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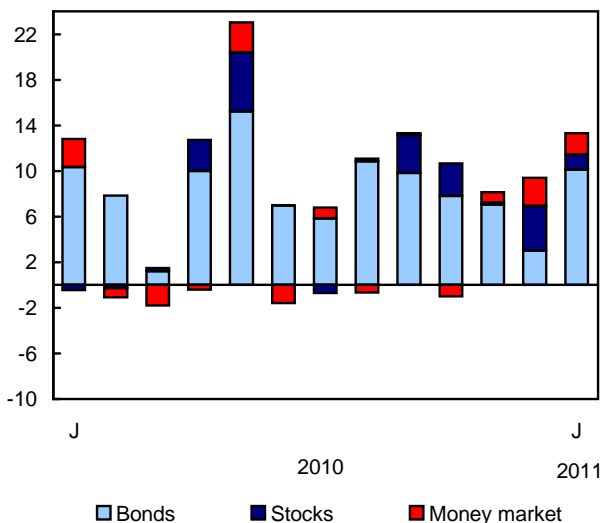
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#### Foreign portfolio investment in Canadian securities

\$ billions



#### Non-resident investors strengthen position in federal government securities

Acquisitions of Canadian bonds by foreign investors amounted to \$10.1 billion in January, following a record high investment of \$95.9 billion in 2010. Federal government bonds accounted for just over half of this activity in January, largely Government of Canada two-year benchmark bonds.

Non-residents resumed investment in provincial bonds, purchasing \$1.8 billion in January, mainly new short-term bonds denominated in US dollars. Foreign investors also acquired private corporate and government enterprise bonds, targeting short-term

#### Note to readers

All values in this release are net transactions unless otherwise stated.

The data series on international security transactions cover portfolio transactions in stocks, bonds and money market instruments for both Canadian and foreign issues.

**Stocks** include common and preferred equities, as well as warrants.

**Debt securities** include bonds and money market instruments.

**Bonds** have an original term to maturity of more than one year.

**Money market instruments** have an original term to maturity of one year or less.

**Government of Canada paper** includes treasury bills and US-dollar Canada bills.

bonds. In January, yields on short-term Canadian bonds stood above their US counterparts while the opposite held for longer-term bonds. The Canadian dollar remained near par with the US dollar over the month.

Non-residents added a further \$1.9 billion of Canadian money market instruments to their portfolios in January, a third straight month of strong investment. Despite a significant decline in the overall amount of federal government Treasury bills outstanding, non-residents acquired \$1.0 billion of these securities in the month.

#### Foreign investment in Canadian stocks continues

Non-residents have accumulated Canadian stocks for six consecutive months, buying \$1.3 billion in January. This was comprised of secondary market transactions and focused on indexed funds tracking equity prices of large Canadian companies. In January, Canadian equity prices were up for a seventh month in a row.

#### Canadian investment in foreign debt favours short-term securities

Canadian investors purchased \$551 million of US Treasury bills, following two consecutive months of divestment totalling \$2.5 billion. On the other hand, Canadians trimmed their holdings of non-US foreign paper for the first time since June 2010.

On the long-term side, Canadians reduced their holdings of foreign bonds by \$319 million in January, following two months of investment. This divestment was nearly all in US government bonds, as sales of short-term bonds more than offset acquisitions of long-term bonds.

### Canadian investors return to foreign stocks

Following three months of divestment, Canadians acquired foreign stocks in January, adding \$1.8 billion to their portfolios. A diverse group of US stocks accounted for all of the outflows. In January, US equity prices continued their uptrend and reached their highest level since May 2008.

Available on CANSIM: tables 376-0018 to 376-0029, 376-0042, 376-0058 and 376-0063.

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The January 2011 issue of *Canada's International Transactions in Securities* (67-002-X, free) will soon be available.

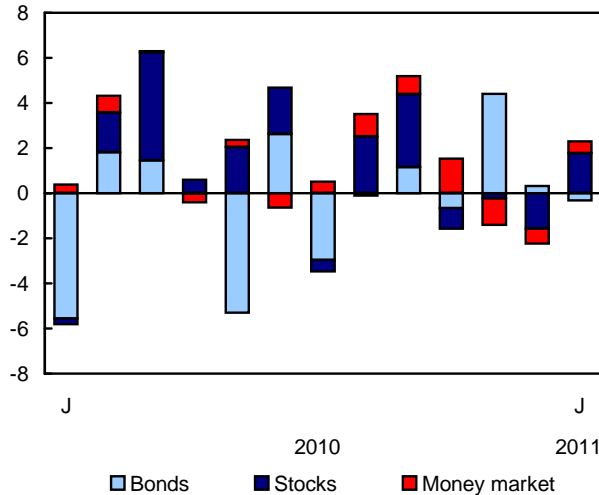
Data on Canada's international transactions in securities for February will be released on April 18.

