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## Releases

## Labour Force Survey

## May 2005

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## More full-time jobs among youth and adult men

Both full- and part-time employment rose in May. So far this year, full-time employment is up 63,000 ( $+0.5 \%$ ) compared to $28,000(+0.9 \%)$ in part time.

Employment for men aged 25 years and over grew by 33,000 in May, mostly in full-time work. Employment for adult men has increased by $1.0 \%$ so far this year, compared with a $0.5 \%$ increase for adult women. Employment dipped slightly for adult women in May, as a decrease in full-time employment offset gains in part time.

More young men and women were participating in the labour market in May, as the youth participation rate increased to $66.0 \%$ (up 0.4 percentage points). Employment among 15 to 24 year-olds increased slightly, as gains in full-time jobs $(+36,000)$ were

## Note to readers

From May to August, the Labour Force Survey collects labour market information about people aged 15 to 24 years who were attending school full-time in March and intending to return to school in the fall. Survey results for May give an early indication of the summer job market for older students aged 20 to 24, however, many students aged 15 to 19 are not yet out of school for the summer. Survey results for June, July and August will provide further insight into the summer job market. The published estimates are not seasonally adjusted, therefore comparisons can only be made on a year-over-year basis.
partially offset by losses in part time (-23,000). Youth employment remains down ( $-0.7 \%$ ) so far this year.

In May, the employment rate for 20 to 24 year-old students was $62.3 \%$, up 2.6 percentage points from a year earlier (See Note to readers). Over the same period, the unemployment rate for this group of students decreased 1.9 percentage points to $14.9 \%$. May's employment rate was the highest recorded in 15 years.


## Job strength in trade

After a decrease last month, trade employment resumed its upward trend in May, adding 45,000 jobs. Over the past 12 months, employment in trade is
up 3.9\%. The increase in May was primarily in motor vehicle and parts retailing, in food and beverage wholesaling and retailing and in machinery, equipment and supplies wholesaling.

Employment in transportation and warehousing also increased in May ( $+25,000$ ), after little change earlier in the year. Growth was mostly in truck transportation in May.

Employment in business, building and other support services was up 16,000 in May, mainly in security services. Employment in this sector was otherwise flat in the previous 12 months.

Agricultural employment was up 15,000 in May, with most of the growth occurring in Ontario and Quebec. Employment as a main job in this sector has rebounded $8.0 \%$ so far this year, with most of the increase in greenhouse and nursery production. However, employment in cattle farming remains down.

Strength in natural resources continued in May, as 9,000 jobs were added in this industry. Gains were mainly in mining, oil and gas extraction sector and in Alberta and Ontario. Employment in this sector has increased $11.2 \%$ since April 2004, when the upward trend began.

Manufacturing continued to shed jobs in May $(-19,000)$, mostly in Ontario. This sector has declined $4.0 \%$ in the last 12 months, with 91,000 fewer manufacturing jobs.

Following increases in the last few months, employment in educational services declined by 18,000 in May. Losses were predominantly in Quebec and Alberta.

Construction employment retracted in May $(-15,000)$ partially offsetting a large increase the previous month. Despite this decrease, employment in construction is up $6.3 \%(+59,000)$ since May 2004, with over half of the employment increase occurring in British Columbia.

Employment growth this month was among private sector employees ( $+58,000$ ), as the public sector and self-employment posted slight declines. Despite this month's large increase, employment among private sector employees is up only $0.2 \%$ since the start of this year.

## Job gains mostly in Ontario and British Columbia

Ontario recorded its fourth consecutive monthly increase in May ( $+32,000$ ), bringing gains to $0.9 \%$ so far this year. May's increases were all in full-time work and were mainly in construction and transportation and warehousing. However, Ontario continues to show weakness in manufacturing, with 17,000 fewer jobs in May, and losses of $24,000(-2.2 \%)$ since the end of 2004.

In May, job growth continued its upward climb in British Columbia ( $+18,000$ ). This leaves employment up $2.0 \%$ since the start of the year, the highest growth rate among the provinces. Most of the increase in May was in public administration and transportation. British Columbia's unemployment rate declined 0.4 of a percentage point in May to $5.7 \%$, the second lowest on record.

Following little change over the last year, employment in New Brunswick was up 4,000 in May, mostly in full time. Gains were in accommodation and food services, public administration and agriculture.

In Alberta, while employment was up slightly in May, the unemployment rate decreased half of a percentage point to $3.5 \%$, one of the lowest on record.

