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MAJOR RELEASES

Retail trade

September 1998

Retailers ended the third quarter with a 1.1% increase in September. Retail sales were up in most sectors, with general merchandise stores and motor vehicle and recreational vehicle dealers leading the way. Consumers spent a record \$21 billion in stores during September, following a 0.2% decline in August. However, since the spring of 1998, retail sales have been weakening as consumer expenditures flattened or retreated in all sectors, except for the automotive sector and furniture stores. Before the spring of 1998, retail sales had generally been increasing since early 1996.

Total retail sales increased 0.9% in the third quarter of 1998 from the previous quarter. Sales in the third quarter were 4.5% higher than the same quarter of 1997. This was the smallest year-over-year increase since the third quarter of 1996.

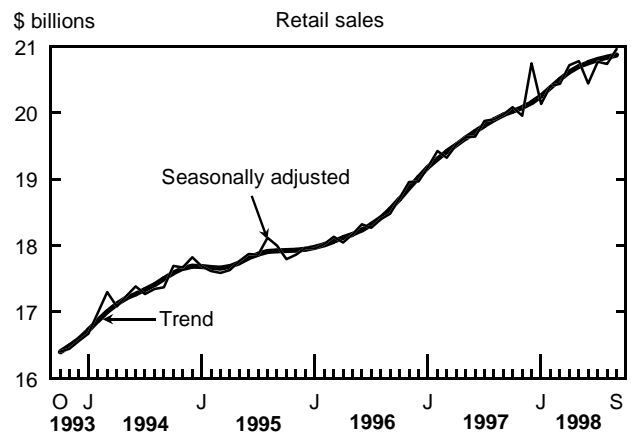
Consumers increased spending in all sectors in September, except for the decline in drug stores sales (-2.0%) and virtually unchanged sales in furniture and clothing stores. Despite anemic sales in September and August, furniture (+2.6%) and clothing (+1.6%) stores showed the largest quarterly increase in the third quarter of 1998, thanks to very strong advances in July.

department stores (+3.1%) and other general merchandise stores (+2.8%) had higher sales. The late Labour Day may have pushed some traditional back-to-school purchases from August into September. Sales in general merchandise stores have been very volatile since June 1998. Restructuring activities in the industry and the early spring may have had an effect on normal purchasing patterns. After more than two years of strong advances, sales in general merchandise stores have generally been declining since the spring of 1998.

Retail sales in the automotive sector remained strong in September. Rising sales by motor vehicle and recreational vehicle dealers (+1.9%) and by automobile parts, accessories and services stores (+0.8%) led to a 1.4% increase in this sector. Low petroleum prices continued to have a negative impact on retail sales from gasoline service stations in September (-0.2%). Sales in the automotive sector have risen in every month this year, except for January and June. However, since the spring of 1997, sales in this sector have been advancing at a slower rate than had been posted throughout most of 1996.

Drug stores (-2.0%) posted a large decline in September — the second consecutive monthly decline. After a period of strong increases from the fall of 1997 to the spring of 1998, retail sales in drug stores have been weakening in the last few months.

Strong month for retailers in September



Strong sales in general merchandise stores

The general merchandise stores sector (+3.0%) showed the largest increase in September. Both

All but one province posted higher retail sales

All provinces showed increasing retail sales in September, with the exception of Nova Scotia (-0.7%). Newfoundland (+3.9%), Manitoba (+3.0%) and Alberta (+2.1%) had the strongest monthly increases.

After two months of declining sales, retailers in Newfoundland reported their largest monthly increase in September since December 1997. While all sectors posted strong advances in September, sales remained stagnant in the third quarter of 1998 (+0.1%) from the previous quarter. Retail sales in Newfoundland have remained essentially unchanged since the summer of 1997.

Consumers in Manitoba increased spending in all sectors during September, except for clothing stores. Total retail sales jumped 3.0% mainly because of a sizable increase in the automotive sector. September's increase pushed up retail sales in Manitoba 1.2% in the third quarter of 1998 compared with the previous quarter. After more than two years of general increases, retail sales in Manitoba have levelled off at

the beginning of 1998 and picked up again slightly in the summer.

Led by furniture stores and the automotive sector, retail sales in Alberta rose 2.1% in September for an overall quarterly increase of 1.7%. This was the highest quarterly increase of all provinces. Nevertheless, advances of retail sales in Alberta since the beginning of 1998 have been weaker than the increases observed throughout 1996 and 1997.

Diminishing sales in the automotive, clothing and food sectors lowered total retail sales in Nova Scotia by 0.7% in September — the only monthly decline of all provinces. In general, retailers in Nova Scotia have seen sales increases since the end of 1995 with a period of strong growth in 1996.

