

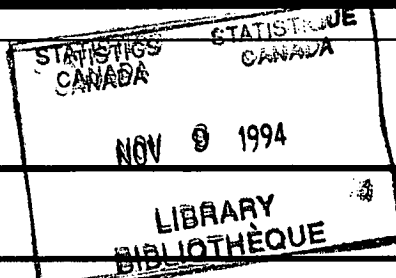


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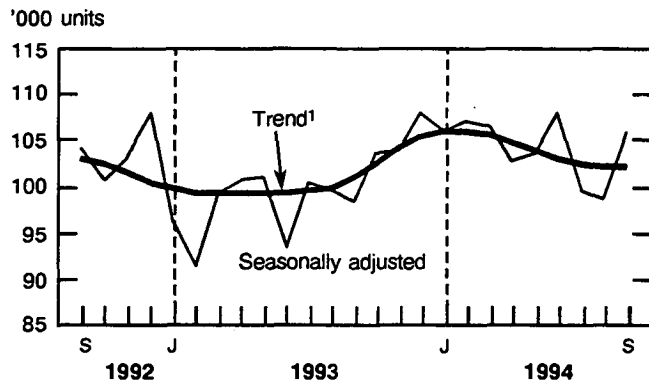
### New motor vehicle sales

September 1994

New motor vehicle dealers' sales rebounded after two consecutive monthly declines. Sales of passenger cars and trucks were both higher in September.

Seasonally adjusted, new motor vehicle sales totalled 106,000 units in September, an increase of 7.6% from August. This gain followed monthly sales declines in July (-7.9%) and August (-1.0%). However, the September sales level was some 2,000 units lower than the 1994 peak of 108,000 units recorded in June.

### New motor vehicle sales



¹ The short-term trend represents a moving average of the data.

September's surge in new motor vehicle sales was led by truck sales (includes light trucks, sport utility vehicles, vans and buses), which were up 9.7% from August. Truck sales have had a generally upward trend since March 1993.

Sales of North American built and imported passenger cars both contributed to a 6.2% increase in total passenger car sales for September. However, the trend for total passenger car sales has been declining since February 1994.

The proportion of North American built passenger cars in the Canadian market continued to be higher than a year earlier. In September the market share of Big Three passenger cars sold in Canada was 60.9%, up from 57.1% a year earlier. The share of passenger cars built by foreign manufacturers in North America almost doubled to 10.5% over the same period. The market share of passenger cars manufactured in Japan, on the other hand, dropped to 22.1% in September 1994 from 31.2% in September 1993.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 64.

The September 1994 issue of *New motor vehicle sales* (63-007, \$16/\$160) will be available in December. See "How to order publications".

For further information on this release, contact Tom Newton (613-951-3552), Industry Division. □

# New motor vehicle sales

	June 1994 <sup>r</sup>	July 1994 <sup>r</sup>	August 1994 <sup>r</sup>	September 1994 <sup>p</sup>
	seasonally adjusted			
	units % change	units % change	units % change	units % change
<b>Total new motor vehicles</b>	<b>107,929</b> 4.4	<b>99,444</b> -7.9	<b>98,482</b> -1.0	<b>106,004</b> 7.6
<b>Passenger cars by origin</b>				
North America <sup>1</sup>	48,347 4.7	42,795 -11.5	42,899 0.2	46,059 7.4
Imported <sup>2</sup>	15,153 -1.7	15,927 5.1	15,229 -4.4	15,676 2.9
Total	63,501 3.1	58,721 -7.5	58,127 -1.0	61,735 6.2
<b>Trucks, vans and buses</b>	<b>44,428</b> 6.3	<b>40,723</b> -8.3	<b>40,355</b> -0.9	<b>44,269</b> 9.7
	September 1994	September 1993 to September 1994	January 1994 to September 1994	Jan.-Sept. 1993 to Jan.-Sept. 1994
	unadjusted			
	units	% change	units	% change
<b>Total new motor vehicles</b>	<b>100,163</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>974,487</b>	<b>5.9</b>
<b>Passenger cars by origin</b>				
North America <sup>1</sup>	41,776	12.6	438,949	15.6
Japan <sup>2</sup>	12,944	-30.0	115,636	-28.2
Other countries <sup>2</sup>	3,788	1.1	34,191	-16.2
Total	58,508	-1.4	588,776	1.2
<b>Trucks, vans and buses by origin</b>				
North America <sup>1</sup>	37,573	20.3	352,422	18.0
Imported <sup>2</sup>	4,082	-4.1	33,289	-17.5
Total	41,655	17.3	385,711	13.8

<sup>1</sup> North American vehicles: motor vehicles manufactured or assembled in North America. These vehicles may be built by domestic companies or may include transplants (vehicles built by foreign manufacturers in North America).

<sup>2</sup> Imported vehicles: motor vehicles manufactured or assembled overseas and marketed in Canada by domestic or foreign-owned companies.

<sup>p</sup> Preliminary figures.

<sup>r</sup> Revised figures.

## New housing price index

September 1994

The new housing price index (1986=100) stood at 136.3 in September 1994, a slight 0.1% increase from August 1994. This was the 15th consecutive month when the index did not change by more than 0.1%.

