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International travel account

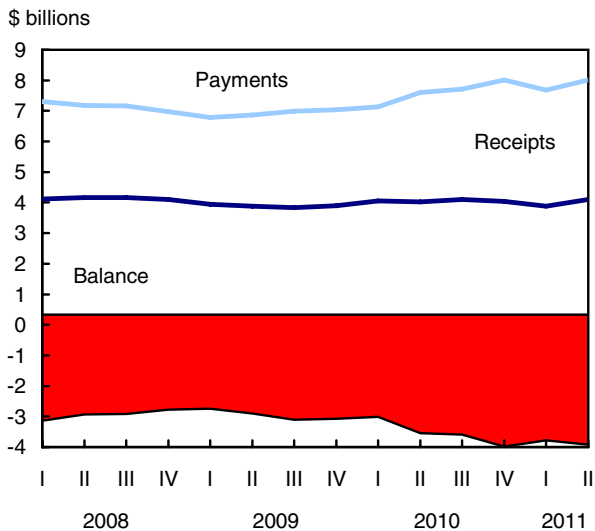
Second quarter 2011 (preliminary)

Canada's international travel deficit reached \$3.9 billion during the second quarter, up 3.1% from the previous quarter.

Higher spending by Canadian travellers in the United States offset the increase in spending by Americans in Canada, and strongly contributed to the advance in the deficit.

In the second quarter, spending by Canadian travellers abroad rose 4.4% to \$8.0 billion. At the same time, spending by travellers from abroad in Canada rose 5.7% to \$4.1 billion. This was the largest quarterly percentage advance since the first quarter of 2004.

Canada's international travel deficit up despite higher spending by travellers from abroad



Note to readers

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.

Canadians spend more in the United States

Canada's travel deficit with the United States stood at \$3.0 billion in the second quarter, up \$89 million from the previous quarter. This increase was primarily the result of higher spending by Canadians in the United States.

During the second quarter, Canadians spent \$4.8 billion in the United States, up 4.0% from the previous quarter.

This advance coincided with a 4.0% rise in the number of trips by Canadians to the United States in the second quarter. Same-day car trips by Canadians to the United States reached 7.2 million trips, up 4.1% from the previous quarter and the largest number of trips recorded since the second of quarter of 1998.

At the same time, overnight plane travel to the United States rose 5.5% to 1.9 million trips, the highest level since record keeping began in 1972.

American travellers spent \$1.8 billion in Canada during the second quarter, up 5.7%.

This increase coincided with a 1.7% advance in the number of trips by American residents to Canada. Americans took 1.7 million same-day car trips to Canada, up 2.9% compared with the first quarter. Overnight travel by car (+1.0%) and by plane (+1.8%) also increased.

Canadian spending in overseas countries reaches new heights

Canada's travel deficit with overseas countries reached \$913 million in the second quarter, up \$30 million compared with the first quarter.

Spending by Canadians in overseas countries was up 5.0% to a new high of \$3.2 billion in the second quarter. During the same time, the number of trips to overseas countries increased 4.4% to its highest level since record keeping began in 1972.

Meanwhile, travellers from overseas countries spent \$2.3 billion in Canada in the second quarter, up 5.7%. This was the strongest increase since the fourth quarter of 2007. This rise in spending coincides with a 2.9% increase in travel from overseas countries compared with the previous quarter.

The Canadian dollar rose 1.8% to an average quarterly value of \$1.03 US in the second quarter.

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

The international travel account for the third quarter will be released on November 28.

For more information, contact Client Services (toll-free 1-800-307-3382; 613-951-9169; fax: 613-951-2909; tourism@statcan.gc.ca). To enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Lotfi Chahdi (613-951-3136; lotfi.chahdi@statcan.gc.ca), Tourism and Centre for Education Statistics Division.

