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Highlights

November 2005

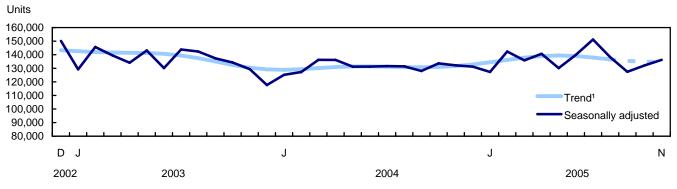
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Chart 1





1. Trends represent smoothed seasonally adjusted data

An upward trend in new motor vehicle sales since the start of 2005 peaked in the summer, and had since fallen off following the winding down of "employee pricing" and other incentive programs in the fall. Despite two consecutive months of moderate increases in October and November, the number of new vehicles sold nation-wide has only returned to a monthly sales figure in line with recent historical levels. In 2004, new motor vehicle sales remained relatively stable, after a series of increases early in the year.

Based on preliminary figures from the auto industry, the number of new motor vehicles sold in December remained largely unchanged from November.

Trucks continue to be the market mover

Although car and truck sales moved in opposite directions in November, truck sales (which include minivans, sport-utility vehicles, light and heavy trucks, vans and buses) continued to be the dominating factor in determining the direction and strength of new motor vehicle sales in Canada over the past six months.

Note to readers

All data in this release are seasonally adjusted.

Passenger cars include those used for personal and commercial purposes, such as taxis or rental cars. **Trucks** include minivans, sport-utility vehicles, light and heavy trucks, vans and buses.

North American-built new motor vehicles include vehicles manufactured or assembled in Canada, the United States or Mexico. All other new motor vehicles are considered to have been manufactured overseas.

For reasons of confidentiality, data for the Yukon, Northwest Territories and Nunavut are included with those for British Columbia.

The New Motor Vehicle Sales Survey is compiled on the basis of figures obtained from motor vehicle manufacturers and importers. These results may vary from those obtained directly from auto dealers, due to possible differences in record keeping.

With sales edging down 1.2% in November, car sales slipped under 70,000 vehicles for the first time since May of 2005. As with trucks, passenger car sales peaked in July. However, fluctuations in subsequent months were much less pronounced than those of trucks. Sales of North American-built cars declined 3.0% in November, while overseas-built cars moved ahead 2.8%.

Until this summer, sales of both cars and trucks had maintained an upward trend in 2005, despite major fluctuations. In recent months, sales of passenger cars and trucks have softened, although truck sales have shown much greater volatility. In 2004, sales remained relatively stable for cars and trucks after some sizeable increases early in the year.

British Columbia bucks the trend

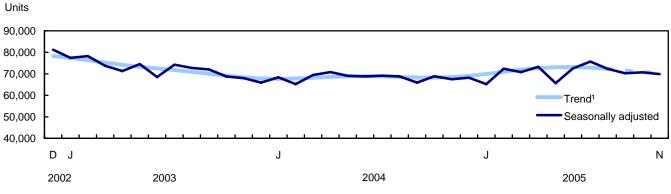
Sales were up in 7 of the 10 provinces in November. In terms of percentage gains, the largest increases came from Prince Edward Island (+27.5%), Saskatchewan (+13.3%), and Newfoundland and Labrador (+11.3%). However, Quebec (+4.7%) and Ontario (+3.9%) were the driving forces behind the increase in November in terms of the number of units sold. Sales in New Brunswick and Manitoba remained largely unchanged during the month.

The region formed by British Columbia and the territories was the only area showing a sizeable decline in November with a 3.4% decrease, or about 500 fewer vehicles sold. Sales in this region have slumped over the past three months, and witnessed only minimal gains in the summer when sales were surging in most other provinces. Despite flagging automotive sales, British Columbia's economy remained buoyant with the unemployment rate at a three decade low in November.

Truck sales advanced 8.1% in November on the heels of a similar sized gain in October. Sales reached 66,349 units in November, moving ahead of an average month in 2005 for the first time since the summer. Truck sales had tumbled in August and September, likely influenced by the one-two punch of surging gasoline prices and abating incentive programs.

Chart 2

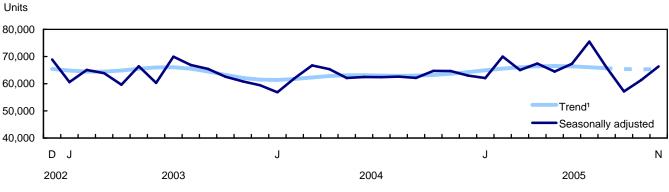
Passenger car sales, seasonally adjusted, in units, 2002-2005



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Chart 3

Truck, van and bus sales, seasonally adjusted, in units, 2002-2005



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Monthly distribution of the Canadian motor vehicle market (passenger cars), by origin, 2002-2005

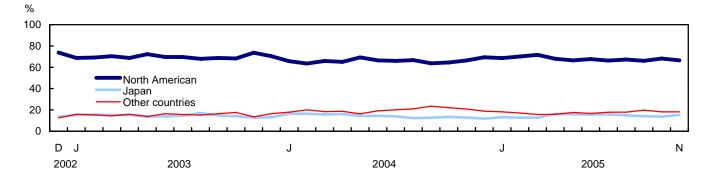
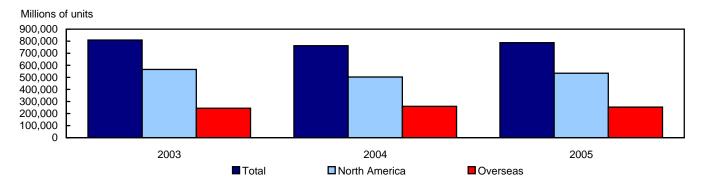


Chart 5





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- New motor vehicle sales
- · New motor vehicle sales, by provinces

Statistical tables

Table 1-1

Monthly sales of new motor vehicles, by type and origin in units

	Total new mot	or vehicles	Passenger cars							
		-	North A	merica	Jap	ban	Other co	ountries	To	tal
	Units	Year/year change	Units	Year/year change	Units	Year/year change	Units	Year/year change	Units	Year/year change
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
2003										
January	95,477	-14.8	34,345	-17.9	7,602	6.3	7,943	8.9	49,890	-11.3
February	105,391	1.4	37,734	1.8	8,533	12.9	8,371	5.1	54,638	3.9
March	148,922	-0.9	55,863	-3.6	12,065	2.9	11,457	0.2	79,385	-2.1
April	152,967	-8.7	59,729	-9.5	13,339	-13.3	13,725	-1.3	86,793	-8.9
May	185,419	-0.5	74,880	1.1	14,309	-18.6	14,318	-3.5	103,507	-2.8
June	149,816	-11.0	55,824	-11.3	11,164	-17.8	13,098	-5.6	80,086	-11.4
July	148,957	5.6	54,580	3.0	11,539	-4.4	12,269	-11.8	78,388	-0.7
August	145,108	-3.8	52,954	-8.0	13,297	-2.9	11,762	-11.2	78,013	-7.7
September	141,988	-1.6	50,433	-7.9	10,830	-13.6	12,023	1.8	73,286	-7.4
October	124,427	-9.8	44,518	-10.6	9,224	-32.1	11,484	-1.7	65,226	-13.1
November	115,126	-9.5	44,653	1.0	7,718	-23.3	8,185	-18.6	60,556	-5.9
December	112,870	-21.2	39,213	-24.7	7,288	-24.4	9,206	4.8	55,707	-21.0
Year	1,626,468	-6.2	604,726	-7.2	126,908	-12.2	133,841	-3.6	865,475	-7.4
2004										
January	85,238	-10.7	28,346	-17.5	7,074	-6.9	7,722	-2.8	43,142	-13.5
February	94,777	-10.1	29,238	-22.5	7,608	-10.8	9,183	9.7	46,029	-15.8
March	149,605	0.5	49,796	-10.9	11,871	-1.6	13,884	21.2	75,551	-4.8
April	160,195	4.7	56,417	-5.5	14,007	5.0	16,217	18.2	86,641	-0.2
May	166,136	-10.4	64,701	-13.6	13,456	-6.0	15,171	6.0	93,328	-9.8
June	154,134	2.9	53,326	-4.5	11,601	3.9	15,310	16.9	80,237	0.2
July	136,563	-8.3	47,867	-12.3	10,122	-12.3	14,581	18.8	72,570	-7.4
August	136,187	-6.1	49,312	-6.9	9,085	-31.7	15,546	32.2	73,943	-5.2
September	130,699	-8.0	42,539	-15.7	8,504	-21.5	15,686	30.5	66,729	-8.9
October	123,552	-0.7	41,187	-7.5	8,580	-7.0	14,131	23.0	63,898	-2.0
November	120,287	4.5	40,157	-10.1	7,709	-0.1	12,596	53.9	60,462	-0.2
December	117,822	4.4	39,928	1.8	6,809	-6.6	10,836	17.7	57,573	3.3
Year	1,575,195	-3.2	542,814	-10.2	116,426	-8.3	160,863	20.2	820,103	-5.2
2005										
January	82,019	-3.8	27,144	-4.2	5,222	-26.2	7,178	-7.0	39,544	-8.3
February	106,064	11.9	35,421	21.1	6,488	-14.7	8,650	-5.8	50,559	9.8
March	148,296	-0.9	54,630	9.7	9,576	-19.3	11,991	-13.6	76,197	0.9
April	167,441	4.5	62,166	10.2	14,823	5.8	14,406	-11.2	91,395	5.5
May	161,865	-2.6	58,678	-9.3	14,029	4.3	15,550	2.5	88,257	-5.4
June	166,024	7.7	57,953	8.7	13,309	14.7	14,337	-6.4	85,599	6.7
July	158,796	16.3	53,318	11.4	12,749	26.0	14,345	-1.6	80,412	10.8
August	146,862	7.8	53,168	7.8	11,710	28.9	14,139	-9.1	79,017	6.9
September	128,431	-1.7	46,500	9.3	9,927	16.7	13,878	-11.5	70,305	5.4
October ^r	118,993	-3.7	43,844	6.5	8,739	1.9	11,666	-17.4	64,249	0.5
November ^p	124,111	3.2	41,318	2.9	9,508	23.3	11,287	-10.4	62,113	2.7

See footnotes at the end of the table.

