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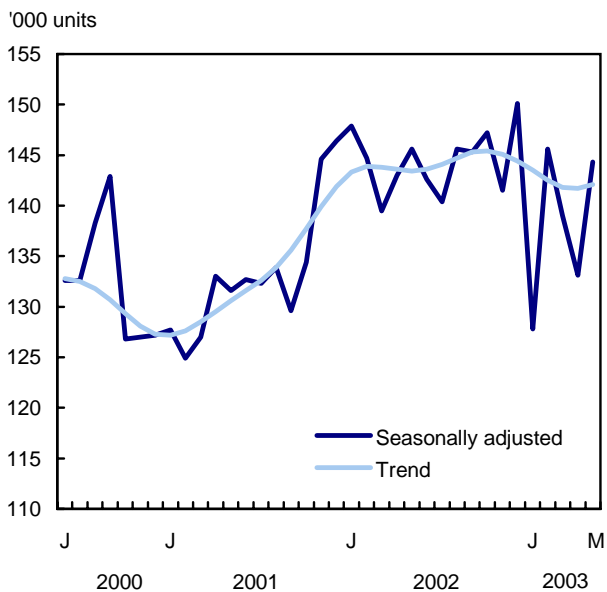
MAJOR RELEASES

New motor vehicle sales

May 2003

The number of new motor vehicles sold in May rebounded 8.4%, making up almost all the losses registered in April and March. In all, 144,282 new vehicles rolled off dealers' lots in May, which was 11,214 more units than in April. Of these additional vehicles sold, three in five were trucks. New incentive programs offered mainly by the large North American automakers may have helped boost sales in May.

New motor vehicle sales rebounded in May



Despite May's increase, the number of new motor vehicles sold in the first five months of 2003 was down 4.3% from the same period of 2002, a record year.

With the gain recorded in May, the downward movement of new vehicle sales in recent months appears to have slowed. However, on the basis of preliminary figures from the auto industry, it is estimated that the number of new motor vehicles sold in June fell by approximately 10%, which could reinforce the downward movement. New motor vehicle sales have gone through major fluctuations that make it difficult to interpret the current direction of sales for passenger cars and trucks. Trucks include minivans, sport-utility vehicles, light and heavy trucks, vans and buses.

Note to readers

All data in this release are seasonally adjusted unless otherwise indicated. Seasonally adjusted provincial data from January 1991 are available on CANSIM.

Passenger cars include those used for personal and commercial purposes, such as taxis or rental cars. **Trucks** include minivans, sport-utility vehicles, light and heavy trucks, vans and buses.

North American-built new motor vehicles include vehicles manufactured or assembled in Canada, the United States or Mexico. All other new motor vehicles are considered to have been manufactured overseas.

For reasons of confidentiality, data for Yukon, the Northwest Territories and Nunavut are included with those for British Columbia.

New motor vehicle sales remained at a high level throughout 2002. Previously, they had gone through a period of sustained growth during most of 2001.

Truck sales outpace car sales

In May, vehicle dealers saw their truck sales grow at almost twice the rate for passenger cars. Truck sales rebounded 11.4% from their April level, compared with 5.9% for car sales.

After declines in the past two months, new truck sales rose to 67,964 vehicles in May. This is the largest number of new trucks sold during a month so far in 2003. The increase more than offset the April and March declines combined.

Despite May's gain, new truck sales have been maintaining a downward movement in recent months, after a slight upward movement that began in the summer of 2002. Previously, truck sales had remained generally stable for the first half of 2002.

North American-built cars post strong sales

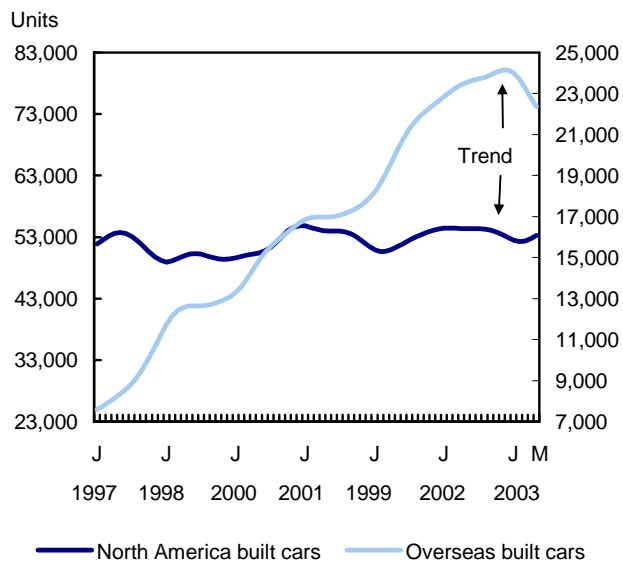
In May, sales of new passenger cars advanced 5.9% from April to 76,318 units. This increase, which followed two successive monthly declines, was almost entirely attributable to sales of North American-built cars, which rebounded 8.3%, thereby wiping out the declines in April and March.

Sales of overseas-built passenger cars were almost unchanged in May. They advanced 0.3% from April, after three months of consecutive declines.

In recent years, sales of North American-built passenger cars have been generally stable. However,

they have fluctuated more than sales of overseas-built cars, which have shown a downward movement in recent months.

New passenger car sales, by place of manufacture



Sales up in all provinces

In May, the number of new motor vehicles sold advanced in all provinces, following two consecutive

declines in April and March. Only Newfoundland and Labrador reported a gain in April.