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### Canadian portfolio investment in foreign securities<sup>1</sup>

\$ billions



1. Reverse of balance of payments signs.

**Canada's international transactions in securities**

|  | November<br>2010 | December<br>2010 | January<br>2011 | 2009           | 2010           |
|--|------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
|  | \$ millions      |                  |                 |                |                |
| <b>Foreign investment in Canadian securities</b> | <b>8,134</b>     | <b>9,399</b>     | <b>13,290</b>   | <b>110,865</b> | <b>116,316</b> |
| Bonds (net)                                      | 7,044            | 3,017            | 10,094          | 83,955         | 95,893         |
| Outstanding                                      | 3,597            | 2,494            | 5,904           | 38,373         | 67,141         |
| New issues                                       | 6,869            | 6,274            | 5,170           | 87,804         | 69,742         |
| Retirements                                      | -3,364           | -3,707           | -1,948          | -42,767        | -41,412        |
| Change in interest payable <sup>1</sup>          | -58              | -2,044           | 967             | 545            | 422            |
| Money market paper (net)                         | 927              | 2,479            | 1,863           | 665            | 3,140          |
| Government of Canada                             | -350             | 87               | 1,028           | 420            | 3,675          |
| Other  | 1,277            | 2,392            | 835             | 244            | -536           |
| Stocks (net)                                     | 164              | 3,903            | 1,334           | 26,246         | 17,284         |
| Outstanding                                      | -403             | 1,194            | 1,311           | 13,411         | 9,497          |
| Other transactions                               | 567              | 2,709            | 23              | 12,835         | 7,787          |
| <b>Canadian investment in foreign securities</b> | <b>-2,963</b>    | <b>1,937</b>     | <b>-1,978</b>   | <b>-8,667</b>  | <b>-13,035</b> |
| Bonds (net)                                      | -4,397           | -314             | 319             | 9,030          | 2,879          |
| Money market paper (net)                         | 1,201            | 677              | -526            | -1,847         | -2,442         |
| Stocks (net)                                     | 233              | 1,574            | -1,771          | -15,850        | -13,472        |

1. Interest accrued less interest paid.

**Note:** A minus sign indicates an outflow of money from Canada, that is, a withdrawal of foreign investment from Canada or an increase in Canadian investment abroad.



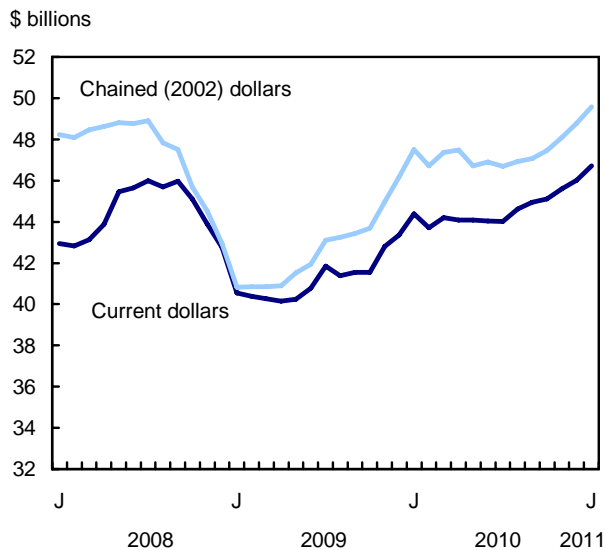
## Wholesale trade

January 2011

Wholesale sales rose by 1.5% in January to \$46.7 billion, mainly as a result of higher sales in the motor vehicle and parts and the miscellaneous subsectors.

In volume terms, wholesale sales were up 1.6% in January.

### Wholesale sales increase for the sixth consecutive month



### Widespread gains in wholesale sales

Wholesale sales increased for the sixth consecutive month in January, with five of the seven subsectors advancing, representing nearly 80% of total wholesale sales.

The motor vehicle and parts subsector (+4.9%) posted the largest increase. Sales in that subsector rose to \$7.9 billion in January, the highest level since June 2007.