Table 1-1 - continued

Monthly sales of new motor vehicles, by type and origin in units

	Total new moto	r vehicles	Trucks ¹						
			North Ame	erica	Oversea	as	Total		
	Units	Year/year change	Units	Year/year change	Units	Year/year change	Units	Year/year change	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
2003									
January	95.477	-14.8	39,097	-19.9	6,490	-7.7	45,587	-18.4	
February	105,391	1.4	43,530	-4.3	7,223	21.8	50,753	-1.2	
March	148,922	-0.9	60,318	-2.1	9,219	22.5	69,537	0.5	
April	152.967	-8.7	56,539	-11.4	9,635	13.8	66,174	-8.4	
May	185,419	-0.5	71,005	0.2	10,907	21.4	81,912	2.6	
June	149.816	-11.0	60,493	-12.3	9,237	3.7	69.730	-10.5	
	148,957	5.6	60,228	-12.3	10,341	19.2	70,569	13.6	
July									
August	145,108	-3.8	57,732	0.5	9,363	5.3	67,095	1.1	
September	141,988	-1.6	59,257	4.2	9,445	13.6	68,702	5.4	
October	124,427	-9.8	49,342	-7.7	9,859	5.1	59,201	-5.8	
November	115,126	-9.5	46,522	-13.8	8,048	-9.9	54,570	-13.2	
December	112,870	-21.2	50,073	-21.9	7,090	-18.5	57,163	-21.5	
Year	1,626,468	-6.2	654,136	-6.4	106,857	7.1	760,993	-4.7	
2004									
January	85,238	-10.7	36,140	-7.6	5,956	-8.2	42,096	-7.7	
February	94,777	-10.1	42,613	-2.1	6,135	-15.1	48,748	-4.0	
March	149,605	0.5	65,535	8.6	8,519	-7.6	74,054	6.5	
April	160,195	4.7	64,616	14.3	8,938	-7.2	73,554	11.2	
May	166,136	-10.4	64,043	-9.8	8,765	-19.6	72,808	-11.1	
June	154,134	2.9	65,041	7.5	8,856	-4.1	73,897	6.0	
July	136,563	-8.3	54,632	-9.3	9,361	-9.5	63,993	-9.3	
August	136,187	-6.1	52,498	-9.1	9,746	4.1	62,244	-7.2	
September	130,699	-8.0	54,338	-8.3	9,632	2.0	63,970	-6.9	
October	123,552	-0.7	51,064	3.5	8,590	-12.9	59.654	0.8	
	120,287	-0.7 4.5		10.9			59,825		
November			51,581	2.9	8,244	2.4		9.6	
December	117,822	4.4	51,536		8,713	22.9	60,249	5.4	
Year	1,575,195	-3.2	653,637	-0.1	101,455	-5.1	755,092	-0.8	
2005	00.040		~~ ~~~			4.0			
January	82,019	-3.8	36,460	0.9	6,015	1.0	42,475	0.9	
February	106,064	11.9	48,151	13.0	7,354	19.9	55,505	13.9	
March	148,296	-0.9	62,010	-5.4	10,089	18.4	72,099	-2.6	
April	167,441	4.5	65,425	1.3	10,621	18.8	76,046	3.4	
May	161,865	-2.6	63,273	-1.2	10,335	17.9	73,608	1.1	
June	166,024	7.7	69,913	7.5	10,512	18.7	80,425	8.8	
July	158,796	16.3	67,772	24.1	10,612	13.4	78,384	22.5	
August	146,862	7.8	56,869	8.3	10,976	12.6	67,845	9.0	
September	128,431	-1.7	49,301	-9.3	8,825	-8.4	58,126	-9.1	
October r	118,993	-3.7	45,897	-10.1	8,847	3.0	54,744	-8.2	
November P	124,111	3.2	53,478	3.7	8,520	3.3	61,998	3.6	
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1. Trucks include minivans, sport-utility vehicles, light and heavy trucks, vans and buses. **Note:** Percentage change are year-over-year changes.

Table 1-2

Monthly sales of new motor vehicles, by type and origin in dollars

	Total new motor vehicles Passenger cars										
		•	North An	nerica	Japa	n	Other cou	untries	Tota	1	
	Units	Year/year change	Units	Year/year change	Units	Year/year change	Units	Year/year change	Units	Year/year change	
	\$'000	%	\$'000	%	\$'000	%	\$'000	%	\$'000	%	
2003	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·										
January	2,941,847	-13.8	824,784	-17.8	178,744	2.8	238,493	10.0	1,242,022	-10.9	
February	3,276,166	3.2	901,436	3.4	204,027	8.8	254,185	6.6	1,359,649	4.8	
March	4,619,716	2.6	1,342,055	-1.9	287,456	-0.7	354,970	-2.0	1,984,481	-1.7	
April	4,671,934	-5.5	1,447,359	-7.7	319,616	-14.5	423,686	-1.0	2,190,662	-7.6	
May	5,551,388	1.6	1,808,156	2.7	344,754	-16.7	438,653	-1.7	2,591,563	-1.1	
June	4,596,710	-8.7	1,352,584	-10.9	270,678	-16.9	394,456	-6.8	2,017,718	-11.0	
July	4,570,411	8.9	1,305,259	3.5	264,556	-9.2	349,578	-10.9	1,919,393	-1.3	
August	4,452,716	-1.4	1,258,881	-8.4	301,261	-7.8	335,482	-8.3	1,895,623	-8.3	
September	4,487,201	2.9	1,209,940	-7.2	250,835	-18.5	359,903	2.5	1,820,678	-7.2	
October	3,996,557	-5.7	1,076,616	-9.5	215,226	-35.4	389,239	12.1	1,681,081	-10.1	
November	3,678,577	-7.3	1,092,537	3.4	180,705	-26.9	288,064	-8.6	1,561,306	-3.5	
December	3,650,085	-17.2	945,611	-24.2	170,416	-26.1	305,384	8.2	1,421,411	-19.3	
Year	50,493,308	-3.3	14,565,218	-6.2	2,988,274	-14.7	4,132,093	-0.9	21,685,587	-6.5	
2004											
January	2,711,635	-7.8	686,549	-16.8	155,729	-12.9	212,100	-11.1	1,054,378	-15.1	
February	3,005,344	-8.3	715,763	-20.6	171,197	-16.1	265,210	4.3	1,152,171	-15.3	
March	4,674,152	1.2	1,208,905	-9.9	275,102	-4.3	401,542	13.1	1,885,549	-5.0	
April	4,889,605	4.7	1,367,882	-5.5	324,034	1.4	479,841	13.3	2,171,757	-0.9	
May	5,029,987	-9.4	1,564,060	-13.5	310,894	-9.8	459,274	4.7	2,334,228	-9.9	
June	4,812,540	4.7	1,302,258	-3.7	266,842	-1.4	441,534	11.9	2,010,635	-0.4	
July	4,256,526	-6.9	1,172,206	-10.2	236,014	-10.8	381,164	9.0	1,789,384	-6.8	
August	4,247,689	-4.6	1,199,676	-4.7	211,698	-29.7	410,448	22.3	1,821,822	-3.9	
September	4,204,154	-6.3	1,046,176	-13.5	199,117	-20.6	423,349	17.6	1,668,642	-8.4	
October	4,012,022	0.4	1,022,607	-5.0	201,005	-6.6	384,000	-1.3	1,607,612	-4.4	
November	3,938,961	7.1	989,267	-9.5	181,590	0.5	358,200	24.3	1,529,057	-2.1	
December	3,856,608	5.7	986,404	4.3	161,748	-5.1	316,373	3.6	1,464,526	3.0	
Year	49,639,223	-1.7	13,261,753	-8.9	2,694,970	-9.8	4,533,035	9.7	20,489,761	-5.5	
2005											
January	2,687,357	-0.9	666,757	-2.9	119,763	-23.1	198,787	-6.3	985,307	-6.6	
February	3,481,340	15.8	874,955	22.2	150,732	-12.0	245,344	-7.5	1,271,031	10.3	
March	4,750,643	1.6	1,352,574	11.9	229,750	-16.5	354,295	-11.8	1,936,618	2.7	
April	5,287,013	8.1	1,526,182	11.6	347,827	7.3	424,652	-11.5	2,298,661	5.8	
May	5,142,342	2.2	1,453,486	-7.1	326,975	5.2	452,678	-1.4	2,233,139	-4.3	
June	5,357,018	11.3	1,421,874	9.2	309,365	15.9	421,970	-4.4	2,153,209	7.1	
July	5,018,709	17.9	1,282,543	9.4	293,788	24.5	401,275	5.3	1,977,606	10.5	
August	4,666,863	9.9	1,273,032	6.1	279,738	32.1	395,205	-3.7	1,947,975	6.9	
September	4,131,585	-1.7	1,121,399	7.2	243,568	22.3	389,540	-8.0	1,754,507	5.1	
October r	3,842,930	-4.2	1,063,921	4.0	219,053	9.0	334,761	-12.8	1,617,735	0.6	
November ^p	4,104,723	4.2	1.009.044	2.0	227,258	25.1	332,669	-7.1	1,568,970	2.6	

See footnotes at the end of the table.

