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International travel account

First quarter 2011 (preliminary)

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Canadian travellers spent \$8.1 billion abroad during the first quarter, a rise of 1.4% compared with the fourth quarter of 2010.

Travellers from abroad spent \$3.9 billion in Canada, a decrease of 2.6% compared with the previous quarter.

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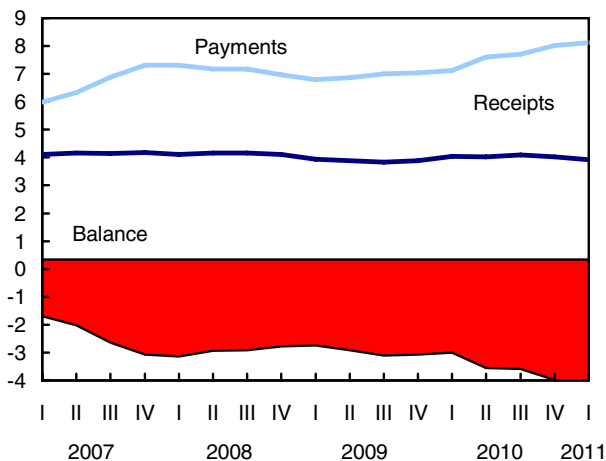
This international travel account analysis is based on preliminary quarterly data, seasonally adjusted unless otherwise stated. Amounts are in Canadian dollars and are not adjusted for inflation.

Receipts represent spending by foreigners travelling in Canada, including education spending, medical spending and spending by crew members. **Payments** represent spending by Canadian residents travelling abroad, including education spending, medical spending and spending by crew members.

Overseas countries are those other than the United States.

Canada's international travel deficit increased because of a rise in spending by Canadian travellers in the US, first quarter of 2011

\$ billions



New high in spending by Canadian travellers in the United States

The travel deficit with the United States increased \$268 million from the previous quarter to reach \$3.3 billion in the first quarter.

The increase in the deficit was the result of greater spending by Canadian travellers in the United States which reached a new high of \$5.0 billion in the first quarter, up 3.9% from the previous quarter.

The rise in spending by Canadians coincided with a 4.2% increase in the number of same-day car trips to the United States compared with the previous quarter.

Spending by U.S. residents in Canada was recorded at \$1.7 billion during the first quarter, a decline of 4.4% compared with the fourth quarter of 2010. This is the lowest level recorded since the first quarter of 1997.

A decrease of 8.9% in the number of same-day car trips by American travellers probably contributed to a decrease in spending by American residents in Canada. Same-day car travel by Americans to Canada totalled 1.7 million trips, its lowest level since record-keeping began in 1972.

The Canadian dollar rose 2.8% to reach an average value of US \$1.01 during the first quarter. The increase coincided with an increase in the number of same-day car trips taken by Canadians to the United States and a decrease in those of Americans to Canada.

Lower travel deficit with overseas countries

Canada's travel deficit with overseas countries shrank \$56 million compared with the previous quarter to sit at \$873 million in the first quarter.

The decrease in the deficit was in part the result of a 2.5% decline in spending by Canadians in overseas countries, which reached \$3.1 billion in the first quarter. This was the second consecutive decrease in Canadian spending in overseas countries.

Travellers from overseas countries spent \$2.2 billion in Canada, a decline of 1.1% compared with the previous quarter. During the same period, the number of overseas travellers declined 1.5% to reach 1.1 million trips in the first quarter.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey numbers, including related surveys, 3152 and 5005.

The international travel account for the second quarter will be released on August 26.

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International travel account receipts and payments

	First quarter 2010 ^r	Fourth quarter 2010 ^r	First quarter 2011 ^p	Fourth quarter 2010 to first quarter 2011
Seasonally adjusted ¹				
	\$ millions			% change
Total				
Receipts	4,047	4,032	3,929	-2.6
Payments	7,127	8,015	8,124	1.4
Balance	-3,080	-3,983	-4,195	...
United States				
Receipts	1,809	1,801	1,722	-4.4
Payments	4,236	4,855	5,044	3.9
Balance	-2,427	-3 054	-3,322	...
All other countries				
Receipts	2,239	2,231	2,207	-1.1
Payments	2,892	3,160	3,080	-2.5
Balance	-653	-929	-873	...

^r revised

^p preliminary

... not applicable

1. Data may not add to totals due to rounding.



Public sector employment

First quarter 2011 (preliminary)

Public sector employment on a seasonally adjusted basis was 3.6 million in the first quarter, up 0.3% from the fourth quarter of 2010.

The increase was concentrated mainly in health and social services institutions (+0.5%). Employment has been growing steadily in this sector since the first quarter of 2005. Employment also rose in local general government (+0.4%).

Employment in federal general government fell 0.2% in the first quarter. The number of employees in this sector has changed little since the first quarter of 2010, following a decade of growth.

Employment in universities and colleges slipped 0.1%, although it has been on an upward trend since the first quarter of 2001.

