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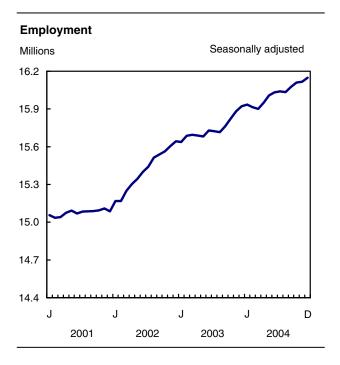
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The increase in December brought overall employment gains for the year to 228,000 (+1.4%), slightly lower than in 2003 when employment grew by 1.8%. All of the employment gains in 2004 were in full-time jobs and the total number of hours worked rose by 2.2%.

Throughout 2004, the proportion of the employed working-age population (employment rate) remained at or near the record level set in December 2003 (62.7%), as the increase in employment in 2004 just kept pace with population growth.

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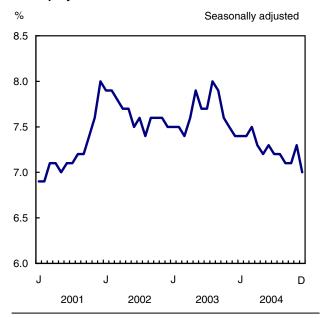
Annual average estimates for 2004 are now available on CANSIM (tables 282-0001 to 282-0042 and 282-0047 to 282-0095).

Every five years, Labour Force Survey (LFS) estimates undergo extensive revisions. At the beginning of 2005, revisions will include four major changes. All estimates will be adjusted to reflect 2001 Census population counts; industry estimates will be classified from the 1997 to the 2002 North American Industry Classification System (NAICS); the occupation estimates will be classified from the 1991 Standard Occupation for Classification to the National Occupational Classification for Statistics 2001 (NOC-S). Lastly, geography boundaries will be based on the 2001 Standard Geographical Classification (SGC), which will affect boundaries of census metropolitan areas only.

As a result of these changes, LFS estimates will be revised back to January 1976. Revised historical data will be available on CANSIM at the end of January (planned release date of January 26th). LFS CANSIM tables 282-0001 to 282-0095 will not be available to the public from the 15th to 25th of January, 2005. The revised data will also be available on the Labour Force Historical Review CD-ROM, which will be released in February.

If you have any questions about these changes, contact Client Services (1-866-873-8788; 613-951-4090; labour@statcan.ca).

#### **Unemployment rate**

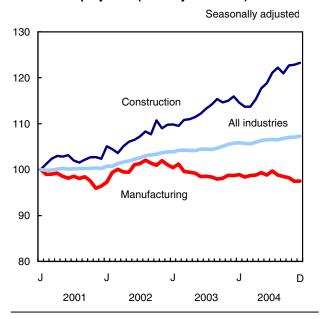


## Another strong year for construction, continued weakness in manufacturing

The strength in construction employment over the past several years continued in 2004 with an increase of 6.3%, reflecting robust activity related to building permits and housing starts as well as low interest rates. In 2004, employment also increased in professional, scientific and technical services (+6.0%), finance, insurance, real estate and leasing (+5.9%) and natural resources (+3.9%). There was slower growth in retail and wholesale trade (+2.4%) and in health care and social assistance (+1.7%).

For the second year in a row, the manufacturing sector turned in a lackluster performance with employment especially hard hit in the second half of 2004, leaving it down 1.2% for the year. Manufacturers had a difficult year as they were confronted with a higher Canadian dollar as well as substantial increases in the price of crude oil and other raw material inputs. The most recent estimates from the Monthly Survey of Manufacturing showed fewer shipments in September and October. Furthermore, exports have fallen as foreign demand for fabricated products has weakened. Employment in the sector is now 4.3% below the most recent peak attained towards the end of 2002.

#### Index of employment (January 2001=100)



Employment increased by 15,000 in professional, scientific and technical services in December, which brought gains over the year to 59,000 (+6.0%). The largest gain in December occurred in Quebec.

There was also more employment in natural resources (+7,000) in December, which brought year-to-date gains to 12,000 (+3.9%). The largest increases in December were in Quebec and Newfoundland and Labrador. Over the year, strength in the natural resources sector was concentrated in Alberta and Ontario.

