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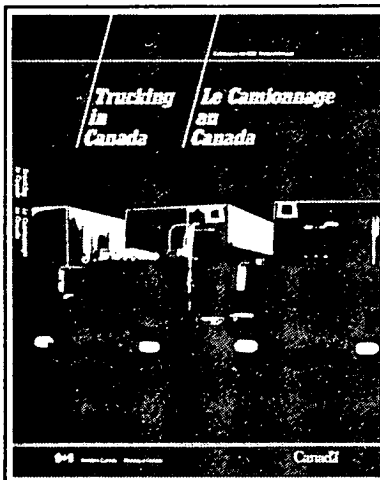
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Quarterly Demographic Statistics

January 1981 - April 1, 1988

Quarterly Demographic Statistics, now available, provides population estimates for the period January 1981 to April 1, 1988. Components of population growth for the first quarter of 1988 and for the last two years ending March 31, are also covered.

Quarterly Demographic Statistics (91-002, \$7/\$28) provides the most recent data on marriages, births, deaths and international and interprovincial migration. For further information call Publication Sales (613-951-7276) or your local regional reference centre.



Trucking in Canada 1986

The for-hire trucking industry transported a record total tonnage of 187.2 million tonnes in 1986, up 16.4% from the previous year.

Trucking in Canada, 1986 focuses on the performance of the for-hire and private trucking industry, providing information on operating expenses, tonnages, fuel costs and distances travelled. It also includes special studies on current industry topics such as the transport of goods traded between Canada and the United States, the degree of foreign control in the trucking industry, and a historical analysis (1980-86) of the operating performance by the for-hire trucking industry.

Highlights from the publication are on page 7 of today's *Daily*.

Trucking in Canada, 1986 (53-222, \$32) is now available. For more detailed information on this release, contact Raymond Cantin (613-951-2432), Transportation Division.



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International Trade in Automotive Products

First Quarter 1988

Data Not Seasonally Adjusted (H.S. Basis)

Note to Users

The adoption in January 1988 of the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System may affect the comparability of series compiled under the old and the new systems. Users are therefore advised to exercise caution when interpreting 1988 data in comparison with data for previous years.

Trade with All Countries, Reconciled Basis (table 1)

Preliminary statistics on international trade in automotive products, including passenger automobiles, trucks and other motor vehicles, parts, tires and tubes, are available for the first three months of 1988.

Canada posted a trade surplus of \$121 million for the first three months of 1988, a decline of \$237 million from the same period the previous year. The lower surplus is attributable to a larger increase in imports than exports. The trade balances, broken down by component, were as follows: trade in parts, tires and tubes showed a deficit of \$2.0 billion, an increase of \$642 million from the first three months of 1987, while trade in passenger automobiles posted a surplus of \$1.3 billion, up \$311 million. The surplus for trade in trucks rose \$94 million to \$842 million.

Exports of all automotive products, including re-exports, rose by 4% or \$366 million from the first quarter of 1987 to \$9.3 billion. Automobile exports, which were up \$468 million to \$4.4 billion, were the principal cause of this increase. Exports of parts, tires and tubes fell by \$257 million to \$3.1 billion. Exports of trucks rose by \$151 million.

Imports were up 7% or \$603 million to \$9.2 billion. Imports of all automotive products rose. The largest advance was recorded for imports of parts, which totalled \$5.2 billion, an increase of \$389 million for the first three months of 1988.

Trade with the United States, Reconciled Basis (table 2)

After reconciliation, Canada's trade in automotive products with the United States showed a surplus of \$1.5 billion, a decline of \$186 million from the same

Note on the Reconciled Statistics

Canada-United States trade in automotive products, shown in this special release, is measured by comparing the import statistics of each country. U.S. statistics on imports from Canada (converted to Canadian dollars) are used to represent Canadian exports because this enables a more exact comparison of the two trade flows. This greater exactness results from several factors. Customs revenue is collected on the basis of import documentation and consequently, the filing and scrutiny of import documents is more rigorous. The use of the H.S. classification number along with the annex code allows assignment of the trade of certain commodities to the automotive sector. Examples of such commodities are tires, hardware, fabric, glass, metal materials, lighting fixtures, ignition equipment, etc., which may or may not be related to production of automobiles.

As a result, the data in this release for automotive trade with the U.S. differ significantly from data released in all other Statistics Canada trade reports such as the *Preliminary Statement of Canadian International Trade (H.S. Based)* (65-001P) and the monthly *Summary of Canadian International Trade (H.S. Based)* (65-001). Data in these trade reports give statistics by commodity which can serve as an approximation of automotive trade; however, they should not be expected to agree precisely with this release.

