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# **About this manual**

This manual is a complete guide to CANSIM the authoritative Canadian socio-economic database. Easy to learn and to use, CANSIM offers you data on

Aboriginal peoples	Energy	Languages
Agriculture	Environment	Manufacturing
Business performance and ownership	Ethnic diversity and immigration	Population and demography
Business, consumer and property services	Families, households and housing	Prices and price indexes
Children and youth	Government	Retail and wholesale
Construction	Health	Science and technology
Crime and justice	Incomes, pensions, spending and wealth	Seniors
Culture and leisure	Information and communication technology	Society and community
Economics accounts	International trade	Transportation
Education, training and learning	Labour	Travel and tourism

With more than 36,000,000 time series covering virtually every aspect of Canadian life, CANSIM data proves invaluable when you want to

make investment decisions evaluate social conditions conduct feasibility studies conduct market analyses forecast economic conditions plan programs or services profile demographics

The CANSIM User Guide walks you through each CANSIM screen and option. After reading this guide, you will know how to

- search for data by subject, text, table number, series number and survey number;
- load, add, copy and modify data directly into your spreadsheets or databases;
- process your order; and
- contact us.

#### **CANSIM Home page**



#### **CANSIM Home page includes:**

# **Navigation bar for Statistics Canada web site**

The navigation bar helps you navigate anywhere on Statistics Canada's Web site. With one simple click you can modify the language, contact us, get help, access Canadian web site, view the site map, information about us, consult the privacy notice, information about accessibility and access your account.



# **CANSIM** navigation Bar

From the CANSIM navigation, access these following options by cliquing on the button.

#### CANSIM (\$)

- Data availability; Announces the release of new tables and updates of existing tables. It is a summary list of day-to-day activities in CANSIM. You can browse 5 days of activity and they are refreshed each working day at 14:00 eastern time.
- What's new? List of key announcements recently released (last five) concerning major changes in CANSIM. You can browse by year in the archives by using the drop down box and select a year, or by themes by clicking on the hyperlink "Search for key announcements by subject".
- Release dates; Calendar of release dates of major economics indicators.
- **Help with this page:** Get context-sensitive detailed information for the active page

#### Reference

- **Table directory:** List of all tables in CANSIM classified by subject and table number.
- User guide; Download a user guide in PDF (Adobe Portable Document) with detailed instructions on retrieving data from CANSIM.
- **FAQ**: Consult the FAQ's to review the answers for the most frequently asked questions.
- **Pricing information**; View pricing information and options to buy data from CANSIM.

#### Divers

- Disc-on-demand; Disc-on-demand is a custom made CD or DVD-ROM of CANSIM database in Beyond 20/20 format.
- **CANSIM data distributors**; List of CANSIM data distributors
- About CANSIM; Profile of CANSIM product

# **HOME** CANSIM (\$) Data availability What's new? Release dates Help with this page Reference Table directory

User guide

FAQ

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#### Miscellaneous

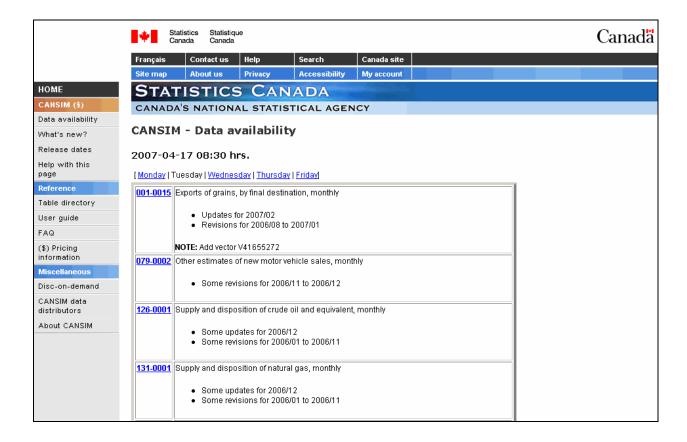
Disc-on-demand

CANSIM data distributors

About CANSIM

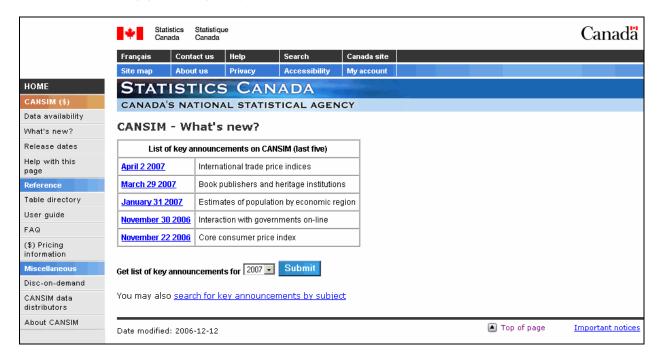
# **Data availability**

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#### What's New?

List of key announcements recently released (last five), concerning major changes in CANSIM. You can browse by year or by subject in the archives.



To access older announcements, click on the drop down list and select the year and click the **Submit** button. To view a list of key announcements by subject, click on the "**search for key announcements by subject**" hyperlink.

**Note:** You may search all the CANSIM announcements to view the history of modifications made to certain table(s) on the database. Choose "All" in the "Get list of key announcements for" drop-down menu and press "Submit". A page containing all the announcements issued appears. You can then enter a word string in the "Find on this page" option located under "Edit" in your Internet browser to locate and view all announcements concerned with their area of interest

# Sample of announcement



# Help with this page

This option is available on every pages of the CANSIM site. When you click **Help with this page**, you will get context-sensitive detailed information for the active page.

# **Table directory**

The table directory is a list of all tables in CANSIM classified by subject and table number in HTML format. You can view or print any section. To print all section in one document, click on the hyperlink at the bottom of the page "All sections".

To access the table directly, click on the table number.



# **Pricing information**

#### **Individual Series**

Pay online by credit card... just \$3 per series

#### **CANSIM** prepaid accounts

Get CANSIM prepaid account access with a minimum prepayment of \$1,000. Data are charged at \$3 per series.

#### Disc-on-demand

It is the most comprehensive portable database of its kind in Canada. The CANSIM Disc-ondemand is a custom made CD or DVD-ROM, containing the latest statistics available from the day you place your online order. You can benefit from this wealth of information for \$5,000, click on Disc-on-demand button.

#### RSS RSS

If you already have a news reader, use the links below to subscribe to the Statistics Canada feeds that interest you. Follow the instructions provided by your news reader. Note that these pages may not appear like normal Web pages when you view them using only your regular browser.

Available feeds (CANSIM-related):

- RSS CANSIM: What's new?
- RSS CANSIM Data availability

#### Search methods



Type the information in the universal box and click the Search button. You can use one of the following methods;

- **Text Search**: Enter the phrase or word(s) in the universal box. Select the type of search you want to perform (the phrase, all of these word and any of these words) to perform a boolean search or have access to more options, click the "**Advanced search**" hyperlink.
- **Table Number**: Enter one or more CANSIM table numbers, separated by commas (do not use any spaces or other punctuation; the hyphen before the last four digits of a table number is optional). To retrieve related tables, use first three digits of the table number followed by \* e.g. 385\*. To select a range of tables, enter the first table number followed by .. and then the last table of the range. For example 2820001..2820010 retrieves all the tables in that range.
- Series Number: Enter one or more CANSIM series/vector numbers starting with "v" numbers) separated by commas. The selected series do not all have to come from the same CANSIM table, but for most outputs, they do need to have the same frequency (periodicity). To select a range of series, enter the first series number followed by . . and then the last series number of the range. For example v1..v6 retrieves all the series in that range.

