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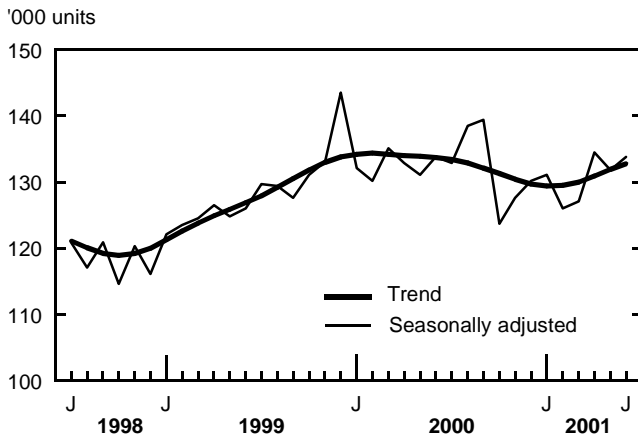
New motor vehicle sales

June 2001

In June, sales of new motor vehicles rose 1.5% from the previous month, reaching 133,766 units. June's increase followed a 2.0% decline in May.

Partly owing to incentives introduced very early in the year by some manufacturers to reduce inventories, new motor vehicle sales have been on the rise since the start of this year. Previously, sales had been slowing since the fall of 2000, following fairly stable sales since the start of that year.

New motor vehicle sales maintain an upward movement



Fourth consecutive monthly increase for cars

In June, new passenger car sales rose 0.7% to 73,451 vehicles. This was the fourth consecutive monthly increase. June's increase is mainly attributable to North American-built cars, up 1.8%, whereas sales of overseas-built cars declined 2.0%. However, that decline followed two strong gains in May (+7.3%) and April (+6.8%).

With the increases in recent months, overall sales of new cars have maintained an upward movement since the start of the year, after a period of declining sales that began in the fall of 2000. Previously, sales had been generally moving upward since the end of 1998.

New truck sales in June were up 2.4% from May to 60,315 vehicles. This gain followed two strong

Note to readers

All the data in this release are seasonally adjusted. Seasonally adjusted provincial data from January 1991 are available on CANSIM.

Passenger cars include those used for personal and commercial purposes, such as taxis or rental cars. Trucks include minivans, sport-utility vehicles, light and heavy trucks, vans and buses.

North American-built new motor vehicles include those manufactured or assembled in Canada, the United States or Mexico. All other new motor vehicles are considered to have been manufactured overseas.

For reasons of confidentiality, data for the Yukon, the Northwest Territories and Nunavut are included in the figures for British Columbia.

monthly fluctuations that cancelled each other out. Part of June's increase resulted from various incentives introduced by manufacturers to stimulate sales.

New truck sales, which had been relatively flat since the start of the year, began edging upward in June. This follows a downward trend that began in the summer of 2000. Previously, sales had been generally stable since the summer of 1999.

Car sales grew faster than truck sales in the second quarter

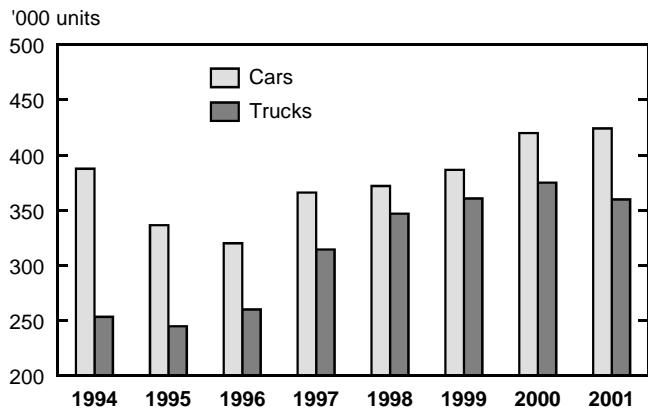
In the second quarter, new motor vehicle sales were up 4.2% from the first quarter, when they advanced 0.7%. This year's second-quarter sales were 0.6% higher than last year's second-quarter sales.

