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### Survey of Labour and Income Dynamics public-use microdata file 2004

The cross-sectional public-use microdata file for the 2004 Survey of Labour and Income Dynamics (SLID) is now available. Since 1996, SLID public-use microdata have been a source of detailed cross-sectional household income data. Prior to this, the Survey of Consumer Finances provided public-use microdata files to meet the needs of users of cross-sectional household income data.

The CD-ROM *Survey of Labour and Income Dynamics: Public Use Microdata File, 2004* (75M0010XCB, \$2,140) is now available. See *How to order products*.

For more information about the survey and related products and services, contact Client Services (toll-free 1-888-297-7355; 613-951-7355; fax: 613-951-3012; [income@statcan.ca](mailto:income@statcan.ca)), Income Statistics Division.

## Releases

### Wholesale trade

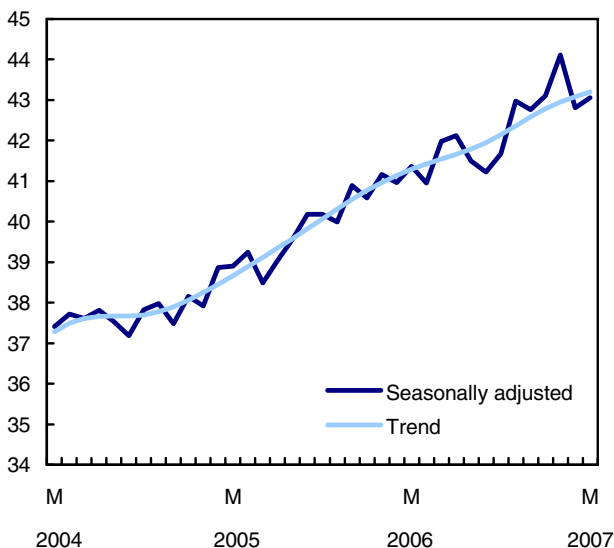
May 2007

Following April's sharp decline, wholesale sales posted a modest rebound in May with most sectors registering gains.

Overall sales rose 0.6% to \$43.1 billion in May, offsetting some of April's large drop (-3.0%). Five of the seven wholesale sectors reported higher sales in May, with the largest gains observed in the machinery and electronic equipment (+2.1%) and "other products" (+1.9%) sectors. More modest rises were recorded by wholesalers of building materials, personal and household goods and automotive products.

#### Wholesale sales post modest rebound in May

\$ billions



These gains were partially offset by lower sales in the food, beverages and tobacco products sector, which posted its first decline of 2007, and the farm products sector.

Taking price fluctuations into account, the volume of sales in constant dollars rose 1.4 % in May to \$44.5 billion.

### Machinery and electronic equipment sector recoups most of April loss

Sales in the machinery and electronic equipment sector rose 2.1% in May to \$9.1 billion, helping to recoup most of the decline (-2.9%) registered in April. This was the seventh increase in eight months for this sector, although the year-over-year monthly growth rates in the first five months of 2007 have eased somewhat from the double-digit levels recorded during the same period in 2006.

Two of the three trade groups within this sector posted higher sales in May, with the largest increase (+5.1%) coming from the office and professional equipment trade group. This was the third increase in four months for this trade group, which accounts for around a fifth of all sales in the machinery and electronic equipment sector.

The other gain occurred in the machinery and equipment trade group (+2.3%), which only last month recorded its largest monthly decline (-6.0%) in two years. Sales in this trade group have been somewhat volatile of late, as April's reversal followed a large increase in March.

The only negative note came in the computer and other electronic equipment trade group, which posted a slight decline (-0.3%). However, this was only the second decline in eight months for this group, which last year recorded its strongest annual growth since 1999.

### Sales of "other products" rise after large decline in April

Sales of "other products" (primarily agricultural products, chemicals, recycled materials and paper products) rose 1.9% to \$5.2 billion in May, partially offsetting the large drop (-4.9%) in April.

While the sales trend for this sector has eased somewhat over the past three months, sales in the first five months of 2007 are still well ahead of those in the same period in 2006, the result of stronger sales of agricultural supplies (primarily fertilizers) and recycled materials.

### Farm products sector hit by weaker sales of live animals

Wholesalers of farm products posted their largest monthly decline since May 2006 as sales tumbled 7.0% in May to \$452 million. This was the second consecutive

drop in sales for this sector, reversing all of the increases registered in the first three months of the 2007.

