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The economy continued to advance at a healthy pace, as real gross domestic product grew $0.8 \%$ following a $1.0 \%$ increase in the first quarter.

- Canada's balance of international payments, second quarter 1999

The current account deficit increased slightly to $\$ 1.3$ billion in the second quarter.

- Gross domestic product by industry at factor cost, June 1999

The Canadian economy advanced for the 11th consecutive month as gross domestic product increased 0.3\% in June.

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## MAJOR RELEASES

## National economic and financial accounts

Second quarter 1999
Real gross domestic product advanced $0.8 \%$ in the second quarter of 1999, nearly matching the solid growth achieved in the previous two quarters. Strength in domestic demand led the way, as investment in machinery and equipment and housing grew strongly. Manufacturing and wholesale inventory investment also increased substantially.

Final domestic demand source of healthy performance


Businesses and governments continued to gear up for Y2K compliance and computer purchases were a major contributor to investment growth. Computers were not the only bright spot, however, as investment picked up in virtually every category of machinery and equipment.

The housing market was again a source of strength, as residential investment increased $3.6 \%$. Investment growth was concentrated in the resale market, where ownership transfer costs on the sale of existing homes surged $11.4 \%$.

Consumer expenditure on goods and services grew a moderate $0.7 \%$. The increase was concentrated in services, while purchases of goods cooled after a stronger first quarter.

Export growth slowed considerably. Stellar gains in energy products were partially offset by declines in
services, automotive products and industrial goods and materials.

Federal transfer payments to the provinces climbed $20 \%$, as provincial governments were given access to additional federal funds for health care.

## Computers lead healthy investment growth

Computer purchases, soaring over 20\%, continued to lead growth in investment spending as businesses and governments prepared for Y2K compliance. They were not the only source of strength, however, as virtually every category of investment in machinery and equipment posted a solid gain. Investment in telecommunications equipment jumped $7.9 \%$ and transportation equipment other than cars and trucks advanced $6.6 \%$. Investment in farm machinery and equipment was again the only weak area, declining $3.5 \%$ in tandem with falling farm incomes.

Business non-residential construction activity slowed to $0.4 \%$ growth, with an increase in building construction offsetting a slight decline in engineering construction. A substantial decrease in oil and gas drilling activity was the main contributor to weakness in engineering construction.


## Housing market still strong

Housing investment posted another solid increase $(+3.6 \%)$ after a rebound in the first quarter. New
housing construction, renovations and resale activity all registered healthy gains. Ownership transfer costs from the sale of existing homes (+11.4\%) contributed most of the increase in overall housing investment.

New housing construction rose $2.2 \%$, with parallel increases occurring in urban housing starts. In particular, the Ontario market continued to heat up with a $15 \%$ jump in starts, the third consecutive double-digit increase. Increases in urban housing starts were concentrated in single dwellings, while starts of multiple dwellings declined following soaring growth in the first quarter.

## Manufacturers and wholesalers invest in inventories

Non-farm business inventories piled up in the second quarter. Manufacturers of transportation equipment built up inventories of goods-in-process, while producers in the electrical and electronic industry accumulated stocks at all stages of production.

At the wholesale level, inventories of machinery and equipment and other durable goods increased, in parallel with rising imports. A smaller inventory buildup, concentrated in non-durable goods, occurred at the retail level.

Farm inventories also rose, with the buildup concentrated in oilseeds such as flaxseed, canola and soybeans.


## Export growth slows despite gains in the energy sector

Growth in exports of goods and services slowed to $0.4 \%$ in the second quarter, the weakest performance in the last two years. A moderate increase in goods more than offset a decline in services.

The decline in exports of services was largely attributable to foreign travel expenditures in Canada, which fell $7.1 \%$. Automotive exports declined after substantial growth in the wake of labour unrest in mid-1998. Exports of industrial goods and materials also fell, due in part to declining metal exports, primarily copper.

Overall export growth was sustained by energy products, which climbed $9.6 \%$ following sizable drops in the previous two quarters. A warm spring in the United States increased demand for Canadian electricity to run air conditioners and more coal was shipped to healthier Asian markets. Exports of crude petroleum partially recovered from a precipitous decline in the first quarter, growing nearly $10 \%$.

While the volume of energy exports grew robustly, there were significant price increases as well. OPEC supply restrictions boosted crude oil prices more than $25 \%$ and the prices of petroleum and coal products climbed in parallel. Natural gas and electricity prices also rose strongly.


Available on CANSIM: matrices 701-726, 728-735, 737-744, 748-750, 796, 797, 6520-6585 and 6597-6624.

The second quarter 1999 issue of National income and expenditure accounts, quarterly estimates (13-001-XPB, \$44/\$145) will be available shortly. See How to order publications.

Detailed printed tables of unadjusted and seasonally adjusted quarterly income and expenditure accounts (13-001-PPB, \$50/\$180), financial flow accounts (13-014-PPB, $\$ 50 / \$ 180$ ) and estimates of labour income (13F0016XPB \$20/\$200), including supplementary analytical tables and charts are available immediately. At 8:30 a.m. on release day, the complete quarterly income and expenditure accounts, financial flow accounts and monthly estimates of labour
income data sets can be obtained on microcomputer diskette. The diskettes (13-001-XDB, 13-014-XDB and 13F0016XDB) can also be purchased at a lower cost seven days after the official release date. To purchase any of these products, contact the client services officer (613-951-3810; iead-infodcrd@statcan.ca), Income and Expenditure Accounts Division.

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Gross domestic product at 1992 prices ${ }^{1}$

|  | Change | Annualized <br> change |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\%$ |
| First quarter 1998 | 0.7 | 2.8 |
| Second quarter 1998 | 0.3 | 1.1 |
| Third quarter 1998 | 0.6 | 2.6 |
| Fourth quarter 1998 | 1.2 | 4.8 |
| First quarter 1999 | 1.0 | 4.2 |
| Second quarter 1999 | 0.8 | 3.0 |
| change |  |  |

1 The change is the growth rate from one period to the next. The annualized change is the growth rate compounded annually. The year-over-year change is the growth rate of a given quarter compared with the same quarter in the previous year.

