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### Department store sales and stocks

January 1998

In January 1998, department store sales jumped 1.7% from December 1997 to \$1,393.1 million (seasonally adjusted). Sales in January were 11.2% higher than sales a year earlier.

With the net addition of two new stores, Alberta led all provinces in year-over-year gains at 22.8% (unadjusted). Department stores in Saskatchewan (+17.6%), Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island (+15.1%), and Manitoba (+14.3%) also posted strong gains. British Columbia, including the Yukon and Northwest Territories (+6.6%) and Quebec (+6.9%) posted the smallest year-over-year gains in January in spite of each of these two regions experiencing a net gain of three new stores. In Ontario (+13.1%), 6 new department stores were opened while 11 stores were closed.

### Department store sales including concessions

	Jan. 1998	Jan. 1997 to Jan. 1998
	Unadjusted	
	\$ millions	% change
<b>Canada</b>	<b>922.0</b>	<b>12.3</b>
Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island	15.9	15.1
Nova Scotia	26.1	12.7
New Brunswick	19.6	13.1
Quebec	166.1	6.9
Ontario	388.1	13.1
Manitoba	39.4	14.3
Saskatchewan	31.0	17.6
Alberta	110.3	22.8
British Columbia, Yukon, and Northwest Territories	125.6	6.6

### Available on CANSIM: matrices 111-113.

For further information on this release, contact Jason Randall (613-951-5668; [randjas@statcan.ca](mailto:randjas@statcan.ca)) Retail Commodity Distributive Trades Division. ■

### Domestic sales of refined petroleum products

January 1998 (preliminary)

Sales of refined petroleum products totalled 7 601 900 cubic metres in January 1998, up 1.5% from the same month a year earlier. Sales rose for six of the seven major product groups, with the largest increases recorded for heavy fuel oil (+77 700 cubic metres or +11.5%) and diesel fuel oil (+77 200 cubic metres or +4.7%). Sales of light fuel oil declined 14.0% from January 1997, due to milder temperatures this January compared with the same month in 1997.

### Sales of refined petroleum products

	Jan. 1997	Jan. 1998	Jan. 1997 to Jan. 1998 %
	thousands of cubic metres		change
<b>Total, all products</b>	<b>7 487.5</b>	<b>7 601.9</b>	<b>1.5</b>
Motor gasoline	2 855.2	2 859.5	0.2
Diesel fuel oil	1 647.9	1 725.1	4.7
Light fuel oil	900.8	774.3	-14.0
Heavy fuel oil	676.6	754.3	11.5
Aviation turbo fuels	421.2	469.5	11.5
Petrochemical feedstocks <sup>1</sup>	389.1	412.8	6.1
All other refined products	596.7	605.8	1.5

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

### Available on CANSIM: matrices 628-642 and 644-647.

The January 1998 issue of *Refined petroleum products* (45-004-XPB, \$21/\$206) will be available in April. See *How to order publications*.

For further information about this release, contact Gérard O'Connor (613-951-3562; Internet: [oconger@statcan.ca](mailto:oconger@statcan.ca)), Energy Section, Manufacturing, Construction and Energy Division. ■

### Coal and coke statistics

1997 and December 1997

Coal production totalled 6 355 kilotonnes, up 6.2% from December 1996. Most of the increase in production

was in British Columbia and was delivered to port. Exports in December edged slightly upward (+0.1%) from December 1996 to 2 868 kilotonnes. Exports to Japan (the largest consumer of Canadian coal) increased 8.2% to 1 658 kilotonnes during the same period. Imports of coal rose 1.9% to 4 391 kilotonnes during the fourth quarter of 1997.

Coke production in December 1997 decreased to 291 kilotonnes, down 2.7% from December 1996.

In 1997, coal production rose 3.7% to 78 693 kilotonnes. An increase of exports of 6.0% to 36 510 kilotonnes and higher demand from electric utilities were the main reasons for the increase. Export growth came mainly from European and Asian markets other than Japan (where exports declined 0.1% to 18 445 kilotonnes). Coal represents approximately 4% of Canada's mineral production.

Imports rose 12.1% to 13 480 kilotonnes. This rise is linked to higher use of imported coal for electric power generation in Ontario to replace the capacity lost when some of the province's nuclear generating capacity was temporarily shut down.

**Available on CANSIM: matrix 9.**

The December 1997 issue of *Coal and coke statistics* (45-002-XPB, \$12/\$114) will be available shortly. See *How to order publications*.

For further information on this release, contact André Lefebvre (613-951-3560; Internet: [alefeba@statcan.ca](mailto:alefeba@statcan.ca)), Energy Section, Manufacturing, Construction and Energy Division. ■

## Telephone statistics

December 1997

Canada's 14 major telephone systems reported monthly revenues of \$1,501.0 million in December, an 8.0% increase from December 1996. Operating expenses were \$1,141.1 million, down 0.3% from December 1996. Net operating revenue totalled \$359.9 million, a 46.4% increase from December 1996. Net operating revenue in 1997 totalled \$3.9 billion, up 14.3% over the 1996 results.

**Available on CANSIM: matrix 355.**

The December 1997 issue of *Telephone statistics* (56-002-XPB, \$10/\$93) is now available. See *How to order publications*.

For further information on this release, contact Haig McCarrell (613-951-5948), Science and Technology Redesign Project. ■

## Shipments of office furniture products

December 1997

Shipments of office furniture products totalled \$663.6 million for the six-month period ending December 31, 1997, up 25.0% compared with \$531.0 million shipped during the same period of 1996.

Data on manufacturers' shipments of office furniture products for the second six month period of 1997 are now available. Data for province of destination as well as exports are also available.

