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### Residential construction investment

Fourth quarter 2002 and annual 2002

The total value of investment in the housing sector soared to a new high of \$52.7 billion in 2002, up a remarkable 20.9% from 2001. With its sustained activity levels, residential construction was a mainstay of the economy in 2002. All three components of residential construction investment — new housing, renovations and acquisition costs — posted gains from 2001.

This strong performance stemmed from a number of factors. Very favourable interest rates, vigorous employment growth, shortages in the rental and resale housing markets, and higher disposable incomes drove consumers to the new housing market.

By far the largest dollar increase was the result of higher investment in new housing, which totalled \$29.2 billion in 2002, up 30.6%. That strong gain in turn was mostly attributable to heavy demand for single houses (+34.7% to \$19.3 billion) and apartments (+21.6% to \$4.4 billion). For both types of buildings, the upswing in the value of investment had more to do with a sharp increase in construction starts than with average building costs. This was the first time since 1990 that investment in new housing accounted for more than 55% of total residential construction expenditures.

Spending on renovations, the second-largest component, totalled \$18.6 billion in 2002, up 7.2% from 2001. Acquisition costs rose 26.7% to \$4.9 billion.

Residential construction investment was up substantially in every province and territory in 2002. The largest increases (in dollar terms) were in Ontario (+16.2% to \$22.1 billion) and Quebec (+32.1% to \$11.1 billion). In both cases, the growth was due to a sharp rise in the number of single house starts.

In the fourth quarter, residential construction expenditures jumped to \$13.8 billion, 22.8% higher than in the fourth quarter of 2001. As in the case of the annual figures, the growth was largely due to new housing (+30.0% to \$7.8 billion). Compared with the fourth quarter of 2001, renovation expenditures climbed 9.7% to \$4.6 billion, and acquisition costs surged 33.9% to \$1.4 billion.

**Note:** Residential construction investment is divided into three main components. The first is new housing construction, which includes single dwellings, semi-detached dwellings, row housing and apartments, cottages, mobile homes and additional housing units created from non-residential buildings or other types of residential structures (conversions). The second component of residential construction investment, renovations, includes alterations and improvements in existing dwellings. The third component is acquisition costs, which refers to the value of services relating to the sale of new dwellings. These costs include sales tax, land development and service charges, as well as record-processing fees for mortgage insurance and the associated premiums.

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## Residential construction investment

	Fourth quarter 2001	Fourth quarter 2002	Fourth quarter 2001 to fourth quarter 2002	2001	2002	2001 to 2002
	\$ millions		% change	\$ millions		% change
<b>Canada</b>	<b>11,209.9</b>	<b>13,765.7</b>	<b>22.8</b>	<b>43,609.6</b>	<b>52,730.8</b>	<b>20.9</b>
Newfoundland and Labrador	155.0	202.2	30.5	568.7	701.5	23.4
Prince Edward Island	46.8	54.8	17.0	165.2	199.0	20.4
Nova Scotia	287.5	343.5	19.5	1,119.6	1,307.0	16.7
New Brunswick	231.1	283.6	22.7	855.7	996.6	16.5
Quebec	2,013.6	2,758.3	37.0	8,431.6	11,136.4	32.1
Ontario	4,906.5	5,759.6	17.4	19,011.9	22,083.1	16.2
Manitoba	234.2	288.2	23.1	919.0	1,105.4	20.3
Saskatchewan	214.0	217.6	1.7	817.1	958.5	17.3
Alberta	1,559.6	1,986.7	27.4	5,866.8	7,340.1	25.1
British Columbia	1,517.0	1,801.6	18.8	5,705.6	6,666.1	16.8
Yukon	16.6	20.9	25.6	64.2	77.8	21.1
Northwest Territories	19.0	30.0	57.9	52.5	102.1	94.2
Nunavut	8.9	18.5	107.4	31.7	57.3	80.7

Note: Data may not add to totals because of rounding.

## Domestic sales of refined petroleum products

January 2003 (preliminary)

Sales of refined petroleum products totalled 8 164 900 cubic metres in January, up 6.1% from January 2002. Sales increased in six of the seven major product groups, with light fuel oil up 150 400 cubic metres or 22.2%. Motor gasoline rose 127 400 cubic metres or 4.1% and heavy fuel oil, 87 600 cubic metres or 16.1%

Sales of regular non-leaded gasoline advanced 5.1% from January 2002, but sales of mid-grade (-4.9%) and premium (-2.3%) gasoline fell.

