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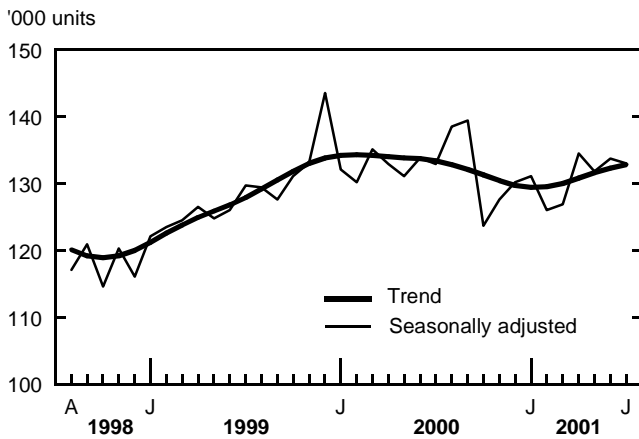
New motor vehicle sales

July 2001

Weak truck sales caused a 0.5% drop in new motor vehicle sales in July compared with June. This decline followed a 1.5% gain in June. In July, 133,036 new motor vehicles were sold, about as many as the average monthly sales in 2000, a record year.

Despite July's decline, the upward movement of new motor vehicle sales observed since the start of 2001 continues. Previously, sales had been slowing since the fall of 2000, following fairly stable sales since the start of that year.

Despite July's decline, new motor vehicle sales maintained an upward movement



Preliminary figures from the auto industry indicate an upturn in the number of new motor vehicles sold in August, mainly because of increased truck sales.

Passenger cars gained in popularity

Passenger cars account for much of the upward movement of new motor vehicle sales observed since the start of 2001. Passenger car sales have been growing steadily since the start of 2001, while truck sales have hardly budged.

The number of new passenger cars sold in July edged up 0.1% to 73,577 vehicles, the fifth consecutive monthly gain. Although sales of overseas-built cars were up 1.2% in July, their effect was almost offset by the 0.3% decline in sales of North American-built cars. The latter accounts for nearly three-quarters of all new passenger cars sold.

Note to readers

All 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.

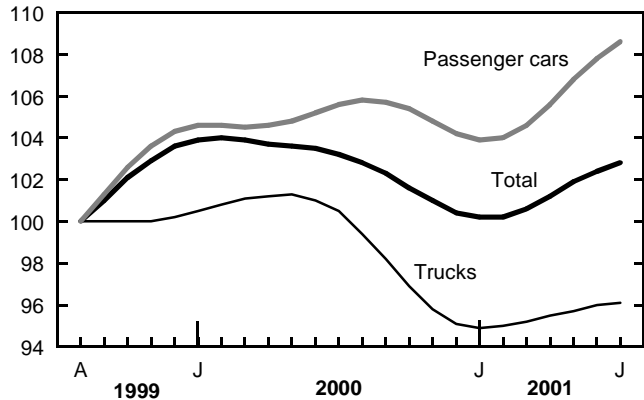
North American-built new motor vehicles include vehicles manufactured or assembled in Canada, the United States or Mexico. All other new motor vehicles are considered to have been manufactured overseas.

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

New truck sales were down 1.2% in July from June, when sales rose 2.4%. In all, 59,459 trucks were sold in July, down 736 units from June. Trucks include minivans, sport-utility vehicles, light and heavy trucks, vans and buses.

Passenger car sales remained stronger than truck sales

Trend indexes (August 1999=100)



Passenger cars continued to gain market share

The popularity of new passenger cars is also reflected in their market share. Passenger cars captured 55.0% of new motor vehicle sales in July, compared with 53.0% in July 2000 and 51.0% in July 1999.

Within the category of new passenger cars, overseas-built cars have seen their market share grow substantially during the last year. In July, they accounted for 28.0% of all new passenger cars sold, compared with 24.0% in July 2000. The appeal of these cars for

consumers might be partly due to the weakness of some Asian currencies against the U.S. and Canadian dollars, of which Asian manufacturers are taking advantage.

