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	Period	1 Year Ago	Current	2 Years Ago	1 Year Ago	1997	1998	1999	1998/1997	1999/1998	
POPULATION	OCT 1/99	937,522	942,652		0.2	0.5	934,538 x	936,089 x	939,791 x	0.2	0.4
VITAL STATISTICS											
Births	JULY-SEPT/99	2,579	2,581	(2.3)	0.1	9,952	9,747	---	(2.1)	---	
Deaths	JULY-SEPT/99	1,874	1,906	1.9	1.7	8,044	8,202	---	2.0	---	
Marriages	JULY-SEPT/99	2,430	n/a	(12.9)	---	5,177	5,103	---	(1.4)	---	
MIGRATION											
Total Net Migration	JULY-SEPT/99	728	2,186	798.8	200.3	532	307	---	(42.3)	---	
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LABOUR FORCE											
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Total Labour Force ('000)	JAN/2000	446.7	462.5	0.2	3.5	437.4	445.9	452.0	1.9	1.4	
Employed ('000)	JAN/2000	404.1	417.5	2.1	3.3	384.3	398.9	408.6	3.8	2.4	
Unemployed ('000)	JAN/2000	42.5	45.0	(15.5)	5.9	53.1	46.9	43.3	(11.7)	(7.7)	
Unemp. Rate (%)	JAN/2000	9.5	9.7	---	---	12.1	10.5	9.6	---	---	
Participation Rate (%)	JAN/2000	60.5	62.1	---	---	59.9	60.7	61.0	---	---	
- Actual											
Employed ('000)	JAN/2000	389.0	402.8	2.3	3.5	384.3	398.9	408.6	3.8	2.4	
Unemp. Rate (%)	JAN/2000	10.2	10.4	---	---	12.1	10.5	9.6	---	---	
- Seasonally Adjusted											
Goods Indus. ('000)	JAN/2000	89.3	93.8	1.2	5.0	83.8	88.0	90.7	5.0	3.1	
Service Indus. ('000)	JAN/2000	314.9	323.8	2.4	2.8	300.5	310.9	317.9	3.5	2.3	

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U.I.C BENEFITS										
Total Benefits Paid (\$'000)	NOV/99	48,055	47,326	23.2	(1.5)	588,369	565,497	-- --	(3.9)	-- --
Total Beneficiaries (Number)	NOV/99	37,080	36,780	(2.5)	(0.8)	40,348 x	38,408 x	-- --	(4.8)	-- --
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - Nova Scotia - (1992=100.0)										
All Items	JAN/2000	108.2	112.0	(0.5)	3.5	107.8	108.5	110.3	0.6	1.7
Food	JAN/2000	110.7	112.3	(1.1)	1.4	108.4	110.5	111.4	1.9	0.8
Shelter	JAN/2000	104.1	110.8	(1.7)	6.4	105.7	104.7	106.6	(0.9)	1.8
INCOME										
Personal Income Per Capita (\$)	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	19,878	20,480	-- --	3.0	-- --
Total Wages & Salaries (\$ millions)	JAN-NOV/99	8,987.3	9,417.6	3.6	4.8	9,469.1	9,810.1	-- --	3.6	-- --
Average Weekly Wages & Salaries (\$)	NOV/99	512.94	519.49	2.9	1.3	501.47 x	510.35 x	-- --	1.8	-- --
RETAIL TRADE										
- (\$ millions)										
All Retail Outlets-S.A.	JAN-DEC/99	7,648.3	8,061.0	4.2	5.4	7,341.6	7,648.3	8,061.0	4.2	5.4
Dept. Store Sales-Actual	JAN-DEC/99	531.2	567.8	5.1	6.9	505.6	531.2	567.8	5.1	6.9
New Motor Vehicle Sales-Actual	JAN-DEC/99	1,021.3	1,147.2	8.9	12.3	937.5	1,021.3	1,147.2	8.9	12.3
Wholesale Trade-S.A.	JAN-DEC/99	6,083.0	6,913.0	0.9	13.6	6,031.0	6,083.0	6,913.0	0.9	13.6

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COMMODITY SECTORS										
Farm Cash Receipts (\$ millions)	JAN-DEC/99	376.0	396.0	(0.5)	5.3	377.7	376.0	396.0	(0.5)	5.3
Fish Landings (\$ millions)	JAN-DEC/98	511.8	516.4	9.8	0.9	511.8	516.4	-- --	0.9	-- --
Pulp/Wood Residue (000m^3)	JAN-NOV/99	3,133.8	3,217.0	(24.0)	2.7	4,496.3	3,422.4	-- --	(23.9)	-- --
Lumber Prod. (000m^3)	JAN-NOV/99	1,347.3	1,537.9	30.0	14.1	1,131.0	1,459.0	-- --	29.0	-- --
Coal Prod. ('000 tonnes)	JAN-DEC/99	2,120.0	1,560.0 p	(21.4)	(26.4)	2,696.0	2,120.0	1,560.0 p	(21.4)	(26.4)
Power Generated (GW.h)	JAN-NOV/99	9,734.5	10,056.8	3.8	3.3	10,323.1	10,756.7	-- --	4.2	-- --
Mfg. Shipments (\$ millions)	JAN-DEC/99	6,829.5	7,687.3	5.5	12.6	6,474.8	6,829.5	7,687.3	5.5	12.6
Foreign Exports (\$ millions)	JAN-SEPT/99	2,524.7	2,901.0	263.6	14.9	3,161.0	3,439.8	-- --	8.8	-- --
CONSTRUCTION										
Capital Construction Expenditures (\$millions)	2000	3,374.0 pa	2,465.8 i	20.2	(26.9)	1,835.7	2,807.6	3,374.0 pa	52.9	20.2
Building Permits (\$ millions)	JAN-DEC/99	637.1	898.8	1.0	41.1	630.7	637.1		1.0	-- --
Housing Starts (units)										
Centres 10,000+										
- Starts	JAN/2000	145	181	88.3	24.8	2,732	2,171	2,834	(20.5)	30.5
- Completions	JAN/2000	150	210	(13.3)	40.0	2,614	2,384	2,676	(8.8)	12.2
- Under Construction	JAN/2000	982	1,084	(12.2)	10.4	1,214	999	1,116	(17.7)	11.7
All Areas								-- --		
- Starts	JAN-DEC/99	3,137	4,250	(17.7)	35.5	3,813	3,137	4,250	(17.7)	35.5
- Completions	JAN-DEC/99	3,416	4,237	(9.1)	24.0	3,756	3,416	4,237	(9.1)	24.0
- Under Construction	DEC/99	1,503	1,508	(22.0)	0.3	1,926	1,503	1,508	(22.0)	0.3
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (\$millions)										
- at '92 prices	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	19,124	19,674	-- --	2.9	-- --
- at Factor Cost	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	17,365	17,769	-- --	2.3	-- --

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CANADA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

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	Current Reference Period	1 Year Ago	Current	% Change Reference Period		1997	1998	1999	Year-over-Year % Change	
				1 Year Ago/ 2 Years Ago	Current/ 1 Year Ago				1998/1997	1999/1998
POPULATION	OCT 1/99	30,320,312	30,572,544	0.8	0.8	29,987,214 x	30,246,891 x	30,491,294 x	0.9	0.8
VITAL STATISTICS										
Births	JULY-SEPT/99	87,949	86,879	(1.7)	(1.2)	348,598	343,371	---	(1.5)	---
Deaths	JULY-SEPT/99	50,727	51,713	2.1	1.9	215,669	219,834	---	1.9	---
Marriages	JULY-SEPT/99	64,420	n/a	(10.8)	---	153,306	151,224	---	(1.4)	---
MIGRATION										
Total Net Migration	JULY-SEPT/99	54,211	65,381	(18.4)	20.6	186,588	140,061	---	(24.9)	---
Immigration	JULY-SEPT/99	60,938	72,108	(16.3)	18.3	237,246	191,411	---	(19.3)	---
Emigration	JULY-SEPT/99	6,727	6,727	5.1	0.0	50,658	51,350	---	1.4	---
LABOUR FORCE										
- Seasonally Adjusted										
Total Labour Force ('000)	JAN/2000	15,625.9	15,869.3	2.2	1.6	15,153.0	15,417.7	15,721.2	1.7	2.0
Employed ('000)	JAN/2000	14,388.6	14,791.8	3.3	2.8	13,774.4	14,140.4	14,531.2	2.7	2.8
Unemployed ('000)	JAN/2000	1,237.3	1,077.5	(8.5)	(12.9)	1,378.6	1,277.3	1,190.1	(7.3)	(6.8)
Unemp. Rate (%)	JAN/2000	7.9	6.8	---	---	9.1	8.3	7.6	---	---
Participation Rate (%)	JAN/2000	65.6	65.7	---	---	64.9	65.1	65.6	---	---
- Actual										
Employed ('000)	JAN/2000	13,993.8	14,399.2	3.3	2.9	13,774.4	14,140.4	14,531.2	2.7	2.8
Unemp. Rate (%)	JAN/2000	8.6	7.3	---	---	9.1	8.3	7.6	---	---
- Seasonally Adjusted										
Goods Indus. ('000)	JAN/2000	3,738.4	3,889.2	2.6	4.0	3,585.5	3,691.4	3,785.8	3.0	2.6
Service Indus. ('000)	JAN/2000	10,650.3	10,902.6	3.5	2.4	10,188.9	10,449.0	10,745.4	2.6	2.8

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U.I.C BENEFITS										
Total Benefits Paid (\$'000)	DEC/99	1,007,970	989,100	(2.7)	(1.9)	11,995,402	11,668,432	11,830,100	(2.7)	1.4
Total Beneficiaries (Number)	DEC/99	769,130	713,800	(3.8)	(7.2)	782,225 x	739,400 x	692,892	(5.5)	(6.3)
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - CANADA - (1992=100.0)										
All Items	JAN/2000	108.9	111.4	0.6	2.3	107.6	108.6	110.5	0.9	1.7
Food	JAN/2000	111.1	110.8	1.3	(0.3)	107.6	109.3	110.7	1.6	1.3
Shelter	JAN/2000	104.5	106.7	1.1	2.1	103.3	103.7	105.1	0.4	1.4
INCOME										
Personal Income Per Capita (\$)	---	---	---	---	---	23,536	24,246	---	3.0	---
Total Wages & Salaries (\$ millions)	JAN-NOV/99	379,983.7	394,797.7	4.2	3.9	398,194.9	414,883.5	---	4.2	---
Average Weekly Wages & Salaries (\$)	NOV/99	606.40	615.55	1.1	1.5	598.26 x	606.32 x	---	1.3	---
RETAIL TRADE										
- (\$ millions)										
All Retail Outlets-S.A.	JAN-DEC/99	246,161.0	260,426.0	3.6	5.8	237,596.7	246,184.0	260,426.0	3.6	5.8
Dept. Store Sales-Actual	JAN-DEC/99	16,878.3	17,948.8	6.0	6.3	15,929.3	16,878.3	17,948.8	6.0	6.3
New Motor Vehicle Sales-Actual	JAN-DEC/99	40,255.8	45,282.9	3.3	12.5	38,986.2	40,255.8	45,282.9	3.3	12.5
Wholesale Trade-S.A.	JAN-DEC/99	335,051.3	361,232.6	3.3	7.8	324,226.1	335,051.3	361,232.6	3.3	7.8

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	Period			2 Years Ago	1 Year Ago					
COMMODITY SECTORS										
Farm Cash Receipts (\$ millions)	JAN-DEC/99	29,648.4	30,311.0	(1.4)	2.2	30,061.2	29,648.4	30,311.0	(1.4)	2.2
Fish Landings (\$ millions)	JAN-DEC/98	1,698.0	1,315.3	3.3	(22.5)	1,698.0	1,315.3	---	(22.5)	---
Pulp/Wood Residue(000m^3)	JAN-NOV/99	97,574.7	105,861.9	(3.1)	8.5	110,142.8	107,333.6	---	(2.6)	---
Lumber Prod. (000m^3)	JAN-NOV/99	60,241.5	64,229.3	(1.3)	6.6	64,763.9	65,109.1	---	0.5	---
Coal Prod. ('000 tonnes)	JAN-DEC/99	75,359.8	72,310.0 p	(4.2)	(4.0)	78,673.0	75,359.8	72,310.0 p	(4.2)	(4.0)
Power Generated (GW.h)	JAN-NOV/99	492,868.1	503,418.6	(1.7)	2.1	553,805.6	543,341.1	---	(1.9)	---
Mfg. Shipments (\$ millions)	JAN-DEC/99	448,753.0	490,442.0	3.2	9.3	435,032.0	448,753.0	490,442.0	3.2	9.3
Foreign Exports (\$ millions)	JAN-NOV/99	271,949.2	301,847.5	6.0	11.0	281,225.7	296,700.0	---	5.5	---
CONSTRUCTION										
Capital Construction										
Expenditures (\$millions)	2000	99,773.7 pa	104,775.4 i	4.5	5.0	89,679.8	95,445.7	99,773.7 pa	6.4	4.5
Building Permits (\$ millions)	JAN-DEC/99	33,199.2	35,745.1	6.3	7.7	31,234.0	33,199.2	35,745.1	6.3	7.7
Housing Starts - Units										
Centres 10,000+										
- Starts	JAN/2000	6,612	6,665	2.8	0.8	123,220	116,793	126,656	(5.2)	8.4
- Completions	JAN/2000	7,031	5,769	(15.6)	(17.9)	117,821	113,729	112,572	(3.5)	(1.0)
- Under Construction	JAN/2000	62,813	71,630	0.0	14.0	59,918	63,298	72,635	5.6	14.8
All Areas										
- Starts	JAN-DEC/99	137,439	149,968	(6.5)	9.1	147,040	137,439	149,968	(6.5)	9.1
- Completions	JAN-DEC/99	133,941	140,983	(6.6)	5.3	143,386	133,941	140,983	(6.6)	5.3
- Under Construction	DEC/99	74,932	83,376	1.3	11.3	73,984	74,932	83,376	1.3	11.3
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT										
(\$millions)										
- at '92 prices	---	---	---	---	---	813,031	838,265	---	3.1	---
- at Factor Cost	---	---	---	---	---	757,552	776,083	---	2.4	---

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Unemp. Rate (%)	FEB/2000	10.5	9.7	---	---	12.1	10.5	9.6	---	---	
Participation Rate (%)	FEB/2000	60.9	62.0	---	---	59.9	60.7	61.0	---	---	
- Actual											
Employed ('000)	FEB/2000	386.9	401.1	0.9	3.7	384.3	398.9	408.6	3.8	2.4	
Unemp. Rate (%)	FEB/2000	11.2	10.4	---	---	12.1	10.5	9.6	---	---	
- Seasonally Adjusted											
Goods Indus. ('000)	FEB/2000	88.9	93.9	(0.4)	5.6	83.8	88.0	90.7	5.0	3.1	
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Total Benefits Paid (\$'000)	DEC/99	48,743	48,763	(9.4)	0.0	588,369	565,497	555,166	(3.9)	(1.8)
Total Beneficiaries (Number)	DEC/99	38,690	38,960	(3.4)	0.7	40,348 x	38,386 x	36,687	(4.9)	(4.4)
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - Nova Scotia - (1992=100.0)										
All Items	FEB/2000	108.7	112.9	0.2	3.9	107.8	108.5	110.3	0.6	1.7
Food	FEB/2000	111.1	112.2	0.3	1.0	108.4	110.5	111.4	1.9	0.8
Shelter	FEB/2000	104.5	114.2	(0.8)	9.3	105.7	104.7	106.6	(0.9)	1.8
INCOME										
Personal Income Per Capita (\$)	---	---	---	---	---	19,878	20,480	---	3.0	---
Total Wages & Salaries (\$ millions)	JAN-DEC/99	9,810.1	10,334.2	3.6	5.3	9,469.1	9,810.1	10,334.2	3.6	5.3
Average Weekly Wages & Salaries (\$)	DEC/99	519.39	526.20	3.8	1.3	501.47 x	510.35 x	518.66 x	1.8	1.6
RETAIL TRADE										
- (\$ millions)										
All Retail Outlets-S.A.	JAN-DEC/99	7,648.3	8,061.0	4.2	5.4	7,341.6	7,648.3	8,061.0	4.2	5.4
Dept. Store Sales-Actual	JAN/2000	28.2	26.9	8.0	(4.6)	505.6	531.2	567.8	5.1	6.9
New Motor Vehicle Sales-Actual	JAN-DEC/99	1,021.3	1,147.2	8.9	12.3	937.5	1,021.3	1,147.2	8.9	12.3
Wholesale Trade-S.A.	JAN-DEC/99	6,083.0	6,913.0	0.9	13.6	6,031.0	6,083.0	6,913.0	0.9	13.6

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	MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS					ANNUAL STATISTICS					
	INDICATOR	Current	% Change Reference Period			Year-over-Year % Change					
		Reference	1 Year Ago	Current	1 Year Ago/	Current/	1997	1998	1999	1998/1997	1999/1998
		Period			2 Years Ago	1 Year Ago					
COMMODITY SECTORS											
Farm Cash Receipts (\$ millions)	JAN-DEC/99	376.0	396.0	(0.5)	5.3	377.7	376.0	396.0	(0.5)	5.3	
Fish Landings (\$ millions)	JAN-DEC/98	511.8	516.4	9.8	0.9	511.8	516.4	-- --	0.9	-- --	
Pulp/Wood Residue (000m^3)	JAN-DEC/99	3,422.4	3,539.8	(23.9)	3.4	4,496.3	3,422.4	3,539.8	(23.9)	3.4	
Lumber Prod. (000m^3)	JAN-DEC/99	1,453.3	1,667.4	28.5	14.7	1,131.0	1,453.3	1,667.4	28.5	14.7	
Coal Prod. ('000 tonnes)	JAN-DEC/99	2,118.8	1,503.2	(21.4)	(29.1)	2,696.0	2,118.8	1,503.2	(21.4)	(29.1)	
Power Generated (GW.h)	JAN-DEC/99	10,756.7	11,081.0	4.2	3.0	10,323.1	10,756.7	11,081.0	4.2	3.0	
Mfg. Shipments (\$ millions)	JAN-DEC/99	6,829.5	7,687.3	5.5	12.6	6,474.8	6,829.5	7,687.3	5.5	12.6	
Foreign Exports (\$ millions)	JAN-SEPT/99	2,524.7	2,901.0	263.6	14.9	3,161.0	3,439.8	-- --	8.8	-- --	
CONSTRUCTION											
Capital Construction Expenditures (\$millions)	2000	3,374.0 pa	2,465.8 ri	20.2	(26.9)	1,835.7	2,807.6	3,374.0 pa	52.9	20.2	
Building Permits (\$ millions)	JAN/2000	45.9	33.5	216.6	(27.0)	630.7	637.1	898.8	1.0	41.1	
Housing Starts (units)											
Centres 10,000+											
- Starts	JAN-FEB/2000	306	356	63.6	16.3	2,732	2,171	2,834	(20.5)	30.5	
- Completions	JAN-FEB/2000	318	358	16.9	12.6	2,614	2,384	2,676	(8.8)	12.2	
- Under Construction	FEB/2000	975	1,104	(13.6)	13.2	1,214	999	1,116	(17.7)	11.7	
All Areas								-- --			
- Starts	JAN-DEC/99	3,137	4,250	(17.7)	35.5	3,813	3,137	4,250	(17.7)	35.5	
- Completions	JAN-DEC/99	3,416	4,237	(9.1)	24.0	3,756	3,416	4,237	(9.1)	24.0	
- Under Construction	DEC/99	1,503	1,508	(22.0)	0.3	1,926	1,503	1,508	(22.0)	0.3	
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (\$millions)											
- at '92 prices		---	---	---	---	19,124	19,674	---	2.9	---	
- at Factor Cost		---	---	---	---	17,365	17,769	---	2.3	---	

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CANADA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

INDICATOR	MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS					ANNUAL STATISTICS				
	Current Reference Period	1 Year Ago	Current	% Change Reference Period		1997	1998	1999	Year-over-Year % Change	
				1 Year Ago/ 2 Years Ago	Current/ 1 Year Ago				1998/1997	1999/1998
POPULATION	OCT 1/99	30,320,312	30,572,544	0.8	0.8	29,987,214 x	30,246,891 x	30,491,294 x	0.9	0.8
VITAL STATISTICS										
Births	JULY-SEPT/99	87,949	86,879	(1.7)	(1.2)	348,598	343,371	---	(1.5)	---
Deaths	JULY-SEPT/99	50,727	51,713	2.1	1.9	215,669	219,834	---	1.9	---
Marriages	JULY-SEPT/99	64,420	n/a	(10.8)	---	153,306	151,224	---	(1.4)	---
MIGRATION										
Total Net Migration	JULY-SEPT/99	54,211	65,381	(18.4)	20.6	186,588	140,061	---	(24.9)	---
Immigration	JULY-SEPT/99	60,938	72,108	(16.3)	18.3	237,246	191,411	---	(19.3)	---
Emigration	JULY-SEPT/99	6,727	6,727	5.1	0.0	50,658	51,350	---	1.4	---
LABOUR FORCE										
- Seasonally Adjusted										
Total Labour Force ('000)	FEB/2000	15,632.0	15,907.0	2.1	1.8	15,153.0	15,417.7	15,721.2	1.7	2.0
Employed ('000)	FEB/2000	14,394.5	14,827.5	2.8	3.0	13,774.4	14,140.4	14,531.2	2.7	2.8
Unemployed ('000)	FEB/2000	1,237.5	1,079.5	(5.8)	(12.8)	1,378.6	1,277.3	1,190.1	(7.3)	(6.8)
Unemp. Rate (%)	FEB/2000	7.9	6.8	---	---	9.1	8.3	7.6	---	---
Participation Rate (%)	FEB/2000	65.5	65.8	---	---	64.9	65.1	65.6	---	---
- Actual										
Employed ('000)	FEB/2000	14,065.9	14,507.1	2.9	3.1	13,774.4	14,140.4	14,531.2	2.7	2.8
Unemp. Rate (%)	FEB/2000	8.5	7.3	---	---	9.1	8.3	7.6	---	---
- Seasonally Adjusted										
Goods Indus. ('000)	FEB/2000	3,745.3	3,886.1	2.1	3.8	3,585.5	3,691.4	3,785.8	3.0	2.6
Service Indus. ('000)	FEB/2000	10,649.2	10,941.4	3.1	2.7	10,188.9	10,449.0	10,745.4	2.6	2.8

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CANADA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

INDICATOR	MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS					ANNUAL STATISTICS				
	Current Reference Period	1 Year Ago	Current	% Change Reference Period		1997	1998	1999	Year-over-Year % Change	
				1 Year Ago/ 2 years Ago	Current/ 1 Year Ago				1998/1997	1999/1998
U.I.C BENEFITS										
Total Benefits Paid (\$'000)	DEC/99	1,007,970	989,100	(2.7)	(1.9)	11,997,402	11,668,432	11,830,146	(2.7)	1.4
Total Beneficiaries (Number)	DEC/99	769,130	713,840	(3.8)	(7.2)	782,225 x	739,290 x	692,707	(5.5)	(6.3)
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - CANADA - (1992=100.0)										
All Items	FEB/2000	109.1	112.0	0.7	2.7	107.6	108.6	110.5	0.9	1.7
Food	FEB/2000	110.5	110.6	1.5	0.1	107.6	109.3	110.7	1.6	1.3
Shelter	FEB/2000	104.5	107.4	1.3	2.8	103.3	103.7	105.1	0.4	1.4
INCOME										
Personal Income Per Capita (\$)	---	---	---	---	---	23,536	24,246	---	3.0	---
Total Wages & Salaries (\$ millions)	JAN-DEC/99	414,883.5	433,792.0	4.2	4.6	398,194.9	414,883.5	433,792.0	4.2	4.6
Average Weekly Wages & Salaries (\$)	DEC/99	608.90	620.72	1.5	1.9	598.26 x	606.32 x	610.67	1.3	0.7
RETAIL TRADE										
- (\$ millions)										
All Retail Outlets-S.A.	JAN-DEC/99	246,161.0	260,426.0	3.6	5.8	237,596.7	246,184.0	260,426.0	3.6	5.8
Dept. Store Sales-Actual	JAN/2000	990.1	1,010.5	7.4	2.1	15,929.3	16,878.3	17,948.8	6.0	6.3
New Motor Vehicle Sales-Actual	JAN-DEC/99	40,255.8	45,282.9	3.3	12.5	38,986.2	40,255.8	45,282.9	3.3	12.5
Wholesale Trade-S.A.	JAN-DEC/99	335,051.3	361,232.6	3.3	7.8	324,226.1	335,051.3	361,232.6	3.3	7.8

