rates, housing starts in May recorded continued increases; more than 229,000 units were started compared to 221,000 the previous month (+ 3.6%).
- Multiple starts accounted for the increase in activity.

Urban centres (10,000 population and over)

- Housing starts in urban centres reached 204,000 units, an increase of 4.1% from April.
- On a regional basis, declines in the western provinces were more than offset by increases in Eastern and Central Canada.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 25, 29, 4091 and 4092.

The May 1988 issue of *Housing Starts and Completions* (64-002, \$16.50/\$165) is scheduled for release the first week of August. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact M. Lavigne (613-951-2583), Science, Technology and Capital Stock Division.

Sawmills East of the Rockies

April 1988

Production of lumber in sawmills east of the Rockies decreased 3.8% to 2 031 416 cubic metres (860,865,000 feet board measure) in April 1988 from 2 110 813 cubic metres (894,512,000 feet board measure) after revisions in April 1987.

Stocks on hand at the end of April 1988 totalled 2 491 024 cubic metres (1,086,149,000 feet board measure), an increase of 15.1% compared to 2 226 183 cubic metres (943,404,000 feet board measure) in April 1987.

Year-to-date production in 1988 amounted to 7 943 863 cubic metres (3,366,418,000 feet board measure) after revisions, a decrease of 2.0% compared to 8 103 104 cubic metres (3,433,902,000 feet board measure) after revisions for the same period in 1987.

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The April 1988 issue of *Production, Shipments and Stocks on Hand of Sawmills East of the Rockies* (35-002, \$9/\$90) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Jacques Lepage (613-951-3516), Industry Division.

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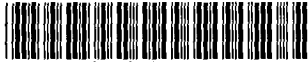
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