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Travel-log

Winter 2002

The Winter 2002 issue of *Travel-log*, Statistics Canada's quarterly tourism newsletter features the article, "Canadians in search of new horizons." Throughout the world, 2000 was an especially good year for tourism. Tourist arrivals rose 7.4% in 2000 from 1999, the largest increase in almost 10 years and double the increase in 1999. Undoubtedly contributing to this surge was a strong global economy combined with special events, including several held to mark the new millennium. Canadians made a record number of trips to overseas countries in 2000.

This article summarizes how Canadians' travel habits outside their country have evolved over the past decade, especially with respect to destinations other than the United States.

Each quarter, *Travel-log* examines the trends of the Travel Price Index. It also features the latest travel indicators, travellers' characteristics and the international travel account.

The Winter 2002 issue of *Travel-log*, Volume 21 number 1 (87-003-XIE, \$5/\$16; 87-003-XPB, \$13/\$42) is now available. See *How to order products*.

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OTHER RELEASES

Employment, earnings and hours

November 2001 (preliminary)

Average weekly earnings for all employees increased a slight \$1.27 to \$670.84 in November, up 1.9% from November 2000.

Average hourly earnings for hourly paid employees were \$17.08 in November, up 3 cents from October and up 3.5% from November 2000. Average weekly hours were up 0.1 from October to 31.6 hours; average overtime hours were virtually unchanged.

Employees paid by the hour had the strongest weekly earnings growth in November compared with November 2000 (+3.2%), due to the gains in average hourly earnings. Salaried employees' earnings rose 1.8% from November 2000; earnings for other employees and commissioned salespersons were up by only 0.6%.

In November, the number of employees on payrolls fell a slight 7,200 (-0.06%) from October. Employment in the manufacturing sector was down

again (-4,200), bringing total employment losses in this sector to 57,500 since November 2000. Employment in professional, scientific and technical services was down for the third month in a row (-6,700). At the provincial level, most of the employment losses were in Ontario (-14,100).

Available on CANSIM: tables 281-0023 to 281-0040.

Detailed industry data, data by size of enterprise based on employment by sector and other labour market indicators will be available in February in standard tables in the monthly publication *Employment*, earnings and hours (72-002-XIB, \$24/\$240). See *How to order products*.

To order data or for more information, contact the Client Services Unit (1-866-873-8788; 613-951-4090; fax: 613-951-2869; *labour@statcan.ca*). To enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Robert Frindt (613-951-4069) or Jean Leduc (613-951-4061), Labour Statistics Division.

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Industry group (North American Industry Classification System)	November 2000	October 2001 ^r	November 2001 ^p	October to November 2001	November 2000 to November 2001	
	Seasonally adjusted					
_	\$			% change		
Industrial aggregate	658.08	669.57	670.84	0.2	1.9	
Forestry, logging and support	805.73	843.79	839.24	-0.5	4.2	
Mining and oil and gas	1,142.22	1,156.41	1,157.64	0.1	1.4	
Utilities	999.35	1,004.13	1,004.55	0.0	0.5	
Construction	810.70	795.84	799.13	0.4	-1.4	
Manufacturing	791.10	811.84	811.20	-0.1	2.5	
Wholesale trade	756.47	777.94	780.29	0.3	3.1	
Retail trade	427.68	432.51	434.89	0.6	1.7	
Transportation and warehousing	730.41	752.29	751.04	-0.2	2.8	
Information and cultural industries	774.13	801.07	803.28	0.3	3.8	
Finance and insurance	838.45	838.20	841.32	0.4	0.3	
Real estate and rental and leasing	601.23	618.24	628.16	1.6	4.5	
Professional, scientific and technical services Management of companies and enterprises	889.52 818.80	886.30 839.79	887.18 843.27	0.1 0.4	-0.3 3.0	
Administrative and support, waste management	818.80	639.79	043.27	0.4	3.0	
and remediation services	532.32	533.59	534.82	0.2	0.5	
Educational services	683.77	707.92	709.89	0.2	3.8	
Health care and social assistance	572.55	594.37	595.52	0.3	4.0	
Arts, entertainment and recreation	469.24	490.03	492.87	0.6	5.0	
Accommodation and food services	277.50	289.13	291.67	0.9	5.1	
Other services (excluding public administration)	511.94	527.86	530.55	0.5	3.6	
Public administration	748.35	759.74	759.47	0.0	1.5	
Provinces and territories						
Newfoundland and Labrador	596.62	607.40	611.07	0.6	2.4	
Prince Edward Island	530.47	525.86	530.86	1.0	0.1	
Nova Scotia	566.39	573.06	574.40	0.2	1.4	
New Brunswick	590.30	595.85	596.79	0.2	1.1	
Quebec	619.14	630.00	631.46	0.2	2.0	
Ontario	701.49	715.86	716.78	0.1	2.2	
Manitoba	586.19	595.91	596.56	0.1	1.8	
Saskatchewan	593.80	600.41	606.27	1.0	2.1	
Alberta	668.65	689.50	688.61	-0.1	3.0	
British Columbia	660.55	664.92	664.82	0.0	0.6	
Yukon	739.24	755.52	759.56	0.5	2.7	
Northwest Territories ¹		870.32	876.66	0.7		
Nunavut ¹		776.42	781.86	0.7		

Revised estimates. Preliminary estimates. Data not seasonally adjusted Figures not available.

