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Canadian Framework for Culture Statistics

The first two issues of the new publication series on the *Canadian Framework for Culture Statistics 2011* are now available. It replaces the 2004 *Canadian Framework for Culture Statistics*.

The first issue of this series, the *Conceptual Framework for Culture Statistics 2011*, presents the conceptual framework, including a definition of culture, domains and sub-domains, and criteria for their inclusion in culture. The second issue, the *Classification Guide for the Canadian Framework for Culture Statistics 2011*, is a guide that maps the conceptual framework to selected standard classification systems. It is intended to foster a standard approach to the measurement of culture in Canada.

The publication *Canadian Framework for Culture Statistics: Conceptual Framework for Culture Statistics 2011* (87-542-X2011001, free), is now available from the *Key resource* module of our website under *Publications*.

The publication *Canadian Framework for Culture Statistics: Classification Guide for the Canadian Framework for Culture Statistics 2011* (87-542-X2011002, free), is also now available from the *Key resource* module of our website under *Publications*.

A PDF version of these publications will soon be available.

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Finances of government business enterprises

2010

After-tax profits of federal government business enterprises (GBEs), including monetary authorities, reached nearly \$7.3 billion in 2010, up 67.6% from 2009. This followed declines in 2009.

GBEs are government controlled, public financial and non-financial corporations engaged in commercial operations involving the sale of goods and services to the public in the marketplace.

The total revenues of federal GBEs declined 4.0% in 2010, while total expenses dropped 15.7%, resulting in higher after-tax profits. The largest contributors to this recovery were federal GBEs primarily in the finance, insurance, real estate, rental and leasing and management of companies and enterprises.

Operating subsidies of federal GBEs rose 4.9% in 2010 following a 46.4% increase in 2009; there was no change in share capital.

Total net worth of federal GBEs reached \$27.6 billion in 2010, up 22.2% from a year earlier. Total assets, including fixed assets, declined 2.2%, while total liabilities fell 4.1%.

At the provincial and territorial level, after-tax profits of GBEs reached just over \$18.7 billion in 2010, up 2.7% from 2009. The main contributors to this increase were continued growth in wholesale and retail trade, and recovery in the finance, insurance, real estate, rental and leasing, and personal, business and other services industries.

After-tax profits of provincial and territorial GBEs increased in 10 provinces and territories, with New Brunswick (+133.6%), Saskatchewan (+29.1%) and Alberta (+20.1%) posting the largest percentage gains, while Quebec (-9.6%) and Prince Edward Island (-4.1%) posted the largest declines.

Provincial and territorial GBEs recorded a 1.5% increase in total revenues and a 1.3% increase in

expenses in 2010. Total assets rose 2.9%, while liabilities increased 3.5%. As a result, the total net worth of provincial and territorial GBEs fell 0.2% to \$45.4 billion.

Local GBEs consist of municipally-owned electricity distributors, urban transit companies, gas distributors and telephone companies. Data in this release refer to the fiscal year ending closest to December 31, 2009 for local GBEs as opposed to December 31, 2010 for federal and provincial and territorial GBEs.

In 2009, local GBEs earned after-tax profits of \$776.8 million, down 8.9% from 2008. The main contributors to the after-tax profits continued to be municipally-owned electricity distributors. After-tax profits decreased in all local industries except telephone companies, which reported steady profits of \$31.5 million.

Total revenue for local GBEs reached \$21.4 billion in 2009, down 0.3% from 2008, while total expenses remained virtually unchanged at \$20.5 billion. More than half the revenues for urban transit companies came from subsidies.

Available on CANSIM: tables 385-0015, 385-0030 and 385-0031.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 1730.

Data tables are also available from the *National economic accounts* module of our website.