Table 1-2 - continued

Monthly sales of new motor vehicles, by type and origin in dollars

	Total new moto	r vehicles	Trucks ¹						
		-	North Ame	erica	Overse	as	Total		
	Units	Year/year change	Units	Year/year change	Units	Year/year change	Units	Year/year change	
	\$'000	%	\$'000	%	\$'000	%	\$'000	%	
2003									
January	2,941,847	-13.8	1,467,829	-17.5	231,997	-2.8	1,699,826	-15.8	
February	3,276,166	3.2	1,652,299	-0.9	264,219	26.6	1,916,518	2.1	
March	4,619,716	2.6	2,296,628	3.0	338.607	32.7	2,635,235	6.1	
	4,671,934	-5.5	2,123,655	-7.3	357,617	25.6	2,481,272	-3.6	
April									
May	5,551,388	1.6	2,557,042	0.7	402,783	32.4	2,959,825	4.1	
June	4,596,710	-8.7	2,236,697	-9.4	342,295	14.3	2,578,992	-6.8	
July	4,570,411	8.9	2,274,577	15.8	376,441	31.4	2,651,017	17.8	
August	4,452,716	-1.4	2,213,158	2.8	343,934	15.7	2,557,092	4.3	
September	4,487,201	2.9	2,306,377	8.8	360,146	28.2	2,666,523	11.1	
October	3,996,557	-5.7	1,946,666	-4.8	368,809	13.7	2,315,475	-2.3	
November	3,678,577	-7.3	1,812,877	-11.0	304,393	-2.7	2,117,271	-9.9	
December	3,650,085	-17.2	1,958,110	-16.3	270,563	-12.7	2,228,674	-15.9	
Year	50,493,308	-3.3	24,845,915	-3.1	3,961,804	16.4	28,807,720	-0.8	
2004									
January	2.711.635	-7.8	1,433,529	-2.3	223,728	-3.6	1,657,257	-2.5	
February	3,005,344	-8.3	1,615,037	-2.3	238,137	-9.9	1,853,174	-2.3	
March	4,674,152	-0.3	2,467,772	7.5	320,831	-5.2	2,788,603	-5.5	
	4,889,605	4.7	2,389,409	12.5	328,439	-5.2	2,717,847	5.8 9.5	
April									
May	5,029,987	-9.4	2,372,470	-7.2	323,288	-19.7	2,695,759	-8.9	
June	4,812,540	4.7	2,473,893	10.6	328,012	-4.2	2,801,905	8.6	
July	4,256,526	-6.9	2,131,435	-6.3	335,708	-10.8	2,467,143	-6.9	
August	4,247,689	-4.6	2,071,929	-6.4	353,939	2.9	2,425,867	-5.1	
September	4,204,154	-6.3	2,179,570	-5.5	355,942	-1.2	2,535,512	-4.9	
October	4,012,022	0.4	2,081,909	6.9	322,501	-12.6	2,404,410	3.8	
November	3,938,961	7.1	2,102,871	16.0	307,033	0.9	2,409,904	13.8	
December	3,856,608	5.7	2,064,737	5.4	327,346	21.0	2,392,082	7.3	
Year	49,639,223	-1.7	25,384,561	2.2	3,764,904	-5.0	29,149,463	1.2	
2005									
January	2,687,357	-0.9	1,481,819	3.4	220,231	-1.6	1,702,050	2.7	
February	3,481,340	15.8	1,950,551	20.8	259,759	9.1	2,210,310	19.3	
March	4,750,643	1.6	2,455,779	-0.5	358,245	11.7	2,814,024	0.9	
April	5,287,013	8.1	2,609,244	9.2	379,108	15.4	2,988,352	10.0	
May	5,142,342	2.2	2,532,694	9.2 6.8	376,509	16.5	2,909,203	7.9	
		11.3	2,532,694 2,825,480	0.0 14.2	378,329	15.3	2,909,203	7.9 14.3	
June	5,357,018								
July	5,018,709	17.9	2,665,886	25.1	375,217	11.8	3,041,103	23.3	
August	4,666,863	9.9	2,325,759	12.3	393,129	11.1	2,718,888	12.1	
September	4,131,585	-1.7	2,057,211	-5.6	319,867	-10.1	2,377,078	-6.2	
October r	3,842,930	-4.2	1,887,791	-9.3	337,404	4.6	2,225,196	-7.5	
November ^p	4,104,723	4.2	2,203,394	4.8	332,359	8.2	2,535,753	5.2	

1. Trucks include minivans, sport-utility vehicles, light and heavy trucks, vans and buses. *Note:* Percentage change are year-over-year changes.

Average monthly prices of passenger cars, by origin

Period	North Americ	а	Japan		Other countries	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%
2003						
January	24,015	0.1	23,513	-3.2	30,026	1.1
February	23,889	1.6	23,910	-3.7	30,365	1.4
March	24,024	1.8	23.826	-3.5	30,983	-2.3
April	24,232	2.0	23,961	-1.4	30,870	0.4
May	24,147	1.6	24,093	2.3	30,636	1.9
June	24,229	0.5	24,246	1.1	30,116	-1.3
July	23,915	0.5	22,927	-5.1	28,493	1.0
August	23,773	-0.4	22,656	-5.0	28,523	3.2
September	23,991	0.8	23,161	-5.6	29,935	0.7
October	23,991	1.3	23,101	-4.8	29,955	14.1
November	24,467	2.5	23,413	-4.7	35,194	12.3
December	24,115	0.6	23,383	-2.2	33,172	3.2
Year	24,086	1.1	23,547	-2.8	30,873	2.8
2004						
January	24,220	0.9	22,014	-6.4	27,467	-8.5
February	24,481	2.5	22,502	-5.9	28,881	-4.9
March	24,277	1.1	23,174	-2.7	28,921	-6.7
April	24,246	0.1	23,134	-3.5	29,589	-4.1
May	24,174	0.1	23,104	-4.1	30,273	-1.2
June	24,421	0.8	23.002	-5.1	28,840	-4.2
July	24,489	2.4	23,317	1.7	26,141	-8.3
August	24,328	2.3	23,302	2.9	26,402	-7.4
September	24,593	2.5	23,415	1.1	26,989	-9.8
October	24,828	2.5	23,427	0.4	27,174	-19.8
		0.7		0.4		-19.8
November	24,635		23,556		28,438	
December	24,705	2.4	23,755	1.6	29,196	-12.0
Year	24,431	1.4	23,147	-1.7	28,179	-8.7
2005						
January	24,564	1.4	22,934	4.2	27,694	0.8
February	24,702	0.9	23,232	3.2	28,363	-1.8
March	24,759	2.0	23,992	3.5	29,547	2.2
April	24,550	1.3	23,465	1.4	29,477	-0.4
May	24,771	2.5	23,307	0.9	29,111	-3.8
June	24,535	0.5	23,245	1.1	29,432	2.1
July	24,055	-1.8	23,044	-1.2	27,973	7.0
August	23,944	-1.6	23,889	2.5	27,951	5.9
September	24,116	-1.9	24,536	4.8	28,069	4.0
October r	24,266	-2.3	25,066	7.0	28,695	5.6
November p	24,200	-2.3	23,902	1.5	29,474	3.6
Year	·					

Note: Percentage changes shown are year-to-year changes.

Monthly market share of new passenger car sales (units), by origin, Canada

Period	Total				Passenger of	cars		
			North Amer	ica	Japan		Other count	ries
	Units	Market share	Units	Market share	Units	Market share	Units	Market share
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
2003								
January	49,890	100.0	34,345	68.8	7,602	15.2	7,943	15.9
February	54,638	100.0	37,734	69.1	8,533	15.6	8,371	15.3
March	79,385	100.0	55,863	70.4	12,065	15.2	11,457	14.4
April	86,793	100.0	59,729	68.8	13,339	15.4	13,725	15.8
May	103,507	100.0	74,880	72.3	14,309	13.8	14,318	13.8
June	80,086	100.0	55,824	69.7	11,164	13.9	13,098	16.4
July	78,388	100.0	54,580	69.6	11,539	14.7	12,269	15.7
August	78,013	100.0	52,954	67.9	13,297	17.0	11,762	15.1
September	73,286	100.0	50,433	68.8	10,830	14.8	12,023	16.4
October	65,226	100.0	44,518	68.3	9,224	14.1	11,484	17.6
November December	60,556 55,707	100.0 100.0	44,653 39,213	73.7 70.4	7,718 7,288	12.7 13.1	8,185 9,206	13.5 16.5
December	55,707	100.0	39,213	70.4	1,200	13.1	9,200	10.5
Year	865,475	100.0	604,726	69.9	126,908	14.7	133,841	15.5
2004								
January	43,142	100.0	28,346	65.7	7,074	16.4	7,722	17.9
February	46,029	100.0	29,238	63.5	7,608	16.5	9,183	20.0
March	75,551	100.0	49,796	65.9	11,871	15.7	13,884	18.4
April	86,641	100.0	56,417	65.1	14,007	16.2	16,217	18.7
May	93,328	100.0	64,701	69.3	13,456	14.4	15,171	16.3
June	80,237 72,570	100.0 100.0	53,326 47.867	66.5 66.0	11,601 10,122	14.5 13.9	15,310 14,581	19.1 20.1
July	72,570 73,943	100.0	49,312	66.7	9,085	12.3	14,561	20.1
August September	66.729	100.0	42,539	63.7	9,085 8,504	12.3	15,686	21.0
October	63.898	100.0	41.187	64.5	8,580	13.4	14,131	23.3
November	60,462	100.0	40,157	66.4	7,709	12.8	12,596	20.8
December	57,573	100.0	39,928	69.4	6,809	11.8	10,836	18.8
Year	820,103	100.0	542,814	66.2	116,426	14.2	160,863	19.6
2005								
January	39,544	100.0	27,144	68.6	5,222	13.2	7,178	18.2
February	50,559	100.0	35,421	70.1	6,488	12.8	8,650	17.1
March	76,197	100.0	54,630	71.7	9,576	12.6	11,991	15.7
April	91,395	100.0	62,166	68.0	14,823	16.2	14,406	15.8
May	88,257	100.0	58,678	66.5	14,029	15.9	15,550	17.6
June	85,599	100.0	57,953	67.7	13,309	15.5	14,337	16.7
July	80,412	100.0	53,318	66.3	12,749	15.9	14,345	17.8
August	79,017	100.0	53,168	67.3	11,710	14.8	14,139	17.9
September	70,305	100.0	46,500	66.1	9,927	14.1	13,878	19.7
October r	64,249	100.0	43,844	68.2	8,739	13.6	11,666	18.2
November ^p	62,113	100.0	41,318	66.5	9,508	15.3	11,287	18.2
Year								
Year								