**Note**: All search methods, except **Series number** search, result in the display of one or more CANSIM tables. You are then prompted to select one table from the list displayed and proceed from there. When entering series numbers, you may include series that come from **more than one CANSIM table**; outputs from a list of series will always display that list as one dimension and time as a second dimension.

#### **Text Search**



Select the type of search you want to perform by clicking on the appropriated label or the radio button:

- The phrase: looks for the exact string you type including punctuation and spaces.
- All of these words: looks for tables that contain all the words you enter (functions like the Boolean AND).
- Any of these words: looks for tables that contain any of the words you enter (functions like the Boolean OR).

Enter the phrase or word(s) you are searching for then click the search will be the same whether you use upper-case or lower-case letters or whether you use accents or not.

All text in a table will be searched, including table titles, dimension descriptions, and member descriptions. A member is a discrete component in a dimension (e.g., Ontario in a **geography** dimension, or mining in an **industry** dimension). All tables, both active and terminated, will be returned.

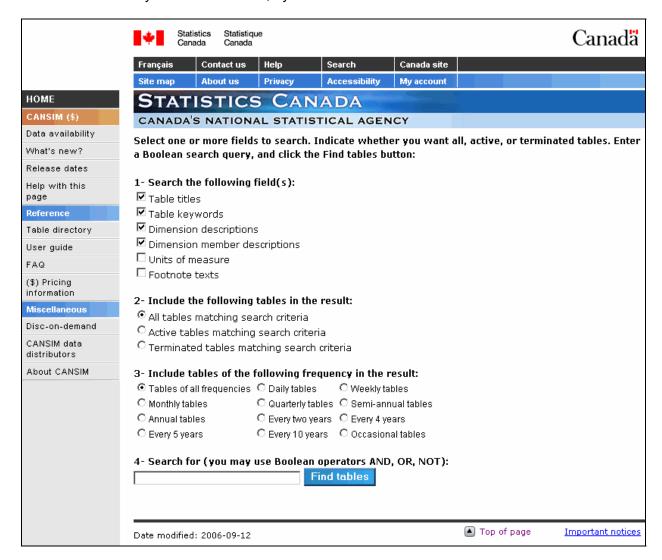
**Note**: Time is not a dimension, but rather one of the characteristics of a time series. You **cannot** search by date.

**Note**: Words have to be matched exactly. You can use an asterisk as a wildcard character to search for different forms of a word. For example, you might search for *harvest\** to find tables containing *harvest*, *harvests*, *harvesting*, *harvested*, etc.).

If you want to refine your research, click on "**Search within results**" button. Text search is the only method that allows you to query your initial results.

#### **Advanced Search**

1. Select the fields you wish to search, by default the four fields are selected.



**Note**: It is important to understand the distinction between the following: the **dimension descriptions** field describes the dimension itself (e.g., geography, industry, and type of employee). The dimension member field contains the **description member** of each dimension (e.g. Canada, Newfoundland and Ontario for the geography dimension, or public employees and private employees for the type of employee dimension).

- 2. Indicate whether you wish to include all tables, only active tables or only terminated tables in your search. (A terminated table refers to a table that is no longer being updated.)
- 3. By default, all tables regardless of frequency will be included in the result. To filter the result by a frequency, click on the appropriate frequency radio button in the list.

Finally, enter a full Boolean guery, and then click **Find tables**.

You may use the words **AND**, **OR** and **NOT**, as well as parentheses to specify your search query. Use an asterisk for wildcard searches; for example, you might search for **harvest\*** to find tables containing **harvested**, **harvesting**, **harvests**, etc.

Keep the following points in mind when you perform Boolean searches:

- Searches are not case-sensitive nor accent-sensitive.
- If you prefer, you can use symbols instead of words for the operators, & for AND, | for OR and ~ for NOT.
- When you use AND between two words, both words must be found in the same field for
  the search to succeed. For example, say you want to search in both table titles and
  dimension member descriptions, and you search for *Livestock* AND *Ontario*. Although
  there is a table about livestock that includes Ontario as a member of the geography
  dimension, the search will not find it, because *Livestock* is found in the table title, while *Ontario* is found as a member of the geography dimension.
- The NOT operator has a peculiar syntax: it really stands for AND NOT. You should therefore not have it as the first word of a search, and you should also not prefix it with the word AND. For example, if you want to search for "construction excluding residential construction", the syntax is "construction NOT residential", not "construction AND NOT residential."

**Note:** Time is one of the characteristics of a time series: it does not have the same properties as a dimension, so it is not possible to include dates in your search criteria, but your search result can be filter by the frequency of a table.

**Note:** If your results exceed more than 50 tables, please click on the "**Next**" button to see the next 50 tables.

If you want to refine your research, click on "**Search within results**" button. Text search is the only method that allows you to query your initial results.

#### Search within results

The search within results method allows the user to perform a second query on the result on the initial search results. This method is useful if the search result contain a large number of tables.



- 1. Choose a type of search from the following list:
  - The phrase: looks for the exact string you type including punctuation and spaces.
  - All of these words: looks for tables that contain all the words you enter (functions like the Boolean AND).
  - Any of these words: looks for tables that contain any of the words you enter (functions like the Boolean OR).

**Note**: The results of the search will be the same whether you use upper-case or lower-case letters or whether you use accents or not.

- 2. Choose the type of table you wish to work with:
  - All tables matching search criteria (active and terminated)
  - Active tables matching search criteria
  - Terminated tables matching search criteria

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**Note**: Active tables are regularly updated; terminated tables are not. By default all tables that satisfy search criteria are part of the results.

- 3. Choose whether search is performed within all text or table titles.
- 4. Enter text or phrase and click the "Find tables" button.

All text in a table will be searched including table titles and dimension and item descriptions. An item is a member description component within a dimension (for example, **Ontario** in a geography dimension or mining in an **industry** dimension). Since time is not a dimension, but rather one of the characteristics of a time series, you cannot search by date.

**Note**: Words have to be matched exactly. You can use an asterisk as a wildcard character to search for different forms of a word. For example you might search for **harvest\*** to find tables containing **harvest**, **harvests**, **harvesting**, **harvested**.

#### **Table Number Search**



Enter one or more CANSIM table numbers, separated by commas (do not use any spaces or other punctuation; the hyphen before the last four digits of a table number is optional). If you enter more than one table number, you will be prompted to select the desired table from a list; if you enter only one table number, you will be brought directly to the content selection lists for that table.

After entering your table numbers, click the Search button to access the search results page.

