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Highlights

December 2009

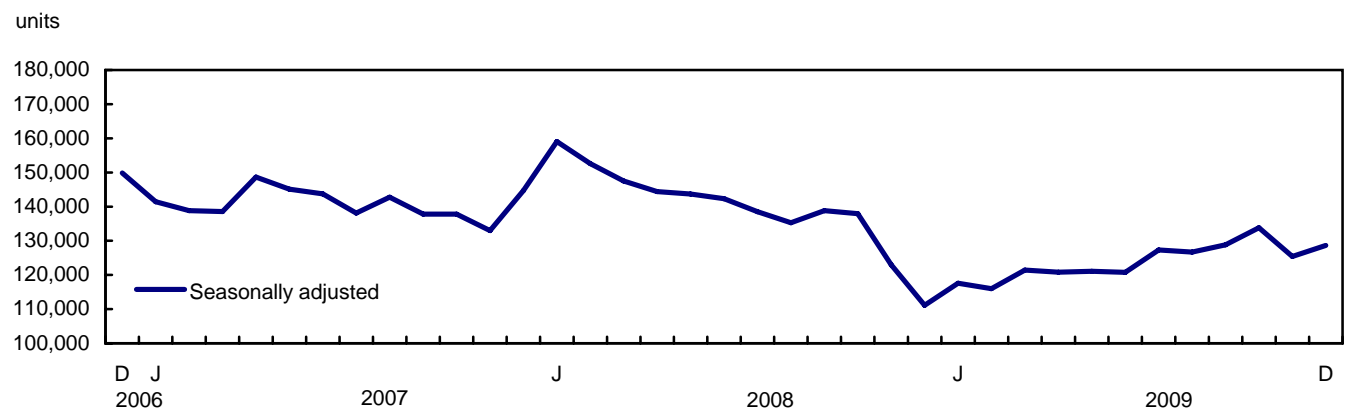
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Monthly sales averaged around 124,000 units in 2009, whereas the monthly average in 2008 was approximately 140,000 units.

Chart 1
New motor vehicle sales, seasonally adjusted, in units, 2006 to 2009



Preliminary industry data indicate that the number of new motor vehicles sold was relatively unchanged in January.

North American-built passenger car sales drive increase

The number of new passenger cars sold in December increased 2.5% to 64,568 units. Sales of North American-built passenger cars rose 5.1%, partially offsetting November's decline. The number of overseas-built passenger cars sold decreased by 1.0%. While sales of North American-built passenger cars have been on a slightly upward trend since the spring of 2009, the level of overseas-built passenger car sales has been stable.

Sales of new trucks (which include minivans, sport-utility vehicles, light and heavy trucks, vans and buses) increased 2.7% to 64,095 units in December, partially offsetting November's decrease.

Quebec largest contributor to December's increase

After declining in every province in November, the number of new motor vehicles sold increased in nine provinces in December. The largest contribution to the increase came from Quebec (+2.7%), one of two provinces (along with Prince Edward Island) where December's rise offset November's decrease.

The only decline in December was registered in the region composed of British Columbia and the territories (-1.9%). Sales in this region increased in 9 out of 12 months in 2009.

Note to readers

At the end of each calendar year, seasonally adjusted monthly figures are revised to equal the sum of the unadjusted estimates. Revised seasonally adjusted figures are presented this month for September to November 2009. The complete revision of seasonally adjusted data for the 2009 calendar year will be released in April 2010.

Chart 2
Truck, van and bus sales, seasonally adjusted, in units, 2006 to 2009

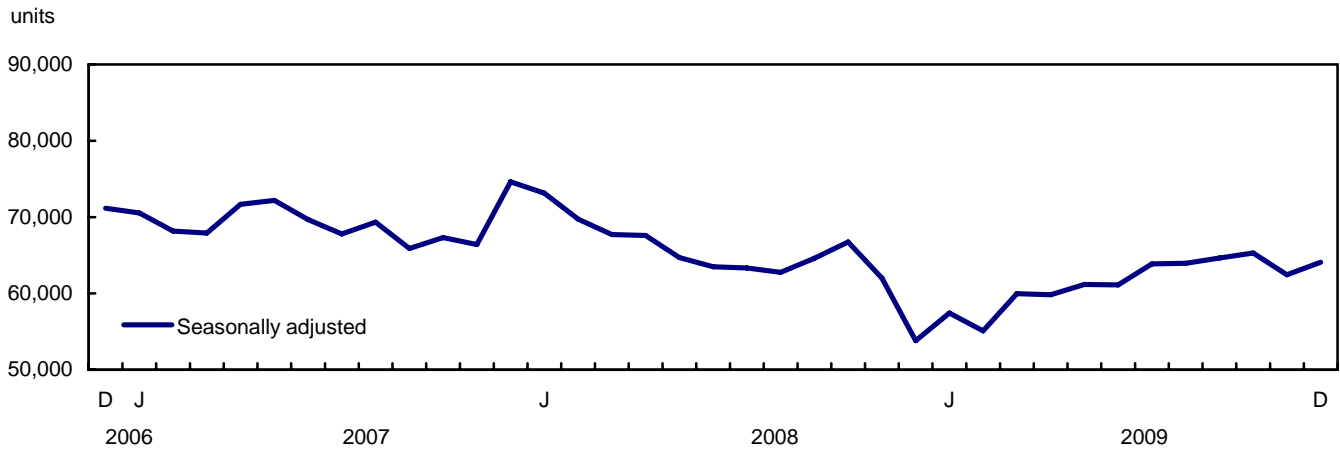


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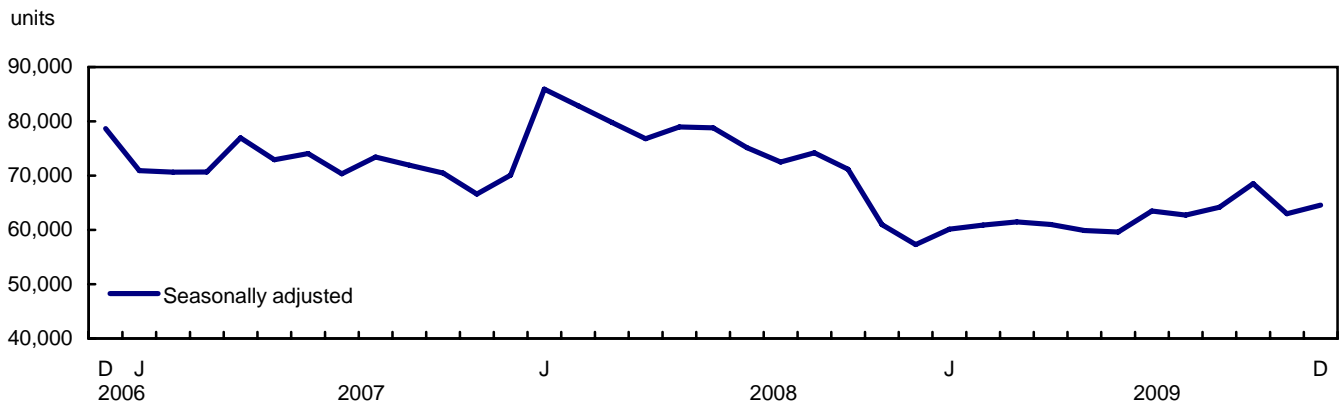


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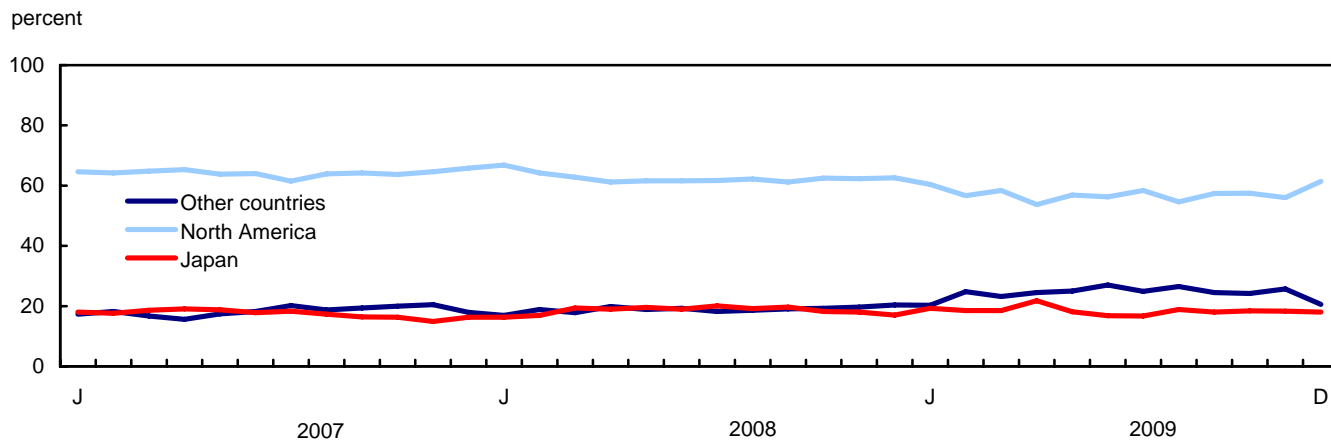
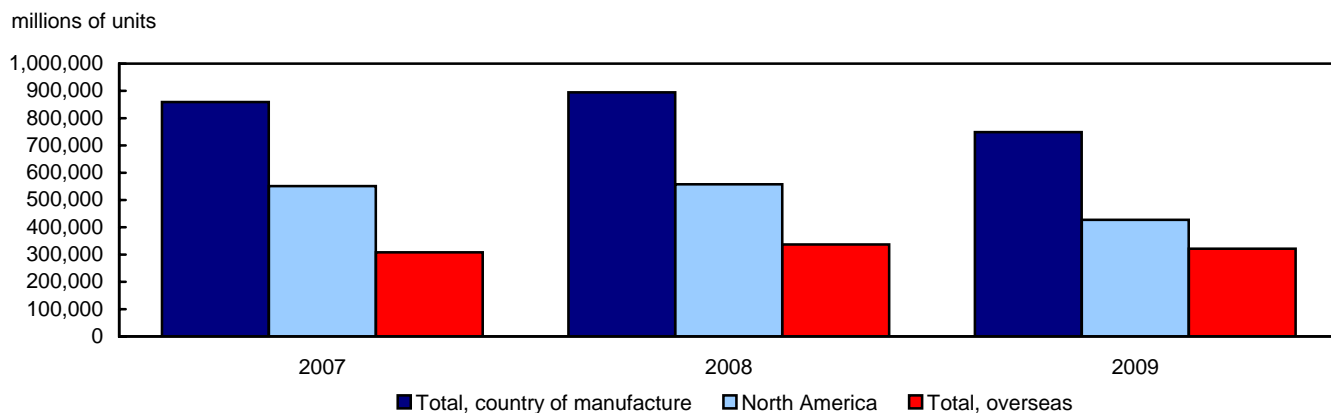