Provincial sales of new motor vehicles, by type and origin, in units and dollars, November

Type and origin of vehicles	Canada	Newfoundland and Labrador	Prince Edward Island	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec
Total, new motor vehicles 2003 (No.) 2004 (No.) 2005 (No.) 2005 / 2004 %	115,126 120,287 124,111 3.2	1,480 1,444 1,791 24.0	300 299 413 38.1	3,127 2,879 3,076 6.8	2,378 2,251 2,269 0.8	26,567 28,610 30,411 6.3
2003 (\$'000) 2004 (\$'000) 2005 (\$'000) 2005 / 2004 %	3,678,577 3,938,961 4,104,723 4.2	41,919 40,400 50,013 23.8	8,127 8,170 10,753 31.6	91,655 83,751 100,851 20.4	72,464 68,087 66,242 -2.7	772,517 851,723 899,038 5.6
Passenger cars, manufactured in North						
America 2003 (No.) 2004 (No.) 2005 (No.) 2005 / 2004 %	44,653 40,157 41,318 2.9	577 484 623 28.7	142 122 171 40.2	1,339 1,064 1,149 8.0	1,091 812 815 0.4	11,088 10,360 11,277 8.9
2003 (\$'000) 2004 (\$'000) 2005 (\$'000) 2005 / 2004 %	1,092,537 989,267 1,009,044 2.0	13,266 10,918 14,106 29.2	3,324 2,722 3,818 40.3	31,482 24,583 27,126 10.3	25,893 18,987 19,049 0.3	257,195 247,307 264,949 7.1
Passenger cars, manufactured in Japan 2003 (No.) 2004 (No.) 2005 (No.) 2005 / 2004 %	7,718 7,709 9,508 23.3	x x x x	X X X X	172 151 193 27.8	x x x x	3,165 3,226 3,903 21.0
2003 (\$'000) 2004 (\$'000) 2005 (\$'000) 2005 / 2004 %	180,705 181,590 227,258 25.1	X X X X	X X X X	3,761 3,341 4,346 30.1	x x x x	65,996 66,904 80,603 20.5
Passenger cars, manufactured in other countries						
2003 (No.) 2004 (No.) 2005 (No.) 2005 / 2004 %	8,185 12,596 11,287 -10.4	x x x x	X X X X	180 309 249 -19.4	X X X X	2,888 4,392 4,063 -7.5
2003 (\$'000) 2004 (\$'000) 2005 (\$'000) 2005 / 2004 %	288,064 358,200 332,669 -7.1	x x x x	X X X X	4,732 7,516 5,555 -26.1	x x x x	85,295 107,250 101,883 -5.0
Trucks ¹ , manufactured in North America 2003 (No.) 2004 (No.) 2005 (No.) 2005 / 2004 %	46,522 51,581 53,478 3.7	x x x x	X X X X	1,243 1,216 1,305 7.3	977 981 1,033 5.3	7,556 8,600 9,140 6.3
2003 (\$'000) 2004 (\$'000) 2005 (\$'000) 2005 / 2004 %	1,812,877 2,102,871 2,203,394 4.8	x x x x x	X X X X	44,776 43,773 57,433 31.2	37,915 38,350 37,290 -2.8	295,018 356,275 377,340 5.9
Trucks ¹ , manufactured overseas 2003 (No.) 2004 (No.) 2005 (No.) 2005 / 2004 %	8,048 8,244 8,520 3.3	x x x x	x x x x	193 139 180 29.5	148 121 124 2.5	1,870 2,032 2,028 -0.2
2003 (\$'000) 2004 (\$'000) 2005 (\$'000) 2005 / 2004 %	304,393 307,033 332,359 8.2	x x x x	X X X X	6,904 4,538 6,391 40.8	5,004 3,802 3,903 2.7	69,014 73,987 74,262 0.4

See footnotes at the end of the table.

Table 4 - continued

Provincial sales of new motor vehicles, by type and origin, in units and dollars, November

Type and origin of vehicles	Canada	Ontario	Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	British Columbia¹
Total, new motor vehicles 2003 (No.) 2004 (No.) 2005 (No.) 2005 / 2004 %	115,126 120,287 124,111 3.2	45,155 46,837 47,807 2.1	3,295 3,364 3,195 -5.0	2,823 3,160 2,935 -7.1	15,612 17,150 18,622 8.6	14,389 14,293 13,592 -4.9
2003 (\$'000) 2004 (\$'000) 2005 (\$'000) 2005 / 2004 %	3,678,577 3,938,961 4,104,723 4.2	1,478,983 1,585,293 1,583,623 -0.1	110,980 113,367 112,137 -1.1	96,346 110,259 105,104 -4.7	544,872 604,985 695,567 15.0	460,714 472,926 481,395 1.8
Passenger cars, manufactured in North America 2003 (No.) 2004 (No.) 2005 (No.) 2005 / 2004 %	44,653 40,157 41,318 2.9	17,705 16,280 16,824 3.3	1,256 1,068 1,004 -6.0	884 795 754 -5.2	4,941 4,338 4,465 2.9	5,630 4,834 4,236 -12.4
2003 (\$'000) 2004 (\$'000) 2005 (\$'000) 2005 / 2004 %	1,092,537 989,267 1,009,044 2.0	450,161 415,854 423,679 1.9	30,676 26,141 24,633 -5.8	21,558 19,798 19,230 -2.9	125,423 107,522 110,968 3.2	133,559 115,435 101,486 -12.1
Passenger cars, manufactured in Japan 2003 (No.) 2004 (No.) 2005 (No.) 2005 / 2004 %	7,718 7,709 9,508 23.3	2,482 2,448 2,955 20.7	128 107 137 28.0	83 70 77 10.0	481 558 846 51.6	1,024 963 1,175 22.0
2003 (\$'000) 2004 (\$'000) 2005 (\$'000) 2005 / 2004 %	180,705 181,590 227,258 25.1	65,924 64,430 80,910 25.6	2,844 2,624 3,144 19.8	2,019 1,902 2,065 8.6	11,905 14,831 21,708 46.4	24,523 24,094 30,151 25.1
Passenger cars, manufactured in other countries 2003 (No.) 2004 (No.) 2005 (No.) 2005 / 2004 %	8,185 12,596 11,287 -10.4	3,184 4,757 4,148 -12.8	151 214 174 -18.7	122 189 145 -23.3	488 951 825 -13.2	983 1,349 1,322 -2.0
2003 (\$'000) 2004 (\$'000) 2005 (\$'000) 2005 / 2004 %	288,064 358,200 332,669 -7.1	127,799 151,640 137,511 -9.3	4,293 5,045 4,473 -11.3	3,389 4,411 3,197 -27.5	18,941 28,140 27,181 -3.4	39,380 45,086 45,609 1.2
Trucks ² , manufactured in North America 2003 (No.) 2004 (No.) 2005 (No.) 2005 / 2004 %	46,522 51,581 53,478 3.7	18,436 19,849 20,452 3.0	1,613 1,787 1,706 -4.5	1,574 1,931 1,741 -9.8	8,796 10,411 11,477 10.2	5,580 6,065 5,619 -7.4
2003 (\$'000) 2004 (\$'000) 2005 (\$'000) 2005 / 2004 %	1,812,877 2,102,871 2,203,394 4.8	705,597 819,610 801,781 -2.2	67,938 72,680 73,528 1.2	63,370 78,117 72,694 -6.9	354,208 421,295 495,739 17.7	218,130 246,932 253,890 2.8
Trucks ² , manufactured overseas 2003 (No.) 2004 (No.) 2005 (No.) 2005 / 2004 %	8,048 8,244 8,520 3.3	3,348 3,503 3,428 -2.1	147 188 174 -7.4	160 175 218 24.6	906 892 1,009 13.1	1,172 1,082 1,240 14.6
2003 (\$'000) 2004 (\$'000) 2005 (\$'000) 2005 / 2004 %	304,393 307,033 332,359 8.2	129,503 133,758 139,743 4.5	5,230 6,878 6,360 -7.5	6,009 6,031 7,918 31.3	34,395 33,197 39,971 20.4	45,122 41,378 50,259 21.5

1. Trucks include minivans, sport-utility vehicles, light and heavy trucks, vans and buses.

Table 5-1

Year to date provincial sales of new motor vehicles, by type and origin in units, January to November