Gross domestic product, income-based

|  | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | Fourth quarter 1998 | $\begin{array}{r} \hline \text { First } \\ \text { quarter } \\ 1999 \end{array}$ | Second quarter 1999 | $\begin{array}{r} \text { First } \\ \text { to } \\ \text { second } \\ \text { quarter } \\ 1999 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | \$ millions | seasonally adjusted at annual rates |  |  | \% change at quarterly rates |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Wages, salaries and supplementary labour income ${ }^{1}$ | 418,825 | 428,743 | 453,681 | 471,975 | 476,624 | 481,240 | 486,504 | 1.1 |
| Corporation profits before taxes | 75,309 | 79,335 | 86,104 | 80,924 | 82,804 | 88,336 | 91,772 | 3.9 |
| Government business enterprise profits before taxes | 6,673 | 6,259 | 6,586 | 7,004 | 7,532 | 7,364 | 7,488 | 1.7 |
| Interest and miscellaneous investment income | 50,925 | 50,621 | 48,187 | 44,186 | 43,868 | 44,264 | 44,188 | -0.2 |
| Accrued net income of farm operators from farm production | 2,590 | 4,047 | 1,907 | 2,060 | 2,060 | 1,652 | 1,512 | -8.5 |
| Net income of non-farm unincorporated business, including rent | 46,337 | 48,433 | 52,999 | 56,664 | 57,564 | 58,664 | 59,764 | 1.9 |
| Inventory valuation adjustment ${ }^{2}$ | -2,473 | -1,336 | -1,514 | -1,450 | -1,324 | -728 | -188 | 540 |
| Net domestic product at factor cost | 598,186 | 616,102 | 647,950 | 661,363 | 669,128 | 680,792 | 691,040 | 1.5 |
| Indirect taxes less subsidies | 107,403 | 110,775 | 116,395 | 119,621 | 119,772 | 122,252 | 124,316 | 1.7 |
| Capital consumption allowances | 100,672 | 105,984 | 109,976 | 114,575 | 115,884 | 116,732 | 118,124 | 1.2 |
| Statistical discrepancy ${ }^{2}$ | 827 | 1,060 | -374 | 145 | -76 | 1,852 | 2,668 | 816 |
| Gross domestic product at market prices | 807,088 | 833,921 | 873,947 | 895,704 | 904,708 | 921,628 | 936,148 | 1.6 |

Includes military pay and allowances.
The change column reflects actual change in millions of dollars for these items.

Gross domestic product, expenditure-based

|  | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | Fourth quarter 1998 | $\begin{array}{r} \text { First } \\ \text { quarter } \\ 1999 \end{array}$ | Second quarter 1999 | $\begin{array}{r} \text { First } \\ \text { to } \\ \text { second } \\ \text { quarter } \\ 1999 \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  | seasonally adjusted at annual rates |  |  |  |
|  | \$ millions at current prices |  |  |  |  |  |  | $\%$ change at quarterly rates |
| Personal expenditure on consumer goods and services | 462,865 | 482,054 | 511,158 | 530,339 | 535,840 | 541,756 | 548,116 | 1.2 |
| Durable goods | 56,169 | 59,443 | 67,966 | 71,604 | 72,200 | 73,932 | 73,692 | -0.3 |
| Semi-durable goods | 42,304 | 42,745 | 45,337 | 48,009 | 48,316 | 49,128 | 49,616 | 1.0 |
| Non-durable goods | 115,024 | 118,778 | 122,726 | 124,528 | 125,296 | 126,796 | 128,924 | 1.7 |
| Services | 249,368 | 261,088 | 275,129 | 286,198 | 290,028 | 291,900 | 295,884 | 1.4 |
| Government current expenditure on goods and services | 172,947 | 172,225 | 173,256 | 177,012 | 178,340 | 180,004 | 181,076 | 0.6 |
| Government gross fixed capital formation | 20,036 | 19,066 | 18,077 | 18,447 | 18,624 | 18,800 | 19,224 | 2.3 |
| Government inventories ${ }^{1}$ | 30 | -2 | 5 | -27 | -20 | 68 | -36 | -104 |
| Business gross fixed capital formation | 117,291 | 124,978 | 147,082 | 152,730 | 154,920 | 158,424 | 162,820 | 2.8 |
| Residential structures | 36,136 | 39,584 | 45,068 | 44,905 | 44,720 | 46,888 | 49,168 | 4.9 |
| Non-residential structures | 34,669 | 36,360 | 42,192 | 43,227 | 43,380 | 44,044 | 44,464 | 1.0 |
| Machinery and equipment | 46,486 | 49,034 | 59,822 | 64,598 | 66,820 | 67,492 | 69,188 | 2.5 |
| Business investment in inventories ${ }^{1}$ | 8,883 | 3,067 | 8,817 | 4,704 | 3,344 | -760 | 3,844 | 4,604 |
| Non-farm ${ }^{1}$ | 8,705 | 2,304 | 9,855 | 4,950 | 3,200 | -1,252 | 2,312 | 3,564 |
| Farm ${ }^{1}$ | 178 | 763 | -1,038 | -246 | 144 | 492 | 1,532 | 1,040 |
| Exports of goods and services | 302,480 | 320,988 | 345,060 | 369,985 | 389,540 | 394,780 | 397,372 | 0.7 |
| Goods | 265,334 | 279,892 | 301,383 | 322,263 | 340,248 | 344,748 | 347,660 | 0.8 |
| Services | 37,146 | 41,096 | 43,677 | 47,722 | 49,292 | 50,032 | 49,712 | -0.6 |
| Deduct: Imports of goods and services | 276,618 | 287,395 | 329,881 | 357,342 | 375,960 | 369,596 | 373,604 | 1.1 |
| Goods | 229,938 | 237,918 | 277,707 | 303,401 | 320,396 | 315,008 | 318,292 | 1.0 |
| Services | 46,680 | 49,477 | 52,174 | 53,941 | 55,564 | 54,588 | 55,312 | 1.3 |
| Statistical discrepancy ${ }^{1}$ | -826 | -1,060 | 373 | -144 | 80 | -1,848 | -2,664 | -816 |
| Gross domestic product at market prices | 807,088 | 833,921 | 873,947 | 895,704 | 904,708 | 921,628 | 936,148 | 1.6 |
| Final domestic demand | 773,139 | 798,323 | 849,573 | 878,528 | 887,724 | 898,984 | 911,236 | 1.4 |
|  | \$ millions at 1992 prices |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Personal expenditure on consumer goods and services | 442,941 | 453,990 | 472,867 | 485,906 | 488,144 | 493,244 | 496,868 | 0.7 |
| Durable goods | 52,979 | 55,455 | 62,823 | 66,801 | 67,652 | 69,360 | 69,524 | 0.2 |
| Semi-durable goods | 42,176 | 42,505 | 44,334 | 46,526 | 46,540 | 47,096 | 47,296 | 0.4 |
| Non-durable goods | 114,926 | 116,822 | 118,293 | 119,521 | 119,728 | 120,952 | 121,180 | 0.2 |
| Services | 232,860 | 239,208 | 247,417 | 253,058 | 254,224 | 255,836 | 258,868 | 1.2 |
| Government current expenditure on goods and services | 166,380 | 164,524 | 163,675 | 166,442 | 167,320 | 167,676 | 168,616 | 0.6 |
| Government gross fixed capital formation | 19,243 | 18,652 | 17,668 | 18,528 | 18,952 | 19,248 | 20,252 | 5.2 |
| Government inventories ${ }^{1}$ | 29 | -2 | 3 | -23 | -16 | 60 | -32 | -92 |
| Business gross fixed capital formation | 111,058 | 120,122 | 140,414 | 145,233 | 146,832 | 151,080 | 158,924 | 5.2 |
| Residential structures | 34,099 | 37,485 | 42,223 | 41,422 | 40,852 | 42,632 | 44,188 | 3.6 |
| Non-residential structures | 32,667 | 34,265 | 39,079 | 39,110 | 38,696 | 39,128 | 39,272 | 0.4 |
| Machinery and equipment | 44,292 | 48,372 | 59,112 | 64,701 | 67,284 | 69,320 | 75,464 | 8.9 |
| Business investment in inventories ${ }^{1}$ | 8,166 | 2,664 | 8,362 | 4,826 | 3,920 | 228 | 6,848 | 6,620 |
| Non-farm ${ }^{1}$ | 7,629 | 1,969 | 8,495 | 4,459 | 3,108 | -544 | 5,464 | 6,008 |
| Farm ${ }^{1}$ | 537 | 695 | -133 | 367 | 812 | 772 | 1,384 | 612 |
| Exports of goods and services | 259,667 | 274,631 | 297,840 | 322,345 | 335,916 | 343,612 | 344,928 | 0.4 |
| Goods | 225,477 | 237,806 | 259,557 | 281,012 | 293,592 | 300,464 | 302,464 | 0.7 |
| Services | 34,190 | 36,825 | 38,283 | 41,333 | 42,324 | 43,148 | 42,464 | -1.6 |
| Deduct: Imports of goods and services | 237,606 | 251,438 | 288,135 | 304,849 | 312,288 | 315,712 | 329,180 | 4.3 |
| Goods | 199,456 | 211,755 | 247,591 | 265,586 | 273,076 | 276,624 | 289,056 | 4.5 |
| Services | 38,150 | 39,683 | 40,544 | 39,263 | 39,212 | 39,088 | 40,124 | 2.7 |
| Statistical discrepancy ${ }^{1}$ | -796 | -1,013 | 337 | -143 | 68 | -1,720 | -2,460 | -740 |
| Gross domestic product at market prices | 769,082 | 782,130 | 813,031 | 838,265 | 848,848 | 857,716 | 864,764 | 0.8 |
| Final domestic demand | 739,622 | 757,288 | 794,624 | 816,109 | 821,248 | 831,248 | 844,660 | 1.6 |