As was the case in April, the decrease was largely attributable to lower sales of live animals, which make up almost half of all sales in this sector. Most of these animals are exported to the United States. In May, exports of live animals fell (-6.6%) for the second consecutive month following a similar decline (-6.5%) in April.

Despite these recent declines, exports of live animals have been gradually increasing as more countries ratify agreements to accept Canadian cattle. According to the latest international trade data, exports of live animals in the first five months of 2007 were around 15% higher than in the same period of 2006.

### Food products sector ends a string of four consecutive increases

After starting the year with four consecutive monthly increases, the food, beverages and tobacco products sector registered its first decline in 2007 as sales fell 0.8% to \$7.8 billion. The drop was entirely due to lower sales of food products (-1.5%), as sales of alcohol and tobacco rose (+7.4%) in May.

### Gains concentrated in Central Canada

Seven of the provinces and territories recorded higher sales in May, with much of the strength concentrated in Central Canada.

Quebec's wholesalers made up some of the ground lost in April, thanks to higher sales of building materials, automotive products and personal and household goods. After falling 2.5% in April, sales rose 1.7% in May to \$8.3 billion.

Sales in Ontario rose 0.8% to \$21.6 billion, primarily as a result of higher sales in the machinery and electronic equipment sector. The automotive products sector, which had been the major contributor to the large decline (-2.5%) seen in the province in April, registered only a modest increase in May.

In British Columbia, sales rose for the fifth time in six months, up 0.9% in May to \$4.3 billion. The province's largest wholesale sector, building materials, was behind most of the gain in May.

The picture was less positive for the rest of Western Canada, as wholesalers in all three Prairie Provinces reported lower sales in May. This was the second straight monthly decline in overall sales for the Prairie Provinces.

Following a major decline (-7.4%) in April, sales in Alberta continued to retreat in May, dropping a further 1.1% to \$5.1 billion. Weaker sales of automotive products (mainly heavy trucks) contributed to much of

the decline in May. This latest decline pushed monthly sales in Alberta to their lowest level since May 2006. It was also the first month since July 2002 that the province failed to register an increase in its year-over-year monthly growth.

Sales also decreased for the second straight month in Saskatchewan, down 2.4% to \$1.3 billion in May, following a 2% decline in April. As was the case in April, lower sales of "other products" (mainly agricultural chemicals) were responsible for most of the drop. Prior to April, sales in the province had risen for five consecutive months.

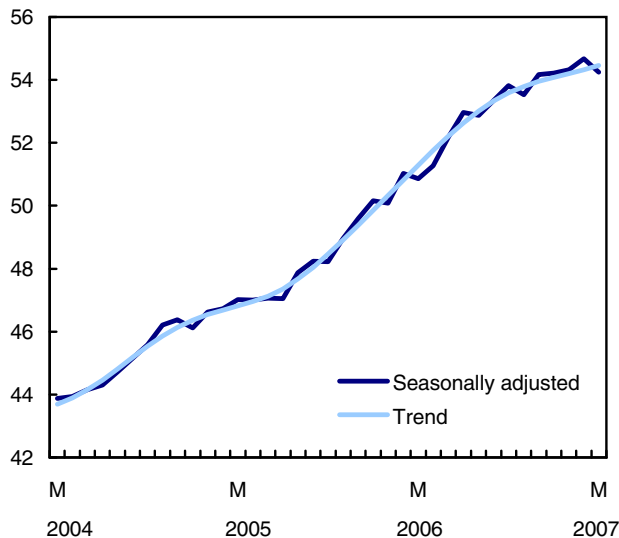
Sales in the Atlantic Provinces also fell for the second straight month, mostly due to lower sales (-1.8%) in New Brunswick.

### Inventories drop for the first time in 2007

Wholesale inventories registered a modest decline in May, down 0.8% to \$54.2 billion. This ended a string of four consecutive monthly increases and was primarily attributable to significant drops in motor vehicle (-3.5%), "other products" (-3.8%) and building supplies (-1.4%) inventories.

### Inventories drop for the first time in five months

\$ billions



The decrease in motor vehicle inventories was particularly noteworthy, as it brought inventories in this trade group to a level not seen since November 2005. After hitting an all-time high of \$5.3 billion in February, motor vehicle inventories have dropped by about 15%.

