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Births

2001

Live births increased for the first time in a decade in 2001. As a result, Canada's fertility rate recovered slightly from the record low set the year before.

In total, 333,744 babies were born in 2001, up 1.8% from 2000. The fertility rate — an estimate of the average number of children women aged 15 to 49 will have in their lifetime — rose to 1.51 in 2001 from the record low of 1.49 set in 2000.

Live births rose in only four provinces — Ontario, Quebec, Saskatchewan and Alberta. Just over 131,700 babies were born in Ontario, up 3.4% from 2000 and the strongest increase. Almost 73,700 were born in Quebec, up 2.3%.

Reasons behind the increase in births are not possible to determine from the data source, which is birth registrations. However, the increase coincides with the extension of parental benefits under Employment Insurance from a maximum of 10 weeks to 35 weeks as of December 31, 2000. The availability of this benefit may have encouraged some Canadians to start or add to their families.

Births¹

	2000	2001	2000
			to
			2001
			% change
Canada ²	327,882	333,744	1.8
Newfoundland and			
Labrador	4,869	4,716	-3.1
Prince Edward Island	1,441	1,380	-4.2
Nova Scotia	9,116	8,909	-2.3
New Brunswick	7,347	7,195	-2.1
Quebec	72,007	73,695	2.3
Ontario	127,408	131,709	3.4
Manitoba	14,090	14,002	-0.6
Saskatchewan	12,140	12,275	1.1
Alberta	37,006	37,619	1.7
British Columbia	40,672	40,575	-0.2
Yukon	370	344	-7.0
Northwest Territories ³	673	613	-8.9
Nunavut ³	727	710	-2.3

¹ Excludes births to non-residents of Canada and stillbirths.

Fertility rates rose for women age 25 and older in 2001, and fell for women under 25.

The fertility rate of teenagers set a new low in 2001, with 16.3 births for every 1,000 women aged 15 to 19 in 2001. This continued a trend of annual declines which began in 1992.

In contrast, fertility rates for women aged 25 to 29 rose for the first time in a decade, to 97.9 births for every 1,000 women this age.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 3231.

The publication *Births* — *Shelf tables*, 2001 (84F0210XPB, \$20), which contains tables on live births and stillbirths, is now available. See *How to order products*.

For general information or to order custom tabulations, contact Client Services (613-951-1746; hd-ds@statcan.ca). To enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Patricia Tully (613-951-1759; patricia.tully@statcan.ca) or Leslie Geran (613-951-5243; leslie.geran@statcan.ca), Health Statistics Division.

Stillbirths

2001

The number of stillbirths with a gestational age of 28 weeks or more, known as late fetal deaths, rose slightly in 2001 for the third straight year.

Canada registered 1,097 stillbirths at 28 weeks or more in 2001, up 3.5% from 2000.

In 2001, there were 3.3 late fetal deaths for every 1,000 total births (live births plus stillbirths of 28 weeks or longer gestation). This was a slight increase from 2000, when there were 3.2 such deaths for every 1,000 total births.

Late fetal death rates have remained below four deaths for every 1,000 total births since 1990.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 3234.

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² Canada total includes births with unknown province or territory of residence of mother.

Data for Nunavut are excluded from the Northwest Territories.

Steel primary forms — weekly data

Week ending August 2, 2003 (preliminary)

Steel primary forms production for the week ending August 2 totalled 301 276 metric tonnes, up 2.9% from 292 823 tonnes a week earlier and 0.0% from 301 206 tonnes in the same week of 2002.

The year-to-date total as of August 2 was 9 295 851 tonnes, down 3.6% from 9 643 015 tonnes in the same period of 2002.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2131.

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Aircraft movement statistics: Major airports

April 2003

The April 2003 monthly report, Vol. 1 (TP141, free) is now 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.

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.

Electric power statistics

May 2003

Data on electric power are now available for May.

Available on CANSIM: table 127-0001.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2151.

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; energ@statcan.ca), Manufacturing, Construction and Energy Division.

NEW PRODUCTS

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Employment, earnings and hours, May 2003, Vol. 81, no. 5

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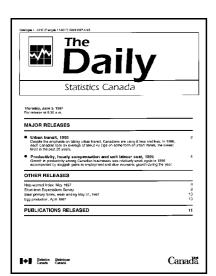
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