Chart 5
Cumulative sales of new passenger cars, by origin, in units, 2007 to 2009 January to December



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Statistical tables

Table 1-1
Monthly sales of new motor vehicles, by type and origin in units

	Total new motor vehicles		Passenger cars							
			North America		Japan		Other countries		Total	
	Units	Year/year change	Units	Year/year change	Units	Year/year change	Units	Year/year change	Units	Year/year change
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%
2007										
January	94,413	5.6	27,594	-12.2	7,704	36.3	7,407	4.5	42,705	-3.3
February	99,877	-0.9	30,361	-9.2	8,299	33.8	8,596	-5.6	47,256	-3.1
March	154,450	-1.0	49,540	-9.5	14,206	34.6	12,741	-9.4	76,487	-3.6
April	172,428	8.1	60,392	5.7	17,649	22.7	14,405	-2.2	92,446	7.2
May	189,076	9.1	65,400	2.1	19,315	18.1	17,849	13.0	102,564	6.6
June	172,487	6.5	58,700	3.3	16,315	2.0	16,714	9.7	91,729	4.2
July	145,370	-0.1	47,819	-1.1	14,232	-2.6	15,671	15.3	77,722	1.5
August	160,883	1.9	53,749	-0.1	14,567	-5.0	15,751	20.3	84,067	2.2
September	134,516	-4.0	45,513	-6.2	11,602	-7.1	13,740	16.1	70,855	-2.7
October	124,072	0.8	39,486	1.7	10,098	-11.9	12,421	2.3	62,005	-0.7
November	120,012	-6.0	37,583	-9.4	8,689	-16.7	11,916	0.4	58,188	-8.7
December	122,954	-6.3	34,864	-21.6	8,622	-0.7	9,493	1.3	52,979	-15.3
Year	1,690,538	1.5	551,001	-3.9	151,298	6.4	156,704	6.0	859,003	-0.5
2008										
January	105,546	11.8	34,557	25.2	8,443	9.6	8,719	17.7	51,719	21.1
February	113,877	14.0	37,369	23.1	9,839	18.6	11,002	28.0	58,210	23.2
March	153,505	-0.6	50,287	1.5	15,539	9.4	14,298	12.2	80,124	4.8
April	179,289	4.0	60,137	-0.4	18,654	5.7	19,542	35.7	98,333	6.4
May	188,137	-0.5	67,352	3.0	21,388	10.7	20,647	15.7	109,387	6.7
June	163,064	-5.5	59,162	0.8	18,272	12.0	18,557	11.0	95,991	4.6
July	152,704	5.0	52,973	10.8	17,249	21.2	15,604	-0.4	85,626	10.4
August	149,607	-7.0	50,352	-6.3	15,499	6.4	15,072	-4.3	80,923	-3.7
September	137,479	2.2	45,558	0.1	14,681	26.5	14,244	3.7	74,483	5.1
October	126,064	1.6	39,724	0.6	11,545	14.3	12,249	-1.4	63,518	2.4
November	107,709	-10.3	31,930	-15.0	9,211	6.0	10,112	-15.1	51,253	-11.9
December	97,164	-21.0	28,021	-19.6	7,596	-11.9	9,122	-3.9	44,739	-15.6
Year	1,674,145	-1.0	557,422	1.2	167,916	11.0	169,168	8.0	894,506	4.1
2009										
January	78,817	-25.3	21,581	-37.5	6,907	-18.2	7,255	-16.8	35,743	-30.9
February	82,039	-28.0	23,129	-38.1	7,559	-23.2	10,098	-8.2	40,786	-29.9
March	129,831	-15.4	38,347	-23.7	12,138	-21.9	15,210	6.4	65,695	-18.0
April	146,026	-18.6	40,460	-32.7	16,423	-12.0	18,449	-5.6	75,332	-23.4
May	156,025	-17.1	47,369	-29.7	15,020	-29.8	20,792	0.7	83,181	-24.0
June	140,442	-13.9	41,654	-29.6	12,407	-32.1	19,967	7.6	74,028	-22.9
July	141,621	-7.3	42,908	-19.0	12,228	-29.1	18,289	17.2	73,425	-14.4
August	136,971	-8.4	37,309	-25.9	12,947	-16.5	18,127	20.3	68,383	-15.5
September	132,595	-3.6	38,747	-15.0	12,175	-17.1	16,547	16.2	67,469	-9.4
October	123,607	-1.9	35,303	-11.1	11,284	-2.3	14,842	21.2	61,429	-3.3
November	104,926	-2.6	28,912	-9.5	9,477	2.9	13,280	31.3	51,669	0.8
December ^p	114,443	17.8	31,741	13.3	9,295	22.4	10,657	16.8	51,693	15.5
Year	1,487,343	-11.2	427,460	-23.3	137,860	-17.9	183,513	8.5	748,833	-16.3

See notes at the end of the table.

Table 1-1 – continued

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

	Total new motor vehicles		Trucks ¹					
			North America		Overseas		Total	
	Units	Year/year change	Units	Year/year change	Units	Year/year change	Units	Year/year change
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%
2007								
January	94,413	5.6	45,046	15.4	6,662	7.5	51,708	14.3
February	99,877	-0.9	46,119	4.0	6,502	-14.8	52,621	1.2
March	154,450	-1.0	68,305	5.0	9,658	-16.7	77,963	1.7
April	172,428	8.1	69,974	13.9	10,008	-14.9	79,982	9.3
May	189,076	9.1	76,370	17.2	10,142	-15.3	86,512	12.2
June	172,487	6.5	71,689	13.9	9,069	-17.9	80,758	9.2
July	145,370	-0.1	59,044	2.9	8,604	-25.9	67,648	-1.9
August	160,883	1.9	67,582	7.5	9,234	-27.6	76,816	1.6
September	134,516	-4.0	55,095	-0.9	8,566	-26.4	63,661	-5.3
October	124,072	0.8	54,266	6.1	7,801	-17.6	62,067	2.4
November	120,012	-6.0	54,374	-1.9	7,450	-12.6	61,824	-3.4
December	122,954	-6.3	60,045	-1.4	9,930	28.6	69,975	2.0
Year	1,690,538	1.5	727,909	6.8	103,626	-15.0	831,535	3.5
2008								
January	105,546	11.8	46,838	4.0	6,989	4.9	53,827	4.1
February	113,877	14.0	48,315	4.8	7,352	13.1	55,667	5.8
March	153,505	-0.6	62,765	-8.1	10,616	9.9	73,381	-5.9
April	179,289	4.0	69,143	-1.2	11,813	18.0	80,956	1.2
May	188,137	-0.5	67,385	-11.8	11,365	12.1	78,750	-9.0
June	163,064	-5.5	57,541	-19.7	9,532	5.1	67,073	-16.9
July	152,704	5.0	57,429	-2.7	9,449	9.8	66,878	-1.1
August	149,607	-7.0	58,858	-12.9	9,826	6.4	68,684	-10.6
September	137,479	2.2	53,375	-3.1	9,621	12.3	62,996	-1.0
October	126,064	1.6	52,189	-3.8	10,357	32.8	62,546	0.8
November	107,709	-10.3	48,161	-11.4	8,295	11.3	56,456	-8.7
December	97,164	-21.0	45,140	-24.8	7,285	-26.6	52,425	-25.1
Year	1,674,145	-1.0	667,139	-8.3	112,500	8.6	779,639	-6.2
2009								
January	78,817	-25.3	36,985	-21.0	6,089	-12.9	43,074	-20.0
February	82,039	-28.0	34,939	-27.7	6,314	-14.1	41,253	-25.9
March	129,831	-15.4	56,103	-10.6	8,033	-24.3	64,136	-12.6
April	146,026	-18.6	61,884	-10.5	8,810	-25.4	70,694	-12.7
May	156,025	-17.1	63,116	-6.3	9,728	-14.4	72,844	-7.5
June	140,442	-13.9	57,060	-0.8	9,354	-1.9	66,414	-1.0
July	141,621	-7.3	58,572	2.0	9,624	1.9	68,196	2.0
August	136,971	-8.4	59,643	1.3	8,945	-9.0	68,588	-0.1
September	132,595	-3.6	56,370	5.6	8,756	-9.0	65,126	3.4
October	123,607	-1.9	54,058	3.6	8,120	-21.6	62,178	-0.6
November	104,926	-2.6	46,094	-4.3	7,163	-13.6	53,257	-5.7
December ^p	114,443	17.8	55,688	23.4	7,062	-3.1	62,750	19.7
Year	1,487,343	-11.2	640,512	-4.0	97,998	-12.9	738,510	-5.3