Among the provinces, July new motor vehicle sales varied widely. Prince Edward Island (+4.3%), Nova Scotia (+4.3%), the region formed by British Columbia, Yukon, the Northwest Territories and Nunavut (+4.0%) and Manitoba (+3.4%) were the only regions to report higher sales than in June.

Two regions have reported particularly robust sales growth since the start of 2001: Alberta; and the region formed by British Columbia, Yukon, the Northwest Territories and Nunavut. In Ontario, sales began moving upward again starting in the spring.

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

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The July 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

	July 2000	June 2001 ^r	July 2001 ^p	July 2000 to July 2001	June to July 2001
Seasonally adjusted					
	Number of vehicles			% change	
New motor vehicles	132,924	133,706	133,036	0.1	-0.5
Passenger cars	70,425	73,511	73,577	4.5	0.1
North American ¹	53,392	52,795	52,612	-1.5	-0.3
Overseas	17,033	20,716	20,964	23.1	1.2
Trucks, vans and buses	62,499	60,195	59,459	-4.9	-1.2
New motor vehicles					
Newfoundland	1,895	2,247	2,011	6.1	-10.5
Prince Edward Island	377	371	387	2.7	4.3
Nova Scotia	3,544	3,481	3,632	2.5	4.3
New Brunswick	3,237	3,141	3,093	-4.4	-1.5
Quebec	32,545	33,522	32,599	0.2	-2.8
Ontario	55,616	53,816	53,770	-3.3	-0.1
Manitoba	3,723	3,422	3,538	-5.0	3.4
Saskatchewan	3,179	3,108	3,049	-4.1	-1.9
Alberta	14,801	16,227	16,012	8.2	-1.3
British Columbia ²	14,006	14,371	14,946	6.7	4.0
	July 2000	June 2001	July 2001 ^p	July 2000 to July 2001	
Unadjusted					
	Number of vehicles			% change	
New motor vehicles	128,960	161,073	130,499	1.2	
Passenger cars	69,409	89,268	73,503	5.9	
North American ¹	51,952	64,910	51,019	-1.8	
Overseas	17,457	24,358	22,484	28.8	
Trucks, vans and buses	59,551	71,805	56,996	-4.3	
New motor vehicles					
Newfoundland	2,153	3,104	2,305	7.1	
Prince Edward Island	432	563	473	9.5	
Nova Scotia	3,590	4,638	3,707	3.3	
New Brunswick	3,186	4,165	3,017	-5.3	
Quebec	33,155	39,937	33,927	2.3	
Ontario	53,332	65,322	52,510	-1.5	
Manitoba	3,644	3,967	3,478	-4.6	
Saskatchewan	3,017	3,632	2,858	-5.3	
Alberta	13,198	18,639	14,279	8.2	"
British Columbia ²	13,253	17,106	13,945	5.2	

^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

Inter-corporate ownership

Third quarter 2001

The inter-corporate ownership database tracks the ownership of the largest 85,000 corporations in Canada. Of these, the number of corporations in the non-financial sector approaches 48,000, of which more than 9,000 are foreign controlled. Among the top five non-financial industries, ranked by number of corporations and based on a Standard Industrial Classification of 18 industries (SIC-C 1980), between 13% and 17% of the corporations in these industries are controlled by foreign interests. Interestingly, none of the industries in this ranking are found in the ranking of the top five non-financial industries by the largest percentage of foreign control.

