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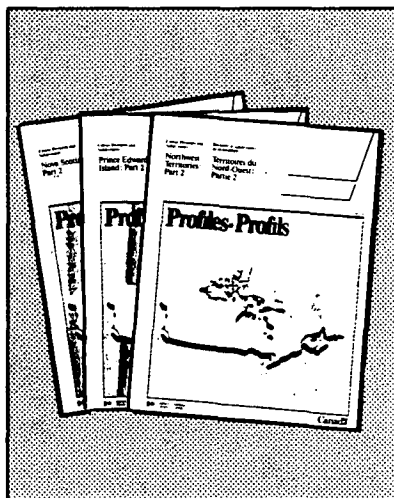
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Profiles - Census Divisions and Subdivisions: Part 2 1986 Census

Part 2 of the statistical profile of the Census Divisions (Counties) and Census Subdivisions (Municipalities) in Prince Edward Island, the Northwest Territories and Nova Scotia are now available. Data for Canada and the province are also included. The profiles released today provide social, cultural, labour and 1985 income characteristics along with additional information on households and dwellings. The data are collected from a 20% sample of households. Included are population counts by language, ethnicity, immigration, citizenship, mobility, schooling, industry, occupation and income.

Data for the remaining provinces and territories will become available over the next month.

Part 1 of the statistical profile is already available as a separate publication for each of the provinces and territories (Catalogues 94-101 to 94-123 - odd numbers only). It presents basic demographic, housing and family characteristics collected from all households in Canada.

For a copy of *Profiles - Census Divisions and Subdivisions: Parts 1 and 2*, see "How to Order Publications" or for more information on Census products, please contact your nearest Regional Reference Centre.



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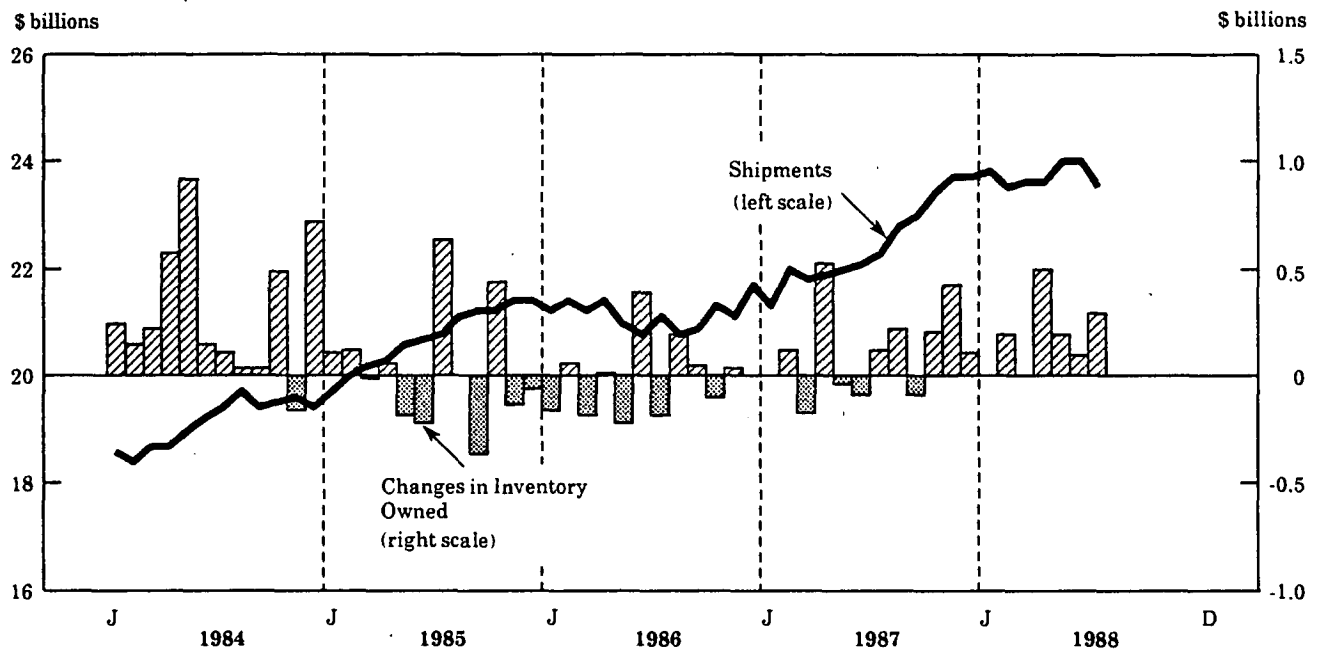
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Manufacturers' Shipments and Changes in Inventory Owned, 1984-1988 (Seasonally adjusted)



Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries July 1988

Seasonally Adjusted

A substantial decline in July 1988 shipments brought them back to the February 1988 level. This decline, together with an increase in inventories, caused an increase in the inventory to shipments ratio. Unfilled orders continued to rise and reached a new high.

Highlights

- Preliminary estimates indicate that July 1988 **shipments** returned to the February 1988 level, with a decrease of 2.1% to \$23.5 billion. Shipments had decreased 1.3% in February and then gained 2.4% up to June. Prior to February 1988, shipments had increased an average of

0.9% a month over a 10-month period. Transportation equipment industries, notably motor vehicles and parts industries, and aircraft industries contributed most to the July decline.

