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Highlights

- For the first time in five months, consumers reduced their spending in retail stores in May. Retailers sold \$30.4 billion worth of goods and services, down 1.3% from April, when sales rose 1.5%.

Analysis — June 2005

Retail sales bounced back 1.1% in June to \$30.8 billion after falling 1.2% in May. While half of the eight retail sectors enjoyed sizable sales gains, about two-thirds of June's increase came from stronger auto sales.

Excluding sales by dealers of new, used and recreational vehicles and auto parts, retail sales advanced by 0.4% in June, following a 0.3% decline the previous month.

Total spending in retail stores was 1.6% higher in the second quarter of 2005 than in the first quarter, when sales jumped by 2.3%. The solid growth in the first quarter of 2005 was the strongest quarterly gain since the fourth quarter of 2001.

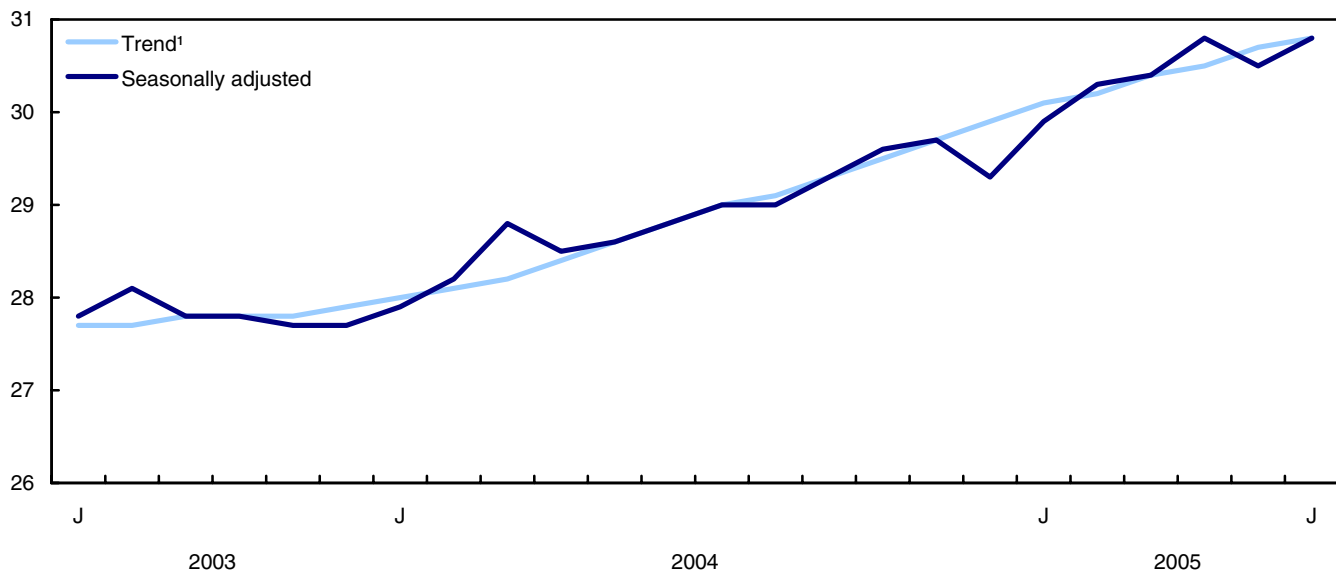
In June, retailers experienced their 15th monthly sales gain in the 18 months since the start of 2004. Previously, sales had declined in the last four months of 2003 after generally advancing since the fall of 2001.

Once prices are taken into account, constant dollar retail sales rose 1.0% in June after declining 1.1% in May.

Chart 1

Retail sales - Canada

\$ billions



1. Trends represent smoothed seasonally adjusted data.

In June, consumers increased their spending in the automotive (+2.9%), general merchandise (+1.1%), furniture and electronics (+1.1%) and clothing (+0.6%) sectors, after cutting back on their purchases in these same sectors in the previous month. Also in June, spending was reduced in the food and beverage (-0.5%) and building supplies (-0.4%) sectors, while remaining flat in pharmacies and essentially unchanged (+0.2%) in the miscellaneous sector. The miscellaneous sector includes retailers such as sporting goods, hobby, music and book stores.

Consumers back in auto dealers' showrooms

A quick sales rebound at new car dealers (+4.3%) and a price-induced sales increase at gasoline stations (+1.9%) led to the 2.9% sales gain in the overall automotive sector in June. Sales at new car dealers have been on the rise since early 2004, up 13.9% since January 2004, the last month before sales began their most recent period of increases. For their part, gasoline stations have experienced growing sales since June 2003, mostly due to higher gasoline prices at the pump. The value of gasoline station sales have risen by 34.4% over the last two years.