Related indicators

Industry sources suggest that there was a strong decline in the number of new motor vehicles sold in

October. Total employment increased 0.4% in October because of a rise in the number of full-time jobs. The activity on the new housing market was up in October with housing starts increasing by 3.6%.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 2299, 2398-2417 and 2420.

The September 1998 issue of *Retail trade* (63-005-XPB, \$21/\$206) will be available shortly. See *How to order publications*.

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Retail sales

Trade group	Sept. 1997	June 1998 ^r	July 1998 ^r	Aug. 1998 ^r	Sept. 1998 ^p	Aug. 1998 to Sept. 1998	Sept. 1997 to Sept. 1998
	seasonally adjusted						
	\$ millions					% change	
Food	4,712	4,831	4,841	4,781	4,819	0.8	2.3
Supermarkets and grocery stores	4,349	4,471	4,480	4,422	4,466	1.0	2.7
All other food stores	363	360	362	359	353	-1.7	-2.9
Drug and patent medicine stores	1,033	1,092	1,109	1,102	1,080	-2.0	4.5
Clothing	1,130	1,132	1,175	1,175	1,174	-0.1	3.9
Shoe stores	137	135	140	138	137	-1.1	-0.4
Men's clothing stores	135	126	130	133	131	-1.3	-2.7
Women's clothing stores	369	356	373	371	368	-0.8	-0.4
Other clothing stores	489	516	532	534	539	0.9	10.1
Furniture	968	1,043	1,071	1,057	1,057	0.0	9.1
Household furniture and appliance stores	780	842	872	855	856	0.1	9.7
Household furnishings stores	188	201	199	202	201	-0.5	6.8
Automotive	7,789	7,910	7,987	8,082	8,195	1.4	5.2
Motor vehicle and recreational vehicle dealers	5,207	5,477	5,508	5,629	5,735	1.9	10.1
Gasoline service stations	1,375	1,266	1,274	1,274	1,271	-0.2	-7.6
Automotive parts, accessories and services	1,207	1,167	1,205	1,179	1,189	0.8	-1.5
General merchandise stores	2,221	2,250	2,352	2,303	2,372	3.0	6.8
Retail stores not elsewhere classified	2,121	2,184	2,236	2,237	2,268	1.4	6.9
Other semi-durable goods stores	683	651	686	685	695	1.5	1.7
Other durable goods stores	518	571	581	577	587	1.7	13.3
All other retail stores not elsewhere classified	921	962	969	975	986	1.2	7.1
Total, retail sales	19,975	20,443	20,771	20,738	20,964	1.1	4.9
Total excluding motor vehicle and recreational vehicle dealers	14,768	14,966	15,263	15,108	15,229	0.8	3.1
Provinces and territories							
Newfoundland	308	321	319	312	324	3.9	5.2
Prince Edward Island	83	88	89	88	88	0.2	6.8
Nova Scotia	620	626	637	635	631	-0.7	1.8
New Brunswick	474	494	500	496	498	0.3	5.0
Quebec	4,656	4,644	4,777	4,766	4,797	0.7	3.0
Ontario	7,291	7,746	7,826	7,872	7,968	1.2	9.3
Manitoba	719	732	735	732	754	3.0	4.8
Saskatchewan	649	628	637	635	645	1.5	-0.7
Alberta	2,274	2,331	2,386	2,373	2,422	2.1	6.5
British Columbia	2,831	2,765	2,795	2,759	2,765	0.2	-2.3
Yukon	26	26	27	27	27	-1.1	2.4
Northwest Territories	43	41	43	43	44	2.4	1.2

^p Preliminary figures.

^r Revised figures.