The data published in table 2 of this release also appear in the Annual Report of the President to the (U.S.) Congress on the operation of the Automotive Products Trade Act of 1965, and are accepted in both countries as the official measure of trade in automotive products.

Exports to all countries except the United States are measured using Canadian export statistics, and not the counterpart country import statistics.

period the previous year. An examination of the various components reveals that the lower overall surplus is due to a \$559 million increase in the parts trade deficit to \$1.6 billion. On the other hand, the trade surplus for automobiles rose \$353 million to \$2.2 billion and the surplus for trucks advanced \$82 million to \$927 million.

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Exports totalled \$9.1 billion, an increase of \$355 million. This increase is the result of higher automobile exports, up \$435 million to \$4.3 billion, combined with a \$152 million increase in truck exports. However, exports of parts fell by \$199 million, partially offsetting the upward trend recorded in the first quarter.

Imports from the United States rose \$541 million to \$7.6 billion. The largest increase was recorded for parts, up \$360 million to \$4.5 billion. The other categories showed marginal advances: automobiles (+\$82 million), trucks (+\$70 million) and tires and tubes (+\$29 million).

Trade with Overseas Countries, Customs Basis (table 3)

Canada's deficit in trade in automotive products with overseas countries increased by \$51 million during the first three months of 1988, rising to \$1.4 billion. All automotive product categories posted deficits, the largest, \$903 million, was recorded for passenger automobiles, which increased \$42 million from the first three months of 1987.

Exports remained virtually unchanged, edging up \$12 million to \$228 million. Exports to countries other than the United States accounted for only 2.4% of Canada's total exports of automotive products, the same proportion as in 1987.

Imports rose by \$63 million to \$1.6 billion. The largest increase was posted for imports of automobiles, up \$75 million to \$945 million, while the other categories remained relatively stable.

Automobile Imports in Number of Units, Customs Basis (table 4)

Canada imported 262,400 automobiles during the first three months of 1988, an increase of 8% or 19,500 units over the same period in 1987. Imports from the United States and Japan increased by the same proportion, so that each preserved the same share of the Canadian market that it had in the first quarter of 1987, i.e. 64% for the United States and 27% for Japan. Only the relative share of imports from other countries, including South Korea, changed, rising from 3.8% to 4.9%. This increase took place at the expense of imports from France and Sweden.

(see tables on pages 5 and 6)

For more detailed information on this release, contact G. Blaney (613-951-9647), Trade Information Unit, or Jean-Pierre Simard (613-951-1711), Trade Measures and Analysis Section, International Trade Division.

Total Canadian Trade in Automotive Products (Reconciled Basis)¹ - Table 1

First three months 1987 and 1988

	Annual		First three months		Change between the first three months of	
	1986	1987	1987	1988	1987	1988
(Millions of dollars - Canadian)						(%)
Canadian Exports						
Cars	16,466	13,565	3,912	4,380	468	12.0
Trucks and other motor vehicles	5,988	6,965	1,629	1,780	151	9.3
Parts	11,995	11,962	3,206	2,982	-224	-7.0
Tires and tubes	717	692	175	142	-33	-18.9
Re-exports	197	195	59	63	4	6.8
Total	35,363	33,379	8,981	9,347	366	4.1
Canadian Imports						
Cars	12,062	12,346	2,905	3,062	157	5.4
Trucks and other motor vehicles	3,344	3,706	881	938	57	6.5
Parts	19,397	18,228	4,696	5,069	373	7.9
Tires and tubes	447	570	141	157	16	11.3
Total	35,250	34,850	8,623	9,226	603	7.0
Balance						
Cars	4,404	1,219	1,007	1,318	311	
Trucks and other motor vehicles	2,644	3,259	748	842	94	
Parts	-7,402	-6,266	-1,490	-2,087	-597	
Tires and tubes	270	122	34	-15	-49	
Re-exports	197	195	59	63	4	
Total	113	-1,471	358	121	-237	

