



The Daily

Statistics Canada

Wednesday, January 25, 2006

Released at 8:30 a.m. Eastern time

Releases

Maintenance Enforcement Survey: Child and spousal support, 2004/05	2
Railway carloadings, November 2005	2
Natural gas sales, November 2005	3
Aircraft movement statistics, December 2005	3
Traveller accommodation services price indexes, fourth quarter 2005	4

New products	5
---------------------	----------



Maintenance Enforcement Survey: Child and spousal support

2004/05

The report *Child Spousal Support: Maintenance Enforcement Survey Statistics*, which is available today, provides data on the collection and enforcement of child and spousal support payments for cases registered with maintenance enforcement programs.

These programs were created in each province and territory during the 1980s and 1990s to help recipients obtain their support payments without having to go before the courts. They handle an estimated 50% of all support orders and agreements in Canada.

Programs vary in a number of important aspects, such as client profile and enforcement powers and practices. In some provinces and territories, all support orders and agreements are automatically registered with the maintenance enforcement program at the time of the order.

In others enrolment is voluntary. In this situation, it is the more difficult cases (those in arrears or default) that tend to be registered. These differences between programs have important implications for interpreting the survey data, and the results should not be generalized to all support orders in Canada.

The report includes data for Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario, which have mandatory registration, and Prince Edward Island, Saskatchewan, British Columbia and the Northwest Territories, which have voluntary registration. Combined, they represent about 84% of Canada's population.

As of March 31, 2005, there were nearly 364,000 cases enrolled in a maintenance enforcement program in these eight reporting jurisdictions. There were 2,500 cases in Prince Edward Island, 18,200 in Nova Scotia, 13,000 in New Brunswick, 104,400 in Quebec, 178,300 in Ontario, 7,800 in Saskatchewan, 38,800 in British Columbia and 700 in the Northwest Territories.

Average monthly caseloads increased for most provinces from 2003/04 to 2004/05. The exceptions were New Brunswick and British Columbia, which experienced small declines.

The vast majority of cases involved a support amount for children. On March 31, 2005, 98% of cases

registered with the maintenance enforcement program in British Columbia included a support amount for children. The proportion was 97% of cases in Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Saskatchewan and the Northwest Territories, and 95% in Nova Scotia.

In 2004/05, a large proportion of registered cases in all reporting provinces and territories had a regular monthly payment of \$400 or less. On March 31, 2005, this applied to 46% of cases in the Northwest Territories, 48% in Ontario, 58% in Quebec, 62% in British Columbia, 63% in Saskatchewan, 68% in Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick, and 70% in Nova Scotia.

In the majority of cases registered with a maintenance enforcement program, the payers make their regular monthly payment in full. In March 2005, the proportion that made the payment in full ranged from 55% of the cases in Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia to 78% in Quebec.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 3324.

The report *Child and Spousal Support: Maintenance Enforcement Survey Statistics*, 2004/05 (85-228-XIE, \$29) is now available. See *How to order products*.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Information and Client Services (1-800-387-2231; 613-951-9023), Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics. ■

Railway carloadings

November 2005

Canadian railways appear poised to record one of their strongest fourth-quarter performances in years as a later-than-usual grain harvest supported rail shipments in November.

Overall, railways loaded 24.9 million tonnes of freight in November, down slightly from October.

However, for October and November combined in 2005, total freight reached nearly 50 million metric tonnes. This was almost one million more tonnes than railways loaded in the same two months a year earlier.

Total tonnage of non-intermodal goods reached 22.5 million tonnes in November, a slight 0.6% decline from October. About 285,000 railcars were needed to load all of November's non-intermodal freight.

Railways carried less coal and mineral ores and concentrates in November. But this decline was offset by large volumes of grains, non-metallic minerals and petroleum products.

This observed shift in commodities, with total monthly loadings remaining relatively unchanged, could reflect the possibility that railways were working at near-peak capacity.

On the grain front, volumes of "other cereal grains" reached a five-year high, as loadings surpassed 656 000 metric tonnes.