Province	Total new mo	tor vehicles	Passenger cars							
			North A	merica	Japa	an	Other co	untries	Tota	al
	Units	Year/year change	Units	Year/year change	Units	Year/year change	Units	Year/year change	Units	Year/year change
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
2003										
Newfoundland and										
Labrador	23,873	-0.6	9,553	-2.1	х	х	х	х	13,348	-3.1
Prince Edward Island	4,436	-3.8	1,962	-1.7	x	x	x	x	2,525	-4.1
Nova Scotia	43,048	-1.4	19,216	-2.9	2,719	-11.8	2,910	-8.1	24,845	-4.5
New Brunswick	35,110	-6.8	14,745	-2.1	_, X	X	_,x	x	18,751	-4.0
Quebec	395,545	-1.6	157,150	0.5	50.412	-6.5	50.834	-1.8	258,396	-1.4
Ontario	584,918	-7.1	223,444	-10.0	38,141	-18.3	43,627	-7.4	305,212	-10.8
Manitoba	42,759	-5.0	15,702	-3.9	1,915	-18.3	1,993	-2.2	19,610	-5.3
Saskatchewan	37,611	0.1	11,851	-4.0	1,373	-12.5	1,602	3.1	14,826	-4.2
Alberta	179,616	-3.7	53,403	-7.3	7,814	-6.7	6,740	-2.6	67,957	-6.8
British Columbia ¹	166,682	-6.8	58,487	-5.4	13,021	-10.2	12,790	0.0	84,298	-5.4
Canada	1,513,598	-4.8	565,513	-5.6	119,620	-11.4	124,635	-4.1	809,768	-6.3
2004										
Newfoundland and										
Labrador	21,627	-9.4	7,948	-16.8	х	х	х	х	11,671	-12.6
Prince Edward Island	4,334	-2.3	1,757	-10.4	х	х	х	х	2,453	-2.9
Nova Scotia	42,067	-2.3	17,164	-10.7	2,545	-6.4	4,392	50.9	24,101	-3.0
New Brunswick	32,155	-8.4	12,314	-16.5	х	х	х	х	17,052	-9.1
Quebec	379,607	-4.0	137,622	-12.4	49,283	-2.2	58,156	14.4	245,061	-5.2
Ontario	554,728	-5.2	195,395	-12.6	31,436	-17.6	51,372	17.8	278,203	-8.8
Manitoba	41,893	-2.0	14,220	-9.4	1,630	-14.9	2,797	40.3	18,647	-4.9
Saskatchewan	35,584	-5.4	9,962	-15.9	1,065	-22.4	2,223	38.8	13,250	-10.6
Alberta	179,148	-0.3	49,788	-6.8	7,389	-5.4	9,761	44.8	66,938	-1.5
British Columbia ¹	166,230	-0.3	56,716	-3.0	13,248	1.7	15,190	18.8	85,154	1.0
Canada	1,457,373	-3.7	502,886	-11.1	109,617	-8.4	150,027	20.4	762,530	-5.8
2005										
Newfoundland and										
Labrador	23,466	8.5	9,324	17.3	х	х	х	х	12,918	10.7
Prince Edward Island	4,546	4.9	1,949	10.9	х	х	х	х	2,752	12.2
Nova Scotia	42,932	2.1	18,296	6.6	2,567	0.9	3,872	-11.8	24,735	2.6
New Brunswick	31,934	-0.7	12,880	4.6	X	х	X	X	17,305	1.5
Quebec	382,610	0.8	146,698	6.6	50,413	2.3	50,744	-12.7	247,855	1.1
Ontario	569,825	2.7	208,535	6.7	34,087	8.4	47,948	-6.7	290,570	4.4
Manitoba	42,884	2.4	14,814	4.2	1,590	-2.5	2,417	-13.6	18,821	0.9
Saskatchewan	35,958	1.1	10,170	2.1	1,031	-3.2	1,906	-14.3	13,107	-1.1
Alberta	203,566	13.6	55,488	11.4	8,934	20.9	10,016	2.6	74,438	11.2
British Columbia ¹	171,181	3.0	55,986	-1.3	14,225	7.4	14,935	-1.7	85,146	0.0
Canada	1,508,902	3.5	534,140	6.2	116,080	5.9	137,427	-8.4	787,647	3.3

See footnotes at the end of the table.

Table 5-1 - continued

Year to date provincial sales of new motor vehicles, by type and origin in units, January to November

Province	Total new moto	or vehicles			Truck	S ²		
		_	North Am	erica	Overse	as	Total	
	Units	Year/year change	Units	Year/year change	Units	Year/year change	Units	Year/year change
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
2003								
Newfoundland and Labrador	23,873	-0.6	х	х	х	х	10,525	2.7
Prince Edward Island	4,436	-3.8	X	x	X	x	1,911	-3.4
Nova Scotia	43,048	-1.4	15,983	3.5	2,220	1.6	18,203	3.2
New Brunswick	35,110	-6.8	14,740	-10.3	1,619	-3.8	16,359	-9.7
Quebec	395,545	-1.6	110,976	-4.7	26,173	10.4	137,149	-2.2
Ontario	584,918	-7.1	238,698	-5.2	41,008	13.3	279,706	-2.8
Manitoba	42,759	-5.0	21,247	-6.0	1,902	12.7	23,149	-2.0
Saskatchewan	37,611	0.1	20,905	1.7	1,880	20.7	22,785	3.0
Alberta	179,616	-3.7	101,719	-3.1	9,940	14.8	111,659	-1.7
British Columbia ¹	166,682	-6.8	69,076	-9.0	13,308	-3.3	82,384	-8.1
		-0.8		-4.8	99,767	-3.3 9.6	703,830	-3.0
Canada	1,513,598	-4.8	604,063	-4.8	99,767	9.6	703,830	-3.0
2004								
Newfoundland and Labrador	21,627	-9.4	Х	х	Х	х	9,956	-5.4
Prince Edward Island	4,334	-2.3	Х	х	Х	Х	1,881	-1.6
Nova Scotia	42,067	-2.3	15,790	-1.2	2,176	-2.0	17,966	-1.3
New Brunswick	32,155	-8.4	13,590	-7.8	1,513	-6.5	15,103	-7.7
Quebec	379,607	-4.0	110,703	-0.2	23,843	-8.9	134,546	-1.9
Ontario	554,728	-5.2	238,743	0.0	37,782	-7.9	276,525	-1.1
Manitoba	41,893	-2.0	21,281	0.2	1,965	3.3	23,246	0.4
Saskatchewan	35,584	-5.4	20,535	-1.8	1,799	-4.3	22,334	-2.0
Alberta	179,148	-0.3	102,602	0.9	9,608	-3.3	112,210	0.5
British Columbia ¹	166,230	-0.3	68,533	-0.8	12,543	-5.7	81,076	-1.6
Canada	1,457,373	-3.7	602,101	-0.3	92,742	-7.0	694,843	-1.3
2005								
Newfoundland and Labrador	23,466	8.5	х	х	х	х	10,548	5.9
Prince Edward Island	4,546	4.9	х	х	х	х	1,794	-4.6
Nova Scotia	42,932	2.1	15,884	0.6	2,313	6.3	18,197	1.3
New Brunswick	31,934	-0.7	13,024	-4.2	1,605	6.1	14,629	-3.1
Quebec	382,610	0.8	108,053	-2.4	26,702	12.0	134,755	0.2
Ontario	569,825	2.7	238,349	-0.2	40,906	8.3	279,255	1.0
Manitoba	42,884	2.4	21,809	2.5	2,254	14.7	24,063	3.5
Saskatchewan	35,958	1.1	20,683	0.7	2,168	20.5	22,851	2.3
Alberta	203,566	13.6	117,572	14.6	11,556	20.3	129,128	15.1
								6.1
								3.8
British Columbia ¹ Canada	171,181 1,508,902	3.0 3.5	72,607 618,549	5.9 2.7	13,428 102,706	7.1 10.7	86,035 721,255	

1. For reasons of confidentiality, data for the Yukon, the Northwest Territories and Nunavut have been included with the data for British Columbia. *Note:* Percentage changes shown are year-to-year changes.

Table 5-2

Year to date provincial sales of new motor vehicles, by type and origin in dollars, January to November

Province	Total new mo	tor vehicles		Passenger cars								
			North Ar	merica	Japa	an	Other co	untries	Tota	al		
	Units	Year/year change	Units	Year/year change	Units	Year/year change	Units	Year/year change	Units	Year/year change		
	'000\$	%	'000\$	%	'000\$	%	'000\$	%	'000\$	%		
2003												
Newfoundland and												
Labrador	640,603	2.8	216,599	-1.0	х	х	х	х	292,363	-1.6		
Prince Edward Island	118,592	-1.9	44,450	-0.8	х	х	х	х	55,518	-3.8		
Nova Scotia	1,216,439	3.3	445,653	-0.9	61,116	-11.7	69,173	-4.2	575,946	-2.5		
New Brunswick	1,015,323	-5.2	347,125	-0.6	х	х	х	х	433,663	-2.4		
Quebec	11,026,747	0.5	3,596,749	2.9	1,055,318	-9.0	1,319,326	0.7	5,971,393	0.1		
Ontario	18,608,248	-3.9	5,555,342	-9.3	1,000,017	-19.8	1,548,336	-4.4	8,103,695	-9.8		
Manitoba	1,407,553	-3.0	382,374	-3.6	46,832	-21.3	53,617	-2.5	482,821	-5.5		
Saskatchewan	1,239,625	2.4	291,333	-3.3	35,168	-16.3	39,148	5.3	365,650	-3.9		
Alberta	6,173,563	-0.2	1,347,072	-5.8	203,552	-10.2	230,337	-0.6	1,780,964	-5.7		
British Columbia ¹	5,396,532	-4.2	1,392,910	-5.0	328,926	-12.0	480,329	2.5	2,202,165	-4.6		
Canada	46,843,223	-2.0	13,619,607	-4.6	2,817,858	-13.8	3,826,709	-1.5	20,264,176	-5.4		
2004												
Newfoundland and												
Labrador	588.348	-8.2	180,525	-16.7	х	х	х	х	252,657	-13.6		
Prince Edward Island	115.033	-3.0	39.325	-11.5	x	x	x	x	52.090	-6.2		
Nova Scotia	1,192,366	-2.0	397,264	-10.9	53,724	-12.1	97.748	41.3	548,736	-4.7		
New Brunswick	946.011	-6.8	284.871	-17.9	X	х	x	x	380.450	-12.3		
Quebec	10,794,731	-2.1	3,274,280	-9.0	1,017,141	-3.6	1,411,716	7.0	5,703,137	-4.5		
Ontario	18,110,528	-2.7	4,932,246	-11.2	811,645	-18.8	1,649,360	6.5	7,393,252	-8.8		
Manitoba	1,385,931	-1.5	347,710	-9.1	38,670	-17.4	67,685	26.2	454,063	-6.0		
Saskatchewan	1,180,290	-4.8	246,345	-15.4	26,733	-24.0	49,290	25.9	322,370	-11.8		
Alberta	6,068,676	-1.7	1,219,769	-9.5	189,028	-7.1	294,519	27.9	1,703,319	-4.4		
British Columbia ¹	5,400,702	0.1	1,353,008	-2.9	337,439	2.6	524,719	9.2	2,215,166	0.6		
Canada	45,782,615	-2.3	12,275,349	-9.9	2,533,222	-10.1	4,216,662	10.2	19,025,235	-6.1		
2005												
Newfoundland and												
Labrador	628,459	6.8	209,518	16.1	х	х	х	х	278.721	10.3		
Prince Edward Island	117.953	2.5	43,972	11.8	x	x	x	x	58.859	13.0		
Nova Scotia	1,277,165	7.1	423.261	6.5	57,039	6.2	87.877	-10.1	568.179	3.5		
New Brunswick	913.173	-3.5	298,949	4.9	07,000 X	<u>х</u>	01,011 X	X	388.338	2.1		
Quebec	11.013.553	2.0	3.448.152	5.3	1.054.943	3.7	1.256.560	-11.0	5.759.656	1.0		
Ontario	18,775,628	3.7	5,279,624	7.0	912.853	12.5	1.570.858	-4.8	7,763,334	5.0		
Manitoba	1,473,269	6.3	363,900	4.7	39.007	0.9	60.347	-10.8	463,253	2.0		
Saskatchewan	1,240,246	5.1	254,787	3.4	27,109	1.4	43.877	-11.0	325.772	1.1		
Alberta	7.251.087	19.5	1.378.422	13.0	233,460	23.5	308.606	4.8	1.920.491	12.7		
British Columbia ¹	5,779,988	7.0	1,345,181	-0.6	359,436	6.5	513,540	-2.1	2,218,158	0.1		
Canada	48,470,523	5.9	13,045,767	6.3	2,747,817	8.5	3,951,176	-6.3	19,744,758	3.8		
Canada	48,470,523	5.9	13,045,767	6.3	2,747,817	8.5	3,951,176	-6.3	19,744,758	3.		