[^0]- Nil or zero.

National accounts price and volume indexes


Financial market summary table

|  | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | Fourth quarter 1998 | First quarter 1999 | Second quarter 1999 | $\begin{array}{r} \text { First } \\ \text { to } \\ \text { second } \\ \text { quarter } \\ 1999 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | \$ millions | seasonally adjusted at annual rates |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | actual change |
| Persons and unincorporated business | 24,594 | 28,519 | 31,613 | 37,675 | 40,120 | 34,056 | 37,240 | 3,184 |
| Funds raised |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Consumer credit | 6,718 | 7,465 | 9,069 | 10,029 | 10,488 | 9,760 | 10,540 | 780 |
| Bank loans | 888 | 1,171 | 853 | 3,539 | 4,372 | 1,812 | 2,620 | 808 |
| Other loans | 3,376 | 4,376 | 5,499 | 6,909 | 7,752 | 5,916 | 6,560 | 644 |
| Mortgages | 13,612 | 15,507 | 16,192 | 17,198 | 17,508 | 16,568 | 17,520 | 952 |
| Non-Financial private corporations | 25,143 | 33,171 | 53,268 | 66,430 | 76,840 | 54,552 | 38,196 | -16,356 |
| Funds raised |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bank loans | 1,980 | -1,044 | 5,882 | 8,522 | 13,876 | 5,216 | 2,520 | -2,696 |
| Other loans | 1,172 | 2,965 | 4,090 | 5,560 | 4,072 | 4,864 | -4,344 | -9,208 |
| Other short-term paper | 2,041 | 3,624 | 5,086 | 7,031 | 5,592 | 7,680 | -2,852 | -10,532 |
| Mortgages | -1,607 | 686 | 1,748 | 3,362 | 2,568 | 4,348 | 3,060 | -1,288 |
| Bonds | 11,212 | 6,514 | 13,433 | 13,816 | 13,212 | 12,484 | 10,300 | -2,184 |
| Shares | 10,345 | 20,426 | 23,029 | 28,139 | 37,520 | 19,960 | 29,512 | 9,552 |
| Non-Financial government enterprises | -1,818 | -2,837 | -1,816 | -3,106 | -932 | -8,552 | 1,016 | 9,568 |
| Funds raised |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bank loans | -825 | -716 | -657 | -31 | -1,704 | 276 | 68 | -208 |
| Other loans | -477 | 343 | -246 | -313 | 672 | -132 | -284 | -152 |
| Other short-term paper | -66 | 994 | 2,212 | -468 | 2,940 | -4,428 | 3,576 | 8,004 |
| Mortgages | -6 | -2 | 5 | -5 | - | - | - | - |
| Bonds | -1,472 | -3,455 | -3,129 | -2,285 | -2,656 | -4,336 | -2,524 | 1,812 |
| Shares | 1,028 | -1 | -1 | -4 | -184 | 68 | 180 | 112 |
| Federal government | 25,427 | 12,366 | -8,097 | -13,990 | -19,564 | -4,788 | -12,500 | -7,712 |
| Funds raised |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bank loans | - | - | -22 | 49 | 144 | 28 | 184 | 156 |
| Other loans | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Canada short-term paper | -892 | -20,777 | -25,040 | -19,370 | -13,240 | -68 | -22,496 | -22,428 |
| Canada Saving Bonds | -1,152 | 2,031 | -3,103 | -2,957 | -8,260 | -5,328 | -2,172 | 3,156 |
| Marketable bonds | 27,471 | 31,112 | 20,068 | 8,288 | 1,792 | 580 | 11,984 | 11,404 |
| Other levels of government | 16,340 | 7,977 | 7,072 | 10,308 | 5,232 | 15,340 | 10,552 | -4,788 |
| Funds raised |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bank loans | 178 | -106 | 145 | 155 | -1,196 | -836 | 784 | 1,620 |
| Other loans | 375 | 321 | 274 | 234 | 92 | 876 | 328 | -548 |
| Other short-term paper | -1,594 | -1,190 | -1,664 | 1,105 | -2,336 | 1,944 | -1,476 | -3,420 |
| Mortgages | 276 | 329 | 33 | 235 | -12 | -84 | 20 | 104 |
| Provincial bonds | 16,494 | 8,016 | 7,797 | 8,525 | 8,896 | 14,068 | 11,620 | -2,448 |
| Municipal bonds | 676 | 692 | 441 | -250 | -1,212 | -700 | -788 | -88 |
| Other bonds | -65 | -85 | 46 | 304 | 1,000 | 72 | 64 | -8 |
| Total funds raised by domestic non-financial |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| sectors | 89,686 | 79,196 | 82,040 | 97,317 | 101,696 | 90,608 | 74,504 | -16,104 |
| Consumer credit | 6,718 | 7,465 | 9,069 | 10,029 | 10,488 | 9,760 | 10,540 | 780 |
| Bank loans | 2,221 | -695 | 6,201 | 12,234 | 15,492 | 6,496 | 6,176 | -320 |
| Other loans | 4,446 | 8,005 | 9,617 | 12,390 | 12,588 | 11,524 | 2,260 | -9,264 |
| Canada short-term paper | -892 | -20,777 | -25,040 | -19,370 | -13,240 | -68 | -22,496 | -22,428 |
| Other short-term paper | 381 | 3,428 | 5,634 | 7,668 | 6,196 | 5,196 | -752 | -5,948 |
| Mortgages | 12,275 | 16,520 | 17,978 | 20,790 | 20,064 | 20,832 | 20,600 | -232 |
| Bonds | 53,164 | 44,825 | 35,553 | 25,441 | 12,772 | 16,840 | 28,484 | 11,644 |
| Shares | 11,373 | 20,425 | 23,028 | 28,135 | 37,336 | 20,028 | 29,692 | 9,664 |