Employment in retail and wholesale trade fell by 20,000 in December, partly offsetting gains observed over the previous three months. Despite this decline, employment in the sector was up 2.4% (+59,000) for the year.

In December, the number of private sector employees increased by 31,000 and the number of employees in the public sector rose by 21,000. In 2004, employment was up only 0.9% (+91,000) among private sector employees while it grew at a much faster pace of 2.9% (+88,000) among public sector workers. Over the same period, self-employment increased by 2.0% (+48,000).

### More full-time jobs in 2004

In December and in 2004, all of the employment increase was in full-time jobs. Full-time employment rose by 41,000 in December while part-time employment was little changed. The increase in December brought full-time job gains for the year to 258,000 (+2.0%) while part-time employment declined by 1.0% (-30,000).

There were 18,000 more adult men working in December, offsetting the decline in November. This increase brought gains for the year to 118,000 (+1.6%), similar to the gain in 2003. The unemployment rate among adult men was little changed in December at 6.0%.

Among adult women, an increase of 30,000 full-time jobs in December was offset by a marginal decline in the number of part-time jobs (-17,000), leaving overall employment for this group little changed. In 2004, employment among adult women rose by 1.3% (+84,000), considerably less than the 2.6% increase in 2003. The unemployment rate for this group edged down 0.2 percentage points in December to 5.9%.

For the third consecutive month, employment was little changed among youths. However, job gains in the second quarter of the year and during the fall left youth employment up 1.1% (+26,000) since the start of 2004. This compares to a much slower growth rate in 2003 when youth employment was up by only 0.4%. In December 2004, the youth unemployment rate edged down to 12.8%.

#### Job growth in all provinces in 2004

In 2004, most provinces had employment growth rates above the national average of 1.4%: New

Brunswick (+3.2%), Newfoundland and Labrador (+2.6%), Nova Scotia (+1.9%), British Columbia (+1.9%), Ontario (+1.5%), Manitoba (+1.5%) and Saskatchewan (+1.5%). The growth rate for Prince Edward Island (+2.1%) was also above the national average, due mostly to a strong gain in November. Employment growth in Quebec (+1.0%) and Alberta (+0.9%) was slower than the national average.

In British Columbia, employment capped the year with an increase of 17,000 in December and the unemployment rate edged down 0.3 percentage points to 6.1%, the lowest since June 1981. The largest job gains were in business, building and other support services, health care and social assistance and agriculture. While overall employment in the province rose by 39,000 (+1.9%) in 2004, this was much lower than the 4.2% growth the year before. The construction sector was a pillar of job strength for the province in 2004.

In December, employment rose by an estimated 5,000 in Newfoundland and Labrador, with the largest increases in natural resources and information, culture and recreation. This increase offset some of the losses observed in recent months and left total gains for the year at 6,000 (+2.6%), well above the 0.3% increase in 2003. The unemployment rate fell 1.2 percentage points in December 2004 to 15.3%.

Employment rose by 3,000 in New Brunswick, lowering the unemployment rate from 9.9% in November to 9.5% in December. The employment increase in December brought job gains in the province since the start of the year to 11,000 (+3.2%) and was in sharp contrast to the 1.0% decline in 2003. The bulk of the increase in 2004 was in transportation and warehousing, public administration, educational services and information, culture and recreation.

In December, employment was little changed in Quebec. The unemployment rate fell 0.4 percentage points in December to 8.5%, the result of a significant decrease in the number of people searching for work. In 2004, employment in the province grew by 37,000 (+1.0%), just slightly higher than the job growth in 2003 (+0.6%). Job strength in 2004 was primarily in three sectors: finance, insurance, real estate and leasing; business, building and other support services; and in professional, scientific and technical

services. These gains were partly offset by losses in educational services and agriculture.

Employment in Ontario was also little changed in December and the unemployment rate edged down to 6.8%. In 2004, employment in the province increased by 1.5% (+95,000) whereas in 2003, the increase was stronger at 2.0%. Although the number of factory jobs in the province was little changed in 2004 (-0.4%), it has taken a pronounced downturn since July, down 3.8%.

