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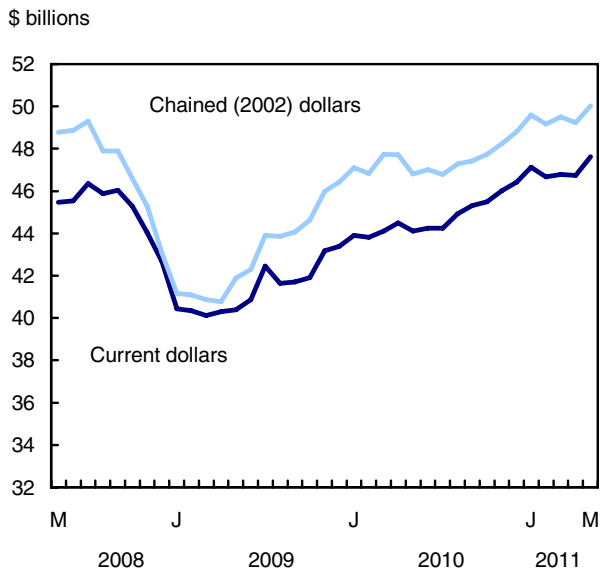
### Wholesale trade

May 2011

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In volume terms, wholesale sales increased 1.6% in May.

#### Wholesale sales increase in May



#### Agricultural supplies sales rebound

In May, five of the seven subsectors posted gains, accounting for more than two-thirds of wholesale sales.

Almost all of the increase was attributable to an 11.8% increase in the miscellaneous subsector, as sales in the agricultural supplies industry bounced back from weather related declines in April. Sales in the agricultural supplies industry increased 27.8% in May, its highest growth since May 2008.

The machinery, equipment and supplies subsector posted the second highest increase (+2.9%), mainly as a result of higher sales in the farm, lawn and garden

#### 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.

machinery and equipment industries (+26.1%). Sales in this industry were also affected by wet weather in April.

The motor vehicle and parts subsector registered the largest decline (-1.5%) in May, mainly as a result of a 2.8% decrease in the motor vehicle industry. This was this industry's second consecutive decline. Sales may have been affected by the supply disruptions stemming from the earthquake and tsunami in Japan in March.

The building material and supplies subsector declined 0.6%. Increased sales (+1.6%) in the lumber, millwork, hardware and other building supplies industry were offset by lower sales in the other industries in this subsector.

#### Sales up in most provinces

Wholesale sales increased in eight provinces in May.

In dollar terms, Ontario (+1.0%) contributed the most to the increase. Advances were observed in a number of subsectors, particularly in the machinery, equipment and supplies and the miscellaneous subsectors.

Quebec reported a 1.8% sales gain, its second consecutive increase.

All of the Western provinces posted increases in May after reporting declines in April, with Alberta (+4.2%) contributing the most to the advance.

Saskatchewan posted a 7.3% increase, where gains were largely attributable to the agricultural supplies and the farm, lawn and garden machinery and equipment industries.

The two declines occurred in the Atlantic provinces, with sales falling by 5.2% in Newfoundland and Labrador and 1.7% in Nova Scotia.

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## Inventories up slightly

Inventories edged up 0.1% to \$55.9 billion in May.

Increases were reported by wholesalers in 14 of the 25 industries, led by the construction, forestry, mining, and industrial machinery, equipment and supplies industry (+1.6%), the metal service centres industry (+2.8%) and the food product industry (+1.8%).

The inventory-to-sales ratio declined for the first time in five months, falling from 1.20 in April to 1.17 in May.

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.

Available on CANSIM: tables 081-0011 to 081-0013.

**Definitions, data sources and methods:** survey number 2401.

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

Wholesale trade data for June will be released on August 18.

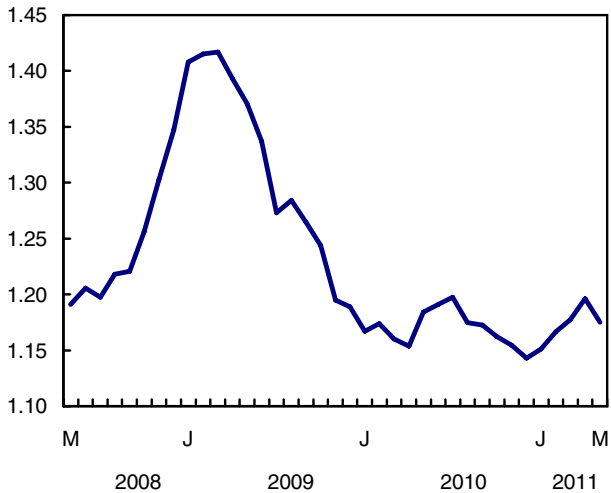
To obtain data, or for more information, contact Client Services (613-951-3549; toll-free 1-877-421-3067; [wholesaleinfo@statcan.gc.ca](mailto:wholesaleinfo@statcan.gc.ca)). To enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Karim El hassani (613-951-0608; [karim.elhassani@statcan.gc.ca](mailto:karim.elhassani@statcan.gc.ca)), Distributive Trades Division.