- July **inventories** of \$37.4 billion increased 0.8% from June. Increases averaging 0.6% a month over the last 10 months have continued to push inventories to new highs.
- The **inventories to shipments ratio** was up from 1.54:1 in June to 1.59:1 in July, a result of the combination of the drop in shipments and increase in inventories.
- **Unfilled orders** increased 1.2% in July to \$27.8 billion, following strong increases in the two previous months. Machinery (except electrical), and transportation equipment industries have contributed most to recent increases.

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- Following a sharp rise in May, new orders declined for the second month in a row, with a decrease of 2.2% in July to \$23.8 billion. Transportation equipment industries dropped sharply. The drop was partially offset by increases for machinery (except electrical) and electrical and electronic products industries.

Unadjusted

- Manufacturers' shipments in July 1988 were estimated at \$21.4 billion, 1.5% higher than the July 1987 level.
- Cumulative shipments for the first seven months of 1988 were estimated at \$166.2 billion, 8.5% higher than the value for the corresponding period in 1987.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 9550-9580.

Note: Inventories referred to in the text above are inventories owned, which exclude inventories for which manufacturers have received payment, but which they are still holding. This occurs for industries where long-term projects are arranged and progress payments are received according to the work done. In these cases, shipments data reflect progress payments rather than deliveries. At the all-industry level, inventory owned accounts for the largest part of inventory held.

The July 1988 issue of *Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries* (31-001, \$16.50/\$165) will be available in about three weeks time. See "How to Order Publications".

Data for shipments by province in greater detail than normally published may be available on request. For further detailed information on this release, contact Donald Dubreuil (613-951-9497) or the Shipments, Inventories and Orders Section (613-951-9832), Industry Division.

Estimated Value of Shipments, Inventories and Orders in all Manufacturing Industries (millions of dollars)

	June 1987	July 1987	April 1988 ^r	May 1988 ^r	June 1988 ^r	July 1988 ^p
Adjusted for Seasonal Variation						
Shipments	22,106	22,350	23,613	23,998	24,028	23,526
New Orders	22,114	22,579	23,568	24,760	24,382	23,847
Unfilled Orders	22,570	22,799	26,390	27,151	27,505	27,825
Inventories	35,097	35,229	36,767	37,007	37,068	37,381
Ratio of Inventories to Shipments	1.59	1.58	1.56	1.54	1.54	1.59
Unadjusted						
Shipments	23,794	21,089	23,522	25,304	25,916	21,403
New Orders	23,702	21,189	23,571	26,233	26,158	21,590
Unfilled Orders	22,814	22,913	26,575	27,504	27,745	27,932
Inventories	35,073	34,960	37,274	37,333	37,030	37,069

^p Preliminary figures.

^r Revised figures.

Data Availability Announcements

Population by Age and Sex: Canada, Provinces and Territories June 1, 1988

Postcensal estimates of population, by age and sex at June 1, 1988 are now available.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 6968-6980.

These estimates will appear in *Postcensal Annual Estimates of Population by Marital Status, Age, Sex and Components of Growth for Canada, Provinces and Territories*, June 1, 1988 (91-210, \$27), available by the beginning of November.

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

Sawmills in British Columbia July 1988

Sawmills in British Columbia produced 2 778 921 cubic metres (1,177.6 million board feet) of lumber and ties in July 1988, a decrease of 8.7% from the 3 043 300 cubic metres (1,789.7 million board feet) produced in July 1987.

January to July 1988 production was 21 929 100 cubic metres (9,293.0 million board feet), a decrease of 0.6% from the 22 068 700 cubic metres (9,352.2 million board feet) produced over the same period in 1987.

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

The July 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.

Electric Lamps August 1988

Canadian light bulb and tube manufacturers sold 16,486,232 light bulbs and tubes in August 1988, a decrease of 14.3% from the 19,230,797 units sold a year earlier.

Year-to-date sales for 1988 amounted to 159,221,176 light bulbs and tubes, up 7.1% from the 148,657,986 sold during the January-August period in 1987.

The August 1988 issue of *Electric Lamps* (43-009, \$4.50/\$45) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact J.-P. Beauparlant (613-951-3526), Industry Division.

Steel Ingots Week Ending September 17, 1988

Preliminary estimates indicate that Canadian steel ingot production for the week ending September 17, 1988 totalled 268 080 tonnes, an increase of 13.7% from the preceding week's total of 235 730 tonnes but down 0.5% from the year-earlier level of 269 537 tonnes. The cumulative total in 1988 was 10 485 959 tonnes, an increase of 0.4% from 10 446 368 tonnes for the same period in 1987.

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

Stocks of Frozen Meats

September 1, 1988

Total frozen meat in cold storage as of September 1 amounted to 32 810 tonnes, as compared with 33 527 tonnes the previous month and 27 778 tonnes a year ago.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 87 and 9517-9525.

The September issue of *Stocks of Frozen Meat Products* (32-012, \$11.50/\$115) is scheduled for release on October 6.

For more detailed information on this release, contact David Burroughs (613-951-2250), Agriculture Division.

Corrugated Boxes and Wrappers

August 1988

Canadian domestic shipments of corrugated boxes and wrappers totalled 187 374 thousand square metres in August 1988, an increase of 3.5% from the 181 088 thousand square metres shipped a year earlier.

January to August 1988 domestic shipments totalled 1 517 747 thousand square metres, up 5.3% from the 1 441 563 thousand square metres for the same period in 1987.

The August 1988 issue of *Corrugated Boxes and Wrappers* (36-004, \$4.50/\$45) will be available at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Sandra Bohatyretz (613-951-3531), Industry Division.

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