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Steel pipe and tubing

February 2002

Steel pipe and tubing production totalled 182 247 metric tonnes in February, down 13.0% from 209 596 tonnes (revised) in February 2001.

Year-to-date production to the end of February totalled 375 614 tonnes, down 9.7% from 415 944 tonnes (revised) in the same period of 2001.

Available on CANSIM: table 303-0003.

The February 2002 issue of *Production and shipments of steel pipe and tubing*, Vol. 26, no. 2 (41-011-XIB, \$5/\$47) is now available. See *How to order products*.

For general information or to order data, contact the dissemination officer (1-866-873-8789; 613-951-9497; manufact@statcan.ca). To enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Dragos Ifrim (613-951-3527; dragos.ifrim@statcan.ca), Manufacturing, Construction and Energy Division. ■

Telecommunications statistics

Fourth quarter 2001

Operating revenues for the telecommunications industry were \$8.65 billion in the fourth quarter, up 5.3% from the third quarter and 6.9% from the fourth quarter of 2000. The industry's annual operating revenues amounted to \$32.82 billion in 2001, an increase of 5.7% from 2000. The telecommunications industry consists of wireline, wireless and satellite telecommunications carriers, as well as resellers of telecommunications services.

Operating profits for the industry totalled \$1.10 billion in the fourth quarter, accounting for 12.7% of operating revenues. Operating profits were down 18.0% from the fourth quarter of 2000. Annual operating profits in 2001 stood at \$4.69 billion, 14.3% of annual operating revenues and a 5.6% drop from 2000.

Capital expenditures rebounded to \$2.09 billion in the fourth quarter, after two consecutive quarters of decline. Capital spending for the wireline industry amounted to \$1.51 billion, accounting for 23.4% of wireline operating revenues. Capital spending in the wireless industry reached \$576 million, or 32.8% of wireless operating revenues. Over all of 2001, the telecommunications industries invested a record \$7.68 billion, up 27.9% from 2000.

Per-capita wireline investment was \$48.45 in the fourth quarter; wireless capital expenditures totalled \$18.49 per capita.

The telecommunications industry had 79,539 full-time employees during the fourth quarter, down 2.1% from the third and down 0.9% from the fourth quarter of 2000.

Public-switched telephone network access has reached parity with the population — there are now 100 voice-grade access paths per 100 persons. The 31.1 million voice-grade access paths consist of 10.9 million mobile-access paths (cellular subscribers) and just over 20.2 million fixed-access paths (19.5 million single-access lines and 110,267 multiple-access lines).

Most of the recent growth in access has come from mobile services, which gained 24.1% from the fourth quarter of 2000. In fact, fixed access was down 2.7% in the fourth quarter from the fourth quarter of 2000, the first-ever year-over-year decline; the decrease persisted through all four quarters of 2001.

The fourth quarter 2001 issue of *Telecommunications statistics* (56-002-XIE, \$21/\$40) will be available soon. See *How to order products*.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Heidi Ertl (613-951-1891) or Jo Anne Lambert (613-951-6673), Science, Innovation and Electronic Information Division. ■

Shipments of office furniture products

December 2001

Shipments of office furniture products totalled \$1,081.2 million in the six months ended December 31, 2001, down 17.5% from \$1,310.2 million in the same period of 2000.

Year-to-date shipments to the end of December totalled \$2,187.6 million, down 11.2% from \$2,463.6 million during the same period in 2000.

Data on manufacturers' shipments of office furniture products for 2001 are now available. Data for province of destination and for exports are also available.

The December 2001 issue of *Shipments of office furniture products*, Vol. 30, no. 2 (35-006-XIB, \$11/\$21) is now available. See *How to order products*.

For general information or to order data, contact the dissemination officer (1-866-873-8789; 613-951-9497;

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Small area retail trade estimates 1999

The 1999 small area retail trade estimates for sales and number of stores are now available.

Small area data are tabulated by Canada Post geographic areas. For urban delivery areas, the

estimates are available at the forward sortation area level — the first three digits of the postal code. For rural areas, estimates are available at the six-digit postal code level.

For the first time, estimates within these geographic areas are based on the North American Industrial Classification System. Data are available to the five-digit level of industrial detail, subject to confidentiality.

To order data, for more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact the Marketing and Client Services Unit (1-877-421-3067; 613-951-3549; *retailinfo@statcan.ca*), Distributive Trades Division. ■

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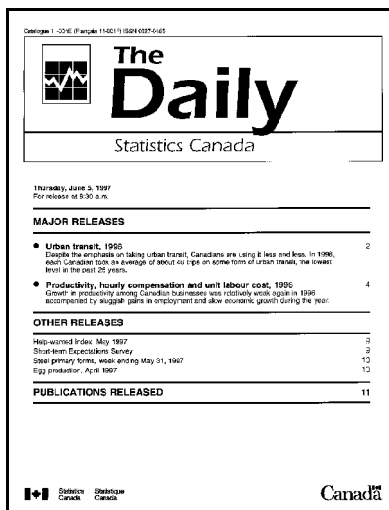
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