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Travel between Canada and other countries April 2001

Travel to Canada dipped slightly in April, after rising in March. As well, Canadian travel outside the country fell for the third consecutive month.

Foreign travel into Canada, including same-day and overnight trips from both the United States and overseas nations, decreased 1.3% to 4.1 million trips in April. During that month, Americans took 1.3% fewer trips and overseas residents took 1.8% fewer trips than they did in March.

Meanwhile, the overall (revised) number of international trips by Canadians to both the United States and overseas nations fell 1.5% from March to 3.8 million, the third consecutive monthly decrease. Canadian travel to the United States fell 1.7%, and to overseas destinations, 0.3%. (Data are seasonally adjusted and cover both same-day and overnight trips).

Americans made 1.3 million trips of one night or more to Canada in April, down 1.8% from March. Canadians also cut back their overnight trips south of the border by 1.7% to 1.2 million.

The number of overnight auto trips by Americans to Canada decreased 3.1% to 821,000 in April. American travel by plane increased 1.0% to 333,000 trips. Meanwhile, Canadians took 639,000 trips of one or more nights by car to the United States in April, down 2.9%. Canadian overnight travel by plane to the United States decreased 0.5% to 426,000.

Same-day car trips by Americans to Canada decreased 0.6% in April to 2.3 million trips. The flow of Canadians travelling south of the border by car dipped 1.5% to just over 2.1 million.

Canadians took 411,000 overnight trips to overseas countries in April, down just 0.3% from March. Overseas residents decreased their number of overnight trips to Canada by 1.0% to 381,000, following an increase of 3.4% in March.

Travellers from only 4 of Canada's top 12 overseas markets showed increases in same-day and overnight trips to Canada in April. Mexico posted the strongest gain in travel to Canada (+38.4%), followed by Australia (+2.0%), the United Kingdom (+1.4%) and Germany (+0.7%).

Travel between Canada and other countries

	March 2001 ^r	April 2001 ^p	March to April 2001	April 2001 ^p	April 2000 to April 2001
	Seasonally adjusted			Unadjusted	
	'000		% change	'000	% change
Canadian trips abroad¹	3,863	3,805	-1.5	3,932	-5.2
To the United States	3,451	3,394	-1.7	3,484	-6.6
To other countries	412	411	-0.3	447	7.1
Same-day car trips to the United States	2,159	2,127	-1.5	2,127	-7.6
Total trips, one or more nights	1,611	1,590	-1.3	1,747	-1.8
United States ²	1,199	1,179	-1.7	1,300	-4.5
Car	658	639	-2.9	685	-5.2
Plane	429	426	-0.5	496	-5.4
Other modes of transport	113	114	0.8	119	3.4
Other countries ³	412	411	-0.3	447	7.1
Travel to Canada¹	4,206	4,149	-1.3	3,455	0.4
From the United States	3,807	3,757	-1.3	3,166	1.0
From other countries	399	392	-1.8	290	-5.8
Same-day car trips from the United States	2,295	2,281	-0.6	2,103	-0.2
Total trips, one or more nights	1,736	1,708	-1.6	1,223	1.7
United States ²	1,352	1,328	-1.8	945	3.7
Car	847	821	-3.1	561	1.9
Plane	330	333	1.0	267	3.2
Other modes of transport	175	174	-0.6	117	14.9
Other countries ³	384	381	-1.0	277	-4.6
Most important overseas markets⁴					
United Kingdom	77	79	1.4	60	-6.3
Japan	47	45	-4.2	33	-3.0
France	33	32	-0.8	23	-4.1
Germany	32	32	0.7	19	-18.7
Mexico	12	17	38.4	16	7.7
Australia	16	16	2.0	12	9.0
South Korea	15	15	-2.5	10	7.3
Hong Kong	14	13	-11.9	9	-4.6
Taiwan	18	11	-40.4	11	-25.7
Netherlands	11	9	-13.4	6	-14.9
Switzerland	9	9	-3.6	5	-9.6
Italy	9	9	-0.5	6	-18.7

^r Revised figures.