The advance in the motor vehicle and parts subsector in January was entirely a result of the 7.0% sales increase among motor vehicle wholesalers.

#### Note to readers

All the data in this release are seasonally adjusted and in current dollars, unless otherwise noted.

Wholesale sales expressed in volume are calculated by deflating current dollar values using import and industry product price indexes. Since many of the goods sold by wholesalers are imported, fluctuations in the value of the Canadian dollar can have an important influence on the prices of goods bought and sold by wholesalers.

The wholesale sales series in chained (2002) dollars is a chained Fisher volume index with 2002 as the reference year.

Sales in the miscellaneous subsector rose for the eighth month in a row, increasing by 3.7% in January, mainly as a result of higher sales in the recyclable material and other miscellaneous industries.

The building material and supplies subsector increased by 2.6%, stimulated by higher sales in the lumber, millwork, hardware and other building supplies industry.

The machinery, equipment and supplies and the farm products subsectors posted the only declines in January.

The machinery, equipment and supplies subsector decreased by 2.0% in January, primarily as a result of lower sales in the computer and communications equipment and supplies industry. This drop followed strong sales gains in 2010.

### Sales up in most provinces

Sales were up in seven provinces in January. Ontario contributed the most to the national increase, followed by Quebec and British Columbia.

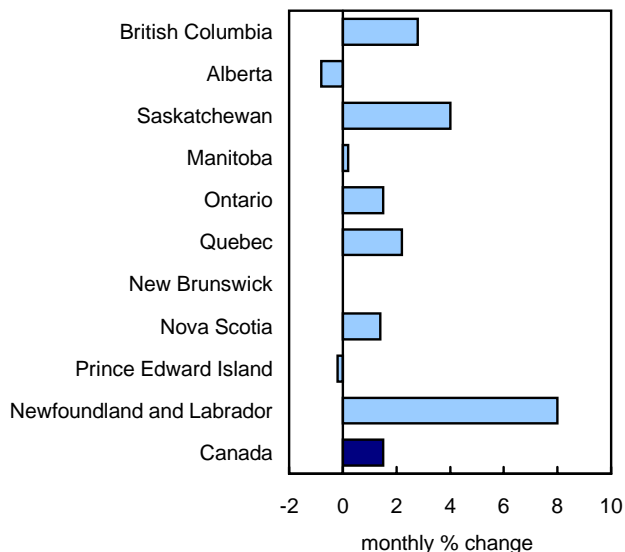
Wholesale sales in Ontario rose by 1.5% to \$23.7 billion in January, mainly as a result of increased sales of motor vehicles.

In Quebec, wholesale sales rose by 2.2% in January, the third consecutive increase after a period of four months when sales remained virtually unchanged.

Sales increased in British Columbia by 2.8% in January, following a 0.2% increase in December.

In Alberta, sales were down as a result of lower sales of machinery, equipment and supplies. Wholesale sales in the province declined 0.8% to \$5.5 billion in January.

**Wholesale sales up in seven provinces in January**



**Increased inventories**

Inventories rose by 1.8% in January to \$53.7 billion. This was the largest monthly increase since January 2007.

Overall, 18 of the 25 industries registered an increase in their inventories.

The largest advance (in dollars) was in the inventories of the other miscellaneous industry (+10.2%), followed by the lumber, millwork, hardware and other building supplies industry (+2.7%).

The inventory-to-sales ratio remained unchanged at 1.15 in January.

The inventory-to-sales ratio is a measure of the time in months required to exhaust inventories if sales were to remain at their current level.

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The January 2011 issue of *Wholesale Trade* (63-008-X, free) will soon be available.

Wholesale trade data for February will be released on April 19.

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## Wholesale merchants' sales by industry

