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## OTHER RELEASES

### Machinery and equipment price indexes

Third quarter 2000

The Machinery and Equipment Price Index (1986=100) was 133.2 in the third quarter, up 0.1% from the second quarter. The domestic and imported components increased at the same rate. Compared with the third quarter of 1999, the overall index advanced 1.1%; the domestic component was up 0.9% and the imported component rose 1.3%.

The index increase from the second quarter was the result of rises in manufacturing (+0.2%), transport (+0.2%) and mining (+0.3%). However, these advances were partly offset by lower indexes for community, business and personal services (-0.3%), and agriculture (-0.1%). The largest contributors to the manufacturing rise were chemicals (+0.4%) and primary metals (+0.5%). In the transport sector, air transport and electricity increased by 0.5% and 0.1%, respectively, but urban transit decreased by 0.5%. The advances for chemicals, primary metals and air transport were the result of their imported components, which rose 0.5%, 1.0%, and 0.6% respectively; the domestic components of primary metals and air transport decreased by 0.3% and 0.1%.

Year-over-year, the largest contributors to the index growth were manufacturing (+1.7%), transport (+0.8%), and mining (+1.6%). The increase in manufacturing was caused mainly by paper and allied products (+2.0%), chemicals (+1.6%), food and beverages (+2.0%), and primary metals (+1.3%). The increase in transport was caused by rises in the indexes for electricity (+1.4%) and air transport (+2.3%), while a decrease in telephones (-2.5%) eased the transport price rise.

Compared with the second quarter, specialized industrial equipment (+0.3%), agriculture machinery excluding tractors (+0.7%), and aircraft (+0.6%) contributed substantially to the increase in the total index. However, a decrease in cars (-1.2%), modification and conversions in the aircraft industry (-1.6%), and trucks (-0.3%) slowed down the growth of the total index.

The Canadian dollar was worth an average of US67.4 cents in the third quarter, unchanged from the second quarter but 0.4% lower than in the third quarter of 1999.

### Machinery and Equipment Price Index (1986=100)

	Relative importance	Third quarter 2000 <sup>P</sup>	Second quarter to third quarter 2000	Third quarter 1999 to third quarter 2000
			% change	
<b>Machinery and Equipment Price Index</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>133.2</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>1.1</b>
Agriculture	11.0	158.8	-0.1	0.3
Forestry	1.5	145.2	-0.1	0.7
Fishing	0.6	127.7	0.2	0.0
Mines, quarries and oil wells	6.0	136.4	0.3	1.6
Manufacturing	29.9	141.6	0.2	1.7
Construction	3.5	140.6	0.3	1.7
Transportation, communication, storage and utilities	25.9	124.8	0.2	0.8
Trade	4.0	119.9	-0.1	1.2
Finance, insurance and real estate	1.8	109.0	0.1	0.0
Community, business and personal services	11.1	110.1	-0.3	0.9
Public administration	4.7	129.7	0.0	1.0

<sup>P</sup> Preliminary data.

### Available on CANSIM: matrices 2023-2025.

The third quarter 2000 issue of *Construction price statistics* (62-007-XPB, \$24/\$79) will be available in December. See *How to order products*.

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### Steel primary forms

September 2000

Steel primary forms production for September totalled 1 325 847 tonnes, a decrease of 4.5% from 1 387 855 tonnes in September 1999.

Year-to-date production reached 12 685 285 tonnes (revised), up 4.5% from 12 135 784 tonnes in the same period of 1999.

### Available on CANSIM: matrix 58 (level 2, series 3).

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### **Shipments of rolled steel**

September 2000

Rolled steel shipments in September totalled 1 216 244 tonnes, down 6.7% from 1 303 082 tonnes in August and down 7.7% from 1 317 120 tonnes in September 1999.

Year-to-date shipments at the end of September totalled 11 387 689 tonnes, up 1.4% from 11 234 232 tonnes in the same period of 1999.

**Available on CANSIM: matrices 58 and 122 (series 22-25).**

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### **Restaurant, caterers and taverns**

September 2000

Estimated total receipts of restaurants, caterers and taverns for September were \$2.64 billion, an increase of 10.9% over the September 1999 estimate.

**Available on CANSIM: matrix 62.**

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Bill Birbeck (613-951-3506), Services Industries Division. ■

### **Work absence rates**

1987 to 1999

New data are available on absences from work for personal reasons (illness or disability) and personal or family responsibilities. The data in these CANSIM matrices update the data in *Work absence rates, 1987 to 1998* (71-535-MPB, no. 10).

Absence rates vary considerably among groups of workers. Factors include family circumstances, age, industry, occupation, work schedule and leave entitlements. The matrices provide work absence rates for men and women by: age, education, and presence of children; detailed industry and occupation groups; whether the employer is public- or private-sector; union coverage, workplace size, job tenure and job permanency; and province, region and Census Metropolitan Area.

**Available on CANSIM: matrices 8540-8591.**

*Work absence rates, 1987 to 1998* (71-535-MPB, no. 10, \$50) was released in July 1999. See *How to order products*.

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Catalogue number 41-001-XIB (\$5/\$47).

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Catalogue number 45-004-XIB (\$16/\$155).

**Refined petroleum products,** May 2000  
Catalogue number 45-004-XPB (\$21/\$206).

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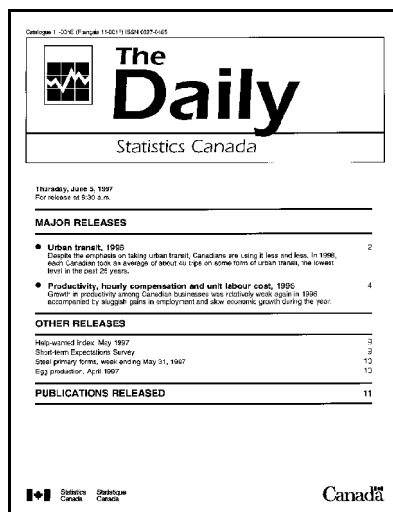
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