### Sales of refined petroleum products

	Jan. 2002 <sup>r</sup>	Jan. 2003 <sup>p</sup>	Jan. 2002 to Jan. 2003
	Thousands of cubic metres		% change
<b>Total, all products</b>	<b>7 695.1</b>	<b>8 164.9</b>	<b>6.1</b>
Motor gasoline	3 099.8	3 227.2	4.1
Diesel fuel oil	1 772.4	1 846.1	4.2
Light fuel oil	678.4	828.8	22.2
Heavy fuel oil	545.4	633.0	16.1
Aviation turbo fuels	520.1	547.6	5.3
Petrochemical feedstocks <sup>1</sup>	403.2	402.6	-0.2
All other refined products	675.6	679.6	0.6

<sup>r</sup> Revised figures.

<sup>p</sup> Preliminary figures.

<sup>1</sup> Materials produced by refineries that are used by the petrochemical industry to produce chemicals, synthetic rubber and a variety of plastics.

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## Networked businesses and information sharing

2001

Almost three-quarters (72%) of business enterprises in Canada had electronic networks in operation in 2001, according to a new study using data from the Survey of Electronic Commerce and Technology.

According to the working paper *Who's sharing what with whom?*, almost one-third of networked businesses made product description catalogues available to external organizations including customers, suppliers and other organizations in 2001. About 19% shared customer information externally, and only 15% did so internally.

Indications are that networked businesses were interested in their customers and were managing customer information, while ensuring they had a sales presence online. These businesses, however, showed much reluctance to share more sensitive information,

such as inventory data, order status and demand projections, even within their own organizations.

Commercial activities such as posting electronic catalogues and sharing or gathering customer information have made inroads, probably in support of ordering, buying and selling products and services online.

However, data showed that networked businesses, especially smaller ones, were only slowly adopting more sophisticated e-business solutions.

Overall, the public sector by far outstripped the networked private sector in the use of electronic networks to share information both internally and externally. The public sector showed a marked orientation towards using electronic networks to facilitate job mobility and training that was not echoed by the networked private sector.

The working paper *Who's sharing what with whom? How Canadian businesses used electronic networks to share information in 2001* (88F0006XIE, no. 2, free) is now available on Statistics Canada's website ([www.statcan.ca](http://www.statcan.ca)). From the *Our products and services* page, under *Browse our Internet publications*, choose *Free*, then *Science and technology*.

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## Asphalt roofing

January 2003

Data on asphalt roofing are now available for January.

Available on CANSIM: table 303-0006.

Information on methods and data quality available in the Integrated Meta Data Base: survey number 2123.

The January 2003 issue of *Asphalt roofing*, Vol. 55, no. 1 (45-001-XIB, \$5/\$47) is now available. See *How to order products*.

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## Cereals and oilseeds review

December 2002

In January, Chicago soybean and corn futures were pressured by revised estimates in the United States Department of Agriculture mid-month releases. Prices slumped in mid-January but later recovered somewhat with a weaker US dollar, better export movement and reports of potential drought in the Midwest.

Winnipeg canola futures continued to slump, losing almost \$20 a tonne in the middle of the month. Canola prices were influenced by spillover from the Chicago soybean complex, weak commercial demand and a stronger Canadian dollar. Flaxseed prices displayed considerable independence, falling in mid-month and later recovering as a result of tight world supplies. Barley futures held relatively stable at about \$180 a tonne, pressured by weaker US corn prices but supported by strengthened cattle prices.

Data from the December 2002 issue of *Cereals and oilseeds review* are now available. The information includes data on production, stocks, cash and futures prices, domestic processing, exports, farmers' deliveries and supply-disposition analyses.

The January situation report, an overview of current market conditions, both domestic and international, is also included in December's issue of *Cereal and oilseeds review* (22-007-XIB, \$11/\$112; 22-007-XPB, \$15/\$149), which will be available soon. See *How to order products*.

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## Small for-hire and owner operators of motor carriers of freight

2000

There were an estimated 6,040 Canada-based small for-hire carriers (with annual revenues between \$30,000 and \$1 million) in 2000. Overall operating revenues totalled \$1.37 billion, exceeding the \$1.28 billion incurred in expenses in small for-hire trucking operations.

On a per-carrier basis, total estimated revenues were \$226,000. Although these carriers represent almost 65% of the total number of Canada-based for-hire carriers, their revenues account for only about 6% of the total operating revenues of the entire for-hire trucking industry, which were estimated at \$22 billion in 2000.

These survey results also cover 35,750 owner-operators who work for

the for-hire and private carriers. In 2000, operating revenues generated by owner-operators increased by more than 5% from 1999 to \$5.9 billion. Operating expenses totalled \$5.3 billion.

Results from the 2000 Small for-hire Carriers and Owner Operators Survey are now available. Data from the Annual Motor Carriers of Freight Survey: Small For-hire Carriers and Owner Operators will appear

in the *Surface and marine transport service bulletin* (50-002-XIB, \$10), which will be available soon. See *How to order products*.

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