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Study: Recycling by Canadian households 2007

In 2007, the vast majority (95%) of Canadian households had access to recycling, up from 74% in 1994. Nearly all those with access chose to recycle (98%), although the extent of this recycling varied.

Just over one-half (52%) of recyclers reported that they recycled all their recyclable waste, while 34% reported recycling the majority of their waste, and 15% said they recycled some, but not most, of their recyclable waste.

Asked why they recycled, most households reported that it was because of a sense of social responsibility or a desire to reduce waste in landfills.

Those that did not recycle cited a variety of reasons, such as it was too inconvenient (43%), requiring too much time or effort (40%), or taking up too much space (33%).

Recycling behaviour was most strongly associated with the type of recycling program that was available to the household. Households with curbside recycling pickup were more likely to recycle and more likely to recycle all of their recyclable waste when they did.

Households in detached homes were more likely to recycle and more likely to recycle all of their recyclable waste than those living in apartments or in mobile homes.

The likelihood that a household would have access to recycling was more strongly related to demographic characteristics. Households with higher incomes, higher levels of education, or those living in a detached dwelling were more likely to have access to recycling programs.

Despite overall high levels of access, 11% of the households with access to recycling programs reported that their program did not accept one or more types of recyclable waste.

Certain materials were more likely than others to be accepted by recycling programs. Recycling programs were slightly more likely to accept paper and plastic than glass or metal. When households were able to recycle a material, they were most likely to recycle all of their glass or metal waste.

Provincially, the households most likely to have recycled in 2007 were those in Prince Edward Island, Ontario, Nova Scotia and Quebec.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 3881.

The study "Recycling by Canadian Households, 2007," is included in the online edition of the *Environment Accounts and Statistics Analytical and Technical Paper Series* (16-001-M2010013, free), available from the *Key resource* module of our website under *Publications*.

To order data, to obtain more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact the information officer (613-951-0297; environ@statcan.gc.ca), Environment Accounts and Statistics Division. ■

Canadian Vehicle Survey 2009

Canadians drove more in 2009 compared with 2008. Canadian vehicles were driven 333.3 billion kilometres in 2009, up 2.4% from 2008.

The number of vehicles on the road increased by 1.7% in 2009 compared with 2008.

Canadians drove their vehicles, on average, 16,249 kilometres during the year, up 0.6% from 2008.

Note: This will be the final release from the Canadian Vehicle Survey as this survey has been discontinued.

Available on CANSIM: tables 405-0055 to 405-0070, 405-0072 to 405-0086, 405-0088 to 405-0090, 405-0097, 405-0098, 405-0100 and 405-0111 to 405-0120.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2749.

The publication *Canadian Vehicle Survey: Annual, 2009* (53-223-X, free), is now available from the *Key resource* module of our website under *Publications*.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Réjean Doiron (613-951-5680; rejean.doiron@statcan.gc.ca) or Client Services (toll-free 1-866-500-8400; transportationstatistics@statcan.gc.ca), Transportation Division. ■

Quarterly industry revenue indices for selected service industries

First quarter 2010

Industry revenue indices for selected business and consumer service industries are now available for the first quarter.

Note: These indices encompass both national and provincial data. They are based on a new statistical program that combines administrative data with survey data collected from complex businesses. The data include both unadjusted and seasonally adjusted indexed operating revenues. The series begin with data for the final quarter of 2006.

The purpose of this program is to augment current economic data available for service industries.

Available on CANSIM: table 362-0001.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 5104.

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Coal and coke statistics

April 2010

Data on coal and coke are now available for April.

Available on CANSIM: tables 135-0001 and 135-0002.

Table 135-0001: Coke.

Table 135-0002: Coal.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey numbers, including related surveys, 2003 and 2147.

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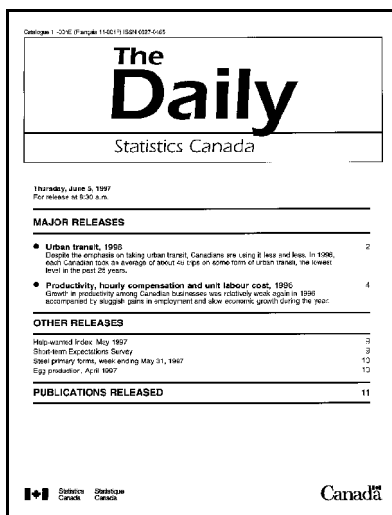
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