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CANADA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

INDICATOR	MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS					ANNUAL STATISTICS				
	Current Reference Period	1 Year Ago	Current	% Change Reference Period		1997	1998	1999	Year-over-Year % Change	
				1 Year Ago/ 2 Years Ago	Current/ 1 Year Ago				1998/1997	1999/1998
COMMODITY SECTORS										
Farm Cash Receipts (\$ millions)	JAN-DEC/99	29,648.4	30,311.0	(1.4)	2.2	30,061.2	29,648.4	30,311.0	(1.4)	2.2
Fish Landings (\$ millions)	JAN-DEC/98	1,698.0	1,315.3	3.3	(22.5)	1,698.0	1,315.3	-- --	(22.5)	-- --
Pulp/Wood Residue(000m^3)	JAN-DEC/99	107,417.7	115,759.2	(2.5)	7.8	110,142.8	107,417.7	115,759.2	(2.5)	7.8
Lumber Prod. (000m^3)	JAN-DEC/99	65,109.1	69,286.1	0.5	6.4	64,763.9	65,109.1	69,286.1	0.5	6.4
Coal Prod. ('000 tonnes)	JAN-DEC/99	75,359.8	72,472.4	(4.2)	(3.8)	78,673.0	75,359.8	72,472.4	(4.2)	(3.8)
Power Generated (GW.h)	JAN-DEC/99	543,976.8	557,284.7	(1.8)	2.4	553,805.6	543,976.8	557,284.7	(1.8)	2.4
Mfg. Shipments (\$ millions)	JAN-DEC/99	448,753.0	490,442.0	3.2	9.3	435,032.0	448,753.0	490,442.0	3.2	9.3
Foreign Exports (\$ millions)	JAN-DEC/99	297,451.3	330,409.6	5.8	11.1	281,225.7	297,451.3	330,409.6	5.8	11.1
CONSTRUCTION										
Capital Construction Expenditures (\$millions)	2000	99,773.7 pa	104,775.4 ri	4.5	5.0	89,679.8	95,445.7	99,773.7 pa	6.4	4.5
Building Permits (\$ millions)	JAN/2000	1,556.6	2,014.3	(0.2)	29.4	31,234.0	33,199.2	35,745.1	6.3	7.7
Housing Starts - Units Centres 10,000+										
- Starts	JAN-FEB/2000	13,287	14,659	(0.4)	10.3	123,220	116,793	126,656	(5.2)	8.4
- Completions	JAN-FEB/2000	15,109	14,257	(7.5)	(5.6)	117,821	113,729	112,572	(3.5)	(1.0)
- Under Construction	FEB/2000	60,842	69,256	6.3	13.8	59,918	63,298	72,635	5.6	14.8
All Areas										
- Starts	JAN-DEC/99	137,439	149,968	(6.5)	9.1	147,040	137,439	149,968	(6.5)	9.1
- Completions	JAN-DEC/99	133,941	140,983	(6.6)	5.3	143,386	133,941	140,983	(6.6)	5.3
- Under Construction	DEC/99	74,932	83,376	1.3	11.3	73,984	74,932	83,376	1.3	11.3
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (\$millions)										
- at '92 prices	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	813,031	838,265	873,374	3.1	4.2
- at Factor Cost-constant '92 \$	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	700,804	721,003	750,199	2.9	4.0

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INDICATOR	MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS					ANNUAL STATISTICS				
	Current	% Change Reference Period				Year-over-Year % Change				
	Reference	1 Year Ago	Current	1 Year Ago/ 2 Years Ago	Current/ 1 Year Ago	1997	1998	1999	1998/1997	1999/1998
	Period									
POPULATION	JAN 1/2000	937,615	942,017	0.2	0.5	934,538 x	936,089 x	939,791 x	0.2	0.4
VITAL STATISTICS										
Births	OCT-DEC/99	2,280	2,268	(1.9)	(0.5)	9,952	9,747	9,647	(2.1)	(1.0)
Deaths	OCT-DEC/99	2,004	2,058	1.9	2.7	8,044	8,202	8,368	2.0	2.0
Marriages	OCT-DEC/99	965	n/a	(7.7)	---	5,177	5,103	---	(1.4)	---
MIGRATION										
Total Net Migration	OCT-DEC/99	(183)	(845)	---	---	532	307	3,123	(42.3)	917.3
Net Interprovincial	OCT-DEC/99	190	554	---	191.6	(2,074)	(1,491)	1,418	---	---
Net International	OCT-DEC/99	(373)	(1,399)	---	---	2,606	1,798	1,705	(31.0)	(5.2)
Immigration	OCT-DEC/99	399	349	(26.5)	(12.5)	3,338	3,028	3,891	(9.3)	28.5
Emigration	OCT-DEC/99	772	1,748	139.8	126.4	732	1,230	2,186	68.0	77.7
LABOUR FORCE										
- Seasonally Adjusted										
Total Labour Force ('000)	MAR/2000	449.8	461.8	1.5	2.7	437.4	445.9	452.0	1.9	1.4
Employed ('000)	MAR/2000	403.4	420.9	1.2	4.3	384.3	398.9	408.6	3.8	2.4
Unemployed ('000)	MAR/2000	46.4	40.9	4.3	(11.9)	53.1	46.9	43.3	(11.7)	(7.7)
Unemp. Rate (%)	MAR/2000	10.3	8.9	---	---	12.1	10.5	9.6	---	---
Participation Rate (%)	MAR/2000	60.9	61.9	---	---	59.9	60.7	61.0	---	---
- Actual										
Employed ('000)	MAR/2000	388.0	406.1	1.2	4.7	384.3	398.9	408.6	3.8	2.4
Unemp. Rate (%)	MAR/2000	11.6	9.9	---	---	12.1	10.5	9.6	---	---
- Seasonally Adjusted										
Goods Indus. ('000)	MAR/2000	89.7	93.1	0.1	3.8	83.8	88.0	90.7	5.0	3.1
Service Indus. ('000)	MAR/2000	313.7	337.7	1.5	7.7	300.5	310.9	317.9	3.5	2.3

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	Current Reference Period	1 Year Ago	Current	% Change Reference Period		1997	1998	1999	Year-over-Year % Change	
				1 Year Ago/ 2 years Ago	Current 1 Year Ago				1998/1997	1999/1998
U.I.C BENEFITS										
Total Benefits Paid (\$'000)	JAN/2000	57,054	66,843	5.4	17.2	588,369	565,497	555,166	(3.9)	(1.8)
Total Beneficiaries (Number)	JAN/2000	47,170	48,060	(1.4)	1.9	40,348 x	38,386 x	36,657	(4.9)	(4.5)
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - Nova Scotia - (1992=100.0)										
All Items	MAR/2000	108.7	113.5	0.1	4.4	107.8	108.5	110.3	0.6	1.7
Food	MAR/2000	110.2	112.0	(0.5)	1.6	108.4	110.5	111.4	1.9	0.8
Shelter	MAR/2000	104.2	113.5	(0.8)	8.9	105.7	104.7	106.6	(0.9)	1.8
INCOME										
Personal Income Per Capita (\$)	---	---	---	---	---	19,878	20,480	---	3.0	---
Total Wages & Salaries (\$ millions)	JAN-DEC/99	9,810.1	10,334.2	3.6	5.3	9,469.1	9,810.1	10,334.2	3.6	5.3
Average Weekly Wages & Salaries (\$)	JAN/2000	505.83	518.82	1.5	2.6	501.47 x	510.35 x	518.06 x	1.8	1.5
RETAIL TRADE										
- (\$ millions)										
All Retail Outlets-S.A.	JAN/2000	654.5	681.8	4.3	4.2	7,341.6	7,648.3	8,049.0	4.2	5.2
Dept. Store Sales-Actual	JAN-FEB/2000	55.9	56.6	4.7	1.3	505.6	531.2	567.8	5.1	6.9
New Motor Vehicle Sales-Actual	JAN-FEB/2000	123.3	142.4	15.6	15.5	937.5	1,021.3	1,148.7	8.9	12.5
Wholesale Trade-S.A.	JAN/2000	550.0	552.3	14.0	0.4	6,048.1	5,899.2	6,674.6	(2.5)	13.1

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	Current	% Change Reference Period				Year-over-Year % Change					
	Reference	1 Year Ago		Current	1 Year Ago/ 2 Years Ago	Current/ 1 Year Ago	1997	1998	1999	1998/1997	1999/1998
	Period	1 Year Ago	Current	2 Years Ago	1 Year Ago	1997	1998	1999	1998/1997	1999/1998	
COMMODITY SECTORS											
Farm Cash Receipts (\$ millions)	JAN-DEC/99	376.0	396.0	(0.5)	5.3	377.7	376.0	396.0	(0.5)	5.3	
Fish Landings (\$ millions)	JAN-DEC/98	511.8	516.4	9.8	0.9	511.8	516.4	---	0.9	---	
Pulp/Wood Residue (000m^3)	JAN/2000	276.5	398.5	(31.7)	44.1	4,496.3	3,422.4	3,539.8	(23.9)	3.4	
Lumber Prod. (000m^3)	JAN/2000	124.6	139.8	18.1	12.2	1,131.0	1,453.3	1,667.4	28.5	14.7	
Coal Prod. ('000 tonnes)	JAN-DEC/99	2,118.8	1,503.2	(21.4)	(29.1)	2,696.0	2,118.8	1,503.2	(21.4)	(29.1)	
Natural Gas Production (million m^3)	JAN-FEB/2000	---	171.4	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	
Power Generated (GW.h)	JAN-DEC/99	10,756.7	11,081.0	4.2	3.0	10,323.1	10,756.7	11,081.0	4.2	3.0	
Mfg. Shipments (\$ millions)	JAN/2000	534.1	583.6	6.5	9.3	6,474.8	6,829.5	7,678.8	5.5	12.4	
Foreign Exports (\$ millions)	JAN-SEPT/99	2,524.7	2,901.0	263.6	14.9	3,161.0	3,439.8	---	8.8	---	
CONSTRUCTION											
Capital Construction Expenditures (\$millions)	2000	3,374.0 pa	2,465.8 i	20.2	(26.9)	1,835.7	2,807.6	3,374.0 pa	52.9	20.2	
Building Permits (\$ millions)	JAN-FEB/2000	86.6	69.5	129.7	(19.7)	630.7	637.1	898.8	1.0	41.1	
Housing Starts (units)											
Centres 10,000+											
- Starts	JAN-MAR/2000	401	534	59.1	33.2	2,732	2,171	2,834	(20.5)	30.5	
- Completions	JAN-MAR/2000	470	728	14.9	54.9	2,614	2,384	2,676	(8.8)	12.2	
- Under Construction	MAR/2000	912	912	(13.6)	0.0	1,214	999	1,116	(17.7)	11.7	
All Areas											
- Starts	JAN-DEC/99	3,137	4,250	(17.7)	35.5	3,813	3,137	4,250	(17.7)	35.5	
- Completions	JAN-DEC/99	3,416	4,237	(9.1)	24.0	3,756	3,416	4,237	(9.1)	24.0	
- Under Construction	DEC/99	1,503	1,508	(22.0)	0.3	1,926	1,503	1,508	(22.0)	0.3	
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (\$millions)											
- at '92 prices	---	---	---	---	---	19,124	19,674	---	2.9	---	
- at Factor Cost	---	---	---	---	---	17,365	17,769	---	2.3	---	

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	Current Reference Period	1 Year Ago	Current	% Change Reference Period		1997	1998	1999	Year-over-Year % Change	
				1 Year Ago/ 2 Years Ago	Current/ 1 Year Ago				1998/1997	1999/1998
POPULATION	JAN 1/2000	30,348,542	30,606,659	0.8	0.9	29,987,214 x	30,246,891 x	30,491,294 x	0.9	0.8
VITAL STATISTICS										
Births	OCT-DEC/99	80,947	79,824	(1.0)	(1.4)	348,598	343,371	338,698	(1.5)	(1.4)
Deaths	OCT-DEC/99	55,128	56,840	1.5	3.1	215,669	219,834	225,123	1.9	2.4
Marriages	OCT-DEC/99	27,170	n/a	(6.2)	--	153,306	151,224	--	(1.4)	--
MIGRATION										
Total Net Migration	OCT-DEC/99	2,411	11,131	(69.8)	361.7	159,762	113,745	144,542	(28.8)	27.1
Immigration	OCT-DEC/99	38,175	48,455	(15.0)	26.9	237,246	191,411	226,059	(19.3)	18.1
Emigration	OCT-DEC/99	35,764	37,324	(3.2)	4.4	77,484	77,666	81,517	0.2	5.0
LABOUR FORCE										
- Seasonally Adjusted										
Total Labour Force ('000)	MAR/2000	15,634.5	15,944.1	2.1	2.0	15,153.0	15,417.7	15,721.2	1.7	2.0
Employed ('000)	MAR/2000	14,401.9	14,857.8	2.7	3.2	13,774.4	14,140.4	14,531.2	2.7	2.8
Unemployed ('000)	MAR/2000	1,232.7	1,086.3	(4.3)	(11.9)	1,378.6	1,277.3	1,190.1	(7.3)	(6.8)
Unemp. Rate (%)	MAR/2000	7.9	6.8	---	---	9.1	8.3	7.6	---	---
Participation Rate (%)	MAR/2000	65.5	65.9	---	---	64.9	65.1	65.6	---	---
- Actual										
Employed ('000)	MAR/2000	14,096.9	14,550.5	2.7	3.2	13,774.4	14,140.4	14,531.2	2.7	2.8
Unemp. Rate (%)	MAR/2000	8.4	7.3	---	---	9.1	8.3	7.6	---	---
- Seasonally Adjusted										
Goods Indus. ('000)	MAR/2000	3,746.8	3,887.4	1.9	3.8	3,585.5	3,691.4	3,785.8	3.0	2.6
Service Indus. ('000)	MAR/2000	10,655.1	10,970.4	2.9	3.0	10,188.9	10,449.0	10,745.4	2.6	2.8

x-Statistics Canada revised estimate at July 1.

CANADA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

INDICATOR	MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS					ANNUAL STATISTICS				
	Current Reference Period	1 Year Ago	Current	% Change Reference Period		1997	1998	1999	Year-over-Year % Change	
				1 Year Ago/ 2 years Ago	Current/ 1 Year Ago				1998/1997	1999/1998
U.I.C BENEFITS										
Total Benefits Paid (\$'000)	JAN/2000	1,169,353	1,184,253	2.0	1.3	11,997,402	11,668,432	11,830,146	(2.7)	1.4
Total Beneficiaries (Number)	JAN/2000	898,560	838,750	(5.6)	(6.7)	782,225 x	739,290 x	692,449	(5.5)	(6.3)
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - CANADA - (1992=100.0)										
All Items	MAR/2000	109.5	112.8	1.0	3.0	107.6	108.6	110.5	0.9	1.7
Food	MAR/2000	110.7	111.1	1.4	0.4	107.6	109.3	110.7	1.6	1.3
Shelter	MAR/2000	104.5	107.5	1.1	2.9	103.3	103.7	105.1	0.4	1.4
INCOME										
Personal Income Per Capita (\$)	---	---	---	---	---	23,536	24,246	---	3.0	---
Total Wages & Salaries (\$ millions)	JAN-DEC/99	414,883.5	433,792.0	4.2	4.6	398,194.9	414,883.5	433,792.0	4.2	4.6
Average Weekly Wages & Salaries (\$)	JAN/2000	605.95	619.29	0.1	2.2	598.26 x	606.32 x	610.40	1.3	0.7
RETAIL TRADE										
- (\$ millions)										
All Retail Outlets-S.A.	JAN/2000	21,125.0	22,549.7	5.4	6.7	237,596.7	246,184.0	260,275.2	3.6	5.7
Dept. Store Sales-Actual	JAN-FEB/2000	1,979.7	2,043.3	5.9	3.2	15,929.3	16,878.3	17,948.8	6.0	6.3
New Motor Vehicle Sales-Actual	JAN-FEB/2000	5,289.2	5,845.9	14.6	10.5	38,986.2	40,255.8	45,317.9	3.3	12.6
Wholesale Trade-S.A.	JAN/2000	28,519.3	31,215.5	5.4	9.5	324,234.4	331,807.7	357,799.0	2.3	7.8

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CANADA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

INDICATOR	MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS					ANNUAL STATISTICS				
	Current	% Change Reference Period				Year-over-Year % Change				
	Reference	1 Year Ago	Current	1 Year Ago/	Current/	1997	1998	1999	1998/1997	1999/1998
	Period			2 Years Ago	1 Year Ago					
COMMODITY SECTORS										
Farm Cash Receipts (\$ millions)	JAN-DEC/99	29,648.4	30,311.0	(1.4)	2.2	30,061.2	29,648.4	30,311.0	(1.4)	2.2
Fish Landings (\$ millions)	JAN-DEC/98	1,698.0	1,315.3	3.3	(22.5)	1,698.0	1,315.3	-- --	(22.5)	-- --
Pulp/Wood Residue(000m^3)	JAN/2000	10,184.3	10,959.1	4.4	7.6	110,142.8	107,417.7	115,759.2	(2.5)	7.8
Lumber Prod. (000m^3)	JAN/2000	5,452.6	5,689.7	6.4	4.3	64,763.9	65,109.1	69,286.1	0.5	6.4
Coal Prod. ('000 tonnes)	JAN-DEC/99	75,359.8	72,472.4	(4.2)	(3.8)	78,673.0	75,359.8	72,472.4	(4.2)	(3.8)
Power Generated (GW.h)	JAN-DEC/99	543,976.8	557,284.7	(1.8)	2.4	553,805.6	543,976.8	557,284.7	(1.8)	2.4
Mfg. Shipments (\$ millions)	JAN/2000	35,171.0	39,710.0	6.4	12.9	435,032.0	448,753.0	490,292.0	3.2	9.3
Foreign Exports (\$ millions)	JAN/2000	24,759.9	28,538.6	9.8	15.3	281,225.7	297,451.3	330,409.6	5.8	11.1
CONSTRUCTION										
Capital Construction										
Expenditures (\$millions)	2000	99,773.7 pa	104,775.4 ri	4.5	5.0	89,679.8	95,445.7	99,773.7 pa	6.4	4.5
Building Permits (\$ millions)	JAN-FEB/2000	3,290.4	4,073.5	(4.6)	23.8	31,234.0	33,199.2	35,745.1	6.3	7.7
Housing Starts - Units										
Centres 10,000+										
- Starts	JAN-MAR/2000	20,923	23,237	(1.7)	11.1	123,220	116,793	126,656	(5.2)	8.4
- Completions	JAN-MAR/2000	24,036	23,527	0.5	(2.1)	117,821	113,729	112,572	(3.5)	(1.0)
- Under Construction	MAR/2000	59,490	68,551	3.1	15.2	59,918	63,298	72,635	5.6	14.8
All Areas										
- Starts	JAN-DEC/99	137,439	149,968	(6.5)	9.1	147,040	137,439	149,968	(6.5)	9.1
- Completions	JAN-DEC/99	133,941	140,983	(6.6)	5.3	143,386	133,941	140,983	(6.6)	5.3
- Under Construction	DEC/99	74,932	83,376	1.3	11.3	73,984	74,932	83,376	1.3	11.3
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (\$millions)										
- at '92 prices	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	813,031	838,265	873,374	3.1	4.2
- at Factor Cost-constant '92 \$	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	700,804	721,003	750,199	2.9	4.0

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Sources: Statistics Canada, Conference Board



Economic Indicators

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NOVA SCOTIA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

INDICATOR	MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS					ANNUAL STATISTICS				
	Current	% Change Reference Period				Year-over-Year % Change				
	Reference	1 Year Ago	Current	1 Year Ago/ 2 Years Ago	Current/ 1 Year Ago	1997	1998	1999	1998/1997	1999/1998
	Period									
POPULATION	JAN 1/2000	937,615	942,017	0.2	0.5	934,538 x	936,089 x	939,791 x	0.2	0.4
VITAL STATISTICS										
Births	OCT-DEC/99	2,280	2,268	(1.9)	(0.5)	9,952	9,747	9,647	(2.1)	(1.0)
Deaths	OCT-DEC/99	2,004	2,058	1.9	2.7	8,044	8,202	8,368	2.0	2.0
Marriages	OCT-DEC/99	965	n/a	(7.7)	---	5,177	5,103	---	(1.4)	---
MIGRATION										
Total Net Migration	OCT-DEC/99	(183)	(845)	---	---	532	307	3,123	(42.3)	917.3
Net Interprovincial	OCT-DEC/99	190	554	---	191.6	(2,074)	(1,491)	1,418	---	---
Net International	OCT-DEC/99	(373)	(1,399)	---	---	2,606	1,798	1,705	(31.0)	(5.2)
Immigration	OCT-DEC/99	399	349	(26.5)	(12.5)	3,338	3,028	3,891	(9.3)	28.5
Emigration	OCT-DEC/99	772	1,748	139.8	126.4	732	1,230	2,186	68.0	77.7
LABOUR FORCE										
- Seasonally Adjusted										
Total Labour Force ('000)	APR/2000	451.1	462.0	0.7	2.4	437.4	445.9	452.0	1.9	1.4
Employed ('000)	APR/2000	409.4	423.0	2.6	3.3	384.3	398.9	408.6	3.8	2.4
Unemployed ('000)	APR/2000	41.7	39.0	(14.2)	(6.5)	53.1	46.9	43.3	(11.7)	(7.7)
Unemp. Rate (%)	APR/2000	9.2	8.4	---	---	12.1	10.5	9.6	---	---
Participation Rate (%)	APR/2000	61.0	61.9	---	---	59.9	60.7	61.0	---	---
- Actual										
Employed ('000)	APR/2000	395.4	409.7	2.7	3.6	384.3	398.9	408.6	3.8	2.4
Unemp. Rate (%)	APR/2000	10.9	9.6	---	---	12.1	10.5	9.6	---	---
- Seasonally Adjusted										
Goods Indus. ('000)	APR/2000	94.5	94.7	5.8	0.2	83.8	88.0	90.7	5.0	3.1
Service Indus. ('000)	APR/2000	314.9	328.2	1.6	4.2	300.5	310.9	317.9	3.5	2.3

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NOVA SCOTIA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

INDICATOR	MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS					ANNUAL STATISTICS				
	Current Reference Period	1 Year Ago	Current	% Change Reference Period		1997	1998	1999	Year-over-Year % Change	
				1 Year Ago/ 2 years Ago	Current 1 Year Ago				1998/1997	1999/1998
U.I.C BENEFITS										
Total Benefits Paid (\$'000)	FEB/2000	56,021	58,680	3.2	4.7	588,369	565,497	555,166	(3.9)	(1.8)
Total Beneficiaries (Number)	FEB/2000	47,840	49,370	(3.4)	3.2	40,348 x	38,386 x	36,635	(4.9)	(4.6)
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - Nova Scotia - (1992=100.0)										
All Items	APR/2000	109.7	113.1	1.2	3.1	107.8	108.5	110.3	0.6	1.7
Food	APR/2000	111.5	111.9	0.9	0.4	108.4	110.5	111.4	1.9	0.8
Shelter	APR/2000	105.7	112.3	0.7	6.2	105.7	104.7	106.6	(0.9)	1.8
INCOME										
Personal Income Per Capita (\$)	---	---	---	---	---	19,878	20,480	---	3.0	---
Total Wages & Salaries (\$ millions)	JAN-DEC/99	9,810.1	10,334.2	3.6	5.3	9,469.1	9,810.1	10,334.2	3.6	5.3
Average Weekly Wages & Salaries (\$)	FEB/2000	510.74	518.11	1.9	1.4	501.47 x	510.35 x	518.06 x	1.8	1.5
RETAIL TRADE										
- (\$ millions)										
All Retail Outlets-S.A.	JAN-MAR/2000	2,003.5	2,081.0	5.5	3.9	7,373.3	7,710.8	8,159.6	4.6	5.8
Dept. Store Sales-Actual	JAN-MAR/2000	95.0	94.6	7.7	(0.4)	505.6	531.2	567.8	5.1	6.9
New Motor Vehicle Sales-Actual	JAN-MAR/2000	226.1	260.6	14.5	15.3	937.5	1,021.3	1,148.7	8.9	12.5
Wholesale Trade-S.A.	JAN-MAR/2000	1,633.0	1,686.0	13.1	3.2	6,048.1	5,899.2	6,676.3	(2.5)	13.2

