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Domestic sales of refined petroleum products

June 2000 (preliminary)

Sales of refined petroleum products totalled 7 880 000 cubic metres in June, an increase of 1.0% over June 1999. Total motor gasoline sales were down 3.1% from the same period the previous year, while sales of mid- and premium grades dropped by 29.4% and 29.7% respectively. Diesel fuel sales rose 3.4%. The 15.3% increase in light fuel oil sales was due in part to unusually cool temperatures in Eastern Canada. Heavy fuel oil jumped 30.7%, the second consecutive monthly increase following 13 months of decreases.

Sales of refined petroleum products

	June 1999 ^r	June 2000 ^p	June 1999 to June 2000 % change
thousands of cubic metres			
Total, all products	7 805.2	7 880.0	1.0%
Motor gasoline	3 379.4	3 273.0	-3.1%
Diesel fuel oil	1 888.5	1 952.3	3.4%
Light fuel oil	153.9	177.4	15.3%
Heavy fuel oil	489.1	639.1	30.7%
Aviation turbo fuels	563.4	537.4	-4.6%
Petrochemical feedstocks ¹	389.5	389.4	0.0%
All other refined products	941.4	911.4	-3.2%

	Jan. to June 1999 ^r	Jan. to June 2000 ^p	Jan.-June 1999 to Jan.-June 2000 % change
Total, all products	44 966.3	45 373.5	0.9%
Motor gasoline	18 439.9	18 497.0	0.3%
Diesel fuel oil	10 440.9	11 334.7	8.6%
Light fuel oil	2 923.2	2 773.8	-5.1%
Heavy fuel oil	3 832.1	3 255.8	-15.0%
Aviation turbo fuels	2 866.9	2 985.9	4.2%
Petrochemical feedstocks ¹	2 416.2	2 203.2	-8.8%
All other refined products	4 047.0	4 323.2	6.8%

^r Revised data.

^p Preliminary data.

¹ Materials produced by refineries that are used by the petrochemical industry to produce chemicals, synthetic rubber and a variety of plastics.

Year-to-date sales of refined petroleum increased by 360 800 cubic metres, 0.9% greater than in the same period of 1999. Increased drilling activity in the oil and natural gas industry contributed to the 8.6% rise in diesel fuel sales. The other refined products category, which includes asphalt, lube oils, stove oil and petroleum coke,

rose 6.8%. Sales of heavy fuel oil fell 15.0%, while petrochemical feedstocks dropped 8.8%.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 628-642 and 644-647.

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Help-wanted Index

July 2000

The Help-wanted Index (1996=100) increased by 1.2% to 171 in July. The largest monthly increases were recorded in New Brunswick (+2.7%) and Newfoundland (+2.6%); the indices in Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Manitoba decreased by less than 1%.

Help-wanted Index (1996=100)

	July 1999	June 2000	July 2000	July 1999 to July 2000 % change	June to July 2000 % change
seasonally adjusted and smoothed					
Canada	160	169	171	6.9	1.2
Newfoundland	164	192	197	20.1	2.6
Prince Edward Island	184	233	232	26.1	-0.4
Nova Scotia	167	168	167	0.0	-0.6
New Brunswick	182	186	191	4.9	2.7
Quebec	158	158	160	1.3	1.3
Ontario	177	188	189	6.8	0.5
Manitoba	172	164	163	-5.2	-0.6
Saskatchewan	131	135	137	4.6	1.5
Alberta	133	161	163	22.6	1.2
British Columbia	131	143	144	9.9	0.7

Available on CANSIM: matrix 105 (levels 8, 9 and 10).

Note: The Help-wanted Index is compiled from the number of help-wanted ads published in 22 newspapers in 20 major metropolitan areas. The index is a measure of companies' intentions to hire new workers. These indices have been seasonally adjusted and smoothed to ease month-to-month comparisons.

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Electric lamps

Second quarter 2000

Data on manufacturers' imports, production and inventories of electric lamps for the second quarter are now available.

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Public-use microdata file on residents of health care institutions

1996–1997

A cross-sectional public-use microdata file for the second cycle of the health institutions component of the National Population Health Survey (NPHS) is now available.

Available on a CD-ROM, the file covers a wide range of health issues affecting residents of Canadian

health care facilities, including: chronic conditions, health status, activity restrictions, health services utilization, social support and behavioral risk factors such as alcohol use and smoking. Socio-demographic information such as age, sex and education is also provided.

The survey collected information from about 2,100 respondents, which ensures that representative estimates can be produced at the national level.

This is the second NPHS health institutions public-use microdata file. The file for the first cycle was released in June 1996. Public-use microdata files are also available for the first and second cycles of the NPHS household component. To order a copy of *National Population Health Survey: Residents of health care institutions public-use microdata file* (82M0010XCB, \$250), other NPHS public-use files or custom tabulations, or to obtain general information on the survey, contact Client Custom Services (613-951-1746; fax: 613-951-0792; hd-ds@statcan.ca), Health Statistics Division.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release or about NPHS concepts and methods, contact France Bilocq (613-951-6956; fax: 613-951-4198; france.bilocq@statcan.ca), Health Statistics Division. ■

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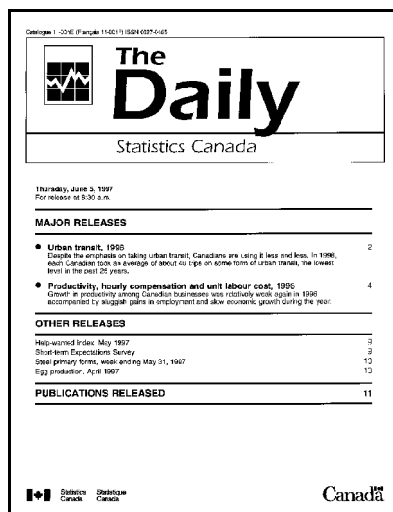
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