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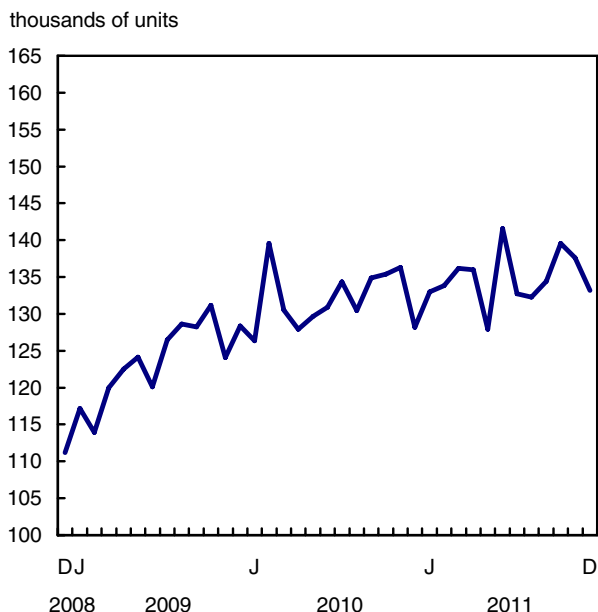
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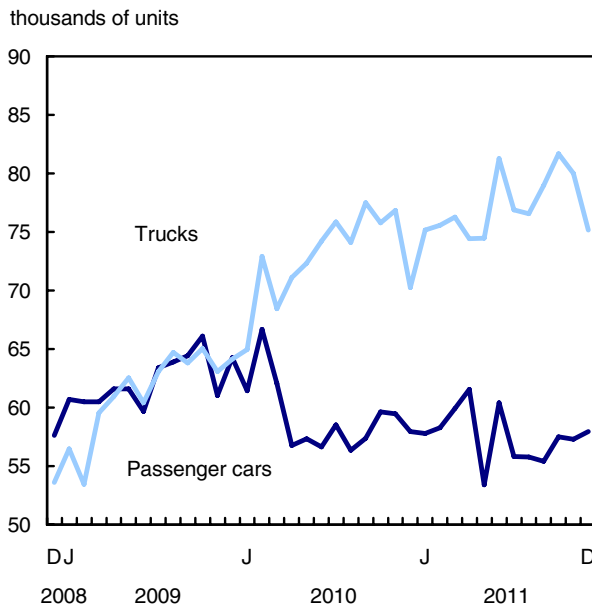


Preliminary industry data indicate that the number of new motor vehicles sold in January 2012 increased 16% on the strength of passenger cars.

#### Truck sales decline in December

Sales of trucks (which include minivans, sport-utility vehicles, light and heavy trucks, vans and buses) decreased 6.0% to 75,175 units in December. Truck sales were relatively stable in the second half of 2011 following an upward trend earlier in the year.

#### Truck sales down in December



Passenger car sales rose 1.1% to 57,971 units. Following a downward trend that began in early 2010, sales of overseas-built passenger cars (+3.3%) rose for a fourth consecutive month. Sales of North-American built passenger cars edged down 0.2%.

#### Sales decrease most in Ontario and Alberta

Sales were down in five provinces in December.

Ontario (-6.1%) reported the largest decrease in the number of new motor vehicles sold. This was Ontario's first decline in five months.

Sales of new motor vehicles fell for a second consecutive month in Alberta (-6.6%). This province registered the highest growth in units sold among all provinces in 2011.

Quebec's (+0.9%) sales of new motor vehicles advanced for the fourth month in a row. These gains offset the downward trend in sales observed in early 2011.

Available without charge in CANSIM: table 079-0003.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2402.

The December 2011 issue of *New Motor Vehicle Sales* (63-007-X, free) will soon be available.

Data on new motor vehicle sales for January will be released on March 14.

For more information or to order data, contact Client Services (toll-free 1-877-421-3067; 613-951-3549; [retailinfo@statcan.gc.ca](mailto:retailinfo@statcan.gc.ca)). To enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Jason Aston (613-951-0746), Distributive Trades Division.