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NOVA SCOTIA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

INDICATOR	MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS					ANNUAL STATISTICS					
	Current	% Change Reference Period				Year-over-Year % Change					
	Reference	1 Year Ago		Current	1 Year Ago/ 2 Years Ago	Current/ 1 Year Ago	1997	1998	1999	1998/1997	1999/1998
	Period	1 Year Ago	Current	2 Years Ago	1 Year Ago	1997	1998	1999	1998/1997	1999/1998	
COMMODITY SECTORS											
Farm Cash Receipts (\$ millions)	JAN-DEC/99	376.0	396.0	(0.5)	5.3	377.7	376.0	396.0	(0.5)	5.3	
Fish Landings (\$ millions)	JAN-DEC/98	511.8	516.4	9.8	0.9	511.8	516.4	---	0.9	---	
Pulp/Wood Residue (000m^3)	JAN-FEB/2000	847.4	1,313.4	(33.9)	55.0	4,496.3	3,422.4	3,539.8	(23.9)	3.4	
Lumber Prod. (000m^3)	JAN-FEB/2000	243.9	289.0	11.6	18.5	1,131.0	1,453.3	1,667.4	28.5	14.7	
Coal Prod. ('000 tonnes)	JAN-FEB/2000	256.9	51.0	(18.5)	(80.1)	2,696.0	2,118.8	1,503.2	(21.4)	(29.1)	
Natural Gas Production (million m^3)	JAN-FEB/2000	---	171.4	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	
Power Generated (GW.h)	JAN-FEB/2000	2,101.0	2,160.0	7.3	2.8	10,323.1	10,756.7	11,071.7	4.2	2.9	
Mfg. Shipments (\$ millions)	JAN-MAR/2000	1,634.3	1,966.5	4.1	20.3	6,474.8	6,829.5	7,725.0	5.5	13.1	
Foreign Exports (\$ millions)	JAN-SEPT/99	2,524.7	2,901.0	263.6	14.9	3,161.0	3,439.8	---	8.8	---	
CONSTRUCTION											
Capital Construction Expenditures (\$millions)	2000	3,374.0 pa	2,465.8 i	20.2	(26.9)	1,835.7	2,807.6	3,374.0 pa	52.9	20.2	
Building Permits (\$ millions)	JAN-MAR/2000	134.5	145.8	90.0	8.4	630.7	637.1	898.8	1.0	41.1	
Housing Starts (units)											
Centres 10,000+											
- Starts	JAN-APR/2000	656	734	98.2	11.9	2,732	2,171	2,834	(20.5)	30.5	
- Completions	JAN-APR/2000	689	816	6.7	18.4	2,614	2,384	2,676	(8.8)	12.2	
- Under Construction	APR/2000	948	1,022	5.6	7.8	1,214	999	1,116	(17.7)	11.7	
All Areas											
- Starts	JAN-DEC/99	3,137	4,250	(17.7)	35.5	3,813	3,137	4,250	(17.7)	35.5	
- Completions	JAN-DEC/99	3,416	4,237	(9.1)	24.0	3,756	3,416	4,237	(9.1)	24.0	
- Under Construction	DEC/99	1,503	1,508	(22.0)	0.3	1,926	1,503	1,508	(22.0)	0.3	
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (\$millions)											
- at '92 prices	---	---	---	---	---	19,124	19,674	---	2.9	---	
- at Factor Cost	---	---	---	---	---	17,365	17,769	---	2.3	---	

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CANADA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

INDICATOR	MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS					ANNUAL STATISTICS				
	Current Reference Period	1 Year Ago	Current	% Change Reference Period		1997	1998	1999	Year-over-Year % Change	
				1 Year Ago/ 2 Years Ago	Current/ 1 Year Ago				1998/1997	1999/1998
POPULATION	JAN 1/2000	30,348,542	30,606,659	0.8	0.9	29,987,214 x	30,246,891 x	30,491,294 x	0.9	0.8
VITAL STATISTICS										
Births	OCT-DEC/99	80,947	79,824	(1.0)	(1.4)	348,598	343,371	338,698	(1.5)	(1.4)
Deaths	OCT-DEC/99	55,128	56,840	1.5	3.1	215,669	219,834	225,123	1.9	2.4
Marriages	OCT-DEC/99	27,170	n/a	(6.2)	--	153,306	151,224	--	(1.4)	--
MIGRATION										
Total Net Migration	OCT-DEC/99	2,411	11,131	(69.8)	361.7	159,762	113,745	144,542	(28.8)	27.1
Immigration	OCT-DEC/99	38,175	48,455	(15.0)	26.9	237,246	191,411	226,059	(19.3)	18.1
Emigration	OCT-DEC/99	35,764	37,324	(3.2)	4.4	77,484	77,666	81,517	0.2	5.0
LABOUR FORCE										
- Seasonally Adjusted										
Total Labour Force ('000)	APR/2000	15,731.0	15,941.9	2.5	1.3	15,153.0	15,417.7	15,721.2	1.7	2.0
Employed ('000)	APR/2000	14,448.8	14,862.6	2.6	2.9	13,774.4	14,140.4	14,531.2	2.7	2.8
Unemployed ('000)	APR/2000	1,282.2	1,079.3	1.0	(15.8)	1,378.6	1,277.3	1,190.1	(7.3)	(6.8)
Unemp. Rate (%)	APR/2000	8.2	6.8	---	---	9.1	8.3	7.6	---	---
Participation Rate (%)	APR/2000	65.8	65.8	---	---	64.9	65.1	65.6	---	---
- Actual										
Employed ('000)	APR/2000	14,222.3	14,628.8	2.7	2.9	13,774.4	14,140.4	14,531.2	2.7	2.8
Unemp. Rate (%)	APR/2000	8.5	7.1	---	---	9.1	8.3	7.6	---	---
- Seasonally Adjusted										
Goods Indus. ('000)	APR/2000	3,753.4	3,892.1	1.7	3.7	3,585.5	3,691.4	3,785.8	3.0	2.6
Service Indus. ('000)	APR/2000	10,695.4	10,970.4	3.0	2.6	10,188.9	10,449.0	10,745.4	2.6	2.8

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CANADA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

INDICATOR	MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS					ANNUAL STATISTICS				
	Current Reference Period	1 Year Ago	Current	% Change Reference Period		1997	1998	1999	Year-over-Year % Change	
				1 Year Ago/ 2 years Ago	Current/ 1 Year Ago				1998/1997	1999/1998
U.I.C BENEFITS										
Total Benefits Paid (\$'000)	FEB/2000	1,169,892	1,154,100	0.1	(1.3)	11,997,402	11,668,432	11,830,146	(2.7)	1.4
Total Beneficiaries (Number)	FEB/2000	899,450	846,800	(3.4)	(5.9)	782,225 x	739,290 x	692,286 x	(5.5)	(6.4)
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - CANADA - (1992=100.0)										
All Items	APR/2000	110.1	112.4	1.7	2.1	107.6	108.6	110.5	0.9	1.7
Food	APR/2000	110.9	111.3	1.8	0.4	107.6	109.3	110.7	1.6	1.3
Shelter	APR/2000	104.8	107.5	1.3	2.6	103.3	103.7	105.1	0.4	1.4
INCOME										
Personal Income Per Capita (\$)	---	---	---	---	---	23,536	24,246	---	3.0	---
Total Wages & Salaries (\$ millions)	JAN-DEC/99	414,883.5	433,792.0	4.2	4.6	398,194.9	414,883.5	433,792.0	4.2	4.6
Average Weekly Wages & Salaries (\$)	FEB/2000	604.68	622.27	(0.2)	2.9	598.26 x	606.32 x	610.40	1.3	0.7
RETAIL TRADE										
- (\$ millions)										
All Retail Outlets-S.A.	JAN-MAR/2000	63,728.6	67,762.0	4.9	6.3	237,836.6	246,641.0	260,690.8	3.7	5.7
Dept. Store Sales-Actual	JAN-MAR/2000	3,194.7	3,296.4	4.9	3.2	15,929.3	16,878.3	17,948.8	6.0	6.3
New Motor Vehicle Sales-Actual	JAN-MAR/2000	9,532.2	10,477.7	16.1	9.9	38,986.2	40,255.8	45,317.9	3.3	12.6
Wholesale Trade-S.A.	JAN-MAR/2000	86,397.4	93,919.0	4.9	8.7	324,234.4	331,807.7	357,794.4	2.3	7.8

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CANADA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

INDICATOR	MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS					ANNUAL STATISTICS				
	Current Reference Period	1 Year Ago	Current	% Change Reference Period		1997	1998	1999	Year-over-Year % Change	
				1 Year Ago/ 2 Years Ago	Current/ 1 Year Ago				1998/1997	1999/1998
COMMODITY SECTORS										
Farm Cash Receipts (\$ millions)	JAN-DEC/99	29,648.4	30,311.0	(1.4)	2.2	30,061.2	29,648.4	30,311.0	(1.4)	2.2
Fish Landings (\$ millions)	JAN-DEC/98	1,698.0	1,315.3	3.3	(22.5)	1,698.0	1,315.3	-- --	(22.5)	-- --
Pulp/Wood Residue(000m^3)	JAN-FEB/2000	31,417.9	33,552.2	5.2	6.8	110,142.8	107,417.7	115,759.2	(2.5)	7.8
Lumber Prod. (000m^3)	JAN-FEB/2000	11,033.2	11,506.1	6.9	4.3	64,763.9	65,109.1	69,286.1	0.5	6.4
Coal Prod. ('000 tonnes)	JAN-FEB/2000	11,941.4	11,968.3	(5.5)	0.2	78,673.0	75,359.8	72,472.4	(4.2)	(3.8)
Power Generated (GW.h)	JAN-FEB/2000	97,785.7	102,341.1	0.5	4.7	553,805.6	543,976.8	529,595.0	(1.8)	(2.6)
Mfg. Shipments (\$ millions)	JAN-FEB/2000	71,779.0	81,636.0	5.6	13.7	435,032.0	448,753.0	490,235.0	3.2	9.2
Foreign Exports (\$ millions)	JAN-FEB/2000	50,471.0	57,915.9	9.6	14.8	281,225.7	297,451.3	330,409.6	5.8	11.1
CONSTRUCTION										
Capital Construction										
Expenditures (\$millions)	2000	99,773.7 pa	104,775.4 ri	4.5	5.0	89,679.8	95,445.7	99,773.7 pa	6.4	4.5
Building Permits (\$ millions)	JAN-MAR/2000	6,404.7	7,256.5	1.5	13.3	31,234.0	33,199.2	35,745.1	6.3	7.7
Housing Starts - Units										
Centres 10,000+										
- Starts	JAN-APR/2000	32,403	35,899	(1.2)	10.8	123,220	116,793	126,656	(5.2)	8.4
- Completions	JAN-APR/2000	31,340	31,862	(4.3)	1.7	117,821	113,729	112,572	(3.5)	(1.0)
- Under Construction	APR/2000	63,681	72,687	5.4	14.1	59,918	63,298	72,635	5.6	14.8
All Areas										
- Starts	JAN-DEC/99	137,439	149,968	(6.5)	9.1	147,040	137,439	149,964	(6.5)	9.1
- Completions	JAN-DEC/99	133,941	140,983	(6.6)	5.3	143,386	133,941	140,983	(6.6)	5.3
- Under Construction	DEC/99	74,932	83,376	1.3	11.3	73,984	74,932	83,376	1.3	11.3
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (\$millions)										
- at '92 prices	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	813,031	838,265	873,374	3.1	4.2
- at Factor Cost-constant '92 \$	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	700,804	721,003	750,199	2.9	4.0

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Economic Indicators

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NOVA SCOTIA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

INDICATOR	MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS					ANNUAL STATISTICS					
	Current	% Change Reference Period				Year-over-Year % Change					
	Reference	1 Year Ago		Current	1 Year Ago/ 2 Years Ago	Current/ 1 Year Ago	1997	1998	1999	1998/1997	1999/1998
	Period	1 Year Ago	Current	2 Years Ago	1 Year Ago	1997	1998	1999	1998/1997	1999/1998	
POPULATION	JAN 1/2000	937,615	942,017	0.2	0.5	934,538 x	936,089 x	939,791 x	0.2	0.4	
VITAL STATISTICS											
Births	OCT-DEC/99	2,280	2,268	(1.9)	(0.5)	9,952	9,747	9,647	(2.1)	(1.0)	
Deaths	OCT-DEC/99	2,004	2,058	1.9	2.7	8,044	8,202	8,368	2.0	2.0	
Marriages	OCT-DEC/99	965	n/a	(7.7)	---	5,177	5,103	---	(1.4)	---	
MIGRATION											
Total Net Migration	OCT-DEC/99	(183)	(845)	---	---	532	307	3,123	(42.3)	917.3	
Net Interprovincial	OCT-DEC/99	190	554	---	191.6	(2,074)	(1,491)	1,418	---	---	
Net International	OCT-DEC/99	(373)	(1,399)	---	---	2,606	1,798	1,705	(31.0)	(5.2)	
Immigration	OCT-DEC/99	399	349	(26.5)	(12.5)	3,338	3,028	3,891	(9.3)	28.5	
Emigration	OCT-DEC/99	772	1,748	139.8	126.4	732	1,230	2,186	68.0	77.7	
LABOUR FORCE											
- Seasonally Adjusted											
Total Labour Force ('000)	MAY/2000	453.9	457.7	1.8	0.8	437.4	445.9	452.0	1.9	1.4	
Employed ('000)	MAY/2000	410.5	420.3	2.8	2.4	384.3	398.9	408.6	3.8	2.4	
Unemployed ('000)	MAY/2000	43.3	37.5	(6.7)	(13.4)	53.1	46.9	43.3	(11.7)	(7.7)	
Unemp. Rate (%)	MAY/2000	9.5	8.2	---	---	12.1	10.5	9.6	---	---	
Participation Rate (%)	MAY/2000	61.4	61.3	---	---	59.9	60.7	61.0	---	---	
- Actual											
Employed ('000)	MAY/2000	412.2	424.3	2.8	2.9	384.3	398.9	408.6	3.8	2.4	
Unemp. Rate (%)	MAY/2000	10.4	8.7	---	---	12.1	10.5	9.6	---	---	
- Seasonally Adjusted											
Goods Indus. ('000)	MAY/2000	93.2	90.4	5.3	(3.0)	83.8	88.0	90.7	5.0	3.1	
Service Indus. ('000)	MAY/2000	317.3	329.9	2.1	4.0	300.5	310.9	317.9	3.5	2.3	

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NOVA SCOTIA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

INDICATOR	MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS					ANNUAL STATISTICS				
	Current Reference Period	1 Year Ago	Current	% Change Reference Period		1997	1998	1999	Year-over-Year % Change	
				1 Year Ago/ 2 years Ago	Current 1 Year Ago				1998/1997	1999/1998
U.I.C BENEFITS										
Total Benefits Paid (\$'000)	MAR/2000	66,779	61,041	1.4	(8.6)	588,369	565,497	555,166	(3.9)	(1.8)
Total Beneficiaries (Number)	MAR/2000	48,560	48,540	(2.5)	(0.0)	40,348 x	38,386 x	36,635	(4.9)	(4.6)
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - Nova Scotia - (1992=100.0)										
All Items	MAY/2000	109.9	113.5	1.3	3.3	107.8	108.5	110.3	0.6	1.7
Food	MAY/2000	112.0	112.9	1.4	0.8	108.4	110.5	111.4	1.9	0.8
Shelter	MAY/2000	105.6	112.6	0.6	6.6	105.7	104.7	106.6	(0.9)	1.8
INCOME										
Personal Income Per Capita (\$)	---	---	---	---	---	19,878	20,480	---	3.0	---
Total Wages & Salaries (\$ millions)	JAN-MAR/2000	2,507.0	2,640.6	5.7	5.3	9,469.1	9,810.1	10,580.7	3.6	7.9
Average Weekly Wages & Salaries (\$)	MAR/2000	513.65	524.03	1.3	2.0	501.47 x	510.35 x	518.06 x	1.8	1.5
RETAIL TRADE										
- (\$ millions)										
All Retail Outlets-S.A.	JAN-MAR/2000	2,003.5	2,081.5	5.5	3.9	7,373.3	7,710.8	8,159.6	4.6	5.8
Dept. Store Sales-Actual	JAN-APR/2000	134.4	138.2	3.3	2.8	505.6	531.2	567.8	5.1	6.9
New Motor Vehicle Sales-Actual	JAN-APR/2000	338.8	393.9	10.6	16.3	937.5	1,021.3	1,148.7	8.9	12.5
Wholesale Trade-S.A.	JAN-MAR/2000	1,633.0	1,686.0	13.1	3.2	6,048.1	5,899.2	6,676.3	(2.5)	13.2

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NOVA SCOTIA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

INDICATOR	MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS					ANNUAL STATISTICS				
	Current	% Change Reference Period				Year-over-Year % Change				
	Reference	1 Year Ago	Current	1 Year Ago/	Current/	1997	1998	1999	1998/1997	1999/1998
	Period	1 Year Ago	Current	2 Years Ago	1 Year Ago					
COMMODITY SECTORS										
Farm Cash Receipts (\$ millions)	JAN-MAR/2000	86.2	90.8	0.9	5.3	375.6	374.6	396.1	(0.3)	5.7
Fish Landings (\$ millions)	JAN-DEC/98	511.8	516.4	9.8	0.9	511.8	516.4	--	0.9	--
Pulp/Wood Residue (000m^3)	JAN-MAR/2000	803.3	1,094.1	(30.7)	36.2	4,496.3	3,422.4	3,539.8	(23.9)	3.4
Lumber Prod. (000m^3)	JAN-MAR/2000	385.2	444.8	14.0	15.5	1,131.0	1,453.3	1,667.4	28.5	14.7
Coal Prod. ('000 tonnes)	JAN-MAR/2000	432.1	216.0	(30.8)	(50.0)	2,696.0	2,118.8	1,503.2	(21.4)	(29.1)
Natural Gas Production (million m^3)	JAN-FEB/2000	--	171.4	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Power Generated (GW.h)	JAN-MAR/2000	3,145.8	3,201.1	8.3	1.8	10,323.1	10,756.7	11,071.7	4.2	2.9
Mfg. Shipments (\$ millions)	JAN-MAR/2000	1,634.3	1,966.5	4.1	20.3	6,474.8	6,829.5	7,725.0	5.5	13.1
Foreign Exports (\$ millions)	JAN-MAR/2000	896.1	1,019.2	18.4	13.7	3,161.0	3,439.9	3,982.5	8.8	15.8
CONSTRUCTION										
Capital Construction										
Expenditures (\$millions)	2000	3,374.0 pa	2,465.8 ri	20.2	(26.9)	1,835.7	2,807.6	3,374.0 pa	52.9	20.2
Building Permits (\$ millions)	JAN-APR/2000	207.4	294.9	78.2	42.2	630.7	637.1	898.8	1.0	41.1
Housing Starts (units)										
Centres 10,000+										
- Starts	JAN-MAY/2000	1,025	1,096	139.5	6.9	2,732	2,171	2,834	(20.5)	30.5
- Completions	JAN-MAY/2000	792	1,177	4.6	48.6	2,614	2,384	2,676	(8.8)	12.2
- Under Construction	MAY/2000	1,212	1,024	38.2	(15.5)	1,214	999	1,116	(17.7)	11.7
All Areas										
- Starts	JAN-MAR/2000	580	707	105.7	21.9	3,813	3,137	4,250	(17.7)	35.5
- Completions	JAN-MAR/2000	846	878	83.1	3.8	3,756	3,416	4,237	(9.1)	24.0
- Under Construction	MAR/2000	1,252	1,333	(28.3)	6.5	1,926	1,503	1,508	(22.0)	0.3
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT										
(\$millions)										
-at '92 prices	--	--	--	--	--	19,124	19,674	--	2.9	--
-at Factor Cost	--	--	--	--	--	17,365	17,769	--	2.3	--

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CANADA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

INDICATOR	MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS					ANNUAL STATISTICS				
	Current Reference Period	1 Year Ago	Current	% Change Reference Period		1997	1998	1999	Year-over-Year % Change	
				1 Year Ago/ 2 Years Ago	Current/ 1 Year Ago				1998/1997	1999/1998
POPULATION	JAN 1/2000	30,348,542	30,606,659	0.8	0.9	29,987,214 x	30,246,891 x	30,491,294 x	0.9	0.8
VITAL STATISTICS										
Births	OCT-DEC/99	80,947	79,824	(1.0)	(1.4)	348,598	343,371	338,698	(1.5)	(1.4)
Deaths	OCT-DEC/99	55,128	56,840	1.5	3.1	215,669	219,834	225,123	1.9	2.4
Marriages	OCT-DEC/99	27,170	n/a	(6.2)	--	153,306	151,224	--	(1.4)	--
MIGRATION										
Total Net Migration	OCT-DEC/99	2,411	11,131	(69.8)	361.7	159,762	113,745	144,542	(28.8)	27.1
Immigration	OCT-DEC/99	38,175	48,455	(15.0)	26.9	237,246	191,411	226,059	(19.3)	18.1
Emigration	OCT-DEC/99	35,764	37,324	(3.2)	4.4	77,484	77,666	81,517	0.2	5.0
LABOUR FORCE										
- Seasonally Adjusted										
Total Labour Force ('000)	MAY/2000	15,730.5	15,961.5	2.4	1.5	15,153.0	15,417.7	15,721.2	1.7	2.0
Employed ('000)	MAY/2000	14,492.3	14,904.9	2.9	2.8	13,774.4	14,140.4	14,531.2	2.7	2.8
Unemployed ('000)	MAY/2000	1,238.2	1,056.6	(2.5)	(14.7)	1,378.6	1,277.3	1,190.1	(7.3)	(6.8)
Unemp. Rate (%)	MAY/2000	7.9	6.6	---	---	9.1	8.3	7.6	---	---
Participation Rate (%)	MAY/2000	65.8	65.8	---	---	64.9	65.1	65.6	---	---
- Actual										
Employed ('000)	MAY/2000	14,583.7	15,016.7	2.9	3.0	13,774.4	14,140.4	14,531.2	2.7	2.8
Unemp. Rate (%)	MAY/2000	8.1	6.8	---	---	9.1	8.3	7.6	---	---
- Seasonally Adjusted										
Goods Indus. ('000)	MAY/2000	3,771.7	3,906.2	2.4	3.6	3,585.5	3,691.4	3,785.8	3.0	2.6
Service Indus. ('000)	MAY/2000	10,720.7	10,998.6	3.1	2.6	10,188.9	10,449.0	10,745.4	2.6	2.8

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CANADA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