While job growth in Alberta has been strong for over a decade, employment in the province grew by only 0.9% (+15,000) in 2004 and was in sharp contrast to the 2.7% growth of a year ago. In 2004, there were strong gains in construction and in natural resource industries, the likely result of intense oil and gas exploration activities. These increases however were tempered by weakness in manufacturing, especially in the latter part of the year.

There was little change in both employment and the unemployment rate in the other provinces in December.

Available on CANSIM: tables 282-0001 to 282-0042 and 282-0047 to 282-0095.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 3701.

Available at 7:00 am on our Web site. From the home page, choose *Today's news releases from The Daily*, then *Latest Labour Force Survey*.

A more detailed summary, *Labour Force Information*, is available today for the week ending December 11, 2004 (71-001-XIE, \$9/\$84). See *How to order products*.

Data tables are also available in the *Canadian statistics* module of our Web site.

The next release of the Labour Force Survey will be on Friday, February 4.

For general information or to order data, contact Client Services (1-866-873-8788; 613-951-4090; labour@statcan.ca). To enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Vincent Ferrao (613-951-4750) or Stéphanie Langlois (613-951-3180), Labour Statistics Division.

## Employment by industry (based on NAICS) and class of worker for both sexes, aged 15 and over

|   | November | December | November   | December | November | December |
|---|----------|----------|------------|----------|----------|----------|
|   | 2004     | 2004     | 2004       | 2003     | 2004     | 2003     |
|   |          |          | to         | to       | to       | to       |
|   |          |          | December   | December | December | December |
|   |          |          | 2004       | 2004     | 2004     | 2004     |
|   |          |          | seasonally | adjusted |          |          |
|   |          | '00'     | 0          |          | %        |          |
| All industries                                  | 16,115.3 | 16,148.8 | 33.5       | 228.1    | 0.2      | 1.4      |
| Goods-producing sector                          | 4,027.2  | 4,044.9  | 17.7       | 29.6     | 0.4      | 0.7      |
| Agriculture                                     | 327.9    | 333.7    | 5.8        | -12.8    | 1.8      | -3.7     |
| Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas          | 300.7    | 307.6    | 6.9        | 11.6     | 2.3      | 3.9      |
| Utilities                                       | 127.7    | 127.9    | 0.2        | -2.8     | 0.2      | -2.1     |
| Construction                                    | 1,014.1  | 1,017.7  | 3.6        | 60.6     | 0.4      | 6.3      |
| Manufacturing                                   | 2,256.8  | 2,258.0  | 1.2        | -27.0    | 0.1      | -1.2     |
| Services-producing sector                       | 12,088.1 | 12,103.9 | 15.8       | 198.5    | 0.1      | 1.7      |
| Trade   | 2,556.1  | 2,536.4  | -19.7      | 59.0     | -0.8     | 2.4      |
| Transportation and warehousing                  | 785.6    | 786.4    | 0.8        | 4.2      | 0.1      | 0.5      |
| Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing     | 1,012.8  | 1,013.0  | 0.2        | 56.3     | 0.0      | 5.9      |
| Professional, scientific and technical services | 1,028.8  | 1,043.6  | 14.8       | 59.1     | 1.4      | 6.0      |
| Business, building and other support services   | 629.5    | 630.6    | 1.1        | -7.0     | 0.2      | -1.1     |
| Educational services                            | 1,067.1  | 1,077.3  | 10.2       | 16.2     | 1.0      | 1.5      |
| Health care and social assistance               | 1,760.3  | 1,761.4  | 1.1        | 29.2     | 0.1      | 1.7      |
| Information, culture and recreation             | 718.5    | 712.8    | -5.7       | -4.2     | -0.8     | -0.6     |
| Accommodation and food services                 | 1,004.1  | 1,016.4  | 12.3       | -13.1    | 1.2      | -1.3     |
| Other services                                  | 701.2    | 700.6    | -0.6       | 1.0      | -0.1     | 0.1      |
| Public administration                           | 824.2    | 825.5    | 1.3        | -2.1     | 0.2      | -0.3     |
| Class of worker                                 |          |          |            |          |          |          |
| Public sector employees                         | 3,127.2  | 3,148.1  | 20.9       | 88.3     | 0.7      | 2.9      |
| Private sector                                  | 12,988.1 | 13,000.6 | 12.5       | 139.7    | 0.1      | 1.1      |
| Private employees                               | 10,484.1 | 10,514.8 | 30.7       | 91.3     | 0.3      | 0.9      |
| Self-employed                                   | 2,504.0  | 2,485.8  | -18.2      | 48.4     | -0.7     | 2.0      |