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

Note(s): 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 America		Japan		Other countries		Total	
	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	%
2007										
January	3,133,627	6.5	678,959	-13.4	191,902	35.9	227,357	11.7	1,098,218	-2.7
February	3,315,696	0.0	745,083	-11.3	208,249	34.2	259,453	-1.6	1,212,786	-3.6
March	5,011,240	-0.6	1,207,684	-11.5	348,605	31.9	410,805	-4.2	1,967,094	-4.4
April	5,386,679	6.7	1,464,851	3.7	427,130	25.2	444,341	0.3	2,336,322	6.4
May	5,854,394	6.3	1,586,398	-0.3	468,349	18.0	526,054	11.3	2,580,801	4.9
June	5,348,247	3.0	1,411,335	-0.5	392,487	2.1	483,196	10.7	2,287,018	2.2
July	4,471,995	-2.6	1,150,234	-3.9	340,890	-2.1	425,667	11.9	1,916,791	-0.5
August	4,906,210	-1.9	1,287,028	-3.2	352,457	-3.7	431,219	18.6	2,070,704	0.6
September	4,192,666	-7.9	1,111,996	-6.2	284,723	-6.1	392,779	8.9	1,789,498	-3.2
October	3,989,014	-3.1	972,401	2.1	252,753	-9.2	358,920	3.1	1,584,073	0.3
November	3,907,470	-7.6	959,721	-6.4	219,328	-16.8	343,356	-1.5	1,522,405	-7.0
December	4,159,628	-6.0	877,188	-23.8	220,947	-2.6	306,270	-0.4	1,404,404	-16.7
Year	53,676,866	-0.5	13,452,878	-5.6	3,707,820	6.9	4,609,417	5.8	21,770,114	-1.4
2008										
January	3,386,322	8.1	851,241	25.4	203,258	5.9	250,349	10.1	1,304,849	18.8
February	3,560,284	7.4	905,278	21.5	226,614	8.8	298,502	15.1	1,430,394	17.9
March	4,775,620	-4.7	1,206,511	-0.1	368,675	5.8	406,385	-1.1	1,981,570	0.7
April	5,502,356	2.1	1,438,647	-1.8	453,087	6.1	570,437	28.4	2,462,171	5.4
May	5,583,623	-4.6	1,594,777	0.5	505,095	7.8	618,347	17.5	2,718,218	5.3
June	4,935,721	-7.7	1,409,908	-0.1	433,544	10.5	585,413	21.2	2,428,865	6.2
July	4,603,855	2.9	1,242,564	8.0	404,648	18.7	474,076	11.4	2,121,288	10.7
August	4,484,657	-8.6	1,179,815	-8.3	358,465	1.7	440,900	2.2	1,979,181	-4.4
September	4,196,301	0.1	1,077,053	-3.1	335,636	17.9	419,388	6.8	1,832,077	2.4
October	3,955,760	-0.8	935,139	-3.8	278,325	10.1	396,511	10.5	1,609,975	1.6
November	3,392,779	-13.2	750,802	-21.8	219,812	0.2	335,337	-2.3	1,305,952	-14.2
December	3,188,261	-23.4	671,318	-23.5	179,241	-18.9	306,854	0.2	1,157,412	-17.6
Year	51,565,539	-3.9	13,263,053	-1.4	3,966,400	7.0	5,102,499	10.7	22,331,952	2.6
2009										
January	2,474,417	-26.9	507,228	-40.4	165,705	-18.5	211,478	-15.5	884,410	-32.2
February	2,555,416	-28.2	551,107	-39.1	180,252	-20.5	292,192	-2.1	1,023,552	-28.4
March	4,023,591	-15.7	925,045	-23.3	286,613	-22.3	470,337	15.7	1,681,996	-15.1
April	4,414,203	-19.8	976,849	-32.1	367,461	-18.9	527,386	-7.5	1,871,697	-24.0
May	4,824,893	-13.6	1,155,227	-27.6	358,324	-29.1	613,272	-0.8	2,126,824	-21.8
June	4,461,372	-9.6	1,030,140	-26.9	303,416	-30.0	616,397	5.3	1,949,953	-19.7
July	4,372,313	-5.0	1,027,236	-17.3	305,041	-24.6	545,203	15.0	1,877,480	-11.5
August	4,365,353	-2.7	903,862	-23.4	316,646	-11.7	547,004	24.1	1,767,513	-10.7
September	4,313,215	2.8	924,120	-14.2	292,836	-12.8	499,958	19.2	1,716,914	-6.3
October	4,035,344	2.0	870,534	-6.9	272,213	-2.2	469,490	18.4	1,612,237	0.1
November	3,443,833	1.5	717,252	-4.5	234,744	6.8	414,588	23.6	1,366,584	4.6
December ^p	3,843,249	20.5	779,579	16.1	223,785	24.9	349,936	14.0	1,353,301	16.9
Year	47,127,199	-8.6	10,368,179	-21.8	3,307,036	-16.6	5,557,241	8.9	19,232,461	-13.9

See notes at the end of the table.

Table 1-2 – continued

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

	Total new motor vehicles		Trucks ¹					
			North America		Overseas		Total	
	Units	Year/year change	Units	Year/year change	Units	Year/year change	Units	Year/year change
	\$'000	%	\$'000	%	\$'000	%	\$'000	%
2007								
January	3,133,627	6.5	1,781,828	12.1	253,581	12.0	2,035,409	12.1
February	3,315,696	0.0	1,856,239	4.1	246,671	-10.1	2,102,910	2.2
March	5,011,240	-0.6	2,686,417	4.5	357,729	-13.9	3,044,146	2.0
April	5,386,679	6.7	2,672,679	10.1	377,677	-11.0	3,050,357	7.0
May	5,854,394	6.3	2,890,475	10.8	383,117	-12.0	3,273,592	7.5
June	5,348,247	3.0	2,720,450	6.6	340,779	-14.5	3,061,229	3.7
July	4,471,995	-2.6	2,229,574	-1.3	325,631	-20.3	2,555,204	-4.2
August	4,906,210	-1.9	2,485,017	-0.3	350,490	-22.5	2,835,506	-3.7
September	4,192,666	-7.9	2,069,737	-9.1	333,431	-21.5	2,403,168	-11.1
October	3,989,014	-3.1	2,103,501	-3.5	301,440	-15.9	2,404,941	-5.3
November	3,907,470	-7.6	2,098,567	-7.4	286,499	-12.4	2,385,066	-8.0
December	4,159,628	-6.0	2,366,702	-3.0	388,522	30.0	2,755,224	0.6
Year	53,676,866	-0.5	27,961,186	1.9	3,945,567	-11.2	31,906,752	0.1
2008								
January	3,386,322	8.1	1,811,270	1.7	270,204	6.6	2,081,474	2.3
February	3,560,284	7.4	1,849,589	-0.4	280,301	13.6	2,129,889	1.3
March	4,775,620	-4.7	2,401,028	-10.6	393,023	9.9	2,794,050	-8.2
April	5,502,356	2.1	2,602,092	-2.6	438,093	16.0	3,040,185	-0.3
May	5,583,623	-4.6	2,449,907	-15.2	415,498	8.5	2,865,404	-12.5
June	4,935,721	-7.7	2,145,142	-21.1	361,714	6.1	2,506,856	-18.1
July	4,603,855	2.9	2,140,487	-4.0	342,080	5.1	2,482,567	-2.8
August	4,484,657	-8.6	2,144,357	-13.7	361,119	3.0	2,505,476	-11.6
September	4,196,301	0.1	2,006,901	-3.0	357,323	7.2	2,364,224	-1.6
October	3,955,760	-0.8	1,957,062	-7.0	388,723	29.0	2,345,785	-2.5
November	3,392,779	-13.2	1,774,389	-15.4	312,438	9.1	2,086,828	-12.5
December	3,188,261	-23.4	1,754,198	-25.9	276,650	-28.8	2,030,848	-26.3
Year	51,565,539	-3.9	25,036,422	-10.5	4,197,166	6.4	29,233,586	-8.4
2009								
January	2,474,417	-26.9	1,354,960	-25.2	235,048	-13.0	1,590,007	-23.6
February	2,555,416	-28.2	1,287,928	-30.4	243,936	-13.0	1,531,864	-28.1
March	4,023,591	-15.7	2,027,588	-15.6	314,007	-20.1	2,341,595	-16.2
April	4,414,203	-19.8	2,195,008	-15.6	347,498	-20.7	2,542,506	-16.4
May	4,824,893	-13.6	2,315,522	-5.5	382,547	-7.9	2,698,069	-5.8
June	4,461,372	-9.6	2,139,679	-0.3	371,740	2.8	2,511,419	0.2
July	4,372,313	-5.0	2,119,983	-1.0	374,850	9.6	2,494,833	0.5
August	4,365,353	-2.7	2,243,426	4.6	354,414	-1.9	2,597,840	3.7
September	4,313,215	2.8	2,243,777	11.8	352,524	-1.3	2,596,301	9.8
October	4,035,344	2.0	2,090,756	6.8	332,352	-14.5	2,423,108	3.3
November	3,443,833	1.5	1,777,272	0.2	299,977	-4.0	2,077,248	-0.5
December ^p	3,843,249	20.5	2,191,865	24.9	298,083	7.7	2,489,949	22.6
Year	47,127,199	-8.6	23,987,764	-4.2	3,906,976	-6.9	27,894,739	-4.6

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

Note(s): Percentage change are year-over-year changes.

