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Induced abortions

2002

Canadian women obtained 105,154 abortions in 2002, down 1% from 106,270 in 2001. The rate of abortion has also marginally fallen from 15.6 abortions per 1,000 women in 2001 to 15.4 abortions per 1,000 women in 2002. These numbers exclude data related to residents of Nunavut.

The number of induced abortions per 100 live births was 32.1 in 2002, virtually unchanged from 2001.

Induced abortions continue to be most common among women in their twenties, who accounted for 52% of all women who obtained an abortion in 2002. On average, 26 women out of every 1,000 in their twenties obtained an abortion.

Induced abortion rates decreased for residents of most provinces and territories except for New Brunswick, Quebec, Alberta, British Columbia and the Yukon, where the rates remained the same or increased slightly. Statistics for Nunavut are not included for 2002 due to the unavailability of data. Rates are based on induced abortions performed on Canadian residents in hospitals and clinics in Canada, as well as abortions obtained by Canadian women in some American states.

Data users should be aware of certain limitations to the Therapeutic Abortion Survey. There are recognized issues concerning coverage, increased submission of aggregate counts instead of detailed records, and an increased reliance on age estimation.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 3209.

Selected tables for the years 1998 to 2002 are available in the *Canadian Statistics* module of our Web site.

Historical statistics dating back to 1970 are available in the publication *Induced Abortion Statistics* (82-223-XIE, free). From *Our products and services page*, under *Browse our Internet publications* choose *Free*, then *Health*.

Induced abortion data for 2002 were collected by the Canadian Institute for Health Information. For more information on the Therapeutic Abortion Database, contact Media Relations (613-241-7860, ext. 4004), Canadian Institute for Health Information.

For information on long-term trends in induced abortions, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Paula Woollam (613-951-0879), Health Statistics Division.

Induced abortions, by province of residence, and rates per 1,000 female population¹

	2000	2001	2002	2001 to 2002	2001	2002
	Number of abortions			% change	Rate per 1,000 women ²	
Total	105,249	106,270	105,154	-1.1	15.6	15.4
Newfoundland and Labrador	898	883	814	-7.8	7.5	7.1
Prince Edward Island	158	174	130	-25.3	6.0	4.5
Nova Scotia	1,989	1,890	1,825	-3.4	9.4	9.1
New Brunswick	1,098	1,028	1,045	1.7	6.3	6.5
Quebec	31,125	31,065	30,858	-0.7	19.6	19.6
Ontario	39,544	38,827	38,138	-1.8	14.7	14.2
Manitoba	3,366	3,375	3,267	-3.2	13.9	13.5
Saskatchewan	1,956	1,900	1,811	-4.7	9.1	8.8
Alberta	10,432	10,603	10,735	1.2	15.1	15.1
British Columbia	14,009	15,908	15,967	0.4	17.7	17.7
Yukon	135	122	125	2.5	16.7	17.3
Northwest Territories	281	286	245	-14.3	28.3	24.0
US reporting	215	175	152	-13.1
Residence unknown	43	34	42	23.5

1. Nunavut is not included in this table due to incomplete data for 2002. In 2000 and 2001, the number of Nunavut residents obtaining abortions was 178 and 148, respectively.

2. Rates are calculated using female population aged 15 to 44 years.

... not applicable.

Fruit and vegetable production

2004

Data from the Fruit and Vegetable Survey are now available for 2004.

Available on CANSIM: tables 001-0009 and 001-0013.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 3407.

An analysis of these data will appear in the February 2005 issue of *Fruit and Vegetable Production* (22-003-XIB, \$25/\$50) scheduled for release on February 25. Data are made available on the Internet twice a year, in February and June. A print-on-demand service is also available at a different price.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Lorie Shinder at (613-951-0524), Agriculture Division. ■

Coal production

2004 (preliminary)

Data on the volume and value of coal production by province are now available for 2004.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2177.

For more information, to order data, 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. ■

Steel primary forms, weekly data

Week ending February 5, 2005 (preliminary)

Steel primary forms production for the week ending February 5 totalled 306 038 metric tonnes, down 2.6%

from 314 328 tonnes a week earlier and up 11.8% from 273 711 tonnes in the same week of 2004.

The year-to-date total as of February 5 was 1 565 425 tonnes, down 1.8% from 1 594 301 tonnes in the same period of 2004.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2131.

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. ■

Commercial Software Price Index

December 2004

The Commercial Software Price Index (CSPI) is a monthly series measuring the change in the purchase price of pre-packaged software typically bought by businesses and governments. The CSPI (2001=100) for December was 77.3, up 1.5% from November.

This index is available at the Canada level only.

Available on CANSIM: table 331-0003.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 5068.

For more information on these indexes, contact Client Services (1-866-230-2248; 613-951-9606; infounit@statcan.ca). To enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Fred Barzyk (613-951-2493; fred.barzyk@statcan.ca), Prices Division. ■

New products

Industry Price Indexes, December 2004, Vol. 30,
no. 12
Catalogue number 62-011-XIE (\$19/\$175).

All prices are in Canadian dollars and exclude sales tax. Additional shipping charges apply for delivery outside Canada.

Industry Price Indexes, December 2004, Vol. 30,
no. 12
Catalogue number 62-011-XPE (\$24/\$233).

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Induced Abortion Statistics, 2002
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(free).

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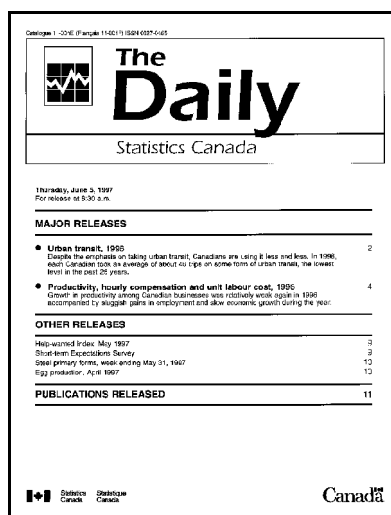
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14	Monthly Survey of Manufacturing	December 2004
15	Study: Integration of manufacturing prices in Canada and the United States	1961 to 1996
15	Study: Business Dynamics in Canada	1991 to 2001
16	Study: Relationship between parental income and post-secondary participation during the 1990s	1993 to 2001
16	Study: Links between symptoms of depression among young people and relationships with others	1998-2001
17	Canada's international transactions in securities	December 2004
17	Livestock statistics	As of January 1, 2005
17	Travel between Canada and other countries	December 2004
18	Wholesale trade	Annual 2004 and December 2004
18	Monthly Survey of Large Retailers	Annual 2004 and December 2004