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Season's greetings!

The Daily will not be published December 27 through January 4. Publication will resume on Wednesday, January 5, 2000. The staff of *The Daily* sends you best wishes for a safe and happy holiday.



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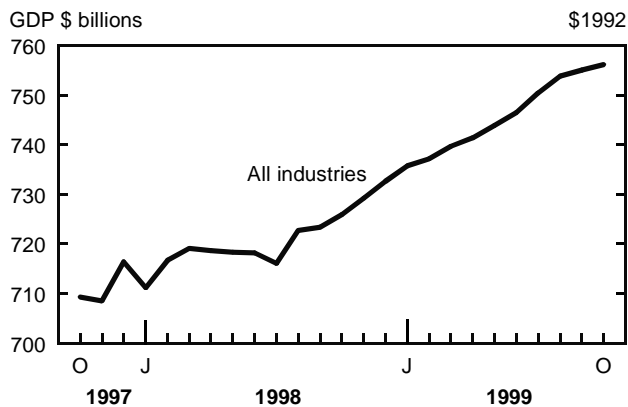
Gross domestic product by industry at factor cost

October 1999

Gross domestic product (GDP) grew 0.1% in October, in line with the slower pace set in September. This marked the 15th consecutive increase in the longest uninterrupted series of gains in over a decade, mirroring the strong growth in full-time employment.

A significant rebound in wholesaling, coupled with increased activity in the business services and the federal and provincial government services industries, more than offset auto-related declines in manufacturing and retailing.

Economy continued to advance at a slower pace



The October 1999 issue of *Gross domestic product by industry* (15-001-XPB,\$15/\$145) is scheduled for release in early January 2000. See *How to order publications*.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact

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Gross domestic product at factor cost by industry at 1992 prices

	May 1999 ^r	June 1999 ^r	July 1999 ^r	Aug. 1999 ^r	Sept. 1999 ^r	Oct. 1999 ^p	Sept. to Oct. 1999	Oct. 1999	Oct. 1998 to Oct. 1999
seasonally adjusted									
	month-to-month % change						\$ change ¹	\$ level ¹	% change
All Industries	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.1	1,116	756,167	4.2
Goods-producing industries	0.3	0.7	1.1	0.7	0.5	-0.1	-379	252,561	5.8
Agriculture	0.3	0.6	1.2	0.4	0.2	0.4	59	13,668	6.4
Fishing and trapping	10.6	1.1	-3.7	-7.6	-1.6	4.3	31	749	4.6
Logging and forestry	0.6	-1.0	2.0	1.1	0.3	-2.4	-105	4,316	0.7
Mining, quarrying and oil wells	1.4	-1.1	1.2	0.2	2.2	0.2	51	26,803	2.1
Manufacturing	0.1	1.2	1.1	1.4	-0.1	-0.4	-539	138,905	6.3
Construction	-0.1	0.9	0.3	-0.1	0.5	0.2	77	41,954	5.1
Other utilities	1.1	0.3	1.7	-0.8	1.9	0.2	47	26,166	9.0
Services-producing industries	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.3	1,495	503,606	3.4
Transportation and storage	0.6	0.7	-0.3	0.9	0.7	0.2	70	35,518	4.6
Communications	1.1	-0.1	1.1	-0.4	0.5	0.0	2	26,126	7.1
Wholesale trade	0.9	0.1	1.1	0.5	-2.3	2.4	1,104	46,783	7.6
Retail trade	0.5	0.6	1.0	0.8	-0.2	-1.1	-521	46,489	3.9
Finance and insurance	-0.1	0.8	-0.1	0.4	-0.2	-0.4	-148	41,308	1.8
Real estate and insurance agent	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.0	-37	79,759	2.6
Business services	0.8	0.3	0.6	0.0	0.9	0.8	337	44,458	8.3
Government services	0.3	0.1	-0.1	0.3	0.4	0.4	170	45,920	2.4
Education	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.3	119	40,577	0.1
Health and social services	-0.2	-0.6	-0.2	0.6	0.1	0.1	33	46,915	-1.1
Accommodation and food	-0.5	-0.3	-0.2	0.2	0.2	1.2	228	19,831	3.0
Other services	0.3	-0.2	0.4	-0.3	0.5	0.5	138	29,922	2.5
Other aggregations									
Industrial production	0.4	0.7	1.2	1.0	0.5	-0.2	-441	191,874	6.0
Non-durable manufacturing	-0.6	0.4	0.9	0.3	0.7	-0.6	-323	57,976	2.8
Durable manufacturing	0.6	1.7	1.2	2.2	-0.7	-0.3	-216	80,929	8.9
Business sector	0.4	0.4	0.7	0.5	0.2	0.1	809	626,708	4.9
Non-business sector	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	0.4	0.2	0.2	307	129,459	0.6