May's drop in inventories, combined with a modest increase in sales, pushed the overall inventory-to-stock

ratio from 1.28 in April to 1.26 in May. Nevertheless, the ratio remains at a relatively high level when compared with the average of the past three years (1.23). The ratio is a key measure of the time, in months, that would be required to exhaust inventories at the current rate of sales.

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The May 2007 issue of *Wholesale Trade* (63-008-XWE, free) will soon be available.

Wholesale trade estimates for June will be released on August 17.

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### Wholesale merchants' inventories and inventory-to-sales ratio

	May 2006	February 2007 <sup>r</sup>	March 2007 <sup>r</sup>	April 2007 <sup>r</sup>	May 2007 <sup>p</sup>	April to May 2007	May 2006 to May 2007	April 2007 <sup>r</sup>	May 2007 <sup>p</sup>
	Wholesale inventories					Inventory-to-sales ratio			
	Seasonally adjusted								
	\$ millions					% change			
<b>Inventories</b>	<b>50,887</b>	<b>54,211</b>	<b>54,318</b>	<b>54,672</b>	<b>54,242</b>	<b>-0.8</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>1.28</b>	<b>1.26</b>
Farm products	168	182	184	184	188	2.4	11.9	0.38	0.42
Food products	4,317	4,311	4,439	4,546	4,598	1.2	6.5	0.63	0.64
Alcohol and tobacco	289	294	300	313	314	0.4	8.5	0.51	0.48
Apparel	1,625	1,664	1,649	1,682	1,683	0.0	3.5	2.22	2.38
Household and personal products	3,948	3,815	3,822	3,888	3,917	0.8	-0.8	1.42	1.40
Pharmaceuticals	3,128	3,251	3,433	3,505	3,484	-0.6	11.4	1.23	1.22
Motor vehicles	4,836	5,348	4,787	4,627	4,466	-3.5	-7.6	0.73	0.70
Motor vehicle parts and accessories	3,170	3,382	3,377	3,328	3,294	-1.0	3.9	2.14	2.11
Building supplies	5,503	5,815	5,850	5,872	5,791	-1.4	5.2	1.58	1.57
Metal products	2,681	2,988	2,981	3,036	3,042	0.2	13.5	2.21	2.19
Lumber and millwork	1,056	1,160	1,155	1,133	1,112	-1.8	5.3	1.06	1.01
Machinery and equipment	10,265	11,541	11,683	11,729	11,774	0.4	14.7	2.82	2.77
Computer and other electronic equipment	1,564	1,695	1,734	1,774	1,795	1.2	14.8	0.65	0.66
Office and professional equipment	2,483	2,625	2,623	2,662	2,630	-1.2	5.9	1.32	1.24
Other products	5,852	6,140	6,301	6,393	6,152	-3.8	5.1	1.25	1.18

