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2001 Census profiles (various levels of geography)

Profiles for school attendance, education, field of study, highest level of schooling and earnings are now available for additional levels of geography.

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Telecommunications statistics

2002 and fourth quarter 2002

Operating profits for wireless service providers soared to record levels in 2002 as a result of strong growth in operating revenues and declining operating costs.

The wireless industry's operating profits, used as an indicator of its financial performance, reached more than \$1.1 billion in 2002. This was 19 times the level of only \$60.2 million in 2001. Wireless operating revenues increased 14.9% to more than \$7.6 billion.

The story in the wireline industry was sharply different. Operating profits fell 13.6% to nearly \$3.9 billion, as revenues declined 3.1% to \$24.0 billion.

On a quarterly basis, operating revenues for the wireless industry jumped 16.0 % in the fourth quarter compared with the fourth quarter of 2001, surpassing \$2.0 billion for the first time. Wireless operating profits soared to \$277.3 million, compared with a loss of \$95.1 million in the fourth quarter of 2001.

Revenues and profits both declined in the wireline industry in the fourth quarter. Revenues fell 4.1% to nearly \$6.3 billion, the fourth straight quarterly year-over-year decline. Profits were down 7.5% to just over \$1.0 billion, the third straight drop. Stiff competition in the long-distance market, lower intra-industry revenues and the slow decline in the number of access lines exercised downward pressure on revenues and profits.

The gradual slowdown in the year-over-year increase in the number of subscribers to wireless services during the last three years continued in the

fourth quarter. The number of these subscribers rose 9.1% from the fourth quarter 2001, only half the average pace of 17.7% for the first three quarters.

The gradual transition to digital services also continued. Digital subscribers represented almost 76% of all subscribers to wireless services at the end of 2002, compared with 64% at the end of 2001 and 53% at the end of 2000.

Both the wireless and wireline industries sharply reduced their capital expenditures last year. For the year as a whole, these expenditures fell 21.6% in the wireline industry and 35.0% in the wireless industry.

Note: The term "operating profits" is defined as operating revenues less operating expenses (including depreciation and amortization) and, therefore, measures earnings before interest, taxes, non-operating and non-recurring items. This measure is used as an indicator of the operating performance of the industry. These data are not necessarily comparable to different measures of profits published elsewhere.

Information on methods and data quality available in the Integrated Meta Data Base: survey number 2721.

The fourth quarter 2002 issue of *Quarterly telecommunications statistics* (56-002-XIE, \$21/\$40) will be available soon. See *How to order products*.

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Financial statistics, telecommunications services industries

	Fourth quarter 2001	Fourth quarter 2002	Fourth quarter 2001 to fourth quarter 2002	2001	2002	2001 to 2002
	\$ million		% change	\$ million		% change
All industries						
Operating revenues	8,638.5	8,650.2	0.1	32,773.4	32,992.6	0.7
Operating profits	981.6	1,285.9	31.0	4,428.5	4,911.5	10.9
Capital expenditures	2,110.3	1,505.3	-28.7	7,721.1	5,697.8	-26.2
Wireline						
Operating revenues	6,533.2	6,263.1	-4.1	24,809.4	24,032.8	-3.1
Operating profits	1,114.0	1,030.6	-7.5	4,474.1	3,866.9	-13.6
Capital expenditures	1,537.0	1,037.7	-32.5	5,078.7	3,979.5	-21.6
Wireless						
Operating revenues	1,756.3	2,037.6	16.0	6,640.0	7,626.8	14.9
Operating profits	-95.1	277.3	391.7	60.2	1,128.1	1,773.1
Capital expenditures	573.4	467.6	-18.4	2,642.4	1,718.3	-35.0

Consolidated government finance: Assets and liabilities

As of March 31, 2001

At March 31, 2001, the consolidated net debt (defined as the excess of liabilities over financial assets) of the federal, provincial, territorial and local governments fell to \$797.1 billion, down \$33.3 billion (-4.0%) from March 31, 2000.

As a percentage of gross domestic product (GDP), the net debt of these consolidated governments decreased from 80.1% in 2000 to 72.4% in 2001. Per capita, the net debt decreased to \$25,709 from \$27,048 in 2000.

For 2001, per capita, the consolidated net debt of provincial, territorial and local governments was highest in Newfoundland and Labrador (\$17,622), followed by Quebec (\$13,894) and Nova Scotia (\$12,065). Alberta, Yukon and the Northwest Territories did not register any net debt.

Note: The Financial Management System (FMS) provides a standardized presentation of government accounting for the federal, provincial and local governments in Canada. The individual governments' accounting systems are not directly comparable because the policies and structure of governments differ. The FMS adjusts data from governments' public accounts and other records to provide detailed data that permit inter-government comparisons, as well as compatible national aggregates that are consistent over time. In other words, FMS statistics may not accord with the figures published in government financial statements. A reconciliation statement of the two presentations is available.

