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Canadian portfolio investment abroad

Year-end 2009

Canadian investors held \$645.0 billion worth of foreign securities at the end of 2009, up 10.6% from 2008. Foreign stocks accounted for over three quarters of the holdings at the end of 2009, with their growth largely outpacing that of foreign debt instruments in the year.

Canadian portfolio investments were spread over 95 countries by the end of 2009. The top 5 investment destinations accounted for close to three quarters of all holdings. These were, by order of importance, United States, United Kingdom, Japan, France and Germany. Japan was the only country within the G-7 group of countries in which the value of Canadian portfolio holdings declined in 2009, mostly as a result of the strong appreciation of the Canadian dollar over the Japanese yen and the more subdued performance of the Japanese stock market compared with other major stock markets.

Canadian holdings of foreign stocks increased 14.1% to \$499.0 billion, as a result of a combination of acquisitions and price gains in all major global stock markets during the year. Holdings of US stocks were up 9.5% to \$243.2 billion in 2009, led by the financial sector. This follows a 21.5% decrease in 2008. The largest growth in 2009 came from the BRIC group of countries — more specifically, Brazil, the Russian Federation, India and China. Canadian holdings of stocks in each of these countries more than doubled, reflecting the performance of the energy and resource sectors.

Canadian investors held \$145.9 billion in foreign debt securities at year-end of 2009, largely unchanged from a year earlier. Holdings of US debt instruments decreased slightly to \$99.5 billion, as increases in US corporate bond prices were more than offset by net sales and the impact of an appreciating Canadian dollar

over the US dollar. The same trend was observed in most of the other regions except for Asia and in Oceania, where holdings of Australian bonds were up substantially from 2008.

Despite the overall gains in 2009, Canadian aggregate holdings of foreign securities remained below the investment levels of 2007, following the losses on global stock markets in 2008. However, the appreciation of the Canadian dollar against most major foreign currencies moderated the growth in holdings of foreign securities in 2009.

Note: The Canadian Portfolio Investment Abroad is an annual survey used to generate a detailed geographical breakdown and serves to benchmark the Balance of Payments and International Investment Position. The survey collects information on portfolio investment assets at year-end, at market value, broken down by country of issuer. In this context, portfolio investment is defined as investment in foreign securities undertaken for the sake of investment income or capital gains. Foreign securities are defined as equity and debt instruments issued by non-residents. Securities denominated in foreign currency are converted to Canadian dollars at the end of the year.

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Market value of Canadian portfolio investment abroad at year-end

	2006	2007	2008	2009
	\$ millions			
Geography				
America	418,277	424,469	353,515	384,035
United States	378,002	379,256	322,081	342,716
Brazil	5,895	9,986	6,382	12,745
Cayman Islands	14,806	14,525	11,084	12,414
Bermuda	9,116	9,981	7,566	8,090
Mexico	5,651	5,359	3,138	3,561
All other countries	4,807	5,362	3,264	4,509
Europe	219,364	231,753	152,758	169,807
United Kingdom	75,452	71,972	45,321	50,274
France	28,793	31,930	24,211	24,926
Germany	26,915	32,481	21,604	21,814
Switzerland	16,619	16,896	15,391	16,855
Netherlands	17,277	15,933	9,500	10,986
All other countries	54,308	62,541	36,731	44,952
Asia and Oceania	92,575	99,227	70,455	83,895
Japan	46,445	43,132	35,091	30,824
Australia	15,004	16,756	10,037	14,433
South Korea	8,800	10,649	6,033	7,565
Hong Kong	6,286	7,647	5,100	6,319
China	2,379	3,400	2,855	5,856
All other countries	13,661	17,643	11,339	18,898
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Total	735,963	764,177	583,201	644,985
Type of securities				
Stocks	582,241	603,163	437,283	499,039
Debt instruments	153,722	161,014	145,918	145,946
Total	735,963	764,177	583,201	644,985

Consumer Price Index: A preview of the upcoming basket update

On June 29, 2011, with the release of the May Consumer Price Index (CPI), Statistics Canada will update the basket of goods and services used in the calculation of the Index.

Statistics Canada updates the basket periodically to ensure the CPI's reliability, as it is used for three key purposes: as a measure of inflation; as a statistical series deflator; and as a tool for indexing various public and private transfer payments.

