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## MAJOR RELEASES

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- **New motor vehicle sales, November 2002** 2  
A sharp drop in passenger car sales in November accounted for almost all of the 4.7% decline in new motor vehicle sales compared with October. However, total cumulative sales for the first 11 months of 2002 were still much higher than sales for the same period of 2001.

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### Sales down in most provinces

In November, sales of new motor vehicles declined in all provinces except Prince Edward Island (+2.1%), Nova Scotia (+0.5%) and Manitoba (where sales were unchanged from October).

The largest declines were recorded in New Brunswick (-10.1%), followed by Quebec (-9.3%). Sales in New Brunswick have been declining since the spring of 2002, following a period of increases starting in the summer of 2001. In Quebec, despite the sizeable drop in November from October, sales have remained at a high level, after a period of exceptional growth that began in the fourth quarter of 2001. In October, sales had risen 6.0%.

In other provinces, the declines were below the national average (-4.7%).

Year-to-date sales at the end of November were higher in all provinces than in the same period of 2001.

On average, they advanced 7.7% in the Atlantic provinces, 8.1% in the region formed by Quebec and Ontario and 11.4% in the western provinces.

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

**Information on methods and data quality available in the Integrated Meta Data Base: survey number 2402.**

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

For general information or to order data, contact Client Services (1-877-421-3067; 613-951-3549; [retailinfo@statcan.ca](mailto:retailinfo@statcan.ca)). To enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Clérance Kimanyi (613-951-6363; [clerance.kimanyi@statcan.ca](mailto:clerance.kimanyi@statcan.ca)), Distributive Trades Division.

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**New motor vehicle sales**

	November 2001	October 2002 <sup>r</sup>	November 2002 <sup>p</sup>	November 2001 to November 2002	October to November 2002
Seasonally adjusted					
	Number of vehicles			% change	
<b>New motor vehicles</b>	<b>144,645</b>	<b>147,832</b>	<b>140,874</b>	<b>-2.6</b>	<b>-4.7</b>
Passenger cars	77,102	78,948	72,630	-5.8	-8.0
North American <sup>1</sup>	54,424	54,216	48,871	-10.2	-9.9
Overseas	22,679	24,732	23,759	4.8	-3.9
Trucks, vans and buses	67,543	68,884	68,244	1.0	-0.9
<b>New motor vehicles</b>					
Newfoundland and Labrador	2,281	2,289	2,191	-3.9	-4.3
Prince Edward Island	429	426	435	1.4	2.1
Nova Scotia	4,024	4,039	4,060	0.9	0.5
New Brunswick	3,487	3,323	2,989	-14.3	-10.1
Quebec	35,150	39,028	35,400	0.7	-9.3
Ontario	58,391	57,343	55,156	-5.5	-3.8
Manitoba	4,040	4,131	4,131	2.3	0.0
Saskatchewan	3,562	3,394	3,340	-6.2	-1.6
Alberta	17,251	17,121	17,032	-1.3	-0.5
British Columbia <sup>2</sup>	16,030	16,737	16,140	0.7	-3.6
	November 2001	October 2002 <sup>r</sup>	November 2002 <sup>p</sup>	November 2001 to November 2002	
Unadjusted					
	Number of vehicles			% change	
<b>New motor vehicles</b>	<b>131,917</b>	<b>137,951</b>	<b>127,244</b>	<b>-3.5</b>	
Passenger cars	70,050	75,097	64,350	-8.1	
North American <sup>1</sup>	49,968	49,822	44,232	-11.5	
Overseas	20,082	25,275	20,118	0.2	
Trucks, vans and buses	61,867	62,854	62,894	1.7	
<b>New motor vehicles</b>					
Newfoundland and Labrador	1,616	1,847	1,578	-2.4	
Prince Edward Island	348	372	357	2.6	
Nova Scotia	3,184	3,351	3,163	-0.7	
New Brunswick	2,934	2,789	2,527	-13.9	
Quebec	29,950	35,550	29,330	-2.1	
Ontario	55,691	55,642	52,066	-6.5	
Manitoba	3,676	3,940	3,804	3.5	
Saskatchewan	3,396	3,310	3,215	-5.3	
Alberta	16,566	16,164	16,647	0.5	
British Columbia <sup>2</sup>	14,556	14,986	14,557	0.0	

<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**

November 2002 (preliminary)

Consumers purchased 234 000 kilolitres of milk and cream in November. Sales of milk stood at 216 000 kilolitres, and cream sales at 18 000 kilolitres.

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

**Information on methods and data quality available in the Integrated Meta Data Base: survey numbers, including related surveys, 3430, 3431 and 3432.**

The fourth quarter 2002 issue of *The dairy review* (23-001-XIB, \$27/\$89) will be available in February. 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. ■

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Catalogue number **23-003-XIB**  
(free).

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no. 8  
Catalogue number **45-004-XIB** (\$16/\$155).

**Determinants of product and process innovation in**  
**Canada's dynamic service industries, 1999, no. 17**  
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- **Productivity, hourly compensation and unit labour cost, 1995** 4  
Growth in productivity among Canadian businesses was relatively weak again in 1996, accompanied by sluggish gains in employment and slow economic growth during the year.

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