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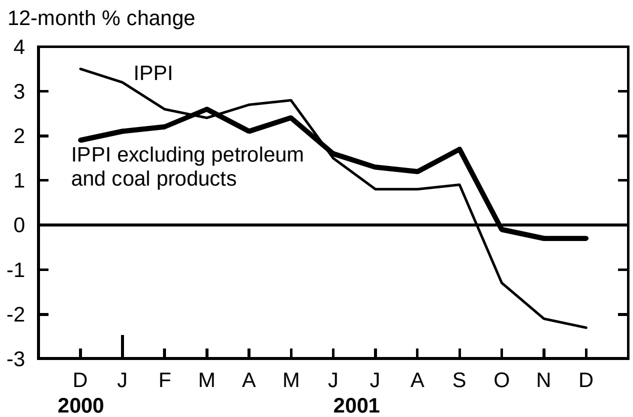
MAJOR RELEASES

Industrial product and raw materials price indexes
December 2001

Manufacturers' prices, as measured by the Industrial Product Price Index (IPPI), fell 2.3% in December compared with December 2000, their third consecutive month of decline. This was a slightly stronger pace than the year-over-year decrease of 2.1% in November.

Petroleum and coal product prices tumbled 26.9%, the sixth straight month of decline. If petroleum and coal product prices had been excluded, the IPPI would have decreased only 0.3% instead of 2.3%.

Petroleum product prices push down the IPPI



Price drops for pulp and paper products and primary metal products also contributed to the annual decline in manufacturers' prices. This decline was partly offset by higher prices for motor vehicles, meat products, fruit, vegetable and feed products, and lumber products.

On a month-to-month basis, industrial prices fell 0.8% from November after edging down 0.1% in November from October. Lower prices for petroleum and coal products as well as autos, trucks and other transportation equipment were the major contributors to this decline. Price declines for pulp and paper products, and lumber products also contributed to the monthly decrease.

Manufacturers paid 12.8% less for their raw materials than they did in December 2000, the fifth consecutive month of decline. Lower prices for mineral fuels were responsible for most of the decline in the Raw Materials Price Index (RMPI), along with wood products, non-ferrous metals and animal products. These decreases were partly offset by higher prices for vegetable products and ferrous materials. If mineral fuels had been excluded, the RMPI would have declined 5.2%.

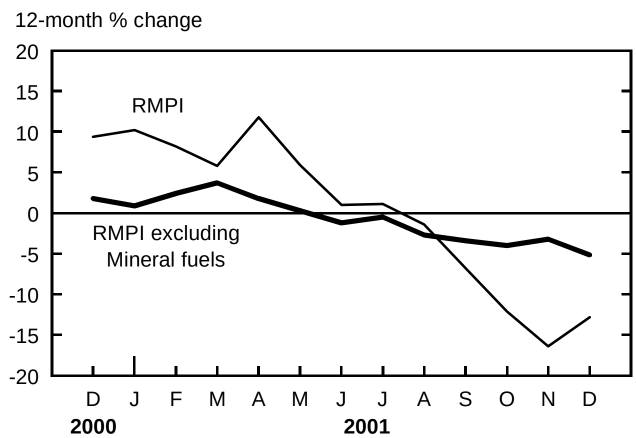
Note to readers

*The **Industrial Product Price Index (IPPI)** reflects the prices that producers in Canada receive as the goods leave the plant gate. It does not reflect what the consumer pays. Unlike the Consumer Price Index, the IPPI excludes indirect taxes and all the costs that occur between the time a good leaves the plant and the time the final user takes possession of it, including the transportation, wholesale, and retail costs.*

Canadian producers export many goods. They often quote their prices in foreign currencies, particularly for motor vehicles, pulp, paper, and wood products. Therefore, a rise or fall in the value of the Canadian dollar against its US counterpart affects the IPPI.