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### The inventory-to-sales ratio decreases in May

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**Wholesale merchants' sales by industry – Seasonally adjusted**

	May 2010	April 2011 <sup>r</sup>	May 2011 <sup>p</sup>	April to May 2011	May 2010 to May 2011
	\$ millions			% change	
<b>Total, wholesale sales</b>	<b>44,117</b>	<b>46,736</b>	<b>47,617</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>7.9</b>
<b>Total, excluding motor vehicle and parts wholesalers</b>	<b>36,792</b>	<b>38,957</b>	<b>39,952</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>8.6</b>
<b>Farm product</b>	<b>544</b>	<b>520</b>	<b>522</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>-4.0</b>
<b>Food, beverage and tobacco</b>	<b>8,528</b>	<b>8,949</b>	<b>8,962</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>5.1</b>
Food	7,615	7,984	7,982	0.0	4.8
Beverage	394	466	463	-0.5	17.7
Cigarette and tobacco product	519	500	517	3.5	-0.4
<b>Personal and household goods</b>	<b>7,035</b>	<b>7,002</b>	<b>7,016</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>-0.3</b>
Textile, clothing and footwear	888	913	903	-1.0	1.7
Home entertainment equipment and household appliance	733	758	761	0.3	3.8
Home furnishings	487	491	489	-0.5	0.3
Personal goods	803	765	726	-5.0	-9.5
Pharmaceuticals and pharmacy supplies	3,463	3,423	3,485	1.8	0.6
Toiletries, cosmetics and sundries	662	653	652	-0.1	-1.5
<b>Motor vehicle and parts</b>	<b>7,325</b>	<b>7,779</b>	<b>7,665</b>	<b>-1.5</b>	<b>4.6</b>
Motor vehicle	5,720	5,945	5,779	-2.8	1.0
New motor vehicle parts and accessories	1,563	1,784	1,836	2.9	17.5
Used motor vehicle parts and accessories	42	51	50	-0.4	19.2
<b>Building material and supplies</b>	<b>6,176</b>	<b>6,454</b>	<b>6,416</b>	<b>-0.6</b>	<b>3.9</b>
Electrical, plumbing, heating and air-conditioning equipment and supplies	1,898	2,091	2,052	-1.8	8.1
Metal service centres	1,218	1,470	1,425	-3.0	17.0
Lumber, millwork, hardware and other building supplies	3,060	2,893	2,938	1.6	-4.0
<b>Machinery, equipment and supplies</b>	<b>9,079</b>	<b>9,993</b>	<b>10,286</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>13.3</b>
Farm, lawn and garden machinery and equipment	970	1,030	1,299	26.1	33.9
Construction, forestry, mining, and industrial machinery, equipment and supplies	2,864	3,281	3,285	0.1	14.7
Computer and communications equipment and supplies	2,975	3,240	3,241	0.0	8.9
Other machinery, equipment and supplies	2,270	2,442	2,461	0.8	8.4
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	<b>5,430</b>	<b>6,039</b>	<b>6,750</b>	<b>11.8</b>	<b>24.3</b>
Recyclable material	635	734	813	10.7	28.0
Paper, paper product and disposable plastic product	750	764	774	1.3	3.3
Agricultural supplies	1,161	1,441	1,843	27.8	58.8
Chemical (except agricultural) and allied product	991	1,117	1,168	4.5	17.8
Other miscellaneous	1,893	1,981	2,152	8.6	13.7

