

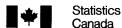
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### **Labour Force Survey**

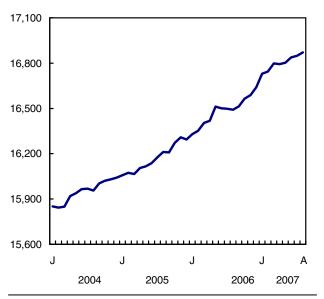
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The added employment in August brought overall gains for the first eight months of the year to an estimated 232,000 or 1.4%, slightly higher than the growth observed over the same period last year (+1.2%).

#### **Employment**



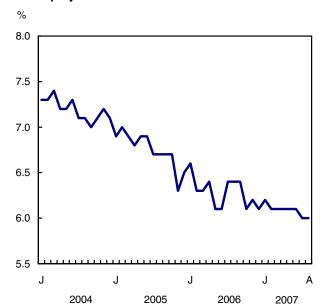


Older workers, particularly women, experienced strong employment growth in August, bringing total gains for the 55 and over age group to 4.6% since the start of the year.

Employment gains in the goods sector in August came primarily from construction. This industry continued to be one of the strongest sources of employment growth in 2007, up 5.8% so far this year.

Strength in student employment continued in August, particularly for those aged 15 to 19. The average employment rate for students aged 15 to 24 this summer was the highest since 1991.

### **Unemployment rate**



### Construction employment continues to rise

Construction employment grew by 16,000 in August, with employment growth of 63,000 since the start of the year (+5.8%). Employment in the utilities industry grew by 3,900 in August. Since December 2006, employment in this relatively small industry has risen 20.1% (+25,000). Employment in manufacturing was unchanged in August following modest gains in July.

Employment in educational services jumped by an estimated 33,000 in August, partially offsetting last month's decline. Most of the increase was in Ontario's primary and secondary education sector.

Transportation and warehousing employment fell by an estimated 31,000 in August with losses evenly divided between the two industries. Despite this decline, employment in transportation and warehousing remained unchanged from a year ago.

In August, employment increased by 15,000 in both business, building and other support services, and in health care and social assistance. Employment in business, building and other support services was down 1.1% from the beginning of the year, while that in health care and social assistance was up 1.4%.

Employment in professional, scientific and technical services declined by an estimated 14,000 in August. Most of the August employment losses in this industry were equally shared by Ontario and British Columbia. Growth in this industry, however, was up 4.7% since December 2006.

In August, public-sector employment grew by an estimated 44,000, with gains of 2.6% since the start of the year. The growth in August was strongly influenced by the employment increases in the educational services and health care and social assistance industries. The number of private-sector employees has shown little growth so far this year (+0.3%). Despite a small decline in self-employment in August, growth among this group was up 4.5% since last December.

### **Employment booming for older workers**

In August, almost all of the employment growth for adult men and women came from those aged 55 and over. An estimated 34,000 older workers found employment in August. Since the beginning of this year, employment among the 55 and over age group has increased by 4.6%, the fastest pace of all age groups, with stronger growth for women (+5.5%) than men (+3.9%). The August employment rate for older men was its highest since 1985; the rate for older women was near the all-time high set in April of this year.

The increase in employment in August was largely driven by full-time growth for adult men (+22,000) and part-time gains for adult women (+30,000). The employment rate for adult women reached 59.0%, just shy of the record high set in April 2007.

### **Employment gains in Newfoundland and Labrador**

The number of employed Newfoundland and Labrador residents grew by 3,000 in August, its largest month-to-month increase in 18 months. While their employment rate rose by 0.8 percentage points in August to 51.3%, it stands at the same level as it was in December 2006. Virtually all of the August employment gains were in full-time positions for adult men.

Ontario's overall employment picture showed little growth in August. Gains in a number of service industries were somewhat dampened by a large decline in transportation and warehousing. Employment in the province's goods sector fell by 20,000 in August, about half of which was in manufacturing. At the same time, the unemployment rate edged down by 0.2 percentage points to 6.4%. So far this year, employment in the province has risen 0.7%, half the national growth rate.

Overall employment was little changed in Quebec in August, with gains in the goods sector offset by losses in the services sector. The unemployment rate remained near its 33-year low, and the employment rate remained at its record high of 61.1%.