<sup>r</sup> revised

<sup>p</sup> preliminary

**Wholesale merchants' sales**

	May 2006	February 2007 <sup>r</sup>	March 2007 <sup>r</sup>	April 2007 <sup>r</sup>	May 2007 <sup>p</sup>	April to May 2007	May 2006 to May 2007
Seasonally adjusted							
	\$ millions					% change	
<b>Total, wholesale sales</b>	<b>41,365</b>	<b>43,103</b>	<b>44,106</b>	<b>42,805</b>	<b>43,062</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>4.1</b>
<b>Farm products</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>505</b>	<b>486</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>-7.0</b>	<b>19.5</b>
<b>Food, beverages and tobacco products</b>	<b>7,600</b>	<b>7,766</b>	<b>7,825</b>	<b>7,885</b>	<b>7,819</b>	<b>-0.8</b>	<b>2.9</b>
Food products	6,940	7,147	7,204	7,272	7,160	-1.5	3.2
Alcohol and tobacco	660	618	621	613	658	7.4	-0.3
<b>Personal and household goods</b>	<b>6,006</b>	<b>6,342</b>	<b>6,308</b>	<b>6,357</b>	<b>6,379</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>6.2</b>
Apparel	768	786	776	759	707	-6.8	-7.9
Household and personal products	2,603	2,717	2,712	2,743	2,807	2.3	7.8
Pharmaceuticals	2,635	2,838	2,819	2,855	2,865	0.4	8.7
<b>Automotive products</b>	<b>7,888</b>	<b>8,147</b>	<b>8,695</b>	<b>7,939</b>	<b>7,957</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.9</b>
Motor vehicles	6,324	6,591	7,127	6,381	6,395	0.2	1.1
Motor vehicle parts and accessories	1,563	1,556	1,568	1,558	1,562	0.3	-0.1
<b>Building materials</b>	<b>5,900</b>	<b>6,098</b>	<b>6,273</b>	<b>6,162</b>	<b>6,191</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>4.9</b>
Building supplies	3,549	3,667	3,780	3,727	3,698	-0.8	4.2
Metal products	1,281	1,361	1,418	1,372	1,391	1.4	8.6
Lumber and millwork	1,069	1,069	1,076	1,064	1,102	3.6	3.1
<b>Machinery and electronic equipment</b>	<b>8,708</b>	<b>8,946</b>	<b>9,140</b>	<b>8,876</b>	<b>9,066</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>4.1</b>
Machinery and equipment	4,091	4,166	4,417	4,152	4,247	2.3	3.8
Computer and other electronic equipment	2,650	2,779	2,707	2,710	2,702	-0.3	2.0
Office and professional equipment	1,967	2,000	2,016	2,014	2,117	5.1	7.6
<b>Other products</b>	<b>4,886</b>	<b>5,335</b>	<b>5,360</b>	<b>5,100</b>	<b>5,199</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>6.4</b>
<b>Total, excluding automobiles</b>	<b>33,478</b>	<b>34,956</b>	<b>35,412</b>	<b>34,866</b>	<b>35,105</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>4.9</b>
<b>Sales, province and territory</b>							
Newfoundland and Labrador	227	243	267	249	251	1.1	10.8
Prince Edward Island	42	40	42	43	41	-5.6	-3.8
Nova Scotia	547	560	576	559	558	-0.2	2.0
New Brunswick	409	431	427	438	430	-1.8	5.2
Quebec	7,774	8,092	8,384	8,172	8,312	1.7	6.9
Ontario	20,945	21,593	22,002	21,452	21,623	0.8	3.2
Manitoba	998	1,044	1,042	1,056	1,049	-0.6	5.2
Saskatchewan	1,115	1,290	1,366	1,339	1,307	-2.4	17.3
Alberta	5,101	5,380	5,568	5,158	5,101	-1.1	0.0
British Columbia	4,180	4,391	4,393	4,308	4,346	0.9	4.0
Yukon	9	13	11	8	12	40.8	35.2
Northwest Territories	18	22	25	21	29	41.9	63.8
Nunavut	3	3	2	3	3	7.6	9.9

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## Canada's international transactions in securities

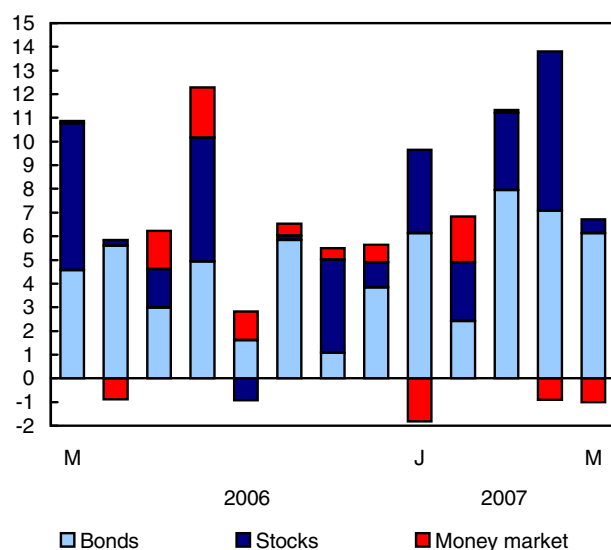
May 2007

Canadian investment in foreign securities remained robust at \$5.7 billion in May, driven by strong maple bond issuance. This followed back-to-back near-record monthly investments in foreign securities totalling \$24.2 billion.

### Canadian portfolio investment in foreign securities

\$ billions

Reverse of balance of payments signs



Meanwhile, foreign takeover activity led to reductions in non-resident ownership of Canadian portfolio equities, resulting in an overall divestment of \$3.1 billion worth of Canadian securities in May. The divestment in May occurred after three consecutive months of strong investment in Canadian securities totalling \$11.9 billion.