Quarterly sales of new passenger cars grew faster than truck sales in the second quarter of 2001, rising 6.0% compared with a 2.0% gain for trucks. The increase in car sales followed a 2.1% decline in the first quarter, whereas for trucks the increase followed a 4.1% gain.

Truck sales down in the first six months of 2001

In the first six months of 2001, the number of new motor vehicles sold was 1.4% lower than in the first half of 2000. Over the same period, truck sales were down 4.0% — marking the first semi-annual decline since 1995. As for new passenger cars, sales were 1.0% higher than they were in the first half of 2000. This was the fifth straight year of rising sales in the first half of the year for new passenger cars.

Cumulative sales of new motor vehicles for the first six months of the year



Monthly sales solid in Newfoundland

In June, new motor vehicle sales varied substantially from one province to another. Newfoundland recorded

the largest monthly increase (+15.6%). The only other provinces to report gains in June were Alberta (+5.4%), Ontario (+2.5%) and Quebec (+1.6%).

Looking at cumulative sales of new vehicles for the first six months of 2001, the only provinces to post year-over-year increases were Alberta (+6.3%), Quebec (+1.8%) and Saskatchewan (+1.7%).

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

The June 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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New motor vehicle sales

	June 2000	May 2001 ^r	June 2001 ^p	June 2000 to June 2001	May to June 2001
seasonally adjusted					
	number of vehicles			% change	
New motor vehicles sold	133,802	131,816	133,766	0.0	1.5
Passenger cars	68,565	72,927	73,451	7.1	0.7
North American ¹	51,822	51,779	52,721	1.7	1.8
Overseas	16,744	21,147	20,730	23.8	-2.0
Trucks, vans and buses	65,237	58,890	60,315	-7.5	2.4
New motor vehicles sold by province					
Newfoundland	2,056	1,935	2,237	8.8	15.6
Prince Edward Island	446	372	369	-17.3	-0.8
Nova Scotia	3,822	3,707	3,477	-9.0	-6.2
New Brunswick	3,483	3,211	3,154	-9.4	-1.8
Quebec	32,750	33,118	33,651	2.8	1.6
Ontario	56,990	52,503	53,822	-5.6	2.5
Manitoba	3,503	3,663	3,418	-2.4	-6.7
Saskatchewan	3,193	3,193	3,117	-2.4	-2.4
Alberta	14,679	15,393	16,229	10.6	5.4
British Columbia ²	12,879	14,722	14,291	11.0	-2.9
	June 2000	May 2001	June 2001 ^p	June 2000 to June 2001	
unadjusted					
	number of vehicles			% change	
New motor vehicles sold	160,649	169,058	161,073	0.3	
Passenger cars	84,131	99,699	89,268	6.1	
North American ¹	64,038	71,405	64,910	1.4	
Overseas	20,093	28,294	24,358	21.2	
Trucks, vans and buses	76,518	69,359	71,805	-6.2	
New motor vehicles sold by province					
Newfoundland	2,822	3,240	3,104	10.0	
Prince Edward Island	717	549	563	-21.5	
Nova Scotia	5,155	5,682	4,638	-10.0	
New Brunswick	4,496	4,583	4,165	-7.4	
Quebec	39,325	45,022	39,937	1.6	
Ontario	68,676	64,752	65,322	-4.9	
Manitoba	4,018	4,416	3,967	-1.3	
Saskatchewan	3,651	3,643	3,632	-0.5	
Alberta	16,351	19,188	18,639	14.0	
British Columbia ²	15,438	17,983	17,106	10.8	

^r Revised figures.

^p Preliminary figures.

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

² Includes data for the Yukon, the Northwest Territories and Nunavut.