Retail sales

Trade group	Sept. 1997	Aug. 1998 ^r	Sept. 1998 ^p	Sept. 1997 to Sept. 1998
	unadjusted			
	\$ millions			% change
Food	4,572	4,869	4,724	3.3
Supermarkets and grocery stores	4,223	4,507	4,378	3.7
All other food stores	349	362	346	-0.9
Drug and patent medicine stores	1,009	1,071	1,059	5.0
Clothing	1,178	1,189	1,233	4.6
Shoe stores	148	148	148	0.4
Men's clothing stores	124	111	121	-2.8
Women's clothing stores	391	352	394	1.0
Other clothing stores	516	578	569	10.3
Furniture	1,006	1,071	1,087	8.1
Household furniture and appliance stores	813	866	880	8.3
Household furnishings stores	193	205	207	7.5
Automotive	7,728	7,775	8,132	5.2
Motor vehicle and recreational vehicle dealers	5,156	5,251	5,683	10.2
Gasoline service stations	1,385	1,372	1,277	-7.8
Automotive parts, accessories and services	1,187	1,153	1,173	-1.2
General merchandise stores	2,084	2,245	2,236	7.3
Retail stores not elsewhere classified	2,072	2,359	2,227	7.5
Other semi-durable goods stores	684	704	703	2.7
Other durable goods stores	487	606	557	14.2
All other retail stores not elsewhere classified	900	1,049	968	7.6
Total, retail sales	19,649	20,579	20,699	5.3
Total excluding motor vehicle and recreational vehicle dealers	14,493	15,329	15,017	3.6
Provinces and territories				
Newfoundland	296	323	316	6.5
Prince Edward Island	82	98	86	5.4
Nova Scotia	609	651	613	0.7
New Brunswick	471	505	492	4.5
Quebec	4,580	4,744	4,756	3.8
Ontario	7,190	7,664	7,912	10.0
Manitoba	702	724	738	5.1
Saskatchewan	626	628	628	0.4
Alberta	2,208	2,360	2,347	6.3
British Columbia	2,818	2,809	2,743	-2.6
Yukon	26	31	27	1.2
Northwest Territories	41	43	42	2.0

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^r Revised figures.

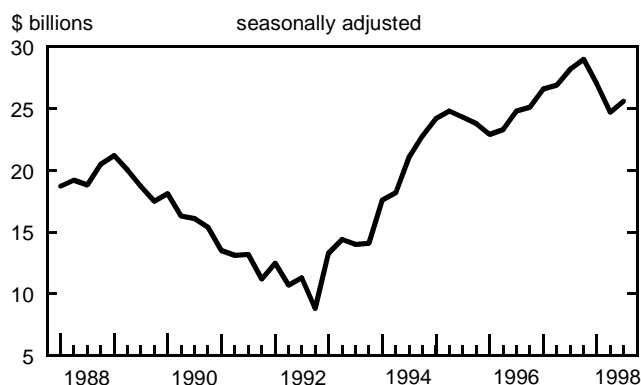


Financial statistics for enterprises

Third quarter 1998 (preliminary)

Operating profits of businesses increased 3.7% in the third quarter following two quarters of decline. Despite the improvement, profits remained 9.1% below year earlier levels. The electronic equipment and computers industry and the telecommunication carriers led the profit gains. As well, an upbeat natural gas sector elevated operating profits in the petroleum and natural gas industry. Notable profit declines were posted in transportation services and motor vehicles, parts and accessories. Overall, exactly one half of the 30 industry groups boosted third quarter profits, while the other half reported profit declines.

Operating profits resume growth



Non-financial sector bounces back

Following declines of 6.0% and 8.7% in the first two quarters of 1998, operating profits of non-financial businesses rebounded 5.1% in the third quarter. At \$19.1 billion, non-financial profits were still 7.5% below the peak profit levels achieved in the third quarter of 1997.

Operating profits in the electronic equipment and computers industry surged 80.6% to \$1.5 billion, continuing the volatile pattern of quarterly profits of the past several years. Operating revenue advanced a noteworthy 7.8% to a record \$17.8 billion. While a portion of the recent gains resulted from restructuring within the industry, overall the sector has registered significant growth — spurred by expanding demand for wireless communication products and high speed networks.

The telecommunication carriers doubled their third quarter profits to \$1.2 billion. This returned profits to more typical quarterly levels, following last quarter's

Notes to readers

These quarterly financial statistics cover the domestic activities of non-government corporations. Operating profits exclude expense deductions for income taxes, interest on borrowing and asset writeoffs. Capital gains and investment income are excluded from the operating profits of non-financial industries, but are included in the operating profits of financial industries.

Users of the quarterly financial statistics should note that commencing with the first quarter of 1999, significant changes will be implemented to the survey, which will affect the comparability and the historical continuity of the financial statistics. Users should be advised that the statistics will be collected and compiled on the new North American Industrial Classification (NAICS) basis to provide for greater international comparability of economic data, and will differ markedly from the Standard Industrial Classification for Companies and Enterprises (SIC-C) now in use. In addition, changes will be made to certain methodological aspects of the survey, including the transition to a different survey frame, the reselection of a new sample, and modification to the stratification, imputation, estimation and the seasonal adjustment methods. While these changes will improve the quality and reliability of the statistics, they will nonetheless affect the user's ability to relate and compare the data to that currently produced on the SIC-C basis under existing methodology. Other key aspects of the survey, including the financial variables collected and available should remain essentially unchanged.

downward spike arising from one-time reorganization charges.

Petroleum and natural gas industry profits increased to \$2.6 billion in the third quarter from \$2.1 billion in the second quarter. Despite the increase, profits remained 23.2% below the third quarter of 1997 levels, and were 40.0% below the record \$4.3 billion in profits earned in the final quarter of 1996.