<sup>r</sup> revised

<sup>p</sup> preliminary

**Note:** Figures may not add up to total as a result of rounding.

### Wholesale merchants' sales by province and territory – Seasonally adjusted

	May 2010	April 2011 <sup>r</sup>	May 2011 <sup>p</sup>	April to May 2011	May 2010 to May 2011
	\$ millions			% change	
<b>Canada</b>	<b>44,117</b>	<b>46,736</b>	<b>47,617</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>7.9</b>
Newfoundland and Labrador	291	337	319	-5.2	9.8
Prince Edward Island	40	43	47	8.6	17.7
Nova Scotia	672	630	619	-1.7	-7.9
New Brunswick	492	495	503	1.6	2.3
Quebec	8,653	9,004	9,167	1.8	5.9
Ontario	22,436	23,775	24,006	1.0	7.0
Manitoba	1,099	1,169	1,177	0.7	7.2
Saskatchewan	1,346	1,586	1,702	7.3	26.4
Alberta	4,933	5,492	5,721	4.2	16.0
British Columbia	4,090	4,131	4,286	3.8	4.8
Yukon	12	15	12	-18.1	-0.1
Northwest Territories	48	53	53	0.0	9.4
Nunavut	7	7	5	-25.1	-32.3

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<sup>p</sup> preliminary

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### Wholesale merchants' inventories by industry – Seasonally adjusted

	May 2010	April 2011 <sup>r</sup>	May 2011 <sup>p</sup>	April to May 2011	May 2010 to May 2011
	\$ millions			% change	
<b>Total, wholesale inventories</b>	<b>52,236</b>	<b>55,899</b>	<b>55,947</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>7.1</b>
Farm product	168	169	161	-4.9	-4.5
Food	4,090	4,443	4,523	1.8	10.6
Beverage	228	280	284	1.4	25.0
Cigarette and tobacco product	236	236	220	-6.9	-6.8
Textile, clothing and footwear	1,696	1,888	1,891	0.2	11.5
Home entertainment equipment and household appliance	716	748	728	-2.6	1.7
Home furnishings	943	1,018	1,014	-0.4	7.5
Personal goods	1,491	1,211	1,232	1.7	-17.3
Pharmaceuticals and pharmacy supplies	4,196	4,212	4,242	0.7	1.1
Toiletries, cosmetics and sundries	578	650	642	-1.2	11.2
Motor vehicle	3,571	3,305	3,312	0.2	-7.2
New motor vehicle parts and accessories	3,009	3,190	3,178	-0.4	5.6
Used motor vehicle parts and accessories	77	82	82	0.6	6.6
Electrical, plumbing, heating and air-conditioning equipment and supplies	2,692	3,225	3,256	1.0	20.9
Metal service centres	2,549	2,907	2,987	2.8	17.2
Lumber, millwork, hardware and other building supplies	4,520	4,577	4,653	1.7	2.9
Farm, lawn and garden machinery and equipment	3,104	3,501	3,201	-8.6	3.1
Construction, forestry, mining, and industrial machinery, equipment and supplies	7,159	7,688	7,809	1.6	9.1
Computer and communications equipment and supplies	1,545	1,925	1,973	2.5	27.7
Other machinery, equipment and supplies	3,206	3,238	3,123	-3.5	-2.6
Recyclable material	325	568	577	1.7	77.7
Paper, paper product and disposable plastic product	641	631	627	-0.6	-2.1
Agricultural supplies	2,528	2,786	2,754	-1.1	8.9
Chemical (except agricultural) and allied product	773	929	1,000	7.6	29.3
Other miscellaneous	2,197	2,494	2,478	-0.6	12.8

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## Study: Osteoporosis, calcium and vitamin D

2009

In 2009, 19.2% of women and 3.4% of men aged 50 or older reported that they had been diagnosed with osteoporosis by a health professional.

Among people aged 71 or older, the percentages were much higher — 31.1% of women and 6.4% of men. These figures were unchanged from 2004.

This study profiles the population aged 50 or older who reported having been diagnosed with osteoporosis.

The odds of having been diagnosed with osteoporosis were also high for people in lower-income households, notably women aged 50 to 70. At age 71 or older, the percentage of women with osteoporosis did not differ significantly by household income.

In addition to age, sex and low income, diagnosed osteoporosis was significantly associated with alcohol consumption in the previous 12 months, high nutritional risk, and low body mass index.

Osteoporosis is a disease characterized by a loss of bone mass, increased bone fragility and risk of fracture. The condition primarily affects older people, particularly women, and is associated with the majority of fractures in people older than age 60.

Physicians often recommend increased intake of calcium and vitamin D for people with osteoporosis. Those with osteoporosis were, in fact, more likely to take supplements.

In 2004, the most recent year for which nutrition data are available, 28% of men and 48% of women aged 50 or older took calcium supplements. For individuals diagnosed with osteoporosis, the proportions were 36% of men and 59% of women.