Most corporations by industry, top five non-financial industries

Industry	Corporations in the industry Number	Corporations that are foreign-controlled %
1. Construction and related activities	13,348	13
2. General services to business	5,166	15
3. Transportation equipment	3,420	16
4. Food, beverages and tobacco	2,880	17
5. Accommodation, restaurants and recreation services	2,825	15

Largest percentage of foreign control, top five non-financial industries

Industry	Corporations in the industry Number	Corporations that are foreign-controlled %
1. Electrical and electronic products	1,799	43
2. Chemicals, chemical products and textiles	1,649	43
3. Machinery and equipment (except electrical)	2,183	38
4. Metallic minerals and metal products	1,864	32
5. Energy	1,887	27

The inter-corporate ownership database provides up-to-date information reflecting recent corporate mergers and takeovers and other substantial changes.

Ultimate corporate control is determined through a careful study of holdings by corporations, the effects of options, insider holdings, convertible shares and interlocking directorships. This information is based on non-confidential returns filed by Canadian corporations under the *Corporations Returns Act*. This is a unique database of "who owns whom" in Canada. It contains legal corporate name(s), the country of control, the SIC code, the province of the head office, the enterprise parent name and the percentage of voting rights owned. Users can search, sort, evaluate and download data by company name, company types, industry, province, country of ownership, and more. It also allows users to cross-tabulate a search by selecting number of companies in a particular industry and cross-tabulate by the province of residence, country of control or other variables.

The third quarter 2001 issue of *Inter-corporate ownership on CD-ROM* (61-517-XCB) is now available. An annual subscription with quarterly updates is \$995; a single copy without updates is \$350. See *How to order products*.

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Dairy statistics

July and August 2001 (preliminary)

Consumers purchased more than 2.9 million kilolitres of milk and cream during the 2000/01 dairy year, up almost 1% from the previous dairy year (the dairy year runs from August to July). Sales of milk rose 0.2%, and cream sales were up more than 5%.

The July–September 2001 issue of *The dairy review* (23-001-XIB, \$27/\$89; 23-001-XPB, \$36/\$119), which will be available in November. See *How to order products*.

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For-hire motor carriers of freight, all carriers

First quarter 2001

There were an estimated 3,000 for-hire trucking companies based in Canada with annual revenues of \$1 million or more in the first quarter, compared with 2,700 carriers in the first quarter of 2000. Their first quarter 2001 operating revenues totalled \$5.10 billion, and their operating expenses reached \$4.76 billion, up 9% from the first quarter of 2000.

Both average operating revenues and expenses fell almost 3% in the first quarter compared with the first quarter of 2000; revenues were \$1.69 million in the first quarter of 2001, and expenses were \$1.58 million. For-hire carriers' total fuel expenses rose 20% over the first quarter of 2000. The operating ratio (operating expenses divided by operating revenues) remained at 0.93.

Available on CANSIM: table 4030002 and matrix 144.

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Electric utility construction price indexes

2000(revised) and first half 2001 (preliminary)

Construction costs for distribution systems decreased (-1.7%) in the first half of 2001 compared with the same period of 2000. The largest contributor to this decrease was installation labour (-3.8%), which was moderated by the material component (-0.2%). However, distribution systems rose a revised 2.2% in 2000 compared with 1999.

Construction costs for transmission line systems edged up 0.7% in 2001, compared with a 2.0% rise in 2000. The transmission line component fell 1.1%, after climbing 2.7% in 2000. The substation component increased 1.7% in 2001, compared with 1.6% in 2000.

Available on CANSIM: table 3270011 and matrix 9936.

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

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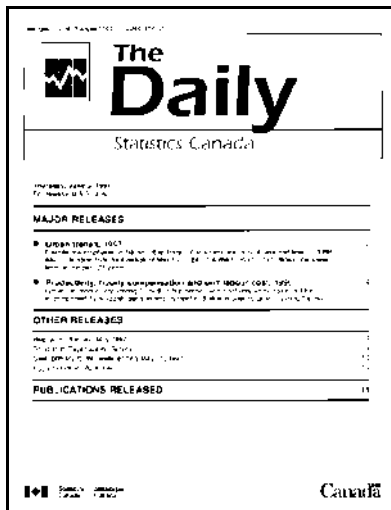
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