INDICATOR	MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS					ANNUAL STATISTICS				
	Current Reference Period	1 Year Ago	Current	% Change Reference Period		1997	1998	1999	Year-over-Year % Change	
				1 Year Ago/2 years Ago	Current/1 Year Ago				1998/1997	1999/1998
U.I.C BENEFITS										
Total Benefits Paid (\$'000)	MAR/2000	1,381,699	1,101,577	2.9	(20.3)	11,997,402	11,668,432	11,830,146	(2.7)	1.4
Total Beneficiaries (Number)	MAR/2000	880,440	819,920	(3.6)	(6.9)	782,225 x	739,290 x	692,286 x	(5.5)	(6.4)
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - CANADA - (1992=100.0)										
All Items	MAY/2000	110.4	113.0	1.6	2.4	107.6	108.6	110.5	0.9	1.7
Food	MAY/2000	111.1	112.1	1.6	0.9	107.6	109.3	110.7	1.6	1.3
Shelter	MAY/2000	104.6	107.8	1.1	3.1	103.3	103.7	105.1	0.4	1.4
INCOME										
Personal Income Per Capita (\$)	---	---	---	---	---	23,536	24,246	---	3.0	---
Total Wages & Salaries (\$ millions)	JAN-MAR/2000	104,822.0	111,708.4	4.7	6.6	398,037.5	419,189.4	441,377.9	5.3	5.3
Average Weekly Wages & Salaries (\$)	MAR/2000	605.68	624.16	(0.1)	3.1	598.26 x	606.32 x	610.40	1.3	0.7
RETAIL TRADE										
- (\$ millions)										
All Retail Outlets-S.A.	JAN-MAR/2000	63,728.6	67,762.4	4.9	6.3	237,836.6	246,641.0	260,690.8	3.7	5.7
Dept. Store Sales-Actual	JAN-APR/2000	4,534.6	4,688.1	3.6	3.4	15,929.3	16,878.3	17,948.8	6.0	6.3
New Motor Vehicle Sales-Actual	JAN-APR/2000	13,678.2	14,850.7	12.9	8.6	38,986.2	40,255.8	45,317.9	3.3	12.6
Wholesale Trade-S.A.	JAN-MAR/2000	86,397.4	93,919.0	4.9	8.7	324,234.4	331,807.7	357,794.4	2.3	7.8

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CANADA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

INDICATOR	MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS					ANNUAL STATISTICS				
	Current	% Change Reference Period				Year-over-Year % Change				
	Reference	1 Year Ago	Current	1 Year Ago/	Current/	1997	1998	1999	1998/1997	1999/1998
	Period			2 Years Ago	1 Year Ago					
COMMODITY SECTORS										
Farm Cash Receipts (\$ millions)	JAN-MAR/2000	7,820.0	7,932.9	(1.8)	1.4	30,026.2	29,785.1	30,463.6	(0.8)	2.3
Fish Landings (\$ millions)	JAN-DEC/98	1,698.0	1,315.3	3.3	(22.5)	1,698.0	1,315.3	-- --	(22.5)	-- --
Pulp/Wood Residue(000m^3)	JAN-MAR/2000	31,700.8	33,422.4	6.0	5.4	110,142.8	107,417.7	115,759.2	(2.5)	7.8
Lumber Prod. (000m^3)	JAN-MAR/2000	16,962.4	18,086.2	4.3	6.6	64,763.9	65,109.1	69,286.1	0.5	6.4
Coal Prod. ('000 tonnes)	JAN-MAR/2000	18,442.6	18,405.4	(5.9)	(0.2)	78,673.0	75,359.8	72,472.4	(4.2)	(3.8)
Power Generated (GW.h)	JAN-MAR/2000	147,063.0	159,083.9	0.5	8.2	553,805.6	543,976.8	529,595.0	(1.8)	(2.6)
Mfg. Shipments (\$ millions)	JAN-MAR/2000	114,392.0	129,766.0	6.5	13.4	435,032.0	448,753.0	490,343.0	3.2	9.3
Foreign Exports (\$ millions)	JAN-MAR/2000	79,170.2	91,347.4	10.4	15.4	281,225.7	297,451.3	330,409.6	5.8	11.1
CONSTRUCTION										
Capital Construction										
Expenditures (\$millions)	2000	99,773.7 pa	104,775.4 ri	4.5	5.0	89,679.8	95,445.7	99,773.7 pa	6.4	4.5
Building Permits (\$ millions)	JAN-APR/2000	9,699.2	10,378.6	1.5	7.0	31,234.0	33,199.2	35,745.1	6.3	7.7
Housing Starts - Units										
Centres 10,000+										
- Starts	JAN-MAY/2000	45,739	48,517	39.5	6.1	123,220	116,793	126,656	(5.2)	8.4
- Completions	JAN-MAY/2000	38,879	41,749	18.7	7.4	117,821	113,729	112,572	(3.5)	(1.0)
- Under Construction	MAY/2000	69,423	75,472	14.9	8.7	59,918	63,298	72,635	5.6	14.8
All Areas										
- Starts	JAN-MAR/2000	23,376	25,535	(84.1)	9.2	147,040	137,439	149,964	(6.5)	9.1
- Completions	JAN-MAR/2000	29,320	30,243	(79.6)	3.1	143,386	133,941	140,983	(6.6)	5.3
- Under Construction	MAR/2000	69,023	78,487	(6.7)	13.7	73,984	74,932	83,376	1.3	11.3
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (\$millions)										
- at '92 prices	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	813,031	838,265	873,374	3.1	4.2
- at Factor Cost-constant '92 \$	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	700,804	721,003	750,199	2.9	4.0

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NOVA SCOTIA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

INDICATOR	MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS					ANNUAL STATISTICS				
	Current	% Change Reference Period				Year-over-Year % Change				
	Reference	1 Year Ago	Current	1 Year Ago/ 2 Years Ago	Current/ 1 Year Ago	1997	1998	1999	1998/1997	1999/1998
	Period									
POPULATION	APR 1/2000	937,751	942,177	0.2	0.5	934,538 x	936,089 x	939,791 x	0.2	0.4
VITAL STATISTICS										
Births	JAN-MAR/00	2,317	2,308	(1.8)	(0.4)	9,952	9,747	9,647	(2.1)	(1.0)
Deaths	JAN-MAR/00	2,342	2,426	1.9	3.6	8,044	8,202	8,368	2.0	2.0
Marriages	JAN-MAR/00	375	n/a	(5.8)	--	5,177	5,103	--	(1.4)	--
MIGRATION										
Total Net Migration	JAN-MAR/00	161	278	705.0	72.7	421	307	3,123	(27.1)	917.3
Net Interprovincial	JAN-MAR/00	(163)	103	--	--	(2,074)	(1,491)	1,418	--	--
Net International	JAN-MAR/00	324	175	(57.3)	(46.0)	2,495	1,798	1,705	(27.9)	(5.2)
Immigration	JAN-MAR/00	294	305	(65.3)	3.7	3,227	3,028	3,891	(6.2)	28.5
Emigration	JAN-MAR/00	94	130	5.6	38.3	732	1,230	2,186	68.0	77.7
LABOUR FORCE										
- Seasonally Adjusted										
Total Labour Force ('000)	JUN/2000	451.3	458.5	1.0	1.6	437.4	445.9	452.0	1.9	1.4
Employed ('000)	JUN/2000	410.6	419.8	2.8	2.2	384.3	398.9	408.6	3.8	2.4
Unemployed ('000)	JUN/2000	40.8	38.7	(13.7)	(5.1)	53.1	46.9	43.3	(11.7)	(7.7)
Unemp. Rate (%)	JUN/2000	9.0	8.4	--	--	12.1	10.5	9.6	--	--
Participation Rate (%)	JUN/2000	61.0	61.3	--	--	59.9	60.7	61.0	--	--
- Actual										
Employed ('000)	JUN/2000	424.4	433.2	2.7	2.1	384.3	398.9	408.6	3.8	2.4
Unemp. Rate (%)	JUN/2000	8.4	7.8	--	--	12.1	10.5	9.6	--	--
- Seasonally Adjusted										
Goods Indus. ('000)	JUN/2000	92.8	91.1	5.6	(1.8)	83.8	88.0	90.7	5.0	3.1
Service Indus. ('000)	JUN/2000	317.8	328.7	2.1	3.4	300.5	310.9	317.9	3.5	2.3

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INDICATOR	MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS					ANNUAL STATISTICS				
	Current Reference Period	1 Year Ago	Current	<u>% Change Reference Period</u>		1997	1998	1999	<u>Year-over-Year % Change</u>	
				1 Year Ago/ 2 years Ago	Current 1 Year Ago				1998/1997	1999/1998
U.I.C BENEFITS										
Total Benefits Paid (\$'000)	APR/2000	52,330	62,731	(8.6)	19.9	588,369	565,497	555,166	(3.9)	(1.8)
Total Beneficiaries (Number)	APR/2000	42,230	41,780	(7.8)	(1.1)	40,348 x	38,386 x	36,635	(4.9)	(4.6)
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - Nova Scotia - (1992=100.0)										
All Items	JUN/2000	110.0	114.2	1.5	3.8	107.8	108.5	110.3	0.6	1.7
Food	JUN/2000	111.7	113.6	0.6	1.7	108.4	110.5	111.4	1.9	0.8
Shelter	JUN/2000	105.6	112.7	0.7	6.7	105.7	104.7	106.6	(0.9)	1.8
INCOME										
Personal Income Per Capita (\$)	--	--	--	--	--	19,878	20,480	--	3.0	--
Total Wages & Salaries (\$ millions)	JAN-APR/2000	3,373.5	3,605.7	5.9	6.9	9,478.2	10,122.7	10,659.2	6.8	5.3
Average Weekly Wages & Salaries (\$)	APR/2000	522.58	524.17	2.3	0.3	501.47 x	510.35 x	518.06 x	1.8	1.5
RETAIL TRADE										
- (\$ millions)										
All Retail Outlets-S.A.	JAN-APR/2000	2,673.0	2,774.0	5.2	3.8	7,373.3	7,710.8	8,159.6	4.6	5.8
Dept. Store Sales-Actual	JAN-MAY/2000	179.2	179.3	5.0	0.1	505.6	531.2	567.8	5.1	6.9
New Motor Vehicle Sales-Actual	JAN-APR/2000	338.8	393.9	10.6	16.3	937.5	1,021.3	1,148.7	8.9	12.5
Wholesale Trade-S.A.	JAN-APR/2000	2,852.2	2,953.3	5.2	3.5	6,048.1	5,899.2	6,676.3	(2.5)	13.2

x - Annual Averages

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NOVA SCOTIA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

INDICATOR	MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS					ANNUAL STATISTICS				
	Current Reference Period	1 Year Ago	Current	<u>% Change Reference Period</u> 1 Year Ago/ 2 Years Ago		1997	1998	1999	<u>Year-over-Year % Change</u> 1998/1997 1999/1998	
					Current/ 1 Year Ago					
COMMODITY SECTORS										
Farm Cash Receipts (\$ millions)	JAN-MAR/2000	85.7	90.8	0.4	6.0	375.6	374.6	396.1	(0.3)	5.7
Fish Landings (\$ millions)	JAN-DEC/98	511.8	516.4	9.8	0.9	511.8	516.4	--	0.9	--
Pulp/Wood Residue (000m^3)	JAN-APR/2000	1,006.6	1,368.6	(26.1)	36.0	4,496.3	3,422.4	3,539.8	(23.9)	3.4
Lumber Prod. (000m^3)	JAN-APR/2000	522.5	590.2	14.8	13.0	1,131.0	1,453.3	1,667.4	28.5	14.7
Coal Prod. ('000 tonnes)	JAN-APR/2000	547.6	277.7	(31.6)	(49.3)	2,696.0	2,118.8	1,503.2	(21.4)	(29.1)
Natural Gas Production (million m^3)	JAN-FEB/2000	--	171.4	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Power Generated (GW.h)	JAN-APR/2000	4,089.3	4,145.2	8.2	1.4	10,323.1	10,756.7	11,071.7	4.2	2.9
Mfg. Shipments (\$ millions)	JAN-APR/2000	2,258.1	2,623.8	7.0	16.2	6,474.8	6,829.5	7,725.1	5.5	13.1
Foreign Exports (\$ millions)	JAN-MAR/2000	896.1	1,019.2	18.4	13.7	3,161.0	3,439.9	3,982.5	8.8	15.8
CONSTRUCTION										
Capital Construction Expenditures (\$millions)	2000	3,335.6 pa	2,353.4 ri	18.8	(29.4)	1,889.5	2,807.6	3,335.6 pa	48.6	18.8
Building Permits (\$ millions)	JAN-MAY/2000	306.7	401.8	58.8	31.0	630.7	637.1	898.8	1.0	41.1
Housing Starts (units)										
Centres 10,000+										
- Starts	JAN-JUN/2000	1,399	1,438	116.2	2.8	2,732	2,171	2,834	(20.5)	30.5
- Completions	JAN-JUN/2000	933	1,352	0.0	44.9	2,614	2,384	2,676	(8.8)	12.2
- Under Construction	JUN/2000	1,439	1,190	54.2	(17.3)	--	--	--	--	--
All Areas										
- Starts	JAN-JUN/2000	1,979	2,029	123.9	2.5	3,813	3,137	4,250	(17.7)	35.5
- Completions	JAN-JUN/2000	1,484	1,960	17.5	32.1	3,756	3,416	4,237	(9.1)	24.0
- Under Construction	APR-JUN/2000	2,009	1,571	29.6	(21.8)	--	--	--	--	--
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (\$millions)										
-at '92 prices	--	--	--	--	--	19,124	19,674	--	2.9	--
-at Factor Cost	--	--	--	--	--	17,365	17,769	--	2.3	--

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Sources: Statistics Canada, Conference Board

CANADA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

INDICATOR	MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS					ANNUAL STATISTICS				
	Current Reference Period	1 Year Ago	Current	% Change Reference Period		1997	1998	1999	Year-over-Year % Change	
				1 Year Ago/ 2 Years Ago	Current/ 1 Year Ago				1998/1997	1999/1998
POPULATION	APR 1/2000	30,404,091	30,666,864	0.8	0.9	29,987,214 x	30,246,891 x	30,491,294 x	0.9	0.8
VITAL STATISTICS										
Births	JAN-MAR/00	82,594	81,937	(1.3)	(0.8)	348,598	343,371	338,698	(1.5)	(1.4)
Deaths	JAN-MAR/00	62,145	63,503	2.3	2.2	215,669	219,834	225,123	1.9	2.4
Marriages	JAN-MAR/00	15,275	n/a	(5.4)	--	153,306	151,224	--	(1.4)	--
MIGRATION										
Total Net Migration	JAN-MAR/00	35,100	41,771	2.9	19.0	159,762	113,745	144,542	(28.8)	27.1
Immigration	JAN-MAR/00	44,693	51,964	3.4	16.3	237,246	191,411	226,059	(19.3)	18.1
Emigration	JAN-MAR/00	9,593	10,193	5.3	6.3	77,484	77,666	81,517	0.2	5.0
LABOUR FORCE										
- Seasonally Adjusted										
Total Labour Force ('000)	JUNE/2000	15,681.5	15,942.0	2.0	1.7	15,153.0	15,417.7	15,721.2	1.7	2.0
Employed ('000)	JUNE/2000	14,510.7	14,890.8	3.0	2.6	13,774.4	14,140.4	14,531.2	2.7	2.8
Unemployed ('000)	JUNE/2000	1,170.8	1,051.2	(8.7)	(10.2)	1,378.6	1,277.3	1,190.1	(7.3)	(6.8)
Unemp. Rate (%)	JUNE/2000	7.5	6.6	--	--	9.1	8.3	7.6	--	--
Participation Rate (%)	JUNE/2000	65.5	65.7	--	--	64.9	65.1	65.6	--	--
- Actual										
Employed ('000)	JUNE/2000	14,843.3	15,205.1	2.9	2.4	13,774.4	14,140.4	14,531.2	2.7	2.8
Unemp. Rate (%)	JUNE/2000	7.2	6.3	--	--	9.1	8.3	7.6	--	--
- Seasonally Adjusted										
Goods Indus. ('000)	JUNE/2000	3,778.6	3,864.8	3.2	2.3	3,585.5	3,691.4	3,785.8	3.0	2.6
Service Indus. ('000)	JUNE/2000	10,732.1	11,026.0	2.9	2.7	10,188.9	10,449.0	10,745.4	2.6	2.8

x-Statistics Canada revised estimate at July 1.

CANADA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

INDICATOR	MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS					ANNUAL STATISTICS				
	Current Reference Period	1 Year Ago	Current	% Change Reference Period		1997	1998	1999	Year-over-Year % Change	
				1 Year Ago/2 years Ago	Current/1 Year Ago				1998/1997	1999/1998
U.I.C BENEFITS										
Total Benefits Paid (\$'000)	APR/2000	1,257,710	1,247,715	7.1	(0.8)	11,997,402	11,668,432	11,830,146	(2.7)	1.4
Total Beneficiaries (Number)	APR/2000	795,620	737,320	(4.8)	(7.3)	782,225 x	739,290 x	692,286 x	(5.5)	(6.4)
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - CANADA - (1992=100.0)										
All Items	JUN/2000	110.5	113.7	1.6	2.9	107.6	108.6	110.5	0.9	1.7
Food	JUN/2000	111.5	112.9	1.2	1.3	107.6	109.3	110.7	1.6	1.3
Shelter	JUN/2000	104.7	108.1	1.2	3.2	103.3	103.7	105.1	0.4	1.4
INCOME										
Personal Income Per Capita (\$)	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	23,536	24,246	-- --	3.0	-- --
Total Wages & Salaries (\$ millions)	JAN-APR/2000	140,671.8	151,167.7	4.7	7.5	398,037.5	419,189.4	441,377.9	5.3	5.3
Average Weekly Wages & Salaries (\$)	APR/2000	608.07	622.92	0.0	2.4	598.26 x	606.32 x	610.40	1.3	0.7
RETAIL TRADE										
- (\$ millions)										
All Retail Outlets-S.A.	JAN-APR/2000	85,082.4	90,309.0	4.4	6.1	237,836.6	246,641.0	260,690.8	3.7	5.7
Dept. Store Sales-Actual	JAN-MAY/2000	5,994.5	6,132.6	4.3	2.3	15,929.3	16,878.3	17,948.8	6.0	6.3
New Motor Vehicle Sales-Actual	JAN-MAY/2000	18,019.0	19,761.2	9.4	9.7	38,986.2	40,255.8	45,317.9	3.3	12.6
Wholesale Trade-S.A.	JAN-APR/2000	115,480.0	125,494.9	4.8	8.7	324,234.4	331,807.7	357,794.8	2.3	7.8

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CANADA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

INDICATOR	MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS					ANNUAL STATISTICS				
	Current	% Change Reference Period				Year-over-Year % Change				
	Reference	1 Year Ago	Current	1 Year Ago/	Current/	1997	1998	1999	1998/1997	1999/1998
	Period			2 Years Ago	1 Year Ago					
COMMODITY SECTORS										
Farm Cash Receipts (\$ millions)	JAN-MAR/2000	7,820.0	7,932.9	(1.8)	1.4	30,026.2	29,785.1	30,463.6	(0.8)	2.3
Fish Landings (\$ millions)	JAN-DEC/98	1,698.0	1,315.3	3.3	(22.5)	1,698.0	1,315.3	-- --	(22.5)	-- --
Pulp/Wood Residue(000m^3)	JAN-APR/2000	39,778.6	42,118.9	6.1	5.9	110,142.8	107,417.7	115,759.2	(2.5)	7.8
Lumber Prod. (000m^3)	JAN-APR/2000	23,065.2	24,181.5	2.4	4.8	64,763.9	65,109.1	69,286.1	0.5	6.4
Coal Prod. ('000 tonnes)	JAN-APR/2000	24,309.9	23,972.7	(6.1)	(1.4)	78,673.0	75,359.8	72,472.4	(4.2)	(3.8)
Power Generated (GW.h)	JAN-APR/2000	186,598.3	204,491.3	(1.7)	9.6	553,805.6	543,976.8	529,595.0	(1.8)	(2.6)
Mfg. Shipments (\$ millions)	JAN-APR/2000	154,362.0	171,863.0	6.3	11.3	435,032.0	448,753.0	490,343.0	3.2	9.3
Foreign Exports (\$ millions)	JAN-MAR/2000	79,170.2	91,347.4	10.4	15.4	281,225.7	297,451.3	330,409.6	5.8	11.1
CONSTRUCTION										
Capital Construction										
Expenditures (\$millions)	2000	99,985.0 pa	108,117.4 ri	4.8	8.1	89,679.8	95,445.7	99,985.0 pa	6.4	4.8
Building Permits (\$ millions)	JAN-MAY/2000	13,307.4	14,153.2	2.6	6.4	31,234.0	33,199.2	35,745.1	6.3	7.7
Housing Starts - Units										
Centres 10,000+										
- Starts	JAN-JUN/2000	58,778	59,935	3.6	2.0	123,220	116,793	126,656	(5.2)	8.4
- Completions	JAN-JUN/2000	48,447	52,607	(5.9)	8.6	117,821	113,729	112,572	(3.5)	(1.0)
- Under Construction	JUN/2000	72,860	76,016	11.0	4.3	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --
All Areas										
- Starts	JAN-JUN/2000	68,308	68,281	4.0	(0.0)	147,040	137,439	149,964	(6.5)	9.1
- Completions	JAN-JUN/2000	59,958	63,926	(0.7)	6.6	143,386	133,941	140,983	(6.6)	5.3
- Under Construction	APR-JUN/2000	83,234	87,611	7.8	5.3	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (\$millions)										
- at '92 prices	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	815,013	842,002	880,254	3.3	4.5
- at Factor Cost-constant '92 \$	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	700,804	721,003	750,562	2.9	4.1

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NOVA SCOTIA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

INDICATOR	MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS					ANNUAL STATISTICS				
	Current Reference Period	1 Year Ago	Current	% Change Reference Period		1997	1998	1999	Year-over-Year % Change	
				1 Year Ago/2 Years Ago	Current/1 Year Ago				1998/1997	1999/1998
POPULATION	APR 1/2000	937,751	942,177	0.2	0.5	934,538 x	936,089 x	939,791 x	0.2	0.4
VITAL STATISTICS										
Births	JAN-MAR/00	2,317	2,308	(1.8)	(0.4)	9,952	9,747	9,647	(2.1)	(1.0)
Deaths	JAN-MAR/00	2342	2,426	1.9	3.6	8,044	8,202	8,368	2.0	2.0
Marriages	JAN-MAR/00	382	382	(4.0)	0.0	5,177	5,125	5,102	(1.0)	--
MIGRATION										
Total Net Migration	JAN-MAR/00	37	310	85.0	737.8	267	(275)	2,414	--	--
Net Interprovincial	JAN-MAR/00	(163)	103	--	--	(2,074)	(1,491)	1,418	--	--
Net International	JAN-MAR/00	200	207	(73.6)	3.5	2,341	1,216	996	(48.1)	(18.1)
Immigration	JAN-MAR/00	294	305	(65.3)	3.7	2,910	2,076	1,608	(28.7)	(22.5)
Emigration	JAN-MAR/00	94	98	5.6	4.3	569	582	612	2.3	5.2
LABOUR FORCE										
- Seasonally Adjusted										
Total Labour Force ('000)	JUL/2000	449.8	462.2	0.8	2.8	437	446	452	1.9	1.4
Employed ('000)	JUL/2000	408.5	419.7	2.4	2.7	384	399	409	3.8	2.4
Unemployed ('000)	JUL/2000	41.3	42.5	(12.7)	2.9	53	47	43	(11.7)	(7.7)
Unemp. Rate (%)	JUL/2000	9.2	9.2	--	--	12	11	10	--	--
Participation Rate (%)	JUL/2000	60.7	61.8	--	--	60	61	61	--	--
- Actual										
Employed ('000)	JUL/2000	429.6	439.5	2.5	2.3	384	399	409	3.8	2.4
Unemp. Rate (%)	JUL/2000	8.7	9.1	--	--	12	11	10	--	--
- Seasonally Adjusted										
Goods Indus. ('000)	JUL/2000	89.6	91.8	0.8	2.5	84	88	91	5.0	3.1
Service Indus. ('000)	JUL/2000	318.9	327.9	2.8	2.8	301	311	318	3.5	2.3

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NOVA SCOTIA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