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## Canada's balance of international payments <br> Second quarter 1999

The current account deficit (seasonally adjusted) increased slightly to $\$ 1.3$ billion. A deficit in the current account means that Canadians spend more than what they earned from abroad on goods, services, investment income and current transfers. The higher deficit was led by services, notably transportation and travel. In addition, current transfers showed a lower net surplus than the high level of the first quarter. The surplus on goods trade was largely unchanged following an upward trend over the last year.


In the financial and capital account (not seasonally adjusted), Canadians resumed their acquisition of foreign assets, albeit modestly, while international liabilities were reduced. Canadian direct and portfolio investors helped boost Canadian assets while Canada's international reserve assets increased for a third consecutive quarter.

On the other side of the ledger, the lower liabilities were dominated by transactions in Canadian bank deposit liabilities, as non-residents sharply reduced their Canadian deposits. This was somewhat tempered by foreign direct investors who made a near record investment in Canada, about half via the acquisition of existing Canadian interests. There was also strong foreign portfolio demand for Canadian stocks and bonds.

## Current account

## Higher travel and transportation deficits partly offset by commercial services

The services deficit rose $\$ 0.3$ billion to $\$ 1.6$ billion, similar to the 1998 levels. Higher deficits in the transportation and travel accounts were partially offset by a lower deficit for commercial services. The higher deficit on transportation services was in air transportation and resulted from a small drop in passenger fare receipts and an equal rise in payments. Visitor spending in Canada decreased by some $\$ 0.2$ billion after a very strong first quarter. The number of visitors staying one night or more, both from the United States and overseas, declined in the quarter while outlays abroad remained at the same level as the two previous quarters. The offsetting improvement in commercial services came from a widespread increase in receipts of $\$ 0.2$ billion.

## Investment income deficit narrows

The deficit on investment income fell $\$ 0.4$ billion to $\$ 7.2$ billion, remaining within the general range of $\$ 6$ to $\$ 9$ billion seen since 1993. In the second quarter, near-record profits of Canadian direct investors outpaced Canadian returns to foreign direct investors.

## The upward trend in the goods surplus eases

The surplus on goods was largely unchanged, edging down to $\$ 7.3$ billion. The surplus has been following an upward trend since the second quarter of 1998. In the current period, Canadian traders had record export sales of $\$ 86.9$ billion while imports rose to $\$ 79.6$ billion, second only to the final quarter of 1998.

The growth in both exports and imports was modest, due to offsetting changes in major commodities. Widespread export gains throughout the energy sector and in most forest products along with gains in communication goods and trucks were mitigated by declines for cars, most machinery and equipment, metals/alloys and newsprint.

On the import side, purchases of a wide range of machinery and crude petroleum products advanced strongly, along with cars and trucks; accompanying this, were some decreases in aircraft and parts, a number of basic industrial commodities and automotive parts.


Moderate growth in the customary surplus with the United States largely offset record deficits with the non-OECD countries and the European Union.

## Capital and financial account

## Canadian direct investment abroad picks up while portfolio investment moderates

Canadian companies continued to invest abroad, raising direct investment to $\$ 6.3$ billion in the second quarter. This level of investment is similar to that seen in 1997 and the first half of 1998 prior to the very large direct investment acquisitions in the last half of 1998. Three-quarters of the investment in the second quarter was directed to the United States and was distributed widely by industry - led by the financial and insurance industry.

Although down slightly from the first quarter, Canadian demand for foreign portfolio equities continued. More than two-thirds of the $\$ 3.5$ billion investment went to overseas shares, a return to the pre-1998 pattern after five quarters of mainly U.S. acquisitions. Overall portfolio investment in the second quarter was tempered by Canadian investors reducing their holdings of foreign bonds by $\$ 1.5$ billion. Combined with negligible first quarter investment in bonds, the year-to-date investment stands in contrast to the significant bond acquisitions in 1997 and 1998.


## Higher reserves as dollar continues to appreciate

Canada's international reserves increased for a third consecutive quarter, although by an amount less than in the two previous quarters. The investment in reserve assets over the three quarters was $\$ 10$ billion, two-thirds of which was invested in U.S. dollar securities and deposits. For a second consecutive quarter, the Canadian dollar rose against most foreign currencies. Against its American counterpart, it closed the second quarter at US68.35 cents - its highest quarterly close in more than a year.

## Sizable investments undertaken by both foreign direct and portfolio investors

Foreign companies made a near record direct investment of $\$ 8.2$ billion in Canada, driven, in part, by acquisitions in the Canadian communications industry. Four-fifths originated from the United States and, for the second consecutive quarter, the investment was primarily in the other industry category, which includes communications and electrical and electronic products industries.


Foreign portfolio investors added a substantial $\$ 12.1$ billion to their holding of Canadian stocks and bonds. A record $\$ 6.8$ billion foreign investment in Canadian stocks came entirely from the United States and was concentrated in the resource industries and in banks. This activity took place against a backdrop of generally increasing share prices in Canada through the first half of the year. In addition, non-residents resumed their investment in Canadian bonds, with activity evenly split between net new issues and secondary market purchases. About 80\% of the $\$ 5.4$ billion invested went to corporate bonds.

Meanwhile, foreigners continued to reduce their holdings of short-term paper (down $\$ 3.9$ billion), evenly distributed between federal Treasury bills and corporate paper. This foreign divestment coincided with a swing in the interest rate differential in favour of investing in U.S. government paper, after eight months of favouring Canadian government paper.