Table 2
Average monthly prices of passenger cars, by origin

Period	Total, country of manufacture		North America		Total, overseas		Japan		Other countries	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change	Amount	Change	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%
2007										
January	25,716	0.7	24,605	-1.3	27,745	2.5	24,909	-0.3	30,695	6.9
February	25,664	-0.6	24,541	-2.2	27,683	1.2	25,093	0.3	30,183	4.2
March	25,718	-0.8	24,378	-2.1	28,182	0.1	24,539	-2.0	32,243	5.7
April	25,272	-0.8	24,256	-1.9	27,188	1.0	24,201	2.1	30,846	2.6
May	25,163	-1.7	24,257	-2.4	26,757	-1.1	24,248	-0.1	29,472	-1.5
June	24,932	-1.9	24,043	-3.6	26,513	0.9	24,057	0.1	28,910	0.9
July	24,662	-2.0	24,054	-2.9	25,635	-0.8	23,952	0.5	27,163	-2.9
August	24,632	-1.6	23,945	-3.1	25,849	0.7	24,196	1.4	27,377	-1.5
September	25,256	-0.6	24,432	0.0	26,734	-2.1	24,541	1.0	28,587	-6.2
October	25,548	1.0	24,626	0.4	27,162	2.4	25,030	3.2	28,896	0.7
November	26,164	1.9	25,536	3.3	27,308	-0.5	25,242	-0.1	28,815	-1.9
December	26,509	-1.6	25,160	-2.8	29,104	-1.7	25,626	-1.9	32,263	-1.7
Year	25,343	-0.9	24,415	-1.8	27,004	0.1	24,507	0.4	29,415	-0.2
2008										
January	25,230	-1.9	24,633	0.1	26,431	-4.7	24,074	-3.4	28,713	-6.5
February	24,573	-4.3	24,225	-1.3	25,196	-9.0	23,032	-8.2	27,132	-10.1
March	24,731	-3.8	23,993	-1.6	25,976	-7.8	23,726	-3.3	28,423	-11.8
April	25,039	-0.9	23,923	-1.4	26,797	-1.4	24,289	0.4	29,190	-5.4
May	24,850	-1.2	23,678	-2.4	26,726	-0.1	23,616	-2.6	29,949	1.6
June	25,303	1.5	23,831	-0.9	27,667	4.4	23,727	-1.4	31,547	9.1
July	24,716	0.2	23,457	-2.5	26,747	4.3	23,459	-2.1	30,382	11.9
August	24,458	-0.7	23,431	-2.1	26,148	1.2	23,128	-4.4	29,253	6.9
September	24,597	-2.6	23,641	-3.2	26,103	-2.4	22,862	-6.8	29,443	3.0
October	25,347	-0.8	23,541	-4.4	28,362	4.4	24,108	-3.7	32,371	12.0
November	25,480	-2.6	23,514	-7.9	28,730	5.2	23,864	-5.5	33,162	15.1
December	25,870	-2.4	23,958	-4.8	29,076	-0.1	23,597	-7.9	33,639	4.3
Year	24,966	-1.5	23,794	-2.5	26,904	-0.4	23,621	-3.6	30,162	2.5
2009										
January	24,744	-1.9	23,503	-4.6	26,633	0.8	23,991	-0.3	29,149	1.5
February	25,096	2.1	23,828	-1.6	26,757	6.2	23,846	3.5	28,936	6.6
March	25,603	3.5	24,123	0.5	27,678	6.6	23,613	-0.5	30,923	8.8
April	24,846	-0.8	24,144	0.9	25,661	-4.2	22,375	-7.9	28,586	-2.1
May	25,569	2.9	24,388	3.0	27,130	1.5	23,856	1.0	29,496	-1.5
June	26,341	4.1	24,731	3.8	28,412	2.7	24,455	3.1	30,871	-2.1
July	25,570	3.5	23,940	2.1	27,861	4.2	24,946	6.3	29,810	-1.9
August	25,847	5.7	24,226	3.4	27,793	6.3	24,457	5.7	30,176	3.2
September	25,447	3.5	23,850	0.9	27,602	5.7	24,052	5.2	30,214	2.6
October	26,246	3.5	24,659	4.7	28,389	0.1	24,124	0.1	31,633	-2.3
November	26,449	3.8	24,808	5.5	28,533	-0.7	24,770	3.8	31,219	-5.9
December P	26,180	1.2	24,561	2.5	28,755	-1.1	24,076	2.0	32,836	-2.4
Year	25,683	2.9	24,255	1.9	27,583	2.5	23,988	1.6	30,283	0.4

Note(s): Percentage changes shown are year-to-year changes.

Table 3
Monthly market share of new passenger car sales (units), by origin, Canada

Period	Total		Passenger cars					
			North America		Japan		Other countries	
	Units	Market share	Units	Market share	Units	Market share	Units	Market share
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%
2007								
January	42,705	100.0	27,594	64.6	7,704	18.0	7,407	17.3
February	47,256	100.0	30,361	64.2	8,299	17.6	8,596	18.2
March	76,487	100.0	49,540	64.8	14,206	18.6	12,741	16.7
April	92,446	100.0	60,392	65.3	17,649	19.1	14,405	15.6
May	102,564	100.0	65,400	63.8	19,315	18.8	17,849	17.4
June	91,729	100.0	58,700	64.0	16,315	17.8	16,714	18.2
July	77,722	100.0	47,819	61.5	14,232	18.3	15,671	20.2
August	84,067	100.0	53,749	63.9	14,567	17.3	15,751	18.7
September	70,855	100.0	45,513	64.2	11,602	16.4	13,740	19.4
October	62,005	100.0	39,486	63.7	10,098	16.3	12,421	20.0
November	58,188	100.0	37,583	64.6	8,689	14.9	11,916	20.5
December	52,979	100.0	34,864	65.8	8,622	16.3	9,493	17.9
Year	859,003	100.0	551,001	64.1	151,298	17.6	156,704	18.2
2008								
January	51,719	100.0	34,557	66.8	8,443	16.3	8,719	16.9
February	58,210	100.0	37,369	64.2	9,839	16.9	11,002	18.9
March	80,124	100.0	50,287	62.8	15,539	19.4	14,298	17.8
April	98,333	100.0	60,137	61.2	18,654	19.0	19,542	19.9
May	109,387	100.0	67,352	61.6	21,388	19.6	20,647	18.9
June	95,991	100.0	59,162	61.6	18,272	19.0	18,557	19.3
July	85,826	100.0	52,973	61.7	17,249	20.1	15,604	18.2
August	80,923	100.0	50,352	62.2	15,499	19.2	15,072	18.6
September	74,483	100.0	45,558	61.2	14,681	19.7	14,244	19.1
October	63,518	100.0	39,724	62.5	11,545	18.2	12,249	19.3
November	51,253	100.0	31,930	62.3	9,211	18.0	10,112	19.7
December	44,739	100.0	28,021	62.6	7,596	17.0	9,122	20.4
Year	894,506	100.0	557,422	62.3	167,916	18.8	169,168	18.9
2009								
January	35,743	100.0	21,581	60.4	6,907	19.3	7,255	20.3
February	40,786	100.0	23,129	56.7	7,559	18.5	10,098	24.8
March	65,695	100.0	38,347	58.4	12,138	18.5	15,210	23.2
April	75,332	100.0	40,460	53.7	16,423	21.8	18,449	24.5
May	83,181	100.0	47,369	56.9	15,020	18.1	20,792	25.0
June	74,028	100.0	41,654	56.3	12,407	16.8	19,967	27.0
July	73,425	100.0	42,908	58.4	12,228	16.7	18,289	24.9
August	68,383	100.0	37,309	54.6	12,947	18.9	18,127	26.5
September	67,469	100.0	38,747	57.4	12,175	18.0	16,547	24.5
October	61,429	100.0	35,303	57.5	11,284	18.4	14,842	24.2
November	51,669	100.0	28,912	56.0	9,477	18.3	13,280	25.7
December P	51,693	100.0	31,741	61.4	9,295	18.0	10,657	20.6
Year	748,833	100.0	427,460	57.1	137,860	18.4	183,513	24.5

Table 4
Provincial sales of new motor vehicles, by type and origin, in units and dollars, December

