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Crude oil and natural gas

September 2001 (preliminary)

Crude oil production totalled 10 271 000 cubic metres in September, down 2.8% from September 2000. The decrease was partly because of a scheduled plant maintenance shutdown at a major oil sand facility. Exports, which accounted for 59.9% of total production, fell 6.9%.

Crude oil and natural gas

	Sept. 2000	Sept. 2001	Sept. 2000 to Sept. 2001
	Thousands of cubic metres		% change
Crude oil and equivalent hydrocarbons¹			
Production	10 566.2	10 271.0	-2.8
Exports	6 609.8	6 153.6	-6.9
Imports ²	4 045.6	4 408.6	9.0
Refinery receipts	8 044.1	8 303.9	3.2
	Millions of cubic metres		% change
Natural gas³			
Marketable production	13 402.6	13 514.6	0.8
Exports	7 902.6	8 796.3	11.3
Canadian domestic sales ⁴	4 207.5	3 829.6	-9.0
	Jan. to Sept. 2000	Jan. to Sept. 2001	Jan.–Sept. 2000 to Jan.–Sept. 2001
	Thousands of cubic metres		% change
Crude oil and equivalent hydrocarbons¹			
Production	95 452.1	96 203.3	0.8
Exports	60 331.5	59 409.9	-1.5
Imports ²	39 883.3	41 495.9	4.0
Refinery receipts	75 070.3	78 242.3	4.2
	Millions of cubic metres		% change
Natural gas³			
Marketable production	123 430.0	127 821.1	3.6
Exports	73 607.4	82 154.6	11.6
Canadian domestic sales ⁴	51 699.8	48 359.1	-6.5

¹ Disposition may differ from production because of inventory change, industry own-use, etc.

² Crude oil received by Canadian refineries from foreign countries for processing. Data may differ from International Trade Division (ITD) estimates because of timing differences and the inclusion of crude oil landed in Canada for future re-export in the ITD data.

³ Disposition may differ from production because of inventory change, usage as pipeline fuel, pipeline losses, line-pack fluctuations, etc.

⁴ Includes direct sales.

Marketable natural gas production rose 0.8% from September 2000. The increase was mostly the result

of marketable production in British Columbia rising about 30.0% from September 2000.

Domestic sales of natural gas fell 9.0%—the residential, commercial and industrial sectors all recorded lower sales. Sales to the industrial sector fell 6.6% compared with September 2000, owing to lower demand for natural gas by electric utilities and the chemical industry. Warmer temperatures throughout most of Canada contributed to the 23.2% decline in residential sales.

Natural gas exports, which accounted for 65.1% of total marketable production, gained 11.3%, the twelfth consecutive monthly increase.

Year-to-date production of crude oil to the end of September grew 0.8% compared with the same period in 2000; year-to-date crude oil exports fell 1.5%.

Year-to-date marketable production of natural gas was up 3.6% over the same period in 2000. Natural gas exports rose 11.6%, but domestic sales fell 6.5%.

Available on CANSIM: tables 1260001 and 1310001.

The September 2001 issue of *Supply and disposition of crude oil and natural gas* (26-006-XPB, \$19/\$186) will be available in December. See *How to order products*.

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Charitable donors

2000

Total charitable donations by Canadians in 2000 grew four times as fast as the number of donors.

Donations totalled \$5.4 billion in 2000, up 9.2% from 1999 after adjustment for inflation as measured by the Consumer Price Index. The results for 2000 maintained the upward trend seen since 1991.

After declining slightly in 1999, the number of people reporting charitable donations rose from 5.4 million to 5.5 million in 2000, up 2.3%.

As in 1999, Manitoba had the highest percentage of taxfilers declaring charitable donations in 2000.

At 29 donors per 100 taxfilers, Manitoba ranked just ahead of Ontario (28) and Saskatchewan (27). The national average remained steady at 26 donors per 100 taxfilers.

In 2000, all provinces and territories posted increases in donors except Newfoundland, which saw a slight decline of 0.2%. The largest increase was recorded in Nunavut (+9.5%), followed by Yukon (+4.9%) and Alberta (+3.4%).