^p Preliminary figures.

¹ Totals exceed the sum of «same-day car trips» and «total trips, one or more nights» because they include all of the same-day trips.

² Estimates for the United States include counts of cars and buses, and estimated numbers for planes, trains, boats and other methods.

³ Figures for other countries exclude same-day entries by land only, via the United States.

⁴ Includes same-day and trips of one or more nights.

Available on CANSIM: tables 4270001-4270006 and matrices 2661-2698, 5780-6049 and 8200-8329.

The April 2001 issue of *International travel, advance information* (66-001-PIB, \$6/\$55) 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 Laurie McDougall (613-951-6766) or the Client Services, Culture, Tourism and the Centre for Education Statistics (1-800-307-3382; 613-951-7608; fax: 613-951-2909; cult&tourstats@statcan.ca). ■

Particleboard, oriented strandboard and fibreboard

April 2001

Oriented strandboard production totalled 676 941 cubic metres in April, up 2.4% from 660 984 cubic metres in April 2000. Particleboard production reached 260 641 cubic metres, up 22.3% from 213 036 cubic metres in April 2000. Fibreboard production totalled 84 312 cubic metres, down 10.8% from 94 513 cubic metres in April 2000.

Year-to-date oriented strandboard production to the end of April totalled 2 608 223 cubic metres, a 1.0% decrease from 2 629 526 cubic metres in the same period of 2000. Particleboard production reached 954 602 cubic metres, up 18.5% from 805 464 cubic metres in the same period of 2000. Year-to-date fibreboard production reached 318 910 cubic metres, down 14.6% from 373 351 cubic metres in the same period of 2000.

Available on CANSIM: table 3030002 and matrices 31 (series 2, 3, 5) and 122 (series 8).

The April 2001 issue of *Particleboard, oriented strandboard and fibreboard* (36-003-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 Sara Breen (613-951-3521; sara.breen@statcan.ca), Manufacturing, Construction and Energy Division. ■

Employment Insurance statistics

Statistics Canada's Employment Insurance program has completed a revision of the beneficiaries' data series. With the April 2001 data release, on June 21, Employment Insurance beneficiaries' data will be revised back to January 1997.

Please note that the Employment Insurance data on claims, disqualifications and disentitlements and weeks were not affected by the revision.

For more information about all Employment Insurance series, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact the Client Services Section (1-866-873-8788; 613-951-4090; fax: 613-951-4087; labour@statcan.ca), Labour Statistics Division. ■

Maintenance and repair expenditures in housing

2000

Data on maintenance and repair expenditures in housing for 2000 are now available.

Available on CANSIM: table 260009 and matrix 439.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Michel Pascal (613-951-3797; michel.pascal@statcan.ca), Income and Expenditures Accounts Division. ■

Stocks of frozen poultry meat

June 1, 2001 (preliminary)

Stocks of frozen poultry meat in cold storage on June 1, were 63.8 thousand metric tonnes, up 2.4% from June 1, 2000.

Available on CANSIM: tables 30023 and 30024 and matrices 5675-5677.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Sandy Gielfeldt (613-951-2505; sandy.gielfeldt@statcan.ca) or Robert Plourde (613-951-8716; robert.plourde@statcan.ca), Agriculture Division. ■

Small area retail trade estimates database

1998

The 1998 small area retail trade estimates for sales and the number of locations are now available by 1980 Standard Industrial Classification codes and by postal code.

For urban Canada Post delivery areas, the estimates are available at the Forward Sortation Area level — the first three digits of the postal code. For rural areas, estimates are available at the six-digit postal code level.

Within these geographic areas, estimates by type of retailer are available. Data are available at the two- and three-digit level of industrial detail, subject to confidentiality.

To order data, for more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of

this release, contact the Marketing and Client Services Unit (1-877-421-3067; 613-951-3549; retailinfo@statcan.ca), Distributive Trades Division. ■

NEW PRODUCTS

Particleboard, oriented strandboard and fibreboard,
 April 2001, Vol. 37, no. 4
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International travel, advance information, April 2001,
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