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Provincial and territorial government finance: Assets and liabilities

March 31, 1999

The net debt (defined as the excess of liabilities over financial assets) of provincial and territorial general governments reached \$258.3 billion at March 31, 1999, an increase of \$13.0 billion, or 5.3%, over March 31, 1998. The financial assets stood at \$200.5 billion, while total liabilities reached \$458.8 billion.

As a percentage of gross domestic product (GDP), the net debt increased from 27.3% in 1998 to 27.8% in 1999. Per capita, the net debt grew to \$8,495, more than doubling from 1990 to 1999.

At the provincial and territorial level, 3 of the 12 governments reduced their net debt in 1999. The reductions were concentrated in Alberta (-75.6%), Prince Edward Island (-4.0%) and New Brunswick (-2.6%). Net debt increased the most in British Columbia, because in 1998/99 the province directly assumed the debt of school districts and post-secondary and health institutions.

Per-capita net debts were the highest in Newfoundland (\$15,037) and Quebec (\$12,420), and lowest in Alberta (\$133). Yukon was the only government with a per-capita excess of financial assets over liabilities (\$7,933).

These statistics are based on the actual data released in the provincial and territorial governments'

Public Accounts dated March 31, 1999 and converted to Statistics Canada's Financial Management System.

Note: The Financial Management System (FMS) provides a standardized presentation of government accounting for Canada's federal, provincial and local governments. The individual governments' accounting systems are not directly comparable because the policies and structure of governments differ. The FMS adjusts data from governments Public Accounts and other records to provide detailed data that permit inter-government comparisons as well as compatible national aggregates that are consistent over time. In other words, FMS statistics may not accord with the figures published in government financial statements. A reconciliation statement of the two presentations is available.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 3198, 3201-3213.

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Provincial and territorial general government net debt

	Financial Management System				
	Net debt	% of GDP	Per capita	GDP in first quarter	Population at April 1
	\$ millions	%	\$	\$ millions	'000
1979	16,659	6.3	690	264,620	24,129
1980	17,283	5.7	708	302,788	24,419
1981	21,812	6.3	882	348,492	24,733
1982	20,862	5.6	833	374,952	25,043
1983	42,259	10.7	1,670	394,420	25,301
1984	51,976	11.9	2,035	436,816	25,540
1985	63,074	13.4	2,447	470,740	25,775
1986	76,065	15.1	2,923	503,300	26,020
1987	89,532	16.7	3,398	537,376	26,350
1988	97,494	16.4	3,653	594,528	26,687
1989	101,510	15.8	3,738	641,652	27,157
1990	112,015	16.6	4,062	675,092	27,578
1991	116,652	17.3	4,175	675,876	27,938
1992	143,065	20.7	5,060	691,184	28,273
1993	173,691	24.4	6,069	712,836	28,618
1994	202,446	27.1	6,996	747,720	28,939
1995	224,041	28.1	7,657	798,300	29,261
1996	235,896	28.9	7,975	816,508	29,578
1997	241,746	28.0	8,087	863,492	29,893
1998	245,223	27.3	8,129	897,232	30,168
1999	258,271	27.8	8,495	929,136	30,404

New Housing Price Index

June 2000

The New Housing Price Index increased 2.4% in June compared with June 1999. On a monthly basis, however, there was no change to this index of contractors' selling prices of new houses.

Annual increases were noted in 17 of the 21 urban centres. The highest increase occurred in St. Catharines–Niagara (+5.7%) where higher prices for building materials and labour were passed on to new home buyers. Ottawa–Hull advanced 5.5% over June 1999. Notable increases were also observed in Winnipeg, Halifax and Kitchener–Waterloo.

The largest annual decrease was registered in Victoria. As was the case in May, Sudbury–Thunder Bay, Vancouver, and Saint John–Moncton–Fredericton registered year-to-year decreases.

The largest monthly increase was in Winnipeg (+1.5%), mostly as a result of higher prices for building materials such as drywall. In both Ottawa–Hull and Hamilton, the index rose 0.6% on a month-to-month basis. Higher prices for building materials and labour contributed to the increase in Hamilton. In Ottawa–Hull, market conditions continued to be very good.

