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## OTHER RELEASES

### Residential construction investment

Second quarter 2001

The total value of investment in the housing sector was \$11.6 billion in the second quarter, up 6.4% from the second quarter of 2000. All three components of residential construction investment (new housing, renovations and acquisition costs) showed increases.

Continued high employment, attractive mortgage rates, the low number of vacant multi-family dwelling units and steadily rising prices for new housing are some of the factors that contributed to the rise in residential construction investment.

Among the components, the largest increase, in dollar terms, was new housing. Up 8.2% from the second quarter of 2000, investment in new housing amounted to \$5.8 billion. The growth in this component was largely the result of increased investment in new apartments (+24.5% to \$1.0 billion). This strong increase was due to a surge in the number of housing starts for apartments. Investment in single-family dwellings was also up, 3.1% to \$3.6 billion.

The value of renovations carried out in the second quarter was \$4.8 billion, up 3.3% from the second quarter of 2000. Acquisition costs were up 12.4% to \$984 million.

Among the provinces, Quebec posted the largest increase in dollar terms (+29.0% to \$3.0 billion). Alberta was a distant second (+5.4% to \$1.5 billion).

### Residential construction investment

	Second quarter 2000	Second quarter 2001	Second quarter 2000 to second quarter 2001 % change
	\$ millions		
<b>Canada</b>	<b>10,875.5</b>	<b>11,574.6</b>	<b>6.4</b>
Newfoundland	129.4	142.8	10.3
Prince Edward Island	38.3	34.3	-10.2
Nova Scotia	282.8	284.9	0.7
New Brunswick	164.8	217.8	32.1
Quebec	2,336.6	3,014.4	29.0
Ontario	4,630.6	4,556.8	-1.6
Manitoba	224.1	265.3	18.4
Saskatchewan	230.2	192.5	-16.4
Alberta	1,419.8	1,497.0	5.4
British Columbia	1,381.6	1,343.4	-2.8
Yukon	15.4	9.5	-38.4
Northwest Territories	7.8	7.2	-7.2
Nunavut	14.1	8.6	-38.9

**Note:** Data may not add to totals due to rounding.

**Note:** Residential construction investment is divided into three main components. The first is new housing construction, which includes single dwellings, semi-detached dwellings, row housing and apartments, cottages, mobile homes and additional housing units created from non-residential buildings or other types of residential structures (conversions). The second component of residential construction investment, renovations, includes alterations and improvements in existing dwellings. The third component is acquisition costs, which refers to the value of services relating to the sale of new dwellings. These costs include sales tax, land development and service charges, as well as record processing fees for mortgage insurance and the associated premiums.

**Available on CANSIM: table 260013 and matrix 441.**

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### Domestic sales of refined petroleum products

July 2001 (preliminary)

Sales of refined petroleum products totalled 7 896 600 cubic metres in July, down 0.9% from July 2000. Sales fell in three of the seven major product groups; the largest drop was in the all other products category (-82 600 cubic metres or -9.2%).

Motor gasoline sales were up 54 100 cubic metres, or 1.6% from July 2000. Sales of regular non-leaded motor gasoline grew 1.5% and premium motor gasoline rose 4.8%; however, sales of medium motor gasoline fell 5.9%.

Year-to-date sales of refined petroleum products were up 1 394 500 cubic metres or 2.6 % over the same

period in 2000. Sales rose in five of the seven major product groups; the largest advances were posted for heavy fuel oil (+1 223 800 cubic metres or +32.8%), motor gasoline (+345 000 cubic metres, +1.6%) and light fuel oil (+223 900 cubic metres, +7.7%).

### Sales of refined petroleum products

	July 2000 <sup>r</sup>	July 2001 <sup>p</sup>	July 2000 to July 2001 % change
thousands of cubic metres			
<b>Total, all products</b>	<b>7,969.3</b>	<b>7,896.6</b>	<b>-0.9</b>
Motor gasoline	3,454.9	3,509.0	1.6
Diesel fuel oil	1,900.3	1,862.3	-2.0
Light fuel oil	145.7	155.7	6.8
Heavy fuel oil	548.7	562.8	2.6
Aviation turbo fuels	601.4	606.1	0.8
Petrochemical feedstocks <sup>1</sup>	422.6	387.6	-8.3
All other refined products	895.7	813.1	-9.2

	Jan. to July 2000 <sup>r</sup>	Jan. to July 2001 <sup>p</sup>	Jan.–July 2000 to Jan.–July 2001 % change
<b>Total, all products</b>	<b>53,109.6</b>	<b>54,504.1</b>	<b>2.6</b>
Motor gasoline	21,954.3	22,299.3	1.6
Diesel fuel oil	13,182.4	12,934.9	-1.9
Light fuel oil	2,920.9	3,144.8	7.7
Heavy fuel oil	3,735.5	4,959.3	32.8
Aviation turbo fuels	3,492.8	3,495.4	0.1
Petrochemical feedstocks <sup>1</sup>	2,630.2	2,656.1	1.0
All other refined products	5,193.5	5,099.7	-1.8

<sup>r</sup> Revised data.

<sup>p</sup> Preliminary data.

<sup>1</sup> Materials produced by refineries that are used by the petrochemical industry to produce chemicals, synthetic rubber and a variety of plastics.

### Available on CANSIM: table 1340004 and matrices 628-642 and 644-647.

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### Department store sales and stocks July 2001

Department store sales totalled \$1.72 billion (seasonally adjusted) in July, up 3.3% from June. This is the largest monthly increase since January 2001 (+4.7%). Department store sales have grown in every month this year, except for a 1.2% decline reported in February.