Selected financial statistics: Income statement

	3rd Quarter 1997	2nd Quarter 1998 ^r	3rd Quarter 1998 ^p	2nd Quarter 1998 to 3rd Quarter 1998
seasonally adjusted				
	\$ billions			% change
All industries				
Operating revenue	378.5	375.6	378.4	0.8
Operating expenses	350.3	350.9	352.8	0.5
Operating profit	28.2	24.7	25.6	3.7
Net profit	14.3	11.2	11.8	5.5

^r Revised figures.

^p Preliminary figures.

Resource sector profits were curtailed by crude oil prices which were down over 20% in the quarter,

despite some improvement in September. A worldwide oversupply of crude oil led to production cutbacks in some oil producing nations, but low Asian demand and the generally weakening global economy have slowed consumption and sustained the glut in world oil reserves.

Exports of crude oil, principally to the United States, continued their upward trend in the quarter. Exports comprise almost 60% of Canadian crude oil production and U.S. demand for Canadian crude has been strong for several quarters.

Prices for refined petroleum products were down 18.6% in September from a year earlier. Profit margins were squeezed in refining and marketing operations due to excess supply and deteriorating prices. While domestic sales of refined petroleum products did increase in the quarter, lower selling prices, particularly for motor gasoline, tempered the profit gains.

Upbeat results from the natural gas sector softened the effects of the low oil prices in the energy sector. Natural gas prices have registered double digit growth from last year in response to robust demand from the United States. With new natural gas pipeline facilities coming on stream, the lucrative U.S. market will become more accessible for Canadian producers and should sustain natural gas prices. However, energy sector cash flows are reeling from the effects of the low oil prices, resulting in the lowest oil and natural gas exploration and drilling levels in years. As a result, many natural gas producers have expressed concerns about potential supply shortages in response to the expanding natural gas demand.

Third quarter profits in the wood and paper industry recovered 29.7% to \$1.4 billion, the highest profits earned in three years. Domestic demand for lumber products picked up in the quarter, buoyed by the end to labour disputes in the Ontario construction industry. U.S. demand for Canadian lumber was strong, but softwood exports were limited by the Canada-U.S. Softwood Lumber Agreement. Housing starts in both Canada and the United States showed some resilience early in the quarter, as U.S. housing starts hit an 11 year high in July. However, by quarter end both domestic and U.S. starts were faltering.

The continuing weakness in Japanese housing markets has forced many Canadian producers to implement restructuring and cost-cutting as a priority. As reported in the July Raw Materials Price Index, low-cost producers in Scandinavia, Europe and South America are making it difficult for Canadian lumber producers to bounce back to higher prices. Lumber prices did edge up in the quarter but remained at historically low levels.

Profits in the non-ferrous metals industry recovered 29.1% to \$0.4 billion in the third quarter following two quarters of decline. Despite the gain, profits were still 36.0% below year earlier levels. Third quarter profit gains were largely the result of major cost-cutting initiatives, as selling prices for most non-ferrous metals remained depressed. Despite signs of strengthening late in the quarter, zinc, copper, nickel and aluminum prices were all well below 1997 levels. Continuing soft demand from Asian markets and the moderating growth in the U.S. economy have lessened demand and prices for most non-ferrous metals. As well, increased Russian nickel exports onto the world market has further exacerbated the woes of Canadian producers. Gold prices remained stagnant, but several producers dampened the price effect by entering into hedging contracts that reaped selling prices well ahead of market levels.

Operating profits in the transportation services industry tumbled 47.1% to \$0.4 billion, the third straight quarter of decline. The airline sector suffered from weakening worldwide passenger and cargo markets. In addition, the weak Canadian dollar has further eroded profits because significant expenses are incurred in U.S. currency. A September strike by Air Canada pilots, coupled with extensive price discounting in the airline sector, compounded the third quarter profit slide. Rail, trucking and other modes of transportation have also been pinched by the softening North American economies.

Motor vehicles, parts and accessories industry profits fell 15.9% to \$1.5 billion. This decline came on the heels of a 32.5% second quarter profit fall and reduced profits to their lowest level in almost two years. Domestic and export sales of motor vehicles and parts suffered early in the quarter in the wake of the auto sector strike in the United States. The third quarter ended with robust sales activity, however, as consumers took advantage of generous finance and leasing incentive programs.

Profits unchanged in the financial sector

Operating profits for the eight financial industries in total remained unchanged at \$6.5 billion, following significant declines in the first two quarters of 1998.