|   | January<br>2010 | December<br>2010 <sup>r</sup> | January<br>2011 <sup>p</sup> | December<br>2010<br>to<br>January<br>2011 | January<br>2010<br>to<br>January<br>2011 |
|---|-----------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|---|--|
| Seasonally adjusted   |                 |                               |                              |   |  |
|   | \$ millions     |                               |                              | % change                                  |  |
| <b>Total, wholesale sales</b>   | <b>44,394</b>   | <b>46,022</b>                 | <b>46,724</b>                | <b>1.5</b>                                | <b>5.2</b>                               |
| <b>Total, excluding motor vehicle and parts<br/>wholesalers</b>                     | <b>36,604</b>   | <b>38,465</b>                 | <b>38,796</b>                | <b>0.9</b>                                | <b>6.0</b>                               |
| <b>Farm product</b>   | <b>509</b>      | <b>546</b>                    | <b>537</b>                   | <b>-1.5</b>                               | <b>5.5</b>                               |
| <b>Food, beverage and tobacco</b>   | <b>8,282</b>    | <b>8,695</b>                  | <b>8,772</b>                 | <b>0.9</b>                                | <b>5.9</b>                               |
| Food  | 7,372           | 7,739                         | 7,792                        | 0.7                                       | 5.7                                      |
| Beverage  | 407             | 457                           | 476                          | 4.2                                       | 17.0                                     |
| Cigarette and tobacco product   | 503             | 499                           | 503                          | 0.9                                       | 0.0                                      |
| <b>Personal and household goods</b>   | <b>7,154</b>    | <b>6,984</b>                  | <b>7,054</b>                 | <b>1.0</b>                                | <b>-1.4</b>                              |
| Textile, clothing and footwear  | 874             | 942                           | 947                          | 0.5                                       | 8.3                                      |
| Home entertainment equipment and household<br>appliance                             | 723             | 761                           | 766                          | 0.7                                       | 6.0                                      |
| Home furnishings  | 501             | 513                           | 524                          | 2.1                                       | 4.8                                      |
| Personal goods  | 922             | 766                           | 774                          | 1.0                                       | -16.1                                    |
| Pharmaceuticals and pharmacy supplies   | 3,446           | 3,335                         | 3,378                        | 1.3                                       | -2.0                                     |
| Toiletries, cosmetics and sundries  | 689             | 667                           | 665                          | -0.2                                      | -3.4                                     |
| <b>Motor vehicle and parts</b>  | <b>7,790</b>    | <b>7,557</b>                  | <b>7,928</b>                 | <b>4.9</b>                                | <b>1.8</b>                               |
| Motor vehicle   | 6,223           | 5,725                         | 6,125                        | 7.0                                       | -1.6                                     |
| New motor vehicle parts and accessories   | 1,527           | 1,780                         | 1,754                        | -1.4                                      | 14.8                                     |
| Used motor vehicle parts and accessories  | 40              | 52                            | 50                           | -5.4                                      | 22.7                                     |
| <b>Building material and supplies</b>   | <b>6,110</b>    | <b>6,413</b>                  | <b>6,582</b>                 | <b>2.6</b>                                | <b>7.7</b>                               |
| Electrical, plumbing, heating and air-conditioning<br>equipment and supplies        | 1,964           | 2,045                         | 2,101                        | 2.7                                       | 6.9                                      |
| Metal service centres   | 1,190           | 1,428                         | 1,409                        | -1.3                                      | 18.4                                     |
| Lumber, millwork, hardware and other building<br>supplies                           | 2,956           | 2,940                         | 3,072                        | 4.5                                       | 3.9                                      |
| <b>Machinery, equipment and supplies</b>  | <b>8,774</b>    | <b>9,813</b>                  | <b>9,614</b>                 | <b>-2.0</b>                               | <b>9.6</b>                               |
| Farm, lawn and garden machinery and equipment                                       | 972             | 1,055                         | 1,041                        | -1.3                                      | 7.1                                      |
| Construction, forestry, mining, and industrial<br>machinery, equipment and supplies | 2,680           | 3,202                         | 3,183                        | -0.6                                      | 18.8                                     |
| Computer and communications equipment and<br>supplies                               | 2,772           | 3,267                         | 3,054                        | -6.5                                      | 10.2                                     |
| Other machinery, equipment and supplies   | 2,349           | 2,290                         | 2,336                        | 2.0                                       | -0.6                                     |
| <b>Miscellaneous</b>  | <b>5,774</b>    | <b>6,014</b>                  | <b>6,236</b>                 | <b>3.7</b>                                | <b>8.0</b>                               |
| Recyclable material   | 673             | 679                           | 807                          | 18.8                                      | 20.1                                     |
| Paper, paper product and disposable plastic<br>product                              | 743             | 728                           | 742                          | 1.9                                       | -0.2                                     |
| Agricultural supplies   | 1,363           | 1,677                         | 1,695                        | 1.1                                       | 24.4                                     |
| Chemical (except agricultural) and allied product                                   | 954             | 1,099                         | 1,062                        | -3.4                                      | 11.3                                     |
| Other miscellaneous   | 2,041           | 1,830                         | 1,930                        | 5.4                                       | -5.5                                     |