INDICATOR	MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS					ANNUAL STATISTICS				
	Current			% Change Reference Period					Year-over-Year % Change	
	Reference	1 Year Ago	Current	1 Year Ago/	Current	1997	1998	1999	1998/1997	1999/1998
	Period			2 years Ago	1 Year Ago					
EI BENEFITS*										
Total Benefits Paid (\$'000)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total Beneficiaries (Number)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - Nova Scotia - (1992=100.0)										
All Items	JUL/2000	110.1	114.1	1.5	3.6	107.8	108.5	110.3	0.6	1.7
Food	JUL/2000	112.2	114.0	2.0	1.6	108.4	110.5	111.4	1.9	0.8
Shelter	JUL/2000	105.9	112.8	0.8	6.5	105.7	104.7	106.6	(0.9)	1.8
INCOME										
Personal Income Per Capita (\$)	---	---	---	---	---	19,878	20,480	---	3.0	---
Total Wages & Salaries (\$ millions)	JAN-MAY/2000	4,264.6	4,536.8	5.6	6.4	9,478.2	10,122.7	10,659.2	6.8	5.3
Average Weekly Wages & Salaries (\$)	MAY/2000	517.89	525.11	0.9	1.4	501.47 x	510.35 x	518.06 x	1.8	1.5
RETAIL TRADE										
- (\$ millions)										
All Retail Outlets-S.A.	JAN-MAY/2000	3,331.3	3,467.0	4.7	4.1	7,373.3	7,710.8	8,159.6	4.6	5.8
Dept. Store Sales-Actual	JAN-JUN/2000	222.6	224.7	6.9	0.9	505.6	531.2	567.8	5.1	6.9
New Motor Vehicle Sales-Actual	JAN-JUN/2000	593.9	672.4	7.4	13.2	937.5	1,021.3	1,148.7	8.9	12.5
Wholesale Trade-S.A.	JAN-MAY/2000	2,805.7	2,827.6	16.3	0.8	6,048.1	5,899.2	6,676.3	(2.5)	13.2

* - Series temporarily suspended by Statistics Canada

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NOVA SCOTIA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

INDICATOR	MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS					ANNUAL STATISTICS				
	Current	<u>% Change Reference Period</u>				<u>Year-over-Year % Change</u>				
	Reference Period	1 Year Ago	Current	1 Year Ago/ 2 Years Ago	Current/ 1 Year Ago	1997	1998	1999	1998/1997	1999/1998
COMMODITY SECTORS										
Farm Cash Receipts (\$ millions)	JAN-MAR/2000	85.7	90.8	0.4	6.0	375.6	374.6	396.1	(0.3)	5.7
Fish Landings (\$ millions)	JAN-DEC/98	511.8	516.4	9.8	0.9	511.8	516.4	-- --	0.9	-- --
Pulp/Wood Residue (000m^3)	JAN-MAY/2000	1,274.8	1,761.9	(21.3)	38.2	4,496.3	3,422.4	3,539.8	(23.9)	3.4
Lumber Prod. (000m^3)	JAN-MAY/2000	659.2	749.5	15.9	13.7	1,131.0	1,453.3	1,667.4	28.5	14.7
Coal Prod. (000 tonnes)	JAN-MAY/2000	725.3	369.0	(23.9)	(49.1)	2,696.0	2,118.8	1,503.2	(21.4)	(29.1)
Natural Gas Production (million m^3)	JAN-FEB/2000	-- --	171.4	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --
Power Generated (GW.h)	JAN-MAY/2000	4,978.6	5,063.1	7.6	1.7	10,323.1	10,756.7	11,071.7	4.2	2.9
Mfg. Shipments (\$ millions)	JAN-MAY/2000	2,908.2	3,344.5	8.1	15.0	6,474.8	6,829.5	7,725.1	5.5	13.1
Foreign Exports (\$ millions)	JAN-MAR/2000	896.1	1,019.2	18.4	13.7	3,161.0	3,439.9	3,982.5	8.8	15.8
CONSTRUCTION										
Capital Construction										
Expenditures (\$millions)	2000	3,335.6 pa	2,353.4 ri	18.8	(29.4)	1,889.5	2,807.6	3,335.6 pa	48.6	18.8
Building Permits (\$ millions)	JAN-JUN/2000	420.3	478.2	60.4	13.8	630.7	637.1	898.8	1.0	41.1
Housing Starts (units)										
Centres 10,000+										
- Starts	JAN-JUL/2000	1,665	1,906	91.2	14.5	2,732	2,171	2,834	(20.5)	30.5
- Completions	JAN-JUL/2000	1,161	1,518	9.6	30.7	2,614	2,384	2,676	(8.8)	12.2
- Under Construction	JUL/2000	1,475	1,490	46.3	1.0	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --
All Areas										
- Starts	JAN-JUN/2000	1,979	2,029	123.9	2.5	3,813	3,137	4,250	(17.7)	35.5
- Completions	JAN-JUN/2000	1,484	1,960	17.5	32.1	3,756	3,416	4,237	(9.1)	24.0
- Under Construction	APR-JUN/2000	2,009	1,571	29.6	(21.8)	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT										
(\$millions)										
-at '92 prices		-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	19,124	19674	-- --	2.9	-- --
-at Factor Cost		-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	17,365	17,769	-- --	2.3	-- --

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CANADA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

INDICATOR	MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS					ANNUAL STATISTICS				
	Current Reference Period	1 Year Ago	Current	% Change Reference Period		1997	1998	1999	Year-over-Year % Change	
				1 Year Ago/	Current/				1998/1997	1999/1998
				2 Years Ago	1 Year Ago					
POPULATION	APR 1/2000	30,404,091	30,666,864	0.8	0.9	29,987,214 x	30,246,891 x	30,491,294 x	0.9	0.8
VITAL STATISTICS										
Births	JAN-MAR/00	82,594	81,937	(1.3)	(0.8)	348,598	343,371	338,698	(1.5)	(1.4)
Deaths	JAN-MAR/00	62,145	63,503	2.3	2.2	215,669	219,834	225,123	1.9	2.4
Marriages	JAN-MAR/00	15,776	15,794	(2.2)	0.1	153,306	153,190	153,380	(0.1)	0.1
MIGRATION										
Total Net Migration	JAN-MAR/00	30,295	35,277	(11.2)	16.4	160,351	116,388	128,981	(27.4)	10.8
Immigration	JAN-MAR/00	39,888	45,470	(7.7)	14.0	216,045	174,169	189,883	(19.4)	9.0
Emigration	JAN-MAR/00	9,593	10,193	5.3	6.3	55,694	57,781	60,902	3.7	5.4
LABOUR FORCE										
- Seasonally Adjusted										
Total Labour Force ('000)	JUL/2000	15,735.0	15,950.6	2.0	1.4	15,153.0	15,417.7	15,721.2	1.7	2.0
Employed ('000)	JUL/2000	14,544.2	14,873.5	2.9	2.3	13,774.4	14,140.4	14,531.2	2.7	2.8
Unemployed ('000)	JUL/2000	1,190.8	1,077.1	(7.1)	(9.5)	1,378.6	1,277.3	1,190.1	(7.3)	(6.8)
Unemp. Rate (%)	JUL/2000	7.6	6.8	--	--	9.1	8.3	7.6	--	--
Participation Rate (%)	JUL/2000	65.6	65.6	--	--	64.9	65.1	65.6	--	--
- Actual										
Employed ('000)	JUL/2000	14,950.6	15,269.5	2.8	2.1	13,774.4	14,140.4	14,531.2	2.7	2.8
Unemp. Rate (%)	JUL/2000	7.7	7.0	--	--	9.1	8.3	7.6	--	--
- Seasonally Adjusted										
Goods Indus. ('000)	JUL/2000	3,788.8	3,849.1	2.9	1.6	3,585.5	3,691.4	3,785.8	3.0	2.6
Service Indus. ('000)	JUL/2000	10,755.5	11,024.4	2.8	2.5	10,188.9	10,449.0	10,745.4	2.6	2.8

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CANADA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

INDICATOR	MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS					ANNUAL STATISTICS				
	Current			% Change Reference Period					Year-over-Year % Change	
	Reference			1 Year Ago/	Current/				1998/1997	1999/1998
	Period	1 Year Ago	Current	2 years Ago	1 Year Ago	1997	1998	1999	1998/1997	1999/1998
EI BENEFITS*										
Total Benefits Paid (\$'000)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total Beneficiaries (Number)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - CANADA - (1992=100.0)										
All Items	JUL/2000	110.8	114.1	1.8	3.0	107.6	108.6	110.5	0.9	1.7
Food	JUL/2000	111.3	113.4	1.3	1.9	107.6	109.3	110.7	1.6	1.3
Shelter	JUL/2000	104.8	108.7	1.2	3.7	103.3	103.7	105.1	0.4	1.4
INCOME										
Personal Income Per Capita (\$)	---	---	---	---	---	23,536	24,246	---	3.0	---
Total Wages & Salaries (\$ millions)	JAN-MAY/2000	177,508.4	190,493.7	4.8	7.3	398,037.5	419,189.4	441,377.9	5.3	5.3
Average Weekly Wages & Salaries (\$)	MAY/2000	608.11	624.67	0.7	2.7	598.26 x	606.32 x	610.40	1.3	0.7
RETAIL TRADE										
- (\$ millions)										
All Retail Outlets-S.A.	JAN-MAY/2000	106,431.5	112,991.0	4.2	6.2	237,836.6	246,641.0	260,690.8	3.7	5.7
Dept. Store Sales-Actual	JAN-JUN/2000	7,405.2	7,607.0	5.6	2.7	15,929.3	16,878.3	17,948.8	6.0	6.3
New Motor Vehicle Sales-Actual	JAN-JUN/2000	22,477.5	24,484.1	8.8	8.9	38,986.2	40,255.8	45,317.9	3.3	12.6
Wholesale Trade-S.A.	JAN-MAY/2000	144,915.2	157,423.7	4.8	8.6	324,234.4	331,807.7	357,794.8	2.3	7.8

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CANADA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

INDICATOR	MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS					ANNUAL STATISTICS				
	Current Reference Period	1 Year Ago	Current	% Change Reference Period		1997	1998	1999	Year-over-Year % Change	
				1 Year Ago/	Current/				1998/1997	1999/1998
	Period			2 Years Ago	1 Year Ago					
COMMODITY SECTORS										
Farm Cash Receipts (\$ millions)	JAN-MAR/2000	7,820.0	7,932.9	(1.8)	1.4	30,026.2	29,785.1	30,463.6	(0.8)	2.3
Fish Landings (\$ millions)	JAN-DEC/98	1,698.0	1,315.3	3.3	(22.5)	1,698.0	1,315.3	-- --	(22.5)	-- --
Pulp/Wood Residue(000m^3)	JAN-MAY/2000	47,546.6	50,754.2	6.3	6.7	110,142.8	107,417.7	115,759.2	(2.5)	7.8
Lumber Prod. (000m^3)	JAN-MAY/2000	28,790.7	30,113.5	3.4	4.6	64,763.9	65,109.1	69,286.1	0.5	6.4
Coal Prod. ('000 tonnes)	JAN-MAY/2000	30,341.2	29,841.0	(5.7)	(1.6)	78,673.0	75,359.8	72,472.4	(4.2)	(3.8)
Power Generated (GW.h)	JAN-MAY/2000	226,352.9	249,660.7	(2.2)	10.3	553,805.6	543,976.8	529,595.0	(1.8)	(2.6)
Mfg. Shipments (\$ millions)	JAN-MAY/2000	195,496.0	218,922.0	6.5	12.0	435,032.0	448,753.0	490,343.0	3.2	9.3
Foreign Exports (\$ millions)	JAN-MAR/2000	79,170.2	91,347.4	10.4	15.4	281,225.7	297,451.3	330,409.6	5.8	11.1
CONSTRUCTION										
Capital Construction Expenditures (\$millions)	2000	99,985.0 pa	108,117.4 ri	4.8	8.1	89,679.8	95,445.7	99,985.0 pa	6.4	4.8
Building Permits (\$ millions)	JAN-JUN/2000	16,982.6	17,824.5	4.0	5.0	31,234.0	33,199.2	35,745.1	6.3	7.7
Housing Starts - Units										
Centres 10,000+										
- Starts	JAN-JUL/2000	70,490	73,366	5.8	4.1	123,220	116,793	126,656	(5.2)	8.4
- Completions	JAN-JUL/2000	60,078	65,423	(6.2)	8.9	117,821	113,729	112,572	(3.5)	(1.0)
- Under Construction	JUL/2000	71,318	76,634	13.2	7.5	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --
All Areas										
- Starts	JAN-JUN/2000	68,308	68,281	4.0	(0.0)	147,040	137,439	149,964	(6.5)	9.1
- Completions	JAN-JUN/2000	59,958	63,926	(0.7)	6.6	143,386	133,941	140,983	(6.6)	5.3
- Under Construction	APR-JUN/2000	83,234	87,611	7.8	5.3	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (\$millions)										
- at '92 prices	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	815,013	842,002	880,254	3.3	4.5
- at Factor Cost-constant '92 \$	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	700,804	721,003	750,581	2.9	4.1

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NOVA SCOTIA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

INDICATOR	MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS					ANNUAL STATISTICS					
	Current	% Change Reference Period				Year-over-Year % Change					
	Reference	1 Year Ago		Current	1 Year Ago/ 2 Years Ago	Current/ 1 Year Ago	1997	1998	1999	1998/1997	1999/1998
	Period	1 Year Ago	Current	2 Years Ago	1 Year Ago	1997	1998	1999	1998/1997	1999/1998	
POPULATION	APR 1/2000	937,751	942,177		0.2	0.5	934,538 x	936,089 x	939,791 x	0.2	0.4
VITAL STATISTICS											
Births	JAN-MAR/00	2,317	2,308		(1.8)	(0.4)	9,952	9,747	9,647	(2.1)	(1.0)
Deaths	JAN-MAR/00	2342	2,426		1.9	3.6	8,044	8,202	8,368	2.0	2.0
Marriages	JAN-MAR/00	382	382		0.0	0.0	5,177	5,125	5,102	(1.0)	--
MIGRATION											
Total Net Migration	JAN-MAR/00	37	310		--	--	267	3	2,414	(98.9)	80,366.7
Net Interprovincial	JAN-MAR/00	(163)	103		--	--	(2,074)	(1,491)	1,418	--	--
Net International	JAN-MAR/00	200	207		(56.2)	3.5	2,341	1,494	996	(36.2)	(33.3)
Immigration	JAN-MAR/00	294	305		(46.2)	3.7	2,910	2,076	1,608	(28.7)	(22.5)
Emigration	JAN-MAR/00	94	98		5.6	4.3	569	582	612	2.3	5.2
LABOUR FORCE											
- Seasonally Adjusted											
Total Labour Force ('000)	AUG/2000	451.7	459.9		1.3	1.8	437.4	445.9	452.0	1.9	1.4
Employed ('000)	AUG/2000	410.1	416.3		2.6	1.5	384.3	398.9	408.6	3.8	2.4
Unemployed ('000)	AUG/2000	41.6	43.6		(9.6)	4.8	53.1	46.9	43.3	(11.7)	(7.7)
Unemp. Rate (%)	AUG/2000	9.2	9.5		--	--	12.1	10.5	9.6	--	--
Participation Rate (%)	AUG/2000	60.9	61.4		--	--	59.9	60.7	61.0	--	--
- Actual											
Employed ('000)	AUG/2000	429.0	434.7		2.4	1.3	384.3	398.9	408.6	3.8	2.4
Unemp. Rate (%)	AUG/2000	8.5	8.9		--	--	12.1	10.5	9.6	--	--
- Seasonally Adjusted											
Goods Indus. ('000)	AUG/2000	91.2	89.1		2.8	(2.3)	83.8	88.0	90.7	5.0	3.1
Service Indus. ('000)	AUG/2000	318.9	327.2		2.5	2.6	300.5	310.9	317.9	3.5	2.3

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NOVA SCOTIA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

INDICATOR	MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS					ANNUAL STATISTICS				
	Current Reference Period	1 Year Ago	Current	<u>% Change Reference Period</u>		1997	1998	1999	<u>Year-over-Year % Change</u>	
				1 Year Ago/ 2 years Ago	Current 1 Year Ago				1998/1997	1999/1998
EI BENEFITS*										
Total Benefits Paid (\$'000)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total Beneficiaries (Number)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - Nova Scotia - (1992=100.0)										
All Items	AUG/2000	111.1	114.0	2.3	2.6	107.8	108.5	110.3	0.6	1.7
Food	AUG/2000	111.8	114.5	1.1	2.4	108.4	110.5	111.4	1.9	0.8
Shelter	AUG/2000	107.0	113.0	2.2	5.6	105.7	104.7	106.6	(0.9)	1.8
INCOME										
Personal Income Per Capita (\$)	---	---	---	---	---	19,878	20,480	---	3.0	---
Total Wages & Salaries (\$ millions)	JAN-JUN/2000	5,187.5	5,507.6	5.5	6.2	9,478.2	10,122.7	10,659.2	6.8	5.3
Average Weekly Wages & Salaries (\$)	JUN/2000	526.41	533.94	2.2	1.4	501.47 x	510.35 x	518.06 x	1.8	1.5
RETAIL TRADE										
- (\$ millions)										
All Retail Outlets-S.A.	JAN-JUN/2000	4,023.2	4,180.5	5.5	3.9	7,373.3	7,710.8	8,159.6	4.6	5.8
Dept. Store Sales-Actual	JAN-JUL/2000	265.4	267.2	7.9	0.7	505.6	531.2	567.8	5.1	6.9
New Motor Vehicle Sales-Actual	JAN-JUL/2000	695.7	772.9	7.9	11.1	937.5	1,021.3	1,148.7	8.9	12.5
Wholesale Trade-S.A.	JAN-JUN/2000	3,362.4	3,382.7	15.3	0.6	6,048.1	5,899.2	6,676.3	(2.5)	13.2

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NOVA SCOTIA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

INDICATOR	MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS					ANNUAL STATISTICS				
	Current	<u>% Change Reference Period</u>				<u>Year-over-Year % Change</u>				
	Reference	1 Year Ago	Current	1 Year Ago/	Current/	1997	1998	1999	1998/1997	1999/1998
	Period			2 Years Ago	1 Year Ago					
COMMODITY SECTORS										
Farm Cash Receipts (\$ millions)	JAN-JUN/2000	167.2	179.6	0.8	7.4	375.6	374.6	396.1	(0.3)	5.7
Fish Landings (\$ millions)	JAN-DEC/98	511.8	516.4	9.8	0.9	511.8	516.4	--	0.9	--
Pulp/Wood Residue (000m^3)	JAN-JUN/2000	1,650.6	2,152.0	(12.2)	30.4	4,496.3	3,422.4	3,539.8	(23.9)	3.4
Lumber Prod. (000m^3)	JAN-JUN/2000	801.4	903.5	15.1	12.7	1,131.0	1,453.3	1,667.4	28.5	14.7
Coal Prod. ('000 tonnes)	JAN-JUN/2000	995.0	519.4	(16.6)	(47.8)	2,696.0	2,118.8	1,503.2	(21.4)	(29.1)
Natural Gas Production (million m^3)	JAN-FEB/2000	--	171.4	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Power Generated (GW.h)	JAN-JUN/2000	5,798.1	5,915.1	6.2	2.0	10,323.1	10,756.7	11,071.7	4.2	2.9
Mfg. Shipments (\$ millions)	JAN-JUN/2000	3,552.3	4,059.2	8.0	14.3	6,474.8	6,829.5	7,725.1	5.5	13.1
Foreign Exports (\$ millions)	JAN-JUN/2000	1,919.8	2,186.0	17.0	13.9	3,161.0	3,439.9	3,982.8	8.8	15.8
CONSTRUCTION										
Capital Construction										
Expenditures (\$millions)	2000	3,335.6 pa	2,353.4 ri	18.8	(29.4)	1,889.5	2,807.6	3,335.6 pa	48.6	18.8
Building Permits (\$ millions)	JAN-JUL/2000	523.6	584.7	54.8	11.7	630.7	637.1	907.2	1.0	42.4
Housing Starts (units)										
Centres 10,000+										
- Starts	JAN-AUG/2000	1,814	2,401	42.7	32.4	2,732	2,171	2,834	(20.5)	30.5
- Completions	JAN-AUG/2000	1,401	1,798	(4.8)	28.3	2,614	2,384	2,676	(8.8)	12.2
- Under Construction	AUG/2000	1,384	1,704	32.6	23.1	--	--	--	--	--
All Areas										
- Starts	JAN-JUN/2000	1,979	2,029	123.9	2.5	3,813	3,137	4,250	(17.7)	35.5
- Completions	JAN-JUN/2000	1,484	1,960	17.5	32.1	3,756	3,416	4,237	(9.1)	24.0
- Under Construction	APR-JUN/2000	2,009	1,571	29.6	(21.8)	--	--	--	--	--
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT										
(\$millions)										
-at '92 prices	--	--	--	--	--	19,124	19,674	--	2.9	--
-at Factor Cost	--	--	--	--	--	17,365	17,769	--	2.3	--

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CANADA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

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VITAL STATISTICS										
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Deaths	JAN-MAR/00	62,145	63,503	2.3	2.2	215,669	219,834	225,123	1.9	2.4
Marriages	JAN-MAR/00	15,776	15,794	0.2	0.1	153,306	153,190	153,380	(0.1)	0.1
MIGRATION										
Total Net Migration	JAN-MAR/00	30,295	35,277	(10.1)	16.4	160,351	116,388	128,981	(27.4)	10.8
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Emigration	JAN-MAR/00	9,593	10,193	5.3	6.3	55,694	57,781	60,902	3.7	5.4
LABOUR FORCE										
- Seasonally Adjusted										
Total Labour Force ('000)	AUG/2000	15,761.7	16,036.5	2.1	1.7	15,153.0	15,417.7	15,721.2	1.7	2.0
Employed ('000)	AUG/2000	14,546.3	14,900.8	2.6	2.4	13,774.4	14,140.4	14,531.2	2.7	2.8
Unemployed ('000)	AUG/2000	1,215.4	1,135.7	(3.5)	(6.6)	1,378.6	1,277.3	1,190.1	(7.3)	(6.8)
Unemp. Rate (%)	AUG/2000	7.7	7.1	--	--	9.1	8.3	7.6	--	--
Participation Rate (%)	AUG/2000	65.6	65.9	--	--	64.9	65.1	65.6	--	--
- Actual										
Employed ('000)	AUG/2000	14,919.2	15,271.8	2.4	2.4	13,774.4	14,140.4	14,531.2	2.7	2.8
Unemp. Rate (%)	AUG/2000	7.6	7.2	--	--	9.1	8.3	7.6	--	--
- Seasonally Adjusted										
Goods Indus. ('000)	AUG/2000	3,777.5	3,832.4	1.8	1.5	3,585.5	3,691.4	3,785.8	3.0	2.6
Service Indus. ('000)	AUG/2000	10,768.8	11,068.4	2.9	2.8	10,188.9	10,449.0	10,745.4	2.6	2.8

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EI BENEFITS*										
Total Benefits Paid (\$'000)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total Beneficiaries (Number)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - CANADA - (1992=100.0)										
All Items	AUG/2000	111.1	113.9	2.1	2.5	107.6	108.6	110.5	0.9	1.7
Food	AUG/2000	110.4	113.1	1.1	2.4	107.6	109.3	110.7	1.6	1.3
Shelter	AUG/2000	105.0	109.0	1.3	3.8	103.3	103.7	105.1	0.4	1.4
INCOME										
Personal Income Per Capita (\$)	---	---	---	---	---	23,536	24,246	---	3.0	---
Total Wages & Salaries (\$ millions)	JAN-JUN/2000	215,574.6	231,194.8	4.8	7.2	398,037.5	419,189.4	441,377.9	5.3	5.3
Average Weekly Wages & Salaries (\$)	JUN/2000	611.80	628.88	0.6	2.8	598.26 x	606.32 x	610.40	1.3	0.7
RETAIL TRADE										
- (\$ millions)										
All Retail Outlets-S.A.	JAN-JUN/2000	127,970.1	135,940.5	4.4	6.2	237,836.6	246,641.0	260,690.8	3.7	5.7
Dept. Store Sales-Actual	JAN-JUL/2000	8,788.4	9,004.2	6.6	2.5	15,929.3	16,878.3	17,948.8	6.0	6.3
New Motor Vehicle Sales-Actual	JAN-JUL/2000	26,182.3	28,186.6	9.2	7.7	38,986.2	40,255.8	45,317.9	3.3	12.6
Wholesale Trade-S.A.	JAN-JUN/2000	174,581.8	189,765.1	5.4	8.7	324,234.4	331,807.7	357,794.8	2.3	7.8

