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- **New motor vehicle sales, May 2001** 2
New truck sales slipped in May, causing an overall decline of 2.1% in new motor vehicle sales compared with April.

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NEW PRODUCTS



Sustained recovery of sales in the west

Since the start of the year, new motor vehicle sales have advanced rapidly in the west. They have grown at a slower pace in the east and have stabilized in Central Canada, which includes Ontario and Quebec.

In the west, the growth of new motor vehicle sales has come from each of the four provinces, whereas in the east, it has been mainly attributable to New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. In Central Canada, Ontario and Quebec have both posted fairly stable sales since the start of the year.

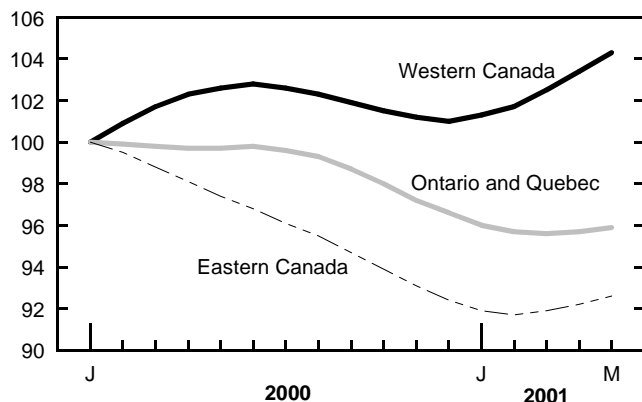
Available on CANSIM: tables 790001 and 790002 and matrix 64.

The May 2001 issue of *New motor vehicle sales* (63-007-XIB, \$13/\$124) will be available soon. See *How to order products*.

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Trends of new motor vehicle sales by region

Indexes (January 2000=100)



Note: Eastern Canada consists of Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. Western Canada consists of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, and British Columbia (including Northwest Territories, Yukon and Nunavut)

New motor vehicle sales

	May 2000	April 2001 ^r	May 2001 ^p	May 2000 to May 2001	April to May 2001
seasonally adjusted					
	Number of vehicles			% change	
New motor vehicles	131,088	134,280	131,456	0.3	-2.1
Passenger cars	69,908	71,714	72,642	3.9	1.3
North American ¹	52,787	51,993	51,486	-2.5	-1.0
Overseas	17,120	19,721	21,156	23.6	7.3
Trucks, vans and buses	61,180	62,566	58,814	-3.9	-6.0
New motor vehicles					
Newfoundland	1,665	1,976	1,907	14.5	-3.5
Prince Edward Island	426	397	373	-12.4	-6.0
Nova Scotia	3,557	3,654	3,705	4.2	1.4
New Brunswick	3,284	3,395	3,216	-2.1	-5.3
Quebec	31,848	34,070	33,043	3.8	-3.0
Ontario	54,372	53,858	52,349	-3.7	-2.8
Manitoba	3,485	3,826	3,683	5.7	-3.7
Saskatchewan	3,104	3,205	3,197	3.0	-0.2
Alberta	14,941	15,682	15,288	2.3	-2.5
British Columbia ²	14,406	14,216	14,694	2.0	3.4
	May 2000	April 2001	May 2001 ^p	May 2000 to May 2001	
unadjusted					
	Number of vehicles			% change	
New motor vehicles	167,225	150,179	169,058	1.1	
Passenger cars	93,729	83,053	99,699	6.4	
North American ¹	72,033	59,087	71,405	-0.9	
Overseas	21,696	23,966	28,294	30.4	
Trucks, vans and buses	73,496	67,126	69,359	-5.6	
New motor vehicles					
Newfoundland	2,711	2,491	3,240	19.5	
Prince Edward Island	621	421	549	-11.6	
Nova Scotia	5,138	4,555	5,682	10.6	
New Brunswick	4,755	4,111	4,583	-3.6	
Quebec	42,928	41,353	45,022	4.9	
Ontario	67,751	57,144	64,752	-4.4	
Manitoba	4,105	4,017	4,416	7.6	
Saskatchewan	3,474	3,382	3,643	4.9	
Alberta	18,720	17,137	19,188	2.5	
British Columbia ²	17,022	15,568	17,983	5.6	

^r Revised figures.

^p Preliminary figures.

¹ Manufactured or assembled in Canada, the United States or Mexico.

² Includes Yukon, the Northwest Territories and Nunavut.

OTHER RELEASES

Steel pipe and tubing

May 2001

Steel pipe and tubing production for May 2001 totalled 229 356 metric tonnes, a 1.6% decrease from 233 009 tonnes in May 2000.

Year-to-date production to the end of May 2001 totalled 1 105 929 tonnes, down 7.7% from 1 198 348 tonnes in the same period in 2000.

The May 2001 issue of *Production and shipments of steel pipe and tubing*, Vol. 25, no. 5 (41-011-XIB, \$5/\$47) is now available. See *How to order products*.

Available on CANSIM: table 3030003 and matrix 35.

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Restaurants, caterers and taverns

May 2001

Estimated total receipts of restaurants, caterers and taverns for May were \$2.77 billion, an increase of 8.6% over the May 2000 estimate.

Available on CANSIM: table 3550001 and matrix 62.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Bill Birbeck (613-951-3506), Services Industries Division. ■

NEW PRODUCTS

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Production and shipments of steel pipe and tubing, May 2001, Vol. 25, no. 5
Catalogue number 41-011-XIB (\$5/\$47).

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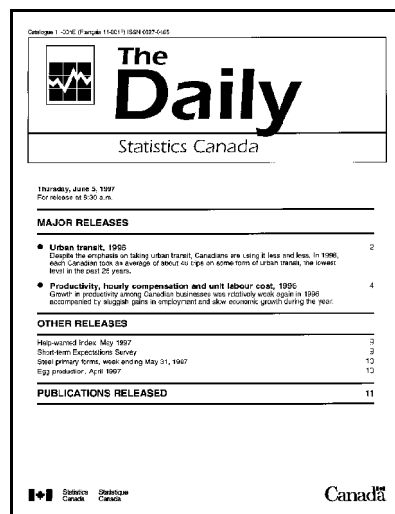
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