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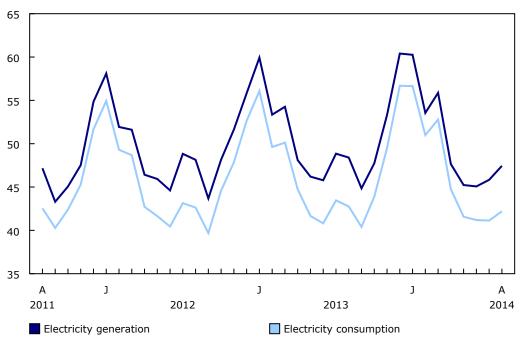
Electric power statistics, August 2014

Canada produced 47.4 million megawatt hours (MWh) of electricity in August, down 2.0% from the same period in 2013. The decrease in generation was largely attributable to a 1.3% decline in domestic demand. Compared with August 2013, demand was down in six provinces and two territories, led by Quebec (-2.3% to 14.4 million MWh).

Lower demand in Quebec also resulted in fewer receipts from other provinces, particularly Newfoundland and Labrador, while power generation in Quebec edged up 0.2% year over year to 15.5 million MWh in August.

Chart 1 Electricity generation and consumption

millions of megawatt hours



In Newfoundland and Labrador, total deliveries to other provinces declined 32.7% on a year-over-year basis to 1.3 million MWh. Total electric generation fell 23.7% to 2.1 million MWh as a result of lower hydro power output. Demand within the province fell 2.9% to 0.8 million MWh.

In British Columbia, demand for electric power fell 4.6% year over year to 4.6 million MWh in August as a result of cooler temperatures in the lower mainland. In August, 4.8 million MWh of electricity were generated in British Columbia. However, hydro, combustion turbine and internal combustion generation combined were down 1.2% year over year. The surplus power was transmitted out of the province, with sizeable increases seen in deliveries to both the United States and other provinces.

Exports of electricity to the United States fell 5.6% year over year to 6.1 million MWh in August. British Columbia and Alberta were the only provinces to post higher exports.

Meanwhile, imports rose 4.4% year over year to 0.8 million MWh. New Brunswick saw a sharp uptick in imports in August as a result of lower than normal water levels affecting hydro electricity generation as well as transmission issues with Quebec.

Note to readers

The purpose of this report is to produce a consistent monthly indicator of the supply of electricity in Canada, a key input in the calculation of monthly gross domestic product.

Total net electricity generation for Canada, the provinces and the territories combines all of the electricity generated from sources, including hydro, steam, nuclear, internal combustion, wind, solar and tidal.

Total available electricity is the total electricity generation, minus deliveries, plus receipts of electricity.

All data on imports and exports are provided directly by the National Energy Board.

Data for August 2013 and for May, June and July 2014 have been revised.

Available in CANSIM: tables 127-0002 and 127-0003.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2151.

Production and disposition of tobacco products, September 2014

Canadian manufacturers produced 1.8 billion cigarettes in September, up 15.1% from the previous month. The total number of cigarettes sold increased by 7.6% to 1.9 billion.

Available in CANSIM: table 303-0062.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2142.

Refined petroleum products, September 2014

Data on the production, inventories and domestic sales of refined petroleum products are now available for September upon request. Other selected data about these products are also available.

Note to readers

These data are subject to revision.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2150.

Dairy statistics, August 2014

Dairy statistics for Canada and the provinces are now available for August.

Note to readers

Data on dairy stocks for September 1, 2014, are now available in CANSIM table 003-0033. These data represent the ending stocks of the previous month.

Available in CANSIM: tables 003-0007 to 003-0012, 003-0029, 003-0033 and 003-0034.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey numbers 3430, 3431 and 3432.

Supply and disposition of refined petroleum products, July 2014

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

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

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2150.

New products and studies

There are no new products today.

Release dates: October 27 to 31, 2014

(Release dates are subject to change.)

Release date	Title	Reference period
28	Study: Cumulative earnings by major field of study	1991 to 2010
29	Industrial product and raw materials price indexes	September 2014
30	Payroll employment, earnings and hours	August 2014
31	Gross domestic product by industry	August 2014

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