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Services indicators

First quarter 2003

The latest edition of *Services indicators* analyzes the performance of three services industries — Engineering services, Commercial and industrial machinery and equipment rental and leasing, Surveying and mapping services — that grew strongly in 2001 despite the general economic slowdown that year. In all three industries, revenues from natural resources projects, especially oil and gas, were high. This latest edition includes the article titled "Resiliency in the natural resources service sector."

An "at a glance" article examines the client base of selected services industries, 1998-2001. These industries are classified as business, consumer, or export oriented.

This issue also contains the regular quarterly analysis of economic developments in the services industries. According to annualized data, real economic output for services industries in the first quarter of 2003 increased 0.6% from the fourth quarter of 2002. In contrast, goods producing industries saw their output rise 0.9% over the same period.

The first quarter 2003 issue of *Services indicators*, Vol. 10, no. 1 (63-016-XIB), \$26/\$87; 63-016-XPB, \$35/\$116) is now available. See *How to order products*. For more information, contact Gaston Levesque (613-951-9344; levegas@statcan.ca) or Michel Savard (613-951-3175; savamic@statcan.ca), Service Industries Division.

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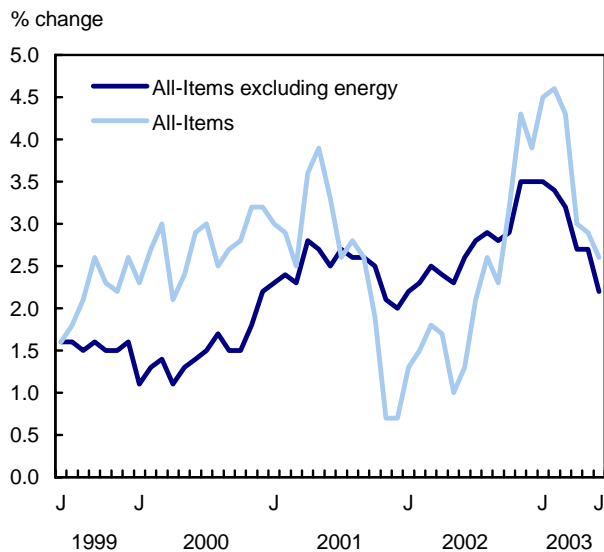
Consumer Price Index

June 2003

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) rose 2.6% from June 2002 to June 2003, having registered monthly increases of only 0.1% in both May and June 2003. This 12-month change constitutes the weakest increase since September 2002. A large part of this rise came from the hike in the natural gas index (+48.3%), as well as from the 22.6% jump in automotive vehicle insurance premiums. Most of the increase in automotive vehicle insurance premiums occurred in earlier months, as they advanced by only 0.4% from May to June. The CPI excluding energy increased 2.2% from June 2002 to June 2003.

The rise in cigarette prices, homeowners' replacement cost and tuition fees were also significant factors in the increase in the All-items CPI. However, the decrease in purchase prices of automotive vehicles, clothing and traveller accommodation tempered the increase.

Percentage change from the same month of the previous year



A slight increase from May to June

For a second consecutive month, the CPI rose only slightly, increasing 0.1% from May to June 2003. Upward pressure on the CPI came mainly from the increase in natural gas, traveller accommodation and

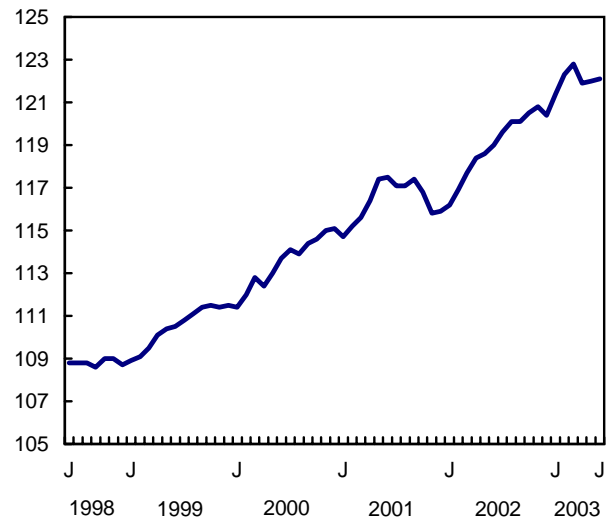
gasoline prices, while the downward pressures were mainly due to the drop in the prices of automotive vehicle purchases and clothing.

