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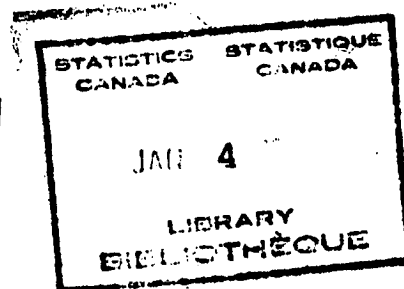
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Sales of Refined Petroleum Products

November 1990

Highlights

- Seasonally adjusted, preliminary estimates of November sales of refined petroleum products totalled 6.8 million cubic metres (m³), a decrease of 6.3% from October. This represents the third decline registered in the last four months.
- All four of the major products contributed to the monthly decrease. Following an increase of 8.9% in October, motor gasoline sales fell 5.5%. Diesel fuel sales, down 5.2%, registered the second decline in the last three months. Light fuel sales contracted by 11.7% in November, while heavy fuel sales were down 17.5% following a gain of 3.0% in October.

Unadjusted Sales

- Preliminary estimates indicate that November sales of refined petroleum products, at 6.7 m³, decreased 7.5% from November 1989. All four of

the main products contributed to the decline. Motor gasoline sales were down 5.5% from last November, while diesel fuel decreased by 1.8% over the same period. Light fuel sales slipped 0.4% below levels established in November 1989, while heavy fuel sales posted a 24.2% decline.

- On a cumulative basis, total refined product sales have fallen further off the pace set in 1989. As a result of the latest monthly decline, January to November sales this year are now 0.8% below 1989 volumes. Within this total, motor gasoline sales are down 1.2%, diesel fuel sales have decreased 0.4%, light fuel sales remain 1.4% above last year's sales and heavy fuel sales are up 2.6%.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 628-642 and 644-647.

The November 1990 issue of *Refined Petroleum Products* (45-004, \$18.20/\$182) will be available the third week of February. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Gérard O'Connor (613-951-3562), Energy Section, Industry Division.

Sales of Refined Petroleum Products

	August 1990 ^r	September 1990 ^r	October 1990 ^r	November 1990 ^p	November 1990/ October 1990
Adjusted for Seasonal Variation					
	(thousands of cubic metres)				%
Total, All Products	7 351.2	6 956.3	7 238.6	6 781.6	-6.3
Main Products:					
Motor Gasoline	2 922.4	2 690.2	2 929.3	2 769.3	-5.5
Diesel Fuel Oil	1 548.1	1 400.9	1 494.2	1 417.1	-5.2
Light Fuel Oil	623.1	579.6	612.9	541.0	-11.7
Heavy Fuel Oil	952.6	809.1	833.3	687.2	-17.5
Total					
	November 1989	November 1990	January- November 1989	January- November 1990	Cumulative 1990/1989
Unadjusted for Seasonal Variation					
	(thousands of cubic metres)				%
Total, All Products	7 285.5	6 737.0	78 331.4	77 699.4	-0.8
Main Products:					
Motor Gasoline	2 883.2	2 726.0	31 759.8	31 374.8	-1.2
Diesel Fuel Oil	1 448.6	1 422.0	15 796.1	15 720.6	-0.4
Light Fuel Oil	617.0	614.8	5 671.3	5 753.4	1.4
Heavy Fuel Oil	1 034.0	783.4	8 748.3	8 948.3	2.6

^p Preliminary.
^r Revised.

Construction Union Wage Rate Index

November 1990

The Canada Total Union Wage Rate Index (including supplements) for construction trades (1986 = 100) rose 0.1% in November from October's revised figure of 119.5. On a year-over-year basis, the composite index increased by 5.7% from 113.1 to 119.6.

On a monthly basis, the indexes for Calgary and Edmonton increased by 0.3% and 0.2%, respectively, while Toronto registered a marginal increase of 0.1%.

On an annual basis, Edmonton recorded the largest increase at 9.9%, followed by Calgary at 7.1%. Winnipeg posted an increase of 6.1%. Cities in Ontario showed a range of increases from 3.3% in

Kitchener to 6.7% in Toronto, resulting in an average increase of 5.1%. St. John's registered an increase of 5.1% whilst Quebec City, Chicoutimi and Montreal showed an average increase of 4.8%. Saint John rose by 4.5%, followed closely by Vancouver 4.4%, Halifax 4.2% and Victoria 4.0%.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 956, 958 and 2033 to 2038.

The fourth quarter 1990 issue of *Construction Price Statistics* (62-007, \$18/\$72) will be available in March. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, contact the Information and Current Analysis Unit (613-951-9607), Prices Division.

Construction Union Wage Rate Indexes, Basic Rate plus Supplements

November 1990
(1986 = 100)

	November 1990	October 1990	November 1989	% change	
				November 1990/ October 1990	November 1990/1989
Canada	119.6	119.5	113.1	0.1	5.7
St. John's	119.4	119.4	113.6	-	5.1
Halifax	115.5	115.5	110.8	-	4.2
Saint John	121.7	121.7	116.5	-	4.5
Quebec City	124.1	124.1	118.4	-	4.8
Chicoutimi	124.1	124.1	118.3	-	4.9
Montreal	124.1	124.1	118.4	-	4.8
Ottawa	125.1	125.1	118.7	-	5.4
Toronto	127.1	127.0	119.1	0.1	6.7
Hamilton	123.3	123.3	118.0	-	4.5
St. Catharines	123.9	123.9	118.4	-	4.6
Kitchener	123.7	123.7	119.7	-	3.3
London	124.5	124.5	119.2	-	4.4
Windsor	124.6	124.6	117.9	-	5.7
Sudbury	125.7	125.7	118.5	-	6.1
Thunder Bay	125.1	125.1	118.3	-	5.7
Winnipeg	115.4	115.4	108.8	-	6.1
Calgary	110.3	110.0	103.0	0.3	7.1
Edmonton	108.3	108.1	98.5	0.2	9.9
Vancouver	116.8	116.8	111.9	-	4.4
Victoria	115.9	115.9	111.4	-	4.0

- Nil or zero.

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(Canada: \$5.00/\$50.00; United States: US\$6.00/60.00; Other Countries: US\$7.00/\$70.00).

Gypsum Products, November 1990.

Catalogue number 44-003

(Canada: \$5.00/\$50.00; United States: US\$6.00/US\$60.00; Other Countries: US\$7.00/US\$70.00).

New Motor Vehicle Sales, February 1990.

Catalogue number 63-007

(Canada: \$14.40/\$144.00; United States: US\$17.30/US\$173.00; Other Countries: US\$20.20/US\$202.00).

Imports by Commodity, October 1990.

Catalogue number 65-007

(Canada: \$55.10/\$551.00; United States: US\$66.10/\$661.00; Other Countries: US\$77.10/\$771.00).

Employment, Earnings and Hours, September 1990.

Catalogue number 72-002

(Canada: \$38.50/\$385.00; United States: US\$46.20/462.00; Other Countries: US\$53.90/\$539.00).

Education Statistics Bulletin - The Elementary-Secondary Teaching Force: Growth in the 80s, Vol. 12, No. 8.

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9	New Motor Vehicle Sales	November 1990
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10	New Housing Price Index	November 1990
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