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Industry group (North American Industry Classification System)	September 2001	October 2001 ^r	November 2001 ^p	September to	October to
,				October 2001	November 2001
		Se	easonally adjusted		
	'000			% change	
Industrial aggregate	12,758	12,757	12,750	0.0	-0.1
Forestry, logging and support	74	73	72	-1.4	-1.4
Mining and oil and gas	140	139	141	-0.7	1.4
Utilities	111	112	112	0.9	0.0
Construction	583	585	586	0.3	0.2
Manufacturing	2,024	2,018	2,014	-0.3	-0.2
Wholesale trade	715	714	711	-0.1	-0.4
Retail trade	1,497	1,498	1,497	0.1	-0.1
Transportation and warehousing	616	614	611	-0.3	-0.5
Information and cultural industries	344	345	346	0.3	0.3
Finance and insurance	555	558	560	0.5	0.4
Real estate and rental and leasing	216	215	212	-0.5	-1.4
Professional, scientific and technical services	636	630	624	-0.9	-1.0
Management of companies and enterprises Admininistrative and support, waste management	84	85	86	1.2	1.2
and remediation services	529	530	531	0.2	0.2
Educational services	941	942	940	0.1	-0.2
Health care and social assistance	1,249	1,252	1,254	0.2	0.2
Arts, entertainment and recreation	223	225	227	0.9	0.9
Accommodation and food services	944	945	946	0.1	0.1
Other services (excluding public administration)	479	479	480	0.0	0.2
Public administration	716	717	719	0.1	0.3
Provinces and territories					
Newfoundland and Labrador	175	177	178	1.1	0.6
Prince Edward Island	57	57	58	0.0	1.8
Nova Scotia	355	356	356	0.3	0.0
New Brunswick	291	294	295	1.0	0.3
Quebec	3,003	3,000	3,001	-0.1	0.0
Ontario	4,990	4,983	4,969	-0.1	-0.3
Manitoba	501	504	505	0.6	0.2
Saskatchewan	370	371	371	0.3	0.0
Alberta	1,376	1,375	1,375	-0.1	0.0
British Columbia	1,589	1,589	1,586	0.0	-0.2
Yukon	¹ 15	[′] 15	15	0.0	0.0
Northwest Territories ¹	20	20	20	0.0	0.0
Nunavut ¹	10	10	10	0.0	0.0

Revised estimates.

Cereals and oilseeds review

November 2001

International markets did little to support domestic grain prices, which seasonally languished in December. Chicago corn and soybeans futures prices slid lower following the United States Department of Agriculture's December 11 supply—demand report. Although high levels of US soybean exports and crush were reported, world soybean production rose as record crops were forecast in Brazil and Argentina. Good South American planting conditions in the remainder of December reinforced the soybean price slump. Prospects of a sizeable devaluation of the Argentine peso compounded matters in the last week of the month. US corn futures

prices were pressured down further by slowing exports, mild temperatures in feeding areas and the expected peso devaluation.

Winnipeg oilseed futures prices were pressured down by the lower Chicago futures prices, a relatively thin market, and a slight firming of the Canadian dollar. March canola values fell by \$25 per metric tonne, and crush margins continued to be poor. Flaxseed prices lost about \$20 a tonne due to weak export demand and spillover losses in canola while the St. Lawrence Seaway closed, ending overseas flaxseed shipments until spring. Despite weakness in the US corn and feed wheat markets, March barley futures fell only \$4 a tonne as farm deliveries continued to be slow. Corn imports from the United States into Western Canada

Preliminary estimates.

Data not seasonally adjusted

continued to be very strong throughout the fall. Oat cash prices were stable despite considerable volatility on the Chicago Board of Trade futures as the market fundamentals remained unchanged.

Data from the November 2001 issue of the *Cereals* and oilseeds review are now available. The information includes data on production, stocks, cash and futures prices, domestic processing, exports, farmers' deliveries and supply–disposition analyses.

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

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Self-sufficiency project

1998–1999 (preliminary)

Data from a third follow-up survey to the Self-sufficiency Project are available today.

Funded by Human Resources Development Canada, the Self-Sufficiency Project is a research demonstration project managed by the Social Research and Demonstration Corporation and conducted jointly with Statistics Canada. It was designed to determine the effectiveness of an earnings supplement to single parents on the Income Assistance Program who found full-time jobs and agreed to leave that program.

An earnings supplement was offered for a limited three-year period to each eligible individual, as part of a random assignment experiment. The project, conducted in New Brunswick and British Columbia, was designed to evaluate the effect of the earnings supplement on employment rates, earnings, family income, income assistance receipt and other outcomes. The data released today are from the third follow-up survey of welfare recipients.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact the Social Research and Demonstration Corporation (613-237-4311), or Hélène Lavoie (613-951-2898), Special Surveys Division, Statistics Canada.

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