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System of National Economic Accounts: New module

Starting today, all of Statistics Canada's information and data on the System of National Economic Accounts are available in one convenient online location — and the data are free of charge for the first time.

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Related indicators for December

Total employment was virtually unchanged in December from the previous month. In addition, the overall unemployment rate edged up to 6.5%. Housing starts were up 1.2% in December to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 227,700 units, according to the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation. Estimated from early results supplied by the auto industry, the number of new motor vehicles sold in December was little changed from November.

Available on CANSIM: tables 080-0014 to 080-0017 and 076-0005.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey numbers, including related surveys, 2406 and 2408.

The November issue of *Retail Trade* (63-005-XIE, \$18/\$166) will soon be available.

Data on retail trade for December will be released on February 21.

For more information or to order data, contact Client Services (1-877-421-3067; 613-951-3549; retailinfo@statcan.ca). For analytical information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Jane Lin (613-951-9691), Distributive Trades Division.

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Retail sales

	November 2004	August 2005 ^r	September 2005 ^r	October 2005 ^r	November 2005 ^p	October to November 2005	November 2004 to November 2005
seasonally adjusted							
	\$ millions					% change	
Automotive	10,058	10,887	10,328	10,564	10,769	1.9	7.1
New car dealers	5,854	6,245	5,558	5,876	6,165	4.9	5.3
Used and recreational motor vehicle and parts dealers	1,254	1,281	1,267	1,248	1,274	2.0	1.5
Gasoline stations	2,950	3,361	3,503	3,439	3,330	-3.2	12.9
Furniture, home furnishings and electronics stores	2,034	2,152	2,163	2,170	2,163	-0.3	6.3
Furniture stores	727	748	762	769	765	-0.5	5.2
Home furnishings stores	377	408	402	408	414	1.6	9.9
Computer and software stores	133	133	132	138	138	0.5	4.0
Home electronics and appliance stores	797	863	866	856	845	-1.2	6.0
Building and outdoor home supplies stores	1,794	1,927	1,943	1,917	1,972	2.8	9.9
Home centres and hardware stores	1,425	1,539	1,565	1,566	1,602	2.3	12.4
Specialized building materials and garden stores	369	388	378	351	370	5.3	0.2
Food and beverage stores	7,120	7,211	7,272	7,256	7,244	-0.2	1.7
Supermarkets	5,219	5,254	5,302	5,254	5,284	0.6	1.3
Convenience and specialty food stores	740	757	758	757	738	-2.5	-0.3
Beer, wine and liquor stores	1,161	1,200	1,211	1,244	1,222	-1.8	5.3
Pharmacies and personal care stores	1,954	2,012	2,065	2,057	2,072	0.7	6.0
Clothing and accessories stores	1,686	1,734	1,769	1,748	1,791	2.5	6.2
Clothing stores	1,287	1,325	1,350	1,329	1,365	2.7	6.0
Shoe, clothing accessories and jewellery stores	399	409	419	419	426	1.8	6.9
General merchandise stores	3,531	3,618	3,676	3,679	3,690	0.3	4.5
Department stores	1,812	1,856	1,873	1,866	1,852	-0.8	2.2
Other general merchandise stores	1,719	1,762	1,803	1,813	1,838	1.4	6.9
Miscellaneous retailers	1,509	1,539	1,579	1,588	1,607	1.2	6.5
Sporting goods, hobby, music and book stores	741	788	810	803	809	0.8	9.3
Miscellaneous store retailers	769	750	769	785	798	1.7	3.8
Total retail sales	29,687	31,080	30,794	30,978	31,308	1.1	5.5
Total excluding new car dealers, used and recreational motor vehicle and parts dealers	22,579	23,553	23,969	23,854	23,869	0.1	5.7
Provinces and territories							
Newfoundland and Labrador	492	488	476	495	497	0.3	1.0
Prince Edward Island	117	119	116	117	119	2.2	2.2
Nova Scotia	871	897	886	887	892	0.5	2.4
New Brunswick	699	703	704	705	711	0.9	1.7
Quebec	6,789	6,950	6,921	6,940	7,030	1.3	3.6
Ontario	10,987	11,365	11,233	11,347	11,468	1.1	4.4
Manitoba	995	1,064	1,041	1,060	1,060	0.0	6.5
Saskatchewan	875	942	926	920	930	1.1	6.4
Alberta	3,752	4,159	4,122	4,143	4,203	1.4	12.0
British Columbia	4,009	4,286	4,263	4,257	4,288	0.7	6.9
Yukon	35	37	37	37	38	3.9	8.1
Northwest Territories	46	48	48	48	49	1.6	7.0
Nunavut	20	21	21	21	21	0.3	7.4

^r Revised.