Following little change in the previous few months, employment in Quebec fell 27,000 in May, all in full-time employment. Job losses were mostly in the public sector, as fewer jobs were recorded in health care and social assistance, public administration and educational services. The unemployment rate rose 0.6 percentage points to $8.5 \%$.

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

## Available on CANSIM: tables 282-0001 to 282-0042, 282-0047 to 282-0064, 282-0069 to 282-0096 and 282-0098.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 3701.

Available at 7:00 a.m. 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 May 21 ( $71-001-X I E, \$ 9 / \$ 84$ ). The 2004 Labour Force Historical Review on CD-ROM (71F0004XCB, \$209) is now available. LAN and bulk prices are available on request.

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, July 8.

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 Jeannine Usalcas (613-951-4720), Labour Statistics Division.

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

|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { April } \\ & 2005 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { May } \\ 2005 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { April } \\ \text { to } \\ \text { May } \\ 2005 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { May } \\ 2004 \\ \text { to } \\ \text { May } \\ 2005 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { April } \\ \text { to } \\ \text { May } \\ 2005 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { May } \\ 2004 \\ \text { to } \\ \text { May } \\ 2005 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Seasonally adjusted |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | '000 |  |  |  | \% |  |
| All industries | 16,117.7 | 16,153.1 | 35.4 | 214.9 | 0.2 | 1.3 |
| Goods-producing sector | 4,017.9 | 4,007.5 | -10.4 | 2.5 | -0.3 | 0.1 |
| Agriculture | 331.7 | 346.4 | 14.7 | 16.9 | 4.4 | 5.1 |
| Forestry, fishing, mining, oil and gas | 304.1 | 312.9 | 8.8 | 29.0 | 2.9 | 10.2 |
| Utilities | 125.3 | 125.0 | -0.3 | -11.2 | -0.2 | -8.2 |
| Construction | 1,018.8 | 1,003.9 | -14.9 | 59.2 | -1.5 | 6.3 |
| Manufacturing | 2,238.1 | 2,219.3 | -18.8 | -91.4 | -0.8 | -4.0 |
| Services-producing sector | 12,099.8 | 12,145.6 | 45.8 | 212.4 | 0.4 | 1.8 |
| Trade | 2,536.3 | 2,581.1 | 44.8 | 97.6 | 1.8 | 3.9 |
| Transportation and warehousing | 784.5 | 809.1 | 24.6 | -5.8 | 3.1 | -0.7 |
| Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing | 998.7 | 1,005.1 | 6.4 | 55.5 | 0.6 | 5.8 |
| Professional, scientific and technical services | 1,041.3 | 1,048.9 | 7.6 | 38.3 | 0.7 | 3.8 |
| Business, building and other support services | 634.2 | 650.4 | 16.2 | 21.4 | 2.6 | 3.4 |
| Educational services | 1,104.4 | 1,086.1 | -18.3 | 42.7 | -1.7 | 4.1 |
| Health care and social assistance | 1,714.4 | 1,706.0 | -8.4 | -39.9 | -0.5 | -2.3 |
| Information, culture and recreation | 727.7 | 729.9 | 2.2 | 8.9 | 0.3 | 1.2 |
| Accommodation and food services | 996.3 | 987.9 | -8.4 | -14.6 | -0.8 | -1.5 |
| Other services | 704.4 | 691.4 | -13.0 | -16.3 | -1.8 | -2.3 |
| Public administration | 857.5 | 849.6 | -7.9 | 24.5 | -0.9 | 3.0 |
| Class of worker |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Public sector employees | 3,144.1 | 3,127.3 | -16.8 | 78.6 | -0.5 | 2.6 |
| Private sector | 12,973.7 | 13,025.7 | 52.0 | 136.1 | 0.4 | 1.1 |
| Private employees | 10,472.1 | 10,529.6 | 57.5 | 114.3 | 0.5 | 1.1 |
| Self-employed | 2,501.6 | 2,496.1 | -5.5 | 21.8 | -0.2 | 0.9 |

