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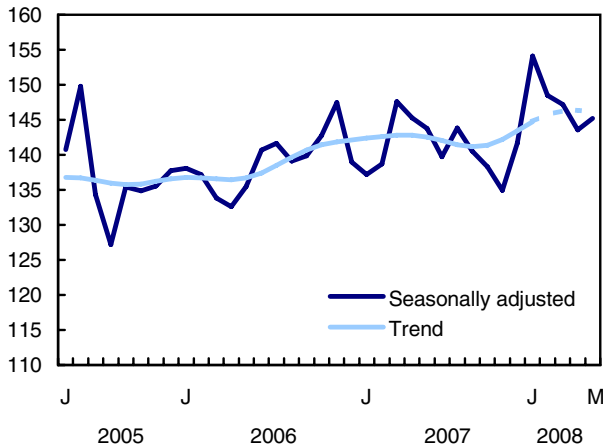
New motor vehicle sales

May 2008

After three consecutive months of declines, new motor vehicle sales rose slightly in May.

New motor vehicle sales increase in May following three months of declines

thousands of units



Note: The last few points could be subject to revisions when more data are added. This is indicated by the dashed line.

Consumers purchased 145,224 new vehicles in May, an increase of 1.1% from April. Shifting consumer preferences away from trucks to passenger cars has been the main factor in determining the direction of new motor vehicle sales in Canada so far this year.

Preliminary industry data for June suggests that the number of new motor vehicles sold will remain relatively unchanged.

Passenger car sales rebound

Following three months of declines, sales of passenger cars rose 4.3% in May to 78,988 units. This

Note to readers

All data in this release are seasonally adjusted.

growth was spread evenly between North American-built and overseas-built passenger cars. However, despite May's result, the trend for North American-built passenger cars remained flat while overseas-built cars continued to follow an upward trend.

Sales of new trucks (which include minivans, sport-utility vehicles, light and heavy trucks, vans and buses) declined 2.3% to 66,236 units. The share of trucks sold was at its lowest point since October 2005.

Sales up in six provinces

Sales were up in six provinces in May. The largest increase occurred in Nova Scotia, where the gains almost offset the large decline in April. More modest increases were observed in Alberta, Prince Edward Island, Quebec, British Columbia and Manitoba.

Lower sales were registered in New Brunswick, Saskatchewan, Ontario, and Newfoundland and Labrador. In Saskatchewan, sales have started to level off after two years of strong growth.

Available on CANSIM: table 079-0003.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2402.

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

Data on new motor vehicle sales for June will be released on August 15.

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New motor vehicle sales

	May 2007	April 2008 ^r	May 2008 ^p	May 2007 to May 2008	April to May 2008
Seasonally adjusted					
	number of vehicles			% change	
New motor vehicles	145,277	143,574	145,224	0.0	1.1
Passenger cars	73,586	75,753	78,988	7.3	4.3
North American ¹	47,069	46,467	48,406	2.8	4.2
Overseas	26,517	29,286	30,582	15.3	4.4
Trucks, vans and buses	71,691	67,821	66,236	-7.6	-2.3
New motor vehicles					
Newfoundland and Labrador	2,391	2,524	2,494	4.3	-1.2
Prince Edward Island	474	475	487	2.7	2.5
Nova Scotia	3,709	4,076	4,582	23.5	12.4
New Brunswick	3,265	3,536	3,376	3.4	-4.5
Quebec	37,809	37,160	38,013	0.5	2.3
Ontario	51,783	52,194	51,566	-0.4	-1.2
Manitoba	3,880	4,015	4,054	4.5	1.0
Saskatchewan	3,802	4,120	4,035	6.1	-2.1
Alberta	21,172	19,547	20,409	-3.6	4.4
British Columbia ²	16,992	15,927	16,208	-4.6	1.8
	May 2007	April 2008 ^r	May 2008 ^p	May 2007 to May 2008	
Unadjusted					
	number of vehicles			% change	
New motor vehicles	189,076	179,270	188,135	-0.5	
Passenger cars	102,564	98,643	109,709	7.0	
North American ¹	65,400	60,162	67,352	3.0	
Overseas	37,164	38,481	42,357	14.0	
Trucks, vans and buses	86,512	80,627	78,426	-9.3	
New motor vehicles					
Newfoundland and Labrador	3,684	3,585	3,717	0.9	
Prince Edward Island	638	571	662	3.8	
Nova Scotia	5,353	5,679	6,288	17.5	
New Brunswick	4,538	4,522	4,605	1.5	
Quebec	52,144	52,553	53,361	2.3	
Ontario	65,220	61,887	64,584	-1.0	
Manitoba	4,702	4,800	4,875	3.7	
Saskatchewan	4,630	5,013	4,723	2.0	
Alberta	26,960	22,596	25,461	-5.6	
British Columbia ²	21,207	18,064	19,859	-6.4	