The December 1997 issue of *Shipments of office furniture products* (35-006SXPB, \$14/\$28) will be available shortly. See *How to order publications*.

For further information on this release, contact Étienne Saint-Pierre (613-951-9837; Internet: [saineti@statcan.ca](mailto:saineti@statcan.ca)), Manufacturing, Construction and Energy Division. ■

## Plastic film and bags

Fourth quarter 1997

Data for the fourth quarter of 1997 on shipments of plastic film and bags are now available.

The publication *Shipments of plastic film and bags manufactured from resin* (47-007-XPB, \$10/\$33) will be available shortly. See *How to order publications*.

For further information on this release, contact Nicole Charron (613-951-3510; Internet: [charnic@statcan.ca](mailto:charnic@statcan.ca)), Manufacturing, Construction and Energy Division. ■

## Air charter statistics

Second quarter 1997 (preliminary)

Air Charter data for the second quarter of 1997 are now available.

The February issue of the *Aviation: Service bulletin* (51-004-XPB, \$11/\$109) will be available shortly. See *How to order publications*.

For further information on this release, contact Francesca Thibeault (613-951-0123), Aviation Statistics Centre, Transportation Division. ■

## Survey of Human Resource Issues in Enterprises Engaged in Information Technology Activities

Data are now available from the Survey of Human Resource Issues in Enterprises Engaged in Information

Technology Activities. This survey was conducted on behalf of the Information and Communications Technologies Branch of Industry Canada.

For further information on this release, contact Tom Wudwud (613-952-8415), Information and Communications Technologies Branch of Industry Canada, or Tony Labillois (613-951-1478), Small Business and Special Surveys Division, Statistics Canada. ■

### Basic summary tabulations

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This series from the 1996 Census provides summary information for small geographic areas of the country in tabulations using two or more inter-related census variables.

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### Annual Survey of Manufactures

1996

The Annual Survey of Manufactures provides information on over 200 different industries. Principal

statistics for each industry are released on CANSIM as they become available. Data for the industries listed in the following table are now available. Data for 43 industries have now been released.

**Available on CANSIM: matrices 5373, 5411, 5483, 5525, 5531, 5533, 6860 and 6863.**

Data for the industries listed in the table will appear in *Rubber and plastic products industries* (33-250-XPB, \$40), *Paper and allied products industries* (36-250-XPB, \$40), *Primary metal industries* (41-250-XPB, \$40), *Fabricated metal products industries* (41-251-XPB, \$40), and *Non-metallic mineral products industries* (44-250-XPB, \$40). The 1995 issue of *Products shipped by Canadian manufacturers* (31-211-XPB, \$67) is now available. The 1995 issues of the remaining publications will be released shortly. See *How to order publications*.

For further information, look under "Contact" in the following table (fax: 613-951-9499; Internet: [Pentlii@statcan.ca](mailto:Pentlii@statcan.ca)).

A technical paper, "Personalized questionnaires for Canada's Annual Survey of Manufactures", has been issued as a Business and Trade Statistics Field Research Paper. It is available in print (61F0041MPE, \$5) and electronic format (61F0041MIE) through [www.statcan.ca](http://www.statcan.ca). This paper describes the personalization of the long-form questionnaires of Canada's Annual Survey of Manufactures. Personalization was introduced to reduce respondent burden. The paper will be useful to users of manufacturing data and to interested respondents. For further information or to order the publication, contact John Crysdale (613-951-3589; fax: 613-951-6196; Internet: [crysdal@statcan.ca](mailto:crysdal@statcan.ca)), Enterprise Statistics Division. □

**Value of shipments**

	1995	1996	1995 to 1996 %	Publication catalogue number	Contact		
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Pulp (2711)	10,416.9	6,704.7	-35.6	36-250-XPB	G. Simard	(613)	951-3516
Primary production of aluminum (2951)	4,885.5	4,466.6	-8.6	41-250-XPB	R. Sheldrick	(613)	951-7199
Metal closure and container (3042)	1,349.8	1,377.9	2.1	41-251-XPB	É. Saint-Pierre	(613)	951-9837
Basic hardware (3061)	472.9	599.8	26.8	41-251-XPB	É. Saint-Pierre	(613)	951-9837
Hand tool and implement (3063)	114.5	130.6	14.1	41-251-XPB	É. Saint-Pierre	(613)	951-9837
Refractories (3591)	301.8	280.7	-7.0	44-250-XPB	R. Sheldrick	(613)	951-7199
Non-metallic mineral insulating materials (3594)	409.7	439.9	7.4	44-250-XPB	R. Sheldrick	(613)	951-7199

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**Catalogue number 22-003SXPB**  
(Canada: \$31/\$62; outside Canada: US\$31/US\$62).

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<b>Stocks of frozen meat products</b>	February 1998	February 27, 1998
<b>Stocks of frozen poultry meat</b>	February 1, 1998	February 18, 1998
<b>Stocks of grain</b>	December 31, 1997	February 3, 1998
<b>Sugar sales</b>	Fourth quarter 1997	February 5, 1998
<b>Survey on Changes in Employment</b>	1996/97	February 11, 1998
<b>Television and radio audiences</b>	Fall 1996	February 5, 1998
<b>The labour market: An overview</b>	1997	February 26, 1998
<b>Travel between Canada and other countries</b>	1997 and December 1997	February 16, 1998
<b>Trends in the business population</b>	Fourth quarter 1997	February 18, 1998
<b>Trusted pension funds: Financial statistics</b>	1996	February 11, 1998
<b>Wholesale trade</b>	1997 and December 1997	February 18, 1998

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