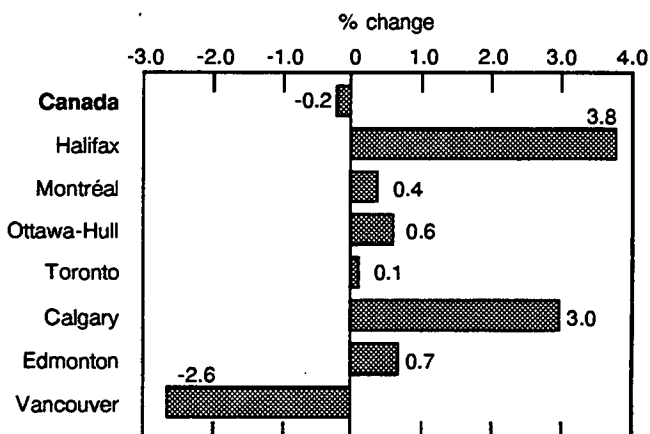
In 10 of the 20 cities surveyed contractors reported stable or offsetting new home selling prices, so there were no monthly changes in those city indexes. Of the seven cities that showed monthly price index increases, the largest was for Montréal (+0.3%), where builders cited higher material costs as the main reason. No other monthly increase was larger than 0.2%. Of the three cities that registered monthly decreases, the largest was for Victoria (-0.5%).

The estimated house-only index increased 0.1%, whereas the estimated land-only index decreased 0.1%.

From a year earlier, the index of housing contractors' selling prices was down 0.2%. This movement was influenced by decreases in St. Catharines-Niagara (-3.5%), Kitchener-Waterloo (-3.1%), Vancouver (-2.6%), Victoria (-1.4%) Hamilton (-0.9%) and Québec (-0.7%). Offsetting increases occurred in Regina (+4.1%), Halifax (+3.8%), Winnipeg (+3.6%), Calgary (+3.0%) and Saskatoon (+1.2%). The index for Toronto, which is Canada's largest market for new residential construction, registered almost no change from a year earlier (+0.1%).

## New housing price indexes

September 1993 to September 1994



Available on CANSIM: matrix 2032.

The third quarter 1994 issue of *Construction price statistics* (62-007, \$19/\$76) will be available in December. See "How to order publications".

For further information on this release, contact Paul-Roméo Danis (613-951-3350), Information and Current Analysis Unit, Prices Division (fax: 613-951-2848). □

# New housing price indexes

(1986 = 100)

	September 1993	August 1994	September 1994	September 1993 to September 1994	August 1994 to September 1994
				% change	
Canada total	136.6	136.2	136.3	-0.2	0.1
House only	126.1	125.6	125.7	-0.3	0.1
Land only	169.4	169.6	169.5	0.1	-0.1
St. John's	127.0	127.5	127.5	0.4	-
Halifax	114.3	118.6	118.6	3.8	-
Saint John-Moncton-Fredericton	114.8	115.8	115.8	0.9	-
Quebec	135.1	134.2	134.2	-0.7	-
Montréal	136.2	136.3	136.7	0.4	0.3
Ottawa-Hull	122.6	123.3	123.3	0.6	-
Toronto	137.7	137.5	137.8	0.1	0.2
Hamilton	128.5	127.6	127.4	-0.9	-0.2
St. Catharines-Niagara	125.1	120.5	120.7	-3.5	0.2
Kitchener-Waterloo	127.0	123.0	123.0	-3.1	-
London	146.5	146.5	146.5	-	-
Windsor	127.1	127.0	127.0	-0.1	-
Sudbury-Thunder Bay	136.7	137.7	137.7	0.7	-
Winnipeg	112.6	116.5	116.6	3.6	0.1
Regina	123.1	128.2	128.2	4.1	-
Saskatoon	111.3	112.4	112.6	1.2	0.2
Calgary	137.1	141.1	141.2	3.0	0.1
Edmonton	147.0	147.9	148.0	0.7	0.1
Vancouver	148.5	145.0	144.6	-2.6	-0.3
Victoria	131.6	130.4	129.8	-1.4	-0.5

- Nil or zero.

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## OTHER RELEASES

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### Steel primary forms

September 1994

Steel primary forms production for September 1994 totalled 1 125 820 tonnes, a 6.1% decrease from 1 198 902 tonnes the previous year.

Year-to-date production to the end of September 1994 reached 10 230 950 tonnes, down 5.0% from 10 764 831 tonnes a year earlier.

**Available on CANSIM: matrix 58 (level 2, series 3).**

The September 1994 issue of *Primary iron and steel* (41-001, \$6/\$60) will be available later.

For further information on this release, contact Greg Milsom (613-951-9827), Industry Division. ■

### Steel pipe and tubing

September 1994

Steel pipe and tubing production for September 1994 totalled 188 489 tonnes, a 23.2% increase from 152 987 tonnes produced a year earlier.

Year-to-date production to the end of September 1994 totalled 1 466 218 tonnes, up 13.5% from 1 291 280 tonnes produced during the same period in 1993.

