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Season's Greetings

The Daily will not be published from December 25 through January 2. Publication will resume on Thursday, January 3, 2008. The staff of *The Daily* sends you best wishes for a safe and happy holiday.



Aircraft movement statistics: Major airports

November 2007

For the 18th consecutive month, aircraft take-offs and landings at Canadian airports with NAV CANADA air traffic control towers and flight service stations increased in year-over-year monthly comparisons. These 95 airports reported 480,451 movements in November compared with 427,798 movements at 96 airports in November 2006, an increase of 12.3% (+52,653 movements).

Itinerant movements (flights from one airport to another) increased by 9.3% (+27,974 movements) in November compared with November 2006.

Local movements (flights that remain in the vicinity of the airport) increased by 19.3% (+24,679 movements) in November compared with November 2006.

The November 2007 issue of *Aircraft Movement Statistics: NAV CANADA Towers and Flight Service Stations*, Vol. 1, no. 11 (51-007-XWE, free) is now available from the *Publications* module of our website.

Available on CANSIM: tables 401-0007 to 401-0020.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2715.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Client Services (toll-free 1-866-500-8400; transportationstatistics@statcan.ca), Transportation Division. ■

Computer and peripherals price indexes

October 2007

In October, the index for commercial computers decreased 0.3% from September to 33.0 (2001=100). The index for consumer computers also declined, down 2.9% to 13.4.

In the case of computer peripherals, monitor prices decreased 0.4% to 50.3, while printer prices fell, down 0.4% to 46.8.

These indexes are available at the Canada level only.

Available on CANSIM: tables 331-0001 and 331-0002.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 5032.

For more information on these indexes, contact Client Services (toll-free 1-866-230-2248;

613-951-9606; prices-prix@statcan.ca). To enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Lu Li (613-951-1290; lu.li@statcan.ca), Prices Division. ■

Couriers and local messengers industry

2004 (revised) and 2005 (preliminary)

The couriers and local messengers industry provides various services, from the delivery of letters by messengers on bicycles to the delivery of high-tech equipment in Canada and abroad. In 2005, total industry operating revenue was \$7.2 billion, an increase of 6% over 2004.

Operating expenses for the industry were close to \$6.6 billion, which represented an increase similar to that of revenues (+6%). The operating expenses that rose most compared to 2004 were the salaries, wages and benefits category and the other operating expenses category, both of which rose 10%, followed by depreciation (+7%) and rental and leasing expenses (+7%).

Higher growth in revenue compared to expenses led to a rise of 10% in the operating margin, which reached \$591 million. Despite this, the operating ratio (operating expenses divided by operating revenues) remained at 0.92.

The couriers segment, which offers national and international delivery services, remained the largest-earning segment, with total operating revenue of \$5.8 billion, 10% higher than in 2004. Even though it represents only 7% of the number of establishments in the industry, this segment had 80% of total operating revenue and an average operating margin of \$288,000.

The local messengers segment, which offers delivery services within a more restricted geographic area, reported \$1.4 billion in revenue, which was 5% lower than in 2004. This segment included 93% of the number of establishments, but only 20% of the industry's operating revenue. Local messengers recorded an average operating margin of only \$10,000, mainly due to the fact that the segment is dominated by self-employed workers.

Available on CANSIM: tables 402-0001 to 402-0003.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 4703.

The methodology and concepts have been updated, along with the survey estimates, beginning with the 2004 reference year. *Service Bulletin: Surface and Marine Transport*, Vol. 23, no. 2 (50-002-XWE, free), a

special bulletin, is now available from the *Publications* module of our website. It presents a wide range of financial and operating data on the couriers and local messengers industry.

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Service Bulletin - Surface and Marine Transport, 2007, Vol. 23, no. 2
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Aircraft Movement Statistics: NAV CANADA Towers and Flight Service Stations, November 2007, Vol. 1, no. 11
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- **Productivity, hourly compensation and unit labour cost, 1995** 4
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