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## Railway carloadings

January 2009

The Canadian railway industry loaded 18.6 million metric tonnes in January, down 17.9% from January 2008.

The drop in loadings was the result of declines in both non-intermodal and intermodal loadings.

Non-intermodal loadings fell 18.5% to 16.5 million metric tonnes in January compared with the same month a year earlier. Overall, 51 of the 64 commodity groups registered decreased activity. The 5 commodity groupings experiencing the largest decreases in tonnage loaded were potash, coal, iron and steel (primary or semi-finished), other cereal grains and lumber. Loadings of wheat, one of the largest commodity groupings, increased 6.1% in January compared with the same month a year earlier.

Intermodal loadings fell to 2.0 million metric tonnes, down 13.2% from January 2008. The fall in intermodal loadings was the result of a decrease in both containers and trailers loaded onto flat cars.

Rail freight traffic received from the United States fell to 2.5 million metric tonnes in January, down 10.0% compared with the same period last year.

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**Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2732.**

The January 2009 issue of *Monthly Railway Carloadings*, Vol. 86, no. 1 (52-001-XWE, free), is now available from the *Publications* module of our website.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact the Dissemination Unit (toll-free 1-866-500-8400; fax: 613-951-0009; [transportationstatistics@statcan.gc.ca](mailto:transportationstatistics@statcan.gc.ca)), Transportation Division. ■

## Research and development in the health field

2008 (preliminary)

Spending intentions on research and development (R&D) in the health field amounted to \$6.2 billion (current dollars) in 2008, an increase of about \$53 million over the previous year.

This spending will account for about one-fifth of the anticipated \$29.1 billion in total gross domestic expenditure on R&D.

The higher education sector continues to lead both the amount of health R&D performed, and the amount of funding. This sector is expected to perform 62% of total health R&D, representing \$3.8 billion, and fund \$1.7 billion, or 27% of total spending.

Business enterprises are expected to continue in second place, performing \$2.0 billion or one-third of total health R&D, and funding \$1.6 billion, around one-quarter, of the total.

**Definitions, data sources and methods: survey numbers, including related surveys, 4201, 4204, 4208, 4209, 4210, 4212 and 5109.**

The service bulletin *Science Statistics*, Vol. 33, no. 2 (88-001-XWE, free), is now available from the *Publications* module of our website.

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## Crushing statistics

February 2009

Oilseed processors crushed 345 917 metric tonnes of canola in February. Oil production in February totalled 149 154 metric tonnes while meal production amounted to 199 917 metric tonnes.

**Available on CANSIM: table 001-0005.**

**Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 3404.**

The February 2009 issue of *Cereals and Oilseeds Review* (22-007-XIB, free) will be available in April.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Client Services (toll-free 1-800-465-1991; [agriculture@statcan.gc.ca](mailto:agriculture@statcan.gc.ca)), Agriculture Division. ■

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## Federal government finance: Assets and liabilities

As of March 31, 2008

Data on assets, liabilities and net financial debt for the federal general government for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2008, are now available.

**Available on CANSIM: tables 385-0010, 385-0014, 385-0018, 385-0019 and 385-0025.**

**Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 1709.**

Data tables on federal government finance assets and liabilities are also available online from the *National economic accounts* module of our website.

Data are also available through custom and special tabulation.

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## Motion picture theatres

2007

Data on the motion picture theatre industry are now available for 2007.

**Available on CANSIM: table 361-0012.**

**Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2416.**

Annual data for 2007 are now available in the service bulletin *Motion Picture Theatres* (87F0009XWE, free), from the *Publications* module of our website.

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