In addition, 27% of men and 44% of women aged 50 or older reported taking vitamin D supplements. Among those with osteoporosis, the percentages taking vitamin D were higher at 38% for men and 57% for women.

**Note:** This study is based on self-reported data from 28,400 respondents aged 50 or older to the 2009 Canadian Community Health Survey: Healthy Aging. It also contains data on the intake of calcium and vitamin D from food from the 2004 Canadian Community Health Survey: Nutrition.

**Definitions, data sources and methods: survey numbers, including related surveys, 5049 and 5146.**

The article, "Bone health: Osteoporosis, calcium and vitamin D," which is part of today's online release

of *Health Reports*, Vol. 22, no. 3 (82-003-X, free), is now available from the *Key resource* module of our website under *Publications*. For information about this article, contact Didier Garriguet (613-951-7187; [didier.garriguet@statcan.gc.ca](mailto:didier.garriguet@statcan.gc.ca)), Health Analysis Division.

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## Farm Product Price Index

May 2011

Prices farmers received for their commodities rose 11.9% in May compared with May 2010, as both the crops index and livestock and animal products index advanced. May marked the fifth consecutive double-digit increase in an upward trend that started in August 2010.

The prices producers received for crops in May were 20.4% higher compared with the same month in 2010, led by increases in oilseeds, grains, potatoes and specialty crops. At the end of May, the International Grains Council reduced its grains production forecast for this new crop year as unfavorable weather reports raised concern over production. Wet weather and flooding in many parts of the Canadian prairies, Ontario, Quebec and the United States impaired seeding progress, leaving seeded acreage below normal by the end of May.

Oilseed prices had the largest increase at 41.2% over May 2010. Canola represented just over 70% of Canada's oilseed production last fall and its rapid disappearance (exports and domestic crush) this crop year depleted March 31 canola stocks to their lowest level in six years.

The prices producers received for livestock and animal products in May rose 7.8% compared with May 2010, as increases were recorded in all livestock commodities except hogs. Although this was the first year-over-year decrease in the hogs index since March 2010, it remained at its second highest level since the spring of 2004.

In May, the total index declined 1.3% from April, the first decrease since November 2010 as both the crops and the livestock and animal products index were down.

**Note:** The growth rate of the total Farm Product Price Index (FPPI) is derived from a weighted average of the component indices using a different set of weights in consecutive months; it is not a weighted average of the growth rates of its crop and livestock components.

Given this, the growth rate of the composite FPPI can lie outside the growth rate of these components.

**Available on CANSIM: tables 002-0021 and 002-0022.**

**Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 5040.**

The May 2011 issue of *Farm Product Price Index*, Vol. 11, no. 5 (21-007-X, free), is now available from the *Key resource* module of our website under *Publications*.

For more information, or to order data, call Client Services (toll-free 1-800-465-1991). To enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Nickeisha Patterson (613-951-3249; fax: 613-951-3868; [nickeisha.patterson@statcan.gc.ca](mailto:nickeisha.patterson@statcan.gc.ca)), Agriculture Division.

## Farm Product Price Index

	May 2010 <sup>P</sup>	April 2011 <sup>r</sup>	May 2011 <sup>r</sup>	May 2010 to May 2011	April to May 2011
	(1997=100)			% change	
<b>Farm Product Price Index</b>	<b>112.4</b>	<b>127.4</b>	<b>125.8</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>-1.3</b>
<b>Crops</b>	<b>110.1</b>	<b>134.2</b>	<b>132.6</b>	<b>20.4</b>	<b>-1.2</b>
Grains	98.5	127.5	127.7	29.6	0.2
Oilseeds	104.0	145.5	146.8	41.2	0.9
Specialty crops	132.6	147.4	147.1	10.9	-0.2
Fruit	115.0	108.6	109.0	-5.2	0.4
Vegetables	124.2	121.1	121.1	-2.5	0.0
Potatoes	162.3	190.4	188.4	16.1	-1.1
<b>Livestock and animal products</b>	<b>112.8</b>	<b>123.0</b>	<b>121.6</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>-1.1</b>
Cattle and calves	105.7	124.2	121.0	14.5	-2.6
Hogs	92.9	91.4	91.9	-1.1	0.5
Poultry	111.4	122.6	125.8	12.9	2.6
Eggs	112.0	113.7	113.9	1.7	0.2
Dairy	143.1	149.7	148.6	3.8	-0.7

<sup>r</sup> revised

<sup>P</sup> preliminary

## Aircraft movement statistics: Major airports

June 2011

Aircraft take-offs and landings at the 93 Canadian airports with NAV CANADA air traffic control towers and flight service stations increased 0.8% in June compared with the same month a year earlier. These airports reported 522,496 movements in June compared with 518,366 movements in June 2010.