Despite the 0.9% sales decline in June, used and recreational motor vehicle and parts dealers have shown essentially the same overall sales gain as new car dealers since early 2004. Sales at used and recreational motor vehicle and parts dealers have increased by 14.3% since January 2004.

After staying away in the previous two months, shoppers increased their spending by 1.1% in the general merchandise sector in June. Within this sector, both department stores (+1.8%) and other general merchandise stores (+0.4%) enjoyed higher sales. Even with June's sizable gain, sales in the general merchandise sector remained essentially flat in the second quarter of 2005 (-0.1%) following a 2.7% jump in the first quarter. This was their strongest quarterly sales gain since the last quarter of 2001 (+3.1%).

The 1.1% sales increase in the furniture, home furnishings and electronics sector in June came almost solely from a 3.1% sales jump in home electronics and appliance stores. Sales in home electronics and appliance stores have risen almost every month since the start of 2005, except for a 0.7% decline in May. This sequence of increases has led sales in the second quarter of 2005 to a level 11.5% above sales in the same quarter of 2004.

Clothing and accessories stores posted a 0.6% sales increase in June, gaining back only some of May's losses (-2.1%). Nevertheless, sales advanced 1.3% in the second quarter of 2005 compared to the first quarter, when sales jumped 3.5%. Sales in clothing and accessories stores have been rising strongly since January 2005 after a year of little change.

Sales up in all provinces east of Saskatchewan

All provinces east of Saskatchewan experienced sales increases of at least 0.7% in June, following a reduction in consumer spending in retail stores in these provinces in May.

Prince Edward Island (+3.9%) and New Brunswick (+3.0%) enjoyed the largest sales increases in June, after posting the most pronounced declines in May. In spite of June's strong results, retailers in Prince Edward Island (-1.0%) and New Brunswick (-0.7%) suffered the only two provincial quarterly sales declines in the second quarter of 2005.

Retail stores in Quebec (+2.0%) and Ontario (+1.6%) posted sales advances above the national average in June. Higher sales in the automotive, clothing and general merchandise sectors were behind the overall retail sales increase in Quebec. In Ontario, increased spending was not only noted in the same three retail sectors in June, but also in the building supplies sector. Retail sales in Quebec and Ontario have generally been increasing since the start of 2004.

In June, retail sales were down in Saskatchewan (-1.2%) and Alberta (-0.3%), while remaining essentially flat in British Columbia (-0.1%). June's declines in Saskatchewan and Alberta came on the heels of the only sales gains observed in all provinces in May. Lower sales in the majority of sectors were behind the overall retail sales declines seen in these two provinces in June.

Despite June's decline, retailers in Saskatchewan (+5.1%) and Alberta (+4.4%) experienced by far the best quarterly sales gains of any province in the second quarter of 2005 compared with the first quarter. All remaining provinces that enjoyed positive growth posted sales increases below the national average in the second quarter, except for the 2.3% sales gain observed in Nova Scotia.

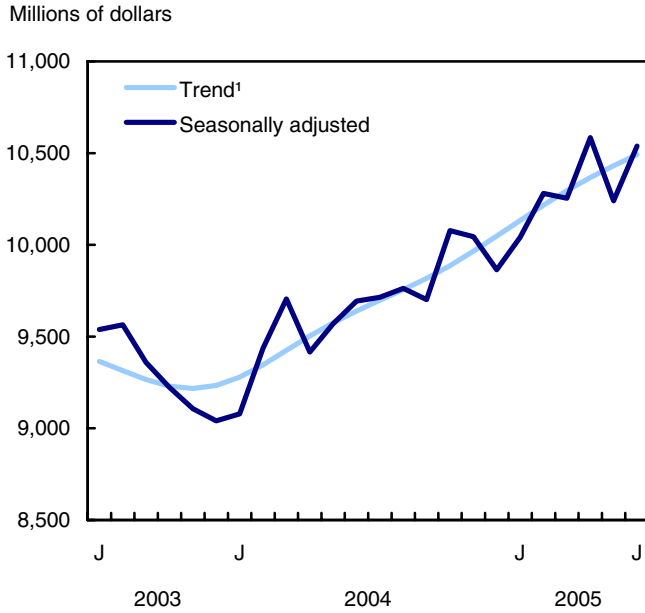
Related indicators for July

While total employment remained flat in July, the number of hours spent by workers on the job increased by 0.6%. Housing starts reached their highest level of the year in July after edging up 0.4% compared with June. In fact, July's activity on the new housing market was the eighth busiest month for home builders in the last 18 years. Early results from the auto industry indicate an increase of about 7% in the number of new motor vehicles sold in July compared with June.