There was little change in overall labour market estimates for British Columbia in August. However,

there were a number of ongoing labour disputes in the province, including members of unions in 31 coastal forestry companies and municipal workers in Vancouver. Workers on strike or locked out are considered employed according to Labour Force Survey definitions. The number of hours lost from work due to labour disputes in British Columbia was substantial. During the week of August 12th, an estimated 14,000 employees were not at work because of labour disputes, resulting in a loss of about 517,000 hours or 37.4 hours per affected employee.

### Wage growth continues in August

August marked the fourth consecutive month with a year-over-year average hourly wage increase above 3%. Employees, on average, made 4.0% more per hour in August than they did in August 2006, exceeding the most recent year-over-year Consumer Price Index increase of 2.2%.

## Student summer labour market hottest since the early 90s

From May to August, the Labour Force Survey collects labour market information about young people aged 15 to 24 who were attending school full time in March and intend to return to school in the fall. The published estimates are not seasonally adjusted, therefore, comparisons can only be made on a year-over-year basis.

Favourable labour market conditions allowed students to experience their best summer job market in more than 15 years. The average employment rate for students this summer (from May to August) was 54.6%, the highest since 1991. At the same time, the average unemployment rate was 12.9%, the lowest since the summer of 1990.

**Note:** The Labour Force Survey (LFS) estimates are based on a sample, and are therefore subject to sampling variability. Estimates for smaller geographic areas or industries will have more variability. For an explanation of sampling variability of estimates, and how to use standard errors to assess this variability, consult the "Data quality" section of the publication *Labour Force Information* (71-001-XWE, free).

Available on CANSIM: tables 282-0001 to 282-0042, 282-0047 to 282-0064 and 282-0069 to 282-0099.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 3701.

Available at 7:00 a.m. online under *The Daily* module of our website.

A more detailed summary, Labour Force Information (71-001-XWE, free) is now available online for the week ending August 18. From the Publications module of our website, under Free Internet publications, choose Labour. LAN and bulk prices are available on request. The CD-ROM Labour Force Historical Review, 2006 (71F0004XCB, \$209) is now available. See How to order products.

Data tables are also now available online. From the *By Subject* module of our website, choose *Labour*.

The next release of the Labour Force Survey will be on October 5.

For general information or to order data, contact Client Services (toll-free 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 Jason Gilmore (613-951-7118), Labour Statistics Division.

### Labour force characteristics by age and sex

	July	August	July	August	July	August
	2007	2007	to	2006	to	2006
			August	to	August	to
			2007	August	2007	August
				2007		2007
			Seasonally			200.
	thousar	nds	change in thou	ısands	% change	9
Both sexes 15+						
Population	26,569.9	26,599.8	29.9	367.3	0.1	1.4
Labour force	17,928.3	17,947.5	19.2	320.1	0.1	1.8
Employment	16,848.6	16,871.9	23.3	380.4	0.1	2.3
Full-time	13,824.2	13,830.7	6.5	270.3	0.0	2.0
Part-time	3,024.4	3,041.2	16.8	110.2	0.6	3.8
Unemployment	1,079.8	1,075.6	-4.2	-60.4	-0.4	-5.3
Participation rate	67.5	67.5	0.0	0.3		
Unemployment rate	6.0	6.0	0.0	-0.4		
Employment rate	63.4	63.4	0.0	0.5		
Part-time rate	18.0	18.0	0.0	0.2		
Youths 15 to 24						
Population	4,354.0	4,356.8	2.8	32.2	0.1	0.7
Labour force	2,910.5	2,905.2	-5.3	33.9	-0.2	1.2
Employment	2,603.3	2,593.8	-9.5	70.5	-0.4	2.8
Full-time	1,467.0	1,457.5	-9.5	25.0	-0.6	1.7
Part-time	1,136.3	1,136.3	0.0	45.5	0.0	4.2
Unemployment	307.2	311.4	4.2	-36.6	1.4	-10.5
	66.8	66.7	-0.1	0.3		
Participation rate				-1.4	•••	•••
Unemployment rate	10.6	10.7	0.1		***	•••
Employment rate	59.8	59.5	-0.3	1.2	•••	
Part-time rate	43.6	43.8	0.2	0.6	•••	
Men 25+						
Population	10,852.4	10,865.7	13.3	166.6	0.1	1.6
Labour force	7,988.1	7,982.0	-6.1	103.9	-0.1	1.3
Employment	7,557.8	7,566.7	8.9	111.1	0.1	1.5
Full-time	7,057.7	7,079.4	21.7	106.0	0.3	1.5
Part-time	500.1	487.2	-12.9	5.0	-2.6	1.0
Unemployment	430.3	415.3	-15.0	-7.1	-3.5	-1.7
Participation rate	73.6	73.5	-0.1	-0.1		
Unemployment rate	5.4	5.2	-0.2	-0.2		
Employment rate	69.6	69.6	0.0	-0.1		
Part-time rate	6.6	6.4	-0.2	-0.1		
Women 25+						
Population	11,363.5	11,377.3	13.8	168.5	0.1	1.5
Labour force	7,029.7	7.060.4	30.7	182.3	0.4	2.7
Employment	6,687.4	6,711.4	24.0	198.9	0.4	3.1
Full-time	5,299.4	5,293.8	-5.6	139.3	-0.1	2.7
Part-time	1,388.0	1,417.6	29.6	59.6	2.1	4.4
Unemployment	342.3	349.0	6.7	-16.6	2.0	-4.5
Participation rate	61.9	62.1	0.2	0.7	•••	
Unemployment rate	4.9	4.9	0.0	-0.4	•••	
Employment rate	58.8	59.0	0.2	0.9	•••	
Part-time rate	20.8	21.1	0.3	0.2		