Note: Related to CANSIM tables 282-0088 and 282-0089.

### Employment by type of work, age and sex, seasonally adjusted

| _           | December | November   | December [ | December | November      | December [ | December | November | December |
|-------------|----------|------------|------------|----------|---------------|------------|----------|----------|----------|
|             | 2004     | 2004       | 2003       | 2004     | 2004          | 2003       | 2004     | 2004     | 2003     |
|             |          | to         | to         |          | to            | to         |          | to       | to       |
|             |          | December   | December   |          | December      | December   |          | December | December |
|             |          | 2004       | 2004       |          | 2004          | 2004       |          | 2004     | 2004     |
|             |          |            |            | sea      | sonally adjus | sted       |          |          |          |
|             |          | Both sexes |            |          | Men           |            |          | Women    |          |
|             |          |            |            |          | '000          |            |          |          |          |
| Employment  | 16,148.8 | 33.5       | 228.1      | 8,607.2  | 12.6          | 149.4      | 7,541.6  | 20.9     | 78.7     |
| Full-time   | 13,175.6 | 41.2       | 258.4      | 7,683.2  | 7.4           | 158.3      | 5,492.4  | 33.8     | 100.0    |
| Part-time   | 2,973.2  | -7.8       | -30.2      | 924.0    | 5.2           | -8.9       | 2,049.2  | -12.9    | -21.3    |
| 15-24       | 2,445.1  | 3.4        | 26.3       | 1,242.1  | -5.3          | 31.4       | 1,203.0  | 8.7      | -5.1     |
| 25 and over | 13,703.7 | 30.0       | 201.9      | 7,365.0  | 17.7          | 118.0      | 6,338.7  | 12.3     | 83.9     |
| 25-54       | 11,559.6 | 34.3       | 85.4       | 6,114.6  | 13.3          | 42.6       | 5,445.0  | 21.1     | 42.8     |
| 55 and over | 2,144.1  | -4.3       | 116.5      | 1,250.5  | 4.6           | 75.5       | 893.7    | -8.8     | 41.2     |

Note: Related CANSIM table 282-0087.