Canada-United States Trade in Automotive Products (Reconciled Basis)¹ - Table 2

First three months 1987 and 1988

	Annual		First three months		Change between the first three months of	
	1986	1987	1987	1988	1987	1988
(Millions of dollars - Canadian)						(%)
Exports - (United States Imports from Canada)						
Cars	16,428	13,505	3,903	4,338	435	11.1
Trucks and other motor vehicles	5,804	6,838	1,599	1,751	152	9.5
Parts	11,577	11,579	3,095	2,896	-199	-6.4
Tires and tubes	675	661	167	134	-33	-19.8
Total	34,484	32,583	8,764	9,119	355	4.1
Imports - (Canadian Imports from the United States)						
Cars	8,628	8,691	2,035	2,117	82	4.0
Trucks and other motor vehicles	2,824	3,282	754	824	70	9.3
Parts	17,635	16,397	4,185	4,545	360	8.6
Tires and tubes	227	310	68	97	29	42.1
Total	29,314	28,680	7,042	7,583	541	7.7
Balance						
Cars	7,800	4,814	1,868	2,221	353	
Trucks and other motor vehicles	2,980	3,556	845	927	82	
Parts	-6,058	-4,818	-1,090	-1,649	-559	
Tires and tubes	448	351	99	37	-62	
Total	5,170	3,903	1,722	1,536	-186	
Excluded: adjustments to values of imported parts for special tooling charges.	435	468	106	183		

¹ Refer to "Note on the Reconciled Statistics".

Canada-Overseas Countries Trade in Automotive Products (Customs Basis) - Table 3
First three months 1987 and 1988

	Annual		First three months		Change between the first three months of	
	1986	1987	1987	1988	1987	1988
	(Millions of dollars - Canadian)					(%)
Canadian Exports						
Cars	38	60	9	42	33	366.7
Trucks and other motor vehicles	184	127	30	29	-1	-1.7
Parts	418	382	111	86	-25	-22.8
Tires and tubes	42	32	7	8	1	11.1
Re-exports	197	195	59	63	4	6.6
Total	879	795	216	228	12	5.5
Canadian Imports						
Cars	3,434	3,656	870	945	75	8.6
Trucks and other motor vehicles	520	424	127	113	-14	-10.8
Parts	1,761	1,831	511	524	13	2.6
Tires and tubes	220	261	72	61	-12	-16.3
Total	5,935	6,171	1,580	1,643	63	4.0
Balance						
Cars	-3,396	-3,596	-861	-903	-42	
Trucks and other motor vehicles	-336	-297	-98	-84	13	
Parts	-1,343	-1,449	-399	-438	-39	
Tires and tubes	-178	-229	-65	-53	13	
Re-exports	197	195	59	63	4	
Total	-5,056	-5,376	-1,364	-1,415	-51	

Canadian Passenger Car Imports (Customs Basis) - Table 4
First three months of 1987 and 1988

	Number of Units				Import Share		Average Price		Exchange Rate ¹	
			Change						Change	
	1987	1988	1988/ 1987	1988/ 1987	1987	1988	1987	1988	1988/ 1987	1988/ 1987
	('000)	('000)	('000)	%	%	%	\$	\$	%	%
	First three months									
United States	155.4	168.0	12.6	8.1	64.0	64.0	13,096	12,605	-3.7	-5.3
Overseas Countries	87.5	94.4	6.9	7.9	36.0	36.0	9,935	9,972	0.4	-
Japan	67.0	72.0	5.0	7.5	27.6	27.4	8,580	8,975	4.6	13.3
West Germany	7.2	7.5	0.3	4.1	3.0	2.9	21,985	21,596	-1.8	3.9
United Kingdom	0.5	0.8	0.2	41.7	0.2	0.3	32,692	35,941	9.9	10.4
France	1.4	0.0	-1.4	-	0.6	0.0	10,821	0	-	2.4
Sweden	2.1	1.1	-1.0	-45.6	0.9	0.4	16,305	17,643	8.2	2.5
Italy	0.1	0.1	0.0	63.6	0.0	0.0	31,045	36,602	17.9	0.1
Other Countries	9.3	12.9	3.6	39.1	3.8	4.9	7,313	6,350	-13.2	-
All Countries	242.9	262.4	19.5	8.0	100.0	100.0	11,957	11,658	-2.5	2.8

¹ Minus sign (-) indicates depreciation of the value of the currency of the country against the Canadian dollar. Rate for all countries is the rate against the Canadian dollar of the SDR (Special Drawing Rights), a weighted average of 16 world currencies, by the International Monetary Fund.

- Nil or zero.

Trucking in Canada 1986

The for-hire trucking industry transported a record total tonnage of 187.2 million tonnes in 1986, up 16.4% from the previous year. Total operating expenses only increased 5.1% from 1985, for a total of \$8.6 billion.

Other highlights from the publication show:

- The private trucking carriers surveyed in 1986 had operating expenses of \$4.1 billion with average expenses per firm of \$1.5 million.
- Over 58% of the exports and 72% of the imports between Canada and the United States are carried by truck. Over 45% of the total trade originates with or is directed to the North Central States.

