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Domestic sales of refined petroleum products

September 2000 (preliminary)

Sales of refined petroleum products totalled 7 486 300 cubic metres in September, down 8.8% compared with September 2000. Sales decreased for six of the seven major product groups, with the largest decrease recorded for heavy fuel oil (-253 300 cubic metres or -34.2%). This decrease was partly due to lower sales of heavy fuel oil to the electric power industry.

Sales of refined petroleum products

	Sept. 2000 ^r	Sept. 2001 ^p	Sept. 2000 to Sept. 2001
	Thousands of cubic metres		% change
Total, all products	8 205.0	7 486.3	-8.8
Motor gasoline	3 181.8	3 195.0	0.4
Diesel fuel oil	2 087.4	1 965.5	-5.8
Light fuel oil	298.4	252.6	-15.4
Heavy fuel oil	741.2	487.9	-34.2
Aviation turbo fuels	651.0	597.4	-8.2
Petrochemical feedstocks ¹	385.1	170.1	-55.8
All other refined products	860.2	817.9	-4.9
			Jan.-Sept. 2000 to Jan.-Sept. 2001
	Jan. to Sept. 2000 ^r	Jan. to Sept. 2001 ^p	Jan.-Sept. 2001
Total, all products	69 757.3	70 881.8	1.6
Motor gasoline	28 703.6	29 099.6	1.4
Diesel fuel oil	17 464.9	17 103.6	-2.1
Light fuel oil	3 405.7	3 559.5	4.5
Heavy fuel oil	4 995.0	6 251.6	25.2
Aviation turbo fuels	4 766.6	4 677.5	-1.9
Petrochemical feedstocks ¹	3 375.9	3 231.2	-4.3
All other refined products	7 045.6	6 958.8	-1.2

^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.

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Motor gasoline sales rose marginally (+13 200 cubic metres or +0.4%) from September 2000. Sales of regular non-lead motor gasoline grew by 0.2% and premium motor gasoline sales increased by 6.1%, but sales of medium motor gasoline continued its downward trend, dropping 8.9%.

Year-to-date sales of refined petroleum products were up 1 124 500 cubic metres or 1.6 % over the same period in 2000. Sales increased for three of the

seven major product groups with the largest advances recorded for heavy fuel oil (+1 256 600 cubic metres or +25.2%), motor gasoline (+396 000 cubic metres or +1.4%) and light fuel oil (+153 800 cubic metres or +4.5%).

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Self-Sufficiency Project

1998 (preliminary)

Data from a third follow-up survey to the Self-Sufficiency Project are available today.

Funded by Human Resources Development Canada, the Self-Sufficiency Project is a research demonstration project managed by the Social Research and Demonstration Corporation and conducted jointly with Statistics Canada. It was designed to determine the effectiveness of an earnings supplement to single-parents on the Income Assistance Program who found full-time jobs and agreed to leave the Income Assistance Program.

The earnings supplement was offered for a limited three-year period to each eligible individual, as part of a random assignment experiment. The project, conducted in New Brunswick and British Columbia, was designed to evaluate the effect of the earnings supplement on the employment rates, earnings, family income, income assistance receipt and other outcomes. The data released today are from the third follow-up survey of welfare applicants in British Columbia.

The report, *When financial incentives pay for themselves: Interim findings from the Self-Sufficiency Project's applicant study*, published by the Social Research and Demonstration Corporation, is now available. To obtain a copy, contact Elizabeth Rodgers (613-230-1007 ext. 5000; info@srdc.org), Social Research and Demonstration Corporation.

For further information on the findings from this project, contact Social Research and Demonstration Corporation (613-237-4311), or Hélène Lavoie (613-951-2898), Special Surveys Division, Statistics Canada. ■

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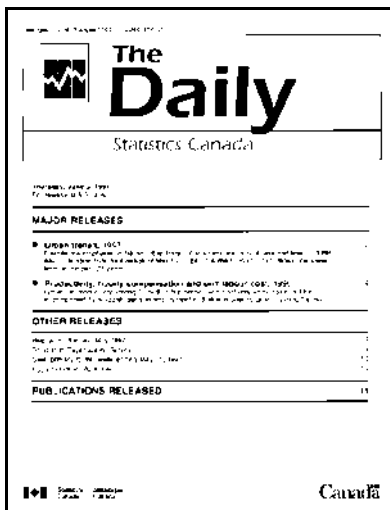
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