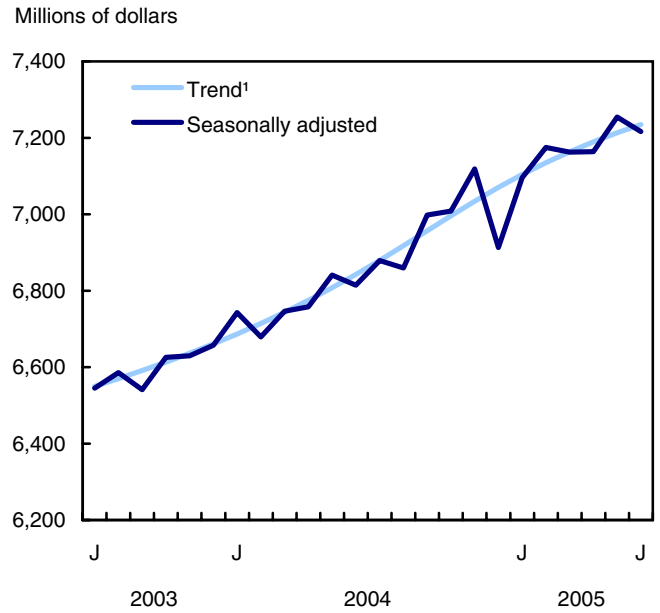
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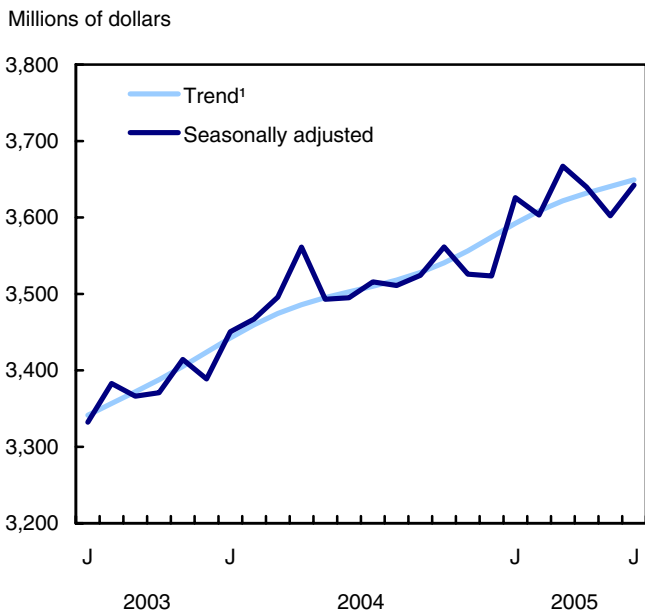
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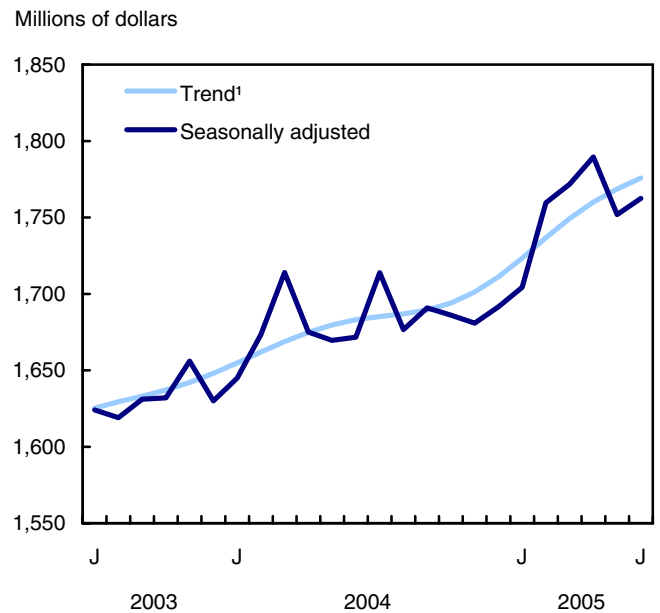
Food and beverage stores