Prince Edward Island, Saskatchewan, Ontario and New Brunswick posted the largest gains, each advancing at least 10% from April. In the first three provinces, new motor vehicle sales have remained generally stable since the start of 2002, following a period of increases that began at the start of 2001. In New Brunswick, the movement of sales appears to have stabilized in recent months, after a downward movement that began in the spring of 2002.

In the other provinces, the rebound of sales in May allowed them to offset all or much of the losses recorded in April and March.

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

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2402.

The May 2003 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

	May 2002	April 2003 ^r	May 2003 ^p	May 2002 to May 2003	April to May 2003
Seasonally adjusted					
	Number of vehicles			% change	
New motor vehicles	145 596	133 068	144 282	-0.9	8.4
Passenger cars	78 331	72 085	76 318	-2.6	5.9
North American ¹	54 336	50 380	54 556	0.4	8.3
Overseas	23 995	21 705	21 762	-9.3	0.3
Trucks, vans and buses	67 265	60 983	67 964	1.0	11.4
New motor vehicles					
Newfoundland and Labrador	1 957	2 021	2 038	4.1	0.8
Prince Edward Island	390	376	427	9.5	13.6
Nova Scotia	3 862	3 687	3 949	2.3	7.1
New Brunswick	3 435	2 998	3 302	-3.9	10.1
Quebec	36 742	34 967	37 252	1.4	6.5
Ontario	58 053	52 269	57 856	-0.3	10.7
Manitoba	4 088	3 811	4 084	-0.1	7.2
Saskatchewan	3 618	3 111	3 491	-3.5	12.2
Alberta	16 936	15 711	16 985	0.3	8.1
British Columbia ²	16 515	14 118	14 898	-9.8	5.5
	May 2002	April 2003	May 2003 ^p	May 2002 to May 2003	
Unadjusted					
	Number of vehicles			% change	
New motor vehicles	186,313	152,967	185,419	-0.5	
Passenger cars	106,497	86,793	103,507	-2.8	
North American ¹	74,074	59,729	74,880	1.1	
Overseas	32,423	27,064	28,627	-11.7	
Trucks, vans and buses	79,816	66,174	81,912	2.6	
New motor vehicles					
Newfoundland and Labrador	3,137	2,742	3,201	2.0	
Prince Edward Island	554	415	615	11.0	
Nova Scotia	5,764	4,826	6,021	4.5	
New Brunswick	4,906	3,707	4,758	-3.0	
Quebec	50,274	43,846	51,074	1.6	
Ontario	70,599	57,409	70,440	-0.2	
Manitoba	4,893	4,107	5,104	4.3	
Saskatchewan	4,170	3,457	4,163	-0.2	
Alberta	21,287	17,415	21,454	0.8	
British Columbia ²	20,729	15,043	18,589	-10.3	

^r Revised figures.

^p Preliminary figures.

¹ Manufactured or assembled in Canada, the United States or Mexico.

² Includes Yukon, the Northwest Territories and Nunavut.

OTHER RELEASES

Aircraft movement statistics: Small airports

January 2003

There were 33,195 take-offs and landings recorded in January at the 106 airports without air traffic control towers, down 21.9% from January 2002, when 112 airports reported 42,497 take-offs and landings.

The January 2003 monthly report, Vol. 2 (TP141, free) is available on Transport Canada's website (<http://www.tc.gc.ca/pol/en/Report/tp141e/tp141.htm>).

Note: The TP141 monthly report is issued in two volumes. Volume 1 presents statistics for the major Canadian airports (those with NAV CANADA air traffic control towers or flight service stations). Volume 2 presents statistics for the smaller airports (those without air traffic control towers). Both volumes are available free upon release at Transport Canada's website.

For more information about this website, contact Michel Villeneuve (613-990-3825; villenm@tc.gc.ca) or Sheila Rajani (613-993-9822; rajanis@tc.gc.ca), Transport Canada.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2715.

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Restaurants, caterers and taverns

May 2003

Total receipts of restaurants, caterers and taverns in May were an estimated \$2.89 billion, up 1.5% from the May 2002 estimate.

Available on CANSIM: table 355-0001.

The May 2003 issue of *Restaurant, caterer and tavern statistics* (63-011-XIE, \$6/\$55) 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 Bill Birbeck (613-951-3506), Services Industries Division. ■

Dairy statistics

May 2003 (preliminary)

Dairy farmers sold 639 000 kilolitres of milk and cream to dairies in May, virtually unchanged from May 2002.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey numbers, including related surveys, 3430, 3431 and 3432.

The second quarter 2003 issue of *The dairy review* (23-001-XIB, \$27/\$89) will be available in August. 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. ■

Steel wire and specified wire products

May 2003

Data on steel wire and specified wire products production are now available for May.

Available on CANSIM: table 303-0010.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2106.

The May 2003 issue of *Steel wire and specified wire products*, Vol. 58, no. 5 (41-006-XIB,\$5/\$47) is now available. See *How to order products*.

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Despite the emphasis on taking urban transit, Canadians are using it less and less. In 1996, 65.1% of Canadians took an average of about 40 trips on some form of urban transit, the lowest level in the past 25 years.
- **Productivity, hourly compensation and unit labour cost, 1996** 4
Growth in productivity among Canadian businesses was initially weak again in 1996, accompanied by sluggish gains in employment and slow economic growth during the year.

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