Note: $\quad$ Related to CANSIM tables 282-0088 and 282-0089.
Employment by type of work, age and sex

|  | $\begin{array}{r} \text { May } \\ 2005 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { April } \\ \text { to } \\ \text { May } \\ 2005 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { May } \\ 2004 \\ \text { to } \\ \text { May } \\ 2005 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { May } \\ 2005 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { April } \\ \text { to } \\ \text { May } \\ 2005 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { May } \\ 2004 \\ \text { to } \\ \text { May } \\ 2005 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { May } \\ 2005 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { April } \\ \text { to } \\ \text { May } \\ 2005 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { May } \\ 2004 \\ \text { to } \\ \text { May } \\ 2005 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |
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|  | Seasonally adjusted |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Both sexes |  |  | Men |  |  | Women |  |  |
|  | '000 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Employment | 16,153.1 | 35.4 | 214.9 | 8,596.6 | 46.7 | 142.2 | 7,556.5 | -11.3 | 72.7 |
| Full-time | 13,161.2 | 23.3 | 179.4 | 7,650.3 | 35.0 | 141.0 | 5,510.8 | -11.7 | 38.3 |
| Part-time | 2,991.9 | 12.0 | 35.5 | 946.2 | 11.6 | 1.1 | 2,045.7 | 0.4 | 34.3 |
| 15 to 24 | 2,467.5 | 12.3 | 7.4 | 1,235.3 | 14.2 | -10.0 | 1,232.2 | -1.9 | 17.4 |
| 25 and over | 13,685.6 | 23.0 | 207.5 | 7,361.3 | 32.5 | 152.2 | 6,324.3 | -9.4 | 55.3 |
| 25 to 54 | 11,464.5 | 0.0 | 65.9 | 6,075.4 | 17.9 | 74.4 | 5,389.1 | -17.9 | -8.4 |
| 55 and over | 2,221.0 | 23.0 | 141.5 | 1,285.9 | 14.6 | 77.9 | 935.1 | 8.4 | 63.7 |

Note: Related CANSIM table 282-0087.

Labour force characteristics for both sexes, aged 15 and over

|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { April } \\ & 2005 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \hline \text { May } \\ 2005 \end{array}$ | April <br> to <br> May <br> 2005 | $\begin{gathered} \text { April } \\ 2005 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { May } \\ 2005 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { April } \\ \text { to } \\ \text { May } \\ 2005 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |
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| Seasonally adjusted |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Labour force |  |  | Participation rate |  |  |
|  | '000 |  | \% change | \% |  | change |
| Canada | 17,290.1 | 17,331.2 | 0.2 | 67.2 | 67.3 | 0.1 |
| Newfoundland and Labrador | 252.9 | 249.8 | -1.2 | 58.8 | 58.1 | -0.7 |
| Prince Edward Island | 76.0 | 75.6 | -0.5 | 68.2 | 67.9 | -0.3 |
| Nova Scotia | 485.7 | 485.6 | 0.0 | 63.9 | 63.9 | 0.0 |
| New Brunswick | 386.8 | 388.8 | 0.5 | 63.4 | 63.7 | 0.3 |
| Quebec | 4,021.6 | 4,017.2 | -0.1 | 65.2 | 65.1 | -0.1 |
| Ontario | 6,842.3 | 6,882.3 | 0.6 | 68.2 | 68.5 | 0.3 |
| Manitoba | 605.2 | 609.9 | 0.8 | 68.2 | 68.7 | 0.5 |
| Saskatchewan | 510.8 | 507.9 | -0.6 | 68.2 | 67.9 | -0.3 |
| Alberta | 1,857.8 | 1,852.6 | -0.3 | 73.1 | 72.7 | -0.4 |
| British Columbia | 2,251.0 | 2,261.4 | 0.5 | 65.6 | 65.7 | 0.1 |
|  | Employment |  |  | Employment rate |  |  |
|  | '000 |  | \% change | \% |  | change |
| Canada | 16,117.7 | 16,153.1 | 0.2 | 62.7 | 62.7 | 0.0 |
| Newfoundland and Labrador | 212.2 | 211.8 | -0.2 | 49.3 | 49.3 | 0.0 |
| Prince Edward Island | 68.1 | 67.5 | -0.9 | 61.1 | 60.6 | -0.5 |
| Nova Scotia | 444.9 | 448.1 | 0.7 | 58.5 | 58.9 | 0.4 |
| New Brunswick | 350.9 | 354.6 | 1.1 | 57.5 | 58.1 | 0.6 |
| Quebec | 3,704.9 | 3,677.6 | -0.7 | 60.1 | 59.6 | -0.5 |
| Ontario | 6,377.5 | 6,409.7 | 0.5 | 63.6 | 63.8 | 0.2 |
| Manitoba | 575.9 | 578.6 | 0.5 | 64.9 | 65.1 | 0.2 |
| Saskatchewan | 485.2 | 484.9 | -0.1 | 64.8 | 64.8 | 0.0 |
| Alberta | 1,783.8 | 1,788.3 | 0.3 | 70.2 | 70.2 | 0.0 |
| British Columbia | 2,114.3 | 2,132.0 | 0.8 | 61.6 | 62.0 | 0.4 |
|  | Unemployment |  |  | Unemployment rate |  |  |
|  | '000 |  | \% change | \% |  | change |
| Canada | 1,172.4 | 1,178.1 | 0.5 | 6.8 | 6.8 | 0.0 |
| Newfoundland and Labrador | 40.7 | 38.0 | -6.6 | 16.1 | 15.2 | -0.9 |
| Prince Edward Island | 7.9 | 8.2 | 3.8 | 10.4 | 10.8 | 0.4 |
| Nova Scotia | 40.9 | 37.5 | -8.3 | 8.4 | 7.7 | -0.7 |
| New Brunswick | 35.9 | 34.2 | -4.7 | 9.3 | 8.8 | -0.5 |
| Quebec | 316.7 | 339.5 | 7.2 | 7.9 | 8.5 | 0.6 |
| Ontario | 464.7 | 472.6 | 1.7 | 6.8 | 6.9 | 0.1 |
| Manitoba | 29.3 | 31.3 | 6.8 | 4.8 | 5.1 | 0.3 |
| Saskatchewan | 25.6 | 23.0 | -10.2 | 5.0 | 4.5 | -0.5 |
| Alberta | 74.0 | 64.2 | -13.2 | 4.0 | 3.5 | -0.5 |
| British Columbia | 136.8 | 129.5 | -5.3 | 6.1 | 5.7 | -0.4 |