^p Preliminary.

Retail sales

	November 2004	October 2005 ^r	November 2005 ^p	November 2004 to November 2005
unadjusted				
	\$ millions			% change
Automotive	9,326	10,040	10,068	8.0
New car dealers	5,380	5,322	5,717	6.2
Used and recreational motor vehicle and parts dealers	1,149	1,182	1,181	2.8
Gasoline stations	2,796	3,535	3,170	13.4
Furniture, home furnishings and electronics stores	2,212	2,183	2,339	5.8
Furniture stores	761	810	797	4.8
Home furnishings stores	443	423	491	10.9
Computer and software stores	137	136	136	-0.3
Home electronics and appliance stores	871	814	915	5.0
Building and outdoor home supplies stores	1,791	2,036	1,964	9.6
Home centres and hardware stores	1,436	1,679	1,614	12.4
Specialized building materials and garden stores	356	357	350	-1.7
Food and beverage stores	6,649	7,056	6,882	3.5
Supermarkets	4,883	5,123	5,035	3.1
Convenience and specialty food stores	684	752	685	0.1
Beer, wine and liquor stores	1,082	1,181	1,162	7.4
Pharmacies and personal care stores	1,947	2,036	2,071	6.3
Clothing and accessories stores	1,828	1,811	1,951	6.7
Clothing stores	1,425	1,415	1,506	5.7
Shoe, clothing accessories and jewellery stores	402	396	445	10.5
General merchandise stores	3,973	3,756	4,160	4.7
Department stores	2,137	1,981	2,168	1.4
Other general merchandise stores	1,836	1,775	1,992	8.5
Miscellaneous retailers	1,537	1,547	1,655	7.7
Sporting goods, hobby, music and book stores	775	739	851	9.8
Miscellaneous store retailers	762	808	804	5.5
Total retail sales	29,263	30,465	31,089	6.2
Total excluding new car dealers, used and recreational motor vehicle and parts dealers	22,734	23,960	24,191	6.4
Provinces and territories				
Newfoundland and Labrador	507	481	516	1.6
Prince Edward Island	113	114	116	2.6
Nova Scotia	866	868	894	3.2
New Brunswick	693	689	711	2.5
Quebec	6,548	6,913	6,847	4.6
Ontario	11,059	11,169	11,603	4.9
Manitoba	981	1,042	1,044	6.3
Saskatchewan	858	912	915	6.6
Alberta	3,699	4,048	4,198	13.5
British Columbia	3,845	4,127	4,146	7.8
Yukon	33	35	35	7.5
Northwest Territories	41	46	45	9.2
Nunavut	19	21	20	6.6

^r Revised.

^p Preliminary.

Stocks of frozen poultry meat

January 1, 2006 (preliminary)

Stocks of frozen poultry meat in cold storage on January 1 totalled 56,403 metric tonnes, up 12.9% from a year ago.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 3425.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Sandra Gielfeldt (613-951-2505; sandy.gielfeldt@statcan.ca), Agriculture Division. ■

Primary iron and steel

November 2005

Data on primary iron and steel are now available for November.

Available on CANSIM: tables 303-0048 to 303-0051.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey numbers, including related surveys, 2116 and 2184.

The November issue of *Steel, Tubular Products and Steel Wire* (41-019-XIE, \$6/\$51) will soon be available.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact the dissemination officer (1-866-873-8789; 613-951-9497; manufact@statcan.ca) Manufacturing, Construction and Energy Division. ■

Production and disposition of tobacco products

December 2005

Total cigarettes sold in December by Canadian manufacturers increased 4.4% from November to 3.4 billion cigarettes. Total cigarettes sold increased 4.7% from the same period a year earlier.

Cigarette production for December decreased 15.6% from November to 2.7 billion cigarettes. Cigarette production increased 13.2% compared with December 2004.

At 4.0 billion cigarettes, the level of closing inventories for December decreased by 22.2% from November, but was 20.7% higher compared with December 2004.

Available on CANSIM: table 303-0062.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2142.

The December 2005 issue of *Production and Disposition of Tobacco Products*, Vol. 34, no. 12 (32-022-XIE, \$6/\$51) is now available. See *How to order products*.

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Refined petroleum products

November 2005 (preliminary)

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

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2150.

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Sawmills and planing mills

November 2005

Data on sawmills and planing mills are now available for November.

Available on CANSIM: table 303-0009.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey numbers, including related surveys, 2134 and 2135.

The November 2005 issue of *Sawmills and Planing Mills*, Vol. 59, no. 11 (35-003-XIB, \$10/\$93) is now available. See *How to order products*.

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