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1999, January 14, 2000

OVERVIEW

- **Overall job growth last year was slower than in 1998**
In December 1999, the number of jobs increased by 12,000, or 0.1%, from 11,900,000 in November 1999.
- **GDP maintained slower pace**
In 1999, the gross domestic product (GDP) grew by 1.1%, or 1.1%, from 1998. The main component of GDP was the private sector, which grew by 1.1%.
- **Real estate of homes up significantly**
In 1999, the number of new residential units started increased by 12,000, or 12%, from 100,000 in 1998.
- **Industrial production up over 10% in 1999**
In 1999, industrial production increased by 10.1%, or 10.1%, from 1998.
- **Foreign demand remains for Canadian bonds**
In 1999, the number of new issues of Canadian bonds increased by 12,000, or 12%, from 100,000 in 1998.
- **Autos and trucks production remains unchanged**
In 1999, the number of new autos and trucks produced remained unchanged at 12,000, or 12%, from 100,000 in 1998.
- **Household spending on repairs and renovations unchanged**
In 1999, the number of new repairs and renovations remained unchanged at 12,000, or 12%, from 100,000 in 1998.

All jobs increased 12 in 24

1997 1998 1999

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Innovation analysis bulletin

January 2000

The innovation analysis bulletin focuses on trends in science, technology and the information society. The bulletin includes updates on government science and technology activities, industrial research and development, intellectual property commercialization, advanced technologies and innovation, biotechnology, connectedness, telecommunications and broadcasting, and electronic commerce.

The current issue contains articles on Internet use, cellular communications, biotechnology and research spending.

The innovation analysis bulletin (88-003-XIE, free) is now available at www.statcan.ca under "Products and services", followed by "Downloadable publications" (free).

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods and data quality of this release, contact Michael Bordt (613-951-8585; fax: 613-951-9920; michael.bordt@statcan.ca), Science, Innovation and Electronic Information Division. ■

Railway carloadings

Seven-day period ending December 14, 1999

Non-intermodal traffic loaded during the seven-day period ending December 14, 1999, increased 5.5% to 5.1 million tonnes compared with the same period last year. The number of cars loaded increased 5.0%.

Intermodal traffic tonnage totalled 400 000 tonnes, a 5.8% increase from the same period in 1998. The year-to-date figures advanced 13.1%.

Total traffic increased 5.5% during the period. This brought the year-to-date total to 246.0 million tonnes, no change from the previous year.

All year-to-date figures have been revised.

For further 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. ■

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Retail trade, October 1999
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- **Urban transit, 1998** 2
Despite the emphasis on taking urban transit, Canadians are using it less and less. In 1998, 65th Calendar Year, an average of about 45 trips on some form of urban transit, the lowest level in the past 25 years.
- **Productivity, hourly compensation and unit labour cost, 1998** 4
Growth in productivity among Canadian businesses was notably weak again in 1998, accompanied by sluggish gains in employment and slow economic growth during the year.

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