General merchandise stores



Clothing and accessories stores

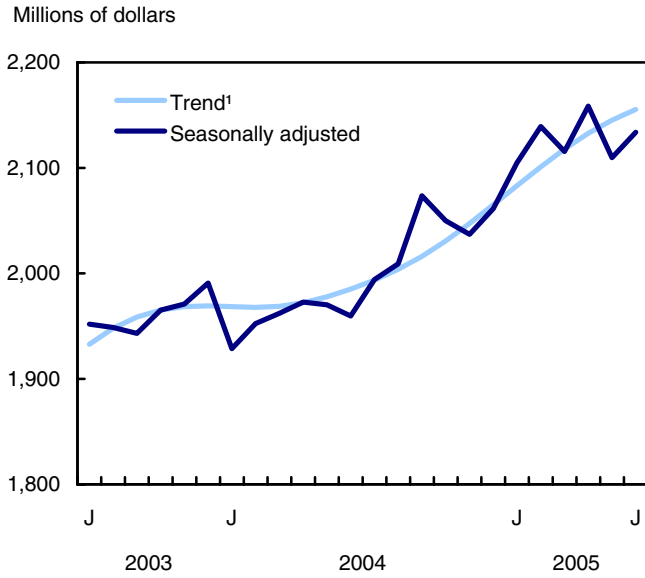


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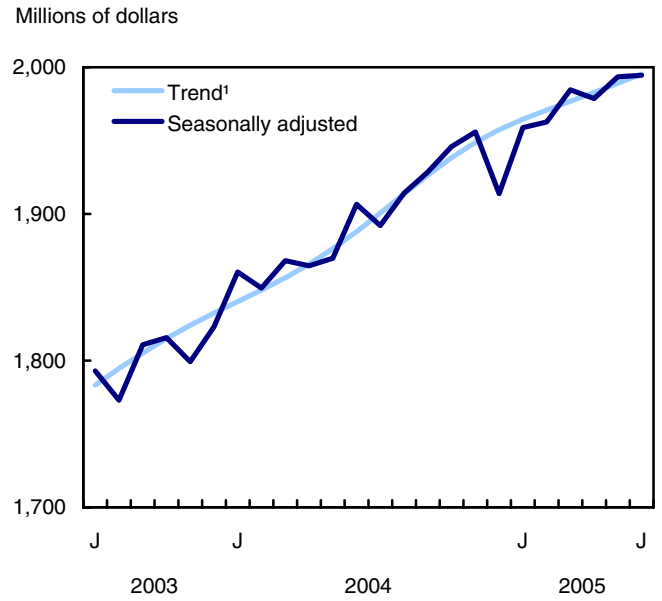
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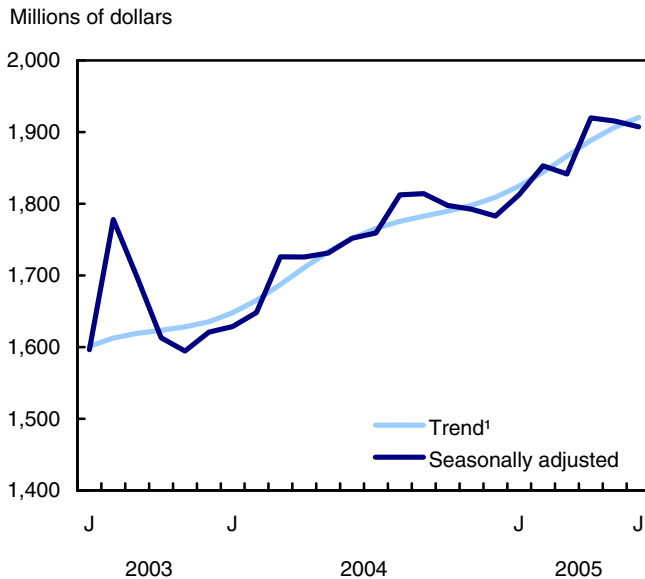
Furniture, home furnishings and electronics stores



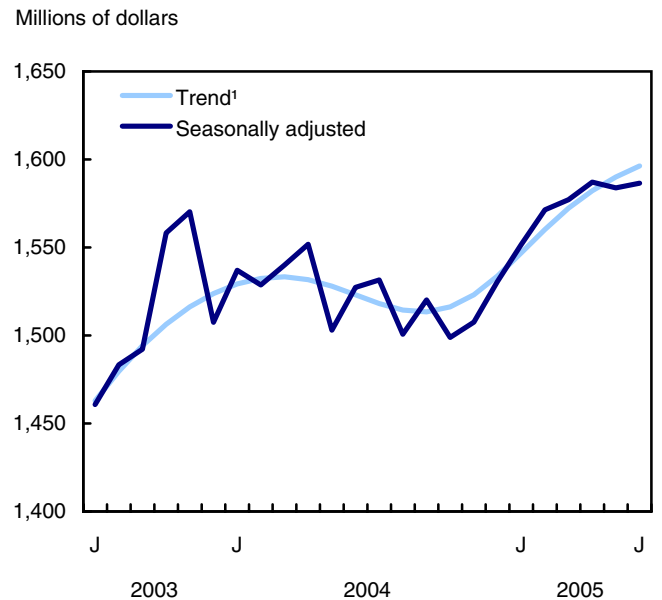
Pharmacies and personal care stores



Building and outdoor home supplies stores



Miscellaneous retailers



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- *Canadian Statistics - Retail trade, by provinces and territories (monthly)*
- *Canadian Statistics - Department store sales, by provinces*

Statistical tables

Table 1-1

Retail sales by trade group and by region, seasonally adjusted (current periods) — Sales