## New motor vehicle sales – Seasonally adjusted

	December 2010	November 2011 <sup>r</sup>	December 2011 <sup>p</sup>	December 2010 to December 2011	November to December 2011
	number of vehicles			% change	
<b>New motor vehicles</b>	<b>128,178</b>	<b>137,320</b>	<b>133,146</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>-3.0</b>
Passenger cars	57,952	57,337	57,971	0.0	1.1
North American <sup>1</sup>	32,380	36,049	35,972	11.1	-0.2
Overseas	25,572	21,288	21,999	-14.0	3.3
Trucks, vans and buses	70,226	79,983	75,175	7.0	-6.0
<b>New motor vehicles</b>					
Newfoundland and Labrador	2,617	2,725	2,705	3.4	-0.7
Prince Edward Island	445	491	499	12.1	1.6
Nova Scotia	3,433	3,813	3,870	12.7	1.5
New Brunswick	3,017	3,351	3,321	10.1	-0.9
Quebec	35,337	35,589	35,912	1.6	0.9
Ontario	47,277	50,329	47,268	0.0	-6.1
Manitoba	3,593	4,029	4,041	12.5	0.3
Saskatchewan	3,905	4,152	4,370	11.9	5.3
Alberta	16,207	19,582	18,291	12.9	-6.6
British Columbia <sup>2</sup>	12,347	13,259	12,869	4.2	-2.9

<sup>r</sup> revised

<sup>p</sup> preliminary

1. Manufactured or assembled in Canada, the United States or Mexico.

2. Includes Yukon, the Northwest Territories and Nunavut.

**Note:** Figures may not add to totals because of rounding.

## New motor vehicle sales – Not seasonally adjusted

	December 2010	November 2011 <sup>r</sup>	December 2011 <sup>p</sup>	December 2010 to December 2011
	number of vehicles			% change
<b>New motor vehicles</b>	<b>114,376</b>	<b>124,466</b>	<b>117,863</b>	<b>3.0</b>
Passenger cars	45,874	50,763	45,646	-0.5
North American <sup>1</sup>	26,372	32,521	29,073	10.2
Overseas	19,502	18,242	16,573	-15.0
Trucks, vans and buses	68,502	73,703	72,217	5.4
<b>New motor vehicles</b>				
Newfoundland and Labrador	1,868	2,357	1,965	5.2
Prince Edward Island	354	433	403	13.8
Nova Scotia	2,844	3,323	3,112	9.4
New Brunswick	2,483	2,821	2,654	6.9
Quebec	27,399	30,897	28,142	2.7
Ontario	43,557	46,050	42,477	-2.5
Manitoba	3,340	3,708	3,859	15.5
Saskatchewan	3,719	3,957	4,272	14.9
Alberta	16,272	18,686	17,965	10.4
British Columbia <sup>2</sup>	12,540	12,234	13,014	3.8

<sup>r</sup> revised

<sup>p</sup> preliminary

1. Manufactured or assembled in Canada, the United States or Mexico.

2. Includes Yukon, the Northwest Territories and Nunavut.

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## Non-residential Building Construction Price Index

Fourth quarter 2011

The composite price index for non-residential building construction increased 0.6% in the fourth quarter compared with the previous quarter. This quarterly change was mainly a result of continued strength in the non-residential building construction market.

All of the seven census metropolitan areas (CMAs) surveyed reported quarterly increases varying from 0.3% to 0.8%. Calgary and Edmonton (both +0.8%) and Toronto (+0.7%) recorded the largest gains.

Year over year, the composite price index for non-residential building construction was up 4.1%. Of the CMAs surveyed, Ottawa–Gatineau, Ontario part (+5.4%) and Toronto (+4.7%) recorded the largest year-over-year increases, while Halifax (+2.8%) recorded the smallest gain.

**Note:** This release presents data that are not seasonally adjusted and the indexes published are subject to a one quarter revision period after dissemination of a given quarter's data.

**Available without charge in CANSIM: tables 327-0043 and 327-0044.**

**Definitions, data sources and methods: survey numbers, including related surveys, 2317 and 2330.**

The fourth quarter 2011 issue of *Capital Expenditure Price Statistics* (62-007-X, free) will be available in April.