Type and origin of vehicles	Canada	Newfoundland and Labrador	Prince Edward Island	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec
Total, new motor vehicles						
2007 (number)	122,954	1,577	334	3,269	2,425	23,786
2008 (number)	97,164	1,404	297	2,783	2,153	21,582
2009 (number)	114,443	1,811	393	3,473	2,555	26,026
2009 / 2008 (%)	17.8	29.0	32.3	24.8	18.7	20.6
2007 \$'000	4,159,628	46,810	9,549	95,303	76,268	703,891
2008 \$'000	3,188,261	38,692	7,357	85,410	62,710	651,153
2009 \$'000	3,843,249	54,883	11,668	105,678	81,698	811,761
2009 / 2008 (%)	20.5	41.8	58.6	23.7	30.3	24.7
Passenger cars, manufactured in North America						
2007 (number)	34,864	511	131	1,142	750	8,020
2008 (number)	28,021	474	125	996	709	6,602
2009 (number)	31,741	461	143	1,074	778	7,693
2009 / 2008 (%)	13.3	-2.7	14.4	7.8	9.7	16.5
2007 \$'000	877,188	11,424	3,122	26,972	17,930	186,521
2008 \$'000	671,318	10,882	2,728	23,611	15,816	153,238
2009 \$'000	779,579	10,353	3,369	25,227	18,341	182,064
2009 / 2008 (%)	16.1	-4.9	23.5	6.8	16.0	18.8
Passenger cars, manufactured in Japan						
2007 (number)	8,622	x	x	223	x	2,496
2008 (number)	7,596	x	x	210	x	2,516
2009 (number)	9,295	x	x	202	x	3,315
2009 / 2008 (%)	22.4	x	x	-3.8	x	31.8
2007 \$'000	220,947	x	x	5,305	x	56,856
2008 \$'000	179,241	x	x	4,573	x	53,952
2009 \$'000	223,785	x	x	4,933	x	71,596
2009 / 2008 (%)	24.9	x	x	7.9	x	32.7
Passenger cars, manufactured in other countries						
2007 (number)	9,493	x	x	278	x	2,488
2008 (number)	9,122	x	x	243	x	2,939
2009 (number)	10,657	x	x	488	x	3,244
2009 / 2008 (%)	16.8	x	x	100.8	x	10.4
2007 \$'000	306,270	x	x	6,504	x	70,680
2008 \$'000	306,854	x	x	6,053	x	86,803
2009 \$'000	349,936	x	x	11,737	x	96,213
2009 / 2008 (%)	14.0	x	x	93.9	x	10.8
Trucks ¹, manufactured in North America						
2007 (number)	60,045	x	x	1,429	1,231	8,939
2008 (number)	45,140	x	x	1,159	1,002	7,899
2009 (number)	55,688	x	x	1,562	1,354	10,016
2009 / 2008 (%)	23.4	x	x	34.8	35.1	26.8
2007 \$'000	2,366,702	x	x	49,004	47,014	321,183
2008 \$'000	1,754,198	x	x	44,791	35,274	296,728
2009 \$'000	2,191,865	x	x	58,344	52,289	391,300
2009 / 2008 (%)	24.9	x	x	30.3	48.2	31.9
Trucks ¹, manufactured overseas						
2007 (number)	9,930	x	x	197	144	1,843
2008 (number)	7,285	x	x	175	137	1,626
2009 (number)	7,062	x	x	147	106	1,758
2009 / 2008 (%)	-3.1	x	x	-16.0	-22.6	8.1
2007 \$'000	388,522	x	x	7,519	4,916	68,652
2008 \$'000	276,650	x	x	6,382	4,438	60,431
2009 \$'000	298,083	x	x	5,436	3,708	70,588
2009 / 2008 (%)	7.7	x	x	-14.8	-16.4	16.8

See notes at the end of the table.

Table 4 – continued

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

Type and origin of vehicles	Canada	Ontario	Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	British Columbia and the Territories ²
Total, new motor vehicles						
2007 (number)	122,954	47,060	3,785	4,078	20,240	16,400
2008 (number)	97,164	35,481	3,317	3,432	15,457	11,258
2009 (number)	114,443	43,700	3,451	3,629	15,945	13,460
2009 / 2008 (%)	17.8	23.2	4.0	5.7	3.2	19.6
2007 \$'000	4,159,628	1,609,319	126,688	150,887	753,783	587,130
2008 \$'000	3,188,261	1,179,535	109,761	122,538	545,191	385,915
2009 \$'000	3,843,249	1,463,009	116,424	131,152	569,423	497,553
2009 / 2008 (%)	20.5	24.0	6.1	7.0	4.4	28.9
Passenger cars, manufactured in North America						
2007 (number)	34,864	14,827	1,021	826	3,676	3,960
2008 (number)	28,021	11,398	1,010	798	3,144	2,765
2009 (number)	31,741	13,879	872	711	3,192	2,938
2009 / 2008 (%)	13.3	21.8	-13.7	-10.9	1.5	6.3
2007 \$'000	877,188	385,268	26,103	21,300	97,652	100,895
2008 \$'000	671,318	275,787	23,964	19,658	78,859	66,776
2009 \$'000	779,579	342,667	21,346	18,228	83,972	74,011
2009 / 2008 (%)	16.1	24.3	-10.9	-7.3	6.5	10.8
Passenger cars, manufactured in Japan						
2007 (number)	8,622	2,948	172	120	982	1,504
2008 (number)	7,596	2,542	130	106	789	1,061
2009 (number)	9,295	2,809	189	114	894	1,521
2009 / 2008 (%)	22.4	10.5	45.4	7.5	13.3	43.4
2007 \$'000	220,947	82,851	4,275	3,190	26,048	38,545
2008 \$'000	179,241	65,435	3,118	2,654	19,546	25,045
2009 \$'000	223,785	75,672	4,724	2,752	21,707	37,034
2009 / 2008 (%)	24.9	15.6	51.5	3.7	11.1	47.9
Passenger cars, manufactured in other countries						
2007 (number)	9,493	3,755	188	142	864	1,448
2008 (number)	9,122	3,514	145	116	858	1,008
2009 (number)	10,657	3,876	187	179	746	1,533
2009 / 2008 (%)	16.8	10.3	29.0	54.3	-13.1	52.1
2007 \$'000	306,270	133,328	4,773	3,756	26,671	53,592
2008 \$'000	306,854	129,675	3,687	2,982	31,156	39,204
2009 \$'000	349,936	140,085	5,027	4,976	25,352	57,173
2009 / 2008 (%)	14.0	8.0	36.3	66.9	-18.6	45.8
Trucks¹, manufactured in North America						
2007 (number)	60,045	21,636	2,140	2,695	12,997	8,035
2008 (number)	45,140	15,322	1,793	2,231	9,534	5,460
2009 (number)	55,688	20,488	2,063	2,476	10,160	6,395
2009 / 2008 (%)	23.4	33.7	15.1	11.0	6.6	17.1
2007 \$'000	2,366,702	851,638	81,930	111,482	534,784	336,270
2008 \$'000	1,754,198	603,730	70,398	90,768	372,073	216,933
2009 \$'000	2,191,865	788,720	80,091	99,638	396,353	283,008
2009 / 2008 (%)	24.9	30.6	13.8	9.8	6.5	30.5
Trucks¹, manufactured overseas						
2007 (number)	9,930	3,894	264	295	1,721	1,453
2008 (number)	7,285	2,705	239	181	1,132	964
2009 (number)	7,062	2,648	140	149	953	1,073
2009 / 2008 (%)	-3.1	-2.1	-41.4	-17.7	-15.8	11.3
2007 \$'000	388,522	156,234	9,607	11,159	68,628	57,828
2008 \$'000	276,650	104,908	8,594	6,476	43,557	37,958
2009 \$'000	298,083	115,865	5,236	5,558	42,039	46,328
2009 / 2008 (%)	7.7	10.4	-39.1	-14.2	-3.5	22.1

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

2. For reasons of confidentiality, data for the Yukon, the Northwest Territories and Nunavut have been included with the data for British Columbia.

Table 5-1
Year to date provincial sales of new motor vehicles, by type and origin in units, January to December

