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Education matters: Insights on education, learning and training in Canada

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This issue of Statistics Canada's free online publication, *Education Matters: Insights on Education, Learning and Training in Canada*, contains two articles.

"Adult learning and the world of work" summarizes findings of a recent report that compared participation in adult learning in Canada with that in three other countries. It found that while participation in organized forms of learning is reasonably high in Canada, it falls short of the levels found in Norway, Switzerland and the United States. The vast majority of adult education and learning in Canada, as well as in the other three countries, is undertaken for job-related reasons.

"Doctoral candidates in Canada in 2004/2005" reports that while almost half of recent doctoral graduates were women, there remained large gender differences across fields of study. Engineering remained the most male-dominated field, while psychology had become the most female-dominated field of study. Slightly less than one-quarter of all graduates were foreign or visa students. Foreign graduates were disproportionately represented in engineering and the physical sciences.

The publication *Education Matters: Insights on Education, Learning and Training in Canada*, Vol. 5, no. 2 (81-004-XIE, free) is now available. From the *Publications* module of our website, choose *Free Internet publications*, then *Education, training and learning* and *Education Matters*.

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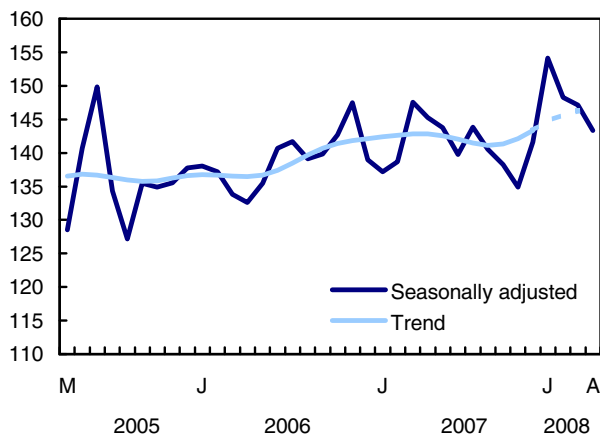
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April 2008

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New motor vehicle sales down for a third consecutive month

thousands of units



Note: The last few points could be subject to revisions when more data are added. This is indicated by the dashed line.

According to seasonally adjusted data from the New Motor Vehicle Sales Survey, consumers purchased 143,300 new vehicles in April, down 2.6% from March. Sales have levelled off in recent months after an upswing that began in October 2007.

Looking ahead, preliminary industry data for May suggests that the number of new motor vehicles sold will remain relatively unchanged.

Overseas-built cars drive April's decrease

Sales of passenger cars fell 5.0% to 75,020 units. Nearly three-quarters of this decline was due to the first

drop in sales of overseas-built passenger cars since November 2007. Even with this decline, overseas-built passenger cars are still following an upward trend. Meanwhile, sales of North American-built passenger cars fell for a third consecutive month, after registering the largest monthly increase in sales in January since 1991.

The number of new trucks (which includes minivans, sport-utility vehicles, light and heavy trucks, vans and buses) sold in April edged up 0.2% to 68,280 units. This was the third consecutive month that truck sales have remained around the same level.

Sales down in seven provinces

Sales were down in seven provinces in April, with significant declines in Nova Scotia and the four western provinces. The national decline was most influenced by an 8.7% drop in sales in Alberta, where dealers sold the fewest new motor vehicles since December 2005.

Sales increased in New Brunswick, Ontario and Newfoundland and Labrador. The significant gain in New Brunswick brought the number of new motor vehicles sold to its highest level since December 2002.

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Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2402.

The April 2008 issue of *New Motor Vehicle Sales* (63-007-XWE, free) will be available soon.

Data on new motor vehicle sales for May will be released on July 15.

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New motor vehicle sales

	April 2007	March 2008 ^r	April 2008 ^p	April 2007 to April 2008	March to April 2008
Seasonally adjusted					
	number of vehicles			% change	
New motor vehicles	147,587	147,089	143,300	-2.9	-2.6
Passenger cars	75,607	78,941	75,020	-0.8	-5.0
North American ¹	49,452	47,233	46,129	-6.7	-2.3
Overseas	26,155	31,708	28,891	10.5	-8.9
Trucks, vans and buses	71,980	68,148	68,280	-5.1	0.2
New motor vehicles					
Newfoundland and Labrador	2,480	2,533	2,550	2.8	0.7
Prince Edward Island	464	496	474	2.2	-4.4
Nova Scotia	4,273	4,774	4,040	-5.5	-15.4
New Brunswick	2,988	3,283	3,530	18.1	7.5
Quebec	36,898	37,593	36,814	-0.2	-2.1
Ontario	53,545	51,100	52,196	-2.5	2.1
Manitoba	4,077	4,211	3,984	-2.3	-5.4
Saskatchewan	3,810	4,510	4,192	10.0	-7.1
Alberta	21,271	21,535	19,658	-7.6	-8.7
British Columbia ²	17,781	17,054	15,862	-10.8	-7.0
	April 2007	March 2008 ^r	April 2008 ^p	April 2007 to April 2008	
Unadjusted					
	number of vehicles			% change	
New motor vehicles	172,428	153,505	179,245	4.0	
Passenger cars	92,446	80,365	98,618	6.7	
North American ¹	60,392	50,287	60,137	-0.4	
Overseas	32,054	30,078	38,481	20.1	
Trucks, vans and buses	79,982	73,140	80,627	0.8	
New motor vehicles					
Newfoundland and Labrador	3,176	2,530	3,585	12.9	
Prince Edward Island	531	452	571	7.5	
Nova Scotia	5,531	4,990	5,679	2.7	
New Brunswick	3,637	3,509	4,522	24.3	
Quebec	46,524	39,517	52,534	12.9	
Ontario	61,256	53,765	61,885	1.0	
Manitoba	4,713	4,521	4,800	1.8	
Saskatchewan	4,261	4,368	5,013	17.6	
Alberta	23,761	22,250	22,684	-4.5	
British Columbia ²	19,038	17,603	17,972	-5.6	

^r revised

^p preliminary

1. Manufactured or assembled in Canada, the United States or Mexico.

2. Includes Yukon, the Northwest Territories and Nunavut.

Note: Figures may not add up to totals due to rounding.



Industrial chemicals and synthetic resins

April 2008

Data on industrial chemicals and synthetic resins are now available for April.

Available on CANSIM: table 303-0014.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2183.

The April 2008 issue of *Industrial Chemicals and Synthetic Resins*, Vol. 51, no. 4 (46-002-XWE, free) is now available from the *Publications* module of our website.

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

Aircraft movement statistics: Small airports

2007

Annual 2007 data for small airports are now available.

Available on CANSIM: tables 401-0037 and 401-0038.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2715.

The 2007 issue of *Aircraft Movement Statistics: Airports Without Air Traffic Control Towers: Annual* (51-210-XWE, free) will soon be available. This report is a joint publication of Statistics Canada and Transport Canada and is also known as Transport Canada report *TP 577*.

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Crude oil and natural gas production

April 2008 (preliminary)

Provincial crude oil and marketable natural gas production data are now available for April.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2198.

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