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Note: Related CANSIM table 282-0087.

### Employment by class of worker and industry (based on NAICS<sup>1</sup>)

Jı	uly Aug	ust July	/ August	July	August
20	07 20	007 to	2006	to	2006
		Augus	t to	August	to
		2007	Zama August		August
			2007		2007
		Co.	noonally adjusted		

	Seasonally adjusted						
	thousar	nds	change in thous	sands	% change		
Class of worker							
Employees	14,200.6	14,229.6	29.0	222.6	0.2	1.6	
Self-employed	2,647.9	2,642.3	-5.6	157.9	-0.2	6.4	
Public/private sector employees							
Public	3,229.2	3,273.5	44.3	87.1	1.4	2.7	
Private	10,971.5	10,956.1	-15.4	135.4	-0.1	1.3	
All industries	16,848.6	16,871.9	23.3	380.4	0.1	2.3	
Goods-producing sector	3,988.9	4,009.3	20.4	56.3	0.5	1.4	
Agriculture	332.5	336.8	4.3	-9.1	1.3	-2.6	
Natural resources	332.5	332.3	-0.2	1.9	-0.1	0.6	
Utilities	145.8	149.7	3.9	25.7	2.7	20.7	
Construction	1,136.6	1,152.1	15.5	85.9	1.4	8.1	
Manufacturing	2,041.5	2,038.3	-3.2	-48.2	-0.2	-2.3	
Service-producing sector	12,859.7	12,862.6	2.9	324.2	0.0	2.6	
Trade	2,712.4	2,709.1	-3.3	75.2	-0.1	2.9	
Transportation and warehousing	831.2	800.2	-31.0	3.0	-3.7	0.4	
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	1,053.7	1,053.8	0.1	19.3	0.0	1.9	
Professional, scientific and technical services	1,156.5	1,142.1	-14.4	44.2	-1.2	4.0	
Business, building and other support services	700.2	714.9	14.7	12.9	2.1	1.8	
Educational services	1,138.6	1,171.4	32.8	22.6	2.9	2.0	
Health care and social assistance	1,833.2	1,847.7	14.5	45.1	0.8	2.5	
Information, culture and recreation	786.7	776.1	-10.6	22.4	-1.3	3.0	
Accommodation and food services	1,070.6	1,078.9	8.3	56.6	0.8	5.5	
Other services	716.4	709.2	-7.2	0.6	-1.0	0.1	
Public administration	860.1	859.1	-1.0	22.3	-0.1	2.7	

North American Industry Classification System.
 Note: Related CANSIM tables 282-0088 and 282-0089.

