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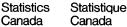
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### Electric utility construction price indexes

Annual 2004 (final) and 2005 (preliminary)

Construction costs for distribution systems increased by 1.8% in 2005. The increase in the material component (+4.0%) was partially offset by lower installation labour costs (-1.5%). The construction costs for distribution systems were 0.4% higher in 2004 compared with a year earlier.

The second utility model is the transmission line system which is comprised of two major components (transmission line and a substation).

Construction costs for the transmission line system series increased by 1.4% in 2005 and 2.0% in 2004.

The transmission line component edged up 0.6% compared with the 3.5% gain in 2004. The 1.5% increase in the price of materials was offset by a 1.5% decline in installation labour.

Substation installation costs rose by 1.8% in 2005 following a 1.2% increase the previous year, with the main station building (+4.7%) and station equipment (+2.2%) components posting the largest movements.

#### Available on CANSIM: table 327-0011.

### Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2316.

The first quarter 2006 issue of *Capital Expenditure Price Statistics* (62-007-XIE, free) will be available in July.

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#### Natural gas sales

February 2006 (preliminary)

Natural gas sales totalled 7 898 million cubic metres in February, down 6.3% from February 2005. Warmer than normal temperatures in February, mainly in Ontario, were the major forces behind the declines in sales. The industrial sector (including direct sales) led the way, with a decline of 8.0% followed by the commercial sector (-7.0%). Sale volumes in the residential sector were down by 2.9%.

### Natural gas sales

February	February	February
2006 <sup>p</sup>	2005	2005
		to
		February
		2006
thousands of cubic metres		% change
7 898 203	8 425 314	-6.3
2 441 309	2 514 140	-2.9
1 684 272	1 810 692	-7.0
1 949 738	2 031 072	
		-8.0
1 822 884	2 069 410	
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p Preliminary.

### Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2149.

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.

# **Annual Retail Non-store Survey** 2004

Additional data for the 2004 Annual Retail Non-store Survey are now available.

Available on CANSIM: table 080-0012.

# Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2448.

For general information or to order data, contact Client Services (1-877-421-3067; 613-951-3549; retailinfo@statcan.ca). To enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Alexander Hays (613-951-3552), Distributive Trades Division.

### Steel primary forms, weekly data

Week ending April 15, 2006 (preliminary)

Steel primary forms production for the week ending April 15 totalled 317 768 metric tonnes, up 4.5% from 304 109 tonnes a week earlier and up 1.8% from 312 198 tonnes in the same week of 2005.

The year-to-date total as of April 15 was 4 508 600 tonnes, down 3.8% from 4 688 911 tonnes in the same period of 2005.

# Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2131.

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# Aircraft movement statistics: Small airports

December 2005

The December 2005 monthly report, Vol. 2 (TP141, free) is available on Transport Canada's Web site at the following URL (http://www.tc.gc.ca/pol/en/Report/tp141e/tp141.htm).

**Note:** The TP 141 monthly report is issued in two volumes. Volume 1 presents statistics for the major Canadian airports (i.e., those with NAV CANADA air traffic control towers or flight service stations). Volume 2 presents statistics for the smaller airports (i.e., those without air traffic control towers). Both volumes are available free upon release at Transport Canada's Web site.

# Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2715.

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For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Kathie Davidson (613-951-0141; fax: 613-951-0010; aviationstatistics@statcan.ca), Transportation Division.

### Sawmills and planing mills

February 2006

Data on sawmills and planing mills are now available for February.

Available on CANSIM: table 303-0009.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey numbers, including related surveys, 2134 and 2135.

The February 2006 issue of *Sawmills and Planing Mills*, Vol. 60, no. 2 (35-003-XIB, free) 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 the dissemination officer (1-866-873-8789; 613-951-9497; *manufact@statcan.ca*), Manufacturing, Construction and Energy Division.

### New products

Sawmills and Planing Mills, February 2006, Vol. 60, no. 2
Catalogue number 35-003-XIB
(free).

Steel, Tubular Products and Steel Wire, February 2006, Vol. 2, no. 2 Catalogue number 41-019-XIE (free).

Quarterly Financial Statistics for Enterprises, Fourth quarter 2005, Vol. 16, no. 4
Catalogue number 61-008-XIE (free).

**Retail Trade**, February 2006, Vol. 78, no. 2 **Catalogue number 63-005-XIE** (free).

Wholesale Trade, February 2006, Vol. 69, no. 2 Catalogue number 63-008-XIE (free).

Annual Estimates of Employment, Earnings and Hours based on the North American Industrial Classification System Catalogue number 72F0023XCB (\$160).

Culture, Tourism and the Centre for Education Statistics: Research Papers: Health Human Resources and Education: Outlining Information Needs, 2005 Catalogue number 81-595-MIE2006041 (free).

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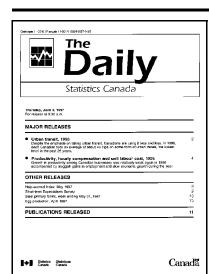
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