Province	Total new motor vehicles		Passenger cars							
			North America		Japan		Other countries		Total	
	Units	Year/year change	Units	Year/year change	Units	Year/year change	Units	Year/year change	Units	Year/year change
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%
2007										
Newfoundland and Labrador	28,260	16.8	10,828	18.2	x	x	x	x	14,979	15.7
Prince Edward Island	5,303	7.5	2,321	8.1	x	x	x	x	3,238	6.7
Nova Scotia	49,187	3.0	19,557	-3.1	4,048	13.2	5,189	12.3	28,794	1.5
New Brunswick	37,293	5.3	14,148	0.1	x	x	x	x	19,767	1.9
Quebec	413,405	2.3	148,561	-1.3	58,807	4.2	53,226	0.5	260,594	0.2
Ontario	605,799	-2.4	212,514	-7.3	45,273	6.0	54,127	6.9	311,914	-3.3
Manitoba	47,099	2.6	14,755	-1.3	2,449	9.4	2,981	17.0	20,185	2.3
Saskatchewan	45,546	14.1	11,374	6.4	1,636	12.7	1,981	8.8	14,991	7.4
Alberta	257,050	3.3	61,121	-2.1	13,761	9.9	12,828	16.2	87,710	2.0
British Columbia and the Territories ¹	201,596	3.6	55,822	-6.4	20,890	8.4	20,119	9.8	96,831	-0.4
Canada	1,690,538	1.5	551,001	-3.9	151,298	6.4	156,704	6.0	859,003	-0.5
2008										
Newfoundland and Labrador	31,448	11.3	11,504	6.2	x	x	x	x	16,825	12.3
Prince Edward Island	5,504	3.8	2,454	5.7	x	x	x	x	3,469	7.1
Nova Scotia	52,426	6.6	21,484	9.9	4,841	19.6	6,038	16.4	32,363	12.4
New Brunswick	39,522	6.0	14,744	4.2	x	x	x	x	22,021	11.4
Quebec	435,155	5.3	155,436	4.6	66,689	13.4	59,987	12.7	282,112	8.3
Ontario	592,088	-2.3	211,584	-0.4	49,085	8.4	56,651	4.7	317,320	1.7
Manitoba	48,029	2.0	15,607	5.8	3,064	25.1	2,973	-0.3	21,644	7.2
Saskatchewan	49,480	8.6	13,301	16.9	2,154	31.7	2,368	19.5	17,823	18.9
Alberta	238,413	-7.3	59,814	-2.1	14,794	7.5	13,887	8.3	88,495	0.9
British Columbia and the Territories ¹	182,080	-9.7	51,494	-7.8	21,500	2.9	19,440	-3.4	92,434	-4.5
Canada	1,674,145	-1.0	557,422	1.2	167,916	11.0	169,168	8.0	894,506	4.1
2009										
Newfoundland and Labrador	28,764	-8.5	8,684	-24.5	x	x	x	x	14,094	-16.2
Prince Edward Island	5,291	-3.9	2,024	-17.5	x	x	x	x	3,056	-11.9
Nova Scotia	47,940	-8.6	16,472	-23.3	3,624	-25.1	6,759	11.9	26,855	-17.0
New Brunswick	35,354	-10.5	10,953	-25.7	x	x	x	x	17,347	-21.2
Quebec	397,262	-8.7	122,404	-21.3	56,459	-15.3	70,081	16.8	248,944	-11.8
Ontario	543,353	-8.2	169,159	-20.1	40,980	-16.5	61,267	8.1	271,406	-14.5
Manitoba	44,119	-8.1	11,798	-24.4	2,489	-18.8	3,230	8.6	17,517	-19.1
Saskatchewan	44,989	-9.1	10,508	-21.0	1,743	-19.1	2,314	-2.3	14,565	-18.3
Alberta	187,180	-21.5	39,461	-34.0	10,872	-26.5	12,584	-9.4	62,917	-28.9
British Columbia and the Territories ¹	153,091	-15.9	35,997	-30.1	16,936	-21.2	19,199	-1.2	72,132	-22.0
Canada	1,487,343	-11.2	427,460	-23.3	137,860	-17.9	183,513	8.5	748,833	-16.3

See notes 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 December

Province	Total new motor vehicles		Trucks ²					
			North America		Overseas		Total	
	Units	Year/year change	Units	Year/year change	Units	Year/year change	Units	Year/year change
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%
2007								
Newfoundland and Labrador	28,260	16.8	x	x	x	x	13,281	18.1
Prince Edward Island	5,303	7.5	x	x	x	x	2,065	8.7
Nova Scotia	49,187	3.0	18,217	9.4	2,176	-19.5	20,393	5.3
New Brunswick	37,293	5.3	15,625	12.7	1,901	-11.0	17,526	9.6
Quebec	413,405	2.3	128,853	13.0	23,958	-20.6	152,811	6.0
Ontario	605,799	-2.4	255,910	1.7	37,975	-18.2	293,885	-1.4
Manitoba	47,099	2.6	24,286	5.0	2,628	-14.3	26,914	2.8
Saskatchewan	45,546	14.1	27,981	19.3	2,574	2.8	30,555	17.7
Alberta	257,050	3.3	153,185	4.7	16,155	-2.3	169,340	4.0
British Columbia and the Territories ¹	201,596	3.6	90,302	11.4	14,463	-11.9	104,765	7.5
Canada	1,690,538	1.5	727,909	6.8	103,626	-15.0	831,535	3.5
2008								
Newfoundland and Labrador	31,448	11.3	x	x	x	x	14,623	10.1
Prince Edward Island	5,504	3.8	x	x	x	x	2,035	-1.5
Nova Scotia	52,426	6.6	17,711	-2.8	2,352	8.1	20,063	-1.6
New Brunswick	39,522	6.0	15,500	-0.8	2,001	5.3	17,501	-0.1
Quebec	435,155	5.3	124,254	-3.6	28,789	20.2	153,043	0.2
Ontario	592,088	-2.3	232,757	-9.0	42,011	10.6	274,768	-6.5
Manitoba	48,029	2.0	23,512	-3.2	2,873	9.3	26,385	-2.0
Saskatchewan	49,480	8.6	28,867	3.2	2,790	8.4	31,657	3.6
Alberta	238,413	-7.3	133,345	-13.0	16,573	2.6	149,918	-11.5
British Columbia and the Territories ¹	182,080	-9.7	76,563	-15.2	13,083	-9.5	89,646	-14.4
Canada	1,674,145	-1.0	667,139	-8.3	112,500	8.6	779,639	-6.2
2009								
Newfoundland and Labrador	28,764	-8.5	x	x	x	x	14,670	0.3
Prince Edward Island	5,291	-3.9	x	x	x	x	2,235	9.8
Nova Scotia	47,940	-8.6	18,979	7.2	2,106	-10.5	21,085	5.1
New Brunswick	35,354	-10.5	16,280	5.0	1,727	-13.7	18,007	2.9
Quebec	397,262	-8.7	121,421	-2.3	26,897	-6.6	148,318	-3.1
Ontario	543,353	-8.2	235,593	1.2	36,354	-13.5	271,947	-1.0
Manitoba	44,119	-8.1	24,205	2.9	2,397	-16.6	26,602	0.8
Saskatchewan	44,989	-9.1	28,473	-1.4	1,951	-30.1	30,424	-3.9
Alberta	187,180	-21.5	111,970	-16.0	12,293	-25.8	124,263	-17.1
British Columbia and the Territories ¹	153,091	-15.9	68,480	-10.6	12,479	-4.6	80,959	-9.7
Canada	1,487,343	-11.2	640,512	-4.0	97,998	-12.9	738,510	-5.3

1. For reasons of confidentiality, data for the Yukon, the Northwest Territories and Nunavut have been included with the data for British Columbia.

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

Note(s): 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 December

Province	Total new motor vehicles		Passenger cars							
			North America		Japan		Other countries		Total	
	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	%
2007										
Newfoundland and Labrador	771,586	16.9	244,566	15.7	x	x	x	x	328,122	14.6
Prince Edward Island	138,646	6.6	52,855	6.3	x	x	x	x	70,723	5.8
Nova Scotia	1,372,107	1.5	455,802	-3.8	91,856	12.0	112,451	9.7	660,108	0.2
New Brunswick	1,077,576	2.3	328,994	-1.8	x	x	x	x	443,449	0.2
Quebec	11,718,934	0.0	3,455,514	-4.0	1,302,577	5.1	1,373,203	1.0	6,131,294	-1.1
Ontario	19,458,028	-4.9	5,360,145	-8.5	1,231,314	6.7	1,811,019	6.3	8,402,478	-3.6
Manitoba	1,580,459	-0.7	365,297	-2.2	60,014	9.8	71,737	12.8	497,046	1.0
Saskatchewan	1,595,529	14.4	283,895	3.8	42,361	11.5	48,240	9.5	374,489	5.3
Alberta	9,160,377	1.7	1,547,271	-2.5	362,059	9.5	408,160	16.2	2,317,492	2.1
British Columbia and the Territories ¹	6,803,621	3.3	1,358,539	-8.7	525,103	7.8	661,274	7.2	2,544,916	-1.8
Canada	53,676,866	-0.5	13,452,878	-5.6	3,707,820	6.9	4,609,417	5.8	21,770,114	-1.4
2008										
Newfoundland and Labrador	834,707	8.2	258,748	5.8	x	x	x	x	365,463	11.4
Prince Edward Island	136,747	-1.4	53,826	1.8	x	x	x	x	73,276	3.6
Nova Scotia	1,403,029	2.3	492,408	8.0	106,970	16.5	130,753	16.3	730,130	10.6
New Brunswick	1,076,928	-0.1	328,635	-0.1	x	x	x	x	478,580	7.9
Quebec	12,069,508	3.0	3,540,886	2.5	1,434,267	10.1	1,590,627	15.8	6,565,780	7.1
Ontario	18,814,860	-3.3	5,172,258	-3.5	1,271,495	3.3	1,967,308	8.6	8,411,063	0.1
Manitoba	1,540,724	-2.5	369,586	1.2	73,142	21.9	74,101	3.3	516,828	4.0
Saskatchewan	1,670,932	4.7	323,021	13.8	53,920	27.3	59,603	23.6	436,545	16.6
Alberta	8,180,745	-10.7	1,514,245	-2.1	383,402	5.9	449,954	10.2	2,347,600	1.3
British Columbia and the Territories ¹	5,837,363	-14.2	1,209,445	-11.0	524,118	-0.2	673,123	1.8	2,406,686	-5.4
Canada	51,565,539	-3.9	13,263,053	-1.4	3,966,400	7.0	5,102,499	10.7	22,331,952	2.6
2009										
Newfoundland and Labrador	829,548	-0.6	199,701	-22.8	x	x	x	x	316,863	-13.3
Prince Edward Island	144,779	5.9	46,099	-14.4	x	x	x	x	67,425	-8.0
Nova Scotia	1,396,597	-0.5	392,366	-20.3	82,539	-22.8	161,409	23.4	636,314	-12.8
New Brunswick	1,067,998	-0.8	259,231	-21.1	x	x	x	x	401,791	-16.0
Quebec	11,585,415	-4.0	2,825,579	-20.2	1,239,841	-13.6	1,923,135	20.9	5,988,554	-8.8
Ontario	17,437,597	-7.3	4,179,382	-19.2	1,079,555	-15.1	2,071,501	5.3	7,330,437	-12.8
Manitoba	1,443,044	-6.3	285,728	-22.7	60,236	-17.6	84,152	13.6	430,115	-16.8
Saskatchewan	1,527,448	-8.6	258,932	-19.8	44,407	-17.6	62,985	5.7	366,320	-16.1
Alberta	6,513,724	-20.4	1,024,177	-32.4	285,438	-25.6	408,587	-9.2	1,718,205	-26.8
British Columbia and the Territories ¹	5,181,047	-11.2	896,986	-25.8	414,823	-20.9	664,627	-1.3	1,976,435	-17.9
Canada	47,127,199	-8.6	10,368,179	-21.8	3,307,036	-16.6	5,557,241	8.9	19,232,461	-13.9