See footnotes at the end of the table.

Table 5-2 - continued

Year to date provincial sales of new motor vehicles, by type and origin in dollars, January to November

Province	Total new motor vehicles		Trucks ²							
		-	North Am	erica	Overse	as	Tota			
	Units	Year/year change	Units	Year/year change	Units	Year/year change	Units	Year/year change		
	'000\$	%	'000\$	%	'000\$	%	'000\$	%		
2003										
Newfoundland and Labrador	640,603	2.8	х	х	х	х	348,240	6.9		
Prince Edward Island	118,592	-1.9	X	x	X	x	63.073	-0.1		
Nova Scotia	1,216,439	3.3	563,743	8.9	76,751	11.8	640,494	9.2		
New Brunswick	1,015,323	-5.2	528,553	-8.2	53,105	3.2	581,659	-7.2		
Quebec	11,026,747	0.5	4,136,775	-2.5	918,580	20.2	5,055,354	0.9		
Ontario	18,608,248	-3.9	8,939,815	-2.0	1,564,737	24.1	10,504,552	1.1		
Manitoba	1,407,553	-3.0	855.676	-3.2	69.058	24.0	924.734	-1.6		
Saskatchewan	1,239,625	2.4	806,139	3.5	67,833	33.3	873.974	5.3		
Alberta	6,173,563	-0.2	4,016,731	0.4	375,872	26.1	4,392,602	2.2		
British Columbia ¹	5,396,532	-4.2	2,682,184	-5.1	512,185	3.3	3,194,366	-3.9		
Canada	46,843,223	-2.0	22,887,805	-1.7	3,691,241	19.3	26,579,046	0.7		
2004										
Newfoundland and Labrador	588,348	-8.2	х	x	х	х	335.691	-3.6		
Prince Edward Island	115,033	-3.0	x	x	x	x	62,943	-0.2		
Nova Scotia	1,192,366	-2.0	569,664	1.1	73,964	-3.6	643,628	0.5		
New Brunswick	946,011	-6.8	516,638	-2.3	48,924	-7.9	565,563	-2.8		
Quebec	10,794,731	-2.1	4,237,021	2.4	854.577	-7.0	5,091,593	0.7		
Ontario	18,110,528	-2.7	9,271,258	3.7	1,446,018	-7.6	10,717,277	2.0		
Manitoba	1,385,931	-1.5	862,174	0.8	69.694	0.9	931,871	0.8		
Saskatchewan	1,180,290	-4.8	794,948	-1.4	62,969	-7.2	857,918	-1.8		
Alberta	6,068,676	-1.7	4,003,100	-0.3	362,259	-3.6	4,365,360	-0.6		
British Columbia ¹	5,400,702	0.1	2.712.866	1.1	472,673	-7.7	3,185,537	-0.3		
Canada	45,782,615	-2.3	23,319,824	1.9	3,437,558	-6.9	26,757,381	0.7		
2005										
Newfoundland and Labrador	628,459	6.8	х	х	х	х	349,740	4.2		
Prince Edward Island	117,953	2.5	х	х	х	х	59,093	-6.1		
Nova Scotia	1,277,165	7.1	632,824	11.1	76,161	3.0	708,987	10.2		
New Brunswick	913,173	-3.5	475,469	-8.0	49,366	0.9	524,835	-7.2		
Quebec	11,013,553	2.0	4,335,235	2.3	918,662	7.5	5,253,899	3.2		
Ontario	18,775,628	3.7	9,469,573	2.1	1,542,722	6.7	11,012,294	2.8		
Manitoba	1,473,269	6.3	933,303	8.2	76.713	10.1	1.010.017	8.4		
Saskatchewan	1,240,246	5.1	841,421	5.8	73,051	16.0	914,473	6.6		
Alberta	7,251,087	19.5	4,904,087	22.5	426.512	17.7	5.330.599	22.1		
British Columbia ¹	5,779,988	7.0	3,047,581	12.3	514,251	8.8	3,561,830	11.8		
Canada	48,470,523	5.9	24,995,608	7.2	3,730,157	8.5	28,725,766	7.4		

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Annual sales of new motor vehicles, by type and origin, in units and dollars, Canada

Year	Total		Passenger	cars			Trucks ¹			
	_	Total	North America	Japan	Other countries	Total	North America	Overseas		
				No.						
1982	920,902	713,481	489,435	178,174	45,872	207,421	166,986	40,435		
1983	1,081,088	843,318	625,088	176,525	41,705	237,770	192,609	45,161		
1984	1,283,502	971,210	724,932	171,204	75,074	312,292	273,604	38,688		
1985	1,530,410	1,137,216	794,965	199,221	143,030	393,194	344,871	48,323		
1986	1,515,920	1,095,313	761,169	203,304	130,840	420,607	368,423	52,184		
1987	1,533,637	1,065,093	700,930	243,288	120,875	468,544	417,189	51,355		
1988	1,565,501	1,056,310	724,733	243,835	87,742	509,191	459,777	49,414		
1989	1,483,875	988,134	675,340	239,548	73,246	495,741	422,398	73,343		
1990	1,317,869	884,564	580,397	239,603	64,564	433,305	361,403	71,902		
1991	1,287,790	873,184	573,297	237,701	62,186	414,606	347,671	66,935		
1992	1,227,419	798,023	503,460	236,675	57,888	429,396	370,422	58,974		
1993	1,192,934	739,049	493,759	196,310	48,980	453,885	402,112	51,773		
1994	1,260,056	748,666	573,361	129,547	45,759	511,390	475,444	35,946		
1995	1,166,535	670,190	553,265	71,493	45,432	496,345	469,590	26,755		
1996	1,204,557	660,769	572,581	47,901	40,287	543,788	517,738	26,050		
1997	1,424,380	738,550	629,488	66,297	42,765	685,830	628,214	57,616		
1998	1,428,932	740,809	590,667	98,275	51,867	688,123	627,256	60,867		
1999	1,542,041	806,450	625,292	103,016	78,142	735,591	672,444	63,147		
2000	1,587,561	849,171	640,856	106,937	101,378	738,390	669,492	68,898		
2001	1,597,964	868,633	619,810	122,998	125,825	729,331	647,987	81,344		
2002	1,733,318	934,704	651,305	144,596	138,803	798,614	698,870	99,744		
2003	1,626,468	865,475	604,726	126,908	133,841	760,993	654,136	106,857		
2004	1,575,195	820,103	542,814	116,426	160,863	755,092	653,637	101,455		
				\$'000)					
1982	9,823,971	7.037.564	4,856,340	1,551,269	629.955	2,786,407	2,423,014	363,393		
1983	12,196,326	9,041,376	6,700,490	1,688,571	652.315	3,154,950	2,728,842	426,108		
1984	15,679,760	11,138,931	8,176,591	1,928,031	1,034,309	4,540,829	4,136,482	404,347		
1985	19,890,119	13,707,637	9,545,156	2,325,922	1,836,559	6,182,482	5,641,518	540,964		
1986	21,841,550	14,669,730	9,856,684	2,811,893	2,001,153	7,171,820	6,441,827	729,993		
1987	24,471,752	15,748,410	10,031,338	3,567,223	2,149,849	8,723,342	7,930,138	793,204		
1988	26,865,327	16,709,476	11,080,866	3,784,902	1,843,708	10,155,851	9,369,528	786,323		
1989	26,959,378	16,541,801	11,034,684	3,887,341	1,619,774	10,417,577	9,059,482	1,358,095		
1990	24,888,751	15,245,831	9,784,293	4,015,958	1,445,580	9,642,918	8,210,502	1,432,416		
1991	22,855,626	14,103,545	9,038,584	3,789,001	1,275,960	8,752,081	7,503,659	1,248,422		
1992	23,484,453	13,691,747	8,450,515	4,053,784	1,187,448	9,792,706	8,613,980	1,178,726		
1993	24,630,368	13,278,183	8,620,651	3,560,912	1,096,620	11,352,185	10,227,081	1,125,104		
1994	27,893,795	14,182,894	10,595,001	2,346,168	1,241,727	13,710,902	12,846,447	864,453		
1995	28,168,806	13,882,004	11,070,368	1,492,451	1,319,184	14,286,804	13,544,980	741,824		
1996	31,485,777	14,510,882	12,062,092	1,118,289	1,330,501	16,974,894	16,115,584	859,309		
1997	38,986,224	16,836,615	13,809,161	1,519,604	1,507,852	22,149,610	20,341,263	1,808,346		
1998	40,255,777	17,054,244	13,101,703	2,110,330	1,842,211	23,201,534	21,165,239	2,036,296		
1999	45,317,914	19,017,278	14,138,902	2,246,522	2,631,853	26,300,638	24,055,653	2,244,986		
2000	46,930,514	20,790,660	15,089,665	2,431,251	3,269,743	26,139,852	23,745,933	2,393,922		
2001	46,886,252	21,168,628	14,575,745	2,882,386	3,710,497	25,717,623	22,958,458	2,759,162		
2002	52,227,499	23,191,483	15,521,295	3,501,294	4,168,898	29,036,014	25,633,136	3,402,877		
	50,493,308	21,685,587	14,565,218	2,988,274	4,132,093	28,807,720	24,845,915	3,961,804		
2003										

