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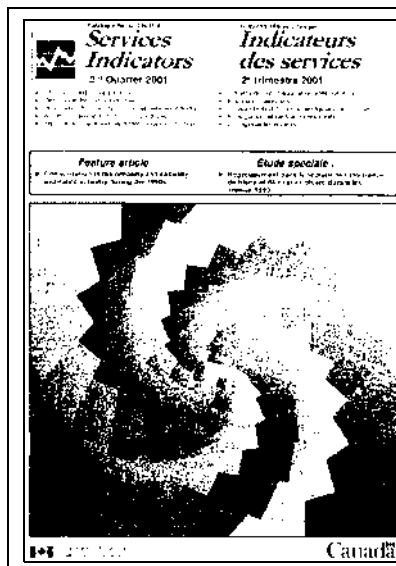
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Services indicators

Services indicators is a quarterly publication that profiles the services industries. Each edition carries updated tables and charts based on output, finances, employment and remuneration data for various services industries over the most recent eight quarters.

This issue includes the feature article, "Consolidation in the property and casualty insurance industry during the 1990s." It describes the industry's role and importance to the overall economy, and examines consolidation in the industry since 1988. For more information about this article, contact Ed Hamilton (613-951-4310; ed.hamilton@statcan.ca), Industrial Organization and Finance Division.

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Services indicators

Second quarter 2001

Gross domestic product (GDP) for the services industries increased 0.4% in real terms in the second quarter, the slowest quarterly growth rate in five years. This was the third straight quarter in which services output growth has decelerated. In comparison, goods output advanced 0.1% after having declined for two straight quarters.

GDP growth in services

	GDP growth %
Third quarter 2000	1.2
Fourth quarter 2000	0.8
First quarter 2001	0.6
Second quarter 2001	0.4

Output fell in several services industries: wholesale trade (-0.6%); architectural and other scientific services (-0.6%); and transportation and storage services (-0.5%). Output in advertising services dropped 0.5% as firms trimmed spending on advertising.

Offsetting these declines were increases in the insurance and real estate agents industry category (+3.9%), boosted by strong home sales, and in communications services (+1.7%) as a result of expansion by telecommunication carriers. Retail trade output rose 1.1%, in part due to robust auto sales, and strong growth also occurred in the finance and insurance industries (+0.9%) and in government services (+0.9%).

Personal expenditures on services rose 0.8% during the second quarter, the lowest quarterly growth rate in five years. With the consumer price index for services rising 0.9%, the increase in spending was due more to higher services prices than to higher consumer demand.

Consumer spending on services rose most rapidly for communications services (+3.1%), financial and legal services (+1.6%) and accident and sickness insurance (+1.5%). Growth was weak for restaurants and accommodations services (+0.2%) and recreational services (+0.0%). Consumer spending on purchased transportation declined 2.1%, largely due to the public transit strike in Vancouver.

Also contributing to the quarterly slowdown was a 0.3% decline in Canada's services exports, mainly the result of a significant decline in exports of travel services.

Canada's trade deficit in services shrank from \$1.85 billion to \$1.62 billion due to a 1.8% decrease in imports of services. These declines occurred because Canada's receipts from abroad for travel and transportation services fell \$278 million.

In the second quarter, the services industries created 238,600 jobs. Second-quarter increases of this magnitude are not unusual given the seasonal nature of many services industries. From 1996 to 2000, for example, second-quarter growth in the services work force averaged 253,000.

All of the added services jobs were full-time positions. As a result, the proportion of the services work force employed full-time rose from 76% to nearly 78%.

Job gains occurred in such seasonal industries as administrative and support services (+34,300 jobs), and restaurants and other food services (+29,400). Retail trade created 25,600 jobs, but this was lower than the usual second-quarter increase. However, the 24,300 jobs created in amusement parks, arcades and related services were about 50% higher than the usual number that this industry adds from April to June.

These job gains were surpassed by the 40,400 jobs created in public administration, most of which resulted from the temporary hiring of 37,000 canvassers for the 2001 Census. Despite this increase, the overall public administration work force was 780,600 during the second quarter, well short of its size in the early 1990s.

On a year-over-year basis, output in services rose 3.1% in real terms compared with the second quarter of 2000, despite slowing growth in recent quarters. In contrast, output in goods declined 0.8%.

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Steel pipe and tubing

August 2001

Steel pipe and tubing production totalled 250 698 metric tonnes in August, a 16.1% increase from 215 884 tonnes in August 2000.

Year-to-date production to the end of August totalled 1 768 427 tonnes, down 1.3% from 1 792 022 tonnes during the same period of 2000.

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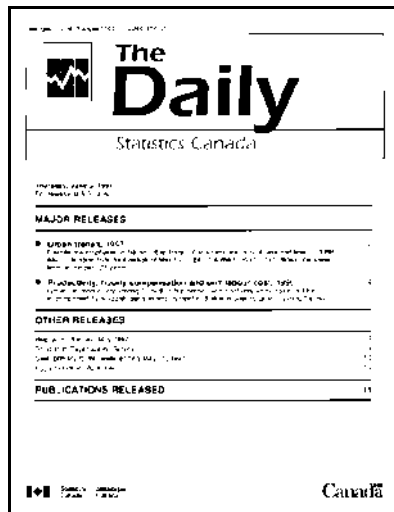
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