<sup>r</sup> revised

<sup>p</sup> preliminary

**Note:** Figures may not add up to total due to rounding.

**Wholesale merchants' sales by province and territory**

|                           | January<br>2010 | December<br>2010 <sup>r</sup> | January<br>2011 <sup>p</sup> | December<br>2010<br>to<br>January<br>2011 | January<br>2010<br>to<br>January<br>2011 |
|---------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|---|--|
| Seasonally adjusted       |                 |                               |                              |   |  |
|                           | \$ millions     |                               |                              | % change                                  |  |
| <b>Canada</b>             | <b>44,394</b>   | <b>46,022</b>                 | <b>46,724</b>                | <b>1.5</b>                                | <b>5.2</b>                               |
| Newfoundland and Labrador | 286             | 299                           | 323                          | 8.0                                       | 12.9                                     |
| Prince Edward Island      | 39              | 45                            | 45                           | -0.2                                      | 13.0                                     |
| Nova Scotia               | 611             | 636                           | 645                          | 1.4                                       | 5.6                                      |
| New Brunswick             | 482             | 492                           | 492                          | 0.0                                       | 1.9                                      |
| Quebec                    | 8,555           | 8,598                         | 8,791                        | 2.2                                       | 2.8                                      |
| Ontario                   | 22,865          | 23,405                        | 23,748                       | 1.5                                       | 3.9                                      |
| Manitoba                  | 1,103           | 1,201                         | 1,203                        | 0.2                                       | 9.1                                      |
| Saskatchewan              | 1,514           | 1,708                         | 1,777                        | 4.0                                       | 17.4                                     |
| Alberta                   | 4,720           | 5,508                         | 5,464                        | -0.8                                      | 15.8                                     |
| British Columbia          | 4,152           | 4,058                         | 4,170                        | 2.8                                       | 0.4                                      |
| Yukon                     | 12              | 11                            | 11                           | 5.4                                       | -6.5                                     |
| Northwest Territories     | 49              | 53                            | 51                           | -4.0                                      | 3.0                                      |
| Nunavut                   | 5               | 8                             | 5                            | -40.1                                     | -5.3                                     |

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## Wholesale merchants' inventories by industry

|   | January<br>2010 | December<br>2010 <sup>r</sup> | January<br>2011 <sup>p</sup> | December<br>2010<br>to<br>January<br>2011 | January<br>2010<br>to<br>January<br>2011 |
|---|-----------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|---|--|
| Seasonally adjusted   |                 |                               |                              |   |  |
|   | \$ millions     |                               |                              | % change                                  |  |
| <b>Total, wholesale inventories</b>   | <b>51,091</b>   | <b>52,777</b>                 | <b>53,717</b>                | <b>1.8</b>                                | <b>5.1</b>                               |
| Farm product  | 161             | 175                           | 174                          | -0.5                                      | 8.2                                      |
| Food  | 4,232           | 4,242                         | 4,297                        | 1.3                                       | 1.5                                      |
| Beverage  | 244             | 226                           | 235                          | 3.6                                       | -3.7                                     |
| Cigarette and tobacco product   | 244             | 245                           | 226                          | -7.8                                      | -7.1                                     |
| Textile, clothing and footwear  | 1,499           | 1,784                         | 1,816                        | 1.8                                       | 21.1                                     |
| Home entertainment equipment and household<br>appliance                             | 655             | 798                           | 807                          | 1.1                                       | 23.2                                     |
| Home furnishings  | 944             | 1,022                         | 1,038                        | 1.5                                       | 10.0                                     |
| Personal goods  | 1,478           | 1,278                         | 1,264                        | -1.0                                      | -14.4                                    |
| Pharmaceuticals and pharmacy supplies   | 4,064           | 4,099                         | 4,143                        | 1.1                                       | 1.9                                      |
| Toiletries, cosmetics and sundries  | 611             | 628                           | 622                          | -0.9                                      | 1.8                                      |
| Motor vehicle   | 3,659           | 3,422                         | 3,448                        | 0.8                                       | -5.8                                     |
| New motor vehicle parts and accessories   | 2,986           | 3,038                         | 3,019                        | -0.6                                      | 1.1                                      |
| Used motor vehicle parts and accessories  | 77              | 76                            | 75                           | -1.2                                      | -2.2                                     |
| Electrical, plumbing, heating and air-conditioning<br>equipment and supplies        | 2,701           | 2,943                         | 3,008                        | 2.2                                       | 11.4                                     |
| Metal service centres   | 2,339           | 2,638                         | 2,718                        | 3.0                                       | 16.2                                     |
| Lumber, millwork, hardware and other building<br>supplies                           | 4,156           | 4,533                         | 4,656                        | 2.7                                       | 12.0                                     |
| Farm, lawn and garden machinery and equipment                                       | 2,981           | 3,264                         | 3,256                        | -0.2                                      | 9.2                                      |
| Construction, forestry, mining, and industrial<br>machinery, equipment and supplies | 6,910           | 7,131                         | 7,197                        | 0.9                                       | 4.2                                      |
| Computer and communications equipment and<br>supplies                               | 1,467           | 1,529                         | 1,623                        | 6.1                                       | 10.7                                     |
| Other machinery, equipment and supplies   | 3,221           | 3,206                         | 3,273                        | 2.1                                       | 1.6                                      |
| Recyclable material   | 323             | 343                           | 348                          | 1.5                                       | 7.8                                      |
| Paper, paper product and disposable plastic<br>product                              | 596             | 616                           | 618                          | 0.2                                       | 3.6                                      |
| Agricultural supplies   | 2,361           | 2,407                         | 2,487                        | 3.3                                       | 5.3                                      |
| Chemical (except agricultural) and allied product                                   | 943             | 896                           | 904                          | 0.8                                       | -4.2                                     |
| Other miscellaneous   | 2,239           | 2,236                         | 2,464                        | 10.2                                      | 10.1                                     |