Total donations increased in every province and territory except the Northwest Territories, where they fell 2.5%. The largest percentage changes were in Nunavut (+14.1%) and Ontario (+12.4%).

The median donation in Canada was \$190 in 2000, up 2.8% from 1999. This means that half of the donations by Canadian taxfilers were above \$190, and half were below.

Among the provinces and territories, Nunavut had the highest median donation, \$340, in 2000, and Prince Edward Island was second at \$300. In 1999, Nunavut and Prince Edward Island shared the top spot, with the same median donation.

Ontarians reported \$2.7 billion in charitable donations in 2000, more than half the Canadian total. Ontario residents made up 37% of taxfilers and 41% of Canadian donors.

Note: The databank on charitable donors provides information on taxfilers who claimed a tax credit for charitable donations on their income tax return in 2000. Only amounts given to charities and approved organizations for which official tax receipts were provided can be deducted. It is possible to carry donations forward for up to five years after the year in which they were made. Therefore, donations reported for the 2000 taxation year could include donations that were made in any of the five previous years but were claimed in 2000. According to tax laws, taxfilers are permitted to claim both their donations and those made by their spouses to get better tax benefits. Consequently, the number of persons who made charitable donations may be higher than the number who claimed tax credits.

Available on CANSIM: tables 1110001-1110003.

The databank for charitable donors (13C0014, variable price) is available for Canada, the provinces and territories, cities, towns, census metropolitan areas, census divisions, forward sortation areas (the first three characters of the postal code) and letter carrier routes.

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Charitable donations 2000

	Donors			Donations		
	Number	1999 to 2000	Amount	1999 to 2000	Median	Total taxfilers
		% change	(\$'000)	% change (adjusted)	\$	%
Canada	5,516,420	2.3	5,438,672	9.2	190	100
Newfoundland and Labrador	81,140	-0.2	56,092	3.0	290	1.8
Prince Edward Island	26,550	1.8	20,312	3.4	300	0.5
Nova Scotia	159,400	0.4	124,561	3.6	250	3.0
New Brunswick	127,930	2.0	112,365	4.0	260	2.5
Quebec	1,223,120	1.7	556,820	7.4	100	25.0
Ontario	2,275,620	2.7	2,727,379	12.4	230	37.4
Manitoba	232,610	0.9	237,107	7.0	240	3.7
Saskatchewan	189,770	0.9	176,790	3.0	270	3.2
Alberta	532,790	3.4	632,341	6.4	230	9.9
British Columbia	658,260	2.6	787,187	7.0	230	12.7
Yukon	3,670	4.9	3,012	6.6	180	0.1
Northwest Territories	3,950	0.5	3,179	-2.5	160	0.1
Nunavut	1,620	9.5	1,527	14.1	340	0.1

Federal government finance: Assets and liabilities

March 31, 2001

The federal government's net debt (defined as the excess of liabilities over financial assets) reached

\$545.3 billion at March 31, 2001, down \$16.4 billion, or 2.9%, from March 31, 2000. Financial assets stood at \$99.6 billion, and total liabilities reached \$644.9 billion. These data are calculated on a Financial Management System (FMS) basis.

As a percentage of gross domestic product, the federal government's net debt declined from 54.5% in 2000 to 49.8% in 2001, the lowest since 1986. Per capita, the net debt decreased from \$18,310 to \$17,605.

These statistics are based on the actual data released in the federal government's Public Accounts dated March 31, 2001 and converted to Statistics Canada's FMS.

Federal government net debt

	Net debt March 31	Net debt (as a percentage of gross domestic product)	Net debt per capita
	\$ millions	%	\$
1971	18,581	19.9	863
1975	24,769	15.0	1,075
1980	72,555	24.0	2,971
1986	245,151	48.5	9,422
1990	362,920	53.5	13,160
1991	395,075	58.1	14,141
1992	428,682	61.7	15,162
1993	471,061	65.7	16,460
1994	513,219	68.2	17,735
1995	550,685	68.5	18,820
1996	578,718	70.4	19,566
1997	588,402	67.6	19,684
1998	581,581	64.0	19,278
1999	574,468	60.8	18,891
2000	561,733	54.5	18,310
2001	545,300	49.8	17,605

Note: The FMS provides a standardized presentation of government accounting for the federal, provincial and local governments in Canada. The individual governments' accounting systems are not directly comparable because the policies and structures 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: tables 3850010, 3850014 and 3850017.