## A large reduction in deposit liabilities

The foreign-held deposit liabilities of Canadian financial institutions were reduced by a record $\$ 18.6$ billion in the second quarter, producing a substantial outflow of funds, almost exclusively in foreign currencies. This followed an $\$ 8.3$ billion reduction in the first quarter; however, first quarter activity also produced a record inflow on deposit assets that more than offset the reduced liabilities. In the current quarter, two-thirds of the outflow reflected transactions between Canadian banks and their foreign affiliates, mainly located in the United States.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 2325-2327, 2355, 2360-2377 and 3183.

The second quarter 1999 issue of Canada's balance of international payments (67-001-XPB, \$38/ \$124; 67-001-XIB, \$29/\$93) will be available shortly. See How to order publications.

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Balance of payments

|  | Second quarter 1998 | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Third } \\ \text { quarter } \\ 1998 \end{array}$ | Fourth quarter 1998 | $\begin{array}{r} \text { First } \\ \text { quarter } \\ 1999 \end{array}$ | Second quarter 1999 | 1997 | 1998 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | not seasonally adjusted |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | millions |  |  |  |
| Current account |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Receipts |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Goods and services | 92,199 | 92,698 | 96,636 | 96,301 | 100,996 | 343,589 | 368,164 |
| Goods | 80,506 | 78,547 | 86,265 | 86,120 | 88,859 | 301,381 | 322,262 |
| Services | 11,693 | 14,151 | 10,371 | 10,181 | 12,137 | 42,207 | 45,901 |
| Investment income | 7,961 | 6,764 | 7,829 | 7,337 | 8,446 | 30,246 | 30,498 |
| Direct investment | 3,522 | 2,371 | 3,534 | 3,158 | 3,993 | 13,704 | 13,118 |
| Portfolio investment | 946 | 935 | 924 | 957 | 998 | 3,397 | 3,704 |
| Other investment | 3,494 | 3,457 | 3,372 | 3,223 | 3,454 | 13,145 | 13,676 |
| Current transfers | 1,099 | 1,148 | 1,336 | 1,601 | 1,168 | 4,954 | 4,968 |
| Current account receipts | 101,259 | 100,610 | 105,801 | 105,239 | 110,611 | 378,789 | 403,629 |
| Payments |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Goods and services | 90,325 | 85,845 | 93,213 | 92,452 | 95,508 | 328,978 | 356,256 |
| Goods | 77,120 | 72,614 | 80,245 | 78,751 | 82,021 | 277,708 | 303,400 |
| Services | 13,205 | 13,232 | 12,968 | 13,701 | 13,487 | 51,270 | 52,856 |
| Investment income | 14,714 | 14,713 | 15,003 | 15,315 | 15,575 | 59,925 | 59,597 |
| Direct investment | 3,736 | 3,528 | 3,638 | 4,229 | 4,626 | 17,029 | 14,981 |
| Portfolio investment | 7,467 | 7,767 | 7,867 | 7,605 | 7,497 | 29,077 | 30,451 |
| Other investment | 3,510 | 3,418 | 3,497 | 3,481 | 3,452 | 13,819 | 14,166 |
| Current transfers | 798 | 922 | 970 | 1,512 | 810 | 4,150 | 4,161 |
| Current account payments | 105,836 | 101,481 | 109,185 | 109,279 | 111,893 | 393,054 | 420,014 |
| Balances |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Goods and services | 1,874 | 6,853 | 3,423 | 3,848 | 5,488 | 14,611 | 11,908 |
| Goods | 3,386 | 5,933 | 6,021 | 7,368 | 6,838 | 23,674 | 18,863 |
| Services | -1,512 | 919 | -2,598 | -3,520 | -1,350 | -9,063 | -6,955 |
| Investment income | -6,752 | -7,950 | -7,173 | -7,977 | -7,129 | -29,679 | -29,100 |
| Direct investment | -215 | -1,157 | -105 | -1,072 | -633 | -3,325 | -1,863 |
| Portfolio investment | -6,521 | -6,832 | -6,943 | -6,648 | -6,498 | -25,681 | -26,747 |
| Other investments | -17 | 39 | -125 | -258 | 2 | -673 | -490 |
| Current transfers | 301 | 226 | 366 | 89 | 358 | 804 | 807 |
| Current account balance | -4,577 | -871 | -3,384 | -4,041 | -1,283 | -14,264 | -16,385 |
| Capital and financial account ${ }^{1,2}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Capital account | 1,350 | 1,440 | 972 | 1,115 | 1,279 | 7,541 | 4,976 |
| Financial account | -6,494 | 3,074 | -101 | 2,224 | -8,485 | 10,550 | 9,460 |
| Canadian assets, net flows |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Canadian direct investment abroad | -6,265 | -14,891 | -10,171 | -4,531 | -6,287 | -30,531 | -39,414 |
| Portfolio investment | -3,296 | -3,849 | -8,688 | -3,974 | -1,954 | -11,230 | -22,233 |
| Foreign bonds | 1,235 | -1,396 | -4,268 | -41 | 1,511 | -6,702 | -7,075 |
| Foreign stocks | -4,531 | -2,453 | -4,420 | -3,933 | -3,465 | -4,529 | -15,158 |
| Other investment | 2,911 | 8,964 | -4,832 | 19,559 | 2,488 | -18,573 | 10,570 |
| Loans | -1,944 | -527 | 10,758 | 5,437 | 1,418 | -18,925 | 13,377 |
| Deposits | 999 | 7,430 | -11,070 | 15,671 | 2,183 | -2,410 | -4,878 |
| Official international reserves | 3,518 | 1,228 | -5,775 | -2,986 | -1,420 | 3,389 | -7,452 |
| Other assets | 338 | 833 | 1,256 | 1,438 | 306 | -628 | 9,523 |
| Total Canadian assets, net flows | -6,650 | -9,776 | -23,691 | 11,054 | -5,753 | -60,334 | -51,077 |
| Canadian liabilities, net flows |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Foreign direct investment in Canada | 3,594 | 8,342 | 4,731 | 3,244 | 8,244 | 15,879 | 24,470 |
| Portfolio investment | 1,980 | 5,092 | 10,104 | -5,516 | 8,187 | 16,407 | 25,006 |
| Canadian bonds | 2,945 | -1,988 | 5,672 | -791 | 5,359 | 6,127 | 11,790 |
| Canadian stocks | 2,849 | 4,787 | 2,867 | -784 | 6,771 | 7,514 | 13,480 |
| Canadian money market | -3,815 | 2,293 | 1,565 | -3,941 | -3,943 | 2,766 | -264 |
| Other investment | -5,418 | -584 | 8,755 | -6,558 | -19,164 | 38,597 | 11,062 |
| Loans | 5,840 | -66 | -1,735 | 877 | -591 | 1,851 | 4,856 |
| Deposits | -11,694 | -776 | 10,141 | -8,290 | -18,601 | 34,110 | 4,611 |
| Other liabilities | 437 | 258 | 349 | 855 | 29 | 2,636 | 1,595 |
| Total Canadian liabilities, net flows | 157 | 12,850 | 23,590 | -8,829 | -2,732 | 70,884 | 60,537 |
| Total capital and financial account, net flows | -5,144 | 4,515 | 870 | 3,339 | -7,206 | 18,091 | 14,436 |
| Statistical discrepancy | 9,721 | -3,644 | 2,514 | 702 | 8,489 | -3,827 | 1,948 |

A minus sign denotes an outflow of capital resulting from an increase in claims on non-residents or a decrease in liabilities to non-residents.
Transactions are recorded on a net basis.