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## Travel between Canada and other countries

January 2011

Travel between Canada and other countries decreased in January compared with December, as Canadian residents took 1.4% fewer trips abroad and foreign travel to Canada declined 1.0%.

In terms of outbound travel, Canadian residents took 4.0 million trips to the United States, down 1.2% from December. Same-day car travel decreased 1.6%, while overnight travel fell by 0.7%. The number of overnight car trips to the United States declined 1.4%. Canadian residents took 589,000 overnight plane trips to the United States, up 0.8%.

Canadian residents took 732,000 overnight trips to overseas countries, down 2.2% from December.

In terms of inbound trips, travel by United States residents to Canada declined 1.7% to 1.6 million trips in January. Overnight car travel by US residents fell 1.7%, while overnight plane travel increased 2.8% to 296,000 trips.

Same-day car travel also declined as US residents took 564,000 trips to Canada in January, down 5.0% from December. This was the lowest monthly level since June 2009, when the United States began requiring a passport or similar documentation to enter the country at all border crossings.

Overseas residents took 369,000 overnight trips to Canada in January, up 2.2% from December. This was the highest level in two years.

In January, 7 of Canada's top 12 overseas markets recorded advances. Travel from China rose 11.6%, the largest increase, while India (-6.4%) recorded the largest decline.

**Note:** Monthly data are seasonally adjusted. All seasonally adjusted data have been revised back to January 2008. Revisions have been made to some non-seasonally adjusted series for each month of the second and third quarters of 2010.

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## Travel between Canada and other countries