- Foreign-controlled firms generated \$651 million or 7.5% of the total revenues earned by the Canadian for-hire trucking industry in 1986.

Special studies in the publication are directed to current industry issues such as the transport of goods between Canada and the United States, the extent of foreign control in the for-hire trucking industry and the size of the commercial fleet in Canada.

Trucking in Canada, 1986 (53-222, \$32) is now available. For more detailed information on this release, contact Raymond Cantin (613-951-2432), Transportation Division.

Data Availability Announcements

Railway Carloadings

Seven-day Period Ending July 21, 1988

Highlights

- Revenue freight loaded by railways in Canada during the week totalled 4.8 million tonnes, an increase of 10.9% from the previous year.
- Piggyback traffic increased 4.5% from the same period last year. The number of cars loaded decreased 2.0% during the same period.
- The tonnage of revenue freight loaded to date this year is 4.7% more than that loaded in the previous year.

	Seven-day Period ending July 21, 1988	Year to date
Carload Traffic		
Tonnes	4 795 874	143 421 801
% change from previous year	10.9	4.7
Cars	68,915	2,073,157
% change from previous year	6.9	1.7
Piggyback Traffic		
Tonnes	246 312	7 618 014
% change from previous year	4.5	7.2
Cars	8,656	259,333
% change from previous year	-2.0	1.5

Note: Piggyback traffic includes trailers and containers on flat cars. The 1987 figures and the 1988 year-to-date figures have been revised. Piggyback traffic numbers are included in total carload traffic.

For more detailed information on this release, contact Angus McLean (613-951-2484), Surface Transport Unit, Transportation Division.

Phonograph Records and Pre-recorded Tapes

June 1988

Canadian manufacturers produced 2,997,319 phonograph records in June 1988, up 2.4% from the 2,925,935^r (revised figure) produced a year earlier. Production of tapes increased to 4,779,250 in June 1988, up 34.0% from 3,565,004 tapes in June 1987.

Year-to-date production of phonograph records amounted to 19,185,454 - down 0.7% from the 19,315,482^r records produced during the January to June 1987 period. Cumulative production of tapes increased 2.3% to 22,163,285 from 21,625,564^r tapes during the same period in 1987.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 2904.

The June 1988 issue of *Production and Sales of Phonograph Records and Pre-recorded Tapes in Canada* (47-004, \$4.50/\$45) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Danielle Cote (613-951-3521), Industry Division.

Gypsum Products

June 1988

Manufacturers shipped 27 667 thousand square metres of plain gypsum wallboard in June 1988, down 12.2% from the 31 519^r (revised figure) thousand square metres shipped in June 1987 but up 9.5% from the 25 270^r thousand square metres shipped in May 1988.

Year-to-date shipments totalled 154 574^r thousand square metres, a decrease of 7.1% from the January to June 1987 period.

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

The June 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 McLinton (613-951-3527), Industry Division.

Oilseed Crushings

June 1988

Domestic crushings of vegetable oilseeds and the subsequent production of oil and meal for June 1988 were as follows:

- Canola-rapeseed: 137 373 tonnes of crushings, with 57 650 tonnes of oil and 76 460 tonnes of meal produced.
- Soybeans: 71 258 tonnes of crushings, with 12 425 tonnes of oil and 54 705 tonnes of meal produced.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5687.

The June 1988 issue of *Cereals and Oilseeds Review* (22-007, \$11.50/\$115) is scheduled for release this month. See "How to Order Publications".

For further detailed information on this release, contact A. Dupuis (613-951-3871), Agriculture Division.

Deliveries of Major Grains

June 1988

Producer deliveries of major grains by Prairie farmers during June 1988 were as follows (in thousand tonnes):

• Wheat (excluding durum)	2 062.7
• Durum wheat	289.6
• Total wheat	2 352.3
• Oats	68.9
• Barley	658.1
• Rye	40.0
• Flaxseed	73.1
• Canola (rapeseed)	310.2

Available on CANSIM: matrices 976-981.

The June 1988 issue of *Cereals and Oilseeds Review* (22-007, \$11.50/\$115) is scheduled for release this month. See "How to Order Publications".

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Publications Released

Textile Products Industries, 1985.

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(Canada: \$30; Other Countries: \$31.50).

Refined Petroleum Products, April 1988.

Catalogue number 45-004

(Canada: \$16.50/\$165; Other Countries: \$17.50/\$175).

Other Manufacturing Industries, 1985.

Catalogue number 47-250

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Trucking in Canada, 1986.

Catalogue number 53-222

(Canada: \$32; Other Countries: \$33.50).

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Catalogue number 63-004

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Labour Force Information, July 1988.

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