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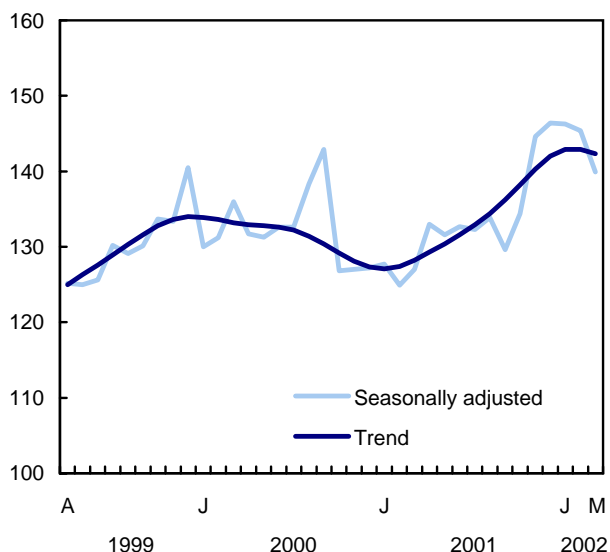
### New motor vehicle sales

March and first quarter 2002

New motor vehicle sales reached an all-time high in the first quarter, despite declines in both March (-3.8%) and February (-0.6%). Sales in the first quarter of 2002 were 1.5% higher than in the fourth quarter of 2001, when a sizable increase was observed (+7.5%). Compared with the first quarter of 2001, sales in the first three months of 2002 were up 13.7%.

#### New motor vehicle sales remain high

'000 units



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Brunswick (+1.1%) and Nova Scotia (+0.6%). New motor vehicle sales in the Maritime provinces have maintained an upward movement since the start of 2001. In recent months, this movement has been more pronounced in Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick but fairly stable in Nova Scotia.

In March, the other provinces all registered losses greater than the national average (-3.8%) except Ontario (-1.2%) and Quebec (-3.3%). This was the third straight decline for both of these provinces. The upward movement sustained by new motor vehicle sales in these two provinces since the start of 2001 has stalled owing to the losses registered in the first three months of 2002. Even so, quarterly sales were still at least 10.0% higher than a year earlier for each of these provinces.

**Available on CANSIM: tables 079-0001 and 079-0002.**

The March 2002 issue of *New motor vehicle sales* (63-007-XIB, \$13/\$124) will be available soon. See *How to order products*.

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## New motor vehicle sales

	March 2001	February 2002 <sup>f</sup>	March 2002 <sup>p</sup>	March 2001 to March 2002	February to March 2002
Seasonally adjusted					
	Number of vehicles			% change	
<b>New motor vehicles</b>	<b>127,006</b>	<b>145,394</b>	<b>139,936</b>	<b>10.2</b>	<b>-3.8</b>
Passenger cars	68,258	77,709	76,898	12.7	-1.0
North American <sup>1</sup>	49,539	54,098	54,021	9.0	-0.1
Overseas	18,719	23,611	22,877	22.2	-3.1
Trucks, vans and buses	58,748	67,685	63,038	7.3	-6.9
<b>New motor vehicles</b>					
Newfoundland and Labrador	2,005	2,219	2,048	2.1	-7.7
Prince Edward Island	371	437	446	20.2	2.1
Nova Scotia	3,440	3,891	3,915	13.8	0.6
New Brunswick	3,055	3,490	3,530	15.5	1.1
Quebec	31,999	35,100	33,946	6.1	-3.3
Ontario	50,951	58,510	57,800	13.4	-1.2
Manitoba	3,332	4,277	3,871	16.2	-9.5
Saskatchewan	3,080	3,515	3,373	9.5	-4.0
Alberta	15,014	17,572	16,351	8.9	-6.9
British Columbia <sup>2</sup>	13,759	16,383	14,656	6.5	-10.5
	March 2001	February 2002	March 2002 <sup>p</sup>	March 2001 to March 2002	
Unadjusted					
	Number of vehicles			% change	
<b>New motor vehicles</b>	<b>143,189</b>	<b>103,981</b>	<b>150,286</b>	<b>5.0</b>	
Passenger cars	75,779	52,589	81,126	7.1	
North American <sup>1</sup>	55,553	37,067	57,955	4.3	
Overseas	20,226	15,522	23,171	14.6	
Trucks, vans and buses	67,410	51,392	69,160	2.6	
<b>New motor vehicles</b>					
Newfoundland and Labrador	2,323	1,405	2,276	-2.0	
Prince Edward Island	339	250	412	21.5	
Nova Scotia	3,901	2,639	4,334	11.1	
New Brunswick	3,525	2,366	3,960	12.3	
Quebec	38,206	24,514	37,898	-0.8	
Ontario	55,702	40,684	60,360	8.4	
Manitoba	3,684	3,140	4,044	9.8	
Saskatchewan	3,354	2,422	3,477	3.7	
Alberta	16,581	12,595	17,455	5.3	
British Columbia <sup>2</sup>	15,574	13,966	16,070	3.2	