Life insurers saw their profits dip to \$0.4 billion from \$0.7 billion in the second quarter. Consumer and business financing corporations took advantage of higher interest revenue to boost operating profits 21.7% to \$1.1 billion.

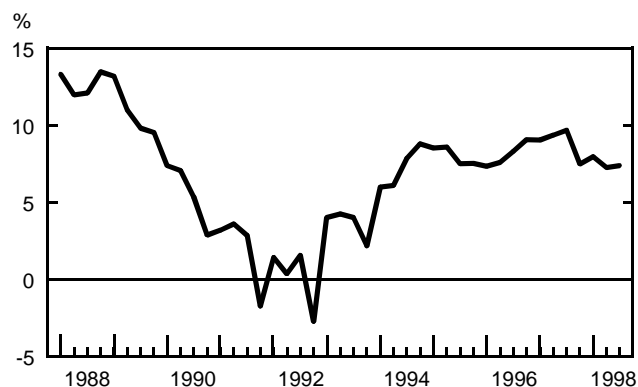
Profits at the chartered banks edged up 1.7% to \$4.1 billion. Lower interest expenses and provisions for

future loan losses were only partially offset by a decline in operating revenue.

Profitability ratios up marginally (all industries)

The annualized return on shareholders' equity edged up to 7.4% in the third quarter from 7.3% in the previous quarter. After-tax profits increased 5.6% to \$11.8 billion, while shareholders' equity expanded 3.6% to \$636.9 billion.

Little upward momentum for return on equity



The operating profit margin reversed two quarters of decline and strengthened to 6.8% in the third quarter

from 6.6% in the second quarter. Profit margins peaked at 7.6% in the final quarter of 1997.

Financial ratios

	3rd Quarter 1997	2nd Quarter 1998 ^r	3rd Quarter 1998 ^p
All industries			
Profit margin (%)	7.5	6.6	6.8
Return on equity (%)	9.7	7.3	7.4
Debt to equity (ratio)	1.06	1.10	1.08
Non-financial industries			
Working capital (ratio)	1.28	1.28	1.28
Inventory turnover (ratio)	9.19	8.63	8.68
Receivables turnover (ratio)	8.54	8.19	8.12

^r Revised figures.

^p Preliminary figures.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 3914-3971 and 3974-3981.

The third quarter 1998 issue of *Quarterly financial statistics for enterprises* (61-008-XPB, \$35/\$114) will be available in December. See *How to order publications*.

For further information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods and data quality of this release, contact Bill Potter for non-financial industries data (613-951-2662) and Robert Moreau for financial industries data (613-951-2512), Industrial Organization and Finance Division. ■

OTHER RELEASES

Railway carloadings

Seven-day period ending November 7, 1998

Carloadings of freight (excluding intermodal traffic) during the seven-day period ending November 7, 1998, decreased 8.9% to 4.7 million tonnes from the same period last year. The number of cars loaded also decreased 9.0%.

Intermodal traffic (piggyback) tonnage totalled 384 000 tonnes, a 2.5% increase from the same period last year. The year-to-date figures show a decline of 2.0%.

Total traffic (carloadings of freight and intermodal traffic) decreased 8.2% during the period. This brought the year-to-date total to 219.5 million tonnes, a decrease of 2.9% from the previous year.

All year-to-date figures have been revised.

For further information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods and data quality of this release, contact Robert Larocque (613-951-2486; fax: 613-951-0009; laroque@statcan.ca), Transportation Division. ■

Deliveries of major grains

October 1998

Data on October grain deliveries are now available.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 976-981.

The delivery data are contained in the October issue of *Cereals and oilseeds review* (22-007-XPB, \$15/\$149), which will be available in January. See *How to order publications*.

For further information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods and data quality of this release, contact Rick Burroughs (613-951-2890) or Susan Anderson (613-951-3859), Grain Marketing Unit, Agriculture Division. ■

Canadian potato production

1997 (revised) and 1998 (preliminary)

Data for the 1998 potato area planted, area harvested, and yield and production are now available. Revised 1997 area, production and value are also available.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 1044.

These data are available in *Canadian potato production: Statistical bulletin*, (22-008-UPB, \$21/year). See *How to order publications*.

These data are also available on the Internet (22-008-UIB, free www.statcan.ca), under "Products and services", "Downloadable publications (free)" and "Canadian potato publications".

For further information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods and data quality of this release, contact Barb McLaughlin, (902-893-7251), Agriculture Division. ■

Small for-hire and owners operators of motor carriers of freight

1996

Approximately 8,100 small for-hire carriers (with annual revenues between \$30,000 and \$1 million) generated total estimated revenues of \$2.13 billion in 1996, up 1% from 1995. Although these carriers represent almost 80% of the Canada-based for-hire carriers, their revenues account for approximately 14% of the total operating revenues of the entire for-hire trucking industry (estimated at \$15 billion in 1996).