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				1 Year Ago/	Current/				1998/1997	1999/1998
				2 Years Ago	1 Year Ago					
COMMODITY SECTORS										
Farm Cash Receipts (\$ millions)	JAN-JUN/2000	14,744.2	16,182.8	0.4	9.8	30,026.2	29,785.1	30,463.6	(0.8)	2.3
Fish Landings (\$ millions)	JAN-DEC/98	1,698.0	1,315.3	3.3	(22.5)	1,698.0	1,315.3	-- --	(22.5)	-- --
Pulp/Wood Residue(000m^3)	JAN-JUN/2000	56,856.0	60,295.1	6.5	6.0	110,142.8	107,417.7	115,759.2	(2.5)	7.8
Lumber Prod. (000m^3)	JAN-JUN/2000	35,005.3	35,993.4	5.5	2.8	64,763.9	65,109.1	69,286.1	0.5	6.4
Coal Prod. ('000 tonnes)	JAN-JUN/2000	36,175.7	35,612.7	(5.8)	(1.6)	78,673.0	75,359.8	72,472.4	(4.2)	(3.8)
Power Generated (GW.h)	JAN-JUN/2000	268,272.3	293,893.1	(1.8)	9.6	553,805.6	543,976.8	529,595.0	(1.8)	(2.6)
Mfg. Shipments (\$ millions)	JAN-JUN/2000	238,331.0	265,890.0	7.6	11.6	435,032.0	448,753.0	490,343.0	3.2	9.3
Foreign Exports (\$ millions)	JAN-JUN/2000	161,155.2	188,527.9	10.4	17.0	281,225.7	297,451.3	330,409.6	5.8	11.1
CONSTRUCTION										
Capital Construction Expenditures (\$millions)	2000	99,985.0 pa	108,117.4 ri	4.8	8.1	89,679.8	95,445.7	99,985.0 pa	6.4	4.8
Building Permits (\$ millions)	JAN-JUL/2000	20,581.2	21,187.1	4.5	2.9	31,248.9	33,199.2	35,770.4	6.2	7.7
Housing Starts - Units										
Centres 10,000+										
- Starts	JAN-AUG/2000	82,137	84,663	6.2	3.1	123,220	116,793	126,656	(5.2)	8.4
- Completions	JAN-AUG/2000	70,626	76,424	(4.7)	8.2	117,821	113,729	112,572	(3.5)	(1.0)
- Under Construction	AUG/2000	72,419	74,827	13.7	3.3	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --
All Areas										
- Starts	JAN-JUN/2000	68,308	68,281	4.0	(0.0)	147,040	137,439	149,964	(6.5)	9.1
- Completions	JAN-JUN/2000	59,958	63,926	(0.7)	6.6	143,386	133,941	140,983	(6.6)	5.3
- Under Construction	APR-JUN/2000	83,234	87,611	7.8	5.3	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (\$millions)										
- at '92 prices	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	815,013	842,002	880,254	3.3	4.5
- at Factor Cost-constant '92 \$	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	700,804	721,003	750,555	2.9	4.1

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NOVA SCOTIA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

INDICATOR	MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS					ANNUAL STATISTICS				
	Current Reference Period	1 Year Ago	Current	% Change Reference Period		1997	1998	1999	Year-over-Year % Change	
				1 Year Ago/	Current/				1998/1997	1999/1998
				2 Years Ago	1 Year Ago					
POPULATION	JULY 1/2000	939,222	940,996	0.3	0.2	934,538 x	936,110 x	939,222 x	0.2	0.3
VITAL STATISTICS										
Births	APR-JUNE/00	2,428	2,387	(4.1)	(1.7)	9,952	9,596	9,383	(3.6)	(2.2)
Deaths	APR-JUNE/00	2,129	2,229	11.2	4.7	8,044	8,322	8,637	3.5	3.8
Marriages	APR-JUNE/00	1,246	n/a	(0.7)	(100.0)	5,177	5,125	5,102	(1.0)	---
MIGRATION										
Total Net Migration	APR-JUNE/00	773	(223)	---	---	267	(92)	2,437	(134.5)	(2,748.9)
Net Interprovincial	APR-JUNE/00	478	(561)	---	---	(2,074)	(1,571)	1,440	---	---
Net International	APR-JUNE/00	295	338	(41.0)	14.6	2,341	1,479	997	(36.8)	(32.6)
Immigration	APR-JUNE/00	362	417	(35.1)	15.2	2,910	2,061	1,609	(29.2)	(21.9)
Emigration	APR-JUNE/00	73	79	7.4	8.2	569	582	612	2.3	5.2
LABOUR FORCE										
- Seasonally Adjusted										
Total Labour Force ('000)	SEPT/2000	454.9	461.7	2.2	1.5	437.4	445.9	452.0	1.9	1.4
Employed ('000)	SEPT/2000	410.3	417.6	3.2	1.8	384.3	398.9	408.6	3.8	2.4
Unemployed ('000)	SEPT/2000	44.6	44.1	(5.5)	(1.1)	53.1	46.9	43.3	(11.7)	(7.7)
Unemp. Rate (%)	SEPT/2000	9.8	9.6	---	---	12.1	10.5	9.6	---	---
Participation Rate (%)	SEPT/2000	61.3	61.6	---	---	59.9	60.7	61.0	---	---
- Actual										
Employed ('000)	SEPT/2000	415.8	422.0	3.0	1.5	384.3	398.9	408.6	3.8	2.4
Unemp. Rate (%)	SEPT/2000	8.7	8.6	---	---	12.1	10.5	9.6	---	---
- Seasonally Adjusted										
Goods Indus. ('000)	SEPT/2000	88.3	92.1	0.7	4.3	83.8	88.0	90.7	5.0	3.1
Service Indus. ('000)	SEPT/2000	322.0	325.5	3.8	1.1	300.5	310.9	317.9	3.5	2.3

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NOVA SCOTIA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

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EI BENEFITS*	(data temporary unavailable until revision of series is completed)									
Total Benefits Paid (\$'000)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total Beneficiaries (Number)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - Nova Scotia - (1992=100.0)										
All Items	SEPT/2000	111.6	115.0	3.9	3.0	107.8	108.5	110.3	0.6	1.7
Food	SEPT/2000	110.9	113.2	1.2	2.1	108.4	110.5	111.4	1.9	0.8
Shelter	SEPT/2000	108.3	115.3	7.1	6.5	105.7	104.7	106.6	(0.9)	1.8
INCOME										
Personal Income Per Capita (\$)	---	---	---	---	---	19,878	20,480	---	3.0	---
Total Wages & Salaries (\$ millions)	JAN-JULY/2000	6,119.9	6,481.4	5.5	5.9	9,478.2	10,122.7	10,659.2	6.8	5.3
Average Weekly Wages & Salaries (\$)	JULY/2000	529.15	532.05	1.9	0.5	501.47 x	510.35 x	518.06 x	1.8	1.5
RETAIL TRADE										
-\$ millions)										
All Retail Outlets-S.A.	JAN-JUL/2000	4,700.4	4,916.8	5.3	4.6	7,373.3	7,710.8	8,159.6	4.6	5.8
Dept. Store Sales-Actual	JAN-AUG/2000	312.8	312.0	8.5	(0.3)	505.6	531.2	567.8	5.1	6.9
New Motor Vehicle Sales-Actual	JAN-AUG/2000	790.8	868.2	9.2	9.8	937.5	1,021.3	1,148.7	8.9	12.5
Wholesale Trade-S.A.	JAN-AUG/2000	4,461.5	4,556.3	15.2	2.1	6,048.1	5,899.2	6,676.3	(2.5)	13.2

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NOVA SCOTIA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

INDICATOR	MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS					ANNUAL STATISTICS					
	Current				% Change Reference Period		Year-over-Year % Change				
	Reference	1 Year Ago	Current	1 Year Ago/	Current/	1997	1998	1999	1998/1997	1999/1998	
	Period			2 Years Ago	1 Year Ago						
COMMODITY SECTORS											
Farm Cash Receipts (\$ millions)	JAN-JUN/2000	167.2	179.6	0.8	7.4	375.6	374.6	396.1	(0.3)	5.7	
Fish Landings (\$ millions)	JAN-DEC/98	511.8	516.4	9.8	0.9	511.8	516.4	--	0.9	--	
Pulp/Wood Residue (000m^3)	JAN-JULY/2000	1,971.5	2,452.7	(7.0)	24.4	4,496.3	3,422.4	3,539.8	(23.9)	3.4	
Lumber Prod. (000m^3)	JAN-JULY/2000	922.1	1,030.4	15.5	11.7	1,131.0	1,459.0	1,650.8	29.0	13.1	
Coal Prod. ('000 tonnes)	JAN-JULY/2000	1,103.2	638.9	(22.3)	(42.1)	2,696.0	2,118.8	1,503.2	(21.4)	(29.1)	
Marketable Gas Receipts (million m^3)	JAN-MAY/2000	--	968.8	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Power Generated (GW.h)	JAN-JULY/2000	6,674.7	6,774.0	5.9	1.5	10,323.1	10,756.7	11,071.7	4.2	2.9	
Mfg. Shipments (\$ millions)	JAN-JULY/2000	4,183.4	4,744.4	8.3	13.4	6,474.8	6,829.5	7,725.1	5.5	13.1	
Foreign Exports (\$ millions)	JAN-JUN/2000	1,919.8	2,186.0	17.0	13.9	3,161.0	3,439.9	3,982.8	8.8	15.8	
CONSTRUCTION											
Capital Construction											
Expenditures (\$millions)	2000	3,335.6 pa	2,353.4 ri	18.8	(29.4)	1,889.5	2,807.6	3,335.6 pa	48.6	18.8	
Building Permits (\$ millions)	JAN-AUG/2000	611.2	650.7	49.4	6.5	630.7	637.1	907.2	1.0	42.4	
Housing Starts (units)											
Centres 10,000+											
- Starts	JAN-SEPT/2000	2,072	2,563	28.5	23.7	2,732	2,171	2,834	(20.5)	30.5	
- Completions	JAN-SEPT/2000	1,632	2,005	(2.7)	22.9	2,614	2,384	2,676	(8.8)	12.2	
- Under Construction	SEPT 30/2000	1,409	1,658	23.2	17.7	--	--	--	--	--	
All Areas											
- Starts	JAN-SEPT/2000	2,956	3,495	27.6	18.2	3,813	3,137	4,250	(17.7)	35.5	
- Completions	JAN-SEPT/2000	2,193	2,751	(7.0)	25.4	3,756	3,416	4,237	(9.1)	24.0	
- Under Construction	SEPT 30/2000	2,271	1,508	21.4	(33.6)	--	--	--	--	--	
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT											
(\$millions)											
-at '92 prices	--	--	--	--	--	19,124	19,674	--	2.9	--	
-at Factor Cost	--	--	--	--	--	17,365	17,769	--	2.3	--	

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CANADA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

INDICATOR	MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS					ANNUAL STATISTICS				
	Current Reference Period	1 Year Ago	Current	% Change Reference Period		1997	1998	1999	Year-over-Year % Change	
				1 Year Ago/ 2 Years Ago	Current/ 1 Year Ago				1998/1997	1999/1998
POPULATION	JULY 1/2000	30,493,433	30,950,087	0.8	1.5	29,987,214 x	30,247,949 x	30,493,433 x	0.9	0.8
VITAL STATISTICS										
Births	APR-JUNE/00	88,464	87,229	(2.4)	(1.4)	348,598	343,012	335,627	(1.6)	(2.2)
Deaths	APR-JUNE/00	54,784	56,878	5.1	3.8	215,669	219,081	226,832	1.6	3.5
Marriages	APR-JUNE/00	41,352	n/a	(0.1)	(100.0)	153,306	153,190	153,380	(0.1)	0.1
MIGRATION										
Total Net Migration	APR-JUNE/00	38,983	48,451	3.1	24.3	160,351	116,410	129,063	(27.4)	10.9
Immigration	APR-JUNE/00	47,559	57,656	3.7	21.2	216,045	174,191	189,965	(19.4)	9.1
Emigration	APR-JUNE/00	8,576	9,205	6.5	7.3	55,694	57,781	60,902	3.7	5.4
LABOUR FORCE										
- Seasonally Adjusted										
Total Labour Force ('000)	SEPT/2000	15,764.5	16,055.8	1.7	1.8	15,153.0	15,417.7	15,721.2	1.7	2.0
Employed ('000)	SEPT/2000	14,596.3	14,957.1	2.5	2.5	13,774.4	14,140.4	14,531.2	2.7	2.8
Unemployed ('000)	SEPT/2000	1,168.1	1,098.8	(7.3)	(5.9)	1,378.6	1,277.3	1,190.1	(7.3)	(6.8)
Unemp. Rate (%)	SEPT/2000	7.4	6.8	---	---	9.1	8.3	7.6	---	---
Participation Rate (%)	SEPT/2000	65.6	65.9	---	---	64.9	65.1	65.6	---	---
- Actual										
Employed ('000)	SEPT/2000	14,695.6	15,047.0	2.5	2.4	13,774.4	14,140.4	14,531.2	2.7	2.8
Unemp. Rate (%)	SEPT/2000	6.8	6.3	---	---	9.1	8.3	7.6	---	---
- Seasonally Adjusted										
Goods Indus. ('000)	SEPT/2000	3,804.4	3,844.6	2.6	1.1	3,585.5	3,691.4	3,785.8	3.0	2.6
Service Indus. ('000)	SEPT/2000	10,791.9	11,112.5	2.5	3.0	10,188.9	10,449.0	10,745.4	2.6	2.8

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CANADA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

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	Current Reference Period	1 Year Ago	Current	% Change Reference Period		1997	1998	1999	Year-over-Year % Change	
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EI BENEFITS*	(data unavailable until revision of series is completed)									
Total Benefits Paid (\$'000)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total Beneficiaries (Number)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - CANADA - (1992=100.0)										
All Items	SEPT/2000	111.4	114.4	2.6	2.7	107.6	108.6	110.5	0.9	1.7
Food	SEPT/2000	109.8	112.2	1.4	2.2	107.6	109.3	110.7	1.6	1.3
Shelter	SEPT/2000	105.6	109.6	1.9	3.8	103.3	103.7	105.1	0.4	1.4
INCOME										
Personal Income Per Capita (\$)	---	---	---	---	---	23,536	24,246	---	3.0	---
Total Wages & Salaries (\$ millions)	JAN-JULY/2000	253,426.5	271,610.3	5.0	7.2	398,037.5	419,189.4	441,377.9	5.3	5.3
Average Weekly Wages & Salaries (\$)	JULY/2000	612.94	629.25	1.0	2.7	598.26 x	606.32 x	610.40	1.3	0.7
RETAIL TRADE										
-\$ millions)										
All Retail Outlets-S.A.	JAN-JUL/2000	149,842.0	159,475.9	4.6	6.4	237,836.6	246,641.0	260,690.8	3.7	5.7
Dept. Store Sales-Actual	JAN-AUG/2000	10,300.0	10,480.8	7.4	1.8	15,929.3	16,878.3	17,948.8	6.0	6.3
New Motor Vehicle Sales-Actual	JAN-AUG/2000	29,834.8	32,299.9	10.3	8.3	38,986.2	40,255.8	45,317.9	3.3	12.6
Wholesale Trade-S.A.	JAN-AUG/2000	234,821.8	253,790.6	6.7	8.1	324,234.4	331,807.7	357,794.8	2.3	7.8

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				1 Year Ago/	Current/				1998/1997	1999/1998
				2 Years Ago	1 Year Ago					
COMMODITY SECTORS										
Farm Cash Receipts (\$ millions)	JAN-JUN/2000	14,744.2	16,182.8	0.4	9.8	30,026.2	29,785.1	30,463.6	(0.8)	2.3
Fish Landings (\$ millions)	JAN-DEC/98	1,698.0	1,315.3	3.3	(22.5)	1,698.0	1,315.3	--	(22.5)	--
Pulp/Wood Residue(000m^3)	JAN-JULY/2000	66,004.2	69,300.1	7.3	5.0	110,142.8	107,417.7	115,759.2	(2.5)	7.8
Lumber Prod. (000m^3)	JAN-JULY/2000	40,531.8	41,036.9	4.4	1.2	64,763.9	66,253.5	65,510.9	2.3	(1.1)
Coal Prod. ('000 tonnes)	JAN-JULY/2000	42,388.7	41,411.1	(4.3)	(2.3)	78,673.0	75,359.8	72,476.7	(4.2)	(3.8)
Marketable Gas Receipts (million m^3)	JAN-MAY/2000	68,264.9	69,555.7	0.8	1.9	156,036.3	160,382.5	162,003.8	2.8	1.0
Power Generated (GW.h)	JAN-JULY/2000	321,599.6	339,852.9	(11.6)	5.7	553,805.6	543,976.8	557,460.4	(1.8)	2.5
Mfg. Shipments (\$ millions)	JAN-JULY/2000	274,519.0	304,879.0	8.1	11.1	435,032.0	448,753.0	490,343.0	3.2	9.3
Foreign Exports (\$ millions)	JAN-JULY/2000	185,701.3	216,675.0	10.9	16.7	281,225.7	297,451.3	330,409.6	5.8	11.1
CONSTRUCTION										
Capital Construction Expenditures (\$millions)	2000	99,985.0 pa	108,117.4 ri	4.8	8.1	89,679.8	95,445.7	99,985.0 pa	6.4	4.8
Building Permits (\$ millions)	JAN-AUG/2000	23,785.9	24,877.6	4.5	4.6	31,248.9	33,199.2	35,770.4	6.2	7.7
Housing Starts - Units Centres 10,000+										
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- Completions	JAN-SEPT/2000	83,071	87,895	(1.3)	5.8	117,821	113,729	112,572	(3.5)	(1.0)
- Under Construction	SEPT 30/2000	71,349	75,685	11.4	6.1	---	---	---	---	---
All Areas										
- Starts	JAN-SEPT/2000	109,899	112,219	6.6	2.1	147,040	137,439	149,964	(6.5)	9.1
- Completions	JAN-SEPT/2000	101,422	108,313	2.7	6.8	143,386	133,941	140,983	(6.6)	5.3
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	Period	1 Year Ago		Current	2 Years Ago	1 Year Ago					
POPULATION	JULY 1/2000	939,222	940,996	0.3	0.2	934,538 x	936,110 x	939,222 x	0.2	0.3	
VITAL STATISTICS											
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LABOUR FORCE											
- Seasonally Adjusted											
Total Labour Force ('000)	OCT/2000	452.7	461.5	1.4	1.9	437.4	445.9	452.0	1.9	1.4	
Employed ('000)	OCT/2000	410.3	418.4	2.7	2.0	384.3	398.9	408.6	3.8	2.4	
Unemployed ('000)	OCT/2000	42.4	43.1	(9.6)	1.7	53.1	46.9	43.3	(11.7)	(7.7)	
Unemp. Rate (%)	OCT/2000	9.4	9.3	---	---	12.1	10.5	9.6	---	---	
Participation Rate (%)	OCT/2000	60.9	61.5	---	---	59.9	60.7	61.0	---	---	
- Actual											
Employed ('000)	OCT/2000	413.7	421.5	2.6	1.9	384.3	398.9	408.6	3.8	2.4	
Unemp. Rate (%)	OCT/2000	8.5	8.2	---	---	12.1	10.5	9.6	---	---	
- Seasonally Adjusted											
Goods Indus. ('000)	OCT/2000	88.9	92.8	3.7	4.4	83.8	88.0	90.7	5.0	3.1	
Service Indus. ('000)	OCT/2000	321.3	325.5	2.3	1.3	300.5	310.9	317.9	3.5	2.3	

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NOVA SCOTIA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

INDICATOR	MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS					ANNUAL STATISTICS				
	Current Reference Period			<u>% Change Reference Period</u>		<u>Year-over-Year % Change</u>				
	1 Year Ago	Current	1 Year Ago/ 2 years Ago	Current 1 Year Ago	1997	1998	1999	1998/1997	1999/1998	
EI BENEFITS*										
Total Benefits Paid (\$'000)	AUG/2000	41,106	39,475	(1.4)	(4.0)	588,369	565,497	555,166	(3.9)	(1.8)
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - Nova Scotia - (1992=100.0)										
All Items	OCT/2000	111.7	115.4	2.8	3.3	107.8	108.5	110.3	0.6	1.7
Food	OCT/2000	110.8	113.2	0.7	2.2	108.4	110.5	111.4	1.9	0.8
Shelter	OCT/2000	108.9	116.9	4.1	7.3	105.7	104.7	106.6	(0.9)	1.8
INCOME										
Personal Income Per Capita (\$)	---	---	---	---	---	20,470	21,347	22,191	4.3	4.0
Total Wages & Salaries (\$ millions)	JAN-JULY/2000	6,119.9	6,481.4	5.5	5.9	9,478.2	10,122.7	10,659.2	6.8	5.3
Average Weekly Wages & Salaries (\$)	AUG/2000	518.55	534.25	1.5	3.0	501.47 x	510.35 x	518.06 x	1.8	1.5
RETAIL TRADE										
- (\$ millions)										
All Retail Outlets-S.A.	JAN-SEPT2000	6,074.3	6,342.6	5.6	4.4	7,373.3	7,710.8	8,159.6	4.6	5.8
Dept. Store Sales-Actual	JAN-SEPT2000	356.1	354.5	8.4	(0.4)	505.6	531.2	567.8	5.1	6.9
New Motor Vehicle Sales-Actual	JAN-SEPT2000	891.4	960.7	10.9	7.8	937.5	1,021.3	1,148.7	8.9	12.5
Wholesale Trade-S.A.	JAN-SEPT2000	5,009.6	5,089.3	14.9	1.6	6,048.1	5,899.2	6,676.3	(2.5)	13.2

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NOVA SCOTIA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

INDICATOR	MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS					ANNUAL STATISTICS				
	Current Reference Period	<u>% Change Reference Period</u>				<u>Year-over-Year % Change</u>				
	1 Year Ago	Current	1 Year Ago/ 2 Years Ago	Current/ 1 Year Ago	1997	1998	1999	1998/1997	1999/1998	
COMMODITY SECTORS										
Farm Cash Receipts (\$ millions)	JAN-JUN/2000	167.2	179.6	0.8	7.4	375.6	374.6	396.1	(0.3)	5.7
Fish Landings (\$ millions)	JAN-DEC/98	511.8	516.4	9.8	0.9	511.8	516.4	---	0.9	---
Pulp/Wood Residue (000m ³)	JAN-AUG/2000	2,379.3	2,854.3	1.0	20.0	4,496.3	3,422.4	3,539.8	(23.9)	3.4
Lumber Prod. (000m ³)	JAN-AUG/2000	1,073.4	1,174.0	15.4	9.4	1,131.0	1,459.0	1,650.8	29.0	13.1
Coal Prod. ('000 tonnes)	JAN-AUG/2000	1,222.8	745.6	(24.4)	(39.0)	2,696.0	2,118.8	1,503.2	(21.4)	(29.1)
Marketable Gas Receipts (million m ³)	JAN-MAY/2000	---	968.8	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Power Generated (GW.h)	JAN-AUG/2000	7,662.1	7,498.0	7.7	(2.1)	10,323.1	10,756.7	11,071.9	4.2	2.9
Mfg. Shipments (\$ millions)	JAN-SEPT/2000	5,563.6	6,262.6	10.5	12.6	6,474.8	6,829.5	7,725.1	5.5	13.1
Foreign Exports (\$ millions)	JAN-JUN/2000	1,919.8	2,186.0	17.0	13.9	3,161.0	3,439.9	3,982.8	8.8	15.8
CONSTRUCTION										
Capital Construction										
Expenditures (\$millions)	2000	3,335.6 pa	2,353.4 ri	18.8	(29.4)	1,889.5	2,807.6	3,335.6 pa	48.6	18.8
Building Permits (\$ millions)	JAN-SEPT/2000	667.6	701.4	41.3	5.1	630.7	637.1	907.2	1.0	42.4
Housing Starts (units)										
Centres 10,000+										
- Starts	JAN-OCT/2000	2,396	2,729	23.5	13.9	2,732	2,171	2,834	(20.5)	30.5
- Completions	JAN-OCT/2000	1,998	2,359	2.9	18.1	2,614	2,384	2,676	(8.8)	12.2
- Under Construction	OCT 31/2000	1,362	1,468	12.9	7.8	---	---	---	---	---
All Areas										
- Starts	JAN-SEPT/2000	2,956	3,495	27.6	18.2	3,813	3,137	4,250	(17.7)	35.5
- Completions	JAN-SEPT/2000	2,193	2,751	(7.0)	25.4	3,756	3,416	4,237	(9.1)	24.0
- Under Construction	SEPT 30/2000	2,271	1,508	21.4	(33.6)	---	---	---	---	---
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT										
(\$millions)										
-at '92 prices	---	---	---	---	---	19,124	19,674	---	2.9	---
-at Factor Cost	---	---	---	---	---	17,365	17,769	---	2.3	---