*The **Raw Materials Price Index (RMPI)** reflects the prices paid by Canadian manufacturers for key raw materials. Many of these prices are set in a world market. Unlike the IPPI, the RMPI includes goods not produced in Canada.*

Crude oil prices continue to influence RMPI growth



On a monthly basis, raw materials prices were down 1.4% from November. Lower prices for mineral fuels, non-ferrous metals and animal products were the major contributors to the monthly decrease.

The IPPI (1997=100) stood at 105.4 in December, down from a revised 106.3 in November. The RMPI (1997=100) fell to 101.8 in December from a revised 103.2 in November.

Price declines for crude oil and lumber

In the RMPI, crude oil prices were off 2.9% in December from November, the result of high inventories and lower demand. This decrease was reflected in the IPPI; petroleum and coal product prices were down 4.4% from November.

Lumber and other wood product prices fell 1.1% in December from November. Lower prices for softwood lumber, due in part to lower demand, were the major factor behind this monthly decrease. On an annual basis, prices for lumber and other wood products were up 1.8%.

Impact of exchange rate pushes down prices

From November to December, the value of the US dollar weakened against the Canadian dollar, pushing down prices of commodities that are quoted in US dollars, notably automobiles, lumber, pulp and newsprint. The impact on the IPPI was such that if the exchange rate had remained unchanged, the IPPI would have declined 0.4%.

On a year-over-year basis, the influence of the dollar was also evident. The IPPI was down 2.3% in December 2001 from December 2000, but without the exchange rate effect the IPPI would have decreased 3.2%.

Motor vehicle prices still influence finished goods

Rising prices for motor vehicles pushed year-over-year prices up for finished goods. Prices for meat, fish and dairy products, fruit, vegetable and feed products, and machinery and equipment also contributed to the 0.8% increase from December 2000.

On a monthly basis, prices for finished goods were down 0.7% from November. Lower prices for motor vehicles and petroleum products were the major contributors to the decline.

"Finished goods" are those generally purchased for the purpose of either consumption or investment. Most of the foods and feeds category ends up in the hands of consumers. Most capital goods are equipment and machinery generally bought by companies, government agencies, or governments. Much of the remainder is bought by consumers.

Prices for input goods continue to decline

Producers of intermediate goods received 4.3% less for their goods in December than they did in December 2000. Lower prices for petroleum products, pulp and paper products and primary metal products were slightly offset by higher prices for motor vehicles.

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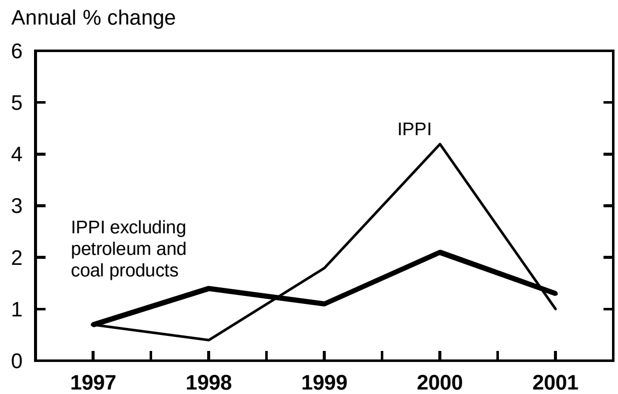
"Intermediate goods," sometimes referred to as "input goods," are goods that are generally bought by manufacturers to be further used in the production process, that is, to make other goods.

In 2001, industrial prices up only slightly on average

Manufacturers received 1.0% more on average for their products in 2001 than they did in 2000. This was a much slower rate of growth than the average annual increase of 4.2% in industrial prices during 2000. (The annual average is obtained by averaging the 12 months of the calendar year.)

Annual change in industry prices



Raw materials prices, however, declined an average 0.9% in 2001, compared with a substantial 22.3% increase in 2000. Most of this downward pressure was the result of falling energy prices.