The natural gas index rose 8.6% in June under the influence of higher bills in Ontario and Alberta. The 8.7% price increase in Ontario is entirely due to the return to normal billing after the retroactive adjustments received by some consumers in May. The 21.1% jump in prices in Alberta is mainly due to an increase in recovery costs.

Traveller accommodation prices increased by 8.2%, after rising 6.2% in May. These price increases are attributable to the onset of the peak tourist season across the country.

Consumer Price Index

Index, not seasonally adjusted (1992=100)



After posting important decreases in the two previous months, gasoline prices increased, on average, 1.2% from May to June 2003. However, the price of gasoline fell in Prince Edward Island (-6.1%), Newfoundland and Labrador (-1.5%) and Manitoba (-0.4%).

The index for the purchase of automotive vehicles fell 1.5% in June. According to the New motor vehicle sales survey, sales in the first five months of 2003 were down 4.3% compared with the same period last year. This led some manufacturers to offer more substantial rebates in June.

The clothing index for men dropped 5.1% in June, while women's clothing fell 1.4%. These reductions are

a result of widespread sales in most clothing categories. Price decreases for men's clothing traditionally occur in June, but this year's decline was more substantial than usual.

The seasonally adjusted CPI increased slightly from May to June

After correcting for seasonal influences, the All-items CPI rose 0.1% from May to June 2003. The increase in the seasonally adjusted index for June is attributable to the rise in the shelter (+0.5%), food (+0.2%), and alcoholic beverages and tobacco products (+0.1%) indexes. These increases were partially offset by the decrease in the seasonally adjusted clothing and footwear (-1.9%), transportation (-0.3%) and health and personal care (-0.3%) indexes. The household operations and furnishings index, as well as the recreation, education and reading index were unchanged after seasonal adjustment.

All-items excluding the eight most volatile components

The All-items index excluding the eight most volatile components as defined by the Bank of Canada increased 2.1% from June 2002 to June 2003. The main contributors to this increase were automotive vehicle insurance premiums (+22.6%), homeowners' replacement cost (+5.9%) and tuition fees (+4.8%).

The All-items index excluding the eight most volatile components as defined by the Bank of Canada decreased 0.1% between May and June. This decrease is explained mainly by the drop in the purchase price of automotive vehicles. The decline in clothing prices was also an important contributor.

Energy

In June 2003, energy prices were 7.9% higher than a year earlier. The majority of this increase is attributable to the rise in the price of natural gas (+48.3%). Higher prices for fuel oil (+10.5%), electricity (+1.5%) and gasoline (+0.8%) contributed to a lesser degree to the increase in the energy index.

Energy prices advanced 1.9% from May to June 2003. This increase is largely due to the 8.6% rise in the natural gas index. Higher gasoline prices (+1.2%) also had an impact on the energy index.

Available on CANSIM: tables 326-0001, 326-0002, 326-0009, 326-0012, 326-0016, 326-0017 and 326-0018.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2301.

Available at 7 a.m. on Statistics Canada's website (www.statcan.ca). From the home page, choose *Today's news releases from The Daily*, then *Latest Consumer Price Index*.

The June 2003 issue of the *Consumer Price Index* (62-001-XIB, \$8/\$77; 62-001-XPB, \$11/\$103) is now available. See *How to order products*.

The July 2003 Consumer Price Index will be released on August 19, 2003.

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Consumer Price Index and Major Components
(1992=100)

	June 2003	May 2003	June 2002	May to June 2003	June 2002 to June 2003
Unadjusted					
	% change				
All-items	122.1	122.0	119.0	0.1	2.6
Food	123.2	122.8	120.9	0.3	1.9
Shelter	117.7	117.1	113.1	0.5	4.1
Household operations and furnishings	114.5	114.5	114.0	0.0	0.4
Clothing and footwear	101.0	103.4	104.2	-2.3	-3.1
Transportation	139.5	139.8	134.0	-0.2	4.1
Health and personal care	116.8	117.1	115.9	-0.3	0.8
Recreation, education and reading	127.6	127.2	127.2	0.3	0.3
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco products	136.4	136.2	124.1	0.1	9.9
All-items (1986=100)	156.4				
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar expressed in cents, compared to 1992	81.9	82.0	84.0		
Special Aggregates					
Goods	117.5	117.8	115.6	-0.3	1.6
Services	127.1	126.8	122.8	0.2	3.5
All-items excluding food and energy	120.2	120.4	117.5	-0.2	2.3
Energy	137.0	134.4	127.0	1.9	7.9
All-items excluding the 8 most volatile components ¹	122.6	122.7	120.1	-0.1	2.1