|   | November<br>2004 | December<br>2004 | November<br>2004     | November<br>2004 | December<br>2004  | November<br>2004 |  |
|---|------------------|------------------|----------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|--|
|   | 2004             | 2004             | to                   | 2004             | 2004              | 2004<br>to       |  |
|   |                  |                  | December             |                  |                   | December         |  |
|   |                  |                  | 2004<br>seasonally a | djusted          |                   | 2004             |  |
|   |                  | Labour force     |                      | F                | articipation rate |                  |  |
|   | '000             |                  | % change             | %                |                   | change           |  |
| Canada  | 17,377.0         | 17,372.8         | 0.0                  | 67.5             | 67.4              | -0.1             |  |
| Newfoundland and Labrador                         | 259.3            | 261.2            | 0.7                  | 58.9             | 59.4              | 0.5              |  |
| Prince Edward Island                              | 80.2             | 80.1             | -0.1                 | 69.9             | 69.7              | -0.2             |  |
| Nova Scotia                                       | 492.3            | 491.8            | -0.1                 | 64.3             | 64.2              | -0.1             |  |
| New Brunswick                                     | 393.1            | 394.9            | 0.5                  | 64.0             | 64.3              | 0.3              |  |
| Quebec<br>Ontario                                 | 4,086.1          | 4,064.5          | -0.5<br>0.0          | 66.2<br>68.4     | 65.8<br>68.3      | -0.4<br>-0.1     |  |
| Manitoba  | 6,847.7<br>611.0 | 6,848.9<br>610.5 | -0.1                 | 69.4             | 69.3              | -0.1<br>-0.1     |  |
| Saskatchewan                                      | 522.8            | 524.8            | 0.4                  | 68.9             | 69.2              | -0.1<br>0.3      |  |
| Alberta   | 1,847.7          | 1,849.9          | 0.4                  | 72.9             | 72.9              | 0.0              |  |
| British Columbia                                  | 2,236.8          | 2,246.2          | 0.4                  | 65.1             | 65.3              | 0.2              |  |
|   |                  | Employment       |                      |                  | Employment rate   |                  |  |
|   | '000             |                  | % change             | %                |                   | change           |  |
| Canada  | 16,115.3         | 16,148.8         | 0.2                  | 62.6             | 62.7              | 0.1              |  |
| Newfoundland and Labrador<br>Prince Edward Island | 216.6<br>71.8    | 221.2<br>71.7    | 2.1<br>-0.1          | 49.2<br>62.5     | 50.3<br>62.4      | 1.1<br>-0.1      |  |
| Nova Scotia                                       | 71.8<br>448.0    | 447.7            | -0.1<br>-0.1         | 58.5             | 58.4              | -0.1<br>-0.1     |  |
| lew Brunswick                                     | 354.2            | 357.3            | 0.9                  | 57.7             | 58.2              | 0.5              |  |
| Quebec  | 3,722.5          | 3,718.9          | -0.1                 | 60.3             | 60.2              | -0.1             |  |
| Ontario   | 6,371.7          | 6,380.3          | 0.1                  | 63.6             | 63.6              | 0.0              |  |
| Manitoba  | 579.9            | 578.9            | -0.2                 | 65.9             | 65.7              | -0.2             |  |
| Saskatchewan                                      | 494.6            | 495.6            | 0.2                  | 65.2             | 65.3              | 0.1              |  |
| Alberta   | 1,763.2          | 1,766.9          | 0.2                  | 69.6             | 69.6              | 0.0              |  |
| British Columbia                                  | 2,092.9          | 2,110.2          | 0.8                  | 60.9             | 61.3              | 0.4              |  |
|   |                  | Unemployment     |                      |                  | Unemployment rate |                  |  |
|   | '000             |                  | % change             | %                |                   | change           |  |
| Canada  | 1,261.7          | 1,224.0          | -3.0                 | 7.3              | 7.0               | -0.3             |  |
| lewfoundland and Labrador                         | 42.7             | 40.0             | -6.3                 | 16.5             | 15.3              | -1.2             |  |
| rince Edward Island                               | 8.4              | 8.4              | 0.0                  | 10.5             | 10.5              | 0.0              |  |
| lova Scotia                                       | 44.3             | 44.1             | -0.5                 | 9.0              | 9.0               | 0.0              |  |
| ew Brunswick                                      | 38.8             | 37.6             | -3.1                 | 9.9              | 9.5               | -0.4             |  |
| uebec   | 363.7            | 345.6            | -5.0                 | 8.9              | 8.5               | -0.4             |  |
| ntario  | 476.0            | 468.6            | -1.6                 | 7.0              | 6.8               | -0.2             |  |
| lanitoba  | 31.1             | 31.5             | 1.3                  | 5.1              | 5.2               | 0.               |  |
| askatchewan                                       | 28.2             | 29.2             | 3.5                  | 5.4              | 5.6               | 0.3              |  |
| lberta  | 84.5             | 83.0             | -1.8                 | 4.6              | 4.5               | -0.              |  |
| British Columbia                                  | 143.9            | 136.0            | -5.5                 | 6.4              | 6.1               | -0.3             |  |

Note: Related CANSIM table 282-0087.

