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Non-residential building construction price indexes

First quarter 2002

The composite price index for non-residential building construction (1997=100) increased 0.8% to 114.5 compared with the fourth quarter of 2001 and was up 2.0% from the first quarter of 2001.

In the first quarter, Ottawa's index rose 1.2% from the fourth quarter of 2001, followed by Toronto (+1.1%), Calgary and Halifax (both +0.6%), Edmonton (+0.5%), Montréal (+0.4%) and Vancouver (+0.3%).

Compared with the first quarter of 2001, Montréal had the highest change (+2.9%), followed by Edmonton (+2.2%), Calgary (+2.1%), Toronto (+1.9%), Ottawa (+1.8%) and Vancouver and Halifax (both +1.2%).

Non-residential building construction price indexes (1997=100)

	First quarter 2002	First quarter 2001 to first quarter 2002 % change	Fourth quarter 2001 to first quarter 2002 % change
Composite	114.5	2.0	0.8
Halifax	106.2	1.2	0.6
Montréal	112.9	2.9	0.4
Ottawa	115.9	1.8	1.2
Toronto	118.5	1.9	1.1
Calgary	114.7	2.1	0.6
Edmonton	113.4	2.2	0.5
Vancouver	107.1	1.2	0.3

Note: Non-residential building construction price indexes provide an indication of changes in construction costs in seven major urban areas (Halifax, Montréal, Ottawa, Toronto, Calgary, Edmonton and Vancouver). Three construction categories — industrial, commercial and institutional buildings — are represented by selected models (a light factory building, an office building, a warehouse, a shopping centre and a school). Besides the major urban areas and composite indexes, a further breakdown of the changes in costs is available by trade group — structural, architectural, mechanical and electrical — within the building types. These price indexes are derived from surveys of general and special trade group contractors. They report data on various categories of costs (material, labour, equipment, taxes, overhead and profit) relevant to the detailed construction specifications included in the surveys.

Available on CANSIM: tables 327-0039 and 327-0040.

The first quarter 2002 issue of *Capital expenditure price statistics* (62-007-XPB, \$24/\$79) will be available in June. See *How to order products*.

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Domestic sales of refined petroleum products

March 2002 (preliminary)

Sales of refined petroleum products totalled 7 689 900 cubic metres in March, down 2.2% from March 2001. Sales fell in five of the seven major product groups, with the largest declines posted in aviation turbo fuels (-96 600 cubic metres or -21.7%) and heavy fuel oil (-76 000 cubic metres or -10.3%).

Sales of refined petroleum products

	March 2001 ^r	March 2002 ^p	March 2001 to March 2002 % change
Thousands of cubic metres			
Total, all products	7 866.1	7 689.9	-2.2
Motor gasoline	3 117.8	3 198.2	2.6
Diesel fuel oil	1 864.5	1 822.0	-2.3
Light fuel oil	640.4	606.9	-5.2
Heavy fuel oil	739.0	663.0	-10.3
Aviation turbo fuels	445.3	348.7	-21.7
Petrochemical feedstocks ¹	364.7	407.8	11.8
All other refined products	694.3	643.2	-7.4
Jan. to March 2001 ^r Jan. to March 2002 ^p Jan.-Mar. 2001 to Jan.-Mar. 2002			
Total, all products	23 480.4	22 111.1	-5.8
Motor gasoline	9 028.2	9 155.1	1.4
Diesel fuel oil	5 454.3	5 271.5	-3.4
Light fuel oil	2 155.9	1 946.4	-9.7
Heavy fuel oil	2 190.9	1 637.3	-25.3
Aviation turbo fuels	1 382.9	995.0	-28.0
Petrochemical feedstocks ¹	1 126.7	1 169.5	3.8
All other refined products	2 141.4	1 936.3	-9.6

^r Revised data.

^p Preliminary data.

¹ Materials produced by refineries that are used by the petrochemical industry to produce chemicals, synthetic rubber and a variety of plastics.