New Housing Price Index (1992=100)

	June 2000	June 1999 to June 2000 % change	May to June 2000
Canada total	103.0	2.4	-
House only	104.8	3.3	-
Land only	102.6	0.7	-
St. John's	98.7	2.5	0.2
Halifax	115.3	3.9	-
Charlottetown	105.2	2.0	-
Saint John– Moncton– Fredericton	93.6	-0.2	0.1
Québec	102.4	1.9	-
Montréal	107.8	3.3	-0.1
Ottawa–Hull	104.7	5.5	0.6
Toronto	106.6	3.1	-
Hamilton	106.0	3.2	0.6
St. Catharines– Niagara	106.8	5.7	0.3
Kitchener–Waterloo	105.9	3.9	-
London	101.5	3.3	0.2
Windsor	106.5	1.0	-
Sudbury–Thunder Bay	98.4	-1.2	-0.2
Winnipeg	117.8	4.0	1.5
Regina	131.9	2.9	0.2
Saskatoon	116.2	1.8	0.3
Calgary	131.7	2.3	-0.3
Edmonton	112.4	3.0	0.2
Vancouver	83.3	-1.0	-0.1
Victoria	72.1	-5.1	-

- Nil or zero.

However, these monthly increases were offset by decreases in other urban centres such as Calgary, Sudbury–Thunder Bay, Vancouver, and Montréal. Seven urban centres surveyed registered no change compared with the previous month.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 9921.

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

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

Pipeline transportation of crude oil and refined petroleum products

May 2000

Net receipts of crude oil and equivalent hydrocarbons totalled 13 232 925 cubic metres in May, up 7.0% from May 1999. Year-to-date receipts to the end of May were 64 682 935 cubic metres, up 7.1% from the same period in 1999. Net receipts of liquefied petroleum gases and refined petroleum products in May totalled 6 910 484 cubic metres, up 5.4% from May 1999. Year-to-date receipts rose 5.1% to 34 056 242 cubic metres.

Pipeline exports of crude oil totalled 6 679 776 cubic metres, an increase of 15.1% from May 1999, and pipeline imports were 2 193 486 cubic metres, up 23.0%. Year-to-date exports totalled 30 004 969 cubic metres, up 14.5% from the same period of 1999. Year-to-date imports were 10 168 868 cubic metres, a rise of 25.7 %.

May deliveries of crude oil by pipeline to Canadian refineries totalled 5 701 159 cubic metres, an increase of 6.5% from 1999. May deliveries of liquefied petroleum gases and refined petroleum products climbed 4.3% to 582 005 cubic metres. Year-to-date deliveries of crude oil to refineries at the end of May totalled 28 582 310 cubic metres, up 3.6% from the same period in 1999.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 181 and 591-595.

The May 2000 issue of *Pipeline transportation of crude oil and refined petroleum products* (55-001-XIB, \$9/\$86) is now available. See *How to order products*.

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Oils and fats

June 2000

Production of all types of deodorized oils in June totalled 89 996 tonnes, a decrease of 8.0% from 97 833 tonnes in May. Year-to date production for June was 565 434 tonnes, up 3.3% compared with 547 151 tonnes for the same period in 1999.

June domestic sales of deodorized margarine oil totalled 9 436 tonnes, deodorized shortening oil 26 638 tonnes, and deodorized salad oil 34 172 tonnes.

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The June 2000 issue of *Oils and fats* (32-006-XIB, \$5/\$47) is now available. See *How to order products*.

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Residential Telephone Service Survey

May 2000

A micro-data file from the May Residential Telephone Service Survey is now available. Information in this file (56M0001XCB) refers to telephone service penetration rates in Canada's 10 provinces.

For more information about the current survey results and related products and services, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Client Services (1-888-297-7355; 613-951-7355; fax 613-951-3012; ssd@statcan.ca), Special Surveys Division. ■

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
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