Labour force	characteristics	by	province
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	July	August	July	August	July	August
	2007	2007	to	2006	to	2006
			August	to	August	to
			2007	August 2007	2007	August 2007
			Seasonally			2001
	thousan	ds	change in thou	ısands	% change	<u> </u>
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Newfoundland and Labrador	423.1	423.2	0.1	-4.1	0.0	-1.0
Population Labour force	423.1 247.2	423.2 251.3	4.1	-4.1	1.7	-1.0 -1.2
Employment	213.8	216.9	3.1	-3.0 0.8	1.7	0.4
Full-time	185.7	188.7	3.0	-0.4	1.6	-0.2
Part-time	28.1	28.2	0.1	-0.4 1.2	0.4	4.4
Unemployment	33.5	34.4	0.9	-3.8	2.7	-9.9
Participation rate	58.4	59.4	1.0	-0.1		
Unemployment rate	13.6	13.7	0.1	-1.3		
Employment rate	50.5	51.3	0.8	0.7		•••
Prince Edward Island						
Population	113.4	113.5	0.1	1.1	0.1	1.0
Labour force	76.9	77.1	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.5
Employment	68.8	69.1	0.3	0.8	0.4	1.2
Full-time	57.9	57.6	-0.3	0.1	-0.5	0.2
Part-time	10.9	11.5	0.6	0.7	5.5	6.5
Unemployment	8.1	7.9	-0.2	-0.5	-2.5	-6.0
Participation rate	67.8	67.9	0.1	-0.3		
Unemployment rate	10.5	10.2	-0.3	-0.8		
Employment rate	60.7	60.9	0.2	0.1	•••	
Nova Scotia		00.0	0.2	<b>V</b>	•••	•••
Population	764.2	764.5	0.3	1.4	0.0	0.2
Labour force	485.0	485.3	0.3	8.4	0.1	1.8
Employment	442.4	442.2	-0.2	4.9	0.0	1.1
Full-time	362.2	359.2	-3.0	2.8	-0.8	0.8
Part-time	80.2	83.0	2.8	2.0	3.5	2.6
Unemployment	42.6	43.1	0.5	3.5	1.2	8.8
Participation rate	63.5	63.5	0.0	1.0	•••	
Unemployment rate	8.8	8.9	0.1	0.6		
Employment rate	57.9	57.8	-0.1	0.5	•••	
New Brunswick						
Population	613.1	613.5	0.4	2.2	0.1	0.4
Labour force	390.4	393.5	3.1	8.6	0.8	2.2
Employment	362.2	363.2	1.0	12.9	0.3	3.7
Full-time	304.2	306.0	1.8	11.2	0.6	3.8
Part-time	57.9	57.2	-0.7	1.7	-1.2	3.1
Unemployment	28.2	30.3	2.1	-4.4	7.4	-12.7
Participation rate	63.7	64.1	0.4	1.1		
Unemployment rate	7.2	7.7	0.5	-1.3		
Employment rate	59.1	59.2	0.1	1.9		
Quebec						
Population	6,317.7	6,321.7	4.0	61.2	0.1	1.0
Labour force	4,143.7	4,152.6	8.9	60.6	0.1	1.5
Employment	3,858.5	3,859.9	1.4	91.8	0.2	2.4
Full-time	3,050.5 3,151.8	3,146.8	-5.0	56.3	-0.2	1.8
Part-time	3,151.8 706.7		-5.0 6.4	35.6	-0.2 0.9	5.3
		713.1				
Unemployment	285.2	292.6	7.4	-31.4	2.6	-9.7
Participation rate	65.6	65.7	0.1	0.3	•••	
Unemployment rate	6.9	7.0	0.1	-0.9	•••	
Employment rate	61.1	61.1	0.0	0.9	•••	

