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Trucking Commodity Origin and Destination Survey 2008

In 2008, for-hire trucking companies in Canada with annual revenue of \$1.3 million or more transported fewer shipments (-5.6%) and less weight (-1.9%) compared with 2007.

Most (85%) of these shipments stayed within Canada. In total, there were over 51.2 million domestic shipments which generated \$20.7 billion in revenue. The average weight per shipment was 9,900 kilograms and average revenue was \$403.

International shipments, while only representing 15% of the shipments, generated one-third of the revenue. Their average weight was 9,544 kilograms and average revenue was \$1,150.

Long-distance shipments, those greater than 24 kilometres, accounted for 72% of the total weight hauled and 91% of the revenue. The average weight per shipment was 8,645 kilograms and average revenue was \$566. In contrast, the average weight for local shipments was 15,517 kilograms and the average revenue was \$270.

Gravel, miscellaneous transported goods, and prepared food were the top three commodities shipped by weight in Canada, representing about one-third of the total weight shipped. Internationally, miscellaneous transported goods, base metals and vehicles topped the list.

Goods originating in the census metropolitan areas of Toronto, Montréal and Edmonton accounted for about one-quarter of the total weight shipped.

Available on CANSIM: table 403-0004.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2741.

Data for 2008 and revised data for 2006 and 2007 from the Trucking Commodity Origin and Destination Survey are now available.

For more information, to order data tables, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Jan Patenaude (613-951-4889; jan.patenaude@statcan.gc.ca) or Client Services (toll-free 1-866-500-8400; transportationstatistics@statcan.gc.ca), Transportation Division. ■

Sawmills

November 2009

Lumber production by sawmills decreased 9.6% from October to 3 928.8 thousand cubic metres in November. Compared with the same month a year earlier, lumber production declined 13.7%.

Sawmills shipped 4 021.4 thousand cubic metres of lumber in November, down 7.1% from October.

Available on CANSIM: table 303-0009.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2134.

The November 2009 issue of *Sawmills*, Vol. 63, no. 11 (35-003-X, free), will soon be available.

To order data, obtain more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact the dissemination officer (toll-free 1-866-873-8789; 613-951-9497; manufact@statcan.gc.ca), Manufacturing and Energy Division. ■

Production and disposition of tobacco products

December 2009

Canadian manufacturers produced 1.3 billion cigarettes in December, down 38.1% from the previous month. The total number of cigarettes sold increased by 4.2% to 1.8 billion and closing inventories fell by 25.7% to 1.8 billion cigarettes in December.

Note: This survey collects data on the production of tobacco products in Canada by Canadian manufacturers and the disposition or sales of this production. It does not collect data on imported tobacco products. Therefore, sales information in this release is not a proxy for domestic consumption of tobacco products.

Available on CANSIM: table 303-0062.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2142.

The December 2009 issue of *Production and Disposition of Tobacco Products*, Vol. 38, no. 12 (32-022-X, free), is now available from the *Key resource* module of our website under *Publications*.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact the dissemination officer (613-951-9497; toll-free 1-866-873-8789; manufact@statcan.gc.ca), Manufacturing and Energy Division. ■

Provincial and territorial debt service ratio 1990 to 2008

Provincial and territorial data for the persons and unincorporated businesses sector debt service ratio are now available on request. Data for the persons and unincorporated businesses sector debt service ratio are available from 1990 to 2008.

The persons and unincorporated businesses sector debt service ratio measures the proportion of personal disposable income that is devoted to making interest payments with respect to the sector's total liabilities. The sector's total liabilities include: mortgages, consumer credit, loans, and trade accounts payable. As such, the persons and unincorporated businesses debt service ratio is the sum of both mortgage interest and non-mortgage interest, divided by personal disposable income.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 1902.

For more information, to order data, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact the information officer (613-951-3640; iead-info-dcrd@statcan.gc.ca), Income and Expenditure Accounts Division. ■

Civil aviation operating and financial statistics

2008

Operational and financial data on civil aviation are now available for 2008.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2713.

Civil aviation data will appear in the publication *Aviation: Service Bulletin*, Vol. 42, no. 1 (51-004-X, free), which will soon be available.

For more information, to order data tables, 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.gc.ca), Transportation Division. ■

Travel arrangement services

2008

Data on the travel arrangement services industry are now available for 2008.

Available on CANSIM: table 351-0003.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2423.

The publication *Service Bulletin: Travel Arrangement Services*, 2008 (63-250-X, free), will be available in April.

For more information, contact Client Services (toll-free 1-877-801-3282; 613-951-4612; servicesind@statcan.gc.ca). To enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Kristina Myers (613-951-2327; kristina.myers@statcan.gc.ca), Service Industries Division. ■

New products and studies

Study: The Canadian Economy in Transition: "Cities and Growth: Earnings Levels Across Urban and Rural Areas: The Role of Human Capital", no. 20
Catalogue number 11-622-M2010020 (PDF, free; HTML, free)

Production and Disposition of Tobacco Products, December 2009, Vol. 38, no. 12
Catalogue number 32-022-X (PDF, free; HTML, free)

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