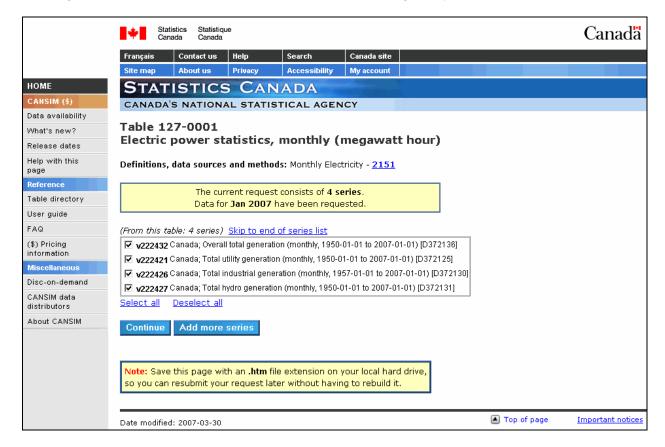
#### **Series Number Search**



Enter one or more CANSIM series/vectors numbers separated by commas. The selected series do not all have to come from the same CANSIM table, but for most outputs, they do need to have the same *frequency* (periodicity).

When you request several series, each series number must be entered separately separated by commas. To select a range of series, enter the first series number followed by . . and then the last series number of the range. For example v1.. v6 retrieves all the series in that range.

Clicking the Search button opens the confirmation page for your series list.



**Note**: You may also use CANSIM databank numbers instead of the vector numbers if applicable.

#### **Browse method**

There are two browse methods, by subjects or by survey. To browse the subjects list, use the list from the home page **Browse by subject**" button; to browse the survey list, use the "**Browse by survey**" button. Both of these lists will help you narrow down the list of CANSIM tables to only those that interest you.

#### Browse by subject

The browse by subject method contains 30 main subjects. When you search by subject, you are presented with a listing of major subjects. This subject list consists of high-level and second-level terms taken from the Statistics Canada Thesaurus. The list was developed to provide a broad subject approach to the information holdings on Statistics Canada's Website and to allow you to locate and access Statistics Canada data by subject.

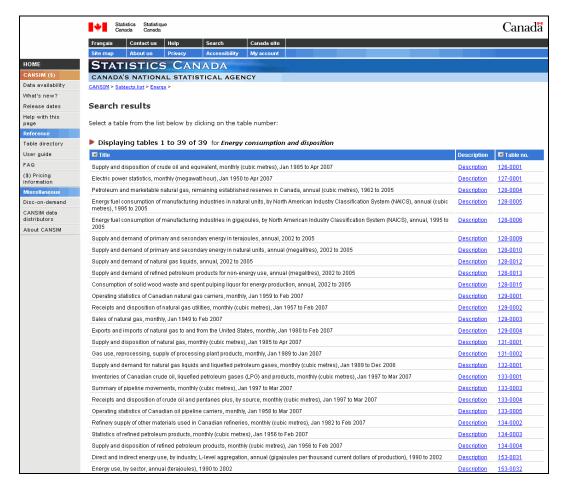
# CANSIM by subject

- Aboriginal peoples
- Agriculture
- Business performance and ownership
- Business, consumer and property services
- Children and youth
- Construction
- Crime and justice
- Culture and leisure
- Economic accounts
- Education, training and learning
- Energy
- Environment
- Ethnic diversity and immigration
- Families, households and housing
- Government
- Health
- Income, pensions, spending and wealth
- Information and communications technology
- International trade
- Labour
- Languages
- Manufacturing
- Population and demography
- Prices and price indexes
- Retail and wholesale
- Science and technology
- Seniors
- Society and community
- Transportation
- Travel and tourism

For example, to search for "Energy demand" click the top-level subject heading, Energy. A list of subtopics related to Energy appears.



To see all tables related to "Energy consumption" click on **Energy consumption and disposition**.

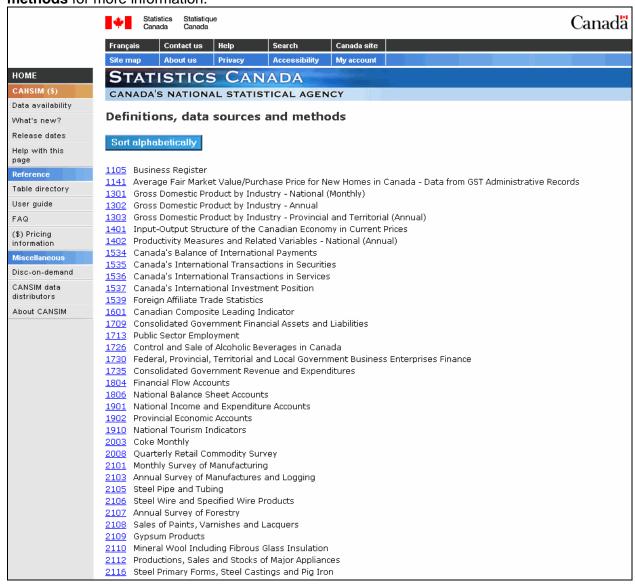


#### Browse by survey number

The browse by survey method opens a page with a list of surveys. This list contains descriptions of over 450 surveys and statistical programs each identified by a unique four-digit survey number. You may sort this list alphabetically by clicking on the button.

The **Definitions**, **data sources and methods** database contains information about the surveys and statistical programs carried out by Statistics Canada and other agencies to collect, assemble process and disseminate statistical information.

After selecting a Survey or Program from the list you may choose to either retrieve the list of CANSIM tables for that survey or program or consult the **Definitions**, **data sources and methods** for more information.

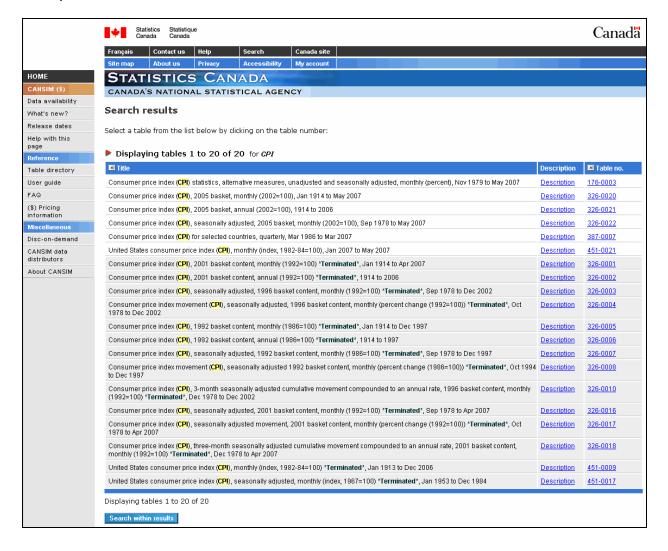


#### **Search Results**

Searches most often result in more than one table. By default the list is sorted in numerical order, you may sort this list alphabetically by clicking on Title. To continue, you have to select the table you wish to extract data from (by clicking on the table number). Selecting a table this way will display a screen for you to indicate which subset of the table you want.

Some table titles may be followed by one or more status designations: **Active** (refers to a table that is regularly updated) or **Terminated** (refers to a table no longer being updated).

#### Example of search results



# **Description**

Clicking on the hyperlink <u>Description</u> will open a new window containing a summary description of the components of that table such as number of series and period cover for the data.

<u>Table 326-0001</u> - Consumer price index (CPI), 2001 basket content, monthly (index, 1992=100 unless otherwise noted)

This table contains 2278 series, with data for **1914-01-01 - 2007-02-01** (not all combinations necessarily have data for all time periods), and was last updated on 2007-03-16.