Note: $\quad$ Related CANSIM table 282-0087.

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Labour force characteristics for both sexes, aged 15 and over

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|  | Unadjusted |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Labour force |  |  | Participation rate |  |  |
|  | '000 |  | \% change | \% |  | change |
| Canada | 17,312.9 | 17,506.7 | 1.1 | 68.2 | 68.0 | -0.2 |
| Newfoundland and Labrador | 265.3 | 257.6 | -2.9 | 61.8 | 59.9 | -1.9 |
| Prince Edward Island | 76.9 | 77.9 | 1.3 | 69.3 | 69.9 | 0.6 |
| Nova Scotia | 492.5 | 492.6 | 0.0 | 65.1 | 64.8 | -0.3 |
| New Brunswick | 396.4 | 397.0 | 0.2 | 65.3 | 65.1 | -0.2 |
| Quebec | 4,041.7 | 4,045.2 | 0.1 | 66.3 | 65.5 | -0.8 |
| Ontario | 6,845.0 | 6,960.1 | 1.7 | 69.4 | 69.3 | -0.1 |
| Manitoba | 611.9 | 615.6 | 0.6 | 69.5 | 69.3 | -0.2 |
| Saskatchewan | 510.9 | 516.9 | 1.2 | 68.6 | 69.1 | 0.5 |
| Alberta | 1,850.1 | 1,869.5 | 1.0 | 74.0 | 73.4 | -0.6 |
| British Columbia | 2,222.3 | 2,274.3 | 2.3 | 65.7 | 66.1 | 0.4 |
|  | Employment |  |  | Employment rate |  |  |
|  | '000 |  | \% change | \% |  | change |
| Canada | 16,039.1 | 16,289.7 | 1.6 | 63.2 | 63.2 | 0.0 |
| Newfoundland and Labrador | 218.8 | 214.8 | -1.8 | 51.0 | 50.0 | -1.0 |
| Prince Edward Island | 68.8 | 70.4 | 2.3 | 62.0 | 63.2 | 1.2 |
| Nova Scotia | 447.2 | 454.4 | 1.6 | 59.1 | 59.8 | 0.7 |
| New Brunswick | 352.9 | 359.0 | 1.7 | 58.1 | 58.8 | 0.7 |
| Quebec | 3,718.6 | 3,707.7 | -0.3 | 61.0 | 60.1 | -0.9 |
| Ontario | 6,347.7 | 6,459.9 | 1.8 | 64.3 | 64.3 | 0.0 |
| Manitoba | 582.2 | 586.9 | 0.8 | 66.2 | 66.1 | -0.1 |
| Saskatchewan | 486.1 | 494.2 | 1.7 | 65.3 | 66.0 | 0.7 |
| Alberta | 1,767.5 | 1,801.8 | 1.9 | 70.7 | 70.7 | 0.0 |
| British Columbia | 2,049.4 | 2,140.8 | 4.5 | 60.6 | 62.2 | 1.6 |
|  | Unemployment |  |  | Unemployment rate |  |  |
|  | '000 |  | \% change | \% |  | change |
| Canada | 1,273.7 | 1,217.0 | -4.5 | 7.4 | 7.0 | -0.4 |
| Newfoundland and Labrador | 46.5 | 42.9 | -7.7 | 17.5 | 16.7 | -0.8 |
| Prince Edward Island | 8.1 | 7.5 | -7.4 | 10.5 | 9.6 | -0.9 |
| Nova Scotia | 45.3 | 38.3 | -15.5 | 9.2 | 7.8 | -1.4 |
| New Brunswick | 43.5 | 38.1 | -12.4 | 11.0 | 9.6 | -1.4 |
| Quebec | 323.1 | 337.5 | 4.5 | 8.0 | 8.3 | 0.3 |
| Ontario | 497.3 | 500.2 | 0.6 | 7.3 | 7.2 | -0.1 |
| Manitoba | 29.7 | 28.8 | -3.0 | 4.9 | 4.7 | -0.2 |
| Saskatchewan | 24.9 | 22.7 | -8.8 | 4.9 | 4.4 | -0.5 |
| Alberta | 82.6 | 67.7 | -18.0 | 4.5 | 3.6 | -0.9 |
| British Columbia | 172.9 | 133.4 | -22.8 | 7.8 | 5.9 | -1.9 |

