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Gross domestic product by industry

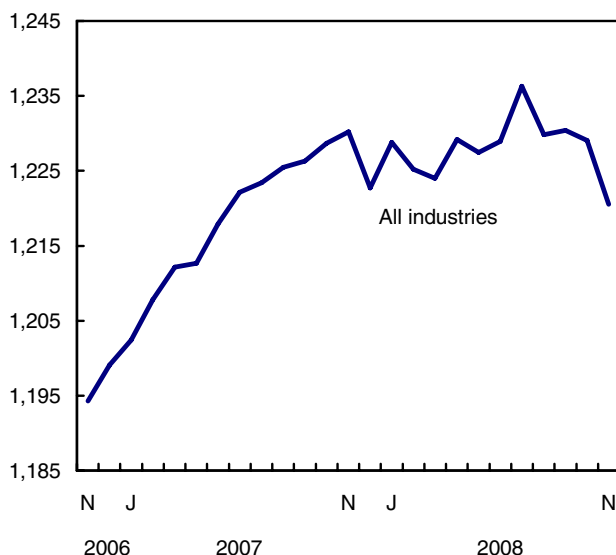
November 2008

Real gross domestic product fell 0.7% in November as essentially all major sectors reduced production.

The output of manufacturing, wholesale trade, construction and real estate agents and brokers were the main contributors to the November decrease. The transportation, energy, retail trade, finance and insurance sectors also retreated. On the other hand, economic activity advanced slightly for some tourism-related industries, agriculture and the public sector (health, education and public administration combined).

Widespread weakness pulls down economic activity

gross domestic product in billions of chained (2002) dollars



Note to readers

The monthly gross domestic product (GDP) by industry data are chained volume estimates with 2002 as their reference year. This means that the estimates for each industry and aggregate are obtained from a chained volume index multiplied by the industry's value added in 2002. For the 1997 to 2005 period, the monthly estimates are benchmarked to annually chained Fisher volume indexes of GDP obtained from the constant-price input-output tables.

For the period starting with January 2006, the estimates are derived by chaining a fixed-weight Laspeyres volume index to the prior period. The fixed weights are the industry output and input prices of 2005. This makes the monthly GDP by industry estimates more comparable with the expenditure-based GDP data, chained quarterly.

Revisions

With this release of monthly GDP by industry, revisions have been made back to January 2008. For more information about monthly GDP by industry, see the National economic accounts module on our website (www.statcan.gc.ca/nea-cen/index-eng.htm).

Manufacturing activity falls

Activity in the manufacturing sector continued to decline in November (-2.1%), reaching a level of activity nearly 4% below that recorded in the first half of 2008. The decrease was widespread in November, with 18 of the 21 major groups losing ground. The level of employment in this sector also dropped noticeably.

Motor vehicle and associated parts production continued on a downward trend that started at the end of 2007. In addition, significant decreases were registered in the manufacturing of primary metal and chemical products. Paper product manufacturing also continued to retreat due to the weak export market. As a result, the output at some pulp and paper mills has been significantly reduced. However, food and petroleum and coal products manufacturing increased.

Manufacturing sector continues to decline

gross domestic product in billions of chained (2002) dollars



Wholesale trade drops

The decrease in domestic and foreign demand continued to hamper wholesale trade. The volume of wholesaling activity fell 3.1% in November. The decline was broadly based. The most notable declines were in the wholesaling of machinery and equipment, home and personal products, and other products (which include agricultural, chemical, recycled material and paper products).

Construction down

Construction activities fell 1.2% in November. Residential and non-residential building construction as well as engineering and repair work declined. The construction of multi-unit residential structures retreated for the first time in 10 months, while the construction of single-family dwellings continued to decline. A contraction in the construction of commercial and industrial buildings outweighed the modest increase in institutional buildings.

The home resale market dropped considerably for a second month in a row, resulting in a 12.8% reduction in the output of real estate agents and brokers. This industry has retreated by about 40% since reaching a peak in the summer of 2007, with about half of this decline recorded in October and November 2008 alone.

Energy sector output decreases

The output of the energy sector decreased 0.5% in November following a 1.0% gain the month before. Oil and gas extraction slipped 0.5% in November due to a decline in natural gas extraction. Petroleum extraction was up slightly. The storage of natural gas decreased in both Canada and the United States. Furthermore, the distribution of natural gas to all markets was weak. Electricity generation was down 0.9% as domestic demand fell.