^r Revised figures.

^p Preliminary figures.

¹ Millions of dollars at annual rate.

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Telecommunications statistics

Second quarter 1999

Second quarter data from the new Quarterly Survey on the Telecommunications Industry in Canada (NAICS 5133) are now available. For the first time, this survey includes the major alternative wireline carriers and the wireless industry. As well, estimates are now provided for those units not covered in the survey (reseller, satellite and small wireline and wireless service providers).

The data include operating revenues and expenses, capital expenditures, employment, network infrastructure (access lines and wireless subscribers) and traffic data.

Operating revenues in the second quarter for the telecommunications industry were \$7.2 billion. Operating margin, the difference between operating revenues and operating expenses, amounted to \$1.2 billion (16.2% of revenues). Capital expenditures were over \$1.5 billion this quarter, representing \$63.93 for every public access line in the country and \$56.59 for each cellular subscriber.

There were 25 million access paths to the public switched telephone network, comprising 19 million public access lines and 6 million mobile telephone subscribers. Most of the recent growth in access comes from wireless or mobile services, which has increased 15.9 % over the previous quarter.

The second quarter issue of *Telephone statistics* (56-002-XIB, \$21/\$40) is now available. See *How to order publications*.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Haig McCarrell (613-951-5948) or Joanne Lambert (613-951-6673), Science, Innovation and Electronic Information Division. ■

Electric power statistics

October 1999

Cooler temperatures throughout the country and favourable generating conditions for hydro-electric stations enabled net generation of electricity to increase to 46 183 gigawatt hours (GWh), up 9.2% from October 1998. This is the largest monthly year-over-year

increase since June 1994. Exports increased 57.5% to 4 559 GWh, and imports decreased from 1 615 GWh to 887 GWh.

In sharp contrast to the low reservoir levels in October 1998, favourable generating conditions across Canada led to an 18.8% increase in hydro-electricity generation to 29 433 GWh. Generation from nuclear sources was up 30.7% to 5 684 GWh due to greater capability in Ontario. This caused thermal conventional generation to be reduced 15.9% to 11 066 GWh.

Year-to-date net generation at the end of October totalled 456 258 GWh, up 1.9% from the previous year. Year-to-date exports (36 558 GWh) were down 3.0%, whereas year-to-date imports (11 614 GWh) fell 8.9% from the previous year.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 3985-3999.

The October 1999 issue of *Electric power statistics* (57-001-XIB, \$9/\$85) will be available shortly. See *How to order publications*.

For more information, or to enquire about the methods, concepts and data quality of this release, contact André Lefebvre (613-951-3560; alefeba@statcan.ca), Energy Section, Manufacturing, Construction and Energy Division. ■

Railway carloadings

Seven-day period ending December 7, 1999

Non-intermodal traffic loaded during the seven-day period ending December 7, 1999, increased 3.7% to 5.0 million tonnes compared with the same period last year. The number of cars loaded increased 4.6%.

Intermodal traffic tonnage totalled 405 000 tonnes, up 7.2% from the same period last year. The year-to-date figures increased 13.3%.

Total traffic increased 3.9% during the period. This brought the year-to-date total to 240.5 million tonnes, down 0.1% from the previous year.

All year-to-date figures have been revised.

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

Television viewing

Fall 1998

Fall 1998 data on television viewing are now available.

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Gross domestic product by industry,
September 1999
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