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Domestic sales of refined petroleum products

March 2004 (preliminary)

Sales of refined petroleum products totalled 8 513 200 cubic metres in March, up 6.2% from March 2003. Sales increased in six of the seven major product groups, with diesel fuel oil up 152 400 cubic metres or 7.9%. Motor gasoline rose 118 900 cubic metres (+3.7%) and heavy fuel oil was up 79 500 cubic metres (+13.1%).

Sales of refined petroleum products

	March	March	March
	2003 ^r	2004 ^p	2003
			to
			March
			2004
	'000 of cub	oic metres	% change
Total, all products	8 015.1	8 513.2	6.2
Motor gasoline	3 197.9	3 316.8	3.7
Diesel fuel oil	1 917.9	2 070.3	7.9
Light fuel oil	659.6	587.0	-11.0
Heavy fuel oil	605.7	685.2	13.1
Aviation turbo fuels Petrochemical	573.8	628.7	9.6
feedstocks ¹ All other refined	368.0	398.6	8.3
products	692.2	826.5	19.4
	Jan. to	Jan. to	JanMarch 2003 to
	March 2003 ^r	March 2004 ^p	JanMarch 2004
	'000 of cub	oic metres	% change
Total, all products	23 770.9	24 890.0	4.7
Motor gasoline	9 447.7	9 682.9	2.5
Diesel fuel oil	5 601.1	5 917.0	5.6
Light fuel oil	2 293.3	2 183.3	-4.8
Heavy fuel oil	1 939.1	1 832.3	-5.5
Aviation turbo fuels Petrochemical	1 356.3	1 523.1	12.3
feedstocks ¹ All other refined	1 105.2	1 138.7	3.0
products	2 028.2	2 612.6	28.8

r Revised figures.

Sales of regular non-leaded (+3.3%) and premium gasoline (+10.3%) rose while mid-grade (-1.2%) fell from March 2003.

Year-to-date sales of refined petroleum products at the end of March reached 24 890 000 cubic metres up 4.7% from the same period of 2003. Sales rose in five of the seven major product groups with the largest

increase in diesel fuel oil (+315900 cubic metres or +5.6%).

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

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2150.

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.

Production and Disposition of Tobacco Products

March 2004

Total cigarettes sold in March by Canadian manufacturers increased 24% from February to 3.2 billion cigarettes, an increase of 2% from the level observed in March 2003.

Cigarette production for March stood at 3.2 billion cigarettes, an increase of 20% from February, but a decrease of 13% from the 3.7 billion cigarettes produced in March 2003.

Closing inventories rose 239 million (+7%) between February and March to 3.8 billion cigarettes. While cigarette production exceeded sales by 54 million cigarettes, most of the increase is attributable to inventory adjustments. Inventories are commonly adjusted to account for damaged, destroyed, stolen or reworked goods.

Available on CANSIM: table 303-0007.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2142.

The March 2004 issue of *Production and Disposition of Tobacco Products*, Vol. 33, no. 3 (32-022-XIB, \$6/\$51) is now available. See How to order products.

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Preliminary figures.

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

Electric power statistics

February 2004

Data on electric power for February are now available.

Available on CANSIM: table 127-0001.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2151.

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Coal and coke statistics

February 2004

Data on coal and coke for February are now available.

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Definitions, data sources and methods: survey numbers, including related surveys, 2003 and 2147.

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Domestic travel

1998 (revised estimates)

Revised estimates for the Canadian Travel Survey for 1998 are now available.

Available on CANSIM: tables 426-0001 to 426-0006.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 3810.

For general information or to order data, contact Client Services (1-800-307-3382; 613-951-7608; fax: 613-951-2909; *cult.tourstats@statcan.ca*). To enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, or to get a copy of a more detailed statement on the Canadian Travel Survey adjustment project, contact Lizette Gervais-Simard (613-951-1672; fax: 613-951-2909; *gervliz@statcan.ca*), Culture Tourism, and the Centre for Education Statistics.

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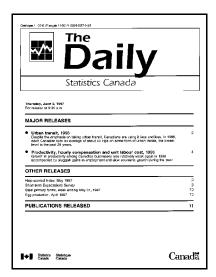
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