### Robust investment in maple bonds

In May, Canadian investors continued their heavy acquisition of foreign bonds, buying \$6.1 billion worth. The investment was concentrated in non-US bonds as Canadians added \$3.8 billion worth, with 90% denominated in Canadian dollars.

Since January 2007, investment in non-US bonds has amounted to \$17.3 billion, an increase of nearly \$10 billion over the same period in 2006. The increased popularity of maple bonds (foreign bonds denominated in Canadian dollars), stimulated

### Related market information

In May, Canadian short-term **interest rates** increased 13 basis points to 4.29%, while US rates fell 14 basis points to 4.73%. Still favouring investment in the United States, the resulting differential between the two countries fell sharply to 0.44%, its lowest level in two years.

Meanwhile, the long-term interest rate differential between Canada and the United States fell to 0.40%, as Canadian rates climbed 33 basis points to 4.48% and US rates increased 22 basis points to 4.88%.

Canadian **stock prices** were up 4.8% in May with the Standard and Poor's/Toronto Stock Exchange Composite Index ending the month at 14,056.8, its highest month-end level on record. Meanwhile, US stock prices also broke a record as the Standard and Poor's Composite Index increased 3.3%, finishing May at 1,530.6.

The **Canadian dollar** surged in May, rising another 3.41 US cents by month's end and closing at 93.49 US cents, its highest close since July 1977.

### Definitions

The data series on international security transactions cover portfolio transactions in stocks, bonds and money market instruments for both Canadian and foreign issues.

**Stocks** include common and preferred equities, as well as warrants.

**Debt securities** include bonds and money market instruments.

**Bonds** have an original term to maturity of more than one year.

**Money market instruments** have an original term to maturity of one year or less.

by the removal of the Foreign Property Rule in 2005, played a significant role in the growth of investment in non-US bonds. As a result, investment in non-US maple bonds surged from \$7.6 billion between January and May 2006 to \$13.8 billion between January and May 2007.

Meanwhile, Canadians invested \$1.6 billion in US corporate bonds, three-quarters of which were denominated in Canadian dollars. Another \$731 million went to buy US government bonds, adding to the \$3.8 billion acquired in April.

### Selling of foreign paper continues

Canadians have sold foreign money market paper in the last two months, disposing of \$1.0 billion worth in May and \$929 million worth in April. The focus of the divestment shifted from US Treasury bills in April to non-US paper in May. Residents sold \$818 million worth of non-US paper in May after selling \$758 million worth of US Treasury bills in April. On a currency basis, holdings of Canadian dollar-denominated foreign paper

decreased by a sizeable \$1.2 billion in May, after a reduction of \$704 million in April.

### Investment in foreign stocks slows down

After six consecutive months of robust purchases totalling \$20.9 billion, Canadian investors injected a modest \$597 million in foreign stocks in May. Acquisitions in May were mostly in non-US shares for a total of \$956 million. Meanwhile, Canadians sold \$359 million worth of US shares.

### Non-residents reduce holdings of Canadian bonds denominated in Canadian dollars

Foreign investors reduced their holdings of Canadian bonds by \$568 million worth in May, following April's divestment of \$819 million worth.

On a sector basis, non-residents continued to sell federal government bonds at the same pace as in April, selling \$2.0 billion worth. Meanwhile, May saw non-residents dispose of \$1.8 billion worth of federal government enterprise bonds, switching from an investment of \$2.7 billion over the previous two months. May's divestment in these sectors was partially offset by acquisitions of corporate and provincial government bonds, totalling \$2.1 billion and \$1.1 billion respectively.

Currency-wise, nearly all of the \$2.4 billion sales of Canadian outstanding bonds were in Canadian dollar-denominated bonds, while the US dollar-denominated corporate and provincial bonds fuelled May's net new issuance.

### Non-residents sell Canadian Treasury bills five months in a row

Foreign investors bought \$280 million worth of Canadian money market paper in May. Sizable investments went to buy paper issued by Canadian corporations and federal government enterprises, totalling \$645 million and \$422 million respectively. Meanwhile, they sold Canadian Treasury bills for the fifth consecutive month, reducing holdings by another \$818 million. In May, Canadian short-term rates drew nearer to US rates, and the Canadian dollar appreciated 3.41 US cents against its American counterpart.