	June ^p 2005	May ^r 2005	April ^r 2005	March ^r 2005	Year-to-date 2005
millions of dollars					
Trade group - Canada					
New car dealers	6,083.8	5,831.3	6,143.5	5,905.4	35,773.8
Used and recreational motor vehicle and parts dealers	1,323.4	1,335.6	1,329.2	1,299.1	7,854.7
Gasoline stations	3,131.6	3,072.8	3,111.7	3,049.9	18,310.2
Furniture stores	723.8	727.5	765.7	742.1	4,461.4
Home furnishings stores	390.4	389.2	390.3	382.5	2,329.3
Computer and software stores	135.7	135.9	139.7	134.8	830.1
Home electronics and appliance stores	883.9	857.1	862.8	856.2	5,141.0
Home centres and hardware stores	1,522.0	1,523.0	1,526.2	1,465.1	8,934.3
Specialized building materials and garden stores	385.3	392.3	393.8	376.5	2,315.4
Supermarkets	5,240.3	5,249.1	5,192.3	5,189.3	31,240.0
Convenience and specialty food stores	763.9	774.7	769.2	768.6	4,599.1
Beer, wine and liquor stores	1,212.0	1,230.7	1,202.4	1,204.6	7,228.6
Pharmacies and personal care stores	1,994.5	1,993.5	1,978.7	1,984.7	11,873.0
Clothing stores	1,356.4	1,343.2	1,379.7	1,355.6	8,119.1
Shoe, clothing accessories and jewellery stores	406.0	408.7	409.9	416.2	2,420.4
Department stores	1,878.0	1,844.9	1,862.2	1,901.4	11,222.5
Other general merchandise stores	1,764.3	1,757.3	1,777.6	1,765.6	10,557.7
Sporting goods, hobby, music and book stores	769.0	777.4	788.2	778.9	4,646.2
Miscellaneous store retailers	817.5	806.4	799.0	798.2	4,811.5
Total, all stores	30,782.0	30,450.9	30,821.8	30,374.6	182,668.3
Regions					
Newfoundland and Labrador	490.5	487.2	494.9	488.4	2,941.4
Prince Edward Island	120.6	116.1	121.6	118.5	720.3
Nova Scotia	893.5	882.5	898.7	876.6	5,288.5
New Brunswick	697.8	677.5	695.9	698.4	4,156.0
Quebec	7,063.7	6,927.7	7,004.1	6,941.3	41,699.2
Ontario	11,274.0	11,099.5	11,372.3	11,165.6	67,224.7
Manitoba	1,033.1	1,023.1	1,041.2	1,027.5	6,183.2
Saskatchewan	942.1	953.3	928.8	907.6	5,511.7
Alberta	4,038.1	4,050.3	4,025.2	3,918.6	23,721.2
British Columbia	4,122.5	4,126.7	4,132.3	4,125.5	24,585.9
Yukon Territory	36.7	38.8	38.4	37.4	223.2
Northwest Territories	47.8	47.7	47.9	48.7	288.8
Nunavut	21.6	20.5	20.6	20.6	124.3

Table 1-2

Retail sales by trade group and by region, seasonally adjusted (current periods) % change from previous month

	June ^P 2005	May ^r 2005	April ^r 2005	March ^r 2005
	percent			
Trade group - Canada				
New car dealers	4.3	-5.1	4.0	-1.5
Used and recreational motor vehicle and parts dealers	-0.9	0.5	2.3	-0.5
Gasoline stations	1.9	-1.2	2.0	2.3
Furniture stores	-0.5	-5.0	3.2	-2.3
Home furnishings stores	0.3	-0.3	2.0	-1.4
Computer and software stores	-0.1	-2.7	3.6	-5.1
Home electronics and appliance stores	3.1	-0.7	0.8	0.7
Home centres and hardware stores	-0.1	-0.2	4.2	-0.2
Specialized building materials and garden stores	-1.8	-0.4	4.6	-2.2
Supermarkets	-0.2	1.1	0.1	0.3
Convenience and specialty food stores	-1.4	0.7	0.1	0.2
Beer, wine and liquor stores	-1.5	2.4	-0.2	-2.3
Pharmacies and personal care stores	0.0	0.8	-0.3	1.1
Clothing stores	1.0	-2.6	1.8	-0.2
Shoe, clothing accessories and jewellery stores	-0.7	-0.3	-1.5	3.8
Department stores	1.8	-0.9	-2.1	2.0
Other general merchandise stores	0.4	-1.1	0.7	1.5
Sporting goods, hobby, music and book stores	-1.1	-1.4	1.2	1.1
Miscellaneous store retailers	1.4	0.9	0.1	-0.3
Total, all stores	1.1	-1.2	1.5	0.1
Regions				
Newfoundland and Labrador	0.7	-1.6	1.3	-1.0
Prince Edward Island	3.9	-4.5	2.6	-6.5
Nova Scotia	1.2	-1.8	2.5	-2.1
New Brunswick	3.0	-2.6	-0.4	-0.2
Quebec	2.0	-1.1	0.9	0.5
Ontario	1.6	-2.4	1.9	-0.1
Manitoba	1.0	-1.7	1.3	-1.4
Saskatchewan	-1.2	2.6	2.3	0.4
Alberta	-0.3	0.6	2.7	0.5
British Columbia	-0.1	-0.1	0.2	0.7
Yukon Territory	-5.5	1.1	2.7	3.0
Northwest Territories	0.1	-0.4	-1.5	-2.8
Nunavut	5.6	-0.8	0.3	-0.1

