Secondary distributors of refined petroleum products, 2023

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Secondary distributors of refined petroleum products sold 23.9 billion litres in Canada in 2023, down 1.5% from 2022. The refined petroleum products sold included motor gasoline (53.1%), diesel fuel oil (41.2%), light fuel oil (3.6%) and heavy fuel oil (2.1%).

Motor gasoline

Secondary distributors sold 12.7 billion litres of motor gasoline to end users in 2023, an increase of 1.3% compared with the previous year. The bulk of these sales (90.8%) was made to gasoline stations.

Approximately two-thirds (66.2%) of the sales were in Ontario and Quebec, while the rest of Canada made up the remaining one-third.

Diesel fuel oil

In 2023, secondary distributors sold 9.8 billion litres of diesel fuel oil to end users, down by 3.4% compared with the previous year. The key customer types included gasoline stations (37.2%), agriculture (16.1%), other commercial and institutional customers (13.4%), road transport and support activities (10.6%) and construction (8.5%).

Sales in Ontario and Quebec accounted for just under half (49.6%) of diesel fuel oil sales to end users in 2023.

Light fuel oil

Secondary distributors sold 870.8 million litres of light fuel oil to end users in 2023, down 14.0% from 2022. In 2023, 68.0% of the light fuel oil sold was to residential customers.

Customers in the Atlantic provinces (37.6%), Quebec (35.0%) and Ontario (13.6%) purchased most of the light fuel oil.

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Note to readers

Secondary distributors of refined petroleum products are commercial entities that act as buyers and resellers between suppliers and end users of refined petroleum products.

Secondary distributors include wholesalers and dealers of refined petroleum products.

The Annual Survey of Secondary Distributors of Refined Petroleum Products collects sales on motor gasoline, diesel fuel oil, light fuel oil, heavy fuel oil and propane.

Data on propane were collected for the first time in 2020 and these data are available upon request. Additionally, fuel sales to a broader range of industrial end users are also available upon request.

The agriculture industry includes farmers, hunters, trappers and support activities.

These values represent sales to end users and do not include sales to other wholesalers and dealers of refined petroleum products.

Data are subject to revisions.

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