Approximately 40,100 owner operators (those who work either for-hire or for private companies) generated \$5.23 billion in revenues, down almost 1% from 1995.

Data from the Annual Motor Carriers of Freight Survey will appear in *Surface and marine transport: Service bulletin* (50-002-XPB, \$13/\$83), which will be available shortly. See *How to order publications*.

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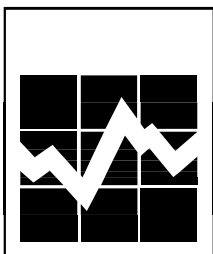
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Jan.-March 1999	June 10, 1999
April-June 1999	August 31, 1999
July-Sept. 1999	November 30, 1999
Oct.-Dec. 1999	February 29, 2000

Building permits

Data for:	Release date:
November 1998	January 12, 1999
December 1998	February 4, 1999
January 1999	March 9, 1999
February 1999	April 8, 1999
March 1999	May 4, 1999
April 1999	June 7, 1999
May 1999	July 7, 1999
June 1999	August 4, 1999
July 1999	September 7, 1999
August 1999	October 4, 1999
September 1999	November 4, 1999
October 1999	December 6, 1999
November 1999	January 12, 2000
December 1999	February 7, 2000

Business conditions survey, Canadian manufacturing industries

Data for:	Release date:
January 1999	February 2, 1999
April 1999	May 4, 1999
July 1999	August 3, 1999
October 1999	November 2, 1999

Canada's international transactions in securities

Data for:	Release date:
November 1998	January 25, 1999
December 1998	February 23, 1999
January 1999	March 24, 1999
February 1999	April 22, 1999
March 1999	May 27, 1999
April 1999	June 23, 1999
May 1999	July 22, 1999
June 1999	August 23, 1999
July 1999	September 23, 1999
August 1999	October 25, 1999
September 1999	November 23, 1999
October 1999	December 22, 1999
November 1999	January 24, 2000
December 1999	February 23, 2000

Canadian international merchandise trade

Data for:	Release date:
November 1998	January 21, 1999
December 1998	February 19, 1999
January 1999	March 18, 1999
February 1999	April 20, 1999
March 1999	May 20, 1999
April 1999	June 17, 1999
May 1999	July 20, 1999
June 1999	August 19, 1999
July 1999	September 21, 1999
August 1999	October 20, 1999
September 1999	November 18, 1999
October 1999	December 16, 1999
November 1999	January 20, 2000
December 1999	February 18, 2000

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Characteristics of international travellers

Data for:	Release date:
July-Sept. 1998	February 26, 1999
Oct.-Dec. 1998	May 31, 1999
Jan.-March 1999	August 30, 1999
April-June 1999	November 29, 1999

Composite index

Data for:	Release date:
December 1998	January 21, 1999
January 1999	February 25, 1999
February 1999	March 24, 1999
March 1999	April 20, 1999
April 1999	May 14, 1999
May 1999	June 23, 1999
June 1999	July 16, 1999
July 1999	August 13, 1999
August 1999	September 22, 1999
September 1999	October 19, 1999
October 1999	November 24, 1999
November 1999	December 16, 1999

Consumer price index

Data for:	Release date:
December 1998	January 20, 1999
January 1999	February 18, 1999
February 1999	March 19, 1999
March 1999	April 21, 1999
April 1999	May 21, 1999
May 1999	June 18, 1999
June 1999	July 16, 1999
July 1999	August 18, 1999
August 1999	September 17, 1999
September 1999	October 15, 1999
October 1999	November 19, 1999
November 1999	December 17, 1999
December 1999	January 21, 2000

Employment, earnings and hours

Data for:	Release date:
November 1998	January 28, 1999
December 1998	February 25, 1999
January 1999	March 25, 1999
February 1999	April 29, 1999
March 1999	May 27, 1999
April 1999	June 29, 1999
May 1999	July 28, 1999
June 1999	August 26, 1999
July 1999	September 29, 1999
August 1999	October 28, 1999
September 1999	November 26, 1999
October 1999	December 23, 1999
November 1999	January 27, 2000
December 1999	February 28, 2000

Employment insurance

Data for:	Release date:
November 1998	January 26, 1999
December 1998	February 23, 1999
January 1999	March 24, 1999
February 1999	April 27, 1999
March 1999	May 26, 1999
April 1999	June 23, 1999
May 1999	July 27, 1999
June 1999	August 25, 1999
July 1999	September 28, 1999
August 1999	October 27, 1999
September 1999	November 24, 1999
October 1999	December 20, 1999
November 1999	January 26, 2000
December 1999	February 23, 2000

