
Consumer spending continues to rise

Shoppers at Canadian centres spent \$111.5 billion in 2001, up from \$106.4 billion the previous year.

In 2001, sales per square foot at enclosed malls were \$433, an increase of 1.2% over the previous year

The hottest retail category in 2001 was juniors with a 9.6% increase from 2000 to 2001. Other categories that saw year-over-year increases included: footwear (+4.5%); women's apparel (+3.0%); and home furnishings and entertainment (+1.4%).

Tax revenues increase

In 2001, shopping centres generated \$6.41 billion in provincial sales taxes, a 4.0% increase from \$6.16 billion collected in 2000.

Employment is up

Canadian shopping centres employed 1,209,400 people in 2001 – up 3.6% over 2000, representing one tenth of Canada's total nonagricultural work force.



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