Table 1-3

Retail sales by trade group and by region, seasonally adjusted (current periods) % change from previous year

	June ^p 2005	May ^r 2005	April ^r 2005	March ^r 2005	Year-to-date 2005
	percent				
Trade group - Canada					
New car dealers	7.4	5.5	10.3	0.6	6.4
Used and recreational motor vehicle and parts dealers	9.3	12.3	9.2	6.7	9.5
Gasoline stations	11.1	7.8	18.4	16.6	13.6
Furniture stores	5.7	4.2	8.0	4.3	6.2
Home furnishings stores	6.6	7.0	7.2	6.8	8.3
Computer and software stores	8.3	4.4	11.5	4.6	8.2
Home electronics and appliance stores	12.9	10.2	11.4	12.1	11.1
Home centres and hardware stores	10.3	10.7	12.0	7.3	10.8
Specialized building materials and garden stores	3.7	10.4	8.4	4.4	8.0
Supermarkets	6.3	6.4	6.5	6.9	6.6
Convenience and specialty food stores	4.5	6.5	5.3	6.4	6.0
Beer, wine and liquor stores	5.1	4.2	4.4	3.1	4.3
Pharmacies and personal care stores	4.6	6.6	6.1	6.2	5.8
Clothing stores	6.7	6.4	9.3	4.6	7.2
Shoe, clothing accessories and jewellery stores	1.3	0.4	-0.8	-0.5	-2.1
Department stores	3.6	1.3	2.0	4.9	3.1
Other general merchandise stores	4.8	5.1	2.4	4.9	4.8
Sporting goods, hobby, music and book stores	3.8	9.9	7.6	7.3	6.4
Miscellaneous store retailers	4.0	1.3	-2.5	-1.9	-0.2
Total, all stores	6.8	6.3	8.1	5.6	6.9
Regions					
Newfoundland and Labrador	4.5	2.4	6.1	4.6	3.0
Prince Edward Island	5.4	-0.2	2.1	0.5	3.2
Nova Scotia	2.2	2.0	5.0	1.6	3.5
New Brunswick	6.9	3.9	6.3	6.2	5.9
Quebec	7.8	7.4	9.1	6.4	8.0
Ontario	5.5	4.0	7.4	4.0	5.4
Manitoba	5.7	6.2	6.8	5.3	7.2
Saskatchewan	9.7	10.6	7.4	6.7	8.4
Alberta	12.4	13.1	12.4	9.7	11.7
British Columbia	4.6	5.3	5.9	5.9	5.8
Yukon Territory	4.5	11.4	9.0	6.7	5.6
Northwest Territories	9.4	13.6	12.7	14.8	13.5
Nunavut	11.0	5.4	6.5	3.6	6.2

Table 2-1

Retail sales by trade group and by region, not seasonally adjusted (current periods) — Sales