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Federal, provincial, territorial, and local government business enterprises, after-tax profits
– Fiscal year ending closest to December 31

	2008 ^r	2009 ^r	2010 ^p	2008 to 2009	2009 to 2010
	\$ thousands			% change	
Total federal government	5,766,581	4,350,634	7,289,710	-24.6	67.6
Total provincial and territorial governments	18,080,188	18,232,093	18,722,308	0.8	2.7
Newfoundland and Labrador	254,764	239,317	254,012	-6.1	6.1
Prince Edward Island	31,581	29,735	28,525	-5.8	-4.1
Nova Scotia	375,825	358,691	373,552	-4.6	4.1
New Brunswick	315,440	131,029	306,053	-58.5	133.6
Quebec	5,157,149	5,000,620	4,522,975	-3.0	-9.6
Ontario	4,945,728	5,549,157	5,812,035	12.2	4.7
Manitoba	842,202	796,379	1,027,874	-5.4	29.1
Saskatchewan	1,434,566	849,659	1,020,375	-40.8	20.1
Alberta	2,202,590	2,248,166	2,383,906	2.1	6.0
British Columbia	2,468,176	2,988,808	2,949,300	21.1	-1.3
Yukon	13,212	13,647	14,879	3.3	9.0
Northwest Territories	34,893	32,361	34,164	-7.3	5.6
Nunavut	4,063	-5,476	-5,341	-234.8	-2.5
	2007 ^r	2008 ^r	2009 ^p	2007 to 2008	2008 to 2009
	\$ thousands			% change	
Total local governments	1,033,303	852,754	776,837	-17.5	-8.9
Transportation	107,727	14,403	-40,911	-86.6	-384.0
Electric power	809,204	751,830	751,142	-7.1	-0.1
Gas distribution	84,132	55,183	35,140	-34.4	-36.3
Telephone	32,240	31,338	31,466	-2.8	0.4

^r revised

^p preliminary

Note: Financial data for federal, provincial and territorial business enterprises are for the fiscal year ending closest to December 31 and the local government business enterprises for the fiscal year ending closest to December 31 of the previous year. Net income (after-tax profits) is defined as the sum of total revenues minus total expenses plus gains (losses) less corporate income tax plus other items plus extraordinary gains (losses). Data may not add up to totals as a result of rounding.

Natural gas sales

August 2011 (preliminary)

Natural gas sales totalled 4 527 million cubic metres in August, up 5.6% compared with August 2010.

The volume of sales to the industrial sector was up 7.9% compared with August 2010. Meanwhile, the volume of sales to the commercial (-6.5%) and residential (-3.3%) sectors declined.

Total sales in August were 2.4% higher compared with July.

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Natural gas sales

	August 2010	July 2011	August 2011 ^P	July to August 2011	August 2010 to August 2011
	thousands of cubic metres			% change	
Total sales	4 287 817	4 422 421	4 527 269	2.4	5.6
Residential ¹	406 019	399 663	392 785	-1.7	-3.3
Commercial ²	377 298	357 274	352 850	-1.2	-6.5
Industrial ³	3 504 500	3 665 484	3 781 624	3.2	7.9

^P preliminary

1. Gas sold for domestic purposes, including space heating, water heating and cooking, to a residential dwelling unit.

2. Gas sold to customers engaged in wholesale or retail trade, governments, institutions, office buildings, etc.

3. Gas sold to customers engaged in a process that creates or changes raw or unfinished materials into another form or product. Includes mining and manufacturing establishments. Includes firm, interruptible and buy/sell agreements.

Large urban transit

August 2011 (preliminary)

Total operating revenue (excluding subsidies) for 10 of Canada's largest urban transit properties rose 6.5% from August 2010 to \$226.1 million in August.

These 10 companies represent about 80% of total urban transit across the country.

Ridership levels rose to 114.5 million passenger trips in August, a 5.4% increase from the same month a year earlier.

Available on CANSIM: table 408-0004.

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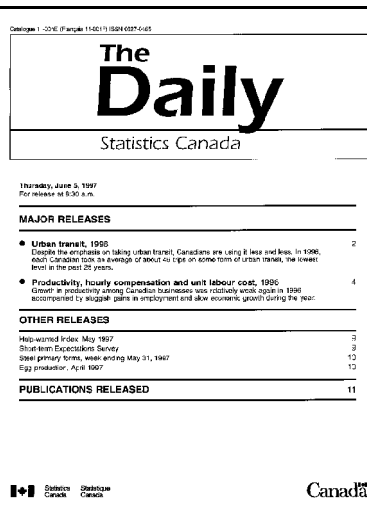
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