International travel account receipts and payments – Seasonally adjusted

	Second quarter 2010 ^r	First quarter 2011 ^r	Second quarter 2011 ^p	First quarter to second quarter 2011
	\$ millions			% change
Total				
Receipts	4,024	3,876	4,095	5.7
Payments	7,607	7,679	8,018	4.4
Balance	-3,583	-3,803	-3,922	...
United States				
Receipts	1,816	1,721	1,820	5.7
Payments	4,549	4,642	4,829	4.0
Balance	-2,733	-2,920	-3,009	...
All other countries				
Receipts	2,208	2,154	2,276	5.7
Payments	3,059	3,037	3,189	5.0
Balance	-851	-883	-913	...

^r revised

^p preliminary

... not applicable

Note: Data may not add to totals as a result of rounding.



Commercial Software Price Index

July 2011

The Commercial Software Price Index (CSPI) increased by 0.3% from June to July.

Year over year, the CSPI was down by 3.9%.

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.

Available on CANSIM: table 331-0006.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 5068.

The Commercial software price indexes for August will be released on September 30.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Client Services (toll-free 1-888-951-4550; 613-951-4550; fax: 1-855-314-8765 or 613-951-3117; ppd-info-dpp@statcan.gc.ca), Producer Prices Division. ■

Computer and peripherals price indexes

July 2011

Prices for commercial computers increased by 0.5% from June to July, while consumer computer prices declined by 0.6%. In the case of computer peripherals, monitor prices decreased by 0.3% while printer prices decreased by 2.8%.

Year over year, prices were down for both commercial computers (-15.0%) and consumer computers (-13.7%). Monitor prices decreased by 4.1% while printer prices were down 15.1%.

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 August will be released on September 30.

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Couriers and Messengers Services Price Index

July 2011

The Couriers and Messengers Services Price Index decreased 0.8% in July compared with June, mainly as a result of lower fuel surcharges. The courier portion fell 0.8%, while the local messenger component declined 0.5%.

The index advanced 10.1% in July 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.

These indexes are available at the Canada level only.

Available on CANSIM: table 329-0053.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 5064.

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Poultry and eggs

April to June 2011

Data on stocks, production and value of poultry and eggs are now available for April to June.

Available on CANSIM: tables 003-0020, 003-0022 to 003-0024, 003-0038 and 003-0039.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey numbers, including related surveys, 3425 and 5039.

The April to June 2011 issue of *Poultry and Egg Statistics*, Vol. 8, no. 2 (23-015-X, free), is now available from the *Key resource* module of our website under *Publications*.

For more information, call Client Services (toll-free 1-800-465-1991). To enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Patricia Dow (613-951-9222; patricia.dow@statcan.gc.ca), Agriculture Division. ■

Placement of hatchery chicks and turkey poults

July 2011 (preliminary)

Data on placements of hatchery chicks and turkey poults are now available for July.

Available on CANSIM: table 003-0021.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 5039.

For more information, call Client Services (toll-free 1-800-465-1991). To enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Patricia Dow (613-951-9222; patricia.dow@statcan.gc.ca), Agriculture Division. ■

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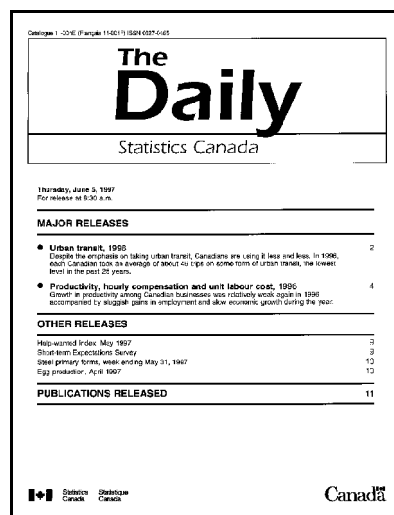
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30	Balance of international payments	Second quarter of 2011
30	Industrial product and raw materials price indexes	July 2011
31	Gross domestic product by income and expenditure	Second quarter 2011
31	Gross domestic product by industry	June 2011