	June ^p 2005	May ^r 2005	April 2005	March 2005	Year-to-date 2005
millions of dollars					
Trade group - Canada					
New car dealers	7,282.8	6,850.2	6,786.4	6,314.8	36,444.4
Used and recreational motor vehicle and parts dealers	1,638.9	1,733.8	1,667.3	1,199.7	8,037.0
Gasoline stations	3,301.7	3,146.4	2,999.8	2,988.7	17,727.5
Furniture stores	751.2	720.4	726.1	668.1	4,092.3
Home furnishings stores	383.4	372.1	366.8	353.5	2,101.6
Computer and software stores	125.3	126.5	132.3	156.6	815.8
Home electronics and appliance stores	777.8	724.7	719.8	742.2	4,330.6
Home centres and hardware stores	1,896.3	1,918.9	1,532.5	1,166.0	8,436.5
Specialized building materials and garden stores	522.9	546.8	392.3	306.9	2,256.3
Supermarkets	5,317.3	5,229.2	5,155.1	5,144.8	30,486.6
Convenience and specialty food stores	806.2	790.7	755.3	730.2	4,387.6
Beer, wine and liquor stores	1,240.9	1,171.6	1,065.1	1,055.8	6,313.5
Pharmacies and personal care stores	1,978.8	1,987.8	1,925.7	1,972.7	11,536.1
Clothing stores	1,337.1	1,308.2	1,324.9	1,138.7	7,000.9
Shoe, clothing accessories and jewellery stores	411.2	414.1	390.6	310.1	2,082.3
Department stores	1,857.7	1,751.7	1,729.7	1,599.4	9,649.5
Other general merchandise stores	1,963.7	1,882.6	1,703.7	1,515.5	9,740.8
Sporting goods, hobby, music and book stores	727.2	708.9	712.0	660.9	4,039.6
Miscellaneous store retailers	858.5	823.4	727.9	728.5	4,454.7
Total, all stores	33,179.0	32,208.2	30,813.2	28,753.1	173,933.5
Regions					
Newfoundland and Labrador	538.5	517.2	480.4	447.9	2,725.0
Prince Edward Island	134.4	123.2	115.5	100.7	653.6
Nova Scotia	990.4	912.0	877.3	812.9	4,975.8
New Brunswick	772.1	717.9	694.6	650.2	3,925.3
Quebec	7,742.0	7,624.6	7,254.7	6,624.4	40,182.1
Ontario	12,116.5	11,698.2	11,176.3	10,452.3	63,632.5
Manitoba	1,117.1	1,071.5	1,051.1	974.2	5,891.0
Saskatchewan	1,012.4	1,003.5	930.4	841.5	5,232.5
Alberta	4,291.5	4,219.5	4,044.9	3,757.0	22,640.6
British Columbia	4,348.0	4,213.7	4,083.2	3,982.5	23,464.3
Yukon Territory	42.6	41.0	36.2	34.4	209.5
Northwest Territories	52.0	44.8	47.8	54.3	283.6
Nunavut	21.5	21.1	20.6	20.7	117.7

Table 2-2

Retail sales by trade group and by region, not seasonally adjusted (current periods) % change from previous year

	June ^p 2005	May ^r 2005	April 2005	March 2005	Year-to-date 2005
	percent				
Trade group - Canada					
New car dealers	8.7	7.2	7.0	0.9	5.7
Used and recreational motor vehicle and parts dealers	10.0	15.2	13.0	1.4	9.4
Gasoline stations	11.9	5.7	17.1	16.6	12.2
Furniture stores	5.2	1.5	9.6	5.1	5.3
Home furnishings stores	4.6	7.1	8.5	4.7	7.1
Computer and software stores	8.3	4.7	9.8	0.1	6.1
Home electronics and appliance stores	13.4	8.3	13.6	11.8	10.4
Home centres and hardware stores	9.6	13.4	12.3	4.5	10.0
Specialized building materials and garden stores	4.0	12.1	7.4	5.2	7.4
Supermarkets	7.7	3.4	6.2	11.2	5.5
Convenience and specialty food stores	4.4	5.2	4.1	9.7	5.3
Beer, wine and liquor stores	6.8	0.7	2.8	8.2	3.4
Pharmacies and personal care stores	5.0	7.0	4.9	6.7	5.0
Clothing stores	10.1	2.3	10.5	6.4	6.9
Shoe, clothing accessories and jewellery stores	3.2	-2.0	4.6	-3.9	-2.3
Department stores	5.8	-1.8	2.5	6.9	2.9
Other general merchandise stores	6.3	3.0	3.7	5.9	4.3
Sporting goods, hobby, music and book stores	6.5	7.7	7.5	8.6	5.9
Miscellaneous store retailers	4.7	0.4	-1.8	-1.9	-0.4
Total, all stores	8.0	5.5	7.7	6.5	6.2
Regions					
Newfoundland and Labrador	5.1	2.5	5.7	5.1	2.5
Prince Edward Island	5.2	0.0	3.1	0.6	2.5
Nova Scotia	4.3	1.1	4.5	2.4	2.7
New Brunswick	8.9	3.4	4.6	7.5	5.3
Quebec	9.8	6.1	8.1	7.2	7.3
Ontario	6.3	3.0	7.2	4.5	4.7
Manitoba	6.9	5.6	6.7	6.7	6.4
Saskatchewan	10.3	11.8	6.9	7.1	7.8
Alberta	13.4	13.4	12.9	10.7	11.3
British Columbia	5.4	4.7	5.2	7.8	5.0
Yukon Territory	5.3	12.4	9.1	8.3	5.6
Northwest Territories	10.9	9.2	13.5	16.4	13.1
Nunavut	9.9	5.8	6.2	4.3	5.4

Table 3-1

Retail sales by trade group and by region, not seasonally adjusted, (quarterly estimates) — Canada