See notes 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 December

Province	Total new motor vehicles		Trucks ²					
			North America		Overseas		Total	
	Units	Year/year change	Units	Year/year change	Units	Year/year change	Units	Year/year change
	\$'000	%	\$'000	%	\$'000	%	\$'000	%
2007								
Newfoundland and Labrador	771,586	16.9	x	x	x	x	443,465	18.7
Prince Edward Island	138,646	6.6	x	x	x	x	67,921	7.5
Nova Scotia	1,372,107	1.5	636,418	5.8	75,583	-17.1	711,999	2.7
New Brunswick	1,077,576	2.3	570,574	5.1	63,558	-6.8	634,128	3.8
Quebec	11,718,934	0.0	4,702,662	5.2	884,980	-15.8	5,587,640	1.2
Ontario	19,458,028	-4.9	9,570,790	-4.4	1,484,763	-14.9	11,055,551	-5.9
Manitoba	1,580,459	-0.7	989,664	-0.4	93,751	-12.2	1,083,413	-1.5
Saskatchewan	1,595,529	14.4	1,126,213	18.4	94,824	7.7	1,221,037	17.5
Alberta	9,160,377	1.7	6,221,278	1.6	621,611	1.0	6,842,888	1.5
British Columbia and the Territories ¹	6,803,621	3.3	3,689,252	9.2	569,454	-7.7	4,258,705	6.6
Canada	53,676,866	-0.5	27,961,186	1.9	3,945,567	-11.2	31,906,752	0.1
2008								
Newfoundland and Labrador	834,707	8.2	x	x	x	x	469,244	5.8
Prince Edward Island	136,747	-1.4	x	x	x	x	63,473	-6.5
Nova Scotia	1,403,029	2.3	591,426	-7.1	81,470	7.8	672,898	-5.5
New Brunswick	1,076,928	-0.1	533,470	-6.5	64,876	2.1	598,345	-5.6
Quebec	12,069,508	3.0	4,467,157	-5.0	1,036,572	17.1	5,503,729	-1.5
Ontario	18,814,860	-3.3	8,792,602	-8.1	1,611,195	8.5	10,403,798	-5.9
Manitoba	1,540,724	-2.5	923,394	-6.7	100,500	7.2	1,023,894	-5.5
Saskatchewan	1,670,932	4.7	1,134,326	0.7	100,059	5.5	1,234,387	1.1
Alberta	8,180,745	-10.7	5,208,333	-16.3	624,808	0.5	5,833,145	-14.8
British Columbia and the Territories ¹	5,837,363	-14.2	2,915,644	-21.0	515,032	-9.6	3,430,674	-19.4
Canada	51,565,539	-3.9	25,036,422	-10.5	4,197,166	6.4	29,233,586	-8.4
2009								
Newfoundland and Labrador	829,548	-0.6	x	x	x	x	512,684	9.3
Prince Edward Island	144,779	5.9	x	x	x	x	77,355	21.9
Nova Scotia	1,396,597	-0.5	683,399	15.6	76,884	-5.6	760,284	13.0
New Brunswick	1,067,998	-0.8	608,186	14.0	58,024	-10.6	666,210	11.3
Quebec	11,585,415	-4.0	4,576,705	2.5	1,020,157	-1.6	5,596,862	1.7
Ontario	17,437,597	-7.3	8,598,286	-2.2	1,508,872	-6.4	10,107,158	-2.9
Manitoba	1,443,044	-6.3	924,642	0.1	88,284	-12.2	1,012,927	-1.1
Saskatchewan	1,527,448	-8.6	1,086,178	-4.2	74,947	-25.1	1,161,127	-5.9
Alberta	6,513,724	-20.4	4,298,686	-17.5	496,836	-20.5	4,795,521	-17.8
British Columbia and the Territories ¹	5,181,047	-11.2	2,680,487	-8.1	524,124	1.8	3,204,613	-6.6
Canada	47,127,199	-8.6	23,987,764	-4.2	3,906,976	-6.9	27,894,739	-4.6

1. For reasons of confidentiality, data for the Yukon, the Northwest Territories and Nunavut have been included with the data for British Columbia.

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

Note(s): Percentage changes shown are year-to-year changes.

Table 6
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
number								
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	45,758	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
2005	1,630,310	845,222	574,639	123,482	147,101	785,088	673,205	111,883
2006	1,666,327	863,161	573,102	142,159	147,900	803,166	681,244	121,922
2007	1,690,538	859,003	551,001	151,298	156,704	831,535	727,909	103,626
2008	1,674,145	894,506	557,422	167,916	169,168	779,639	667,139	112,500
2009	1,487,343	748,833	427,460	137,860	183,513	738,510	640,512	97,998
\$'000								
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	23,484,455	13,691,746	8,450,516	4,053,782	1,187,451	9,792,709	8,613,984	1,178,725
1993	24,630,359	13,278,180	8,620,649	3,560,913	1,096,620	11,352,180	10,227,082	1,125,101
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
2003	50,493,308	21,685,587	14,565,218	2,988,274	4,132,093	28,807,720	24,845,915	3,961,804
2004	49,639,223	20,489,761	13,261,753	2,694,970	4,533,035	29,149,463	25,384,561	3,764,904
2005	52,311,147	21,220,807	14,051,867	2,928,424	4,240,519	31,090,339	27,031,615	4,058,725
2006	53,966,261	22,077,502	14,250,869	3,469,392	4,357,245	31,888,757	27,445,267	4,443,494
2007	53,676,866	21,770,114	13,452,878	3,707,820	4,609,417	31,906,752	27,961,186	3,945,567
2008	51,565,539	22,331,952	13,263,053	3,966,400	5,102,499	29,233,586	25,036,422	4,197,166
2009	47,127,199	19,232,461	10,368,179	3,307,036	5,557,241	27,894,739	23,987,764	3,906,976

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

Table 7
Canada, monthly sales of new motor vehicles, in units, by type and origin, seasonally adjusted

Period	Total new motor vehicles		Passenger cars				Trucks ¹	
			North America		Overseas		Total	
	Units	Month/month change	Units	Month/month change	Units	Month/month change	Units	Month/month change
	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%
2007								
January	141,458	-5.6	44,574	-15.9	26,338	2.7	70,546	-0.9
February	138,814	-1.9	45,051	1.1	25,600	-2.8	68,163	-3.4
March	138,578	-0.2	44,896	-0.3	25,766	0.6	67,916	-0.4
April	148,648	7.3	51,682	15.1	25,283	-1.9	71,683	5.5
May	145,106	-2.4	46,999	-9.1	25,927	2.5	72,180	0.7
June	143,727	-1.0	47,740	1.6	26,313	1.5	69,674	-3.5
July	138,126	-3.9	44,385	-7.0	25,953	-1.4	67,788	-2.7
August	142,775	3.4	47,359	6.7	26,074	0.5	69,342	2.3
September	137,805	-3.5	46,088	-2.7	25,824	-1.0	65,893	-5.0
October	137,795	0.0	45,342	-1.6	25,128	-2.7	67,325	2.2
November	133,004	-3.5	42,825	-5.6	23,773	-5.4	66,406	-1.4
December	144,704	8.8	44,060	2.9	26,025	9.5	74,619	12.4
2008								
January	159,064	9.9	54,359	23.4	31,569	21.3	73,136	-2.0
February	152,597	-4.1	52,065	-4.2	30,796	-2.4	69,736	-4.6
March	147,519	-3.3	48,951	-6.0	30,853	0.2	67,715	-2.9
April	144,384	-2.1	48,425	-1.1	28,358	-8.1	67,601	-0.2
May	143,682	-0.5	49,381	2.0	29,600	4.4	64,701	-4.3
June	142,306	-1.0	49,351	-0.1	29,462	-0.5	63,493	-1.9
July	138,498	-2.7	47,781	-3.2	27,375	-7.1	63,342	-0.2
August	135,264	-2.3	44,551	-6.8	27,953	2.1	62,760	-0.9
September	138,809	2.6	45,183	1.4	29,021	3.8	64,605	2.9
October	137,920	-0.6	44,911	-0.6	26,271	-9.5	66,738	3.3
November	122,987	-10.8	37,690	-16.1	23,291	-11.3	62,006	-7.1
December	111,115	-9.7	34,774	-7.7	22,535	-3.2	53,806	-13.2
2009								
January	117,579	5.8	36,280	4.3	23,864	5.9	57,435	6.7
February	115,990	-1.4	35,435	-2.3	25,469	6.7	55,086	-4.1
March	121,427	4.7	35,069	-1.0	26,394	3.6	59,964	8.9
April	120,827	-0.5	33,154	-5.5	27,853	5.5	59,820	-0.2
May	121,067	0.2	32,108	-3.2	27,778	-0.3	61,181	2.3
June	120,746	-0.3	32,803	2.2	26,819	-3.5	61,124	-0.1
July	127,327	5.5	37,382	14.0	26,086	-2.7	63,859	4.5
August	126,675	-0.5	34,523	-7.6	28,208	8.1	63,944	0.1
September ^r	128,810	1.7	36,470	5.6	27,696	-1.8	64,644	1.1
October ^r	133,827	3.9	39,609	8.6	28,921	4.4	65,297	1.0
November ^r	125,430	-6.3	35,926	-9.3	27,067	-6.4	62,437	-4.4
December ^p	128,663	2.6	37,759	5.1	26,809	-1.0	64,095	2.7

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

Note(s): Percentage changes shown are month-to-month changes.