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Current account

|  | Second quarter 1998 | Third quarter 1998 | Fourth quarter 1998 | $\begin{array}{r} \text { First } \\ \text { quarter } \\ 1999 \end{array}$ | Second quarter 1999 | 1997 | 1998 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | seasonally adjusted |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | illions |  |  |  |
| Receipts |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Goods and services |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Goods | 78,287 | 81,301 | 85,064 | 86,186 | 86,915 | 301,381 | 322,262 |
| Services | 11,449 | 11,354 | 11,852 | 12,011 | 11,906 | 42,207 | 45,901 |
| Travel | 3,385 | 3,433 | 3,711 | 3,958 | 3,730 | 12,221 | 13,935 |
| Transportation | 2,179 | 2,188 | 2,258 | 2,250 | 2,136 | 8,370 | 8,806 |
| Commercial services | 5,651 | 5,495 | 5,635 | 5,567 | 5,798 | 20,688 | 22,209 |
| Government services | 235 | 238 | 248 | 236 | 242 | 929 | 951 |
| Total | 89,737 | 92,656 | 96,916 | 98,197 | 98,821 | 343,589 | 368,164 |
| Investment income |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Direct investment | 3,425 | 2,525 | 3,500 | 3,063 | 3,807 | 13,704 | 13,118 |
| Interest | 105 | 101 | 99 | 112 | 122 | 391 | 410 |
| Profits | 3,320 | 2,424 | 3,401 | 2,951 | 3,685 | 13,313 | 12,708 |
| Portfolio investment | 941 | 941 | 926 | 956 | 985 | 3,397 | 3,704 |
| Interest | 392 | 397 | 389 | 413 | 416 | 1,302 | 1,536 |
| Dividends | 549 | 543 | 537 | 543 | 569 | 2,095 | 2,168 |
| Other investment | 3,537 | 3,355 | 3,344 | 3,336 | 3,446 | 13,145 | 13,676 |
| Total | 7,903 | 6,821 | 7,771 | 7,355 | 8,237 | 30,246 | 30,498 |
| Current transfers |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Private | 549 | 595 | 548 | 600 | 553 | 1,997 | 2,272 |
| Official | 562 | 561 | 778 | 991 | 629 | 2,957 | 2,695 |
| Total | 1,111 | 1,156 | 1,326 | 1,591 | 1,182 | 4,954 | 4,968 |
| Total receipts | 98,750 | 100,632 | 106,013 | 107,143 | 108,241 | 378,789 | 403,629 |
| Payments |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Goods and services |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Goods | 74,429 | 75,623 | 80,097 | 78,752 | 79,572 | 277,708 | 303,400 |
| Services | 13,217 | 12,965 | 13,600 | 13,352 | 13,503 | 51,270 | 52,856 |
| Travel | 4,067 | 3,772 | 4,121 | 4,118 | 4,122 | 15,871 | 15,955 |
| Transportation | 2,929 | 3,009 | 2,972 | 2,945 | 3,076 | 11,521 | 11,818 |
| Commercial services | 6,062 | 6,025 | 6,349 | 6,129 | 6,142 | 23,245 | 24,449 |
| Government services | 159 | 159 | 157 | 160 | 164 | 633 | 634 |
| Total | 87,645 | 88,588 | 93,697 | 92,104 | 93,076 | 328,978 | 356,256 |
| Investment income |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Direct investment | 3,553 | 3,675 | 4,054 | 3,837 | 4,482 | 17,029 | 14,981 |
| Interest | 394 | 395 | 396 | 392 | 390 | 1,552 | 1,579 |
| Profits | 3,159 | 3,280 | 3,658 | 3,445 | 4,092 | 15,477 | 13,402 |
| Portfolio investment | 7,470 | 7,768 | 7,862 | 7,606 | 7,500 | 29,077 | 30,451 |
| Interest | 7,159 | 7,458 | 7,555 | 7,316 | 7,210 | 27,834 | 29,209 |
| Dividends | 310 | 311 | 307 | 291 | 290 | 1,243 | 1,242 |
| Other investment | 3,510 | 3,418 | 3,497 | 3,481 | 3,452 | 13,819 | 14,166 |
| Total | 14,533 | 14,862 | 15,413 | 14,924 | 15,435 | 59,925 | 59,597 |
| Current transfers |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Private | 516 | 505 | 515 | 518 | 533 | 1,933 | 2,050 |
| Official | 517 | 492 | 520 | 600 | 510 | 2,217 | 2,110 |
| Total | 1,033 | 997 | 1,035 | 1,118 | 1,043 | 4,150 | 4,161 |
| Total payments | 103,211 | 104,446 | 110,145 | 108,146 | 109,553 | 393,054 | 420,014 |
| Balances |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Goods and services |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Goods | 3,859 | 5,678 | 4,967 | 7,434 | 7,343 | 23,674 | 18,863 |
| Services | -1,768 | -1,611 | -1,748 | -1,341 | -1,597 | -9,063 | -6,955 |
| Travel | -682 | -339 | -411 | -160 | -392 | -3,651 | -2,020 |
| Transportation | -750 | -821 | -714 | -695 | -940 | -3,151 | -3,012 |
| Commercial services | -411 | -530 | -714 | -563 | -344 | -2,556 | -2,240 |
| Government services | 76 | 79 | 91 | 77 | 78 | 295 | 317 |
| Total | 2,091 | 4,068 | 3,219 | 6,093 | 5,746 | 14,611 | 11,908 |
| Investment income |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Direct investment | -128 | -1,150 | -554 | -773 | -676 | -3,325 | -1,863 |
| Interest | -289 | -294 | -297 | -280 | -268 | -1,161 | -1,168 |
| Profits | 161 | -856 | -257 | -494 | -408 | -2,164 | -694 |
| Portfolio investment | -6,529 | -6,828 | -6,936 | -6,651 | -6,515 | -25,681 | -26,747 |
| Interest | -6,768 | -7,060 | -7,166 | -6,903 | -6,794 | -26,532 | -27,673 |
| Dividends | 239 | 233 | 230 | 252 | 278 | 852 | 926 |
| Other investment | 27 | -63 | -153 | -145 | -7 | -673 | -490 |
| Total | -6,630 | -8,041 | -7,643 | -7,569 | -7,198 | -29,679 | -29,100 |
| Current transfers |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Private | 33 | 90 | 33 | 82 | 20 | 64 | 222 |
| Official | 45 | 69 | 258 | 391 | 119 | 740 | 585 |
| Total | 78 | 159 | 291 | 473 | 140 | 804 | 807 |
| Current account | -4,461 | -3,814 | -4,133 | -1,003 | -1,312 | -14,264 | -16,385 |

