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Department store sales and stocks

December 2000 and 2000 (preliminary)

Holiday shoppers pushed up department store revenues in December to \$1.57 billion (seasonally adjusted), up 3.3% from November. This increase made up for the 3.2% decline in November.

The upward movement in department store sales since the spring of 2000 has slowed down in recent months. Sales in December were essentially the same as in July. Before the spring of 2000, department store sales had been declining since September 1999, following an upward movement that lasted more than a year.

Department store sales including concessions

	Dec. 1999	Dec. 2000	Dec. 1999 to Dec. 2000	Jan. to Dec. 2000	Jan.-Dec. 1999 to Jan.-Dec. 2000
	not seasonally adjusted				
	\$ millions	\$ millions	% change	\$ millions	% change
Canada	2,696.8	2,875.3	6.6	18,314.7	2.0
Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island ¹	55.6	58.3	4.9	382.0	7.8
Nova Scotia	92.4	94.0	1.8	560.3	-1.3
New Brunswick	68.5	71.4	4.2	440.6	5.1
Quebec	460.2	474.0	3.0	3,303.7	1.3
Ontario	1,181.3	1,274.4	7.9	7,918.4	2.6
Manitoba	108.2	114.5	5.8	744.8	1.0
Saskatchewan	90.4	94.8	4.9	635.3	6.1
Alberta	314.2	347.3	10.5	2,178.1	4.3
British Columbia, Yukon, Northwest Territories and Nunavut ¹	326.1	346.7	6.3	2,151.5	-2.3

¹ For reasons of confidentiality, data for Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island are combined, as are data for British Columbia, Yukon, Northwest Territories and Nunavut.

For all of 2000, department store sales totalled \$18.3 billion, up 2.0% from \$17.9 billion in 1999. This is the smallest annual increase since the 1.7% decline in 1993. Restructuring in the department store sector may partly explain the levelling off in sales over the course of 2000. On a monthly average, there were 723 stores in 2000, down 6.6% from the 1999 monthly average of 774 stores.

Most provinces saw higher department store sales in 2000 than in 1999. The group consisting of Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island posted the largest sales increase (+7.8%), followed by Saskatchewan (+6.1%) and New Brunswick (+5.1%).

The only provinces seeing lower sales in 2000 were Nova Scotia (-1.3%) and the region formed by British Columbia, Yukon, the Northwest Territories and Nunavut (-2.3%).

Note: At the end of each calendar year, seasonally adjusted monthly figures are revised to equal the sum of the unadjusted estimates. Revisions for the 2000 calendar year will be released with the February 2001 estimates. All annual comparisons in this release use the sum of unadjusted monthly estimates.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 111, 112 (series 1) and 113 (series 3).

To order data, or for general information, contact the Client Services Unit (1-877-421-3067; 613-951-3549; retailinfo@statcan.ca). For analytical information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Clérance Kimanyi (613-951-6363; kimacle@statcan.ca), Distributive Trades Division. ■

Estimates of labour income

November 2000 (preliminary)

Labour income rose 0.6% in November, the ninth monthly increase recorded in 2000. Gains in both average weekly earnings and employment contributed to the November strength. In the first 11 months of the year, labour income grew by 7.3% compared with the same period of 1999.

Wages and salaries grew in November in 12 of the 16 industry groups. Wages and salaries continued to advance in construction, transportation, storage and communications, trade, and commercial and personal services. Growth in employment, often augmented by gains in average weekly earnings, has contributed to the strength in these industries. Following declines in October, wages and salaries grew in November in manufacturing and finance, insurance and real estate. Both of these industries have recorded generally steady gains throughout the year.

Wages and salaries in the military dropped in November, following a sharp increase in October. Special payments made in October explain these monthly fluctuations.

Wages and salaries and supplementary labour income

	Oct. 2000 ^r	Nov. 2000 ^p	Oct. to Nov. 2000
	seasonally adjusted		
	\$ millions		% change
Agriculture, fishing and trapping	312.8	319.2	2.1
Logging and forestry	275.6	272.0	-1.3
Mining, quarrying and oil wells	874.9	868.5	-0.7
Manufacturing	7,493.2	7,526.0	0.4
Construction	2,432.0	2,456.3	1.0
Other utilities	635.6	636.9	0.2
Transportation, storage, communications	2,828.6	2,851.4	0.8
Trade	5,677.3	5,724.0	0.8
Finance, insurance and real estate	3,583.8	3,631.0	1.3
Commercial and personal services	7,122.1	7,216.3	1.3
Educational and related services	2,949.5	2,957.4	0.3
Health and social services	3,035.8	3,060.5	0.8
Federal administration and other government services	985.6	967.9	-1.8
Provincial administration	739.4	742.3	0.4
Local administration	689.2	698.6	1.4
Military	324.1	287.4	-11.3
Total wages and salaries	39,959.4	40,215.8	0.6
Supplementary labour income	5,238.9	5,276.0	0.7
Labour income	45,198.3	45,491.8	0.6

^r Revised figures.

