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Travel-log

Spring 2002

The spring 2002 issue of *Travel-log*, Statistics Canada's quarterly tourism newsletter, features the article, "China's tourism markets: An overview of trends, developments and prospects."

This article examines the economic importance of international tourism to the Chinese economy, and the prospect of China becoming a major international tourism market. After decades of rapid economic growth, economic reforms and rising incomes, China could become one of the world's largest sources of international tourists by 2020, as well as a market of more than 1.2 billion potential consumers. The article also briefly describes Chinese travel to Canada.

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 spring 2002 issue of *Travel-log*, Volume 21 number 2 (87-003-XIE, \$5/\$16; 87-003-XPB, \$13/\$42) is now available. See *How to order products*.

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OTHER RELEASES

Road motor vehicle registrations

2001 (preliminary)

A total of 18.1 million road motor vehicles were registered in Canada in 2001.

Of this total, 17.1 million, or 94%, were passenger cars and light vehicles such as pickup trucks and minivans. The remainder consisted of 74,000 buses, 318,300 motorcycles and mopeds, and almost 654,500 truck tractors and trucks (weighing at least 4 500 kilograms).

In addition to these road motor vehicles, 4.0 million trailers and 1.3 million off-road, construction and farm vehicles were also registered.

Provincial data are available on an annual and quarterly basis, enabling users to analyse seasonal variation.

These data are not comparable with motor vehicle registrations prior to 1999. Although the data still come from provincial and territorial governments, vehicle counts are now tabulated from registration files used by the Canadian Vehicle Survey. A standardized methodology was applied to the files, providing more consistent results across jurisdictions.

Annual data for 2001 are now available on CANSIM. Quarterly data are available on request.

Available on CANSIM: table 405-0004.

To order data, for more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Robert Larocque (613-951-2486; laroque@statcan.ca), Transportation Division.

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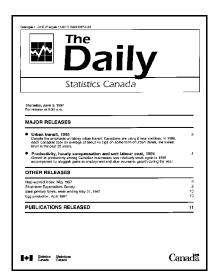
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