Farm cash receipts

Data for:	Release date:
Oct.-Dec. 1998	March 2, 1999
Jan.-March 1999	May 27, 1999
April-June 1999	August 26, 1999
July-Sept. 1999	November 25, 1999
Oct.-Dec. 1999	February 24, 2000

Field crop reporting series

Data for:	Release date:
December 31 grain stocks for 1998	February 2, 1999
March seeding intentions for 1999	April 23, 1999
March 31 grain stocks for 1999	May 6, 1999
Seeded area, principal field crops for 1999	June 29, 1999
July 31 crop production estimates for 1999	August 26, 1999
July 31 grain stocks for 1999	September 9, 1999
September crop production estimates for 1999	October 8, 1999
November crop production estimates for 1999	December 3, 1999
December 31 grain stocks for 1999	February 2, 2000

Industrial capacity utilization rates

Data for:	Release date:
Oct.-Dec. 1998	March 9, 1999
Jan.-March 1999	June 7, 1999
April-June 1999	September 10, 1999
July-Sept. 1999	December 7, 1999
Oct.-Dec. 1999	March 7, 2000

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Industrial product price index and Raw materials price index

Data for:	Release date:
November 1998	January 6, 1999
December 1998	January 28, 1999
January 1999	February 25, 1999
February 1999	March 26, 1999
March 1999	April 28, 1999
April 1999	May 28, 1999
May 1999	June 25, 1999
June 1999	July 29, 1999
July 1999	August 27, 1999
August 1999	September 28, 1999
September 1999	October 27, 1999
October 1999	November 26, 1999
November 1999	January 5, 2000
December 1999	January 28, 2000

International travel account

Data for:	Release date:
Oct.-Dec. 1998	February 26, 1999
Jan.-March 1999	May 31, 1999
April-June 1999	August 30, 1999
July-Sept. 1999	November 29, 1999
Oct.-Dec. 1999	February 28, 2000

Labour force survey

Data for:	Release date:
December 1998	January 8, 1999
January 1999	February 5, 1999
February 1999	March 12, 1999
March 1999	April 9, 1999
April 1999	May 7, 1999
May 1999	June 4, 1999
June 1999	July 9, 1999
July 1999	August 6, 1999
August 1999	September 10, 1999
September 1999	October 8, 1999
October 1999	November 5, 1999
November 1999	December 3, 1999
December 1999	January 7, 2000
January 2000	February 4, 2000

Monthly survey of manufacturing

Data for:	Release date:
November 1998	January 19, 1999
December 1998	February 16, 1999
January 1999	March 16, 1999
February 1999	April 19, 1999
March 1999	May 18, 1999
April 1999	June 16, 1999
May 1999	July 26, 1999
June 1999	August 17, 1999
July 1999	September 16, 1999
August 1999	October 18, 1999
September 1999	November 16, 1999

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October 1999	December 15, 1999
November 1999	January 19, 2000
December 1999	February 15, 2000

National economic and financial accounts

Data for:	Release date:
Oct.-Dec. 1998	March 1, 1999
Jan.-March 1999	June 10, 1999
April-June 1999	August 31, 1999
July-Sept. 1999	November 30, 1999
Oct.-Dec. 1999	February 29, 2000

Net farm income

Data for:	Release date:
1999 preliminary	May 27, 1999
1999 revised	November 25, 1999

New motor vehicle sales

Data for:	Release date:
November 1998	January 15, 1999
December 1998	February 12, 1999
January 1999	March 15, 1999
February 1999	April 16, 1999
March 1999	May 14, 1999
April 1999	June 14, 1999
May 1999	July 14, 1999
June 1999	August 16, 1999
July 1999	September 15, 1999
August 1999	October 15, 1999
September 1999	November 15, 1999
October 1999	December 14, 1999
November 1999	January 14, 2000
December 1999	February 14, 2000

Private and public investment in Canada

Data for:	Release date:
1999 intentions	February 23, 1998
1999 revised	July 28, 1999

Quarterly financial statistics for enterprises

Data for:	Release date:
Oct.-Dec. 1998	February 26, 1999
Jan.-March 1999	May 26, 1999
April-June 1999	August 20, 1999
July-Sept. 1999	November 22, 1999
Oct.-Dec. 1999	February 23, 2000

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Real gross domestic product at factor cost by industry

Data for:	Release date:
November 1998	January 29, 1999
December 1998	March 1, 1999
January 1999	March 31, 1999
February 1999	April 30, 1999
March 1999	May 31, 1999
April 1999	June 30, 1999
May 1999	July 30, 1999
June 1999	August 31, 1999
July 1999	September 30, 1999
August 1999	October 29, 1999
September 1999	November 30, 1999
October 1999	December 24, 1999
November 1999	January 31, 2000
December 1999	February 29, 2000

