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Domestic sales of refined petroleum products

December 2005 (preliminary)

Sales of refined petroleum products totalled 8 465 000 cubic metres in December, down 4.6% from December 2004. Sales were down in five of the seven major product groups, led by a decline of 45.4% or 193 600 cubic metres for petro-chemical feedstocks. Diesel fuel oil sales increased by 1.7% or 35 800 cubic metres, while motor gasoline sales fell by 3.1% or 108 800 cubic metres.

Sales of refined petroleum products

	Dec. 2004 ^r	Dec. 2005 ^p	Dec. 2004 to Dec. 2005
	Thousands of cubic metres		% change
Total, all products	8 874.4	8 465.0	-4.6
Motor gasoline	3 523.6	3 414.8	-3.1
Diesel fuel oil	2 079.7	2 115.5	1.7
Light fuel oil	653.4	589.0	-9.9
Heavy fuel oil	914.7	825.8	-9.7
Aviation turbo fuels	493.5	526.9	6.8
Petrochemical feedstocks ¹	426.7	233.1	-45.4
All other refined products	782.7	759.9	-2.9

	Jan. to Dec. 2004 ^r	Jan. to Dec. 2005 ^p	Jan.–Dec. 2004 to Jan.–Dec. 2005
	Thousands of cubic metres		% change
Total, all products	102 513.5	101 527.3	-1.0
Motor gasoline	40 993.0	40 820.2	-0.4
Diesel fuel oil	25 153.2	26 337.0	4.7
Light fuel oil	5 144.2	4 589.9	-10.8
Heavy fuel oil	8 382.9	8 132.5	-3.0
Aviation turbo fuels	6 581.8	6 884.0	4.6
Petrochemical feedstocks ¹	5 162.4	3 848.3	-25.5
All other refined products	11 096.1	10 915.3	-1.6

^r Revised.

^p Preliminary.

¹ Materials produced by refineries that are used by the petrochemical industry to produce chemicals, synthetic rubber and a variety of plastics.

Sales of mid-grade (-8.7%), premium (-16.3%) and regular non-leaded gasoline (-1.7%) were all down from December 2004.

Sales of refined petroleum products from January to December 2005 stood at 101 527 300 cubic metres, down 1.0% from the same period of 2004. Sales decreased in five of the seven major product groups with the largest decrease in petro-chemical feedstocks, which fell by 25.5% or 1 314 100 cubic metres. Motor gasoline sales fell by 0.4% or 172 800 cubic

metres while diesel fuel oil sales increased by 4.7% or 1 183 800 cubic metres.

Preliminary domestic sales of refined petroleum products data are no longer available on CANSIM.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2150.

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

Road motor vehicle registrations

2005 (preliminary)

There were 19.4 million road motor vehicles registered in Canada in 2005.

Of this total, 18.1 million (94%) were passenger cars and light vehicles such as pickup trucks and minivans. The remainder consisted of 78,050 buses, 443,700 motorcycles and mopeds, and 707,600 truck tractors and trucks (weighing at least 4 500 kg).

In addition to these road motor vehicles, 4.7 million trailers and 1.6 million off-road, construction and farm vehicles were also registered.

Provincial data are available on an annual and quarterly basis, enabling users to analyse seasonal variation.

Note: These data are not comparable with the motor vehicle registrations prior to 1999. Although the data still come from provincial and territorial governments, vehicle counts were tabulated from registration files used by the Canadian Vehicle Survey. A standardized methodology was applied to the files, providing more consistent results across jurisdictions.

Available on CANSIM: table 405-0004.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2747.

Annual data for 2005 are now available for free in a table online. Quarterly data are available upon request.

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Couriers and Messengers Services Price Index

December 2005

The Couriers and Messengers Services Price Index (CMSPI) measures the change over time in prices for courier and messenger services provided by long and short distance delivery companies to Canadian-based business clients.

The CMSPI fell 0.5% to 113.5 (2003=100) in December, with the courier portion falling by 0.7% and the local messengers component (revised) edging down by 0.1%.

Over the past 12 months, the CMSPI has risen by 7.3%, mainly as a result of higher fuel prices. The courier portion has increased by 7.5% while the local messengers went up by 6.8%.

These indexes are available at the Canada level only.

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Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 5064.

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Social Policy Simulation Database and Model

The *Social Policy Simulation Database and Model* (SPSD/M) Version 14.0, based on 2002 microdata, is now available. The most recent SPSPD/M can be used to study the impacts of changes to federal and provincial

tax and benefit programs on families and governments from 1991 through 2010.

The SPSPD/M is a static microsimulation model. It is comprised of a database, a series of tax/transfer algorithms and models, analytical software and user documentation. The SPSPD/M has been produced as an occasional product starting in 1985. It has been in wide use by policy analysts in Canada studying virtually every change to the tax and transfer system since that time.

The SPSPD/M is a tool designed to analyze the financial interactions of governments and individuals and families in Canada. It estimates the income redistributive effects or cost implications of changes in the personal taxation (including the GST and other commodity taxes) and the cash transfer system. The SPSPD/M also helps researchers examine the potential impacts of changes in taxes, earnings, demographic trends, and a wide range of other factors.

The SPSPD/M allows users to answer questions such as what if there are changes to the taxes Canadians paid or transfers they received — who would gain and who would lose? Would single parent households in a particular province be better off and by how much? How much extra money would federal or provincial governments collect or pay out?

The *Social Policy Simulation Database and Model*, version 14.0 (89F0002XCB, \$5,000/\$12,500) is now available. See *How to order products*.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 3889.

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Statistics on revenues and expenses of farms, 2002
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 (free).

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Social Policy Simulation Database and Model,
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 Changes in expenditures on taking urban transit; Canadians are riding it less and less. In 1996, each Canadian took an average of about 60 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 relatively weak again in 1996, accompanied by sluggish gains in employment and slow economic growth during the year.

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