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Production and disposition of tobacco products

June 2001

Sales of cigarettes by tobacco product manufacturers increased strongly in June. Production rose to a lesser extent, but remained higher than sales, resulting in larger inventories.

June sales increased 25% from May to 3.7 billion cigarettes, which was 11% below June 2000 sales. Year-to-date sales of 21.4 billion cigarettes were 5% below sales to the end of June 2000.

Cigarette production grew to 4.0 billion in June, from 3.8 billion in May. This was a 3% increase from May and a 2% rise from June 2000. Total year-to-date production was 22.8 billion cigarettes, or 2% less than in the same period in 2000.

With production still higher than shipments, closing inventories expanded to 5.8 billion. Inventories gained 8% during June and were 27% above June 2000 levels. Inventories are usually kept high at this time of year to prepare for summer plant closings.

Available on CANSIM: table 3030007 and matrix 46.

The June 2001 issue of *Production and disposition of tobacco products* (32-022-XIB, \$5/\$47) is now available. See *How to order products*.

For general information or to order data, contact the Dissemination Officer (1-866-873-8789; 613-951-9497; manufact@statcan.ca). To enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Peter Zylstra (613-951-3511; peter.zylstra@statcan.ca), Manufacturing, Construction and Energy Division. ■

Telecommunications services

1999

Operating revenues for the telecommunications industry (NAICS 5133) were \$29.0 billion in 1999, up 1.8% from 1998. Operating profits were \$3.9 billion or 13.5% of operating revenues. This is an increase from \$3.8 billion in 1998. The wireline and satellite industries showed operating profits in 1999, but the wireless (cellular telephone, paging and radio communications companies) and reselling industries posted operating losses.

The telecommunications industry employed 93,296 workers in 1999 — 80,762 full-time and 12,534 part-time. This was a 3.1% drop in full-time workers compared with 1998, and a 2.8% increase in part-time workers.

Capital expenditures for the telecommunications industry totalled \$6.0 billion in 1999, down 7.8% from 1998. Construction expenditures fell 39.3%, but expenditures on machinery and equipment increased 3.4%.

More detailed data from the 1999 Annual Survey of Telecommunications Service Providers will be available soon.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Michael Lynch (613-951-2201), Science, Innovation and Electronic Information Division. ■

NEW PRODUCTS

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June 2001, Vol. 30, no. 6
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April 2001
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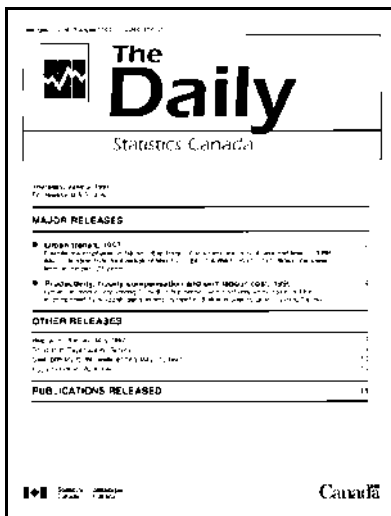
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10	Labour Force Survey	July 2001
10	New Housing Price Index	June 2001