Petroleum and coal product prices were falling from July to December 2001, leaving prices 4.4% lower than in 2000. This reflects declining crude oil prices, which fell 11.6% on average in 2001 due to continuing high inventories in the latter part of the year.

In 2001, weakening demand was behind a 15.7% decline on average in pulp prices, compared with a significant 27.0% increase in 2000.

However, the lumber market strengthened beginning in May 2001. On average, softwood lumber prices were up a slight 0.2% in 2001, after decreasing 16.5% in 2000.

The price of the US dollar rose to an average of C$1.55 in 2001 from an average of C$1.49 in 2000. The

IPPI was up 1.0% on average in 2001, but without the exchange rate effect the IPPI would have decreased a slight 0.1%.

Available on CANSIM: tables 329-0038 to 329-0049 and 330-0006.

The December 2001 issue of *Industry price indexes* (62-011-XPB, $22/$217) will be available in February. See *How to order products*.

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Industrial product price indexes
(1997=100)

	Relative importance	December 2000	November 2001r	December 2001p	December 2000 to December 2001	November to December 2001
					% change	
Industrial Product Price Index	**100.00**	**107.9**	**106.3**	**105.4**	**-2.3**	**-0.8**
Intermediate goods[1]	**60.14**	**106.5**	**102.9**	**101.9**	**-4.3**	**-1.0**
First-stage intermediate goods[2]	7.71	114.4	99.3	97.7	-14.6	-1.6
Second-stage intermediate goods[3]	52.43	105.3	103.4	102.6	-2.6	-0.8
Finished goods[4]	**39.86**	**109.8**	**111.5**	**110.7**	**0.8**	**-0.7**
Finished foods and feeds	8.50	104.4	106.4	106.5	2.0	0.1
Capital equipment	11.73	108.8	111.8	111.0	2.0	-0.7
All other finished goods	19.63	112.8	113.5	112.3	-0.4	-1.1
Aggregation by commodities						
Meat, fish and dairy products	5.78	103.6	106.2	106.3	2.6	0.1
Fruit, vegetable, feed, miscellaneous food products	5.99	96.8	99.0	98.9	2.2	-0.1
Beverages	1.57	110.0	112.1	112.1	1.9	0.0
Tobacco and tobacco products	0.63	119.9	132.2	132.2	10.3	0.0
Rubber, leather, plastic fabric products	3.30	105.7	105.6	105.4	-0.3	-0.2
Textile products	1.58	99.9	100.4	100.1	0.2	-0.3
Knitted products and clothing	1.51	103.0	103.4	103.3	0.3	-0.1
Lumber, sawmill, other wood products	6.30	89.4	92.0	91.0	1.8	-1.1
Furniture and fixtures	1.59	105.4	106.6	106.6	1.1	0.0
Pulp and paper products	7.23	122.2	110.0	108.6	-11.1	-1.3
Printing and publishing	1.70	110.5	112.4	112.1	1.4	-0.3
Primary metal products	7.80	98.5	92.1	91.3	-7.3	-0.9
Metal fabricated products	4.11	104.3	104.8	104.7	0.4	-0.1
Machinery and equipment	5.48	104.8	106.3	106.2	1.3	-0.1
Autos, trucks and other transportation equipment	22.16	111.3	115.5	114.2	2.6	-1.1
Electrical and communications products	5.77	99.1	99.5	99.1	0.0	-0.4
Non-metallic mineral products	1.98	106.0	107.7	107.7	1.6	0.0
Petroleum and coal products[5]	5.68	150.9	115.4	110.3	-26.9	-4.4
Chemicals and chemical products	7.07	107.3	106.0	105.5	-1.7	-0.5
Miscellaneous manufactured products	2.40	104.2	106.1	105.9	1.6	-0.2
Miscellaneous non-manufactured commodities	0.38	82.9	88.4	87.5	5.5	-1.0

r *Revised figures.*
p *Preliminary figures.*
1 *Intermediate goods are goods used principally to produce other goods.*
2 *First-stage intermediate goods are items used most frequently to produce other intermediate goods.*
3 *Second-stage intermediate goods are items most commonly used to produce final goods.*
4 *Finished goods are goods most commonly used for immediate consumption or for capital investment.*
5 *This index is estimated for the current month.*