OTHER RELEASES

Apartment Building Construction Price Index

Second quarter 2001

The composite price index for apartment building construction (1992=100) was 121.6 in the second quarter, up 0.7% over the first quarter of 2001 and up 3.0% compared with the second quarter of 2000.

The highest quarterly change was recorded in Montréal, Ottawa and Toronto (all three at +0.9%), followed by Calgary (+0.6%), Halifax and Edmonton (both at +0.5%) and Vancouver (+0.3%).

Toronto and Calgary saw the highest year-over-year gain compared with the second quarter of 2000 (both +4.2%), followed by Ottawa (+4.0%), Edmonton (+3.7%), Montréal (+1.9%), Vancouver (+1.8%) and Halifax (+1.1%).

Apartment Building Construction Price Indexes (1992=100)

	Second quarter 2001	Second quarter 2000 to second quarter 2001 % change	First quarter to second quarter 2001
Composite index	121.6	3.0	0.7
Halifax	112.4	1.1	0.5
Montréal	119.4	1.9	0.9
Ottawa	124.5	4.0	0.9
Toronto	128.7	4.2	0.9
Calgary	123.9	4.2	0.6
Edmonton	122.0	3.7	0.5
Vancouver	119.0	1.8	0.3

Note: The Apartment Building Construction Price Indexes provide an indication of new construction cost changes in seven major urban areas across Canada (Halifax, Montréal, Ottawa, Toronto, Calgary, Edmonton and Vancouver). Besides each of the urban areas' indexes and the composite index, there are further breakdowns of cost changes by trade groups within the building (structural, architectural, mechanical and electrical). These price indexes are derived from surveys of general and special trade-group contractors who report on the categories of costs (material, labour, equipment, taxes, overhead and profits) relevant to the detailed construction specifications included in the surveys.

Available on CANSIM: table 3270002 and matrix 9932.

The second quarter 2001 issue of *Construction price statistics* (62-007-XPB, \$24/\$79) will be available in September. See *How to order products*.

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Shipments of solid fuel-burning heating products

Second quarter 2001

In the second quarter, shipments of solid fuel-burning heating products totalled \$23.4 million, an increase of 80.0% from the \$13.0 million worth shipped during the second quarter of 2000.

Data on the quantities of these products shipped are also available.

The 2001 second quarter (Vol. 20, no. 2) issue of *Shipments of solid fuel-burning heating products* (25-002-XIB, \$6/\$19) is now available. See *How to order products*.

To enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Don Grant (613-951-5998; grantdo@statcan.ca). For general information, or to order data, contact the Dissemination Officer (1-866-873-8789; 613-951-9497; manufact@statcan.ca), Manufacturing, Construction and Energy Division. ■

Construction type plywood

June 2001

In June, Canadian firms produced 177 192 cubic metres of construction-type plywood, up 3.5% from 171 161 cubic metres produced during June 2000.

Year-to-date production to the end of June totalled 1 034 583 cubic metres, an increase of 2.5% from 1 009 126 cubic metres produced during the same period in 2000.

Available on CANSIM: table 3030005 and matrix 122 (level 1).

The June 2001 (Vol. 49, no. 6) issue of *Construction type plywood* (35-001-XIB, \$5/\$47) is now available. See *How to order products*.

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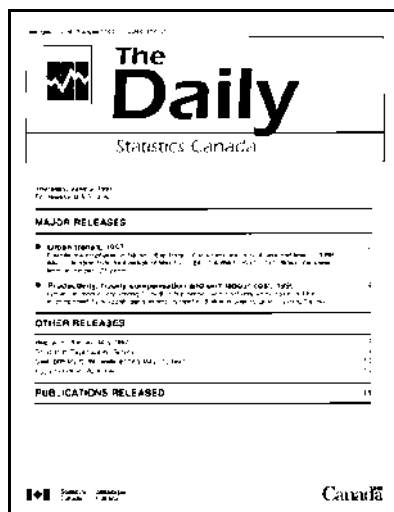
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