Total sales of motor gasoline were up (+2.6% or +80 400 cubic metres) from March 2001. Sales of regular non-leaded (+2.4%) and premium gasoline (+7.4%) also advanced, while sales of mid-grade gasoline dropped 5.7% compared with March 2001.

Year-to-date sales of refined petroleum products to the end of March were down 1 369 300 cubic metres (-5.8%) compared with the same period in 2001. Sales fell for five of the seven major product groups, led by heavy fuel oil (-553 600 cubic metres or -25.3%). Year-to-date sales of motor gasoline advanced 1.4% to 126 900 cubic metres.

Available on CANSIM: table 134-0004.

Note: Table 134-0004 has been revised for December 2001.

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Construction type plywood

March 2002

Firms produced 177 627 cubic metres of construction type plywood in March, up 2.9% from 172 542 cubic metres produced in March 2001.

Year-to-date production to the end of March totalled 523 834 cubic metres, up 3.1% from the 507 877 cubic metres produced in the same period of 2001.

Available on CANSIM: table 303-0005.

The March 2002 issue of *Construction type plywood*, Vol. 50, no. 3, (35-001-XIB, \$5/\$47) is now available. See *How to order products*.

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Aircraft movement statistics

March 2002 (preliminary)

There were 362,885 take-offs and landings recorded in March at the 43 Canadian airports with Nav Canada air traffic control towers, down 13.2% from March 2001.

The March preliminary monthly report is available on Transport Canada's Web site at this URL: (<http://www.tc.gc.ca/pol/en/report/TP1496/tp1496.htm>). For more information concerning this Web site, contact Michel Villeneuve (613-990-3825; villenm@tc.gc.ca) or Sheila Rajani (613-993-9822; rajanis@tc.gc.ca).

Statistics for the 55 Canadian airports with Nav Canada flight service stations are also available for March.

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Shipments of solid fuel burning heating products

First quarter 2002

Shipments of solid fuel burning heating products totalled \$19.2 million in the first quarter, down 7.2% from the \$20.6 million (revised) shipped during the first quarter of 2001.

The quantities for these shipments are also available.

The first quarter 2002 issue of *Shipments of solid fuel burning heating products*, Vol. 21, no. 1 (25-002-XIB, \$6/\$19) is now available. See *How to order products*.

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For-hire motor carriers of freight, all carriers

Fourth quarter 2001

There were an estimated 2,860 for-hire trucking companies based in Canada with annual revenues of \$1 million or more in the fourth quarter, up from about 2,700 carriers in the fourth quarter of 2000. Operating revenues advanced 3.6% to \$5.15 billion and operating expenses increased 3.2% to almost \$4.78 billion in the fourth quarter of 2000.

Both average operating revenues and expenses fell a slight 2.0% in the fourth quarter compared with the same quarter of 2000. Average expenses were at \$1.67 million compared with \$1.71 million in the same period in 2000. The decline was driven by lower salaries and wages combined with lower fuel cost and

purchased transportation. However, average costs per carrier were higher for depreciation (+5%) and other expenses (+7% including insurance and freight claims). The operating ratio (operating expenses divided by operating revenues) remained at 0.93.

Following the events of September 11 and border crossing activity slowdown, due in part to security measures, for-hire trucking transportation revenues from international movements declined almost 11% to \$1.59 billion from \$1.78 billion one

year ago. Revenues from inbound movements were down 4% while revenues from outbound movements dropped 18%.

Available on CANSIM: table 403-0002.

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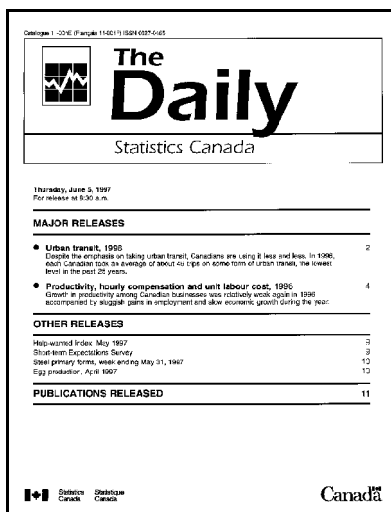
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