### Decrease in foreign holdings of Canadian stocks due to foreign takeovers

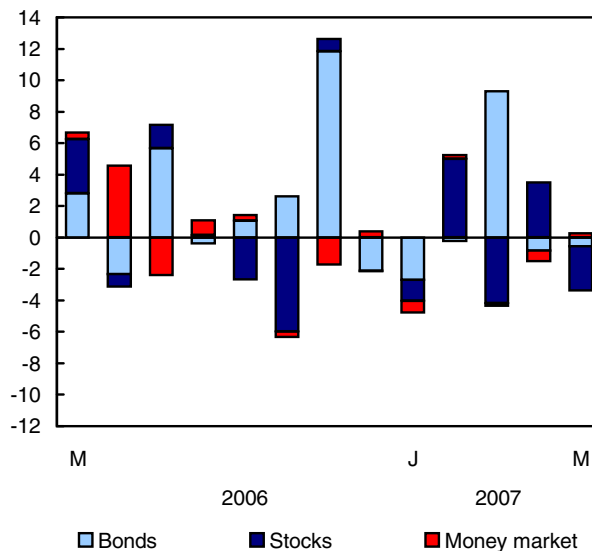
Non-residents sold \$2.8 billion worth of Canadian shares in May, mostly due to foreign takeover activity and

the subsequent retirement of Canadian portfolio shares. In fact, non-resident firms have been actively acquiring Canadian firms, retiring a total of \$6.0 billion worth of Canadian portfolio shares over the past three months.

On the other hand, non-residents sold outstanding Canadian shares for a total of \$879 million in May, following a substantial purchase of \$4.8 billion in April.

### Foreign portfolio investment in Canadian securities

\$ billions



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**Canada's international transactions in securities**

	February 2007	March 2007	April 2007	May 2007	January to May 2006	January to May 2007
	\$ millions					
<b>Foreign investment in Canadian securities</b>	<b>5,018</b>	<b>4,916</b>	<b>1,968</b>	<b>-3,111</b>	<b>21,629</b>	<b>3,990</b>
Bonds (net)	-219	9,289	-819	-568	1,639	4,980
Outstanding	-470	4,865	-1,486	-2,411	5,956	-1,160
New issues	1,940	9,462	1,565	6,634	11,359	20,302
Retirements	-1,893	-4,944	-1,337	-5,255	-16,867	-15,790
Change in interest payable <sup>1</sup>	204	-94	438	464	1,191	1,628
Money market paper (net)	230	-171	-725	280	2,042	-1,147
Government of Canada	-106	-499	-758	-818	1,192	-3,061
Other	336	328	34	1,098	851	1,914
Stocks (net)	5,007	-4,202	3,512	-2,823	17,948	157
Outstanding	4,637	-2,161	4,830	-879	19,557	6,334
Other transactions	370	-2,041	-1,318	-1,944	-1,609	-6,177
<b>Canadian investment in foreign securities</b>	<b>-6,830</b>	<b>-11,337</b>	<b>-12,885</b>	<b>-5,686</b>	<b>-35,755</b>	<b>-44,547</b>
Bonds (net)	-2,416	-7,946	-7,075	-6,116	-17,701	-29,687
Stocks (net)	-2,467	-3,269	-6,739	-597	-17,014	-16,584
Money market paper (net)	-1,947	-122	929	1,027	-1,040	1,724

1. Interest accrued less interest paid.

**Note:** A minus sign indicates an outflow of money from Canada, that is, a withdrawal of foreign investment from Canada or an increase in Canadian investment abroad.





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## Travel between Canada and other countries May 2007

Canadians set yet another record for travel to overseas countries, as travel to and from Canada rebounded in May.

Canadian residents took an estimated 606,000 trips to overseas countries in May. This is only the third month since record-keeping began in 1972 that the number of trips overseas by Canadians crossed the 600,000 mark. All three months occurred in 2007. (Unless otherwise specified, monthly data are seasonally adjusted.)

Overall, Canadians took nearly 4 million trips abroad, an increase of 0.7% over April.

Canadians took more than 3.3 million trips to the United States in May, an increase of 0.6% compared with the previous month. This included 1.9 million same-day car trips to the US, up 0.8% from April. Overnight travel by Canadian residents to the US rose 0.6% to nearly 1.4 million trips. Although the number of overnight plane trips declined 0.5% in May compared with April, overnight travel by car and by other modes of transportation both increased.