**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 June 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.

For more information, 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](mailto:transportationstatistics@statcan.gc.ca)), Transportation Division.

## Report on the Demographic Situation in Canada

2010

The *Report on the Demographic Situation in Canada*, Statistics Canada's analysis of the components affecting the nation's population, is now available as a dynamic, Internet-only publication beginning today.

The new format is designed to provide the most recent data and analysis on Canadian demographics as soon as they are available.

Since its inception in 1985, the report has analysed recent demographic patterns at the national, provincial and sub-provincial levels. It examines trends in

population growth and the evolution of the various components of Canada's population growth — fertility, mortality and migration (interprovincial and international) — as well as marriage and divorce.

Chapters released today on population growth, age and sex structure, fertility, mortality and migration contain detailed analysis, tables and figures about the latest trends.

This publication will be useful to policy analysts, researchers, academics, teachers and any individual interested in Canadian demographics. Each chapter will be updated as soon as new data become available.

The *Report on the Demographic Situation in Canada* (91-209-X, free) is now available from the *Key resource* module of our website *Publications*.

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## Postal code conversion file

May 2011

The May 2011 update of the *Postal Code Conversion File* (PCCF) is now available. This file links the six-character postal codes to standard 2006 Census geographic areas, such as dissemination areas, census tracts and census subdivisions.

By linking postal codes to the Statistics Canada geographic areas, the file facilitates the extraction and subsequent aggregation of data for selected geographic areas. The PCCF also associates each postal code with a longitude and latitude coordinate to support mapping applications. The file also indicates the source, quality and type of linkage made between the postal code and the geographic area.

**Note:** The record layout of the PCCF has been changed to include population centres, which have replaced "urban areas". All areas outside of population centres continue to be defined as "rural areas". For more information, see the PCCF reference guide or the notice entitled "From urban areas to population centres".

The May 2011 update of the *Postal Codes by Federal Ridings File* (2003 Representation Order) is also available. This product, a subset of the PCCF, provides a link between the six-character postal code and Canada's federal electoral districts (commonly known as federal ridings). The "unique link" variable indicates if the postal code is linked to one or more federal electoral districts (FEDs). When the postal code is linked to more than one FED, the "weight" variable estimates the proportion of the population of the postal code that resides within each FED.

**Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 3901.**

The *Postal Code Conversion File* (92-153-X, \$10,000; update 92-153-U, \$1,670) and the *Postal Codes by Federal Ridings File* (92F0193X, \$2,500; update 92F0193U, \$500) are available in ASCII format on diskette or CD-ROM. See *How to order products*.

The reference guides for the *Postal Code Conversion File* (92-153-G, free) and the *Postal Codes by Federal Ridings File* (92F0193G, free) are available in electronic format from the *Key resource* module of our website under *Publications*.

For more information, contact GeoHelp (613-951-3889; [geohelp@statcan.gc.ca](mailto:geohelp@statcan.gc.ca)), Geography Division. ■



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## New products and studies

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**Farm Product Price Index**, May 2011, Vol. 11, no. 5  
Catalogue number **21-007-X** (PDF, free; HTML, free)

**Steel, Tubular Products and Steel Wire**, May 2011,  
Vol. 7, no. 5  
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**Aircraft Movement Statistics: NAV CANADA Towers  
and Flight Service Stations (TP 141)**, June 2011  
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**Health Reports**, Vol. 22, no. 3  
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**Report on the Demographic Situation in Canada**  
Catalogue number **91-209-X** (PDF, free; HTML, free)

**Postal Code Conversion File (PCCF): Update**,  
May 2011  
Catalogue number **92-153-U** (CD-ROM, \$1,670)

**Postal Codes by Federal Ridings File  
(PCFRF) 2003 Representation Order, Reference  
Guide**, May 2011  
Catalogue number **92F0193G** (PDF, free; HTML, free)

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(PCFRF) 2003 Representation Order - Update**,  
May 2011  
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
- **Urban transit, 1996** 2  
Despite the emphasis on taking urban transit, Canadians are using it less and less. In 1996, each Canadian took an average of about 20 trips on some form of urban transit, the lowest level in the past 25 years.
- **Productivity, hourly compensation and unit labour cost, 1996** 4  
Growth in productivity among Canadian businesses was relatively weak again in 1996, accompanied by sluggish gains in employment and slow economic growth during the year.

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