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Labour 1	force	characteristics	by	province
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	July	August	July	August	July	August
	2007	2007	to	2006	to	2006
			August	to	August	to
			2007	August	2007	August
				2007		2007
	-		Seasonally	adjusted		
	thousar	nds	change in thou	ısands	% change	Э
Ontario	-					
Population	10,366.6	10,378.4	11.8	130.0	0.1	1.3
Labour force	7,049.9	7,043.6	-6.3	104.4	-0.1	1.5
Employment	6,584.7	6,594.0	9.3	99.0	0.1	1.5
Full-time	5,408.5	5,403.3	-5.2	50.9	-0.1	1.0
Part-time	1,176.2	1,190.7	14.5	48.1	1.2	4.2
Unemployment	465.2	449.5	-15.7	5.3	-3.4	1.2
Participation rate	68.0	67.9	-0.1	0.2		
	6.6	6.4	-0.1	0.2	•••	
Unemployment rate			0.0	0.0	•••	•••
Employment rate	63.5	63.5	0.0	0.1	•••	•••
Manitoba	200.0	000.0	0.0	7.4	0.4	0.0
Population	899.2	900.0	0.8	7.1	0.1	0.8
Labour force	621.0	622.6	1.6	6.7	0.3	1.1
Employment	594.9	596.4	1.5	7.9	0.3	1.3
Full-time	481.6	482.7	1.1	12.3	0.2	2.6
Part-time	113.4	113.7	0.3	-4.4	0.3	-3.7
Unemployment	26.1	26.2	0.1	-1.2	0.4	-4.4
Participation rate	69.1	69.2	0.1	0.2		
Unemployment rate	4.2	4.2	0.0	-0.2		
Employment rate	66.2	66.3	0.1	0.4		
Saskatchewan						
Population	751.1	752.1	1.0	6.0	0.1	0.8
Labour force	521.9	521.1	-0.8	2.1	-0.2	0.4
Employment	496.8	495.5	-1.3	4.0	-0.3	0.8
Full-time	406.5	406.5	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.2
Part-time	90.3	89.0	-1.3	3.1	-1.4	3.6
Unemployment	25.1	25.6	0.5	-2.0	2.0	-7.2
Participation rate	69.5	69.3	-0.2	-2.0 -0.3		
	4.8	4.9				•••
Unemployment rate			0.1	-0.4		
Employment rate	66.1	65.9	-0.2	0.0		
Alberta						
Population	2,748.8	2,754.5	5.7	103.1	0.2	3.9
Labour force	2,037.0	2,040.8	3.8	80.2	0.2	4.1
Employment	1,968.9	1,968.7	-0.2	88.7	0.0	4.7
Full-time	1,658.4	1,663.4	5.0	83.3	0.3	5.3
Part-time	310.5	305.3	-5.2	5.4	-1.7	1.8
Unemployment	68.1	72.0	3.9	-8.6	5.7	-10.7
Participation rate	74.1	74.1	0.0	0.2		
Unemployment rate	3.3	3.5	0.2	-0.6		
Employment rate	71.6	71.5	-0.1	0.6		
British Columbia						
Population	3,572.6	3,578.4	5.8	59.2	0.2	1.7
Labour force	2,355.3	2,359.8	4.5	52.1	0.2	2.3
Employment	2,257.6	2,265.9	8.3	69.4	0.4	3.2
Full-time	1.807.4	1.816.5	9.1	52.8	0.5	3.0
Part-time	450.2	449.4	-0.8	16.6	-0.2	3.8
		449.4 93.9	-0.8 -3.8	-17.4		
Unemployment	97.7				-3.9	-15.6
Participation rate	65.9	65.9	0.0	0.3		
Unemployment rate	4.1	4.0	-0.1	-0.8		
Employment rate	63.2	63.3	0.1	0.9	•••	•••

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Note: Related CANSIM table 282-0087.

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## Domestic sales of refined petroleum products

July 2007 (preliminary)

Sales of refined petroleum products totalled 8 957 108 cubic metres in July, up 4.3% from July 2006.

Sales increased in five of the seven major product groups, with the largest gain in diesel fuel oil sales, which rose 215 500 cubic metres, or 9.9%. Motor gasoline sales rose 137 000 cubic metres, or 3.7%.

Sales increased in two of the three categories of motor gasoline. Premium grade sales increased 17.6%, while regular unleaded sales rose 2.9%. Mid-grade gasoline sales fell 17.7%.

On a year-to-date basis, sales of refined petroleum products at the end of July reached 58 905 900 cubic

metres, up 3.7% from the same seven-month period last year.

Sales were up in six of the seven major product groups. The largest increase occurred in diesel fuel oil, where sales rose by 759 300 cubic metres, or 5.1%.