Retail trade

Data for:	Release date:
November 1998	January 22, 1999
December 1998	February 22, 1999
January 1999	March 22, 1999
February 1999	April 22, 1999
March 1999	May 21, 1999
April 1999	June 21, 1999
May 1999	July 21, 1999
June 1999	August 20, 1999
July 1999	September 22, 1999
August 1999	October 21, 1999
September 1999	November 19, 1999
October 1999	December 21, 1999
November 1999	January 24, 2000
December 1999	February 21, 2000

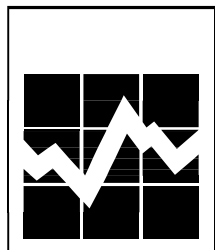
Travel between Canada and other countries

Data for:	Release date:
November 1998	January 19, 1999
December 1998	February 15, 1999
January 1999	March 16, 1999
February 1999	April 16, 1999
March 1999	May 14, 1999
April 1999	June 14, 1999
May 1999	July 15, 1999
June 1999	August 16, 1999
July 1999	September 15, 1999
August 1999	October 19, 1999
September 1999	November 16, 1999
October 1999	December 17, 1999

Wholesale trade

Data for:	Release date:
November 1998	January 20, 1999
December 1998	February 19, 1999
January 1999	March 19, 1999
February 1999	April 21, 1999
March 1999	May 19, 1999
April 1999	June 17, 1999
May 1999	July 20, 1999
June 1999	August 19, 1999
July 1999	September 17, 1999
August 1999	October 20, 1999
September 1999	November 18, 1999
October 1999	December 17, 1999
November 1999	January 20, 2000
December 1999	February 18, 2000

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19	Monthly survey of manufacturing	November 1998
19	Travel between Canada and other countries	November 1998
20	Consumer price index	December 1998
20	Wholesale trade	November 1998
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21	Composite index	December 1998
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26	Employment insurance	November 1998
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28	Raw materials price index	December 1998
28	Employment, earnings and hours	November 1998
29	Real gross domestic product at factor cost by industry	November 1998

February 1999

2	Business conditions survey: Canadian manufacturing industries	January 1999
2	Field crop reporting series: grain stocks December 31	1998
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4	Building permits	December 1998
5	Labour force survey	January 1999
10	New housing price index	December 1998
12	New motor vehicle sales	December 1998
15	Travel between Canada and other countries	December 1998
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19	Canadian international merchandise trade	December 1998
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25	Composite index	January 1999
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26	Characteristics of international travellers	July-Sept. 1998

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10	Help-wanted index	February 1999
10	New housing price index	January 1999
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15	New motor vehicle sales	January 1999
16	Monthly survey of manufacturing	January 1999
16	Travel between Canada and other countries	January 1999
18	Canadian international merchandise trade	January 1999
19	Consumer price index	February 1999
19	Wholesale trade	January 1999
22	Retail trade	January 1999
24	Canada's international transactions in securities	January 1999
24	Composite index	February 1999
24	Employment insurance	January 1999
25	Employment, earnings and hours	January 1999
26	Industrial product price index	February 1999
26	Raw materials price index	February 1999
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April 1999

7	Help-wanted index	March 1999
8	Building permits	February 1999
9	Labour force survey	March 1999
12	New housing price index	February 1999
16	New motor vehicle sales	February 1999
16	Travel between Canada and other countries	February 1999
19	Monthly survey of manufacturing	February 1999
20	Canadian international merchandise trade	February 1999
20	Composite index	March 1999
21	Consumer price index	March 1999
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27	Employment insurance	February 1999
28	Industrial product price index	March 1999
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29	Employment, earnings and hours	February 1999
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May 1999

4	Building permits	March 1999
4	Business conditions survey: Canadian manufacturing industries	April 1999
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6	Field crop reporting series: March 31 grain stocks	1999
7	Labour force survey	April 1999
12	New housing price index	March 1999
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31	International travel account	Jan.-Mar. 1999
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July 1999

7	Building permits	May 1999
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12	New housing price index	May 1999
14	New motor vehicle sales	May 1999
15	Travel between Canada and other countries	May 1999
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13	Composite index	July 1999
16	New motor vehicle sales	June 1999
16	Travel between Canada and other countries	June 1999
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28	Raw materials price index	August 1999
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October 1999

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8	Labour force survey	September 1999
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9	New housing price index	October 1999
14	New motor vehicle sales	October 1999
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2	Field crop reporting series: December 31 grain stocks	1999
4	Labour force survey	January 2000
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