The non-residential building construction price indexes for the first quarter of 2012 will be released on May 15.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Statistics Canada's National Contact Centre (toll-free 1-800-263-1136; 613-951-8116; [infostats@statcan.gc.ca](mailto:infostats@statcan.gc.ca)) or the Media Hotline (613-951-4636), Communications Division.

### Non-residential building construction price indexes<sup>1</sup> – Not seasonally adjusted

	Relative importance <sup>2</sup>	Fourth quarter 2010	Third quarter 2011	Fourth quarter 2011	Third quarter to fourth quarter 2011	Fourth quarter 2010 to fourth quarter 2011
	%	(2002=100)			% change	
<b>Composite</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>142.4</b>	<b>147.4</b>	<b>148.3</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>4.1</b>
Halifax	2.6	137.9	141.1	141.7	0.4	2.8
Montréal	13.1	137.5	141.2	141.6	0.3	3.0
Ottawa–Gatineau, Ontario part	5.4	146.2	153.4	154.1	0.5	5.4
Toronto	35.3	143.2	149.0	150.0	0.7	4.7
Calgary	16.8	160.4	165.3	166.7	0.8	3.9
Edmonton	13.4	157.0	162.2	163.5	0.8	4.1
Vancouver	13.4	134.2	138.6	139.5	0.6	3.9

1. Go online to view the census subdivisions that comprise the census metropolitan areas (CMAs).

2. The relative importance is calculated using a price adjusted three-year average of the value of building permits for each CMA.

## Fertilizer Shipments Survey

Second quarter 2011/2012

Data from the Fertilizer Shipments Survey are now available for the second quarter of the fertilizer year 2011/2012.

**Available without charge in CANSIM: tables 001-0066 to 001-0069.**

Tables 001-0066 to 001-0069: Canadian fertilizer inventories, production, and shipments by product and nutrient content.

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**Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 5148.**

The publication *Fertilizer Shipments Survey*, no. 4 (21-022-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 Client Services (toll-free 1-800-465-1991; [agriculture@statcan.gc.ca](mailto:agriculture@statcan.gc.ca)), Agriculture Division. ■

**Steel wire and specified wire products**

December 2011

Data on steel wire and specified wire products are now available for December.

Revised data for the months from May 2010 to November 2011 are also available.

**Available without charge in CANSIM: table 303-0047.**

**Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2106.**

The December 2011 issue of *Steel, Tubular Products and Steel Wire* (41-019-X, free) will soon be available.

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; [manufact@statcan.gc.ca](mailto:manufact@statcan.gc.ca)), Manufacturing and Energy Division. ■

**Steel pipe and tubing**

December 2011

Data on the production and shipments of steel pipe and tubing are now available for December.

**Available without charge in CANSIM: table 303-0046.**

**Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2105.**

The December 2011 issue of *Steel, Tubular Products and Steel Wire* (41-019-X, free) will soon be available.

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## New products and studies

### Fertilizer Shipments Survey, no. 4

Catalogue number 21-022-X (PDF, free; HTML, free)

Catalogue numbers with an -XWE, -XIB or an -XIE extension are Internet versions; those with -XMB or -XME are microfiche; -XPB or -XPE are paper versions; -XDB or -XDE are electronic versions on diskette; -XCB or -XCE are electronic versions on compact disc; -XVB or -XVE are electronic versions on DVD and -XBB or -XBE a database.

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<b>Releases</b>	
Canada's balance of international payments, first quarter 2008	2
The current account surplus with the rest of the world (at a seasonally adjusted basis) increased sharply to \$5.5 billion in the first quarter of 2008, led by higher prices for several exported commodities compared with a lower import deficit. In the financial account, foreign direct investment flows into Canada slowed significantly from the acquisition-driven pace of the previous quarter, while Canadian direct investment abroad continued to strengthen.	
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Within the inclusion of the income and earnings release components, the complete cumulative profile is now available for census divisions, census subdivisions, dissemination areas, forward sortation areas, designated places, urban areas, and census metropolitan areas and census agglomerations with census subdivisions. To obtain these profiles in electronic format (only vary for different geography levels), contact Statistics Canada's National Contact Centre.	
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