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Telecommunications statistics

Third quarter 1999

Third 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 as estimates for those units not covered by the survey (resellers, satellite and small wireline and wireless service providers).

Operating revenues for the telecommunications industry were \$7.2 billion in the third quarter, an increase of only 0.1% from the previous quarter. The operating margin, the difference between operating revenues and operating expenses, was \$1.1 billion (15.8% of operating revenues). Capital expenditures were \$1.4 billion in the third quarter of 1999, representing \$59.34 for every public access line in the country and \$43.50 for each cellular subscriber.

Full-time employment in the telecommunications industry declined by 2.2% compared with the second quarter of 1999. This entailed a loss of 1,812 full-time employees in the wireline industry, and a gain of 126 full-time employees in the wireless industry.

There were 25.5 million access paths to the public switched telephone network, comprising 19.2 million public access lines and 6.3 million mobile telephone subscribers. Most of the recent growth in

access has been in wireless or mobile services, which increased 6.0 % over the previous quarter.

The third quarter issue of *Quarterly telecommunications 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 JoAnne Lambert (613-951-6673), or Heidi Ertl (613-951-1891) Science, Innovation and Electronic Information Division. ■

Farm Input Price Index

1999 (preliminary)

Farm Input Price Index preliminary data (1992=100) are now available for 1999. The index has been reweighted and rebased; 1992 is now its base year. In addition, the index has been converted from a quarterly index to an annual index, and regional breakdowns are now available for eastern Canada, western Canada, and all Canada. Prices are collected at different points in the year, depending on when a given input is likely to see its prices change.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact the Client Services Unit (613-951-3350; fax: 613-951-1539; infounit@statcan.ca), Prices Division.

Farm Input Price Index 1992=100

	East		1998-1999 % change	West		1998-1999 % change	Canada		1998-1999 % change
	1998	1999		1998	1999		1998	1999	
Total farm input	114.7	115.0	0.3	118.5	119.0	0.4	116.6	117.0	0.3
Building and fencing	117.2	122.9	4.9	116.9	123.2	5.4	117.1	123.1	5.2
Machinery and motor vehicles	124.7	126.4	1.3	123.5	125.0	1.2	124.0	125.6	1.3
Crop production	120.6	120.3	-0.3	126.7	122.4	-3.4	124.3	121.6	-2.1
Animal production	116.5	114.7	-1.5	117.7	120.3	2.2	117.0	117.5	0.4
Supplies and services	111.7	111.8	0.0	111.8	112.3	0.4	111.8	112.0	0.2
Hired farm labour	115.5	115.6	0.0	115.9	111.0	-4.2	115.4	113.3	-1.8
Property taxes	72.8	74.4	2.2	122.6	124.1	1.2	111.1	112.7	1.5
Interest	86.4	88.6	2.6	86.5	86.9	0.4	86.4	87.6	1.3
Farm rent	89.1	86.5	-3.0	139.2	139.7	0.4	122.3	121.6	-0.6

Civil aviation operating statistics

March 2000

In March, Air Canada reported a 2% increase in its total passenger-kilometres, while Canadian Airlines saw a 2% decline. Since July 1999, the operations of Air Canada have increased by 10%, while those of Canadian Airlines have dropped by 14%. (All data referred to here are seasonally adjusted.)

Available on CANSIM: matrix 385 (series 1 to 6).

The March operational data on civil aviation for Air Canada and Canadian Airlines will appear in the June issue of *Aviation service bulletin* (51-004-XIB, \$8/\$82). A print-on-demand service is also available. See *How to order publications*.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Robert Lund (613-951-0125), Aviation Statistics Centre, Transportation Division. ■

Shipments of solid fuel-burning heating products

First quarter 2000

Shipments of solid fuel-burning heating products in the first quarter totalled \$8.6 million, a decrease of 37.6% from the \$13.8 million shipped in the first quarter of 1999.

The quantities for these shipments are also available.

The 2000 first quarter issue of *Shipments of solid fuel-burning heating products* (25-002-XIB, \$6/\$19) 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 Étienne Saint-Pierre (613-951-9837; saineti@statcan.ca), Manufacturing, Construction and Energy Division. ■

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Gross domestic product by industry, February 2000
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Shipments of solid fuel-burning heating products, first quarter 2000
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Quarterly telecommunications statistics, third quarter 1999
Catalogue number 56-002-XIB (\$21/\$40).

Retail trade, February 2000
Catalogue number 63-005-XIB (\$16/\$155).

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Catalogue number 65-004-XMB (\$37/\$361).

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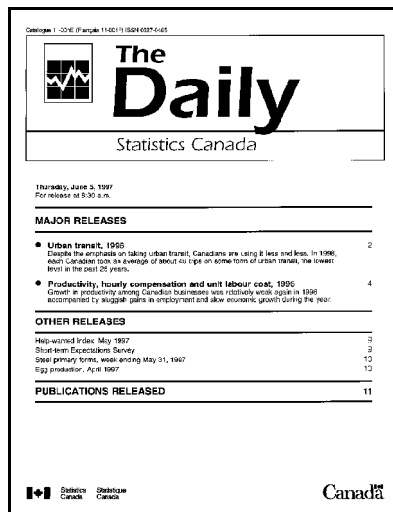
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