Note: Related CANSIM table 282-0087.

## Canadian international

## merchandise trade

April 2005
Merchandise exports inched up in April as record high levels of meat and meat preparations and solid gains in aircraft and telecommunications equipment offset declines in energy and automotive products.


Canadian companies exported $\$ 36.4$ billion worth of merchandise, up $0.3 \%$. At the same time, they imported merchandise worth $\$ 31.3$ billion, a $0.5 \%$ decline.

As a result, the overall trade surplus widened to $\$ 5.1$ billion from a revised $\$ 4.8$ billion in March. The change to the March trade balance was the result of a $1.4 \%$ revision ( $\$ 509.2$ million) in exports.

The decline in imports was led by metals and metal ores and energy products, as well as by lower imports of consumer products. These declines were partially offset by rising imports of motor vehicle parts and aircraft, engines and parts.

Exports to the United States edged down 0.4\%, while imports from south of the border rose $0.2 \%$. As a result, the trade surplus with the United States narrowed to $\$ 8.2$ billion.

Exports to the rest of the world were up $3.2 \%$ in April while imports fell $1.9 \%$. Canada's deficit with countries

## Note to readers

Merchandise trade is one component of the current account of Canada's balance of payments, which also includes trade in services.

## Revisions

In general, merchandise trade data are revised on an ongoing basis for each month of the current year. Customs basis data are revised for the previous data year each quarter.

Factors influencing revisions include late receipt of import and export documentation, incorrect information on customs forms, replacement of estimates with actual figures, changes in classification of merchandise based on more current information, and changes to seasonal adjustment factors.

Revised data are available in the appropriate CANSIM tables.
outside the United States narrowed from $\$ 3.5$ billion to $\$ 3.1$ billion.

## Exports: Meat and meat preparations hit record high

Exports of meat and meat preparations were up $4.0 \%$ in April to a record high $\$ 463.4$ million. Shipments of meat have been on the rise this year, surging in three of the four months. Canada's meat processing industry has expanded substantially in the face of an export ban on live cattle imposed by the United States.

Exports in the machinery and equipment sector also showed strength, rising $3.6 \%$ to $\$ 8.2$ billion as aircraft and telecommunications firms filled a number of contracts.

Telecommunications exports reached $\$ 1.2$ billion in April, their highest level since June 2001. Exports of telecommunication and related equipment peaked in December 2000 at $\$ 2.4$ billion.

Natural gas exports, which drove the gain in energy products in March, declined $4.8 \%$ to $\$ 2.5$ billion. This led to an overall $1.7 \%$ decline in exports of total energy products.

Exports of passenger autos and chassis fell $5.8 \%$ to $\$ 3.2$ billion, their fourth consecutive decline. Trucks and other motor vehicles, up $8.4 \%$ to $\$ 1.3$ billion in April, remain in high demand as trade with Asia continues to expand.

After a strong January and February, exports of forestry products have weakened, falling $0.7 \%$ in March and $1.0 \%$ in April. Lumber and sawmill products accounted for these declines.

Exports of other industrial goods and materials remained stable, with declines in metals and alloys and
other industrial goods and materials offsetting gains in chemicals, plastics and fertilizers and metal ores.