While trips by Canadian residents abroad increased, so did travel to Canada from abroad. There were 2.6 million trips to Canada in May, a 2.0% rise compared with April.

Although travel by overseas residents decreased 0.8% to 383,000 trips, American residents took 2.2 million trips to Canada in May, a 2.6% gain from the previous month.

Overnight travel from the United States rose 3.6% in May compared with April, as American residents took

more than 1.1 million trips to Canada. Overnight plane travel increased 5.1%, while the number of overnight car trips rose 1.6% from the previous month. Overnight travel by other modes of transportation jumped 10.3% in May compared with April.

Americans took an estimated 966,000 same-day car trips to Canada in May, a 0.9% gain from April. Although this was the highest figure since January, it was also the fifth consecutive month during which the 1-million mark was not reached.

Travel from 7 of Canada's top 12 overseas markets was down in May compared with April. Among the top 12 markets, travel from Italy posted the largest decline, down 14.6%, while travel from South Korea recorded the largest increase, up 6.3%.

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## Travel between Canada and other countries

	April 2007 <sup>r</sup>	May 2007 <sup>p</sup>	April to May 2007	May 2007 <sup>p</sup>	May 2006 to May 2007
	Seasonally Adjusted			Unadjusted	
	thousands		% change <sup>1</sup>	thousands	% change
<b>Canadian trips abroad<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>3,922</b>	<b>3,950</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>4,005</b>	<b>1.4</b>
to the United States	3,324	3,344	0.6	3,460	0.3
to other countries	598	606	1.3	544	8.9
Same-day car trips to the United States	1,899	1,915	0.8	2,008	-2.4
Total trips, one or more nights	1,961	1,976	0.8	1,942	5.6
United States <sup>3</sup>	1,363	1,370	0.6	1,398	4.4
Car	790	798	1.0	769	4.0
Plane	475	473	-0.5	483	5.7
Other modes of transportation	97	99	2.6	145	2.2
Other countries <sup>4</sup>	598	606	1.3	544	8.9
<b>Travel to Canada<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>2,536</b>	<b>2,588</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>2,653</b>	<b>-7.4</b>
from the United States	2,150	2,205	2.6	2,235	-8.8
from other countries	386	383	-0.8	418	1.0
Same-day car trips from the United States	958	966	0.9	980	-16.3
Total trips, one or more nights	1,470	1,507	2.5	1,534	-1.1
United States <sup>3</sup>	1,095	1,134	3.6	1,129	-1.8
Car	654	664	1.6	641	-1.7
Plane	313	329	5.1	329	-3.2
Other modes of transportation	128	142	10.3	159	1.0
Other countries <sup>4</sup>	375	373	-0.6	405	0.8
<b>Travel to Canada: Top overseas markets, by country of origin<sup>5</sup></b>					
United Kingdom	75	76	1.1	86	2.4
France	32	32	-0.4	26	-0.7
Japan	30	28	-8.6	29	-21.5
Germany	27	26	-3.7	33	-1.4
Mexico	20	21	4.3	19	19.9
Australia	20	20	-1.1	32	12.0
South Korea	17	18	6.3	18	7.7
China	13	14	5.7	13	5.8
Netherlands	10	11	5.7	13	1.9
India	9	9	-3.9	14	21.3
Hong Kong	9	9	-3.6	9	-7.5
Italy	9	8	-14.6	7	-0.4

<sup>r</sup> revised

<sup>p</sup> preliminary

1. Percentage change is based on unrounded data.

2. Totals exceed the sum of "same-day car trips" and "total trips, one or more nights" because they include all of the same-day trips.

3. Estimates for the United States include counts of cars and buses, and estimated numbers for planes, trains, boats and other methods.

4. Figures for other countries exclude same-day entries by land only, via the United States.

5. Includes same-day and overnight trips.

## Construction Union Wage Rate Index

June 2007

The Construction Union Wage Rate Index (including supplements) for Canada remained unchanged in June compared with the revised May level of 139.6 (1992=100). The composite index increased 0.9% compared with the revised June 2006 index (138.3).

Union wage rates are published for 16 trades in 20 metropolitan areas for both the basic rates and rates including selected supplementary payments. Indexes on a 1992=100 time base are calculated for

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The second quarter 2007 issue of *Capital Expenditure Price Statistics* (62-007-XWE, free) will be available in October.

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