This table contains data described by the following dimensions (Not all combinations are available):

- Geography (30 items: Canada; Newfoundland and Labrador; St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador; Prince Edward Island; ...)
- Commodities and commodity groups (279 items: All-items; Food; Food purchased from stores; Meat; Fresh or frozen meat (excluding poultry); ...)

Close

#### Table pick lists

The table pick list screen enables you to choose the specific members you require from each dimension of the selected table. There is one scrollable pick list for each dimension in the table and you must select at least one item from each list to continue. To consult the definitions, data sources and methods click on the survey number.



If the table (or any one of its dimensions) includes footnote references, the pick list screen will include hyperlinks. One or more numeric hyperlink after the table number indicates that the footnotes are applicable to the entire table; hyperlinks on dimension titles indicate that the footnotes are only applicable to that dimension. Footnotes can reference the members of a dimension or the data points.

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You may select or deselect all the members of a dimension by clicking the appropriated button. If you want to visualize the complete list of the dimension members and their footnotes, click the "View checklist and footnotes" button.

Finally, before you click "Retrieve as a Table" or "Retrieve as individual Time-series", check the time period for which data is available, and reduce or increase this range if you wish: the response time will vary based on the length of that time period.

**Note**: Although CANSIM tables are usually structured to minimize sparseness, there is no guarantee that data exists for every dimension intersection or combination. It is therefore possible that even if you have selected at least one item from all the lists, you might still be told that your retrieval contains no series.

**Note**: If the dimension has only one item in the pick list it is automatically selected.

Note: If no dates appear in the "date" drop down boxes, no data has been loaded to this table.

#### Tips for selecting items:

- You can select several contiguous items by clicking on the first, then holding the *Shift* key while clicking on the last.
- On a PC running Windows (but not on a Macintosh), you can also select contiguous items by clicking on the first and dragging until the last item wanted is selected.
- You can select non-contiguous items by holding the Control key while clicking on the second and subsequent items (on a Macintosh, hold the Command key instead of Control).

#### **Dimension detail page**

All the members (also called items) for the dimension you selected are listed here. You may use the checkboxes or item descriptions to select or deselect items. If you do so be sure to use the "Return to pick list" button and not your browser's Back button to return to the main selection screen otherwise you will erase your selection.

The two rows of small buttons above the checkmark boxes can be used to select and unselect all items at a given hierarchical level. For example in a three-level geographic dimension (Canada, Provinces, Cities), you could select all of the Provinces with a single click on the second checkmark button from the left.

Footnotes at the dimension level or for individual members are shown as small hyperlinked numbers. The actual footnote text is displayed at the very bottom of the screen after the list of items.

The Select all button selects all available members whether they were already selected or not. The Deselect all button erases all selections (even those made at the main selection screen).



**Note**: You can use your browser's Find feature (usually found under the Edit option in the menu bar) to locate text. This may help you identify items of interest especially in a very long list.

#### **Table page confirmation**

This page lists the time series that will form the table you have requested. Only series for which data actually exist are listed; this means that the number of series you see may be less than what you had expected. For example this would happen if a CANSIM table with data for Canada and the provinces gave you a choice between unadjusted and seasonally adjusted figures but the seasonally adjusted figures were available only at the Canada level.

Some series may carry one or more of the following terms:

**Terminated**: means this series is no longer updated.

Part-secure: means that one or more data cells in the series have been suppressed usually for

confidentiality reasons.

**Secure**: means that all data cells in the series have been suppressed.

To see if the data cells for your requested time period prior to payment contain a numerical value, a quality symbol, a replacement symbols or are confidential data based on The Statistics Act legend, click the Preview button.



You will also be able to see quality indicators, and data replacement symbols such as x, ..., ...., which are explained in a legend following the table.

**Note**: If your request is recurrent (for example if you need to run it every month) you may decide to save this page to your hard disk. If you do make sure you use an .htm extension for the file name; otherwise you may have difficulty accessing the page later.

**Important consideration**: Because a request saved to your hard disk contains the retrieval specifications for the table as it was on the day you saved it, it is possible for a stored request to stop functioning if, for any reason, Statistics Canada modifies the shape of the table (adding or removing a dimension, removing members from a dimension, or even deleting the table). If this happens, you will have to re-specify your selections and save your request again.

# Table output format page (Preview)

Only HTML screen output format are available. Select one of three HTML Table formats and click Preview now button.



# Legend

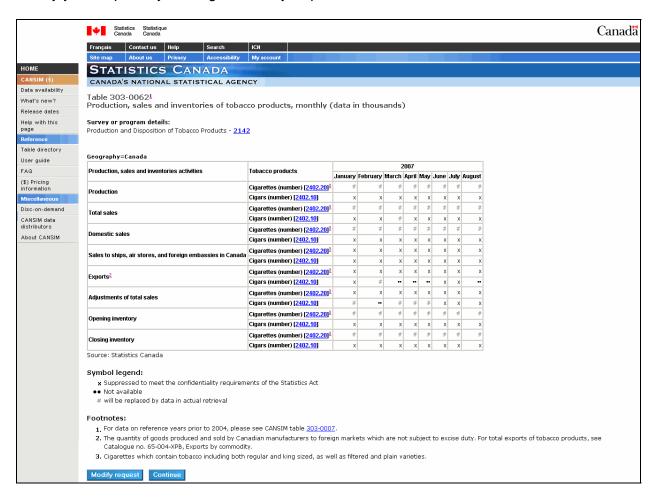
In preview mode, your data cells will be replace by symbols that will be describe in the legend.

#### Table of symbols

Symbols	Description
#	Numerical value
Х	Suppressed to meet the confidentiality requirements of the Statistics Act
	Not available for a specific reference period
#P	Numerical value Preliminary
#r	Numerical value Revised
#A to D	Numerical value and Data quality indicators
#E	Numerical value to be use with caution
F	Too unreliable to be published
	Not applicable

# Example of the output format in preview mode

Data is replaced by symbols. You will be able to decide if you want to download the real data or modify your request by clicking the Modify request button.



If you are satisfied with the list of series available, click Continue. If not, click the Modify request button.

# Time series confirmation page

This page lists all the time series that will be retrieved including recent selections and previous selections if you have used the Add more series button.

Only series for which data actually exist are listed; this means that the number of series you see may be less than what you had expected. For example a CANSIM table with data for Canada and the provinces might give you a choice between unadjusted and seasonally adjusted figures but the seasonally adjusted figures are available only at the Canada level.

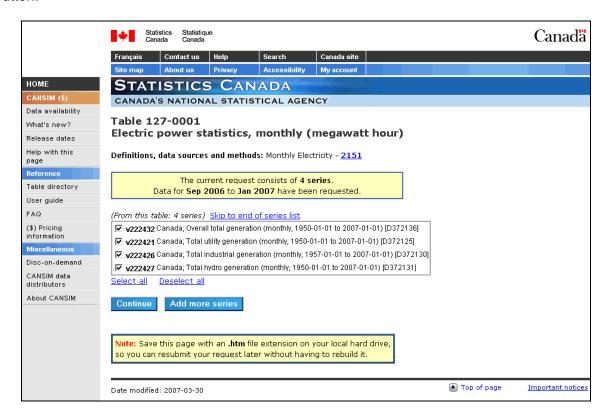
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If you are satisfied with the list of available series click Continue. If not click the Add more series button.