**Available on CANSIM: matrix 35.**

The September 1994 issue of *Steel pipe and tubing* (41-011, \$6/\$60) will be available later.

For further information on this release, contact Greg Milsom (613-951-9827), Industry Division. ■

### Steel wire and specified wire products

September 1994

Shipments of steel wire and specified wire products totalled 73 874 tonnes in September 1994, up 9.3% from 67 614 tonnes the previous month.

Data for September 1994 on factory shipments of steel wire and specified wire products are now available, as are production and export market data on selected commodities.

**Available on CANSIM: matrix 122 (series 19).**

The September 1994 issue of *Steel wire and specified wire products* (41-006, \$6/\$60) is now available. See "How to order publications".

For further information on this release, contact Bruno Pépin (613-951-9837), Industry Division. ■

### Pulpwood and wood residue statistics

September 1994

In September pulpwood receipts totalled 3 236 963 cubic metres, up 6.0% from 3 053 446 cubic metres in September 1993. Receipts of wood residue totalled 6 614 775 cubic metres, up 14.0% from 5 803 125<sup>r</sup> (revised) cubic metres in September 1993. Consumption of pulpwood and wood residue totalled 8 116 043 cubic metres, up 7.9% from 7 523 392<sup>r</sup> cubic metres in September 1993. The closing inventory of pulpwood and wood residue decreased 7.4% to 10 366 522 cubic metres, from 11 189 078<sup>r</sup> cubic metres a year earlier.

At the end of September 1994, year-to-date receipts of pulpwood totalled 25 660 486 cubic metres, up 4.5% from 24 553 350 cubic metres a year earlier. Year-to-date receipts of wood residue increased 6.9% to 54 614 049 cubic metres, from the year-earlier 51 099 453<sup>r</sup> cubic metres. Year-to-date consumption of pulpwood and wood residue (79 683 580 cubic metres) was up 4.2% from 76 481 306<sup>r</sup> cubic metres a year earlier.

**Available on CANSIM: matrix 54.**

The September 1994 issue of *Pulpwood and wood residue statistics* (25-001, \$7/\$70) will be available later.

For further information on this release, contact Sandra Bohatyretz (613-951-3516), Industry Division. ■

## Railway carloadings

July 1994

Revenue-freight loaded by railways in Canada totalled 20.0 million tonnes in July 1994, a 19.4% increase from July 1993. The carriers received an additional 1.1 million tonnes from U.S. connections during June.

Total loadings from January to July 1994 increased 9.6% from the year-earlier period. Receipts from U.S. connections increased 7.2% during the same period.

All 1993 figures have been revised.

**Available on CANSIM: matrix 1431.**

The July 1994 issue of *Railway carloadings* (52-001, \$10/\$100) will be released later.

For further information on this release, contact Angus MacLean (613-951-2528), Transportation Division. ■

## Railway operating statistics

August 1994

The seven selected railways reported a net gain of \$12.3 million in August 1994. Operating revenues totalled \$612.3 million, an increase of 16.4% from August 1993.

Revenue-freight tonne-kilometres increased by 27.0% during the same period.

Year-to-date operating revenues to the end of August increased 13.1% from the same period of 1993.

Data for 1993 and previous years have been revised.

**Available on CANSIM: matrix 142.**

The August 1994 issue of *Railway operating statistics* (52-003, \$12/\$120) will be released later.

For further information on this release, contact Angus MacLean (613-951-2528, fax: 613-951-0579), Transportation Division. ■

## Crushing statistics

September 1994

Oilseed processors crushed 204 thousand tonnes of canola in September 1994, the largest volume of canola ever processed in one month and up 16.5% from September 1993. The August 1994 crush was unusually low due to plant maintenance.

Corresponding with the record crush in September was record oil (85 thousand tonnes) and meal (126 thousand tonnes) production. Despite the large output, oil stocks remained low at 16 thousand tonnes, just a slight increase from August. Meal stocks rose to 31 thousand tonnes in September from 25 thousand tonnes in August; even so, meal stocks are at their lowest level since November 1993.

**Available on CANSIM: matrix 5687.**

The September 1994 issue of *Cereals and oilseeds review* (22-007, \$15/\$144) is scheduled for release in December. See "How to order publications".

For further information on this release, contact Alain Y. Bertrand (613-951-3859) or Karen Gray (204-983-2856), Grain Marketing Unit, Agriculture Division. ■



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**Department store sales and stocks, August 1994.**

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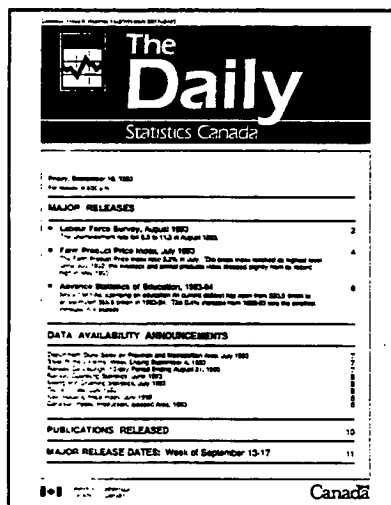
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