Intermodal loadings, that is, containers and trailers hauled on flat cars, slid 1.4% from October to 2.4 million tonnes. Freight coming from the United States either destined for or passing through Canada reached 2.5 million tonnes, up 7.2% from October.

On a year-over-year basis, non-intermodal tonnage was slightly above that of November 2004. Intermodal traffic was up 3.3%, while traffic received from the United States was up 3.9%.

Available on CANSIM: table 404-0002.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2732.

The November 2005 issue of *Monthly Railway Carloadings*, Vol. 82, no. 11 (52-001-XIE, \$9/\$83) is now available. See *How to order products*.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact the Dissemination Unit (1-866-500-8400; fax: 1-613-951-0009; transportationstatistics@statcan.ca), Transportation Division. ■

Natural gas sales

November 2005 (preliminary)

Natural gas sales totalled 6 208 million cubic metres in November, down 2.9% from November 2004. Higher sales to the residential (+2.7%) and the commercial (+1.2%) sectors were offset by the 6.8% drop in the industrial sector (including direct sales).

Year-to-date sales at the end of November were down 2.5% from the same period of 2004. Both the residential (-1.4%) and the commercial (-2.4%) sectors posted declines. Use of natural gas by the industrial (including direct sales) sector has also fallen by 3.0% so far in 2005.

Natural gas sales

	Nov. 2005 ^P	Nov. 2004	Nov. 2004 to Nov. 2005
	thousands of cubic metres		% change
Total: Natural gas sales	6 208 708	6 396 532	-2.9
Residential	1 627 751	1 584 586	2.7
Commercial	1 206 882	1 192 039	1.2
Industrial	1 575 915	1 683 889	-6.8
Direct	1 798 160	1 936 018	-6.8
	year-to-date		
	2005 ^P	2004	2004 to 2005
	thousands of cubic metres		% change
Total: Natural gas sales	62 219 244	63 822 710	-2.5
Residential	14 554 219	14 761 949	-1.4
Commercial	10 769 609	11 033 993	-2.4
Industrial	17 284 218	17 659 407	-3.0
Direct	19 611 198	20 367 361	-3.0

^P Preliminary.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2149.

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

Aircraft movement statistics

December 2005 (preliminary)

The 42 airports with NAV CANADA air traffic control towers reported 281,382 aircraft take-offs and landings in December, up 5.4% compared with December 2004 (266,931 movements). Year-over-year increases in aircraft movements were reported by 27 of the airports in December 2005. The variations ranged from an increase of 66.6% at Chicoutimi/St-Honoré to a decline of 27.1% at Windsor.

Itinerant movements (flights from one airport to another) increased by 2.7% (+5,546 movements) in December compared with the same month a year earlier. Local movements (flights that remain in the vicinity of the airport) increased by 15.0% (+8,905 movements) in December compared with December 2004.

The top 10 airports in terms of volumes of itinerant movements in December showed year-over-year variations ranging from a 9.8% increase (+461 movements) at Edmonton City Centre to a decline of 5.5% (-1,373 movements) at Vancouver International.

Of the top 10 airports, 5 recorded increases in itinerant movements compared with 3 airports in November 2005.

The top 10 airports in terms of local movements showed year-over-year variations ranging from a 79.2% increase (+2,692 movements) at Calgary/Springbank to a decline of 35.0% (-1,590 movements) at Victoria International. Of the top 10 airports, 6 recorded increases in local movements compared with 5 airports in November 2005.

The December issue of *Aircraft Movement Statistics*, Vol. 4, no. 12 (51F0001PIE, TP1496, free) is now available online. From the *Our products and services* page, choose *Free publications*, then *Transport and warehousing*.

Preliminary statistics for the 56 Canadian airports with NAV CANADA flight service stations are also available for December.

Available on CANSIM: table 401-0005.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2715.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Kathie Davidson (613-951-0141;

fax: 613-951-0010; aviationstatistics@statcan.ca), Transportation Division. ■

Traveller accommodation services price indexes

Fourth quarter 2005

The monthly indexes that measure price movements of accommodation services are now available for the fourth quarter of 2005. These indexes reflect changes in room rates, excluding all indirect taxes, for overnight or short stays with no meals or other services provided. The indexes are available by province and by territory, for Canada, by major client group.