**Note**: If your request is recurrent (for example you need to run it every month) you may decide to save this page to your hard disk. If you do make sure you use an .htm extension for the file name; otherwise you may have difficulty accessing the page later.

# **Order Processing**

Your order is ready to be processed. Click **Continue** to submit your request.

#### **Order Confirmation**



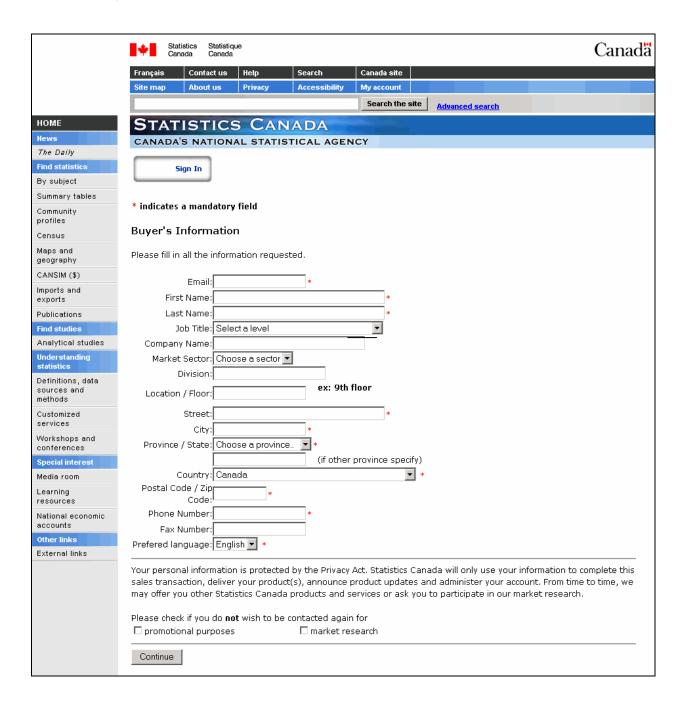
The next page is the Order Summary. In the top part of this page, you will see the number of series and the price before tax. The price is set at \$ 3.00 a series. In this case there are four series.

#### **Order Summary**

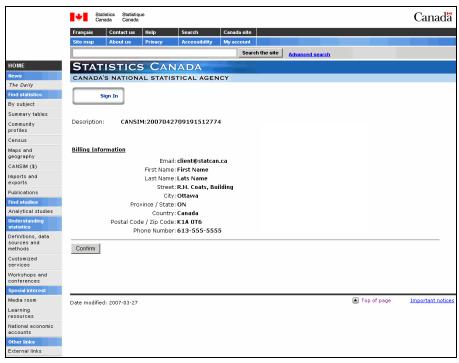


# **Buyer's Information Form**

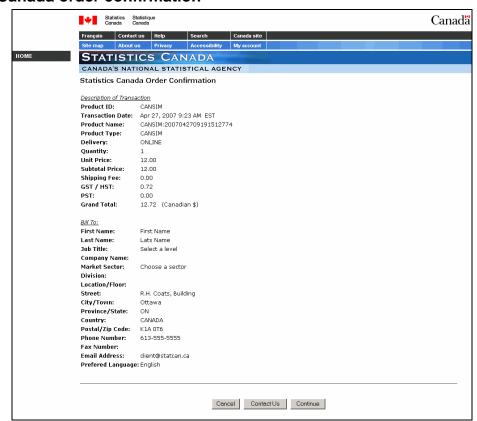
To continue, you need to fill out the Order Form as indicated below.



# **Billing Information**



# **Statistic Canada order confirmation**



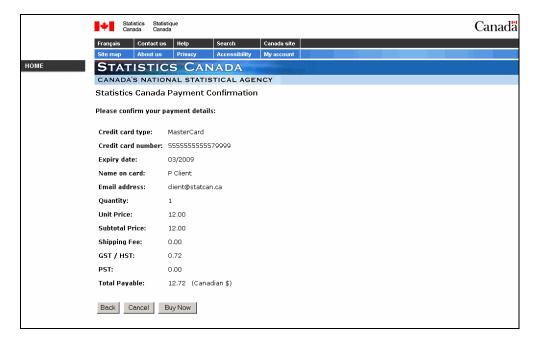
# **Payment information**

Complete the Payment Information form and click Continue.



# **Payment confirmation**

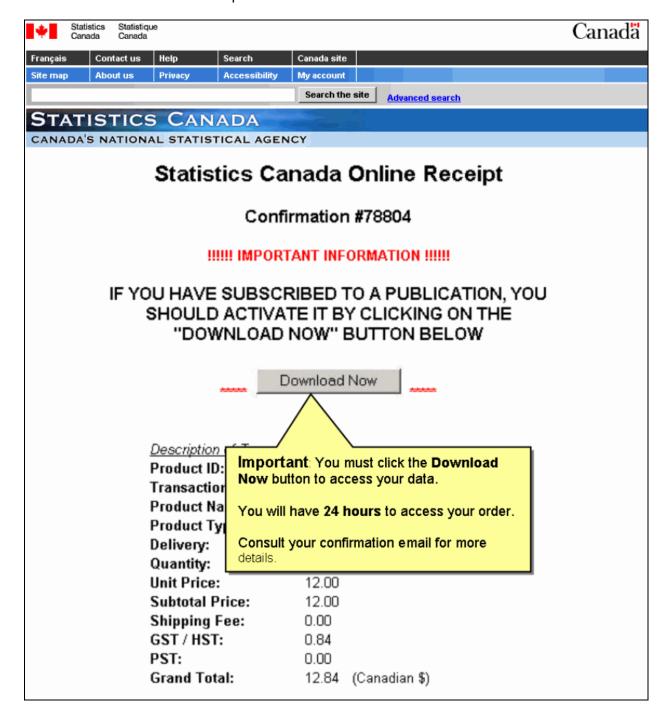
To complete payment, you must click on "Buy Now" button.



# Online receipt

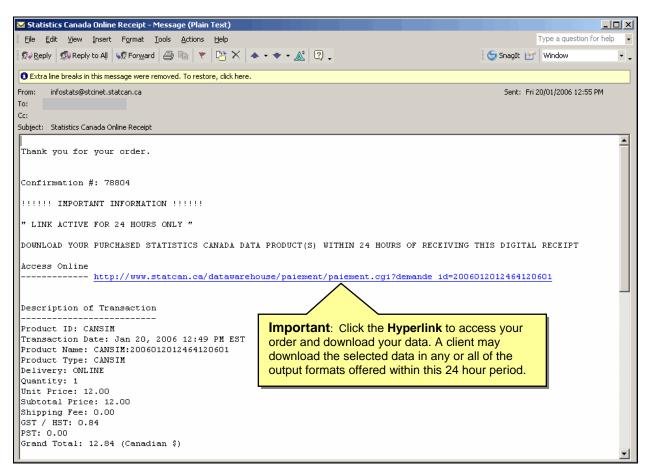
The Online Receipt is produced after the payment process. It contains all the relative information on the transaction, the customer and the payment details.