**Note:** Preliminary data on domestic sales of refined petroleum products are not available in CANSIM.

### Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2150.

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### Sales of refined petroleum products

	July 2006 <sup>r</sup>	July 2007 <sup>p</sup>	July 2006
	2000	2007	to
			July
			2007
	thousands of cu	ubic metres	% change
otal, all products	8 584.3	8 957.1	4.3
Notor gasoline	3 666.8	3 803.8	3.7
Diesel fuel oil	2 168.3	2 383.8	9.9
ight fuel oil	146.4	148.5	1.4
leavy fuel oil	605.3	530.8	-12.3
viation turbo fuels	592.8	599.6	1.1
etrochemical feedstocks <sup>1</sup>	272.6	403.4	47.9
Ill other refined products	1 132.1	1 087.3	-4
	January to July 2006 <sup>r</sup>	January to July 2007 <sup>p</sup>	January-July 2006 to January-July 2007
	thousands of cu	ubic metres	% change
otal, all products	56 821.2	58 905.9	3.7
Notor gasoline	23 405.9	24 158.0	3.2
iesel fuel oil	14 836.9	15 596.2	5.1
ight fuel oil	2 489.2	2 771.5	11.3
eavy fuel oil	3 617.4	3 660.2	1.2
viation turbo fuels	3 850.3	3 678.1	-4.5
etrochemical feedstocks <sup>1</sup>	2 473.7	2 815.8	13.8
All other refined products	6 147.8	6 226.0	1.3

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<sup>1.</sup> Materials produced by refineries that are used by the petrochemical industry to produce chemicals, synthetic rubber and a variety of plastics.

### Canada Year Book

2007

The 2007 edition of the *Canada Year Book* is available today. First published in 1867, the *Canada Year Book* has become the premier reference resource on the social and economic life of Canadians.

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The chapter on energy shows that energy consumption per person has been rising an average of 1% per year for the past two decades. From 1990 to 2006, gasoline prices rose 57%, and prices for household heating fuel oil soared 123%. Wind and tidal power are still a small part of Canada's energy production, with one exception: Prince Edward Island generated 73% of its electricity production from those sources in 2004.

Retail and wholesale trade data show that despite higher gasoline prices, sales of cars, trucks, recreational and other vehicles were strong in 2006, totalling a record high of \$54.3 billion, up 4% from 2005.

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## For-hire motor carriers of freight, top carriers

Second quarter 2007

The top 97 for-hire motor carriers of freight (Canadian-based trucking companies earning \$25 million or more annually) generated operating revenues of \$2.5 billion and operating expenses of \$2.4 billion in the second quarter.

Average per-carrier revenues and expenses decreased slightly from the second quarter of 2006. Per-carrier revenues decreased 1.3% to \$26.0 million and per-carrier expenses declined 0.5% to \$24.5 million.

The top for-hire carriers' operating ratio (operating expenses divided by operating revenues) was 0.94, similar to that of the second quarter of 2006. A ratio greater than 1.00 represents an operating loss.

Second quarter 2007 data on the top for-hire carriers, taken from the Quarterly Motor Carriers of Freight Survey, provide results from 66 general freight carriers (compared with 64 carriers in 2006) and 31 specialized freight carriers (compared with 27 carriers in 2006).

**Note:** Readers should note that, with few exceptions, additions and deletions to the top carriers are done only for the first quarter of each calendar year, while the composition of a top carrier may change at any time due to acquisitions or divestitures. Year-over-year variations in revenues and expenses may arise from changes to the mix of companies included in the top carriers and/or changes in the financial results reported by individual carriers. The revenues and expenses attributed to top carriers may also include those of some companies with less than \$25 million in annual revenue, particularly when these companies exist in complex corporate structures where their individual activities may be difficult to accurately measure.

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### Production of eggs and poultry

July 2007 (preliminary)

Egg production was estimated at 48.7 million dozen in July, down 1.0% from July 2006.

Poultry meat production reached 102.5 million kilograms in July, up 5.3% from July 2006.

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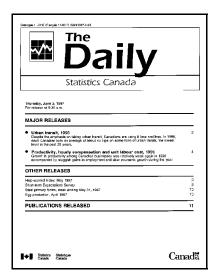
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