¹ Excluded from the All-items CPI are the following eight volatile components, as defined by the Bank of Canada: fruit, fruit preparations and nuts; vegetables and vegetable preparations; mortgage interest cost; natural gas; fuel oil and other fuel; gasoline; inter-city transportation; and tobacco products and smokers' supplies. The Bank of Canada further adjusts this series to obtain their measure of core inflation, which also excludes the effect of changes in indirect taxes. For data and information on core inflation, please consult the Bank of Canada Web site: (<http://www.bankofcanada.ca/inflation>).

Consumer Price Index by Province, and for Whitehorse, Yellowknife and Iqaluit
(1992=100)

	June 2003	May 2003	June 2002	May to June 2003	June 2002 to June 2003
Unadjusted					
	% change				
Newfoundland and Labrador	120.3	120.7	117.7	-0.3	2.2
Prince Edward Island	121.5	121.9	117.6	-0.3	3.3
Nova Scotia	123.6	123.5	120.1	0.1	2.9
New Brunswick	122.1	122.1	118.6	0.0	3.0
Québec	118.1	118.3	115.2	-0.2	2.5
Ontario	122.9	122.7	119.9	0.2	2.5
Manitoba	124.9	125.1	123.6	-0.2	1.1
Saskatchewan	126.3	126.4	123.9	-0.1	1.9
Alberta	130.1	129.4	124.1	0.5	4.8
British Columbia	120.2	120.4	118.2	-0.2	1.7
Whitehorse	119.9	119.8	117.8	0.1	1.8
Yellowknife	118.6	118.9	116.2	-0.3	2.1
Iqaluit (Dec. 2002=100)	100.2	100.1	...	0.1	...

^{a...} Figures not available.

OTHER RELEASES

Canada-Mexico agricultural economies and trade 2002

The research study *Canada-Mexico agricultural economies and trade under closer North American relations* examines the expanding trading relationship between Canada and Mexico, with particular emphasis on trade in agricultural products.

About one-fifth of Canadian exports to Mexico consist of agricultural goods. Therefore, it is important to generate awareness about the nature of bilateral trade between the two nations, as well as changing socio-economic conditions that may enhance or hinder this trading relationship.

Trade between Canada and Mexico has grown significantly since the implementation of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) a decade ago.

Mexico accounted for 3.6% of Canada's imports in 2002, up from 2.4% in 1995. During this period, the two-way trade between Canada and Mexico more than doubled from \$6.5 billion to \$15.1 billion, according to Statistics Canada trade statistics. Consequently, it appears that the trade agreement helped to open trade relations between the two nations.

Furthermore, a recent merchandise trade reconciliation study undertaken between Statistics Canada and Mexico determined that in 2001, this two-way trade was closer to \$19 billion.

This result ranked Canada as Mexico's second most important export market in 2001, and Mexico as Canada's fourth most important export market. In 1995, Mexico ranked 15th. The United States is by far the largest export market for both Canada and Mexico, with each nation exporting over 80% of their products to this huge economy.

Agricultural goods accounted for only 4% of Canada's total imports from Mexico in 2002, mostly vegetables and edible fruits and nuts. Another agricultural trade relationship involved the migration of seasonal agricultural workers from Mexico to Canada. Each year, more than 7,000 Mexican workers, including about 165 women, are placed on farms in Ontario, Quebec, Manitoba and Alberta.

Agricultural goods accounted for 21% of Mexico's total imports from Canada in 2001. The lion's share of these imports consisted of meat, grains and oilseeds, fruit and dairy products.

Definitions, data sources and methods: 2202.

The *Agriculture and rural working paper series*, working paper No. 64, titled *Canada-Mexico agricultural economies and trade under closer North American relations* (21-601-MIE2003064, 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 *Agriculture*.