Table 8
Monthly sales of new motor vehicles, in units, by province, seasonally adjusted

Period	Canada	Newfoundland and Labrador	Prince Edward Island	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec
number						
2007						
January	141,458	2,265	433	3,926	3,183	34,885
February	138,814	2,189	426	3,753	2,946	34,041
March	138,578	2,434	466	3,791	3,027	32,853
April	148,648	2,545	465	4,375	3,043	36,848
May	145,106	2,403	468	3,773	3,262	36,764
June	143,727	2,412	448	4,156	3,268	35,182
July	138,126	2,321	423	4,145	3,073	33,050
August	142,775	2,435	486	4,378	3,209	33,921
September	137,805	2,231	401	4,224	3,067	34,247
October	137,795	2,339	491	4,247	3,281	33,799
November	133,004	2,239	317	4,119	2,792	32,033
December	144,704	2,447	479	4,300	3,142	35,783
2008						
January	159,064	3,188	520	5,028	3,342	42,379
February	152,597	3,362	501	4,804	3,580	41,859
March	147,519	2,541	490	4,714	3,448	37,210
April	144,384	2,553	471	4,326	3,509	37,489
May	143,682	2,507	505	4,570	3,351	37,813
June	142,306	2,428	458	4,472	3,398	36,100
July	138,498	2,637	440	4,291	3,480	35,748
August	135,264	2,666	425	4,130	3,371	34,915
September	138,809	2,748	460	4,601	3,442	35,646
October	137,920	2,727	429	4,437	3,341	34,793
November	122,987	2,017	405	3,581	2,578	30,455
December	111,115	2,074	400	3,472	2,682	30,748
2009						
January	117,579	2,151	437	3,519	2,802	30,165
February	115,990	2,083	374	3,617	2,573	31,744
March	121,427	2,241	439	3,772	2,741	34,412
April	120,827	2,363	464	3,867	2,888	32,636
May	121,067	2,472	414	4,089	2,936	31,836
June	120,746	2,413	422	4,108	2,760	32,308
July	127,327	2,470	445	4,212	2,978	33,222
August	126,675	2,383	422	4,232	3,090	33,108
September ^r	128,810	2,668	481	4,150	3,409	33,619
October ^r	133,827	2,725	458	4,409	3,241	34,956
November ^r	125,430	2,181	427	3,750	2,963	34,132
December ^p	128,663	2,549	514	4,250	3,091	35,054

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
	number					
2007						
January	141,458	51,725	3,845	3,585	21,397	16,214
February	138,814	49,585	3,862	3,519	21,349	17,144
March	138,578	49,014	3,986	3,561	22,496	16,950
April	148,648	53,717	4,210	3,923	21,618	17,904
May	145,106	51,764	3,900	3,991	21,715	17,066
June	143,727	51,749	3,872	3,946	21,953	16,741
July	138,126	48,931	3,708	3,788	21,804	16,883
August	142,775	51,492	3,970	3,863	22,179	16,842
September	137,805	49,032	3,886	3,702	20,408	16,607
October	137,795	49,041	3,924	3,842	20,466	16,365
November	133,004	47,745	3,752	3,555	20,453	15,999
December	144,704	52,005	4,184	4,271	21,212	16,881
2008						
January	159,064	56,343	4,474	4,370	22,154	17,266
February	152,597	51,581	4,353	4,413	21,510	16,634
March	147,519	51,293	4,305	4,426	21,684	17,408
April	144,384	51,849	4,101	4,330	19,745	16,011
May	143,682	50,635	3,971	3,959	20,508	15,863
June	142,306	51,008	4,104	4,099	20,419	15,820
July	138,498	49,480	4,055	4,103	19,679	14,585
August	135,264	48,531	3,791	4,106	19,115	14,214
September	138,809	49,313	3,854	4,089	19,935	14,721
October	137,920	49,453	3,914	4,272	19,898	14,656
November	122,987	44,791	3,589	3,908	18,233	13,430
December	111,115	37,811	3,518	3,405	15,533	11,472
2009						
January	117,579	41,617	3,640	3,912	16,666	12,670
February	115,990	42,574	3,405	3,554	14,714	11,352
March	121,427	44,011	3,510	3,757	14,830	11,714
April	120,827	43,708	3,687	3,674	15,270	12,270
May	121,067	44,335	3,825	3,820	14,939	12,401
June	120,746	43,522	3,615	3,631	15,394	12,573
July	127,327	47,602	3,755	3,970	15,864	12,809
August	126,675	47,446	3,760	3,688	15,660	12,886
September r	128,810	47,184	3,748	3,970	16,107	13,474
October r	133,827	49,123	3,906	4,161	16,781	14,067
November r	125,430	46,101	3,639	3,355	15,244	13,638
December p	128,663	46,666	3,701	3,619	15,835	13,384

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 sales 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.¹

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.² The disclosure of data likely to reveal specific information on the activity of a particular company is systematically and rigorously controlled and regulated to prevent the publication or disclosure of any information deemed confidential. The rules regarding confidentiality

1. 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.

2. See Section 17 of the Statistics Act (Chapter 5-19), entitled «Secrecy».

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."³ Economic time series such as the New Motor Vehicles Sales Survey can be broken down into five main components: the trend-cycle, seasonality, the trading-day effect, the Easter holiday effect and the irregular component.

The trend represents the long-term change in the series, whereas the cycle represents a smooth, quasi-periodical movement about the trend, showing a succession of growth and decline phases (e.g., the business cycle). These two components—the trend and the cycle—are estimated together, and the trend-cycle reflects the fundamental evolution of the series. The other components reflect short-term transient movements.

The seasonal component represents sub-annual, monthly or quarterly fluctuations that recur more or less regularly from one year to the next. Seasonal variations are caused by the direct and indirect effects of the climatic seasons and institutional factors (attributable to social conventions or administrative rules; e.g., Christmas).

The trading-day component originates from the fact that the relative importance of the days varies systematically within the week and that the number of each day of the week in a given month varies from year to year. This effect is present when activity varies with the day of the week. For instance, Sunday is typically less active than the other days, and the number of Sundays, Mondays, etc., in a given month changes from year to year.

The Easter holiday effect is the variation due to the shift of part of April's activity to March when Easter falls in March rather than April.

Lastly, the irregular component includes all other more or less erratic fluctuations not taken into account in the preceding components. It is a residual that includes errors of measurement on the variable itself as well as unusual events (e.g., strikes, drought, floods, major power blackout or other unexpected events causing variations in respondents' activities).

Thus, the latter four components—seasonal, irregular, trading-day and Easter holiday effect—all conceal the fundamental trend-cycle component of the series. Seasonal adjustment (correction of seasonal variation) consists in removing the seasonal, trading-day and Easter holiday effect components from the series, and it thus helps reveal the trend-cycle. 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 should examine several months of the seasonally adjusted series.

Since April 2008, New Motor Vehicle Sales Survey data are seasonally adjusted using the X-12-ARIMA⁴ software. The technique that is used essentially consists of first correcting the initial series for all sorts of undesirable effects, such as the trading-day and the Easter holiday effects, by a module called regARIMA. These effects are estimated using regression models with ARIMA errors (auto-regressive integrated moving average models). The series can also be extrapolated for at least one year by using the model. Subsequently, the raw series—pre-adjusted and extrapolated if applicable—is seasonally adjusted by the X-11 method.

3. «A Note on the Seasonal adjustment of Economic Time Series», Canadian Statistical Review, August 1974.

4. For more information, see X-12-ARIMA Reference Manual Version 0.3 (2007), U.S. Census Bureau.

The X-11 method is used for analysing monthly and quarterly series. It is based on an iterative principle applied in estimating the different components, with estimation being done at each stage using adequate moving averages.⁵ The moving averages used to estimate the main components—the trend and seasonality—are primarily smoothing tools designed to eliminate an undesirable component from the series. Since moving averages react poorly to the presence of atypical values, the X-11 method includes a tool for detecting and correcting atypical points. This tool is used to clean up the series during the seasonal adjustment. Outlying data points can also be detected and corrected in advance, within the regARIMA module.

Lastly, the annual totals of the seasonally adjusted series are forced to the annual totals of the original series.

Unfortunately, seasonal adjustment removes the sub-annual additivity of a system of series; small discrepancies can be observed between the sum of seasonally adjusted series and the *direct* seasonal adjustment of their total. To insure or restore additivity in a system of series, a reconciliation process is applied or *indirect* seasonal adjustment is used, i.e. the seasonal adjustment of a total is derived by the summation of the individually 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.

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.

5. Ladiray, D. and Quenneville, B. (2001). Seasonal Adjustment with the X-11 Method. New York: Springer-Verlag, Lecture Notes in Statistics #158.

6. MCD = 8 for North American passenger cars. MCD = 3 for Overseas passenger cars. MCD = 12 for Commercial vehicles.

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 distributors 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.