#### Labour force characteristics for both sexes, aged 15 and over December December December December December December 2003 2004 2003 2003 2004 2003 to to December December 2004 2004 unadjusted Labour force Participation rate % change % change '000 17,021.5 17,214.0 1.1 67.0 66.8 -0.2 Canada Newfoundland and Labrador 252.2 77.5 254.4 -0.9 57.9 57.3 -0.6 1.0 75.5 Prince Edward Island 2.6 66.4 67.4 Nova Scotia 477.9 486.6 62.7 0.8 1.8 63.5 New Brunswick 374.8 385.5 2.9 61.4 62.7 1.3 Quebec 4,011.8 4,019.3 0.2 65.6 65.0 -0.6 Ontario 6,683.9 6,792.6 1.6 67.8 67.7 -0.1 Manitoba 597.5 606.8 1.6 68.5 68.9 0.4 Saskatchewan 509.5 518.5 1.8 67.4 68.3 0.9 1,841.7 Alberta 1.830.4 0.6 73.4 726 -0.8 2,205.8 British Columbia 2.233.4 13 65.1 64.9 -0.2 Employment Employment rate '000 % change % change Canada 15,834.0 16,069.8 15 62.4 0 1 62.3 47.5 Newfoundland and Labrador 208.9 0.9 213.0 2.0 48.4 66.4 68.5 3.2 58.4 Prince Edward Island 59.6 Nova Scotia 438.6 1.7 446.1 57.6 58.2 0.6 New Brunswick 338.7 350.3 3.4 55.5 57.0 1.5 Quebec 3,642.4 3,679.2 1.0 59.6 59.5 -0.1 Ontario 6,278.2 63.7 63.5 -0.2 Manitoba 568.6 576.5 1.4 65.2 65.4 0.2 64.6 Saskatchewan 482.5 490.3 1.6 63.8 8.0 1,747.6 2,062.0 Alberta 1.765.0 1.0 70.1 69.5 -0.6 2,109.6 British Columbia 60.9 23 61.3 0.4 Unemployment Unemployment rate % change % change '000 Canada 1,187.5 1.144.2 -3.6 7.0 6.6 -0.4 Newfoundland and Labrador -13.7 -1.1 17.8 45.4 9.0 15.5 -2.3 39.2 Prince Edward Island 8.9 11.5 -0.4 11.9 Nova Scotia 39.3 40.4 2.8 8.2 8.3 0.1 New Brunswick 36.1 35.2 -2.5 9.6 9.1 -0.5 Quebec 369.4 340.1 -7.9 9.2 8.5 -0.7 Ontario 405.7 421.4 3.9 6.1 6.2 0.1 5.0 Manitoba 28.9 30.3 4.8 4.8 0.2 Saskatchewan 27.0 28.2 4.4 5.3 5.4 0.1 -7.5 82.8 76.6 4.5 4.2 Alberta -0.3

Note: Related CANSIM table 282-0087.

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### Other releases

## Study: Tourism employment in rural Canada

2003

Tourism accounted for about 3% of total employment in Canada's predominantly rural regions in 2003, about the same as it did for the economy as a whole, according to a new study.

"Down East" hospitality came to the fore as the Atlantic provinces led the way in rural tourism employment growth in the late 1990s.

This study, based on Labour Force Survey data, showed that the rural regions of the Atlantic provinces had the largest growth in tourism employment between 1996 and 2003.

New Brunswick led with a gain of nearly 30%, followed by Newfoundland and Labrador at just over 25%. This compares with an increase of just 15% for rural regions in Canada as a whole.

Two major employment challenges for communities in rural Canada are job losses in primary sector industries and the exodus of youth in search of work. Tourism is seen as one way to bring money into a community and maintain local employment.

The study found that tourism employment in the predominantly rural regions of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia appears to have the greatest potential for increase.

This contrasts with tourism employment in the predominantly rural region of Manitoba and Saskatchewan. There, growth is less than the Canadian average and the intensity of rural employment in tourism is low.

The study also found that throughout Canada, rural regions closest to urban centres took advantage of these markets to generate a 17% increase in tourism employment between 1996 and 2003. This compares with an increase of 15% in rural regions as a whole and 13% in urban regions over the same period.

In 2003, the accommodation sector was the largest source of tourism related jobs in rural regions, accounting for over 40% of all tourism employment. In urban regions, the food and beverage industry predominated.

## Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 3701.

