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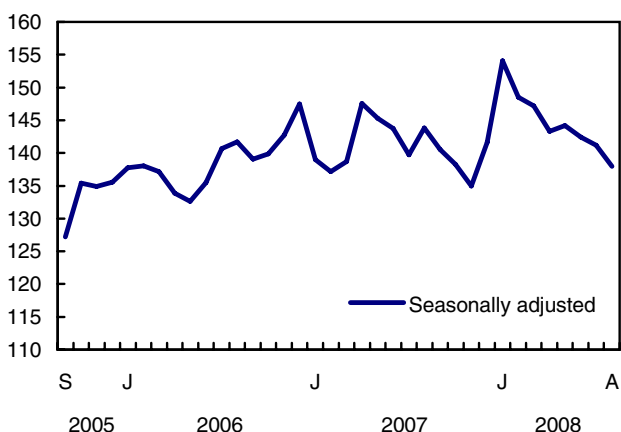
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thousands of units



Note: The last few points could be subject to revisions when more data are added.

North American-built passenger car sales drive the decline

Passenger car sales continued on their downward trend of the last few months with a 4.2% decline in August to 73,484 vehicles. This decrease was entirely due to a 6.8% sales drop in North American-built passenger cars. After two consecutive monthly

declines, overseas-built passenger car sales edged up 0.4%.

Sales of new trucks (which include minivans, sport-utility vehicles, light and heavy trucks, vans and buses) were virtually unchanged from July with 64,453 vehicles sold.

Preliminary industry data indicate that the number of new motor vehicles sold in September increased from August.

Sales down in eight provinces

New motor vehicle sales declined in eight provinces in August, with the largest decline in Nova Scotia. The next largest decrease occurred in British Columbia (which, for the purposes of this release, also includes data from the three territories), where sales have been on a downward trend since the fall of 2007. The August sales level of 14,210 vehicles was down 15.1% from August 2007.

Sales in Saskatchewan and Newfoundland and Labrador rose in August.

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The August 2008 issue of *New Motor Vehicle Sales* (63-007-XWE, free) will be available soon.

Data on new motor vehicle sales for September will be released on November 14.

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New motor vehicle sales

	August 2007	July 2008 ^f	August 2008 ^p	August 2007 to August 2008	July to August 2008
Seasonally adjusted					
	number of vehicles			% change	
New motor vehicles	143,840	141,169	137,937	-4.1	-2.3
Passenger cars	73,744	76,701	73,484	-0.4	-4.2
North American ¹	47,909	48,864	45,522	-5.0	-6.8
Overseas	25,835	27,837	27,962	8.2	0.4
Trucks, vans and buses	70,096	64,468	64,453	-8.1	0.0
New motor vehicles					
Newfoundland and Labrador	2,501	2,658	2,678	7.1	0.8
Prince Edward Island	482	446	429	-11.0	-3.8
Nova Scotia	4,293	4,352	4,143	-3.5	-4.8
New Brunswick	3,257	3,520	3,409	4.7	-3.2
Quebec	34,712	36,343	35,990	3.7	-1.0
Ontario	52,212	50,681	49,588	-5.0	-2.2
Manitoba	4,001	4,080	3,902	-2.5	-4.4
Saskatchewan	3,906	4,169	4,216	7.9	1.1
Alberta	21,730	20,023	19,372	-10.9	-3.3
British Columbia ²	16,746	14,897	14,210	-15.1	-4.6
	August 2007	July 2008 ^f	August 2008 ^p	August 2007 to August 2008	
Unadjusted					
	number of vehicles			% change	
New motor vehicles	160,883	152,704	149,612	-7.0	
Passenger cars	84,067	86,110	81,187	-3.4	
North American ¹	53,749	52,973	50,357	-6.3	
Overseas	30,318	33,137	30,830	1.7	
Trucks, vans and buses	76,816	66,594	68,425	-10.9	
New motor vehicles					
Newfoundland and Labrador	2,970	3,397	3,300	11.1	
Prince Edward Island	637	553	545	-14.4	
Nova Scotia	4,967	4,864	4,590	-7.6	
New Brunswick	3,767	4,027	3,843	2.0	
Quebec	39,972	41,118	39,221	-1.9	
Ontario	57,586	52,776	53,107	-7.8	
Manitoba	4,721	4,456	4,455	-5.6	
Saskatchewan	4,633	4,624	4,995	7.8	
Alberta	23,475	20,896	20,420	-13.0	
British Columbia ²	18,155	15,993	15,136	-16.6	

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^p preliminary

1. Manufactured or assembled in Canada, the United States or Mexico.

2. Includes Yukon, the Northwest Territories and Nunavut.

Note: Figures may not add up to totals due to rounding.

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Annual Survey of Water Carriers 2006

Total revenue for Canadian domiciled for-hire and own account marine carriers reached \$3.2 billion in 2006, up 7.6% from 2005. These carriers recorded \$2.9 billion in expenses, resulting in a profit of \$304.3 million, up 1.0% from 2005.

Carriers owned by Canadian governments registered \$859.3 million in total revenues, up 3.7% from 2005. Total expenses for this sector increased 4.8%, from 2005 levels, resulting in a loss of \$21.5 million.

Note: The government sector differs significantly from the for-hire sector in terms of the availability of financial

data. Many government carriers only report partial financial data and apply accounting rules that differ from the for-hire sector. Therefore, the information in this section should be used with caution, particularly in comparisons with the for-hire section.

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Revenue and expenses of for-hire carriers

	2005 ^r	2006 ^p	2005 ^r to 2006 ^p
	\$ thousands		% change
Revenues			
Transportation	2,748,036	3,026,302	10.1
Non-transportation	209,539	156,717	-25.2
Total revenue	2,957,575	3,183,019	7.6
Expenses			
Transportation	2,519,346	2,728,965	8.3
Wages and salaries	619,992	634,809	2.4
Non-transportation	137,064	149,782	9.3
Total expenses	2,656,410	2,878,747	8.4

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^p preliminary

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Revenue and expenses of government carriers

	2005 ^r	2006 ^p
	\$ thousands	
Revenues		
Transportation	729,746	754,284
Non-transportation	98,654	105,045
Total revenue	828,400	859,329
Expenses		
Transportation	808,345	825,749
Wages and salaries	371,350	392,239
Non-transportation	32,312	55,059
Total expenses	840,657	880,809

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^p preliminary

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Cement

August 2008

Data on cement are now available for August.

Available on CANSIM: tables 303-0060 and 303-0061.

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