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New census module on the Web site

Statistics Canada has updated the census module on its Web site to provide the public with more information about the upcoming Census. Both the Census of Population and the Census of Agriculture are featured. The first information to be posted will be on topics such as the history of the Census, the census questions, collection procedures and job opportunities. Among the new items that will be added regularly as the Census approaches will be multilingual materials, including questions in different languages and information about corporate support.

Users will still have access to all the data from the 1996 Census, including favourites such as the *Nation Series*, basic summary tabulations, *Community profiles* and *Canadian statistics*.

The census module can be accessed from the Statistics Canada home page at www.statcan.ca. For more information, contact Grant Niman (613-951-1116), Communications Division.



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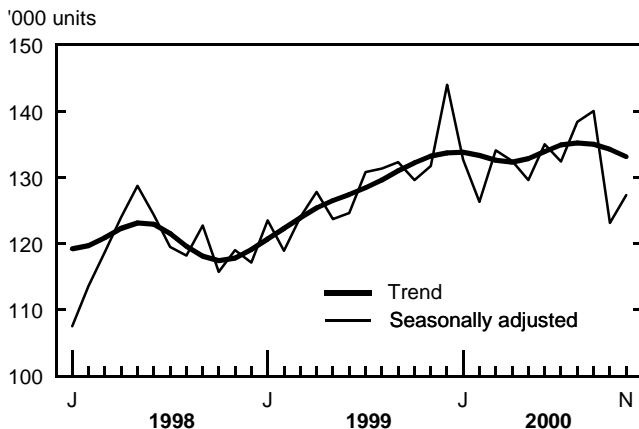
New motor vehicle sales

November 2000

Buoyed by a partial recovery in truck sales, the number of new motor vehicles sold in November rose 3.4% compared with October. In all, 127,292 new vehicles were sold in November, up 4,172 units from the previous month. However, this increase was not enough to offset the 12.1% drop in sales reported in October. (Unless otherwise indicated, all figures in this release are seasonally adjusted.)

Despite November's increase and with the steep drop in sales observed in October, the upward movement in new motor vehicle sales that began in the spring of 2000 has fallen off in recent months. Previously, new motor vehicle sales had been growing vigorously since the end of 1998, except for a slight downturn at the start of 2000.

New motor vehicle sales make up some lost ground in November



The number of new motor vehicles sold in the first 11 months of 2000 was 3.8% higher than in the same period of 1999. Cumulative sales rose at a faster rate for new passenger cars (+6.4%) than for trucks (+1.0%).

According to preliminary figures from the auto industry, the numbers of both new trucks and passenger

Note to readers

All data in this release are seasonally adjusted, unless otherwise indicated. Seasonally adjusted provincial data from January 1991 to present are available on CANSIM.

Passenger cars include those used for personal and commercial purposes, such as taxis or rental cars. Trucks include minivans, sport-utility vehicles, light and heavy trucks, vans and buses.

North American-built new motor vehicles include vehicles manufactured or assembled in Canada, the United States or Mexico. All other new motor vehicles are considered to have been manufactured overseas.

Data for Yukon, the Northwest Territories and Nunavut have been included with the data for British Columbia.

passenger cars sold in December was up compared with November.

Truck sales rebound while passenger car sales stagnate

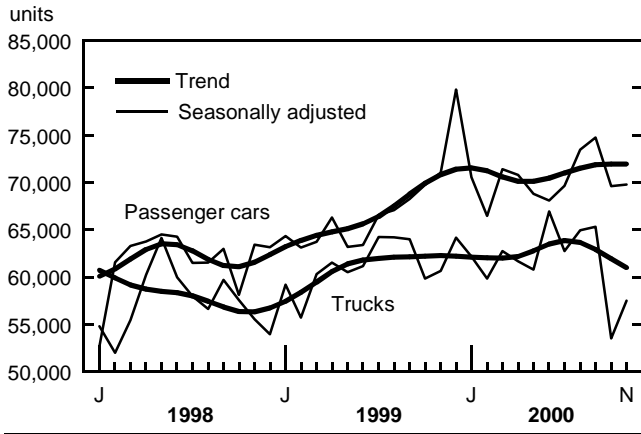
New truck sales were 7.5% higher in November than in October. A total of 57,525 new trucks were purchased, 4,001 more than in October, when an 18.0% drop was observed. Trucks include minivans, sport-utility vehicles, light and heavy trucks, vans and buses.