This update will introduce a revised weighting pattern for the CPI to reflect the latest available information on the consumption patterns of Canadian households.

The weights used for the CPI are primarily derived from Statistics Canada's Survey of Household Spending. The new weighting pattern will replace the current 2005 weights and will be based on 2009 consumer expenditures.

Also, to allow for the representation of emerging technologies and services in the market place, several changes will be made to the expenditure classes that make up the CPI basket. For example:

"Telephone equipment" has been added to the "Communications" class and will be made publicly available.

A new class, "Multipurpose digital devices", has been created to measure price changes for emerging consumer technologies, such as tablet computers and smartphones. This class will appear alongside "Computer equipment and supplies", under "Digital computing equipment and devices".

The class "Other household services" will now include "Legal services not related to the dwelling", "Funeral services", "Government services", and "Retail club memberships". Weights for these items have, for the first time, been explicitly included in the CPI basket thus, in effect, expanding its coverage and scope. Similarly, "Financial services" will now include "Stock and bond commissions" and "Financial administrative and management fees".

In addition, to enhance the distinction between the goods price index and the services price index, a new published class, "Recreational services", was created. It includes the formerly published "Photographic services" class and other recreational services. Another new class, "Other recreational equipment", was created by splitting it away from what was formerly known as "Other recreational equipment and services".

There are no major changes to price measurement methodologies. The CPI's base year will remain 2002=100. To satisfy the needs of certain users, an all-items CPI with a base year of 1992=100 will continue to be available.

For more information, contact the Dissemination Unit (toll-free 1-866-230-2248; 613-951-9606; fax: 613-951-2848; cpd-info-dpc@statcan.gc.ca), Consumer Prices Division. ■

Canadian Foreign Post Indexes

May 2011

Data on Canadian foreign post indexes are now available for May.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2322.

The May 2011 issue of *Canadian Foreign Post Indexes* (62-013-X, free) is now available from the *Key resource* module of our website *Publications*.

For more information, contact Client Services (toll-free 1-866-230-2248; 613-951-9606; cpd-info-dpc@statcan.gc.ca). To enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Claudio Perez (613-951-1733; claudio.perez@statcan.gc.ca), Consumer Prices Division ■

Supply and disposition of refined petroleum products

December 2010

Data on the supply and disposition of refined petroleum products are now available for December.

Available on CANSIM: tables 134-0001 to 134-0004.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2150.

The December 2010 issue of *The Supply and Disposition of Refined Petroleum Products in Canada*, Vol. 65, no. 12 (45-004-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 (toll-free 1-866-873-8789; 613-951-9497; energ@statcan.gc.ca), Manufacturing and Energy Division. ■

Youth court statistics

2009/2010

Data from the Youth Court Survey for 2009/2010 are now available.

Available on CANSIM: tables 252-0047 to 252-0050.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 3309.

To obtain these data, for more information, or to enquire about concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Information and Client Services (toll-free 1-800-387-2231; 613-951-9023), Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics. ■

Adult criminal court statistics

2009/2010

Data from the Adult Criminal Court Survey for 2009/2010 are now available.

Available on CANSIM: tables 252-0043 to 252-0046.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 3312.

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Government expenditures on culture

2008/2009

Data on government expenditures on culture are now available for the 2008/2009 fiscal year.

Available on CANSIM: table 505-0003.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey numbers, including related surveys, 3116 and 3117.

Detailed and summary data tables for government expenditures on culture, by function and province or territory are now available in the publication *Government Expenditures on Culture: Data Tables*, 2008/2009 (87F0001X, free), from the *Key resource* module of our website under *Publications*.

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Catalogue number 45-004-X (PDF, free; HTML, free)

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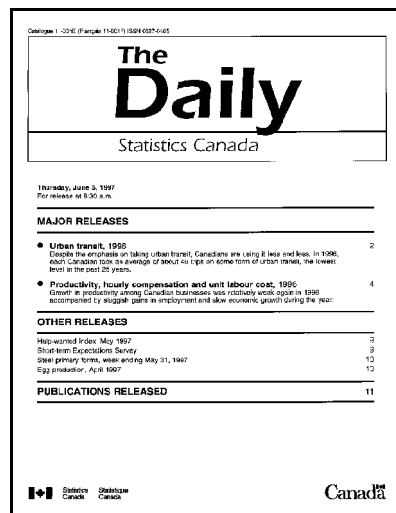
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