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CANADA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

INDICATOR	MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS					ANNUAL STATISTICS				
	Current Reference Period	1 Year Ago	Current	% Change Reference Period		1997	1998	1999	Year-over-Year % Change	
				1 Year Ago/	Current/				1998/1997	1999/1998
				2 Years Ago	1 Year Ago					
POPULATION	JULY 1/2000	30,493,433	30,950,087	0.8	1.5	29,987,214 x	30,247,949 x	30,493,433 x	0.9	0.8
VITAL STATISTICS										
Births	APR-JUNE/00	88,464	87,229	(2.4)	(1.4)	348,598	343,012	335,627	(1.6)	(2.2)
Deaths	APR-JUNE/00	54,784	56,878	5.1	3.8	215,669	219,081	226,832	1.6	3.5
Marriages	APR-JUNE/00	41,352	n/a	(0.1)	(100.0)	153,306	153,190	153,380	(0.1)	0.1
MIGRATION										
Total Net Migration	APR-JUNE/00	38,983	48,451	3.1	24.3	160,351	116,410	129,063	(27.4)	10.9
Immigration	APR-JUNE/00	47,559	57,656	3.7	21.2	216,045	174,191	189,965	(19.4)	9.1
Emigration	APR-JUNE/00	8,576	9,205	6.5	7.3	55,694	57,781	60,902	3.7	5.4
LABOUR FORCE										
- Seasonally Adjusted										
Total Labour Force ('000)	OCT/2000	15,759.2	16,090.6	1.6	2.1	15,153.0	15,417.7	15,721.2	1.7	2.0
Employed ('000)	OCT/2000	14,633.6	14,977.3	2.6	2.3	13,774.4	14,140.4	14,531.2	2.7	2.8
Unemployed ('000)	OCT/2000	1,125.6	1,113.3	(9.3)	(1.1)	1,378.6	1,277.3	1,190.1	(7.3)	(6.8)
Unemp. Rate (%)	OCT/2000	7.1	6.9	---	---	9.1	8.3	7.6	---	---
Participation Rate (%)	OCT/2000	65.5	66.0	---	---	64.9	65.1	65.6	---	---
- Actual										
Employed ('000)	OCT/2000	14,704.5	15,041.1	2.6	2.3	13,774.4	14,140.4	14,531.2	2.7	2.8
Unemp. Rate (%)	OCT/2000	6.6	6.3	---	---	9.1	8.3	7.6	---	---
- Seasonally Adjusted										
Goods Indus. ('000)	OCT/2000	3,828.2	3,843.1	3.0	0.4	3,585.5	3,691.4	3,785.8	3.0	2.6
Service Indus. ('000)	OCT/2000	10,805.4	11,134.2	2.5	3.0	10,188.9	10,449.0	10,745.4	2.6	2.8

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CANADA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

INDICATOR	MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS					ANNUAL STATISTICS				
	Current	<u>% Change Reference Period</u>				<u>Year-over-Year % Change</u>				
	Reference	1 Year Ago	Current	1 Year Ago/ 2 years Ago	Current/ 1 Year Ago	1997	1998	1999	1998/1997	1999/1998
	Period									
EI BENEFITS*										
Total Benefits Paid (\$'000)	AUG/2000	965,413	783,153	5.3	(18.9)	11,997,402	11,668,432	11,830,146	(2.7)	1.4
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - CANADA - (1992=100.0)										
All Items	OCT/2000	111.5	114.6	2.3	2.8	107.6	108.6	110.5	0.9	1.7
Food	OCT/2000	109.9	112.0	1.3	1.9	107.6	109.3	110.7	1.6	1.3
Shelter	OCT/2000	105.8	110.6	1.5	4.5	103.3	103.7	105.1	0.4	1.4
INCOME										
Personal Income Per Capita (\$)	---	---	---	---	---	23,832	24,660	25,452.0	3.5	3.2
Total Wages & Salaries (\$ millions)	JAN-JULY/2000	253,426.5	271,610.3	5.0	7.2	398,037.5	419,189.4	441,377.9	5.3	5.3
Average Weekly Wages & Salaries (\$)	AUG/2000	611.45	630.38	0.9	3.1	598.26 x	606.32 x	610.40	1.3	0.7
RETAIL TRADE										
- (\$ millions)										
All Retail Outlets-S.A.	JAN-SEPT/2000	194,206.8	206,627.8	5.2	6.4	237,836.6	246,641.0	260,690.8	3.7	5.7
Dept. Store Sales-Actual	JAN-SEPT/2000	11,812.2	11,936.4	8.1	1.1	15,929.3	16,878.3	17,948.8	6.0	6.3
New Motor Vehicle Sales-Actual	JAN-SEPT/2000	33,900.4	36,565.0	10.7	7.9	38,986.2	40,255.8	45,317.9	3.3	12.6
Wholesale Trade-S.A.	JAN-SEPT/2000	264,970.4	285,127.6	7.0	7.6	324,234.4	331,807.7	357,794.8	2.3	7.8

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CANADA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

INDICATOR	MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS					ANNUAL STATISTICS				
	Current	<u>% Change Reference Period</u>				<u>Year-over-Year % Change</u>				
	Reference	1 Year Ago	Current	1 Year Ago/	Current/	1997	1998	1999	1998/1997	1999/1998
	Period			2 Years Ago	1 Year Ago					
COMMODITY SECTORS										
Farm Cash Receipts (\$ millions)	JAN-JUN/2000	14,744.2	16,182.8	0.4	9.8	30,026.2	29,785.1	30,463.6	(0.8)	2.3
Fish Landings (\$ millions)	JAN-DEC/98	1,698.0	1,315.3	3.3	(22.5)	1,698.0	1,315.3	-- --	(22.5)	-- --
Pulp/Wood Residue(000m^3)	JAN-AUG/2000	75,798.6	79,236.3	8.3	4.5	110,142.8	107,417.7	115,759.2	(2.5)	7.8
Lumber Prod. (000m^3)	JAN-AUG/2000	46,238.6	46,414.3	5.5	0.4	64,763.9	66,253.5	65,510.9	2.3	(1.1)
Coal Prod. ('000 tonnes)	JAN-AUG/2000	48,280.8	46,714.1	(4.6)	(3.2)	78,673.0	75,359.8	72,476.7	(4.2)	(3.8)
Marketable Gas Receipts (million m^3)	JAN-MAY/2000	68,264.9	69,555.7	0.8	1.9	156,036.3	160,382.5	162,003.8	2.8	1.0
Power Generated (GW.h)	JAN-AUG/2000	387,002.2	367,018.6	6.4	(5.2)	553,805.6	543,976.8	557,482.6	(1.8)	2.5
Mfg. Shipments (\$ millions)	JAN-AUG/2000	316,890.0	351,656.0	8.9	11.0	435,032.0	448,753.0	490,343.0	3.2	9.3
Foreign Exports (\$ millions)	JAN-JULY/2000	185,701.3	216,675.0	10.9	16.7	281,225.7	297,451.3	330,409.6	5.8	11.1
CONSTRUCTION										
Capital Construction Expenditures (\$millions)	2000	99,985.0 pa	108,117.4 ri	4.8	8.1	89,679.8	95,445.7	99,985.0 pa	6.4	4.8
Building Permits (\$ millions)	JAN-SEPT/2000	26,854.8	28,811.1	3.9	7.3	31,248.9	33,199.2	35,770.4	6.2	7.7
Housing Starts - Units										
Centres 10,000+										
- Starts	JAN-OCT/2000	104,894	109,673	7.0	4.6	123,220	116,793	126,656	(5.2)	8.4
- Completions	JAN-OCT/2000	94,029	98,329	(0.1)	4.6	117,821	113,729	112,572	(3.5)	(1.0)
- Under Construction	OCT 31/2000	71,211	76,903	10.7	8.0	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --
All Areas										
- Starts	JAN-SEPT/2000	109,899	112,219	6.6	2.1	147,040	137,439	149,964	(6.5)	9.1
- Completions	JAN-SEPT/2000	101,422	108,313	2.7	6.8	143,386	133,941	140,983	(6.6)	5.3
- Under Construction	SEPT 30/2000	83,149	87,089	9.3	4.7	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (\$millions)										
- at '92 prices	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	815,013	842,002	880,254	3.3	4.5
- at Factor Cost-constant '92 \$	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	-- --	700,804	721,003	750,555	2.9	4.1

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NOVA SCOTIA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

INDICATOR	MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS					ANNUAL STATISTICS				
	Current	% Change Reference Period				Year-over-Year % Change				
	Reference Period	1 Year Ago	Current	1 Year Ago/ 2 Years Ago	Current/ 1 Year Ago	1997	1998	1999	1998/1997	1999/1998
POPULATION	JULY 1/2000	939,222	940,996	0.3	0.2	934,538 x	936,110 x	939,222 x	0.2	0.3
VITAL STATISTICS										
Births	APR-JUNE/00	2,428	2,387	(4.1)	(1.7)	9,952	9,596	9,383	(3.6)	(2.2)
Deaths	APR-JUNE/00	2,129	2,229	11.2	4.7	8,044	8,322	8,637	3.5	3.8
Marriages	APR-JUNE/00	1,246	n/a	(0.7)	-- --	5,177	5,125	5,102	(1.0)	-- --
MIGRATION										
Total Net Migration	APR-JUNE/00	773	(223)	-- --	-- --	267	(92)	2,437	-- --	-- --
Net Interprovincial	APR-JUNE/00	478	(561)	-- --	-- --	(2,074)	(1,571)	1,440	-- --	-- --
Net International	APR-JUNE/00	295	338	(41.0)	14.6	2,341	1,479	997	(36.8)	(32.6)
Immigration	APR-JUNE/00	362	417	(35.1)	15.2	2,910	2,061	1,609	(29.2)	(21.9)
Emigration	APR-JUNE/00	73	79	7.4	8.2	569	582	612	2.3	5.2
LABOUR FORCE										
- Seasonally Adjusted										
Total Labour Force ('000)	NOV/2000	454.8	464.1	1.7	2.0	437.4	445.9	452.0	1.9	1.4
Employed ('000)	NOV/2000	411.6	420.2	3.2	2.1	384.3	398.9	408.6	3.8	2.4
Unemployed ('000)	NOV/2000	43.2	43.9	(10.7)	1.6	53.1	46.9	43.3	(11.7)	(7.7)
Unemp. Rate (%)	NOV/2000	9.5	9.5	-- --	-- --	12.1	10.5	9.6	-- --	-- --
Participation Rate (%)	NOV/2000	61.2	61.8	-- --	-- --	59.9	60.7	61.0	-- --	-- --
- Actual										
Employed ('000)	NOV/2000	409.5	417.1	3.1	1.9	384.3	398.9	408.6	3.8	2.4
Unemp. Rate (%)	NOV/2000	9.1	9.2	-- --	-- --	12.1	10.5	9.6	-- --	-- --
- Seasonally Adjusted										
Goods Indus. ('000)	NOV/2000	90.8	95.4	7.8	5.1	83.8	88.0	90.7	5.0	3.1
Service Indus. ('000)	NOV/2000	320.8	324.7	2.0	1.2	300.5	310.9	317.9	3.5	2.3

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INDICATOR	MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS					ANNUAL STATISTICS				
	Current	<u>% Change Reference Period</u>				<u>Year-over-Year % Change</u>				
	Reference	1 Year Ago	Current	1 Year Ago/	Current	1997	1998	1999	1998/1997	1999/1998
	Period			2 years Ago	1 Year Ago					
EI BENEFITS*										
Total Benefits Paid (\$'000)	SEPT/2000	35,801	37,565	(4.3)	4.9	588,369	565,497	555,166	(3.9)	(1.8)
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - Nova Scotia - (1992=100.0)										
All Items	NOV/2000	112.0	116.2	3.0	3.8	107.8	108.5	110.3	0.6	1.7
Food	NOV/2000	111.9	113.8	1.5	1.7	108.4	110.5	111.4	1.9	0.8
Shelter	NOV/2000	109.1	117.3	4.3	7.5	105.7	104.7	106.6	(0.9)	1.8
INCOME										
Personal Income Per Capita (\$)	---	---	---	---	---	20,470	21,347	22,191	4.3	4.0
Total Wages & Salaries (\$ millions)	JAN-SEPT/2000	8,026.1	8,533.8	6.5	6.3	9,478.2	10,122.7	10,777.8	6.8	6.5
Average Weekly Wages & Salaries (\$)	SEPT/2000	515.57	528.98	2.0	2.6	501.47	510.35	518.06	1.8	1.5
RETAIL TRADE										
- (\$ millions)										
All Retail Outlets-S.A.	JAN-SEPT2000	6,074.3	6,342.6	5.6	4.4	7,373.3	7,710.8	8,159.6	4.6	5.8
Dept. Store Sales-Actual	JAN-OCT2000	407.4	402.5	8.1	(1.2)	505.6	531.2	567.8	5.1	6.9
New Motor Vehicle Sales-Actual	JAN-OCT2000	973.1	1,035.2	11.3	6.4	937.5	1,021.3	1,148.7	8.9	12.5
Wholesale Trade-S.A.	JAN-SEPT2000	5,009.6	5,089.3	14.9	1.6	6,048.1	5,899.2	6,676.3	(2.5)	13.2

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INDICATOR	MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS					ANNUAL STATISTICS					
	Current	<u>% Change Reference Period</u>				<u>Year-over-Year % Change</u>					
	Reference	1 Year Ago		Current	1 Year Ago/ 2 Years Ago	Current/ 1 Year Ago	1997	1998	1999	1998/1997	1999/1998
	Period	1 Year Ago	Current	2 Years Ago	1 Year Ago	1997	1998	1999	1998/1997	1999/1998	
COMMODITY SECTORS											
Farm Cash Receipts (\$ millions)	JAN-SEPT/2000	275.0	288.0	4.6	4.7	375.6	374.6	396.1	(0.3)	5.7	
Fish Landings (\$ millions)	JAN-DEC/99	542.5	615.0 p	6.0	13.4	511.8	542.5	615.0 p	6.0	13.4	
Pulp/Wood Residue (000m³)	JAN-SEPT/2000	2,673.2	3,214.9	2.6	20.3	4,496.3	3,422.4	3,539.8	(23.9)	3.4	
Lumber Prod. (000m³)	JAN-SEPT/2000	1,220.9	1,329.9	13.8	8.9	1,131.0	1,459.0	1,650.8	29.0	13.1	
Coal Prod. ('000 tonnes)	JAN-SEPT/2000	1,284.5	840.8	(27.0)	(34.5)	2,696.0	2,118.8	1,503.2	(21.4)	(29.1)	
Marketable Gas Receipts (million m³)	JAN-AUG/2000	---	1,969.3	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	
Power Generated (GW.h)	JAN-SEPT/2000	8,275.2	8,531.9	13.0	3.1	10,323.1	10,756.7	11,071.9	4.2	2.9	
Mfg. Shipments (\$ millions)	JAN-SEPT/2000	5,563.6	6,262.6	10.5	12.6	6,474.8	6,829.5	7,725.1	5.5	13.1	
Foreign Exports (\$ millions)	JAN-SEPT/2000	2,908.3	3,517.6	15.2	21.0	3,161.0	3,439.9	3,982.8	8.8	15.8	
CONSTRUCTION											
Capital Construction											
Expenditures (\$millions)	2000	3,335.6 pa	2,353.4 ri	18.8	(29.4)	1,889.5	2,807.6	3,335.6 pa	48.6	18.8	
Building Permits (\$ millions)	JAN-OCT/2000	766.4	781.8	44.1	2.0	630.7	637.1	907.2	1.0	42.4	
Housing Starts (units)											
Centres 10,000+											
- Starts	JAN-NOV/2000	2,674	2,886	28.1	7.9	2,732	2,171	2,834	(20.5)	30.5	
- Completions	JAN-NOV/2000	2,390	2,577	12.2	7.8	2,614	2,384	2,676	(8.8)	12.2	
- Under Construction	NOV 30/2000	1,246	1,408	7.0	13.0	---	---	---	---	---	
All Areas											
- Starts	JAN-SEPT/2000	2,956	3,495	27.6	18.2	3,813	3,137	4,250	(17.7)	35.5	
- Completions	JAN-SEPT/2000	2,193	2,751	(7.0)	25.4	3,756	3,416	4,237	(9.1)	24.0	
- Under Construction	SEPT 30/2000	2,271	1,508	21.4	(33.6)	---	---	---	---	---	
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT											
(\$millions)											
-at '92 prices	---	---	---	---	---	19,124	19,674	---	2.9	---	
-at Factor Cost	---	---	---	---	---	17,365	17,769	---	2.3	---	

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CANADA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

INDICATOR	MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS					ANNUAL STATISTICS				
	Current Reference Period	1 Year Ago	Current	% Change Reference Period		1997	1998	1999	Year-over-Year % Change	
				1 Year Ago/ 2 Years Ago	Current/ 1 Year Ago				1998/1997	1999/1998
POPULATION	JULY 1/2000	30,493,433	30,950,087	0.8	1.5	29,987,214 x	30,247,949 x	30,493,433 x	0.9	0.8
VITAL STATISTICS										
Births	APR-JUNE/00	88,464	87,229	(2.4)	(1.4)	348,598	343,012	335,627	(1.6)	(2.2)
Deaths	APR-JUNE/00	54,784	56,878	5.1	3.8	215,669	219,081	226,832	1.6	3.5
Marriages	APR-JUNE/00	41,352	n/a	(0.1)	(100.0)	153,306	153,190	153,380	(0.1)	0.1
MIGRATION										
Total Net Migration	APR-JUNE/00	38,983	48,451	3.1	24.3	160,351	116,410	129,063	(27.4)	10.9
Immigration	APR-JUNE/00	47,559	57,656	3.7	21.2	216,045	174,191	189,965	(19.4)	9.1
Emigration	APR-JUNE/00	8,576	9,205	6.5	7.3	55,694	57,781	60,902	3.7	5.4
LABOUR FORCE										
- Seasonally Adjusted										
Total Labour Force ('000)	NOV/2000	15,780.4	16,148.4	1.4	2.3	15,153.0	15,417.7	15,721.2	1.7	2.0
Employed ('000)	NOV/2000	14,687.4	15,035.6	2.6	2.4	13,774.4	14,140.4	14,531.2	2.7	2.8
Unemployed ('000)	NOV/2000	1,093.0	1,112.8	(12.4)	1.8	1,378.6	1,277.3	1,190.1	(7.3)	(6.8)
Unemp. Rate (%)	NOV/2000	6.9	6.9	---	---	9.1	8.3	7.6	---	---
Participation Rate (%)	NOV/2000	65.5	66.2	---	---	64.9	65.1	65.6	---	---
- Actual										
Employed ('000)	NOV/2000	14,649.7	15,004.8	2.6	2.4	13,774.4	14,140.4	14,531.2	2.7	2.8
Unemp. Rate (%)	NOV/2000	6.6	6.5	---	---	9.1	8.3	7.6	---	---
- Seasonally Adjusted										
Goods Indus. ('000)	NOV/2000	3,848.6	3,870.7	3.2	0.6	3,585.5	3,691.4	3,785.8	3.0	2.6
Service Indus. ('000)	NOV/2000	10,838.8	11,164.9	2.4	3.0	10,188.9	10,449.0	10,745.4	2.6	2.8

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CANADA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

INDICATOR	MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS					ANNUAL STATISTICS				
	Current	<u>% Change Reference Period</u>				<u>Year-over-Year % Change</u>				
	Reference	1 Year Ago	Current	1 Year Ago/ 2 years Ago	Current/ 1 Year Ago	1997	1998	1999	1998/1997	1999/1998
	Period									
EI BENEFITS*										
Total Benefits Paid (\$'000)	SEPT/2000	674,253	665,900	(11.4)	(1.2)	11,997,402	11,668,432	11,830,146	(2.7)	1.4
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - CANADA - (1992=100.0)										
All Items	NOV/2000	111.4	115.0	2.2	3.2	107.6	108.6	110.5	0.9	1.7
Food	NOV/2000	110.6	112.9	0.8	2.1	107.6	109.3	110.7	1.6	1.3
Shelter	NOV/2000	105.9	111.2	1.6	5.0	103.3	103.7	105.1	0.4	1.4
INCOME										
Personal Income Per Capita (\$)	---	---	---	---	---	23,832	24,660	25,452.0	3.5	3.2
Total Wages & Salaries (\$ millions)	JAN-SEPT/2000	328,540.3	352,457.9	5.2	7.3	398,037.5	419,189.4	441,377.9	5.3	5.3
Average Weekly Wages & Salaries (\$)	SEPT/2000	611.51	628.97	1.4	2.9	598.26	606.32	610.40	1.3	0.7
RETAIL TRADE										
- (\$ millions)										
All Retail Outlets-S.A.	JAN-SEPT/2000	194,206.8	206,627.8	5.2	6.4	237,836.6	246,641.0	260,690.8	3.7	5.7
Dept. Store Sales-Actual	JAN-OCT/2000	13,437.6	13,517.3	8.1	0.6	15,929.3	16,878.3	17,948.8	6.0	6.3
New Motor Vehicle Sales-Actual	JAN-OCT/2000	37,544.5	39,953.8	11.0	6.4	38,986.2	40,255.8	45,317.9	3.3	12.6
Wholesale Trade-S.A.	JAN-SEPT/2000	264,970.4	285,127.6	7.0	7.6	324,234.4	331,807.7	357,794.8	2.3	7.8

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CANADA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