The upward movement in department store sales that began in the spring of 2000 is continuing and has even gained momentum since the start of 2001. Prior to the spring of 2000, sales had been declining since September 1999, following a period of increases that lasted more than a year.

Unadjusted for seasonality, department store sales at the national level were up 7.5% in July compared with July 2000. Sales advanced in all provinces except Nova Scotia (-0.4%). The largest increases were posted in the group formed by Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island (+19.9%), in Alberta (+14.3%) and in the region formed by British Columbia, Yukon, the Northwest Territories and Nunavut (+10.8%).

### Department store sales including concessions

	July 2000	July 2001	July 2000 to July 2001 % change	Jan. to July 2001	Jan.–July 2000 to Jan.–July 2001
Not seasonally adjusted					
	\$ millions	\$ millions	% change	\$ millions	% change
<b>Canada</b>	<b>1,396.3</b>	<b>1,501.6</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>9,764.8</b>	<b>8.4</b>
Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island <sup>1</sup>	29.9	35.8	19.9	211.7	17.6
Nova Scotia	42.1	41.9	-0.4	271.6	1.6
New Brunswick	31.8	32.4	1.9	214.6	4.9
Quebec	261.2	278.5	6.6	1,798.7	6.5
Ontario	594.1	627.2	5.6	4,147.2	7.7
Manitoba	57.3	60.5	5.6	400.8	8.0
Saskatchewan	49.5	53.5	8.0	350.7	9.9
Alberta	164.8	188.4	14.3	1,205.6	13.5
British Columbia, Yukon, Northwest Territories and Nunavut <sup>1</sup>	165.6	183.4	10.8	1,163.9	9.8

<sup>1</sup> For reasons of confidentiality, data for Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island are combined as are data for British Columbia, Yukon, Northwest Territories and Nunavut.

### Available on CANSIM: tables 760001-760004 and matrices 111, 112 (series 1) and 113 (series 3).

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## Electric power statistics

June 2001

Falling demand in export markets and low reservoir levels led to lower generation of electricity in June. Net generation of electricity was 43 712 gigawatt hours (GWh), down 1.4% from June 2000. Exports decreased 19.1% to 3 842 GWh, and imports decreased from 1 508 GWh to 1 390 GWh.

Lower reservoir levels in Quebec and British Columbia led to a 10.2% drop in generation of hydroelectricity to 23 735 GWh. To compensate, thermal conventional generation was up 12.2% to 13 695 GWh. Generation from nuclear sources was up 10.1% to 6 282 GWh.

Year-to-date net generation to the end of June totalled 289 738 GWh, down 1.9% from the same period of 2000. Year-to-date exports were down 8.9% to 22 589 GWh, whereas year-to-date imports rose 69.4% to 10 848 GWh.

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The June 2001 issue of *Electric power statistics* (57-001-XIB, \$9/\$85) will be available in September. See *How to order products*.

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## Coal and coke statistics

June 2001

Higher demand for coal by domestic and external markets drove up coal production in June. Coal production was up 7.6% from June 2000 to 6 145 kilotonnes. The year-to-date production figure stood at 35 561 kilotonnes, down 0.3%.

While shipments of coal to domestic ports rose 3.8% to 2 741 kilotonnes, lower demand from Asian markets caused exports in June to fall to 2 208 kilotonnes, down 7.4% from June 2000. Exports to Japan — the largest consumer of Canadian coal — grew 14.7% to 938 kilotonnes, but those to South Korea (the second-largest consumer of Canadian coal) plunged 45.1% to 257 kilotonnes. Year-to-date total exports were 15 998 kilotonnes, down 3.0% from the same period in 2000.

Reduced demand for imported coal for electric power generation and coke production in Ontario led to a 5.8% decrease in coal imports for the second quarter to 6 453 kilotonnes. Year-to-date imports totalled 9 720 kilotonnes, up 0.4% from the same period in 2000.

Coke production in June was 268 kilotonnes, down 0.4% from June 2000.

**Available on CANSIM: tables 3030016 and 3030017 and matrix 9.**

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## Steel wire and specified wire products

June 2001

Shipments of steel wire and specified wire products totalled 70 557 metric tonnes in June, down 6.3% from 75 271 tonnes in June 2000. Production and export market data for selected commodities are also available.

**Available on CANSIM: table 3030010 and matrix 122 (series 19).**

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The June 2001 issue of *Steel wire and specified wire products*, Vol. 56, no. 6 (41-006-XIB, \$5/\$47) is now available. See *How to order products*.

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## Cereals and oilseeds review

June 2001

Data from the June issue of *Cereals and oilseeds review* are now available, including that on production, stocks, cash and futures prices, domestic processing, exports, farmers' deliveries and supply-disposition analyses.

The July situation report, an overview of current market conditions, both domestic and international, is also included in the June 2001 issue of *Cereals and oilseeds review* (22-007-XIB, \$11/\$112; 22-007-XPB, \$15/\$149), which will be available in September. See *How to order products*.

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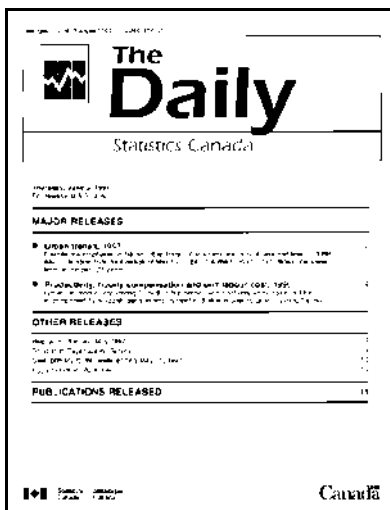
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<b>University tuition fees</b>	2001/02	August 27, 2001
<b>Wholesale trade</b>	June 2001	August 20, 2001
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