The Rural and Small Town Canada Analysis Bulletin, Vol. 5, no. 8, entitled Tourism Employment in Rural Canada (21-006-XIE2004008, free) is now

available online. From the *Our products and services* page, under *Browse our Internet products*, choose *Free* then *Agriculture*.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Roland Beshiri (951-6506; *roland.beshiri@statcan.ca*), Agriculture Division.

## Domestic sales of refined petroleum products

November 2004 (preliminary)

Sales of refined petroleum products totalled 8 711 800 cubic metres in November, up 7.0% from November 2003. Sales increased in six of the seven major product groups. The biggest increases by volume were in diesel fuel oil (+11.4% or 224 400 cubic metres) and motor gasoline (+3.3% or 106 100 cubic metres). Light fuel oil fell by 1.0%.

#### Sales of refined petroleum products

|  | -   |  |  |
|--|---|--|--|
|  | November<br>2003 <sup>r</sup>   | November<br>2004 <sup>p</sup>  | November<br>2003<br>to<br>November<br>2004               |
|  | Thousands of  | cubic metres   | % change   |
| Total, all products Motor gasoline Diesel fuel oil Light fuel oil Heavy fuel oil Aviation turbo fuels Petrochemical feedstocks <sup>1</sup> All other refined products | 8 144.6<br>3 241.1<br>1 965.4<br>445.2<br>834.0<br>428.6<br>342.3<br>888.0              | 8 711.8<br>3 347.2<br>2 189.8<br>440.6<br>909.3<br>472.6<br>403.8<br>948.4               | 7.0<br>3.3<br>11.4<br>-1.0<br>9.0<br>10.3<br>18.0<br>6.8 |
|  | Jan. to<br>Nov. 2003 <sup>r</sup><br>Thousands of                                       | Jan. to Nov.<br>2004 <sup>p</sup><br>cubic metres  | JanNov.<br>2003 to<br>JanNov. 2004<br>% change           |
| Total, all products Motor gasoline Diesel fuel oil Light fuel oil Heavy fuel oil Aviation turbo fuels Petrochemical feedstocks <sup>1</sup> All other refined products | 90 082.5<br>36 819.3<br>21 780.7<br>4 608.1<br>7 878.3<br>5 528.8<br>4 085.7<br>9 381.6 | 93 581.5<br>37 452.7<br>23 019.7<br>4 479.6<br>7 561.0<br>6 007.7<br>4 723.5<br>10 337.3 | 3.9<br>1.7<br>5.7<br>-2.8<br>-4.0<br>8.7<br>15.6<br>10.2 |

r Revised figures.

Sales of regular non-leaded rose (+4.7%) while mid-grade (-13.5%) and premium (-7.1%) fell from November 2003.

Preliminary figures.

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 November reached 93 581 500 cubic metres, up 3.9% from the same period of 2003. Sales rose in five of the seven major product groups. The largest gains by volume occurred in diesel fuel oil (+5.7% or 1 239 000 cubic metres) and motor gasoline (+1.7% or 633 400 cubic metres). Sales for light (-2.8%) and heavy fuel (-4.0%) oil were down.

## 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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### Production of eggs and poultry

November 2004 (preliminary)

Egg production, was estimated at 45.5 million dozen in November, down 3.7% from November 2003.

Poultry meat production reached 100.5 million kilograms in November, up 16.6% from November 2003.

Available on CANSIM: tables 003-0022, 003-0038 and 003-0039.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey numbers, including related surveys, 3424, 3425 and 5039.

The November 2004 issue of *Production of Eggs* (23-003-XIB, free) will soon be available on our Web site.

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## Steel wire and specified wire products October 2004

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

Available on CANSIM: table 303-0047.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2106.

The October 2004 issue of *Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products*, Vol. 59, no. 10 (41-006-XIB, \$6/\$51) is now available. See *How to order products*.

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### Primary iron and steel

October 2004

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Definitions, data sources and methods: survey numbers, including related surveys, 2116 and 2184.

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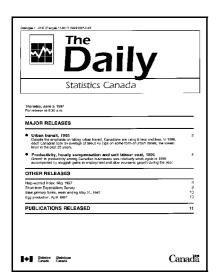
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