Consolidated net debt of provincial, territorial and local general governments

As of March 31, 2001

Province or territory	Consolidated net debt	Per capita net debt	Population at April 1
	\$ millions	\$	'000
Newfoundland and Labrador	9,428	17,622	535
Prince Edward Island	1,068	7,683	139
Nova Scotia	11,377	12,065	943
New Brunswick	6,479	8,570	756
Quebec	102,885	13,894	7,405
Ontario	100,229	8,474	11,828
Manitoba	9,835	8,567	1,148
Saskatchewan	8,417	8,268	1,018
Alberta	-10,651	-3,498	3,045
British Columbia	13,005	3,181	4,088
Yukon	-299	-9,967	30
Northwest Territories	-218	-5,317	41
Nunavut	229	8,179	28

Available on CANSIM: tables 385-0014.

Information on methods and data quality available in the Integrated Meta Data Base: survey numbers, including related surveys, 1702, 1709 and 1723.

Data are available through custom and special tabulation. For more information on the products or services of the Public Institutions Division, contact Joanne Rice (613-951-0767; joanne.rice@statcan.ca).

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Consolidated net debt of federal, provincial, territorial and local general governments

As of March 31

Year	Consolidated net debt	Net debt as a % of GDP	Per capita net debt	GDP first quarter	Population at April 1
	\$ millions	%	\$	\$ millions	'000
1980	109,658	36.3	4,491	301,996	24,419
1990	494,510	73.1	17,931	676,764	27,578
1991	532,636	78.5	19,065	678,172	27,938
1992	593,797	85.7	21,002	692,940	28,273
1993	667,196	93.3	23,314	714,776	28,618
1994	739,122	98.5	25,541	750,696	28,939
1995	797,582	99.5	27,258	801,904	29,261
1996	836,993	102.1	28,298	819,976	29,578
1997	851,118	98.1	28,472	867,828	29,893
1998	847,318	93.4	28,087	906,904	30,168
1999	848,660	89.4	27,905	949,104	30,412
2000	830,361	80.1	27,048	1,036,864	30,699
2001	797,084	72.4	25,709	1,100,604	31,004

Aircraft movement statistics

February 2003 (preliminary)

The 42 airports with NAV CANADA air traffic control towers reported 312,235 total movements in February, down 4.2% from the 326,231 movements recorded in February 2002. Monthly year-over-year comparisons show the rate of the decline is slowing. Sixteen airports showed increases in total aircraft movements in February compared with February 2002. Of the 27 airports showing year-over-year declines, eleven had decreases of more than 20%.

Overall, February's decline was due to a drop in both itinerant movements (flights from one airport to another) and local movements (flights that remain in the vicinity of the airport). Itinerant movements fell 2.8% (-6,152 movements), while local movements fell 7.5% (-7,844 movements).

Among the top ten airports in terms of volume of itinerant movements in February, Dorval recorded the largest gain in volume of itinerant movements, increasing by 881 movements (+6.7%). Edmonton City Centre reported the largest decline, down 650 itinerant movements (-9.9%).

Among the top ten airports in terms of local movements, Boundary Bay and Montréal/St-Hubert recorded the largest gains, rising 1,366 (+17.6%) and 1,354 (+31.7%) local movements, respectively. Waterloo Regional and Victoria International recorded the largest declines, dropping 1,376 (-24.8%) and 1,125 (-17.6%) local movements, respectively. The tower at Sept-Îles closed in February 2002; data for this site now appear in the TP141 volume 1 report in the Flight Service Station category.

The February 2003 issue of *Aircraft movement statistics*, Vol. 2, no. 2 (51F0001PIE, TP1496, free), is now available on Statistics Canada's website (www.statcan.ca). From the *Our products and services* page, under *Browse our Internet publications*, choose *Free*, then *Transport and warehousing*. Previous

issues are available on Transport Canada's website (<http://www.tc.gc.ca/pol/en/report/TP1496/tp1496.htm>).

Preliminary statistics for the 56 Canadian airports with NAV CANADA flight service stations are also available for February.

Information on methods and data quality available in the Integrated Meta Data Base: survey number 2715.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Kathie Davidson (613-951-0141; fax: 613-951-0010; aviationstatistics@statcan.ca), Transportation Division. ■

Population and family estimation methods at Statistics Canada

The manual *Population and family estimation methods at Statistics Canada* provides users of demographic statistics with comprehensive "one-stop" shopping for the current procedures used by Statistics Canada to prepare population and family estimates.

It includes detailed descriptions of the data sources and methodology for postcensal and intercensal population estimates (for different geographical areas and by demographic characteristics such as age, sex and marital status), births and deaths, immigration, emigration, non-permanent residents, interprovincial migration, and census families estimates.

The manual also describes products and services available in the area of population estimates and gives insight into major research and developmental projects. Data quality evaluations of all estimates are presented.

The manual *Population and family estimation methods at Statistics Canada* (91-528-XIE, \$32) is now available. See *How to order products*.

For more information, contact Margaret Michalowski (613-951-2349; michmar@statcan.ca), Demography Division. ■

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