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Releases

Employer pension plans (trusteed pension funds), fourth quarter 2011

The market value of Canadian employer-sponsored pension funds totalled \$1.1 trillion at the end of the fourth quarter, a 3.4% increase from the previous quarter.

In 2011, these pension fund assets increased 4.6%, compared with 14.2% in 2010 and 10.5% in 2009.

The value of pension fund investments in bonds increased 3.6% to \$424.8 billion in the fourth quarter. Investments in stocks recovered from losses in the third quarter, increasing 2.9% to \$338.5 billion.

In the fourth quarter, 70.2% of pension fund investments were in domestic holdings, and 29.8% in foreign holdings, unchanged from the previous quarter.

Revenue increased 34.4% to \$29.2 billion in the fourth quarter. This increase was the result of special payments made by employers to cover pension liabilities, increased investment income and profits from the sale of securities.

With lower losses from the sale of securities compared with the previous quarter, expenditures fell 14.2% to \$17.5 billion. With this decrease in expenditures and the increase in revenues, net income rose from \$1.3 billion to \$11.6 billion in the fourth quarter.

Just over 6.0 million Canadian workers are members of employer pension plans. Of this group, 5.0 million workers are members of trusteed plans. The remaining 1.0 million members with employer pensions are in plans managed principally by insurance company contracts. Data in this release refer only to trusteed plans and their pension funds.

Table 1
Trusteed pension funds: Market value of assets by type

	Third quarter 2011 ^P	Third quarter 2011 ^P	Fourth quarter 2011 ^P	Fourth quarter 2011 ^P	Third quarter to fourth quarter 2011
	millions of dollars	% of total assets	millions of dollars	% of total assets	% change
Total assets	1,058,918	100.0	1,094,569	100.0	3.4
Bonds	409,958	38.7	424,833	38.8	3.6
Stocks	328,926	31.1	338,486	30.9	2.9
Mortgages	12,698	1.2	12,185	1.1	-4.0
Real estate	78,851	7.4	83,295	7.6	5.6
Short-term	34,077	3.2	36,845	3.4	8.1
Other assets	188,357	17.8	192,465	17.6	2.2
Assets, funds under \$10 million	6,050	0.6	6,460	0.6	6.8

^P preliminary

Table 2
Trusted pension funds: Revenue and expenditures

	Third quarter 2011 ^P	Fourth quarter 2011 ^P	Third quarter to fourth quarter 2011
	millions of dollars		% change
Total revenue	21,710	29,169	34.4
Revenue from contributions	10,682	15,639	46.4
Investment income	8,457	10,052	18.9
Net profit on sale of securities	2,015	2,814	39.7
Miscellaneous revenue	381	367	-3.7
Revenue, funds under \$10 million	174	297	70.7
Total expenditures	20,437	17,541	-14.2
Pension payments out of funds	10,998	11,069	0.6
Cost of pensions purchased	90	129	43.3
Cash withdrawals	1,462	1,650	12.9
Administration costs	1,008	1,097	8.8
Net loss on sale of securities	6,394	2,977	-53.4
Other expenditures	403	534	32.5
Expenditures, funds under \$10 million	81	85	4.9
Net income	1,273	11,628	813.4

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Cement, April 2012

Data on cement are now available for April.

Note to readers

Data for March have been revised.

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Flows and stocks of fixed residential capital, 2011 (revised data)

The revised fixed residential capital flows and stocks series at the provincial level are now available for 2011.

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