## Gross domestic product by industry at factor cost

June 1999
The Canadian economy advanced for the 11th consecutive month as gross domestic product (GDP) increased 0.3\% in June. The growth in June was in line with that of the previous two months in the quarter. Strength was concentrated in manufacturing, construction, wholesale trade and business services. The output of forestry and mining declined following substantive gains in the previous month. GDP in the non-business sector also fell significantly.

GDP advances for the 11th consecutive month


## Manufacturing posted solid gains

The output of manufacturing industries was up $0.8 \%$ in June, posting its strongest gain so far this year. Continued demand from the United States and higher sales to European countries were largely responsible for boosting June production. Growth was led by auto parts, primary and fabricated metals, electronic products and pharmaceuticals. Output increased in 12 of the 22 major groups, accounting for $65.8 \%$ of total manufacturing GDP.

Motor vehicle production was virtually unchanged as demand in the United States levelled off. Output in this industry was, nevertheless, $35 \%$ higher than a year ago. The manufacturing of auto parts, however, was not deterred by a lack of strength in domestic motor vehicle assembly, revving up production in June to post a strong 3.3\% gain. Railroad rolling stock manufacturers got back on track after rebounding from a strike that ended in May.

## Note to readers

The gross domestic product (GDP) of an industry is the value added by labour and capital in transforming inputs purchased from other producers into outputs. Monthly GDP by industry is valued at 1992 prices. The estimates presented here are seasonally adjusted at annual rates.

Output of the electrical and electronic products industries advanced $2.1 \%$ in June, led by computers and peripherals. Makers of these products raised output by $5 \%$, more than negating a setback in May. Increased production was largely in response to U.S. demand as exports were up $14.7 \%$. Higher economic activity in this industrial sector also occurred in telecommunications ( $+2.4 \%$ ) and electrical equipment ( $+5.4 \%$ ).

A $4.6 \%$ surge in the fabrication of construction equipment was mainly responsible for a $1.4 \%$ rise in machinery production. The June increase only partially offset a large decline in May, still leaving the machinery industry in the doldrums as production remained $9.3 \%$ below that of a year ago, when output began to recede.


Manufacturing of primary metal products was up $1.6 \%$ in June largely due to a $3.9 \%$ surge in the production of primary steel, which started to rebound after two successive months of sharp decline. Led by machine shops and metal stamping industries, makers of fabricated metal products raised output $1.8 \%$. Fabrication of wood products was up $1.1 \%$ in June. Sawmills were kept busy with a $1.9 \%$ rise in production, enjoying the highest prices in two years and responding to an increase in residential construction activity. Economic activity in the paper industry was off
slightly ( $-0.3 \%$ ), following shutdowns in May that pulled output down $3.1 \%$. Printing and publishing has been struggling this year as the industry continued to be plagued by a strike. A slight decline of $0.3 \%$ in June left output well below December levels.

A $1.6 \%$ rise in the output of chemical products stemmed mainly from a jump in the production of pharmaceuticals. A healthy June increase of $3.4 \%$ in this industry followed two months of declines, still leaving output below the March level. Refineries fuelled a $2.7 \%$ gain after a decline of similar magnitude in May. Food industries lowered production as output dropped $1.1 \%$. The decline was led by meat products, although there was widespread weakness in the industry.

## Homebuilders had a busy month

Output in the construction industry expanded 1.0\% in June. Residential construction ( $+2.1 \%$ ) had its strongest month since January, with particularly robust activity in the building of single detached dwellings. Non-residential building also moved ahead in June $(+1.0 \%)$. Commercial type structures contributed the most. Engineering and repair construction were virtually flat in the month, inching forward $0.2 \%$.

## Wholesalers of computers had another strong month

Wholesaling activity rose $1.0 \%$ in June, extending a period of remarkable growth that has characterized the industry over the past two-and-a-half years. Strong computer sales ( $+3.5 \%$ ) accounted for most of the gain in wholesale trade in June. Wholesalers also benefited from higher sales of lumber, hardware and machinery. These increases were partly offset by declines in wholesaling of motor vehicles, food, grain and apparel.

## Retailing activity continued to inch forward

Retailing activity advanced $0.2 \%$ in June. Were it not for auto dealerships, retail trade would actually be down in the month. Consumers returned to dealer showrooms, following two months of lacklustre sales, driving a $3.2 \%$ increase in activity. Both car and truck sales were up, with a slightly higher increase for the latter. Truck sales have rebounded somewhat after a relaxed start to the year. Over the first half of 1999, motor vehicle sales were up $4.5 \%$ compared with the same period last year.

Furniture stores also did well in June, with consumers continuing to spend on big-ticket items for the home. Auto parts stores and service stations
also benefited from higher demand. Apart from these pockets of strength, most retailers generally saw lower consumer traffic.
Computer wholesalers and auto
dealers advance the trade sector

## Other services generally made modest gains

Widespread increases occurred in other services, albeit generally at a reduced pace from May. Transportation got a lift from higher production of manufactured goods. A $0.3 \%$ increase in the output of this industry was mainly generated by a $1.1 \%$ rise in trucking services. Output of the communications industry was up slightly in June after months of solid gains, leaving GDP in this industry $14.4 \%$ higher than a year earlier. Postal and courier services were lower in June, but consumers, nevertheless, continued to push up demand for long distance and cellular services in the communications sector. A $0.8 \%$ rise in business services was led, as in most months over the past year, by computer services. This group continued to shine, posting a $1.9 \%$ gain in June. Spurred by the Year 2000 challenge, production in this industry was $24 \%$ higher than a year earlier.

## Mining hammered again

Mining output fell $1.1 \%$ in June, marking the ninth monthly decline over the past year. Weak metal prices continued to take their toll as a number of recent mine closures hampered the industry. Output of metal mines declined $2.5 \%$ in June, adversely affecting all metal types. Non-metal mines, which benefited in recent months from the advent of diamond production in the Northwest Territories, plummeted $9.7 \%$ in June. In addition to a drop in diamond production, there
was weakness across all types of non-metal mining. Recovering crude oil prices and the highest natural gas prices in more than a decade were not enough to fuel the oil and gas industry as production was off by $2 \%$ in June. This decline, however, followed strong gains in the previous two months. The one bright spot in mining was drilling and rigging which increased $27 \%$ after three months of precipitous declines.