INDICATOR	MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS					ANNUAL STATISTICS				
	Current Reference Period	1 Year Ago	Current	% Change Reference Period		1997	1998	1999	Year-over-Year % Change	
				1 Year Ago/	Current/				1998/1997	1999/1998
				2 Years Ago	1 Year Ago					
COMMODITY SECTORS										
Farm Cash Receipts (\$ millions)	JAN-SEPT/2000	22,210.0	24,158.0	1.8	8.8	30,026.2	29,785.1	30,463.6	(0.8)	2.3
Fish Landings (\$ millions)	JAN-DEC/99	1,573.6	1,887.6 p	(2.7)	20.0	1,617.9	1,573.6	1,887.6 p	(2.7)	--
Pulp/Wood Residue(000m^3)	JAN-SEPT/2000	85,868.8	89,274.0	8.1	4.0	110,142.8	107,417.7	115,759.2	(2.5)	7.8
Lumber Prod. (000m^3)	JAN-SEPT/2000	52,454.9	52,006.9	5.4	(0.9)	64,763.9	66,253.5	65,510.9	2.3	(1.1)
Coal Prod. ('000 tonnes)	JAN-SEPT/2000	54,265.7	51,964.5	(4.3)	(4.2)	78,673.0	75,359.8	72,462.0	(4.2)	(3.8)
Marketable Gas Receipts (million m^3)	JAN-AUG/2000	107,450.9	109,948.8	1.3	2.3	156,036.3	160,382.5	162,003.8	2.8	1.0
Power Generated (GW.h)	JAN-SEPT/2000	411,195.3	431,094.5	1.5	4.8	553,805.6	553,976.8	557,774.2	0.0	0.7
Mfg. Shipments (\$ millions)	JAN-SEPT/2000	360,902.0	397,948.0	9.2	10.3	435,032.0	448,753.0	490,343.0	3.2	9.3
Foreign Exports (\$ millions)	JAN-SEPT/2000	242,730.8	282,202.2	11.3	16.3	281,225.7	297,451.3	330,409.6	5.8	11.1
CONSTRUCTION										
Capital Construction Expenditures (\$millions)	2000	99,985.0 pa	108,117.4 ri	4.8	8.1	89,679.8	95,445.7	99,985.0 pa	6.4	4.8
Building Permits (\$ millions)	JAN-OCT/2000	29,989.3	31,631.0	4.8	5.5	31,248.9	33,199.2	35,770.4	6.2	7.7
Housing Starts - Units										
Centres 10,000+										
- Starts	JAN-NOV/2000	116,503	121,369	8.3	4.2	123,220	116,793	126,656	(5.2)	8.4
- Completions	JAN-NOV/2000	104,242	107,949	1.9	3.6	117,821	113,729	112,572	(3.5)	(1.0)
- Under Construction	NOV 30/2000	72,378	78,736	10.5	8.8	---	---	---	---	---
All Areas										
- Starts	JAN-SEPT/2000	109,899	112,219	6.6	2.1	147,040	137,439	149,964	(6.5)	9.1
- Completions	JAN-SEPT/2000	101,422	108,313	2.7	6.8	143,386	133,941	140,983	(6.6)	5.3
- Under Construction	SEPT 30/2000	83,149	87,089	9.3	4.7	---	---	---	---	---
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (\$millions)										
- at '92 prices	---	---	---	---	---	815,013	842,002	880,254	3.3	4.5
- at Factor Cost-constant '92 \$	---	---	---	---	---	700,804	721,003	750,555	2.9	4.1

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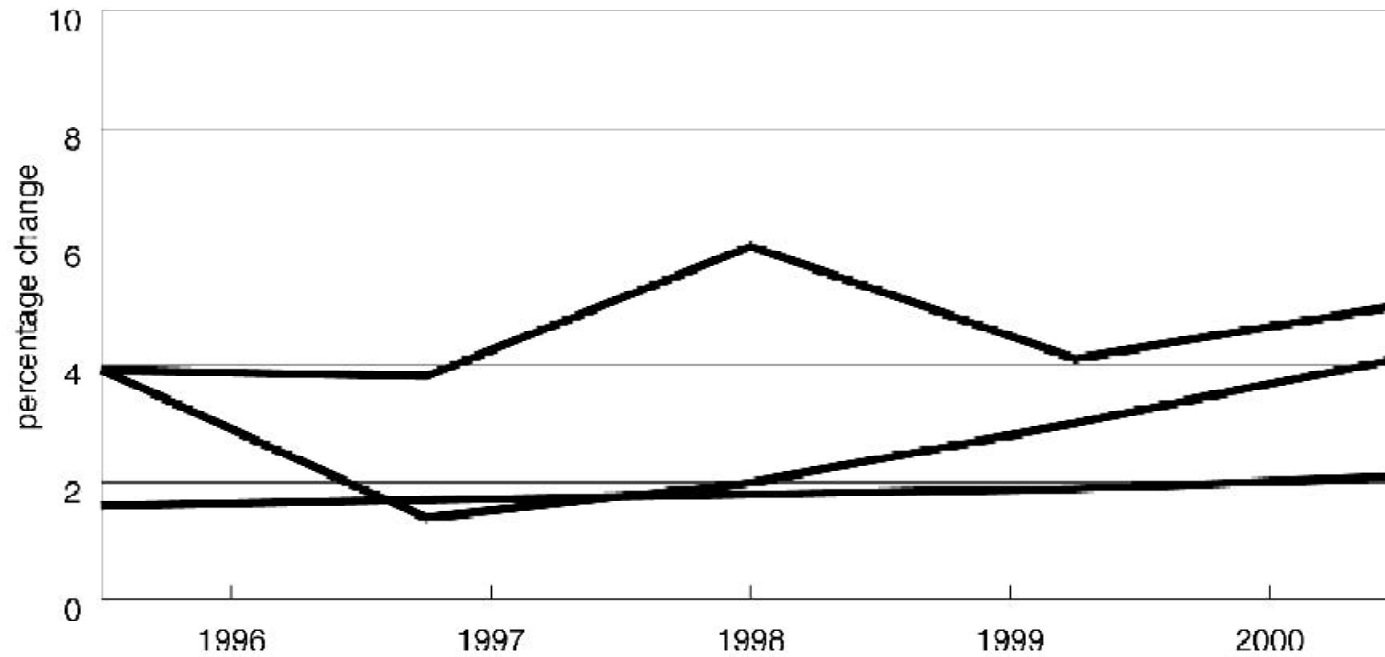
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NOVA SCOTIA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

INDICATOR	MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS					ANNUAL STATISTICS				
	Current Reference Period	1 Year Ago	Current	% Change Reference Period		1997	1998	1999	Year-over-Year % Change	
				1 Year Ago/ 2 Years Ago	Current/ 1 Year Ago				1998/1997	1999/1998
POPULATION	OCT 1/2000	941,871	942,660	0.5	0.1	934,538 x	936,110 x	939,222 x	0.2	0.3
VITAL STATISTICS										
Births	JULY-SEPT/00	2,494	2,457	(2.1)	(1.5)	9,952	9,596	9,383	(3.6)	(2.2)
Deaths	JULY-SEPT/00	1,968	2,499	(4.2)	27.0	8,044	8,322	8,637	3.5	3.8
Marriages	JULY-SEPT/00	2,499	2,476	(0.5)	(0.9)	5,177	5,125	5,102	(1.0)	--
MIGRATION										
Total Net Migration	JULY-SEPT/00	894	775	1,141.7	(13.3)	267	(92)	2,437	--	--
Net Interprovincial	JULY-SEPT/00	569	568	--	(0.2)	(2,074)	(1,571)	1,440	--	--
Net International	JULY-SEPT/00	325	207	6.9	(36.3)	2,341	1,479	997	(36.8)	(32.6)
Immigration	JULY-SEPT/00	596	496	5.9	(16.8)	2,910	2,061	1,609	(29.2)	(21.9)
Emigration	JULY-SEPT/00	271	289	4.6	6.6	569	582	612	2.3	5.2
LABOUR FORCE										
- Seasonally Adjusted										
Total Labour Force ('000)	DEC/2000	457.9	467.4	2.7	2.1	437.4	445.9	452.0	1.9	1.4
Employed ('000)	DEC/2000	413.9	425.6	3.1	2.8	384.3	398.9	408.6	3.8	2.4
Unemployed ('000)	DEC/2000	44.1	41.8	0.0	(5.2)	53.1	46.9	43.3	(11.7)	(7.7)
Unemp. Rate (%)	DEC/2000	9.6	8.9	--	--	12.1	10.5	9.6	--	--
Participation Rate (%)	DEC/2000	61.6	62.3	--	--	59.9	60.7	61.0	--	--
- Actual										
Employed ('000)	DEC/2000	410.3	422.5	3.0	3.0	384.3	398.9	408.6	3.8	2.4
Unemp. Rate (%)	DEC/2000	9.1	8.5	--	--	12.1	10.5	9.6	--	--
- Seasonally Adjusted										
Goods Indus. ('000)	DEC/2000	92.4	96.8	4.5	4.8	83.8	88.0	90.7	5.0	3.1
Service Indus. ('000)	DEC/2000	321.5	328.7	2.6	2.2	300.5	310.9	317.9	3.5	2.3

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INDICATOR	MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS					ANNUAL STATISTICS				
	Current Reference Period	1 Year Ago	Current	<u>% Change Reference Period</u> 1 Year Ago/ 2 years Ago Current 1 Year Ago		1997	1998	1999	<u>Year-over-Year % Change</u> 1998/1997 1999/1998	
EI BENEFITS*										
Total Benefits Paid (\$'000)	OCT/2000	38,613	44,500	8.0	15.2	588,369	565,497	555,166	(3.9)	(1.8)
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - Nova Scotia - (1992=100.0)										
All Items	DEC/2000	112.0	116.0	3.3	3.6	107.8	108.5	110.3	0.6	1.7
Food	DEC/2000	111.8	113.7	1.8	1.7	108.4	110.5	111.4	1.9	0.8
Shelter	DEC/2000	110.4	118.8	5.5	7.6	105.7	104.7	106.6	(0.9)	1.8
INCOME										
Personal Income Per Capita (\$)	--	--	--	--	--	20,470	21,347	22,191	4.3	4.0
Total Wages & Salaries (\$ millions)	JAN-OCT/2000	8,946.6	9,498	6.4	6.2	9,478.2	10,122.7	10,777.8	6.8	6.5
Average Weekly Wages & Salaries (\$)	OCT/2000	518.28	525.01	1.7	1.3	501.47	510.35	518.06	1.8	1.5
RETAIL TRADE										
- (\$ millions)										
All Retail Outlets-S.A.	JAN-OCT2000	6,762.5	7,040.6	5.7	4.1	7,373.3	7,710.8	8,159.6	4.6	5.8
Dept. Store Sales-Actual	JAN-NOV/2000	475.4	466.3	7.6	(1.9)	505.6	531.2	567.8	5.1	6.9
New Motor Vehicle Sales-Actual	JAN-NOV/2000	1,053.9	1,109.7	11.9	5.3	937.5	1,021.3	1,148.7	8.9	12.5
Wholesale Trade-S.A.	JAN-OCTT2000	5,555.5	5,681.3	14.7	2.3	6,048.1	5,899.2	6,676.3	(2.5)	13.2

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	Current	<u>% Change Reference Period</u>				<u>Year-over-Year % Change</u>				
	Reference Period	1 Year Ago	Current	1 Year Ago/ 2 Years Ago	Current/ 1 Year Ago	1997	1998	1999	1998/1997	1999/1998
COMMODITY SECTORS										
Farm Cash Receipts (\$ millions)	JAN-SEPT/2000	275.0	288.0	4.6	4.7	375.6	374.6	396.1	(0.3)	5.7
Fish Landings (\$ millions)	JAN-DEC/99	542.5	615.0 p	6.0	13.4	511.8	542.5	615.0 p	6.0	13.4
Pulp/Wood Residue (000m^3)	JAN-OCT/2000	2,903.2	3,589.5	1.6	23.6	4,496.3	3,422.4	3,539.8	(23.9)	3.4
Lumber Prod. (000m^3)	JAN-OCT/2000	1,366.5	1,494.0	12.5	9.3	1,131.0	1,459.0	1,650.8	29.0	13.1
Coal Prod. ('000 tonnes)	JAN-OCT/2000	1,378.0	959.9	(25.6)	(30.3)	2,696.0	2,118.8	1,503.2	(21.4)	(29.1)
Marketable Gas Receipts (million m^3)	JAN-AUG/2000	--	2,321.4	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Power Generated (GW.h)	JAN-SEPT/2000	8,275.2	8,531.9	13.0	3.1	10,323.1	10,756.7	11,071.9	4.2	2.9
Mfg. Shipments (\$ millions)	JAN-OCT/2000	6,292.7	6,965.9	10.9	10.7	6,474.8	6,829.5	7,725.1	5.5	13.1
Foreign Exports (\$ millions)	JAN-SEPT/2000	2,908.3	3,517.6	15.2	21.0	3,161.0	3,439.9	3,982.8	8.8	15.8
CONSTRUCTION										
Capital Construction										
Expenditures (\$millions)	2000	3,335.6 pa	2,353.4 ri	18.8	(29.4)	1,889.5	2,807.6	3,335.6 pa	48.6	18.8
Building Permits (\$ millions)	JAN-NOV/2000	868.0	841.5	44.9	(3.1)	630.7	637.1	907.2	1.0	42.4
Housing Starts (units)										
Centres 10,000+										
- Starts	JAN-DEC/2000	2,834	3,050	30.5	7.6	2,732	2,171	2,834	(20.5)	30.5
- Completions	JAN-DEC/2000	2,676	2,763	12.2	3.3	2,614	2,384	2,676	(8.8)	12.2
- Under Construction	DEC 31/2000	1,116	1,385	11.7	24.1	--	--	--	--	--
All Areas										
- Starts	JAN-DEC/2000	4,250	4,432	35.5	4.3	3,813	3,137	4,250	(17.7)	35.5
- Completions	JAN-SEPT/2000	2,193	2,751	(7.0)	25.4	3,756	3,416	4,237	(9.1)	24.0
- Under Construction	SEPT 30/2000	2,271	1,508	21.4	(33.6)	--	--	--	--	--
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT										
(\$millions)										
-at '92 prices	--	--	--	--	--	19,242	19,828	20,865	3.0	5.2
-at Factor Cost - constant '92 \$	--	--	--	--	--	16,564	17,050	17,924	2.9	5.1

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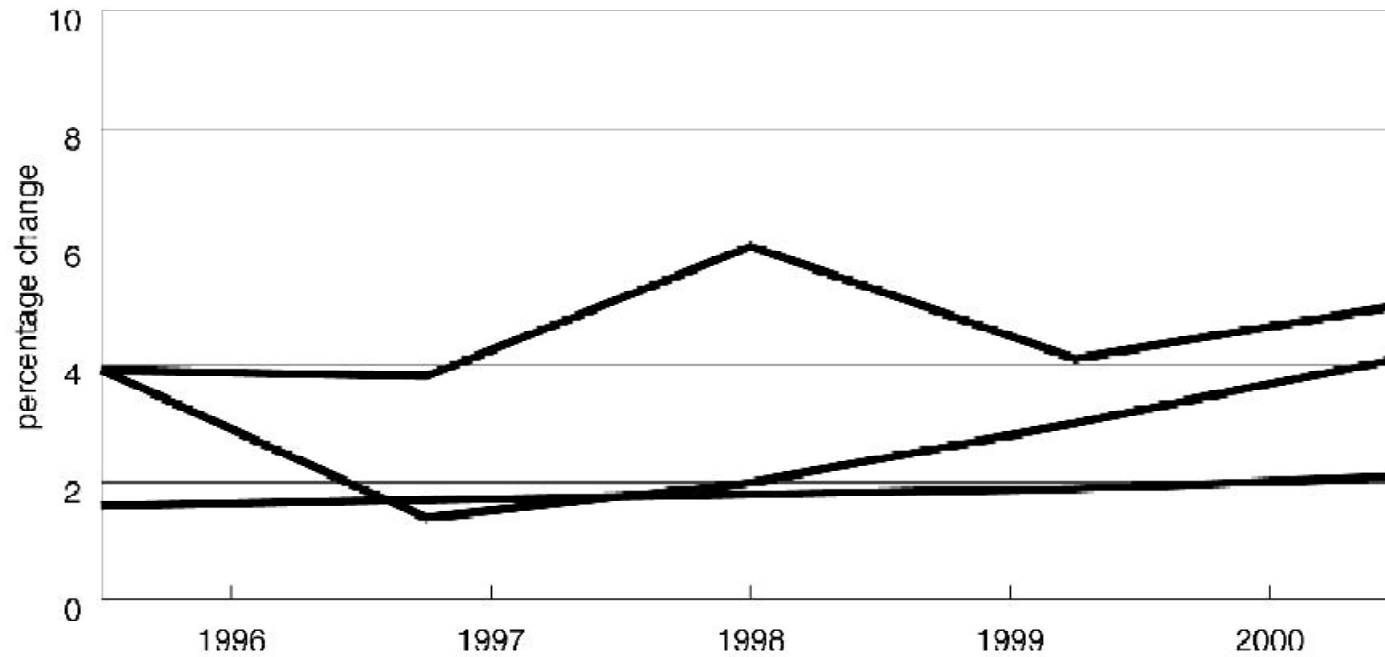
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				1 Year Ago/ 2 Years Ago	Current/ 1 Year Ago				1998/1997	1999/1998
POPULATION	OCT 1/2000	30,575,994	30,838,246	0.8	0.9	29,987,214 x	30,247,949 x	30,493,433 x	0.9	0.8
VITAL STATISTICS										
Births	JULY-SEPT/00	86,172	84,980	(3.2)	(1.4)	348,598	343,012	335,627	(1.6)	(2.2)
Deaths	JULY-SEPT/00	52,094	53,278	3.2	2.3	215,669	219,081	226,832	1.6	3.5
Marriages	JULY-SEPT/00	68,501	69,081	(0.1)	0.8	153,306	153,190	153,380	(0.1)	0.1
MIGRATION										
Total Net Migration	JULY-SEPT/00	27,810	38,259	23.2	37.6	160,351	116,410	129,063	(27.4)	10.9
Immigration	JULY-SEPT/00	53,834	66,401	13.8	23.3	216,045	174,191	189,965	(19.4)	9.1
Emigration	JULY-SEPT/00	26,024	28,142	5.2	8.1	55,694	57,781	60,902	3.7	5.4
LABOUR FORCE										
- Seasonally Adjusted										
Total Labour Force ('000)	DEC/2000	15,822.3	16,170.4	1.5	2.2	15,153.0	15,417.7	15,721.2	1.7	2.0
Employed ('000)	DEC/2000	14,747.5	15,066.7	3.0	2.2	13,774.4	14,140.4	14,531.2	2.7	2.8
Unemployed ('000)	DEC/2000	1,074.9	1,103.7	(15.1)	2.7	1,378.6	1,277.3	1,190.1	(7.3)	(6.8)
Unemp. Rate (%)	DEC/2000	6.8	6.8	--	--	9.1	8.3	7.6	--	--
Participation Rate (%)	DEC/2000	65.6	66.2	--	--	64.9	65.1	65.6	--	--
- Actual										
Employed ('000)	DEC/2000	14,648.4	14,974.5	3.0	2.2	13,774.4	14,140.4	14,531.2	2.7	2.8
Unemp. Rate (%)	DEC/2000	6.4	6.3	--	--	9.1	8.3	7.6	--	--
- Seasonally Adjusted										
Goods Indus. ('000)	DEC/2000	3,865.3	3,891.8	3.6	0.7	3,585.5	3,691.4	3,785.8	3.0	2.6
Service Indus. ('000)	DEC/2000	10,882.2	11,174.9	2.8	2.7	10,188.9	10,449.0	10,745.4	2.6	2.8

x-Statistics Canada revised estimate at July 1.

CANADA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

INDICATOR	MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS					ANNUAL STATISTICS				
	Current			% Change Reference Period					Year-over-Year % Change	
	Reference			1 Year Ago/	Current/				1998/1997	1999/1998
	Period	1 Year Ago	Current	2 years Ago	1 Year Ago	1997	1998	1999		
EI BENEFITS*										
Total Benefits Paid (\$'000)	OCT/2000	755,888	780,500	6.7	3.3	11,997,402	11,668,432	11,830,146	(2.7)	1.4
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - CANADA - (1992=100.0)										
All Items	DEC/2000	111.5	115.1	2.6	3.2	107.6	108.6	110.5	0.9	1.7
Food	DEC/2000	110.9	114.5	1.1	3.2	107.6	109.3	110.7	1.6	1.3
Shelter	DEC/2000	106.4	111.7	1.9	5.0	103.3	103.7	105.1	0.4	1.4
INCOME										
Personal Income Per Capita (\$)	--	--	--	--	--	23,832	24,660	25,452	3.5	3.2
Total Wages & Salaries (\$ millions)	JAN-OCT/2000	366,217.3	392,687.0	5.2	7.2	398,037.5	419,189.4	441,377.9	5.3	5.3
Average Weekly Wages & Salaries (\$)	OCT/2000	613.72	629.55	0.9	2.6	598.26	606.32	610.40	1.3	0.7
RETAIL TRADE										
- (\$ millions)										
All Retail Outlets-S.A.	JAN-OCT/2000	216,118.7	229,777.8	5.4	6.3	237,836.6	246,641.0	260,690.8	3.7	5.7
Dept. Store Sales-Actual	JAN-NOV/2000	15,252.3	15,446.1	7.2	1.3	15,929.3	16,878.3	17,948.8	6.0	6.3
New Motor Vehicle Sales-Actual	JAN-NOV/2000	41,246.6	43,480.7	11.5	5.4	38,986.2	40,255.8	45,317.9	3.3	12.6
Wholesale Trade-S.A.	JAN-OCT/2000	295,562.7	317,012.6	7.2	7.3	324,234.4	331,807.7	357,794.8	2.3	7.8

* - Series temporarily suspended by Statistics Canada.

e - estimate

CANADA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

INDICATOR	MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS					ANNUAL STATISTICS				
	Current Reference Period	1 Year Ago	Current	% Change Reference Period		1997	1998	1999	Year-over-Year % Change	
				1 Year Ago/	Current/				1998/1997	1999/1998
				2 Years Ago	1 Year Ago					
COMMODITY SECTORS										
Farm Cash Receipts (\$ millions)	JAN-SEPT/2000	22,210.0	24,158.0	1.8	8.8	30,026.2	29,785.1	30,463.6	(0.8)	2.3
Fish Landings (\$ millions)	JAN-DEC/99	1,573.6	1,887.6 p	(2.7)	20.0	1,617.9	1,573.6	1,887.6 p	(2.7)	--
Pulp/Wood Residue(000m^3)	JAN-OCT/2000	95,879.5	100,076.3	8.1	4.4	110,142.8	107,417.7	115,759.2	(2.5)	7.8
Lumber Prod. (000m^3)	JAN-OCT/2000	58,580.3	58,045.0	5.1	(0.9)	64,763.9	66,253.5	65,510.9	2.3	(1.1)
Coal Prod. ('000 tonnes)	JAN-OCT/2000	60,364.8	57,559.1	(4.4)	(4.6)	78,673.0	75,359.8	72,462.0	(4.2)	(3.8)
Marketable Gas Receipts (million m^3)	JAN-SEPT/2000	120,350.5	123,231.8	1.2	2.4	156,036.3	160,382.5	162,003.8	2.8	1.0
Power Generated (GW.h)	JAN-OCT/2000	457,686.3	477,378.9	2.2	4.3	553,805.6	553,976.8	557,774.2	0.0	0.7
Mfg. Shipments (\$ millions)	JAN-OCT/2000	404,502.0	447,222.0	8.9	10.6	435,032.0	448,753.0	490,343.0	3.2	9.3
Foreign Exports (\$ millions)	JAN-SEPT/2000	242,730.8	282,202.2	11.3	16.3	281,225.7	297,451.3	330,409.6	5.8	11.1
CONSTRUCTION										
Capital Construction Expenditures (\$millions)	2000	99,985.0 pa	108,117.4 ri	4.8	8.1	89,679.8	95,445.7	99,985.0 pa	6.4	4.8
Building Permits (\$ millions)	JAN-NOV/2000	33,070.4	34,770.8	6.0	5.1	31,248.9	33,199.2	35,770.4	6.2	7.7
Housing Starts - Units										
Centres 10,000+										
- Starts	JAN-DEC/2000	126,656	131,038	8.4	3.5	123,220	116,793	126,656	(5.2)	8.4
- Completions	JAN-DEC /2000	112,572	117,594	(1.0)	4.5	117,821	113,729	112,572	(3.5)	(1.0)
- Under Construction	DEC 31/2000	72,635	78,381	14.8	7.9	--	--	--	--	--
All Areas										
- Starts	JAN-SEPT/2000	109,899	112,219	6.6	2.1	147,040	137,439	149,964	(6.5)	9.1
- Completions	JAN-SEPT/2000	101,422	108,313	2.7	6.8	143,386	133,941	140,983	(6.6)	5.3
- Under Construction	SEPT 30/2000	83,149	87,089	9.3	4.7	--	--	--	--	--
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (\$millions)										
- at '92 prices	--	--	--	--	--	815,013	842,002	880,254	3.3	4.5
- at Factor Cost-constant '92 \$	--	--	--	--	--	700,039	721,879	753,047	3.1	4.3

pa - Preliminary actual

p - Preliminary

ri - Revised intention

Sources: Statistics Canada, Conference Board