|   | January<br>2010 <sup>r</sup> | December<br>2010 <sup>r</sup> | January<br>2011 <sup>p</sup> | December<br>2010<br>to<br>January<br>2011 |
|---|------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|---|
| Seasonally adjusted   |                              |                               |                              |   |
|   | thousands                    |                               |                              | % change <sup>1</sup>                     |
| <b>Canadian trips abroad<sup>2</sup></b>  | <b>4,219</b>                 | <b>4,793</b>                  | <b>4,727</b>                 | <b>-1.4</b>                               |
| To the United States  | 3,531                        | 4,044                         | 3,995                        | -1.2                                      |
| To other countries  | 688                          | 749                           | 732                          | -2.2                                      |
| Same-day car trips to the United States   | 1,900                        | 2,310                         | 2,274                        | -1.6                                      |
| Total trips, one or more nights   | 2,286                        | 2,439                         | 2,411                        | -1.1                                      |
| United States <sup>3</sup>  | 1,598                        | 1,690                         | 1,678                        | -0.7                                      |
| Car   | 954                          | 1,010                         | 996                          | -1.4                                      |
| Plane   | 545                          | 584                           | 589                          | 0.8                                       |
| Other modes of transportation   | 100                          | 96                            | 94                           | -2.0                                      |
| Other countries <sup>4</sup>  | 688                          | 749                           | 732                          | -2.2                                      |
| <b>Travel to Canada<sup>2</sup></b>   | <b>2,016</b>                 | <b>2,014</b>                  | <b>1,994</b>                 | <b>-1.0</b>                               |
| From the United States  | 1,655                        | 1,644                         | 1,616                        | -1.7                                      |
| From Other Countries  | 361                          | 370                           | 378                          | 2.2                                       |
| Same-day car trips from the United States                                       | 617                          | 594                           | 564                          | -5.0                                      |
| Total trips, one or more nights   | 1,295                        | 1,329                         | 1,332                        | 0.3                                       |
| United States <sup>3</sup>  | 943                          | 968                           | 963                          | -0.5                                      |
| Car   | 560                          | 561                           | 552                          | -1.7                                      |
| Plane   | 275                          | 289                           | 296                          | 2.8                                       |
| Other modes of transportation   | 108                          | 118                           | 115                          | -2.4                                      |
| Other countries <sup>4</sup>  | 352                          | 361                           | 369                          | 2.2                                       |
| <b>Travel to Canada: Top overseas markets, by country of origin<sup>5</sup></b> |                              |                               |                              |   |
| United Kingdom  | 62                           | 56                            | 59                           | 5.0                                       |
| France  | 36                           | 38                            | 39                           | 1.9                                       |
| Germany   | 28                           | 27                            | 27                           | 0.1                                       |
| Australia   | 17                           | 22                            | 21                           | -2.6                                      |
| China   | 14                           | 17                            | 19                           | 11.6                                      |
| Japan   | 21                           | 20                            | 19                           | -3.5                                      |
| South Korea   | 13                           | 14                            | 14                           | -0.2                                      |
| India   | 12                           | 13                            | 12                           | -6.4                                      |
| Hong Kong   | 10                           | 11                            | 12                           | 7.2                                       |
| Mexico  | 10                           | 11                            | 10                           | -6.3                                      |
| Netherlands   | 9                            | 9                             | 9                            | 7.0                                       |
| Switzerland   | 9                            | 8                             | 9                            | 3.6                                       |

<sup>r</sup> revised

<sup>p</sup> preliminary

1. Percentage change is based on unrounded data.

2. Totals exceed the sum of "same-day car trips" and "total trips, one or more nights" because they include all of the same-day trips.

3. Estimates for the United States include counts of cars and buses, and estimated numbers for planes, trains, boats and other methods.

4. Figures for other countries exclude same-day entries by land only, via the United States.

5. Includes same-day and overnight trips.

## Aircraft movement statistics: Major airports

February 2011

Aircraft take-offs and landings at the 93 Canadian airports with NAV CANADA air traffic control towers and flight service stations decreased 3.8% in February compared with February 2010. These airports reported 358,016 movements in February compared with 372,217 movements the same month a year earlier.

Available on CANSIM: tables 401-0007 to 401-0020.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2715.

A data table with summary information on NAV CANADA towers is available from the *Key resource* module of our website under *Summary tables*.

The February 2011 issue of *Aircraft Movement Statistics: NAV CANADA Towers and Flight Service Stations (TP 141)* (51-007-X, free) is now available from the *Key resource* module of our website under *Publications*. This report is a joint publication of Statistics Canada and Transport Canada.

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## Construction Union Wage Rate Index

February 2011

The Construction Union Wage Rate Index (including supplements) for Canada remained the same in February compared with the previous month. The composite index increased by 1.7% compared with February 2010.

**Note:** Union wage rates are published for 16 trades in 22 metropolitan areas for both the basic rates and rates including selected supplementary payments. Indexes on a 2007=100 time base are calculated for the same metropolitan areas and are published for those where a majority of trades are covered by current collective agreements.

**Available on CANSIM: tables 327-0003 and 327-0045.**

**Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2307.**

The fourth quarter 2010 issue of *Capital Expenditure Price Statistics* (62-007-X, free) will be available in April.

The construction union wage rate indexes for March will be released on April 21.

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## Spectator sports, event promoters, artists and related industries

2009

The 2009 edition of *Service Bulletin: Spectator Sports, Event Promoters, Artists and Related Industries*, which contains industry highlights along with financial data including revenues, expenses, and operating profit margins, is now available.

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January 2011

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