1. Trucks include minivans, sport-utility vehicles, light and heavy trucks, vans and buses.

Canada, monthly sales of new motor vehicles, in units, by type and origin, seasonally adjusted

Period	Total new mot	tor vehicles		Passenger of	Trucks ¹			
			North Ar	nerica	Overs	eas	Tota	al
	Units	Month/month change	Units	Month/month change	Units	Month/month change	Units	Month/month change
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
2003								
January	138.029	-8.1	53.292	-6.2	24.133	-1.0	60.604	-12.0
February	143,296	3.8	54,447	2.2	23,801	-1.4	65,047	7.3
March	137,631	-4.0	50,708	-6.9	23.045	-3.2	63,879	-1.8
April	130,934	-4.9	49,827	-1.7	21,473	-6.8	59,634	-6.6
May	140,959	7.7	53,118	6.6	21,422	-0.2	66,420	11.4
June	128,807	-8.6	47,421	-10.7	21,084	-1.6	60,302	-9.2
July	144,194	11.9	53,089	12.0	21,158	0.4	69,948	16.0
August	139,613	-3.2	49,773	-6.2	22,963	8.5	66.877	-4.4
September	137,476	-1.5	50,686	1.8	21,361	-7.0	65,428	-2.2
October	131,364	-4.4	48.883	-3.6	19,894	-6.9	62,587	-4.3
November	128,826	-1.9	48,727	-0.3	19,247	-3.3	60,852	-2.8
December	125,338	-2.7	44,754	-8.2	21,168	10.0	59,416	-2.4
2004								
January	125,205	-0.1	44,928	0.4	23,432	10.7	56,844	-4.3
ebruary	127,268	1.6	42,213	-6.0	22,998	-1.9	62,058	9.2
/larch	136,198	7.0	45,493	7.8	23,971	4.2	66,735	7.5
April	136,145	0.0	47,142	3.6	23,645	-1.4	65,358	-2.1
viay	131,171	-3.7	45,869	-2.7	23,195	-1.9	62,107	-5.0
June	131,241	0.1	45,941	0.2	22,841	-1.5	62,459	0.6
July	131,584	0.3	46,246	0.7	22,920	0.3	62,418	-0.1
August	131,396	-0.1	46,357	0.2	22,429	-2.1	62,610	0.3
September	128,035	-2.6	43,298	-6.6	22,611	0.8	62,127	-0.8
Dctober	133,589	4.3	45,178	4.3	23,702	4.8	64,709	4.2
November	132,171	-1.1	44,183	-2.2	23,321	-1.6	64,666	-0.1
December	131,192	-0.7	45,966	4.0	22,225	-4.7	63,001	-2.6
2005								
January	127,281	-3.0	43,720	-4.9	21,480	-3.4	62,080	-1.5
ebruary	142,361	11.8	50,940	16.5	21,452	-0.1	69,969	12.7
March	135,832	-4.6	49,736	-2.4	21,070	-1.8	65,027	-7.1
April	140,686	3.6	50,693	1.9	22,582	7.2	67,410	3.7
Vay	130,151	-7.5	42,812	-15.5	22,871	1.3	64,468	-4.4
lune	139,867	7.5	49,571	15.8	22,954	0.4	67,342	4.5
luly	151,202	8.1	50,093	1.1	25,612	11.6	75,497	12.1
August r	138,237	-8.6	49,243	-1.7	23,093	-9.8	65,902	-12.7
September r	127,417	-7.8	47,957	-2.6	22,321	-3.3	57,138	-13.3
October r	132,066	3.6	48,130	0.4	22,582	1.2	61,354	7.4
November p	136,226	3.1	46,663	-3.0	23,214	2.8	66,349	8.1

1. Trucks include minivans, sport-utility vehicles, light and heavy trucks, vans and buses.

Note: Percentage changes shown are month-to-month changes.

Monthly sales of new motor vehicles, in units, by province, seasonally adjusted

	Canada	Newfoundland and Labrador	Prince Edward Island	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec
2003						
January	138,029	1,776	356	3,724	2,863	35,005
February	143,296	2,144	408	4,005	3,364	36,284
March	137,631	2,014	412	3,756	3,183	35,216
April	130,934	2,146	372	3,651	2,917	34,415
May	140,959	2,150	431	3,956	3,409	36,384
June	128,807	2,164	366	3,612	3,174	32,987
July	144,194	2,300	415	4,531	3,508	36,308
August	139,613	2,268	435	3,905	3,189	38,137
September	137,476	2,087	399	3,605	3,107	35,851
October	131,364	2,020	403	3,914	2,928	33,779
November	128,826	2,000	384	3,855	2,998	33,378
December	125,338	2,359	352	3,846	2,769	32,441
2004						
January	125,205	1,858	363	3,674	2,913	32,307
February	127,268	1,756	368	3,247	2,852	32,687
March	136,198	1,858	398	3,944	2,940	36,141
April	136,145	1,908	443	3,904	2,822	35,025
May	131,171	1,899	378	3,851	2,674	33,541
June	131,241	1,833	387	4,055	2,747	34,180
July	131,584	1,866	388	3,762	2,923	34,007
August	131,396	1,921	386	3,785	2,953	33,312
September	128,035	1,948	404 395	3,712	2,903	32,513
October November	133,589 132.171	2,203 1,951	395	4,012 3.640	3,238 2.771	33,794 34.015
December	132,171	1,951	409	3,580	2,771	34,015
	131,192	1,897	403	3,300	2,700	55,559
2005						
January	127,281	1,887	389	3,652	2,560	34,110
February	142,361	2,105	457	4,137	3,082	35,346
March	135,832	2,134	389	3,725	2,805	34,843
April	140,686	2,193	414	4,055	2,947	35,581
May	130,151	2,067	388	3,755	2,582	32,604
June	139,867 151,202	2,041 2,318	422 433	3,884 4,202	2,872 3,354	35,011 35.842
July August ^r	131,202	2,318	433 434	4,202 4,117	3,354 2,950	35,842 33,699
September r	127,417	1,794	434 327	3,822	2,950 2,516	30,201
October r	132,066	2,039	389	3,615	2,803	30,201
November ^p	136,226	2,039	496	3,801	2,803	35,861

Table 8 - continued

Monthly sales of new motor vehicles, in units, by province, seasonally adjusted

Period	Canada	Ontario	Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	British Columbia and the Territories ¹
2003						
January	138,029	54,231	3,908	3,293	16,674	16,200
February	143,296	56,954	3,838	3,512	16,765	16,024
March	137,631	54,986	3,904	3,532	16,117	14,512
April	130,934	51,892	3,520	3,138	15,080	13,803
May	140,959	55,324	4,096	3,509	16,801	14,899
June	128,807	49,581	3,920	3,251	15,913	13,839
July	144,194	54,909	4,147	4,059	17,916	16,100
August	139,613	51,498	3,868	3,591	16,791	15,931
September	137,476	53,344	3,939	3,534	16,180	15,430
October	131,364	50,178	3,720	3,387	16,076	14,960
November	128,826	48,963	3,660	3,036	15,512	15,040
December	125,338	47,914	3,541	3,304	14,624	14,188
2004						
January	125,205	48,707	3,576	2,697	15,150	13,959
February	127,268	49,706	3,722	3,410	15,968	13,551
March	136,198	52,019	3,786	3,285	16,340	15,487
April	136,145	52,465	4,099	3,394	16,526	15,560
May	131,171	50,230	3,809	3,186	16,136	15,468
June	131,241	49,618	3,809	3,305	15,867	15,439
July	131,584	50,012	3,711	3,260	16,169	15,486
August	131,396	50,163	3,824	3,363	16,309	15,381
September	128,035	48,094	3,721	3,175	16,336	15,230
October	133,589	50,315	3,799	3,322	17,069	15,442
November	132,171	49,816	3,714	3,288	17,252	15,347
December	131,192	49,783	3,762	3,136	17,032	15,255
2005	107.001	40 507	0.500	0.570	10.000	40 700
January	127,281	48,507	3,502	2,570	16,398	13,706
February	142,361	56,285	4,039	3,210	18,138	15,562
March	135,832	51,127	3,969	3,313	17,699	15,829
April	140,686	52,935	3,924	3,561	18,986	16,091
May	130,151	49,231	3,610	3,295	17,054	15,565
June July	139,867 151,202	52,718 58,453	3,998 4,695	3,512 3,855	19,117 21,409	16,292 16,641
August ^r	138,237	50,455 51,897	4,695 3,991	3,855 3,347	19,377	16,664
September r	127,417	47,746	3,634	3,168	18,572	15,639
October r	132,066	49,459	3,546	2,843	18,112	15,002
November ^p	132,000	49,459 51,384	3,540	3,221	18,375	14,485
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Definitions

Trucks

Trucks include light and heavy trucks, minivans, sport utility vehicles, vans, coaches and buses, regardless of their intended use.