Exports and imports


Imports: Machinery and equipment sector
stabilizes after four months of gains
Imports of machinery and equipment remained stable at $\$ 9.0$ billion in April, halting four consecutive months of gains. Growth during this period was driven by increases in industrial and agricultural machinery and in aircraft and other transportation.

While industrial and agricultural machinery imports slowed in April, imports of aircraft and other transportation accelerated. Imports of office machines and equipment also increased ( $+3.2 \%$ ).

Imports of automobile parts jumped 8.4\% to $\$ 3.2$ billion in April, a partial recovery after declining $11.4 \%$ over the first three months of 2005.

Imports of agricultural and fishing products rose $2.4 \%$ to $\$ 1.8$ billion, which was less than $\$ 100$ million below the record high set in August 2002. Leading the increase were imports of sugar and sugar preparations ( $+28.5 \%$ ) and fresh fruits and berries ( $+6.9 \%$ ).

Imports of industrial goods and materials fell 3.7\%. Metal and metal ore imports were the main contributor to the drop, down to $\$ 2.0$ billion from a record high of $\$ 2.4$ billion in March.

Imports of energy products, which include crude petroleum and other energy products, dropped $8.1 \%$ to $\$ 2.3$ billion. Each component fell by about $\$ 100$ million.

Imports of consumer products decreased 3.3\% to $\$ 4.0$ billion, with pharmaceutical imports leading the decline after a strong March. After hitting a record high of $\$ 660.7$ million in February, apparel imports fell $2.8 \%$ in April, following a $0.2 \%$ decline in March.

Available on CANSIM: tables 228-0001 to 228-0003 and 228-0033 to 228-0046.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey numbers, including related surveys, 2201, 2202 and 2203.

The April 2005 issue of Canadian International Merchandise Trade, Vol. 59, no. 4 (65-001-XIB, $\$ 15 / \$ 151$ ) is now available. See How to order products. The publication includes tables by commodity and country on a customs basis. Current account data (which incorporate merchandise trade statistics, service transactions, investment income and transfers) are available quarterly in Canada's Balance of International Payments (67-001-XIE, \$32/\$100).

Merchandise trade data are available in PDF format on the morning of release.

For more information on products and services, contact Anne Couillard, (1-800-294-5583; 613-951-6867). To enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Diana Wyman (613-951-3116), International Trade Division.

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## Fruit and vegetable production

Spring 2005
Data from the Fruit and Vegetable Survey conducted in the spring of 2005 are now available.

Available on CANSIM: tables 001-0009, 001-0012 and 001-0013.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey numbers, including related surveys, 3407 and 3411.

An analysis of these data will appear in the June 2005 issue of Fruit and Vegetable Production (22-003-XIB, $\$ 25 / \$ 50$ ) scheduled for release on June 24. Data are made available on the Internet twice a year, in February and June. A print-on-demand service will also be available at a different price.

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

## Export and import price indexes

April 2005
Current- and fixed-weighted export and import price indexes (1997=100) on a balance of payments basis are now available. Price indexes are listed from January 1997 to April 2005 for the five commodity sections and the major commodity groups ( 62 exports and 61 imports).

Current- and fixed-weighted US price indexes (1997=100) are also available on a customs basis. Price indexes are listed from January 1997 to April 2005. Included with the US commodity indexes are the 10 all-countries and US-only Standard International Trade Classification section indexes.

Indexes for the five commodity sections and the major commodity groups are also available now on a customs basis.

Available on CANSIM: tables 228-0001 to 228-0003 and 228-0033 to 228-0046.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey numbers, including related surveys, 2201, 2202 and 2203.

The April 2005 issue of Canadian International Merchandise Trade (65-001-XIB, \$15/\$151) is now available. See How to order products.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Anne Couillard (1-800-294-5583; 613-951-9647), International Trade Division.

## Commercial Software Price Index

April 2005
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 $(2001=100)$ advanced $1.4 \%$ compared with March to 78.3.

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.

## Steel primary forms, weekly data

Week ending June 4, 2005 (preliminary)
Steel primary forms production for the week ending June 4 totalled 315214 metric tonnes, up 7.6\% from 292948 tonnes a week earlier and up 6.5\% from 295964 tonnes in the same week of 2004.

The year-to-date total as of June 4 was 6832485 tonnes, down 1.4\% from 6928129 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.

## Cement

April 2005
Data on cement are now available for April.
Available on CANSIM: tables 303-0060 and 303-0061.
Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2140.

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