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Local government finance: Assets and liabilities

December 31, 1999

The net debt (the excess of liabilities over financial assets) of local governments reached \$12.5 billion at December 31, 1999, down \$3.5 billion (-21.7%) from December 31, 1998. Financial assets stood at \$39.8 billion, and total liabilities were \$52.2 billion.

In 1989, the net debt of local governments was \$19.6 billion. It peaked in 1993 at \$23.5 billion, then gradually declined until 1999. This is due mainly to the forgiveness of loans to local governments in Alberta and British Columbia.

Among the provinces, Quebec's local governments had the highest net debt — \$12.7 billion at December 31, 1999, down 16.1% from its 1997 peak. Ontario, Saskatchewan, British Columbia, Yukon and Nunavut were in a surplus position.

These statistics are based on the actual data released in the annual reports of municipalities and school boards as well as provincial and territorial governments' reports dated December 31, 1999 and converted to Statistics Canada's Financial Management System.

Note: The Financial Management System (FMS) provides a standardized presentation of government accounting for the federal, provincial and local governments in Canada. Individual governments' accounting systems are not directly comparable because the policies and structure of governments differ. The FMS adjusts data from governments' Public Accounts and other records to provide detailed data that permit inter-government comparisons as well as compatible national aggregates that are consistent over time. In other words, FMS statistics may not accord with the figures published in government financial statements. A reconciliation statement of the two presentations is available.

Available on CANSIM: tables 385-0014 and 385-0017.

Data are available by custom and special tabulation. For more information, or general inquiries on the products or services of the Public Institutions Division, contact Joanne Rice (613-951-0767; joanne.rice@statcan.ca).

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Excess of financial assets over liabilities

	Excess of financial assets over liabilities			Per capita		
	1989	1993	1999	1989	1993	1999
	\$ millions			\$		
Newfoundland and Labrador	-553	-676	-731	-958	-1,173	-1,359
Prince Edward Island	-75	-126	-43	-573	-948	-311
Nova Scotia	-410	-202	-360	-452	-218	-382
New Brunswick	-312	-326	-357	-422	-435	-473
Quebec	-12,967	-14,593	-12,749	-1,857	-2,027	-1,730
Ontario	-34	-1,792	65	-3	-166	6
Manitoba	-749	-820	-471	-678	-732	-412
Saskatchewan	209	451	707	207	447	691
Alberta	-2,548	-2,566	-383	-1,006	-952	-128
British Columbia	-2,111	-2,791	1,851	-646	-764	457
Yukon	-1	13	27	-39	416	878
Northwest Territories	-24	-29	-25	-409	-445	-598
Nunavut	7	273
Total	-19,575	-23,457	-12,462	-710	-811	-406

... Figures not appropriate or not applicable.

Construction type plywood

January 2002

Firms produced 180 127 cubic metres of construction-type plywood in January, up 5.6% from 170 555 cubic metres in January 2001.

Available on CANSIM: table 303-0005.

The January 2002 issue of *Construction type plywood*, Vol. 50, no. 1 (35-001-XIB, \$5/\$47) is now available. See *How to order products*.

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Flows and stocks of fixed residential capital

2001

The annual fixed residential capital flows and stocks series at the provincial level for 2001 are now available.

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