Despite November's gain, new truck sales have been declining in recent months. Truck sales began a rising movement in the spring of 2000 that continued until the end of the summer. Before the spring of 2000, truck sales had been stable since the middle of 1999, after strong gains in the first half of that year.

A total of 69,768 new passenger cars were sold in November, an advance of only 0.2% over October, when sales fell 6.9%. Neither sales of North American-built passenger cars (+0.2%) nor sales of cars built overseas (+0.5%) showed notable improvements in November; in October, they declined 6.3% and 8.4%, respectively.

The rising movement in new passenger car sales, which began in the summer of 2000, appears to have run out of steam lately. In the first half of the year, new passenger car sales were slowing down, following a period of increases that started in the fall of 1998.

**Despite partial recovery,
truck sales continue declining in November**



Sales up in nearly all provinces

All provinces except Manitoba and Alberta reported increases in new motor vehicle sales in November, following major declines in October.

The number of new motor vehicles sold fell 4.0% in Manitoba and 0.7% in Alberta. This was Manitoba's third straight decline, after a period of generally stable new motor vehicle sales extending back to the start

of 1999. In Alberta, new motor vehicle sales have stabilized in recent months, following increases that began in the spring of 1999.

In November, five provinces posted increases of at least 6.0% in new motor vehicle sales: Prince Edward Island, Saskatchewan, New Brunswick, Ontario and Newfoundland.

In Ontario, which accounts for roughly 40% of the Canadian market, sales rose 6.8% compared with October to 52,464 vehicles. However, this increase was not sufficient to offset October's drop of 18.3%. The upward movement in new motor vehicle sales in Ontario that began in the spring of 2000 has weakened in recent months. Previously, sales had been rising since the fall of 1998, with a slowdown at the start of 2000.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 64.

The November 2000 issue of *New motor vehicle sales* (63-007-XIB, \$13/\$124) will be available soon. See *How to order products*.

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New motor vehicle sales

	Nov. 1999	Oct. 2000 ^r	Nov. 2000 ^p	Nov. 1999 to Nov. 2000	Oct. to Nov. 2000
seasonally adjusted					
	number of vehicles			% change	
New motor vehicles	131,686	123,120	127,292	-3.3	3.4
Passenger cars	71,012	69,595	69,768	-1.8	0.2
North American ¹	55,199	51,874	51,955	-5.9	0.2
Overseas	15,813	17,722	17,813	12.6	0.5
Trucks, vans and buses	60,673	53,524	57,525	-5.2	7.5
New motor vehicles					
Newfoundland	2,353	1,886	2,009	-14.6	6.5
Prince Edward Island	402	375	418	4.0	11.5
Nova Scotia	3,710	3,463	3,495	-5.8	0.9
New Brunswick	3,634	3,221	3,469	-4.5	7.7
Quebec	32,461	31,218	31,391	-3.3	0.6
Ontario	55,115	49,140	52,464	-4.8	6.8
Manitoba	3,520	3,367	3,231	-8.2	-4.0
Saskatchewan	2,989	2,620	2,833	-5.2	8.1
Alberta	14,049	14,119	14,025	-0.2	-0.7
British Columbia ²	13,453	13,710	13,957	3.7	1.8
	Nov. 1999	Oct. 2000	Nov. 2000 ^p	Nov. 1999 to Nov. 2000	
unadjusted					
	number of vehicles			% change	
New motor vehicles	122,625	112,936	117,609	-4.1	
Passenger cars	64,035	62,751	63,661	-0.6	
North American ¹	50,168	45,707	48,370	-3.6	
Overseas	13,867	17,044	15,291	10.3	
Trucks, vans and buses	58,590	50,185	53,948	-7.9	
New motor vehicles					
Newfoundland	1,628	1,402	1,463	-10.1	
Prince Edward Island	319	336	320	0.3	
Nova Scotia	2,961	2,798	2,765	-6.6	
New Brunswick	2,992	2,510	2,854	-4.6	
Quebec	28,156	27,550	26,731	-5.1	
Ontario	54,221	46,720	51,191	-5.6	
Manitoba	3,416	3,204	3,040	-11.0	
Saskatchewan	3,020	2,756	2,737	-9.4	
Alberta	13,752	13,526	13,775	0.2	
British Columbia ²	12,160	12,134	12,733	4.7	

^r Revised figures.