Public sector employees represented 10.6% of the total Canadian population in the first quarter, unchanged during the last year. This proportion had been rising slowly since the first quarter of 2001 when it was 9.7%.

The three levels of general government (federal, provincial and territorial, and local) accounted for 38.2% of total public sector employment in the first quarter. Educational institutions represented 29.5%, followed by health and social service institutions (23.5%) and government business enterprises (8.7%).

Note: The public sector includes all economic entities controlled by government and comprises four major components: the three levels of government (federal, provincial and territorial and local) and government business enterprises. Each level of government has a general government component comprising ministries; departments; agencies and non-autonomous funds; autonomous funds and organizations; and, non-autonomous pension plans. Provincial and territorial government includes universities and colleges as well as health and social service institutions. Local government includes school boards. Government business enterprises are institutional units controlled by government; they operate on an autonomous basis as commercial corporations in the marketplace.

Available on CANSIM: tables 183-0002 and 183-0004.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 1713.

For a more detailed description of how public sector employment is defined and reconciled with other information sources, refer to the document entitled *Reconciliation of Public Sector Employment Estimates from Multiple Information Sources* by clicking on survey number 1713.

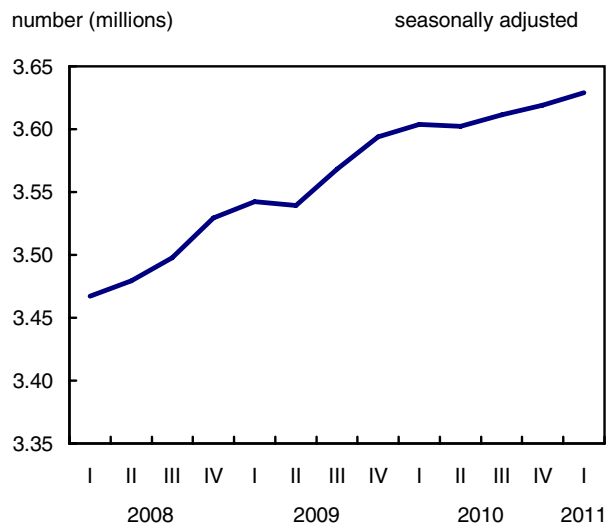
Available on CANSIM: tables 183-0021 and 183-0022.

Data tables on public sector employment are also available in the *National economic accounts* module of our website.

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Public sector employment



Public sector employment

	Fourth quarter 2010	First quarter 2011	Fourth quarter 2010 to first quarter 2011
Seasonally adjusted			
	thousands		% change
Public sector	3,619	3,629	0.3
General government	1,384	1,386	0.2
Federal	422	421	-0.2
Provincial and territorial	357	358	0.3
Local	605	607	0.4
Educational institutions	1,068	1,070	0.1
Universities and colleges ¹	391	390	-0.1
School boards	678	679	0.3
Health and social service institutions	850	854	0.5
Government business enterprises	315	316	0.1

1. Includes vocational and trade institutions.

Note: Numbers may not add up due to rounding.

Computer and peripherals price indexes

April 2011

From March to April, the price index for commercial computers declined 0.5% and the index for consumer computers increased 1.1%.

In the case of computer peripherals, monitor prices increased 0.5% in April compared with the previous month, while printer prices declined 1.2%.

Note: The Computer and peripherals price indexes are monthly series measuring changes over time in the price of computers and computer peripherals sold to governments, businesses and consumers. This release presents data that are not seasonally adjusted and the indexes published are subject to a six month revision period after dissemination of a given month's data.

These indexes are available at the Canada level only.

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Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 5032.

The Computer and peripherals price indexes for May will be released on June 24.

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Couriers and Messengers Services Price Index

April 2011

The Couriers and Messengers Services Price Index increased 1.3% in April compared with March mainly due to higher fuel surcharges. The courier portion rose 1.2% and the local messenger component advanced 1.5%.

On a year-over-year basis, the index advanced 10.5% in April compared with the same month in 2010.

Note: The Couriers and Messengers Services Price Index is a monthly price index measuring the change over time in prices for courier and messenger services provided by long and short distance delivery companies to Canadian-based business clients.

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Commercial Software Price Index

April 2011

The Commercial Software Price Index (CSPI) decreased by 0.7% in April from the previous month.

Year over year, the CSPI decreased by 3.0% in April.

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 release presents data that are not seasonally adjusted and the indexes published are subject to a six month revision period after dissemination of a given month's data.

This index is available at the Canada level only.

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The commercial software price indexes for May will be released on June 24.

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Agricultural Water Survey

2010

Data from the Agricultural Water Survey are now available at the provincial and drainage region level, by irrigation water volume and irrigated area for the 2010 growing season.

The Agricultural Water Survey is conducted to gather information on irrigation water use, irrigation methods and practices, and sources and quality of water used for agricultural purposes on Canadian farms. The full report will be released later this year.

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31	Canadian social trends	May 2011
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