Raw materials price indexes
(1997=100)

	Relative importance	December 2000	November 2001r	December 2001p	December 2000 to December 2001	November to December 2001
					% change	
Raw Materials Price Index (RMPI)	**100.00**	**116.7**	**103.2**	**101.8**	**-12.8**	**-1.4**
Mineral fuels	35.16	165.5	131.4	128.8	-22.2	-2.0
Vegetable products	10.28	83.0	89.6	88.7	6.9	-1.0
Animals and animal products	20.30	106.2	104.5	103.5	-2.5	-1.0
Wood	15.60	91.3	79.0	79.6	-12.8	0.8
Ferrous materials	3.36	81.0	87.0	86.6	6.9	-0.5
Non-ferrous metals	12.93	89.4	78.9	76.4	-14.5	-3.2
Non-metallic minerals	2.38	108.2	109.5	109.5	1.2	0.0
RMPI excluding mineral fuels	**64.84**	**94.2**	**90.2**	**89.3**	**-5.2**	**-1.0**

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OTHER RELEASES

Estimates of the number of census families

July 1, 1998 to 2001

Estimates of the number of census families on July 1, 2001, as well as updated estimates on July 1, 1998 to 2000 for Canada, the provinces and territories are now available.

Except in the territories, estimates are distributed by structure of family (husband–wife or lone-parent), size, age group of children, age group of husband and wife for husband–wife families, and age group and sex of parent in lone-parent families.

Available on CANSIM: table 051-0003.

These estimates will appear in *Annual demographic statistics, 2001* (91-213-XIB, $56; 91-213-XPB, $125), which will be available soon. See *How to order products*.

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Placement of chicks and turkey poults

December 2001 (preliminary)

Chick placements are estimated at 59.5 million birds in December, an increase of 9.1% from December 2000; turkey poults increased 0.9% to 1.3 million birds.

Available on CANSIM: table 003-0021.

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Asphalt roofing

December 2001

Production of asphalt shingles totalled 1 762 754 metric bundles in December, a 6.6% decrease from 1 887 090 metric bundles in December 2000.

Year-to-date production to the end of December was 38 655 423 metric bundles, down 4.2% from 40 370 972 metric bundles in the same period of 2000.

Available on CANSIM: table 303-0006.

The December 2001 issue of *Asphalt roofing,* Vol. 53, no. 12 (45-001-XIB, $5/$47) is now available. See *How to order products*.

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Electric power selling price indexes

September to December 2001

Electric power selling price indexes (1997=100) are now available for September to December.

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Financial and taxation statistics for enterprises

1999

Data on the financial statistics for enterprises are now available.

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Sound Recording Survey
1998

Data from the 1998 sound recording survey are now available in table format (87F0008XPE, $50). Selected details are available by country of control (Canadian or foreign), revenue category, and province or region. Custom tabulations are available on a cost-recovery basis.

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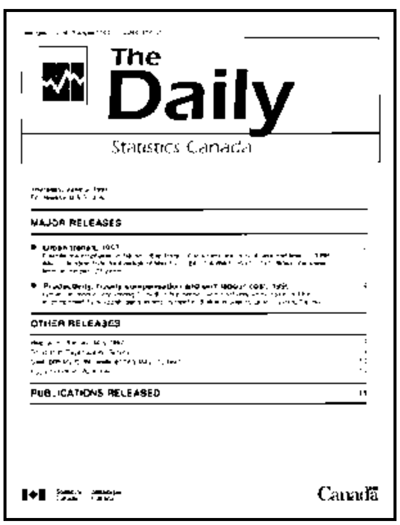
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