Available on CANSIM: table 326-0013.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2336.

For more information on these indexes, contact Prices Division (613-951-9606; toll-free: 1-866-230-2248; infounit@statcan.ca). To enquire about the concepts and methods of this release, contact Anne Williamson (613-951-0708; anne.williamson@statcan.ca), Prices Division. ■

New products

Aircraft Movement Statistics, December 2005, Vol. 4,
no. 12
Catalogue number 51F0001PIE
(free).

Monthly Railway Carloadings, November 2005,
Vol. 82, no. 11
Catalogue number 52-001-XIE (\$9/\$83).

**Improvements to the Labour Force Survey:
Improvements in 2006 to the Labour Force Survey**,
no. 3
Catalogue number 71F0031XIE2006003
(free).

**Child and Spousal Support: Maintenance
Enforcement Survey Statistics**, 2004/05
Catalogue number 85-228-XIE (\$29).

**All prices are in Canadian dollars and exclude sales
tax. Additional shipping charges apply for delivery
outside Canada.**

Catalogue numbers with an -XWE, -XIB or an -XIE
extension are Internet versions; those with -XMB or
-XME are microfiche; -XPB or -XPE are paper versions;
-XDB or -XDE are electronic versions on diskette; -XCB
or -XCE are electronic versions on compact disc and
-XBB or -XBE a database.

How to order products

To order by phone, please refer to:

- The title
- The catalogue number
- The volume number
- The issue number
- Your credit card number.


From Canada and the United States, call: **1-800-267-6677**
From other countries, call: **1-613-951-7277**
To fax your order, call: **1-877-287-4369**
For address changes or account inquiries, call: **1-800-700-1033**

To order by mail, write to: Statistics Canada, Finance, 6th floor, R.H. Coats Bldg., Ottawa, K1A 0T6.
Include a cheque or money order payable to **Receiver General of Canada/Publications**. Canadian customers
add 7% GST and applicable PST.

To order by Internet, write to: infostats@statcan.ca or download an electronic version by accessing Statistics Canada's
website (www.statcan.ca). From the *Our products and services* page, under *Browse our Internet publications*, choose *For sale*.

Authorized agents and bookstores also carry Statistics Canada's catalogued publications.

Catalogue 1-001-XIE (F) Article 11-001-XIE (S) 001-001-XIE



Statistics Canada

Thursday, June 3, 1997
For release at 8:30 a.m.



MAJOR RELEASES

- **Urban transit, 1995** 2
Discusses the statistics on taking urban transit, Canadians are using it less and less. In 1996, each Canadian took an average of about 45 trips on some form of urban transit, the lowest level in the past 25 years.
- **Productivity, hourly compensation and unit labour cost, 1995** 4
Growth in productivity among Canadian businesses was noticeably weak again in 1996, accompanied by stagnant gains in employment and slow economic growth during the year.

OTHER RELEASES

- **Help-wanted index, May 1997** 3
- **Short-term Expectations Survey** 2
- **Steel primary forms, week ending May 31, 1997** 12
- **Egg production, April 1997** 12

PUBLICATIONS RELEASED 11

Statistics Canada's official release bulletin

Catalogue 11-001-XIE.

Published each working day by the Communications Division, Statistics Canada,
10-G, R.H. Coats Bldg., Tunney's Pasture, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0T6.

To access *The Daily* on the Internet, visit our site at <http://www.statcan.ca>. To receive *The Daily* each morning by e-mail, send an e-mail message to listproc@statcan.ca. Leave the subject line blank. In the body of the message, type "subscribe daily firstname lastname".

Published by authority of the Minister responsible for Statistics Canada. © Minister of Industry, 2004. Citation in newsprint, magazine, radio, and television reporting is permitted subject to the requirement that Statistics Canada is acknowledged as the source. Any other reproduction is permitted subject to the requirement that Statistics Canada is acknowledged as the source on all copies as follows: Statistics Canada, *The Daily*, catalogue 11-001-XIE, along with date and page references.