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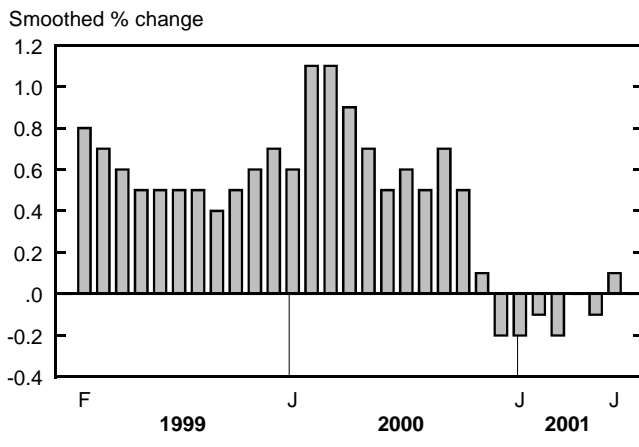
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### Composite Index

June 2001

The leading indicator edged up 0.1% in June, after no change in April and a 0.1% decline in May. This marked the first increase since December 2000 (a gain in the preliminary estimate for February was quickly revised to a loss). The increase originated in continued strength in housing together with an upturn in the U.S. leading index, whereas the stock market slumped and manufacturing remained weak. Overall, three components fell, two fewer than in May.

Composite Index



Household demand for big-ticket items remained the most buoyant sector of the economy, as real incomes were boosted by tax cuts and lower gasoline prices. The housing index posted a third straight increase in June; housing starts rose after vacancy rates in May touched a low for the year, while existing home sales set a new record high in June. Spending on furniture and appliances and other durable goods remained strong.

As in Canada, the U.S. leading indicator turned up; a 0.2% gain followed nearly a year of declines. The gain largely reflected the impact of a loosening of monetary policy on the money supply and the yield curve.

In Canada, manufacturing shipments firmed up, but not enough to offset another increase in inventories, and their ratio continued to slide. The trend of new orders remained negative. Demand for services was unchanged, after posting its first decline in two years in May.

**Available on CANSIM: table 3770003 and matrix 193.**

For more information on the economy, the July 2001 issue of *Canadian economic observer* (11-010-XPB, \$23/\$227) is now available. See *How to order products*.

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## Composite Index

	January 2001	February 2001	March 2001	April 2001	May 2001	June 2001	Last month of data available % change
<b>Composite leading indicator (1992=100)</b>	<b>166.7</b>	<b>166.5</b>	<b>166.2</b>	<b>166.2</b>	<b>166.1</b>	<b>166.3</b>	<b>0.1</b>
Housing index (1992=100) <sup>1</sup>	102.0	103.0	102.9	103.9	106.4	107.3	0.8
Business and personal services employment ('000)	2,495	2,500	2,501	2,504	2,502	2,503	0.0
TSE 300 stock price index (1975=1,000)	9,419	8,959	8,552	8,378	8,223	7,906	-3.9
Money supply, M1 (\$ millions, 1992) <sup>2</sup>	94,240	94,953	95,544	96,359	96,407	96,970	0.6
U.S. composite leading indicator (1992=100) <sup>3</sup>	107.6	107.5	107.3	107.1	107.0	107.2	0.2
<b>Manufacturing</b>							
Average work week (hours)	38.8	38.8	38.9	38.9	39.0	39.0	0.0
New orders, durables (\$ millions, 1992) <sup>4</sup>	23,485	23,169	22,829	22,881	22,547	22,061	-2.2
Shipments/inventories of finished goods <sup>4</sup>	1.86	1.85	1.83	1.81	1.78	1.77	-0.01 <sup>5</sup>
<b>Retail trade</b>							
Furniture and appliance sales (\$ millions, 1992) <sup>4</sup>	1,537	1,545	1,568	1,582	1,599	1,610	0.7
Other durable goods sales (\$ millions, 1992) <sup>4</sup>	7,097	7,075	7,082	7,070	7,099	7,169	1.0
Unsmoothed composite	166.3	167.2	165.9	165.5	165.8	167.1	0.8

<sup>1</sup> Composite index of housing starts (units) and house sales (multiple listing service).

<sup>2</sup> Deflated by the Consumer Price Index for all items.

<sup>3</sup> The figures in this row reflect data published in the month indicated, but the figures themselves refer to data for the month immediately preceding.

<sup>4</sup> The figures in this row reflect data published in the month indicated, but the figures themselves refer to data for two preceding months.

<sup>5</sup> Difference from previous month.



## OTHER RELEASES

### Monthly Survey of Large Retailers

May 2001

Sales by the group of large retailers totalled \$6.8 billion in May, an 8.9% increase over May 2000. Each commodity group recorded a year-over-year sales increase in May. The largest gains were posted for health and personal care products, hardware, lawn and garden products, and sporting and leisure goods. (All data in this release are unadjusted for seasonality.)

#### Sales by commodity for the group of large retailers

	April 2001 <sup>r</sup>	May 2000 <sup>r</sup>	May 2001 <sup>P</sup>	May 2000 to May 2001
	Unadjusted			
	\$ millions		% change	
<b>Commodities</b>				
Food and beverages	2,094	2,061	2,237	8.5
Clothing, footwear and accessories	1,222	1,203	1,278	6.2
Home furnishings and electronics	805	784	819	4.5
Health and personal care products	498	475	547	15.1
Housewares	270	277	297	7.4
Sporting and leisure goods	290	279	316	13.0
Hardware and lawn and garden products	300	477	542	13.6
All other goods and services	687	682	757	11.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,166</b>	<b>6,239</b>	<b>6,794</b>	<b>8.9</b>

<sup>r</sup> Revised figures.