^p Preliminary figures.

Note: Labour income consists of wages and salaries (88%), plus supplementary labour income (12%). Wages and salaries include items such as bonuses, gratuities, taxable allowances and retroactive wage payments. Supplementary labour income is employers' contributions to employee welfare, pension, workers' compensation and employment insurance plans. Labour income accounts for about 52% of gross domestic product.

Users of the labour income data should note that the seasonally adjusted data are revised back to January 2000.

Beginning with the March 2001 data, which will be released on May 31, the labour income estimates will be based on the North American Industry Classification (NAICS). At that time, NAICS-based historical series will be released for the period January 1997 through March 2001. For more information on the NAICS, consult the *Concepts, definitions and methods* page on Statistics Canada's Web site (www.statcan.ca).

Also beginning with the March 2001 data, the monthly estimates of labour income will only be published quarterly, in conjunction with the National Economic and Financial Accounts estimates.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 6596-6624.

The November 2000 issue of *Estimates of labour income, monthly estimates, tables and analytical document* (13F0016XPB, \$20/\$200) is now available. At 8:30 a.m. on release day, data sets can be obtained on computer diskette (13F0016XDB, \$250/\$1,000). The diskettes can be purchased at a lower cost seven business days after the official release date (13F0016XDB, \$50/\$200). To purchase either of these products, contact the client services officer (613-951-3810, iead-info-dcrrd@statcan.ca), Income and Expenditure Accounts Division.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Katherine Fraser (613-951-4049; fax: 613-951-3618), Income and Expenditure Accounts Division. ■

Steel wire and specified wire products November 2000

Shipments of steel wire and specified wire products totalled 56 927 metric tonnes in November, down 25.9% from 76 820 tonnes in November 1999. Production and export market data for selected commodities are also available.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 122 (series 19).

The November 2000 issue of *Steel wire and specified wire products* (41-006-XIB, \$5/\$47) 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 Don Grant (613-951-5998; grantdo@statcan.ca), Manufacturing, Construction and Energy Division. ■

Retailing in Canada 1998

Retailing in Canada, 1998 is now available. Included in this publication is a paper entitled "Changes in outputs of annual retail trade surveys." The first objective of the paper is to inform retail data users, industry analysts, trade associations and other stakeholders about changes to the annual retail trade surveys. The second is to seek input from stakeholders on possible data outputs.

Changes in outputs of annual retail trade surveys (63F0022XIE, free) can also be downloaded from Statistics Canada's Web site (www.statcan.ca). From the *Products and services* page, choose *Research papers* (free), then *Trade*.

Retailing in Canada, 1998 (63-236-XIB, \$26) is now available. See *How to order products*.

For general information, contact the Client Services Unit (1-877-421-3067; 613-951-3549; retailinfo@statcan.ca). For analytical information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Carol Nusum-Sol (613-951-2117; solcaro@statcan.ca), Distributive Trades Division. ■

Egg production

December 2000 (preliminary)

Egg production estimates for December are now available.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 1145, 1146 and 5689-5691.

To order *Production of eggs* (23-003-XPB; \$110), contact Julie Gordon (613-951-5039), Agriculture Division.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality for this release, contact Sandy Giefeldt (613-951-2505) or Gilles Beaudry (613-951-7128; gilles.beaudry@statcan.ca), Agriculture Division. ■

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November 2000
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Catalogue number 13F0016XPB (\$20/\$200).

Gross domestic product by industry, November 2000
Catalogue number 15-001-XIE (\$11/\$110).

Cereals and oilseeds review, November 2000
Catalogue number 22-007-XIB (\$11/\$112).

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Catalogue number 23-003-XPB (\$110).

Monthly Survey of Manufacturing, November 2000
Catalogue number 31-001-XIB (\$15/\$147).

Steel wire and specified wire products,
November 2000
Catalogue number 41-006-XIB (\$5/\$47).

Refined petroleum products, September 2000
Catalogue number 45-004-XIB (\$16/\$155).

Refined petroleum products, September 2000
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Retailing in Canada, 1998
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