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Σ-STAT: The ultimate interactive learning tool

Σ-STAT, Statistics Canada's interactive learning tool, has an improved format just in time for the start of school. The 2000 edition contains two new features that make it even more user-friendly and versatile.

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The product's title sports a new look to reflect the enhancements. This ninth edition is now available on the Statistics Canada Education Resources Web site (<http://estat.statcan.ca>).

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For more information, visit <http://estat.statcan.ca>, or contact the education representative in your region. The Σ-STAT team can be reached directly at 1-800-465-1222; e-stat@statcan.ca.



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OTHER RELEASES

Travel between Canada and other countries July 2000

The estimated number of trips by foreigners to Canada fell in July for the fourth consecutive month, down 0.8% from June to 4.0 million. Meanwhile, after three consecutive monthly declines, the total number of trips by Canadians to foreign countries rose 0.3% to 3.9 million. (Unless otherwise specified, the data are seasonally adjusted.)

Overnight travel between Canada and the United States decreased on both sides of the border from June to July. Canadians made 0.8% fewer overnight trips to the United States, down to slightly less than 1.2 million. Similarly, overnight trips by Americans to this side of the border decreased 1.0% to slightly more than 1.2 million.

During the same period, both Canadians and Americans took slightly more same-day cross-border car trips. Canadians made 2.2 million car excursions to the United States in July, up 0.4% from June. Americans took 2.2 million similar trips to Canada, up 0.9% from the previous month.

Compared with the same month last year, however, the number of same-day car trips between the two countries decreased on both sides of the border. Americans made 8.0% fewer car trips of less than 24 hours to this country, down from a record high of 2.4 million in July 1999 to 2.2 million in July 2000. During the same period, the number of same-day cross-border car trips by Canadians decreased 1.6% to 2.2 million.

Higher gasoline prices and a cool wet summer might be some of the factors contributing to the decline in the number of same-day trips between Canada and the United States in July.

Canadians made 388,000 overnight trips to overseas destinations in July, down 0.8% from June. Overseas residents travelled for at least one night to Canada on 361,000 occasions, down 1.0% from the previous month.

Among Canada's top 12 overseas overnight markets, travellers from South Korea (+33.7%), Mexico (+14.5%) and Australia (+13.3%) made substantially more trips in July 2000 than they did in July 1999. Travellers from Hong Kong (-14.7%), France (-3.7%) and Italy (-3.5%) were the only ones recording a decline in their number of trips to Canada during that period (unadjusted data).

Travel between Canada and other countries

	June 2000 ^r	July 2000 ^p	June to July 2000	July 2000 ^p	July 1999 to July 2000
	seasonally adjusted		unadjusted		
	'000	% change	'000	% change	
Canadian trips abroad¹	3,899	3,911	0.3	4,931	1.6
Same-day car trips to the United States	2,229	2,238	0.4	2,781	-1.6
Total trips, one or more nights	1,588	1,576	-0.8	2,072	6.0
United States ²	1,198	1,188	-0.8	1,728	4.2
Car	641	649	1.4	1,191	4.7
Plane	445	436	-2.0	343	6.8
Other modes of transport	112	102	-8.7	194	-2.8
Other countries ³	391	388	-0.8	344	16.2
Travel to Canada¹	4,079	4,046	-0.8	6,668	-4.8
Same-day car trips from the United States	2,193	2,212	0.9	3,129	-6.7
Total trips, one or more nights	1,611	1,595	-1.0	3,194	-4.1
United States ²	1,246	1,234	-1.0	2,518	-5.7
Car	780	768	-1.5	1,687	-8.2
Plane	316	317	0.3	497	-0.4
Other modes of transport	151	149	-1.1	334	0.3
Other countries ³	365	361	-1.0	676	2.3
Most important overseas markets					
United Kingdom	..	..	..	119	4.8
Japan	..	..	..	64	1.9
France	..	..	..	62	-3.7
Germany	..	..	..	62	0.4
Mexico	..	..	..	32	14.5
Hong Kong	..	..	..	26	-14.7
Taiwan	..	..	..	25	6.6
Netherlands	..	..	..	25	6.8
South Korea	..	..	..	23	33.7
Switzerland	..	..	..	22	3.1
Australia	..	..	..	20	13.3
Italy	..	..	..	17	-3.5

^r Revised figures.

^p Preliminary figures.

¹ Totals exceed the sum of same-day car trips and total trips, one or more nights because they include all same-day trips.

² Estimates for the United States include counts of cars and buses, and estimated numbers for planes, trains, boats and other methods.

³ Figures for other countries exclude same-day entries by land only via the United States.

.. Figures not available.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 2661-2697, 5780-6049 and 8200-8329.

The July 2000 issue of *International travel, advance information* (66-001-PIB, \$6/\$55) is now available. See *How to order products*.

For data requests, contact Pearl Bellefeuille (613-951-1674; fax: 613-951-2909; pearl.bellefeuille@statcan.ca). For more information, or

to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Johanne Plante (613-951-1910; fax: 613-951-2909; johanne.plante@statcan.ca), Tourism Statistics Program. ■

Restaurant, caterers and taverns

July 2000

Estimated total receipts of restaurants, caterers and taverns for July were \$2.73 billion, an increase of 7.0% over the July 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. ■

Dairy statistics

July and August 2000 (preliminary)

Monthly dairy statistics for July and August are now available.

These data will be included in the July–September 2000 issue of *The dairy review* (23-001-XIB, \$27/\$89; 23-001-XPB, \$36/\$119), which will be released in November. See *How to order products*.

For more information, contact Anna Michalowska (1-800-465-1991; 613-951-2442; fax: 613-951-3868), Agriculture Division. ■

Canadian aerospace and defence sector

1999

Selected data are now available from the Canadian Aerospace and Defence Sector Survey.

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Postal area profiles

1998

Postal area profiles, a databank profiling more than 5,000 communities across Canada, is now available. Based on 1998 tax records filed in the spring of 1999, these data are ideal for supporting policy analysis as they provide a comprehensive picture of communities.

The profiles consist of five tables, which include information on taxfilers and dependants, selected sources of income of individuals, labour force participation, economic dependency on transfer payments and family characteristics. Data on each community can be compared with provincial and national figures to show how communities fit into the broader picture. These data can also be used to assess trends over the past four years.

High standards of confidentiality ensure that no individual or family can be identified from these profiles.

To order *Postal area profiles*, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Client Services (613-951-9720; fax: 613-951-4745; saadinfo@statcan.ca), Small Area and Administrative Data Division. ■

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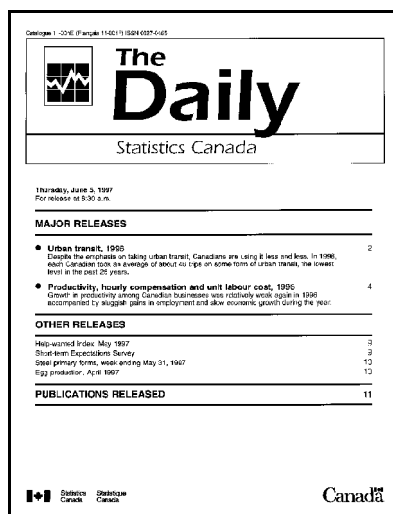
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20	Wholesale trade	July 2000
20	Employment Insurance	July 2000
21	Retail trade	July 2000