<sup>P</sup> Preliminary figures.

The health and personal care products category posted the largest year-over-year sales gain for the group in May compared with May 2000 (+15.1%). Within this category, drug sales (which also include vitamins and herbal remedies) were up 19.1%. The continued growth in drug sales can be attributed largely to the continued expansion of department and grocery stores into areas traditionally associated with drug stores. Grocery and department stores accounted for more than 80% of May's increase in drug sales by the group of large retailers.

In May, hardware, the lawn and garden products category posted its largest advance, 13.6%, since August 2000. As the weather made a swing towards summer, lawn and garden product sales rose 16.1%. However, hardware and home renovation sales rose less sharply, by 7.5%.

The sporting and leisure goods category posted the group's third largest percentage increase in May, 13.0%. Sporting goods sales were particularly strong, increasing 21.4% over May 2000 and accounting for almost 82% of the sales increase in this category. However, leisure goods sales did not fare as well; for example, revenues from toy sales were up only 1.8% from May 2000.

**Available on CANSIM: table 800009 and matrix 2395.**

To order data, or for general information, contact the Client Services Unit (1-877-421-3067; 613-951-3549; [retailinfo@statcan.ca](mailto:retailinfo@statcan.ca)). For analytical information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Elton Cryderman (613-951-0669; [elton.cryderman@statcan.ca](mailto:elton.cryderman@statcan.ca)), Distributive Trades Division. ■

### Annual Survey of Manufacturers

1999

The Annual Survey of Manufacturers provides information on more than 250 different industries. Data for the industries listed in the following tables are now available for Canada.

**Available on CANSIM: table 3010003 and matrices 11683, 11684, 11718, 11719, 11727, 11728, 11732, 11733, 11736, 11747, 11748, 11751, 11752, 11758, 11759, 11761, 11762, 11841, 11842, 11847, 11849, 11850, 11857, 11858, 11862, 11863, 11936, 11954, 11978, 12016, 12023, 12037, 12038, 12046, 12047, 12058, 12078, 12085 and 12086.**

Data for the industries listed in the table will appear in *Manufacturing industries of Canada: National and provincial areas* (31-203-XPB, \$68). Research papers on manufacturing are available on Statistics Canada's Web site ([www.statcan.ca](http://www.statcan.ca)). From the *Our products and services* page, choose *Research papers (free)*, then *Manufacturing*.

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Value of shipments

Industry	North American Industry Classification System	1998	1999	1998 to 1999	Matrix
		\$ millions		% change	
Soft drink and ice manufacturing	312110	3,123.7	3,029.8	-3.0	11684
Curtain and linen mills	314120	671.9	633.0	-5.8	11719
Hosiery and sock mills	315110	463.2	400.7	-13.5	11728
Cut and sew clothing contracting	315210	535.6	507.4	-5.3	11733
Men's and boys' cut and sew suit, coat and overcoat manufacturing	315222	584.0	577.9	-1.0	11736
Infants' cut and sew clothing manufacturing	315291	89.5	102.4	14.5	11747
Fur and leather clothing manufacturing	315292	200.9	242.6	20.7	11748
Clothing accessories and other clothing manufacturing	315990	265.7	240.8	-9.4	11752
Footwear manufacturing	316210	607.9	548.0	-9.9	11759
Other leather and allied product manufacturing	316990	152.6	152.9	0.2	11762
Resin and synthetic rubber manufacturing	325210	5,635.3	5,705.6	1.2	11842
Chemical fertilizer (except potash) manufacturing	325313	1,906.6	1,767.3	-7.3	11847
Pesticide and other agricultural chemical manufacturing	325320	393.3	310.0	-21.2	11850
Adhesive manufacturing	325520	460.3	458.2	-0.5	11858
Toilet preparation manufacturing	325620	1,106.4	1,037.7	-6.2	11863
Cold-rolled steel shape manufacturing	331221	423.0	418.9	-1.0	11936
Non-ferrous die-casting foundries	331523	823.7	886.5	7.6	11954
Metal can manufacturing	332431	1,217.9	1,222.8	0.4	11978
All other industrial machinery manufacturing	333299	765.0	922.4	20.6	12016
Heating equipment and commercial refrigeration equipment manufacturing	333416	1,406.8	1,432.6	1.8	12023
All other general-purpose machinery manufacturing	333990	2,084.4	1,764.4	-15.4	12038
Radio and television broadcasting and wireless communications equipment manufacturing	334220	1,367.6	1,513.5	10.7	12047
Navigational and guidance instruments manufacturing	334511	1,295.4	1,195.7	-7.7	12058
Motor and generator manufacturing	335312	633.3	632.0	-0.2	12078
Wiring device manufacturing	335930	368.4	366.1	-0.6	12086



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## NEW PRODUCTS

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**Retail trade, May 2001**  
Catalogue number **63-005-XIB** (\$16/\$155).

**Retail trade, May 2001**  
Catalogue number **63-005-XPB** (\$21/\$206).

**Canadian international merchandise trade, May 2001**  
Catalogue number **65-001-XIB** (\$14/\$141).

**Canadian international merchandise trade, May 2001**  
Catalogue number **65-001-XPB** (\$19/\$188).

**Travel-log, Summer 2001, Vol. 20, no. 3**  
Catalogue number **87-003-XIE** (\$5/\$16).

**Travel-log, Summer 2001, Vol. 20, no. 3**  
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