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Natural gas sales May 2003 (preliminary)

Natural gas sales totalled 4 684 million cubic metres in May, down 10.0% from May 2002. All three sectors (residential, commercial and industrial) recorded lower sales. Warmer weather conditions throughout Canada resulted in reduced sales to the residential sector (-15.3%). The commercial and industrial (including direct sales) sectors showed lower sales (-18.9% and -6.0%, respectively).

Natural gas sales

	May 2003 ^P	May 2002	May 2002 to May 2003 % change
Thousands of cubic metres			
Natural gas sales	4 683 704	5 203 775	-10.0
Residential	928 145	1 095 585	-15.3
Commercial	677 406	834 914	-18.9
Industrial	1 534 352	1 415 119	-6.0
Direct	1 543 801	1 858 157	-6.0
Year-to-date			
	2003 ^P	2002	2002 to 2003 % change
Thousands of cubic metres			
Natural gas sales	36 857 280	35 229 844	4.6
Residential	10 597 025	9 992 494	6.0
Commercial	7 999 360	7 457 862	7.3
Industrial	8 764 402	8 186 239	2.7
Direct	9 496 493	9 593 249	-6.0

^P Preliminary figures.

Year-to-date sales at the end of May were up 4.6% from 2002. Both the residential (+6.0%) and commercial

(+7.3%) sectors posted gains. Use of natural gas by the industrial sector (including direct sales) rose 2.7% so far this year.

Available on CANSIM: tables 129-0001 to 129-0004.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2149.

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Deliveries of major grains

June 2003

Data on June grain deliveries are now available.

Available on CANSIM: table 001-0001.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey numbers, including related surveys, 3403, 3404 and 3443.

The June 2003 issue of *Cereals and Oilseeds Review* (22-007-XIB, \$11/\$112; 22-007-XPB, \$15/\$149) will be available in August 2003. See *How to order products*.

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Mineral wool including fibrous glass insulation

June 2003

Data on *Mineral wool including fibrous glass insulation* are now available for June.

Available on CANSIM: table 303-0004.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2110.

The June 2003 issue of *Mineral wool including fibrous glass insulation*, Vol. 55, no. 6 (44-004-XIB, \$5/\$47) 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 the dissemination officer (1-866-873-8789; 613-951-9497; manufact@statcan.ca), Manufacturing, Construction and Energy Division. ■

Aircraft movement statistics: Small airports

February 2003

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

Note: The TP 141 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 at (613-990-3825; villenm@tc.gc.ca) or Sheila Rajani at (613-993-9822; rajanis@tc.gc.ca), Transport Canada.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2715.

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Crushing statistics

June 2003

Canadian oilseed processors crushed 197,774 metric tonnes of canola in June, according to the monthly survey of crushing plants. Oil production totalled 81,121 tonnes, while meal production amounted to 122,163 tonnes.

Available on CANSIM: table 001-0005.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 3404.

The June 2003 issue of *Cereals and oilseeds review* (22-007-XIB, \$11/\$112; 22-007-XPB, \$15/\$149) will be available in August 2003. See *How to order products*.

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Postal code conversion file

January 2003

The January 2003 version of the *Postal code conversion file* (PCCF) is now available. This digital file links the six-character postal code with the standard 2001 Census geographic areas (such

as dissemination areas, census tracts, and census subdivisions). It also locates each postal code by longitude and latitude to support mapping applications.

The January 2003 version of the *Postal codes by federal riding file* (1996 Representation Order) is also available. This product, a subset of the PCCF, provides a link between the six-character postal code and Canada's Federal Electoral Districts (commonly known as federal ridings). By using the postal code as a link, data from administrative files may be organized and/or tabulated by federal riding.

The *Postal code conversion file* (92F0153XCE, \$9,000; 92F0153UCE, \$1,500) and the *Postal codes by federal riding file* (92F0028UDB, \$500) are now available in ASCII format on diskette or CD-ROM. See *How to order products*. A reference guide (92F0153GIE, free) is available in electronic format.

For more information, or to order these files, contact your nearest *Statistics Canada Regional Reference Centre*. ■

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

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Despite the emphasis on taking urban transit, Canadians are using it less and less. In 1996, each Canadian took an average of about 20 trips on some form of urban transit, the lowest level in the past 25 years.
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