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Wholesale trade - correction

November 1999

An incorrect figure for the rise in housing starts was published in the January 24 wholesale trade release in the section on building and lumber materials. The sentence with the correct number should read: "The number of housing starts was up in November (+5.0%), as was the value of overall building permits (+4.0%)."

For more information, contact Greg Parsons (613-951-0062), Wholesale Trade Section, Distributive Trades Division. ■

Crushing statistics

December 1999

Oilseed processors crushed 293 479 metric tonnes of canola in December, according to the monthly survey of crushing plants. Oil production totalled 122 271 tonnes while meal production amounted to 182 757 tonnes.

In the first five months of the 1999-2000 crop year, the canola crush volume was 1 258 063 tonnes, a 13.5% decline from the crush quantity of 1 453 735 tonnes in the same five months of the 1998-99 crop year.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5687.

The December 1999 issue of *Cereals and oilseeds review* (22-007-XPB, \$15/\$149) will be released in March. See *How to order publications*.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods and data quality of this release, contact Karen Gray (204-983-2856; karen.gray@statcan.ca) or Les Macartney (613-951-8714; les.macartney@statcan.ca), Grain Marketing Unit, Agriculture Division. ■

Sawmills and planing mills

November 1999

In November, sawmills produced 5 873.9 thousand cubic metres of lumber and ties, up 4.6% from 5 614.2 thousand cubic metres (after revisions) in November 1998.

For January to November, production totalled 64 229.3 thousand cubic metres, up 4.7% from 61 369.3 thousand cubic metres (after revisions) produced during the same period in 1998.

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

The November 1999 issue of *Sawmills and planing mills* (35-003-XIB, \$9/\$86) is now available. See *How to order publications*.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods and data quality of this release, contact Gilles Simard (613-951-3516; simales@statcan.ca), Manufacturing, Construction, and Energy Division. ■

Postcensal estimates of total population by selected characteristics

July 1, 1999

The updated postcensal estimates of total population and population by age and sex for census divisions and census metropolitan areas as of July 1 in 1999 and 1998 as well as the final postcensal estimates as of July 1, 1997 are now available.

Note: The following matrices are based on 1996 Census counts and replace the previous matrices based on 1991 Census counts.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 9235-9245, 9247-9258 and 9260-9296.

These estimates will be published in *Annual demographic statistics, 1999* (91-213-XPB or 91-213-XIB), which will be available in March. See *How to order publications*.

To obtain data, contact Lise Champagne (613-951-2320; fax: 613-951-2307; chamlis@statcan.ca), Demography Division or your nearest Regional Reference Center. For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality for this release, contact Daniel Larrivée (613-951-0694; fax: 613-951-2307; lardani@statcan.ca), Demography Division. ■

Updated population estimates by age and sex

July 1, 1997 to 1999

The updated postcensal estimates by age and sex on July 1 of 1999 and 1998 and the final postcensal estimates on July 1, 1997 are now available. In addition, the corresponding components of population growth for

the years ending on June 30 of 1997, 1998 and 1999 are also available.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 6270-6281, 6283-6294, 6303-6314, 6316-6327, 6329-6340, 6367-6378, 6380-6392 and 6396-6409.

These estimates will be published in *Annual demographic statistics, 1999* (91-213-XPB or 91-213-XIB), which will be available in March. See *How to order publications*.

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Innovation in small firms in business service industries

1996

Released today is an analytical report that explores the strategic differences between small firms in business service industries that are committed to innovation and those that are not. These industries include computer and related services, engineering, and other scientific and technical services. Four out of 10 small establishments in these industries conducted innovative practices, such as introducing new or improved products, processes or forms of organization.

The study, based on a sample of about 2,500 small establishments from the 1996 Survey of Innovation,

found two important differences between innovators and non-innovators.

First, innovators place greater emphasis on developing certain capabilities. For example, innovative firms attach more importance to financial management and the acquisition of capital. They also emphasize the recruitment of skilled labour and the promotion of compensation for incentives. These distinctions indicate that, among small firms in research-and-development intensive industries, competencies in financing and human resources play a critical role in the innovation process.

Second, innovators place greater emphasis on problem solving. Successful innovation programs often arise out of a process of 'learning by doing'. The likelihood of encountering barriers to innovation increases as companies intensify their investments in research and development and intellectual property. The study also found that businesses that successfully develop innovations were more likely to encounter problems related to marketing, imitation of their innovations, and skill shortages.

The research paper "Differences in innovator and non-innovator profiles: small establishments in business services", no. 143, is now available. To obtain a copy, contact Louise Laurin (613-951-4676) or visit the Statistics Canada Web site (www.statcan.ca) under *Products and services*, then *Downloadable research papers (free)*.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Guy Gellatly (613-951-3758), Micro-Economic Analysis Division. ■

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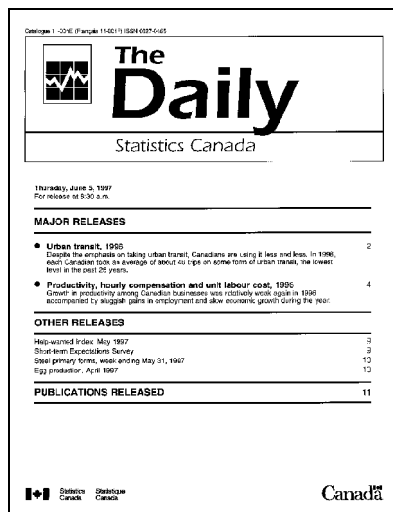
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