First section of the Online Receipt



### **Email conformation**

After the order processing, you will revived an email confirmation with all relative information of your order. It important to verify the reception of this email, it contain the hyperlink to access your order for a period of 24 hours free charge.



### Retrieve as Table

## **Table Output Format**

You have elected to display your most recent selection as a table. You must now select an output format (to help you choose, you may wish to view examples of outputs in various formats). You also have the opportunity to change the time frame and frequency for your retrieval. You must now choose an output format from the following choices:

## **Screen output formats**

- HTML table
- Vertical or horizontal bar graph

**Note:** If you are using a screen reading software, check the **Enable accessibility tagging for HTML table** box.

#### Downloadable file

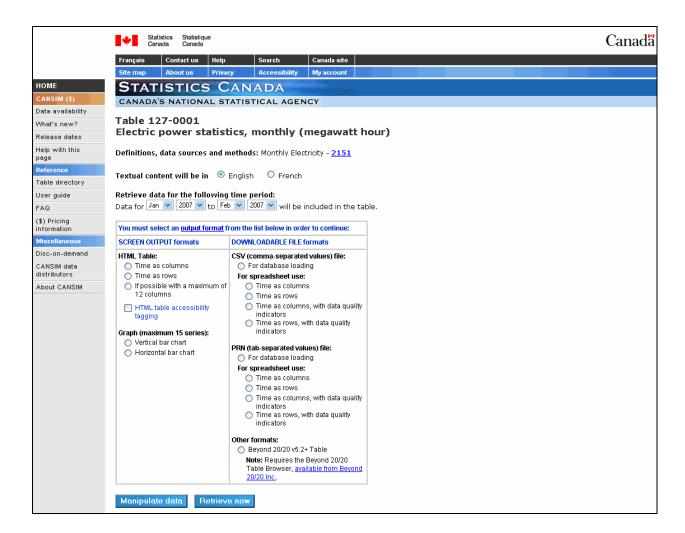
- CSV file (comma separated values)
- PRN file (tab separated values)
- Other formats (Beyond 20/20 v5.2+)

**Note:** CSV files are produced differently whether you perform the retrieval in English or French. This is because, in French, the comma is used to indicate decimals, a different separator (a semicolon) must therefore be used. CSV files retrieved in French will parse correctly only if the Regional Settings (Windows Control Panel) are set to French.

## Table output format page

The left column lists all **screen** output formats and the right column lists various **downloadable** file formats.

If your objective is to load the data into a spreadsheet package the best choice for output format is a Comma-Separated Values file (CSV) although some of the newer spreadsheet software may also be able to correctly parse and load HTML outputs.



Once you have selected a format, click either the **Retrieve now** button if you wish to retrieve the data immediately, or use the **Manipulate data** button if you want to modify the output data by changing its frequency or performing a computation such as a percentage change.

# **Examples of multidimensional outputs**

Here are some examples of multidimensional outputs in CANSIM:

- HTML table, time as columns
- HTML table, time as rows
- Comma-Separated Values (CSV) file for use with spreadsheet software
- CSV file for loading a database
- Beyond 20/20 table

# HTML Table, time as columns

Table 100-0001 - Earners and earnings by sex, annual

Earnings Group	Sex	1994	1995	1996	1997
Average earnings of full-year	Both sexes	34570	36235	37465	38011
full-time workers	Male	40717	40610	41848	42626
	Female	28423	29700	30717	30915
Estimated number of full-year	Both sexes	9291	9468	9522	9744
full-time workers	Male	5622	5672	5773	5904
	Female	3669	3797	3749	3840

# **HTML Table, Time as rows**

Table 100-0001 - Earners and earnings by sex, annual

Earnings Group	Average earnings of full-year full-time workers			Estimated number of full- year full-time workers			
Sex	Both sexes	Male Female		Both sexes	Male	Female	
1994	34570	40717	28423	9291	5622	3669	
1995	36235	40610	29700	9468	5672	3797	
1996	37465	41848	30717	9522	5773	3749	
1997	38011	42626	30915	9744	5904	3840	

# CSV (Comma-Separated Values) file for use with spreadsheet software, time as columns

```
"Table 100-0001 - Earners and earnings by sex, annual"
Canada, Sex, Earnings Group, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997
Canada, Both sexes, Average earnings of full-year full-time workers (C$), 35861, 36235, 37465, 38011
Canada, Both sexes, Estimated number of full-year full-time workers ('000), 9291, 9468, 9522, 9744
Canada, Male, Average earnings of full-year full-time workers (C$), 40717, 40610, 41848, 42626
Canada, Male, Estimated number of full-year full-time workers ('000), 5622, 5672, 5773, 5904
Canada, Female, Average earnings of full-year full-time workers (C$), 28423, 29700, 30717, 30915
Canada, Female, Estimated number of full-year full-time workers ('000), 3669, 3797, 3749, 3840
```

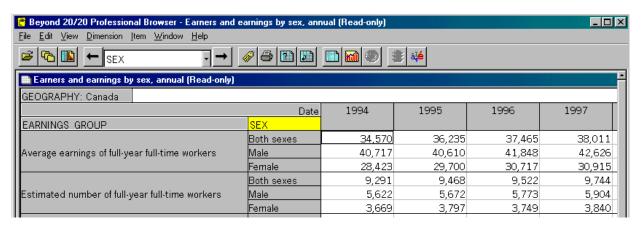
Note: In this format, each series forms a row, and time forms columns. Although not illustrated here, an alternate format where series form columns and time forms rows is also available.

## **CSV** file for database loading

```
"Ref Date", "GEOGRAPHY", "EARNINGS GROUP", "SEX", "Value"
19940101, "Canada", "Average earnings of full-year full-time workers", "Both
sexes",34570
19950101, "Canada", "Average earnings of full-year full-time workers", "Both
sexes",36235
19960101, "Canada", "Average earnings of full-year full-time workers", "Both
sexes",37465
19970101, "Canada", "Average earnings of full-year full-time workers", "Both
sexes",38011
19940101, "Canada", "Average earnings of full-year full-time
workers", "Male", 40717
19950101, "Canada", "Average earnings of full-year full-time
workers", "Male", 40610
19960101, "Canada", "Average earnings of full-year full-time
workers", "Male", 41848
19970101, "Canada", "Average earnings of full-year full-time
workers", "Male", 42626
19940101, "Canada", "Average earnings of full-year full-time
workers", "Female", 28423
19950101, "Canada", "Average earnings of full-year full-time
workers", "Female", 29700
19960101, "Canada", "Average earnings of full-year full-time
workers", "Female", 30717
19970101, "Canada", "Average earnings of full-year full-time
workers", "Female", 30915
```

# Beyond 20/20 table

**Note:** Version 5.2 or above of the Beyond 20/20 software must be installed in order to view the output file.



## Retrieve as individual Time series

## **Time Series Output Format**

You have chosen to display the results of your last selection using time series output format. You can drop a series from the request by removing the checkmark that appears to the left of its identifier. You have the choice of the language for the textual content. You also have the opportunity to change the time frame for your retrieval. To help you choose an output click on the hyperlink "Output format" to view various formats.

