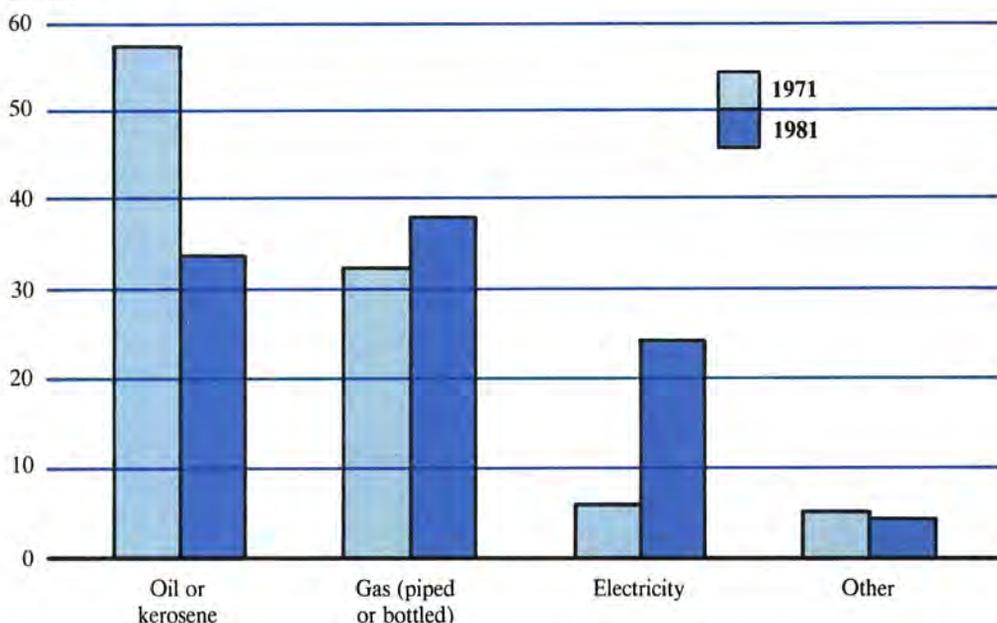


Chart 7.2

**Home heating fuels**

Per cent

**7.4.5 Household facilities and equipment**

**Survey data.** An annual Statistics Canada survey of household facilities and equipment provides an inventory to measure advances in living standards and to provide data for market research. The 1982 survey covered items such as plumbing and sanitary facilities, heating equipment, and accessories such as refrigerators, freezers, dishwashers, clothes dryers and television sets. The survey included about 35,000 households, chosen by area sampling methods, representing virtually all private households in Canada. Unlike decennial censuses, the sample survey cannot produce data for smaller localities and areas, but much of the information is available for individual provinces and selected metropolitan areas.

Out of about 8.3 million households, it was estimated that almost 8.2 million had baths or showers and flush toilets. There were 6.9 million homes with one bathroom and 1.3 million with two or more. Only 103,000 households had no installed baths or showers.

The survey showed that gas continued to replace oil as the principal heating fuel in 1982. There were almost 3.6 million households using gas and 2.5 million using oil or other liquid fuel. Electricity was third most popular, being used in 1.8 million households. Wood was in use in 351,000 households,

bottled gas in 53,000 and coal or coke in 14,000. Wood was used in 4.3% of households in 1982 but only 1.8% in 1979.

Another finding of the 1982 survey was that while virtually all households contain a radio, television set and telephone, the proportion of homes having several units continued to grow. For example, 3.2 million households owned two or more television sets, an increase of 4.2% since 1979.

**7.5 Construction****7.5.1 Value of construction work**

Data on the construction industry represent the estimated total value of all new and repair construction purchased by contractors and by the labour forces of utility, manufacturing, mining and logging firms, government departments, homeowner builders and other persons or firms not primarily engaged in the construction industry.

All estimates given for cost of materials used are based on ratios of this item to total value of work performed, derived from annual surveys of construction work performed by contractors and others and applied to the total value-of-work figures. Estimates of labour content are similarly based but are also adjusted to include working owners and partners and their withdrawals.