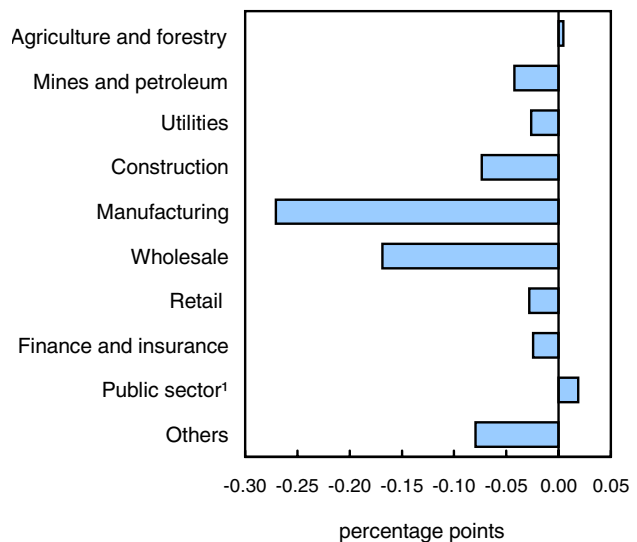
Contract drilling was robust in November, while rigging activities dropped significantly, resulting in a 0.5% reduction in support activities for mining and oil and gas extraction.

The output of the mining sector excluding oil and gas extraction fell 0.7% in November. A decline in metal ore mines eclipsed the rise in non-metal mines. Metal prices continued their downward trend that started in the spring of 2008.

Retail trade declines

Value added in retail trade fell 0.5% in November, a second consecutive monthly decline. The reduction in the volume of activities posted by new car dealers, general merchandise stores (which include department stores) and home furnishing stores was partially offset by the increase registered by gasoline stations and home electronic and appliance stores.

Main industrial sectors' contribution to total growth



1. Education, health and public administration.

The finance and insurance sector decreases

The finance and insurance sector decreased 0.4% in November. A steep decline in the volume of trading on the stock exchanges, weak mutual fund sales, along with the softening of the output of banking and lending services, all contributed to the decrease.

Other industries

The widespread weakness in several sectors of the economy led to a reduction in the output of rail, water and truck transportation services.

Special events including a university strike and the winding down of activities related to the federal election in October hindered growth in the public sector in November.

The accommodation and food services sector edged up 0.3%, benefiting from a small increase in the number of overnight visitors to Canada.

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The November 2008 issue of *Gross Domestic Product by Industry*, Vol. 22, no. 11 (15-001-XWE, free) is now available from the *Publications* module of our website.

Data on gross domestic product by industry for December will be released on March 2.

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Monthly gross domestic product by industry at basic prices in chained (2002) dollars

	June 2008 ^r	July 2008 ^r	August 2008 ^r	September 2008 ^r	October 2008 ^r	November 2008 ^p	November 2008	November 2007 to November 2008
Seasonally adjusted								
	month-to-month % change						\$ millions ¹	% change
All industries	0.1	0.6	-0.5	0.0	-0.1	-0.7	1,220,559	-0.8
Goods-producing industries	0.1	1.3	-1.3	-0.3	-0.1	-1.3	358,726	-3.8
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	-0.2	-0.1	0.3	-1.3	1.3	0.3	26,086	-0.6
Mining and oil and gas extraction	0.7	3.4	-2.1	-0.9	1.0	-0.5	55,288	-2.0
Utilities	-0.2	0.3	-0.1	-0.0	-0.0	-1.1	30,623	-4.8
Construction	0.2	0.3	-0.2	-0.5	-0.4	-1.2	73,582	0.1
Manufacturing	-0.2	0.8	-1.8	0.3	-1.0	-2.1	171,486	-7.0
Services-producing industries	0.1	0.3	-0.2	0.2	-0.1	-0.4	864,529	0.7
Wholesale trade	0.2	1.6	-3.0	0.6	-2.1	-3.1	67,184	-7.7
Retail trade	0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.5	-0.3	-0.5	74,861	1.3
Transportation and warehousing	0.4	0.4	-0.6	-0.4	-0.1	-0.7	56,405	-1.4
Information and cultural industries	-0.0	0.2	0.5	-0.0	-0.0	-0.2	45,254	0.8
Finance, insurance and real estate	0.1	0.2	-0.0	0.3	-0.0	-0.3	247,372	1.4
Professional, scientific and technical services	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.0	-0.2	58,625	0.6
Administrative and waste management services	-0.2	-0.1	-0.2	-0.3	-0.2	-0.4	30,809	-1.4
Education services	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	-0.1	61,078	2.5
Health care and social assistance	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	80,184	3.0
Arts, entertainment and recreation	-0.7	-0.2	0.2	0.2	0.8	-0.2	11,842	-0.0
Accommodation and food services	-0.4	-0.8	0.8	-0.9	1.2	0.3	28,054	1.8
Other services (except public administration)	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	32,746	2.4
Public administration	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.0	70,239	3.2
Other aggregations								
Industrial production	0.1	1.7	-1.7	-0.2	-0.2	-1.5	259,612	-5.1
Non-durable manufacturing industries	0.0	0.4	-1.9	1.0	-0.7	-1.3	69,016	-4.3
Durable manufacturing industries	-0.3	1.1	-1.7	-0.2	-1.1	-2.7	102,619	-8.9
Business sector industries	0.1	0.7	-0.7	0.0	-0.2	-0.8	1,019,310	-1.5
Non-business sector industries	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	201,287	2.8
Information and communication technologies industries	-0.4	0.5	-0.0	0.4	-0.0	-0.4	58,858	1.3
Energy sector	0.4	2.5	-1.8	-0.7	1.0	-0.5	82,731	-3.0