<sup>r</sup> Revised figures.

<sup>p</sup> Preliminary figures.

<sup>1</sup> Manufactured or assembled in Canada, the United States or Mexico.

<sup>2</sup> Includes Yukon, the Northwest Territories and Nunavut.

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## OTHER RELEASES

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### Dairy statistics

March and April 2002 (preliminary)

Cheddar cheese production during the first eight months of the 2001/02 dairy year totalled 79 000 metric tonnes, down 3.6% from the same period of the 2000/01 dairy year. A dairy year runs from August to July.

**Available on CANSIM: tables 003-0007 to 003-0012, 003-0029, 003-0033, 003-0034 and 003-0046.**

These data will be included in the January–March 2002 issue of *The dairy review* (23-001-XIB, \$27/\$89), which 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 Anna Michalowska (1-800-465-1991; 613-951-2442; fax: 613-951-3868), Agriculture Division. ■

### Pipeline transportation of crude oil and refined petroleum products

December 2001

Net receipts of crude oil and equivalent hydrocarbons totalled 14 071 220 cubic metres in December, down 1.0% from December 2000. Year-to-date receipts to the end of December were 164 001 821 cubic metres, up 2.2% over the same period in 2000. Net receipts of liquefied petroleum gases and refined petroleum products totalled 6 907 513 cubic metres in December, down 1.0% from December 2000. Year-to-date receipts were 78 424 969 cubic metres, down 4.9% from the same period in 2000.

Pipeline exports of crude oil totalled 6 357 566 cubic metres, down 4.3% from December 2000. Pipeline imports were also down (-15.5% to 1 850 727 cubic metres). Year-to-date exports totalled 75 843 023 cubic metres, up 3.1% from the same period in 2000. Year-to-date imports stood at 23 596 196 cubic metres, a decrease of 7.0%.

December deliveries of crude oil by pipeline to Canadian refineries totalled 5 718 834 cubic metres, down 5.4% from December 2000. Deliveries of liquefied petroleum gases and refined petroleum products fell 42.2% to 301 857 cubic metres. Year-to-date deliveries of crude oil to refineries totalled 69 747 404 cubic metres, down 1.8% from the same period in 2000.

**Available on CANSIM: tables 133-0001 to 133-0005.**

The December 2001 issue of *Pipeline transportation of crude oil and refined petroleum products*, Vol. 51, no. 12 (55-001-XIB, \$9/\$86) is now available. See *How to order products*.

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### Technical report on the analysis of small groups in the General Social Survey

1999

The *Technical report on the analysis of small groups in the 1999 General Social Survey* (GSS) describes the technical and methodological challenges involved in analysing small groups, such as Aboriginal people, immigrants and visible minorities.

It contains a general description of these challenges, including over-sampling, response rates, non-response due to language, sampling variability and whether the data can be released.

In addition, it discusses the findings from the 1999 GSS with respect to the victimization, perceptions and fear of these small groups.

The study found that while the overall Canadian rate of personal victimization including personal theft, robbery, and non-spousal physical and sexual assault was 157 incidents per 1,000 population aged 15 and older, the rate for the immigrant population was substantially lower at 110. For the visible minority population, the rate was consistent with that of the Canadian population, and for the Aboriginal population, the rate was almost twice the national average.

*Technical report on the analysis of small groups in the 1999 General Social Survey* (85F0036XIE, \$25) is now available. See *How to order products*.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods, or data quality of this release, contact Information and Client Services (1-800-387-2231; 613-951-9023), Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics. ■

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
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- **Productivity, hourly compensation and unit labour cost, 1996** 4  
Growth in productivity among Canadian businesses was notably weak again in 1996, accompanied by sluggish gains in employment and slow economic growth during the year.

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