^r revised

^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.

Study: Perceptions of incivility in the metropolitan landscape

2004

The study, "Perceptions of incivility in the metropolitan landscape," published today in *Canadian Social Trends*, assesses public perceptions of what criminologists call "incivility." This term refers to anti-social behaviour in neighbourhoods, ranging from graffiti on walls, to loud parties, to evidence of drug dealing.

Note: This release explores various types of incivilities identified by residents of the nation's 12 largest metropolitan areas as a very big or fairly big problem in their neighbourhoods. It was based on data from the 2004 General Social Survey on victimization, where respondents were asked how much of a problem certain conditions or disruptive behaviours were in their neighbourhood.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 4504.

The article, "Perceptions of incivility in the metropolitan landscape," is now available in *Canadian Social Trends*, no. 86 (11-008-XWE, free), from the *Publications* module of our website.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Client Services (613-951-5979; sasd-dssea@statcan.ca), Social and Aboriginal Statistics Division. ■

Couriers and local messengers industry

2006 (preliminary)

The couriers and local messengers industry generated operating revenue of \$7.8 billion in 2006, up 5% from 2005. Operating expenses also rose, but at a lower rate than revenue, which resulted in a 10% rise in operating profit. The operating ratio (operating expenses divided by operating revenues) improved slightly from 0.92 to 0.91.

Couriers, which offer national and international delivery services, remained the principal segment of the industry. It was dominated by a small number of large, multi-establishment companies, some of which were subsidiaries of multinationals or integrated Canadian trucking companies.

The 1,580 courier establishments accounted for total operating revenue of \$6.4 billion in 2006, 7%

higher than in 2005. However, average revenue per establishment fell from \$4.2 million to \$4.1 million as a result of an increase in the number of establishments. Similarly, the average operating profit per establishment fell 4% despite an overall increase of 8%. The operating ratio remained unchanged at 0.93.

Local messengers offer delivery services within a more restricted geographic area, such as a city, and consist primarily of self-employed workers and small, independent contractors. The 18,500 establishments reported \$1.4 billion in operating revenue in 2006, down 3% from 2005 following a 5% drop the year before. However, operating expenses decreased by 6% in 2006, enabling these businesses to improve operating profits by 14% in total and 12% on average. As a result, the operating ratio improved from 0.87 to 0.85, its best level since 2001.

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

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 4703.

The publication *Service Bulletin: Surface and Marine Transport*, Vol. 24, no. 2 (50-002-XWE, free), is now available from the *Publications* module of our website. The bulletin presents a wide range of financial and operating data on the couriers and local messengers industry.

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; fax: 613-951-0009; transportationstatistics@statcan.ca), Transportation Division. ■

Domestic travel

Annual and fourth quarter 2007 (preliminary)

The preliminary estimates of domestic travel are now available for the fourth quarter of 2007 and the year 2007.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 3810.

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Study: Primary health care teams and their impact on processes and outcomes of care

The study, "Primary health care teams and their impact on processes and outcomes of care," examines determinants of access to primary health care teams, the impact of primary health care teams on various processes of care, and the pathways through which primary health care teams affect outcomes of care.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 5138.

The working paper, "Primary health care teams and their impact on processes and outcomes of care," is now available as part of the *Health Research Working Paper Series* (82-622-XIE2008002, free), from the *Publications* module of our website.

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