^p Preliminary figures.

¹ Manufactured or assembled in Canada, the United States or Mexico.

² Includes Yukon, the Northwest Territories and Nunavut.

OTHER RELEASES

Pipeline transportation of crude oil and refined petroleum products

October 2000

Net receipts of crude oil and equivalent hydrocarbons totalled 13 616 622 cubic metres in October, up 3.9% from October 1999. Year-to-date receipts to the end of October 2000 were 132 229 777 cubic metres, up 7.0% over the same period of 1999. Net receipts of liquefied petroleum gases and refined petroleum products in October were 7 218 667 cubic metres, up 4.0% from October 1999. Year-to-date receipts were 68 589 505 cubic metres, up 5.2% from October 1999.

Pipeline exports of crude oil totalled 5 987 157 cubic metres, an increase of 2.8% from October 1999, and pipeline imports were 2 398 456 cubic metres, an increase of 23.3%. Year-to-date exports totalled 60 798 215 cubic metres, up 10.7% from 1999. Year-to-date imports stood at 21 694 370 cubic metres, a rise of 28.3 %.

October deliveries of crude oil by pipeline to Canadian refineries totalled 6 075 059 cubic metres, an increase of 2.3% from 1999. October deliveries of liquefied petroleum gases and refined petroleum products were 548 214 cubic metres, down 11.5% from October 1999. Year-to-date deliveries of crude oil to refineries at the end of October totalled 58 903 306 cubic metres, up 3.8% from the same period in 1999.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 181 and 591-595.

The October 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*.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Eleonore Harding (613-951-5708; hardele@statcan.ca), Manufacturing, Construction and Energy Division. ■

Telecommunications statistics

Second quarter 2000

Operating revenues for the telecommunications industry were \$7.5 billion in the second quarter, up 5.1% from the second quarter of 1999. Operating profit totalled \$1.2 billion (16.3% of operating revenues). Capital expenditures for the wireline and wireless industries were \$1.1 billion and \$373 million, respectively, representing 17.9% of wireline and 27.8%

of wireless operating revenues. Per-capita wireline investment was \$34.48 in the second quarter, while wireless capital expenditures were \$48.58 for each mobile subscriber.

There were 79,216 full-time employees in the second quarter, a 0.5% decrease from the second quarter of 1999. This entailed a loss of 836 full-time employees in the wireline industry, however, 860 full-time positions were added to the wireless industry over the same period.

Just over 28.2 million voice-grade access paths were available to the public-switched telephone network, comprising 20.5 million public access lines and 7.7 million mobile telephone subscribers. Most of the recent growth in access has come from wireless or mobile services, which increased 28.3 % in the second quarter compared with the second quarter of 1999.

The second quarter 2000 issue of *Telecommunications statistics* (56-002-XIB, \$21/\$40) will be available soon. See *How to order products*.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Heidi Ertl (613-951-1891) or Jo Anne Lambert (613-951-6673), Science, Innovation and Electronic Information Division. ■

Crushing statistics

December 2000

Canadian oilseed processors crushed 280 515 metric tonnes of canola in December, according to the monthly survey of crushing plants. Oil production totalled 117 751 tonnes, and meal production amounted to 174 436 tonnes.

In the first five months of the 2000/2001 crop year, the canola crush volume was 1 384 672 tonnes, a 10% increase from 1 258 063 tonnes crushed in the same five months of 1999/2000.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 5687.

The December 2000 issue of *Cereals and oilseeds review* (22-007-XIB, \$11/\$112; 22-007-XPB, \$15/\$149) will be released in March. See *How to order products*.

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Dairy statistics

November and December 2000 (preliminary)

Monthly dairy statistics for November and December are now available.

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

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Domestic travel

First and second quarter 2000 (preliminary)

First and second quarter results from the Canadian Travel Survey are now available.

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

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Changes in the number of people taking urban transit, Canadians are riding it less and less. In 1996, each Canadian took an average of 800 out of 5 per on some form of urban transit, the lowest level in the past 25 years.
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