## Other industries

In utilities, the electric power industry got a boost from warmer than average temperatures in eastern Canada, increasing the demand for air conditioning. In June, Ontario Hydro reported a new record for peak daily demand for electric power. An active housing market continued to stimulate demand for the services of real estate agents. Output in June was up $1.3 \%$ in June after strong gains in the previous four
months. Output of the forestry sector fell $3.8 \%$ after a substantive rise in May. Weakness in the non-business sector was concentrated in defence and health care services. Defence spending retrenched in June as the Kosovo crisis peaked in May. Labour strife affecting nurses in Quebec dampened hospital output.

## Available on CANSIM: matrices 4677-4681.

The June 1999 issue of Gross domestic product by industry (15-001-XPB, $\$ 15 / \$ 145$ ) will be available shortly. See How to order publications.

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Gross domestic product at factor cost by industry
1992 prices

|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Jan. } \\ 1999^{r} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { Feb. } \\ & 1999^{r} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { Mar. } \\ & 1999^{r} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Apr. } \\ 1999^{r} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { May } \\ 1999^{r} \end{gathered}$ | June 1999 | May <br> to <br> June <br> 1999 | June 1999 | $\begin{array}{r} \text { June } \\ 1998 \\ \text { to } \\ \text { June } \\ 1999 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | seasonally adjusted |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | month-to-month \% change |  |  |  |  |  | \$ change ${ }^{1}$ | \$ level ${ }^{1}$ | \% change |
| All Industries | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 2,105 | 741,208 | 3.6 |
| Goods-producing industries | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 1,067 | 242,673 | 3.3 |
| Agriculture | -1.8 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.0 | -0.3 | -41 | 11,849 | -0.6 |
| Fishing and trapping | 4.7 | 3.0 | -6.7 | -1.9 | 4.5 | -0.9 | -6 | 646 | -12.9 |
| Logging and forestry | 0.9 | -5.8 | 0.5 | -0.7 | 2.0 | -3.8 | -181 | 4,563 | 5.2 |
| Mining, quarrying and oil wells | -0.1 | -0.1 | -1.6 | -0.5 | 1.7 | -1.1 | -297 | 26,502 | -5.8 |
| Manufacturing | 0.2 | -0.3 | 0.6 | 0.3 | -0.1 | 0.8 | 1,116 | 134,184 | 6.0 |
| Construction | 0.9 | 1.2 | 0.6 | 0.2 | -0.2 | 1.0 | 387 | 40,102 | 3.8 |
| Other utilities | 1.1 | 0.6 | -0.3 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 89 | 24,827 | 0.9 |
| Services-producing industries | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 1,038 | 498,535 | 3.8 |
| Transportation and storage | -0.5 | 1.0 | 0.0 | -0.3 | 0.8 | 0.2 | 79 | 33,389 | 3.7 |
| Communications | 1.2 | 1.1 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 1.4 | 0.0 | -5 | 27,430 | 14.4 |
| Wholesale trade | 0.1 | 2.0 | 1.4 | 1.0 | 1.4 | 1.0 | 484 | 47,430 | 13.1 |
| Retail trade | 2.1 | -0.2 | 0.4 | -0.9 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 111 | 46,009 | 4.0 |
| Finance and insurance | -0.3 | -1.7 | 1.3 | 0.6 | -0.2 | 0.7 | 292 | 40,201 | 0.5 |
| Real estate and insurance agent | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 213 | 80,988 | 2.6 |
| Business services | 0.3 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 0.4 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 352 | 44,231 | 8.4 |
| Government services | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.4 | -0.4 | -172 | 43,131 | 1.3 |
| Education | 0.0 | -0.3 | -0.5 | 0.9 | -0.1 | 0.0 | 0 | 40,019 | -0.5 |
| Health and social services | 0.3 | -0.5 | -0.3 | 0.2 | -0.1 | -0.4 | -179 | 48,079 | -0.3 |
| Accommodation and food | 0.6 | -1.3 | 0.1 | -0.1 | -0.8 | -0.7 | -124 | 18,369 | -1.3 |
| Other services | 0.3 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.0 | -13 | 29,259 | 2.1 |
| Other aggregations |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Industrial production | 0.3 | -0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 908 | 185,513 | 3.5 |
| Non-durable manufacturing | -0.2 | -0.3 | -0.1 | 0.3 | -0.6 | 0.1 | 52 | 57,066 | 1.1 |
| Durable manufacturing | 0.5 | -0.3 | 1.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 1.4 | 1,064 | 77,118 | 10.1 |
| Business sector | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 2,465 | 615,307 | 4.3 |
| Non-business sector | 0.0 | -0.1 | -0.2 | 0.4 | 0.0 | -0.3 | -360 | 125,901 | 0.2 |

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## OTHER RELEASES

## Sawmills and planing mills

June and second quarter 1999
Sawmills and planing mills shipped 6,400.1 thousand cubic metres of lumber in June, an $8.4 \%$ increase from June 1998.

Shipments for the second quarter of 1999 were at $18,517.3$ thousand cubic metres, an increase of $12.7 \%$ over the previous quarter and $9.6 \%$ over the same period last year.

The strong demand from the construction industry in the United States and in Canada contributed to higher shipments for Canadian lumber manufacturers. This growth, combined with decreasing inventories, also helped to push up softwood lumber prices throughout the second quarter.
U.S. housing starts declined $9.5 \%$ during the second quarter compared with the previous quarter, but remained $2 \%$ higher compared with the second quarter of 1998.

In Canada, housing starts (146 500 units during the second quarter) edged up over the previous quarter and now stand $7.3 \%$ higher compared with the same period of 1998 .

In the second quarter of 1999, shipments from British Columbia sawmills increased $9.8 \%$ over the same period of 1998 - double the advance of the previous quarter. In the British Columbia Pacific coastal region, shipments were up $13.6 \%$ in comparison with the second quarter of 1998.

Shipments from Quebec (+11.2\%) and Ontario ( $+7.6 \%$ ) lumber manufacturers increased over the second quarter of 1998.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 53 and 122 (series 2).

The June 1999 issue of Sawmills and planing mills ( $35-003-\mathrm{XIB}, \$ 9 / \$ 86$ ) 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 Gilles Simard (613-951-3516; simales@statcan.ca), Manufacturing, Construction and Energy Division.

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Dates in a chart were mislabelled in the International travel account release of August 30, 1999. The following is the corrected chart.


For more information, contact Johanne Plante (613-951-1910), Culture, Tourism and the Centre for Education Statistics.

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