You must now select one of the following output formats:

## **Screen output formats**

- HTML, series listed individually
- HTML, table
- Plain text
- Graph

**Note**: If you are using a screen reading system, check the **Enable accessibility tagging for HTML table** box.

### Downloadable file

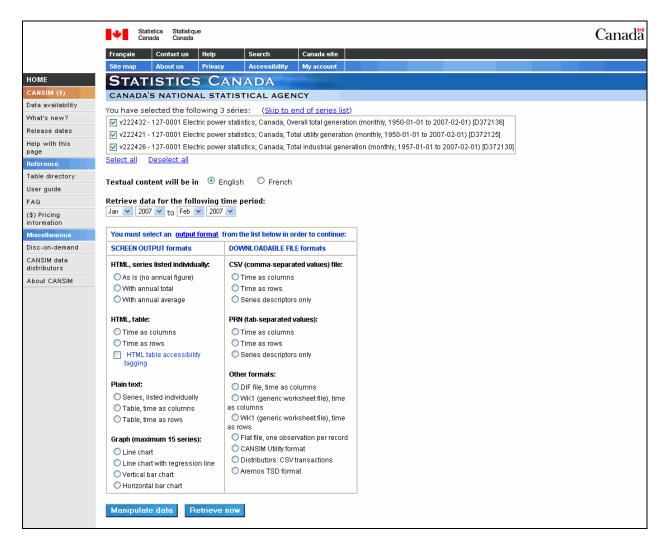
- CSV file (comma separated values)
- PRN file (tab separated values)
- Others formats (DIF file, WK1 and others)

**Note**: CSV files are produced differently whether you perform the retrieval in English or French. This is because, in French, the comma is used to indicate decimals; a different separator (a semicolon) must therefore be used. CSV files retrieved in French will parse correctly only if the Regional Settings (Windows Control Panel) are set to French.

# **Output format page for Time series**

The left column lists the available **screen output** formats; the right column lists various **downloadable file** formats.

If your objective is to load the data into a spreadsheet package the best choice for output format is a Comma-Separated Values file (CSV) or the Generic Worksheet (WK1) format although some of the newer spreadsheet software may also be able to correctly parse and load HTML outputs.



Use the "**Retrieve now**" button to produce output in the selected format immediately, use the "**Manipulate data**" button if you want to perform a frequency conversion or a computation such as a percentage change on the retrieved data.

# Sample for Time series output format

Examples of two-dimensional outputs available in CANSIM:

- Series listed individually
- Table, showing time as columns
- Table, showing time as rows
- Graphic line chart
- Flat file, one observation per record
- CSV (comma-separated values) file, time=columns
- CSV (comma-separated values) file, time=rows

# Series listed individually

# v1038759 - from Table 253-0001: HOMICIDE OFFENCES BY LEGAL TYPE

Legal type of homicide offences = Murder offences

Region = Canada

Number of homicide offences

Annual										
198_	493	601	622	625	621	651	522	591	538	605
199_	590	689	654	551	541	536	574	517		

# Table, Time as columns

Table 358-0006 Household Internet use at home, by Internet activity (Percentage of regular use households in Canada)

Annual	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
v969884 - E-mail	83.1	85.6	91.7	93.3	94.7	95.2	95.7
v969888 - Electronic banking	19.7	22.9	27.7	36.6	44.4	51.0	56.6
v969892 - Purchasing goods and services	9.2	10.9	19.0	23.8	26.0	30.5	34.2
v969896 - Medical or health information		42.5	54.2	57.1	61.8	63.9	65.3
v969900 - Formal education/training		29.9	32.0	47.3	47.0	47.3	45.7
v969904 - Government information		36.4	44.1	47.1	52.5	56.7	59.1
v969908 - Other specific information	84.4	67.9	85.1				
v969912 - General browsing	84.7	78.1	84.7	90.1	91.0	89.6	89.1
v969916 - Playing games		34.3	42.7	45.3	50.1	50.0	51.3
v969920 - Chat groups		25.4	26.2	27.4	28.0	27.2	26.5
v969924 - Other Internet services	13.7	11.6	34.7	44.1	43.3	48.1	43.1
v1408232 - Obtain and save music			27.1	44.3	47.9	47.3	37.8
v1408234 - Listen to the radio			17.5	23.2	25.3	24.0	24.1
v2627922 - Find sports related information				43.2	45.3	46.3	45.2
v2627924 - Financial information				46.1	46.8	45.7	46.0
v2627926 - View the news				50.8	53.8	52.9	55.5
v2627928 - Travel information/arrangements				54.6	56.3	59.1	61.8
v12393433 - Search for a job				30.5	33.2	35.0	36.1

Source: Statistics Canada

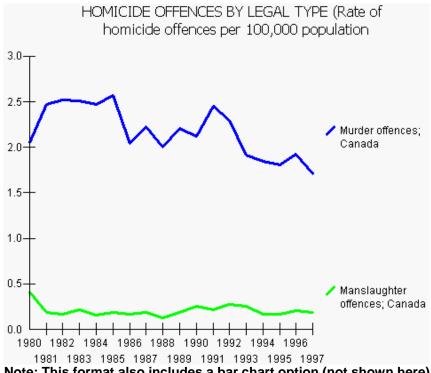
# Table, Time as rows

Table 387-0006 Exchange rates (Canadian dollars per unit of foreign currency)

Quarterly	v81719 United States (dollar)	v81721 EMU (euro)	v81722 United Kingdom (British pounds)	v81728 Japan (yen)	v81729 Australia (dollar)
I 2004	1.3178	1.6486	2.4241	0.0123	1.0096
II 2004	1.3595	1.6377	2.4550	0.0124	0.9705
III 2004	1.3072	1.5989	2.3786	0.0119	0.9287
IV 2004	1.2207	1.5822	2.2769	0.0115	0.9237
I 2005	1.2270	1.6077	2.3192	0.0117	0.9539
II 2005	1.2439	1.5669	2.3091	0.0116	0.9564
III 2005	1.2015	1.4644	2.1429	0.0108	0.9125

Source: Statistics Canada

# **Graphic - Line chart**



Note: This format also includes a bar chart option (not shown here).

# Flat file, one observation per record

The flat file output is mostly intended to serve as input to a database loading program. The records contain only table number, series number, reference date and data value information.

01000001	v1035985	19940101	34570
01000001	v1035985	19950101	36235
01000001	v1035985	19960101	37465
01000001	v1035985	19970101	38011
01000001	v1035986	19940101	40717
01000001	v1035986	19950101	40610
01000001	v1035986	19960101	41848
01000001	v1035986	19970101	42626
01000001	v1035987	19940101	28423
01000001	v1035987	19950101	29700
01000001	v1035987	19960101	30717
01000001	v1035987	19970101	30915
01000001	v1035988	19940101	9291
01000001	v1035988	19950101	9468
01000001	v1035988	19960101	9522
01000001	v1035988	19970101	9744

CSV file, time as columns

This format is ideal for loading into a spreadsheet, if the number of time periods does not exceed 254.

```
"Legend:"
"v164057", "Table 279-0003: Labour force survey, by age ... Males; 15 years and over (Rate) [D984970]"
"v164073", "Table 279-0003: Labour force survey, by age ... Females; 15 years and over (Rate) [D984986]"
"Annual", 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000
"v164057", 9.8, 9.9, 9.3, 8.6, 7.8, 6.9
"v164073", 9.0, 9.3, 8.9, 7.9, 7.3, 6.7
```

**Note**: To obtain the same file, but with tabs instead of commas between the fields, use the **PRN**, time as columns format.