^r revised

^p preliminary

1. Millions of chained (2002) dollars, seasonally adjusted at annual rates.



Crude oil and natural gas: Supply and disposition

November 2008 (preliminary)

Domestic production of crude oil and equivalent hydrocarbons totalled 13.5 million cubic metres in November, a slight increase over November 2007.

Deliveries of crude oil and equivalent hydrocarbons to the export market increased by 10.2% in November compared with the same month in 2007. In November 2008, 73% of Canada's total production went to the export market.

Marketable natural gas production totalled 12.7 billion cubic metres in November, down 6.3% compared with November 2007.

Natural gas exports made up 67% of marketable natural gas production in November 2008.

Domestic sales of natural gas fell 13.1% in November from the same month in 2007. This decrease

was the result of lower sales to the residential and industrial sectors.

Note: Preliminary data are available on CANSIM at the national level to November 2008 inclusive. At the national and provincial level, detailed information is available for crude oil (126-0001) up to September 2008 inclusive, and for natural gas (131-0001) up to February 2008 inclusive.

Available on CANSIM: tables 126-0001 and 131-0001.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2198.

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Crude oil and natural gas: Supply and disposition (key indicators)

	November 2007	November 2008 ^p	November 2007 to November 2008
	thousands of cubic metres		% change
Crude oil and equivalent hydrocarbons			
Supply ¹			
Production	13 467.0	13 478.8	0.1
Imports ²	3 818.7	3 936.2	3.1
Disposition			
Refinery receipts ³	8 673.5	8 467.6	-2.4
Exports	8 877.7	9 781.4	10.2
	millions of cubic metres		% change
Natural gas			
Supply ⁴			
Marketable production ⁵	13 530.6	12 675.7	-6.3
Imports	1 628.3	972.9 ^E	-40.3
Disposition			
Domestic sales ⁶	7 566.6	6 575.5	-13.1
Exports	8 996.0	8 530.2	-5.2

^P preliminary

^E use with caution

1. Disposition may differ from supply because of inventory change, own consumption, losses and adjustments.

2. Data may differ from International Trade Division estimates because of timing and the inclusion of crude oil landed in Canada for future re-export.

3. Volumetric receipts at refineries of all domestic and imported crude oils for refinery processing or storage.

4. Disposition may differ from supply because of inventory change, usage as pipeline fuel, pipeline losses, line-pack fluctuations.

5. Receipts from fields after processing for the removal or partial removal of some constituents and impurities and that meet specifications for residential, commercial and industrial use; and including other adjustments.

6. Domestic sales includes residential, commercial, industrial and direct sales (for example direct, non-utility, sales for consumption where the utility acts solely as transporter).

Computer and peripherals price indexes

December 2008

The index for commercial computers increased 0.28% from November to 35.73 (2002=100) in December. The index for consumer computers declined 0.94% to 19.93.

In the case of computer peripherals, monitor prices decreased 0.38% from a month earlier to 51.75 and printer prices edged down 0.02% to 46.02.

These indexes are available at the Canada level only.

Note: Starting with the January 2009 release, dot matrix printer series (v41975663) will be terminated. This will result in inkjet and laser printers forming the total printer series.

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Commercial Software Price Index

December 2008

The Commercial Software Price Index decreased 0.41% from November to 73.57 (2002=100) in December.

Note: The Commercial Software Price Index is a monthly series measuring the change in the purchase price of pre-packaged software typically bought by businesses and governments.

This index is available at the Canada level only.

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Traveller accommodation services price indexes

Fourth quarter 2008

The monthly indexes that measure price movements of accommodation services are now available for the fourth quarter of 2008. The indexes are available by province, territory and for Canada, by major client group.

Note: The indexes reflect changes in room rates, excluding all indirect taxes, for overnight or short stays with no meals or other services provided.

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The current account surplus with the rest of the world (on a seasonally adjusted basis) increased sharply to \$5.5 billion in the first quarter of 2008, led by higher prices for several exported commodities compared with a lower level of imports. In the financial account, foreign direct investment flows into Canada slowed significantly from the expansion-driven pace of the previous quarter, while Canadian direct investment abroad continued to strengthen.

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11	New Housing Price Index	December 2008
12	Canadian Economic Observer	February 2009
13	New motor vehicle sales	December 2008
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