Passenger car

The term passenger car refers to all vehicles whose primary function is to carry passengers, excluding those vehicles classified as a commercial vehicle (see definition above). Passenger cars also include cars used for commercial purposes, i.e. taxis, auto rentals and other car fleets.

Country of origin

New motor vehicles fall into two categories defined on the basis of origin: those manufactured in North America and those manufactured overseas. The latter are imported in a fully assembled state from countries other than the United States or Mexico. All passenger cars and commercial vehicles assembled in Canada, Mexico and the United States and sold in Canada classified are as North American manufactured vehicles.

Motor vehicle sales - units

The number of new motor vehicles sold in Canada.

Motor vehicle sales - dollars

Net sales refers to the selling price to the consumer, i.e., manufacturer's invoice price plus estimated dealer's markup, including charges for standard and optional accessories. Sales taxes are excluded.

Average price of passenger cars

The average price is obtained by dividing the total dollar sales by the number of units sold. Therefore, changes in the average price reflect variations in the models sold as well as price changes. For example, an increase in the average price for passenger cars may reflect both a shift to more expensive models as well as price increases.

Appendix I

Scope of the survey

The interest in and need for detailed statistics on the automobile industry arose years ago, when the industry began playing a prominent role in the Canadian economy. For over 50 years, Statistics Canada has been collecting and disseminating statistical information on the retail sales¹ of new motor vehicles. Not only are these statistics required to produce estimates of Canadian consumer spending for the national accounts and the gross domestic product, but they have also served and continue to serve as one of the most important, most often requested indicators of the health of Canada's economy.²

However, estimates of the total retail sales volume of new motor vehicles were not sufficient to meet the incessant demand for more information. There came an increasing need for data on the characteristics of the fleet of new vehicles sold at retail, either to learn more about the preferences of Canadian consumers or to assess the penetration of the Canadian market by major foreign manufacturers. Statistics on new motor vehicle sales were expanded in the early 1970s to provide separate figures for Japanese vehicle sales.

The statistics in this report cover exclusively retail sales of new motor vehicles within Canada's borders. Data are derived from a postal survey (a census - see the methodology section at the end of the report for more details).

Other statistics connected with the automobile industry (sales of new and used car dealers, auto parts and accessories stores and so on) are available on the monthly Retail Trade survey (Catalogue No. 63-005). For further information, please contact the Retail Commodity Section, Distributive Trades Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa, K1A 0T6, (Telephone: 613-951-3549 or toll free at 1-877-421-3067).

Data quality and methodology

This survey is a census of all motor vehicle manufacturers and importers known to be active in Canada.

The value of sales is reported at selling price to consumer (i.e. the manufacturer's invoice price plus estimated dealer's markup, charges for standard equipment and options, less provincial sales tax and federal goods and services tax (G.S.T.) and harmonized sales tax (H.S.T.).

The response rate for this survey is generally 100%. Minimal estimation is required so there is little bias resulting from non-response introduced in these data.

All attempts have been made to minimize the non-sampling errors: the questionnaires used in the survey have been carefully designed to minimize different interpretations; detailed acceptance testing has been carried out for the different stages of editing and processing.

Data confidentiality

Statistics Canada is prohibited by law from publishing any statistics which would divulge information relating to any identifiable business without the previous consent in writing of that business.³ The disclosure of data likely to reveal specific information on the activity of a particular company is systematically and rigorously controlled and regulated

^{1.} According to the 1980 Standard Industrial Classification Manual, "establishments included in retail trade are those primarily engaged in retail dealing, i.e., buying commodities for resale to the general public for personal or household consumption..."

^{2.} The new motor vehicle sales series is one of ten statistical series making up the leading indicator developed by Statistics Canada for current economic analysis purposes.

^{3.} See Section 17 of the Statistics Act (Chapter 5-19), entitled «Secrecy».

to prevent the publication or disclosure of any information deemed confidential. The rules regarding confidentiality are therefore applied in such a way that no data are shown for cells (or statistical units). If information is withheld for reasons of confidentiality an "X" will appear in the appropriate cell of this publication.

Another way of preserving data confidentiality without having to enter an "X" is to combine (consolidate) the information **from selected regions** (or selected cells) for the same item. The data in question can be aggregated and published in a less detailed, but still confidential, form. For example, the data for the Northwest Territories, the Yukon and Nunavut are included with the British Columbia data.

Seasonal adjustment

Time series contain the elements essential to the description, explanation and forecasting of the behaviour of an economic phenomenon: "They are statistical records of the evolution of economic processes through time."⁴ In using time series to observe economic activity, economists and statisticians have identified four characteristic behavioural components: the long-term movement or trend, the cycle, the seasonal (variations) and the irregular (fluctuations). These movements are caused by various economic, natural or institutional factors. The **seasonal variations** occur periodically on a more or less regular basis over the course of the year as a result of seasonal changes in weather, statutory holidays and other events which occur at fairly regular intervals and thus have a major impact on the rate of economic activity.

In the interest of accurately interpreting the fundamental evolution of an economic phenomenon and producing forecasts of superior quality, Statistics Canada uses the X-11-ARIMA seasonal adjustment method⁵ to seasonally adjust its time series. The ARIMA part of this method minimizes the impact of seasonal variations on the series and essentially consists of adding one year of estimated data onto each end of the original series before it is seasonally adjusted per se. The estimated data are derived from forecasts and back casts using ARIMA (Autoregressive Integrated Moving Average) models of the Box-Jenkins type.

The X-11 part of the X-11-ARIMA program uses primarily the ratio-to-moving average method to smooth the modified series and obtain a preliminary estimate of the trend-cycle, to calculate the ratios of the original series (fitted) to the estimates of the trend-cycle and to estimate the seasonal factors from these ratios. The final seasonal factors are produced only after these operations have been repeated several times. These procedures, used to determine the seasonal factors necessary to calculate the final seasonally adjusted data, are, since February 1983, executed every month instead of once a year. This permits us to update each month, the reference series from which we derive the final estimations of the seasonal factors employing the most current data available.

While seasonal adjustment permits a better understanding of the underlying trend-cycle of a series, the seasonally-adjusted series still contains an irregular component. Slight month-to-month variations in the seasonally adjusted series may be simple irregular movements; to get a better idea of the underlying trend, users must examine several months of seasonally adjusted series.

To assist the user, the Months of Cyclical Dominance number, MCD, is provided.⁶ The MCD is the shortest monthly span for which a certain ratio becomes and remains less than one, that is, the ratio for which the absolute average percentage change of the trend-cycle of the seasonally adjusted series becomes greater than the absolute average per cent change of the irregular component. The MCD can be interpreted as the number of months over which a change in the seasonally adjusted series must move in a given direction before one can be reasonably certain that the trend-cycle of that series also has moved in the given direction. Clearly small MCD's are desirable and indicative of a smooth series. Applying a moving average to the seasonally adjusted data of MCD length tends to smooth irregular movements which may obscure the underlying trend-cycle. The MCD moving average provides a method of reducing all types of series to approximately the same degree of smoothness, whatever the size of the irregular component in the original series.

^{4. «}A Note on the Seasonal adjustment of Economic Time Series,» Canadian Statistical Review, August 1974.

^{5.} For further information see the X-11-ARIMA/88 Seasonal Adjustment Method, by Estelle Bee Dagum , Statistics Canada.

^{6.} MCD = 8 for North American passenger cars. MCD = 4 for Overseas passenger cars. MCD = 11 for Commercial vehicles.

Revision procedures

The seasonally adjusted estimates are revised for the three months preceding the reference period. Monthly unadjusted data are revised for the previous month, when new information is made available to Statistics Canada. In addition, unadjusted new motor vehicle sales are revised each year, for the latest year, in the February issue of this publication. At that time, monthly seasonally adjusted estimates for the latest four years of data are revised.

Appendix II

List of North American motor vehicle manufacturers

B.M.W. Canada Inc. Blue Bird Body Co. DaimlerChrysler Canada Inc. Ford Motor Company of Canada Limited Freightliner of Canada Ltd. General Motors of Canada Limited Honda Canada Inc. Hyundai Auto Canada Inc. International Truck and Engine Corporation Canada Kenworth Div., Paccar of Canada Ltd. Mack Canada Inc. Mazda Canada Inc. Mitsubishi Motor Sales of Canada, Inc. Motor Coach Industries Limited New Flyer Industries Ltd. Nissan Canada Inc. Nova Bus Corp. Orion Bus Industries Inc. Peterbilt Div., Paccar of Canada Ltd. Prévost Car Inc. Sterling Heavy Duty TrucksSubaru Canada Inc. Subaru Canada Inc. Suzuki Canada Inc. Thomas Built Buses of Canada Ltd.

Toyota Canada Ltd.

Volkswagen Canada Inc.

Volvo Trucks Canada Inc.

Western Star Trucks Inc.

List of importers and distributers of overseas manufactured motor vehicles

Japan

General Motors of Canada Ltd.

Hino Diesel Trucks Canada Ltd.

Honda Canada Inc.

Mazda Canada Inc.

Mitsubishi Motor Sales of Canada, Inc.

Nissan Canada Inc.

Subaru Canada Inc.

Suzuki Canada Inc.

Toyota Canada Inc.

Other Countries

B.M.W. Canada Inc.

Daewoo Auto Canada Inc.

Ford Motor Company of Canada Limited

General Motors Canada Ltd.

Hyundai Auto Canada Inc.

Jaguar Canada Inc.

Kia Canada Inc.

Land Rover group Canada Inc.

Mercedes-Benz Canada Inc.

Porsche Cars of Canada Ltd.

Volkswagen Canada Inc.

Volvo Cars of Canada Ltd.