Data are available by custom and special tabulation. For more information, or general inquiries on the products or services of the Public Institutions Division, contact Joanne Rice (613-951-0767; joanne.rice@statcan.ca).

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Postcensal population estimates by various characteristics

July 1, 1998 to 2001 (preliminary)

Postcensal estimates by age, sex and marital status at July 1, 2001 as well as the updated postcensal estimates at July 1, 1998 to 2000 for Canada, the provinces and territories are now available.

These population estimates take into account the 1996 Census results, adjusted for net census undercoverage.

Available on CANSIM: table 510010.

These estimates will appear in *Annual demographic statistics, 2001* (91-213-XIB, \$56; 91-213-XPB, \$125), which will be available at a later date. See *How to order products*.

These estimates are available from Lise Champagne, Demography Division (613-951-2320; fax: 613-951-2307; lise.champagne@statcan.ca) or the nearest Statistics Canada Regional Reference Centre. For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Daniel Larrivee (613-951-0694; fax: 613-951-2307; daniel.larrivee@statcan.ca), Demography Division. ■

Air fare statistics

1999 (preliminary)

In 1999, the average domestic air fare (all types) paid by passengers was a record \$209, up 8.6% from \$193 in 1998 and 4.8% above the previous record of \$200 in 1994. This was the third consecutive annual increase in the domestic sector, erasing the effect of decreases in 1995 and 1996.

The average international air fare was \$370 in 1999, up 2.3% from 1998, but down 3.2% from the record average international fare of \$382 in 1994. This was also the third consecutive annual increase in the international sector. Fares in this sector have remained relatively stable for six consecutive quarters.

In 1999, 88.3% of passengers on domestic scheduled services flew on discount fares, up 1.3 percentage points from 87.0% in 1998.

On international scheduled services, 90.1% of passengers travelled on discount fares, about the same as in 1998.

Preliminary estimates are now available for the fourth quarter of 1999 and for 1999 as a whole. Information on the types of fares used by passengers is based on data from four Canadian Level I air carriers (AirBC, Air Canada, Canadian Airlines International Ltd. and Canadian Regional Airlines) and from four Level II carriers (Air Alliance, Air Nova, Air Ontario and Inter-Canadien). Average domestic air fares for 10 major Canadian cities are available on CANSIM.

Available on CANSIM: tables 4010003 and 4010004.

The November 2001 issue of *Aviation service bulletin* (51-004-XIB, \$8/\$82) will be available soon. See *How to order products*. A print-on-demand service is also available.

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Accounting and bookkeeping services 1999

Data for 1999 are now available on accounting and bookkeeping services, which comprises offices of professional accountants, tax preparation services, and bookkeeping and payroll services.

Revenues for the accounting and bookkeeping industry grew 12% in 1999 to \$7.5 billion. Half of the industry's revenues were generated by business locations in Ontario.

The industry's before-tax profit margin was 26.5% in 1999, down more than 3 percentage points from 1998. Note that because profit margin includes the undistributed income of partnerships and proprietorships, it is higher than it would be if only corporations were surveyed.

Audit, accounting and bookkeeping services accounted for 53% of revenues in 1999. Tax services generated 22%, and consulting services, 17%. Revenues from insolvency and bankruptcy work declined to 4%.

Available on CANSIM: table 3600007.

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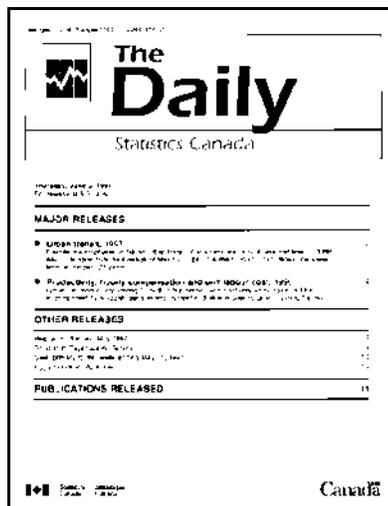
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