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Domestic sales of refined petroleum products

August 2004 (preliminary)

Sales of refined petroleum products totalled 9 008 600 cubic metres in August, up 3.5% from August 2003. Sales increased in six of the seven major product groups, led by diesel fuel oil which advanced by 84 200 cubic metres (+4.0%). Sales of aviation turbo fuels (+5.3% or 29 400 cubic metres) and light fuel oil (+8.8% or 14 700 cubic metres) also advanced.

Sales of regular non-leaded rose 0.5% while premium (-12.4%) and mid-grade (-10.1%) fell from August 2003.

Sales of refined petroleum products

	August 2003 ^r	August 2004 ^p	August 2003 to August 2004 % change
	Thousands of cubic metres		
Total, all products	8 707.8	9 008.6	3.5
Motor gasoline	3 680.5	3 643.0	-1.0
Diesel fuel oil	2 079.9	2 164.1	4.0
Light fuel oil	165.8	180.5	8.8
Heavy fuel oil	879.9	891.7	1.3
Aviation turbo fuels	556.3	585.7	5.3
Petrochemical feedstocks ¹	349.5	465.7	33.2
All other refined products	995.9	1 077.9	8.2

	Jan. to August 2003 ^r	Jan. to August 2004 ^p	Jan.-August 2003 to Jan.-August 2004 % change
	Thousands of cubic metres		
Total, all products	64 937.1	67 834.8	4.5
Motor gasoline	26 723.0	27 258.9	2.0
Diesel fuel oil	15 581.6	16 312.4	4.7
Light fuel oil	3 537.2	3 444.8	-2.6
Heavy fuel oil	5 610.2	5 561.1	-0.9
Aviation turbo fuels	3 958.5	4 232.3	6.9
Petrochemical feedstocks ¹	2 920.9	3 488.4	19.4
All other refined products	6 605.6	7 537.0	14.1

^r Revised figures.

^p Preliminary figures.

1. Materials produced by refineries that are used by the petrochemical industry to produce chemicals, synthetic rubber and a variety of plastics.

Year-to-date sales of refined petroleum products at the end of August reached 67 834 800 cubic metres, up 4.5% from the same period of 2003. Sales rose in five of the seven major product groups. Diesel fuel oil

sales (+730 800 cubic metres) posted the largest gain and are up 4.7% since the beginning of the year.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2150.

Preliminary domestic sales of refined petroleum products data are no longer available on CANSIM.

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Motor vehicle fuel sales

2003 (preliminary)

Gross sales of gasoline, consisting of all grades (including fuel used on farms, for construction or other off-road uses) increased 1.2% to nearly 40 billion litres in 2003 compared with a year earlier, according to preliminary data.

Combined, Ontario (15.5 billion litres) and Quebec (8.2 billion litres) accounted for almost 60% of the fuel consumed in Canada.

Nationally, gross sales of gasoline fuel peaked in July and August at 3.6 billion litres each month, mostly because of the summer holiday season.

Note: Data on the volume of gasoline (in litres) sold in Canada are now available. The information provides both gross and net annual volume figures from 1996 to 2003 inclusive. Gross is the total volume sold and net is the volume on which taxes were paid. Breakdowns by province and territory and by month are also available. Annual sales volumes between 1996 and 2003 are also provided by province for diesel and liquefied petroleum gas.

Available on CANSIM: tables 405-0002 and 405-0003.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2746.

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Production and disposition of tobacco products

August 2004

In August, total cigarettes sold by Canadian manufacturers rose 3% from July to 3.4 billion cigarettes and stood 6% higher compared with August 2003.

Cigarette production rose 26% from July to 3.2 billion cigarettes—up 16% compared with the same period a year earlier.

At 3.5 billion cigarettes, the level of closing inventories for August was down 2% from July, and 4% lower compared with August 2003.

Available on CANSIM: table 303-0062.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2142.

The August 2004 issue of *Production and disposition of tobacco products*, Vol. 33, no. 8 (32-022-XIB, \$6/\$51) is now available. See *How to order products*.

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Mineral wool including fibrous glass insulation

August 2004

Data on mineral wool including fibrous glass insulation are now available for August.

Available on CANSIM: table 303-0059.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2110.

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Electric power generating stations 2003

Data on electric power generating stations are now available for 2003. The survey provides a list of generating stations in Canada and includes the name, ownership, year of installation, capacity (in kilowatts), type of fuel or water supply, and source (hydro, steam, internal combustion, combustion turbine, nuclear, wind and tidal).

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2193.

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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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