CSV file, time as rows

This format is ideal for loading into a spreadsheet, if the number of series does not exceed 254.

```
"Legend:"
"v164057", "Table 279-0003: Labour force survey, by age ... Males; 15 years and over (Rate) [D984970]"
"v164073", "Table 279-0003: Labour force survey, by age ... Females; 15 years and over (Rate) [D984986]"
"Annual", "v164057", "v164073"
1995, 9.8, 9.0
1996, 9.9, 9.3
1997, 9.3, 8.9
1998, 8.6, 7.9
1999, 7.8, 7.3
2000, 6.9, 6.7
```

**Note:** To obtain the same file, but with tabs instead of commas between the fields, use the **PRN**, time as rows format.

## **CANSIM Utility Format**

This is a fixed-length field format that contains no descriptive text; only the Vector number, Reference dates, Data values and Frequency code are present. This format offers compatibility with the Utility format that was available in CANSIM I.

```
V 11996010119981001 .2950944500E+08 .2957743900E+08 .2967189200E+08 .2977169000E+08 .2981856900E+08 .2989295400E+08 .2998721400E+08 .3007646000E+08 .3011206400E+08 .3016824900E+08 .3024821000E+08 .3032491200E+08 9
V 11999010120011001 .3035327400E+08 .3040938300E+08 .3049921900E+08 .3058533600E+08 .3061658000E+08 .3067853500E+08 .3076966900E+08 .3085948400E+08 .3089378800E+08 .3097393000E+08 .3108188700E+08 .3115639300E+08 9
```

# **Table data manipulation**

### Important notices:

Statistics Canada assumes responsibility for the quality of data as retrieved with the frequency unchanged. Clients take responsibility for any manipulations made to the original data.

CANSIM rounds data using statistician's rounding (also known as round-to-even method, unbiased rounding, convergent rounding and banker's rounding) which may differ from rounding methods used by common speadsheet softwares.

Statistician's rounding rounds the following way:

- If the second decimal is larger than 5, the first decimal is incremented by 1 (see example 1).
- If the second decimal is smaller than 5, the first decimal stays unchanged (see example 2).
- When the second decimal is exactly 5, the "odd/even" rules apply. The first decimal is incremented by 1 if it is odd (see example 3), and left unchanged if it is even (see example 4).

### Example:

- 1. 4.46 rounded to one decimal equals 4.5
- 2. 4.44 rounded to one decimal equals 4.4
- 3. 4.45 rounded to one decimal equals 4.4
- 4. 4.15 rounded to one decimal equals 4.2

## Notice regarding "Frequency of output data will be:"

The frequency conversion options are particularly useful to convert data from one frequency to another for comparability purposes. Conversion to a sum should not be performed on a rate or index. Conversion by summing is more appropriate for "count"-type data, such as "Number of cars sold" or "Number of births". Conversion by averaging is more appropriate for "balance"-type data such as "Population as of July 1" as well as rates and indexes.

#### Notice regarding "Converted to:"

By default, the frequency of output data will be left unchanged. Frequency can be converted by these choices:

- Annual (average or sum)
- Quaterly (average or sum)
- Annual (convert to annual by selecting a specific month or quarter)
- Annual (non-calendar fiscal year average)

## Additional information regarding annual non-calendar fiscal year average:

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The annual non-calendar fiscal year average manipulation permits users to calculate the average value for the last twelve months ending with the most recent reference period selected. In order to complete this calculation, please follow these steps:

- 1. In the section entitled "Frequency of output data will be:" sub-section "Converted to:" select "Annual (average)".
- 2. In the section entitled "Frequency of output data will be:" sub-section "When converting frequency:" select "Use fiscal year ending with last month retrieved".
- 3. If you wish the output of your data as a percentage change from the previous year please select "Percent changes, year-to-year" found below "Output will contain:".

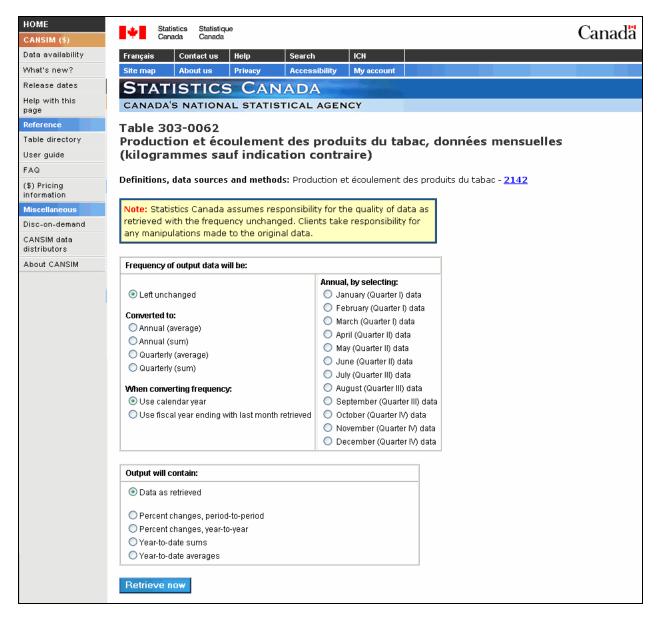
# Notice regarding "Output will contain:"

Select one of these data manipulation options to convert your data:

- Percent changes, period-to-period
- Percent changes, year-to-year
- Year-to-date sums
- Year-to-date average

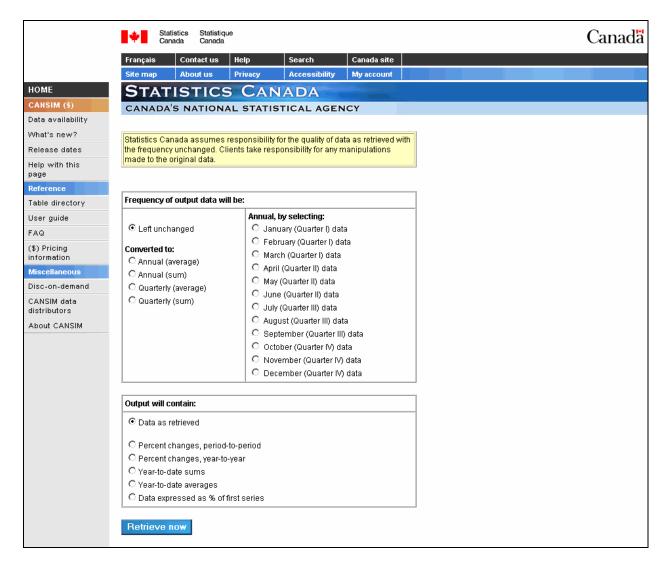
If you have completed your selection, click Retrieve now to view or download your data immediately.

## Data manipulation page in table option



If you have completed your selection, click "**Retrieve now**" to view or download your data immediately.

# Data manipulation page in time series option



If you have completed your selection, click "**Retrieve now**" to view or download your data immediately.

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