	Quarter ^P II 2005	Quarter I 2005	Quarter IV 2004	Quarter III 2004	Quarter II 2004
	millions of dollars				
Trade group					
New car dealers	20,919.4	15,524.9	15,705.4	17,959.7	19,426.0
Used and recreational motor vehicle and parts dealers	5,040.0	2,997.1	3,350.5	3,864.8	4,470.5
Gasoline stations	9,447.9	8,279.6	8,637.7	8,922.7	8,489.3
Furniture stores	2,197.7	1,894.6	2,365.8	2,254.8	2,086.4
Home furnishings stores	1,122.2	979.4	1,355.9	1,121.4	1,051.8
Computer and software stores	384.1	431.7	427.8	385.1	357.1
Home electronics and appliance stores	2,222.4	2,108.2	3,229.4	2,290.4	1,988.4
Home centres and hardware stores	5,347.7	3,088.8	4,188.5	4,737.6	4,787.7
Specialized building materials and garden stores	1,462.0	794.3	1,022.8	1,249.9	1,355.7
Supermarkets	15,701.6	14,785.0	15,695.0	15,182.1	14,846.1
Convenience and specialty food stores	2,352.2	2,035.5	2,268.9	2,369.6	2,249.4
Beer, wine and liquor stores	3,477.6	2,835.9	3,880.5	3,806.1	3,360.9
Pharmacies and personal care stores	5,892.3	5,643.8	6,184.2	5,594.7	5,579.7
Clothing stores	3,970.3	3,030.6	4,940.6	3,820.2	3,693.2
Shoe, clothing accessories and jewellery stores	1,215.9	866.4	1,572.7	1,172.9	1,194.6
Department stores	5,339.2	4,310.3	7,268.5	5,206.2	5,229.2
Other general merchandise stores	5,550.1	4,190.7	5,841.7	5,097.4	5,318.5
Sporting goods, hobby, music and book stores	2,148.1	1,891.5	2,810.1	2,206.0	2,003.2
Miscellaneous store retailers	2,409.8	2,045.0	2,530.0	2,444.0	2,381.4
Total, all stores	96,200.4	77,733.1	93,276.0	89,685.7	89,869.1

Table 3-1 – continued

Retail sales by trade group and by region, not seasonally adjusted, (quarterly estimates) — Canada

	Quarter ^P II 2005	Quarter I 2005	Quarter IV 2004	Quarter III 2004	Quarter II 2004
	% change from previous quarter				
Trade group					
New car dealers	34.7	-1.1	-12.6	-7.5	29.1
Used and recreational motor vehicle and parts dealers	68.2	-10.5	-13.3	-13.6	55.6
Gasoline stations	14.1	-4.1	-3.2	5.1	16.1
Furniture stores	16.0	-19.9	4.9	8.1	15.9
Home furnishings stores	14.6	-27.8	20.9	6.6	15.6
Computer and software stores	-11.0	0.9	11.1	7.9	-13.3
Home electronics and appliance stores	5.4	-34.7	41.0	15.2	2.8
Home centres and hardware stores	73.1	-26.3	-11.6	-1.0	66.0
Specialized building materials and garden stores	84.1	-22.3	-18.2	-7.8	82.1
Supermarkets	6.2	-5.8	3.4	2.3	5.8
Convenience and specialty food stores	15.6	-10.3	-4.3	5.3	17.2
Beer, wine and liquor stores	22.6	-26.9	2.0	13.2	22.6
Pharmacies and personal care stores	4.4	-8.7	10.5	0.3	3.1
Clothing stores	31.0	-38.7	29.3	3.4	29.2
Shoe, clothing accessories and jewellery stores	40.3	-44.9	34.1	-1.8	27.6
Department stores	23.9	-40.7	39.6	-0.4	26.1
Other general merchandise stores	32.4	-28.3	14.6	-4.2	32.4
Sporting goods, hobby, music and book stores	13.6	-32.7	27.4	10.1	10.5
Miscellaneous store retailers	17.8	-19.2	3.5	2.6	13.9
Total, all stores	23.8	-16.7	4.0	-0.2	21.6

Table 3-1 – continued

Retail sales by trade group and by region, not seasonally adjusted, (quarterly estimates) — Canada

	Quarter ^P II 2005	Quarter I 2005	Quarter IV 2004	Quarter III 2004	Quarter II 2004
	% change from previous year				
Trade group					
New car dealers	7.7	3.2	5.0	-1.0	-3.0
Used and recreational motor vehicle and parts dealers	12.7	4.3	4.3	-1.9	0.6
Gasoline stations	11.3	13.2	21.2	11.2	17.5
Furniture stores	5.3	5.3	6.4	4.8	5.9
Home furnishings stores	6.7	7.7	10.5	12.9	13.3
Computer and software stores	7.6	4.8	-10.4	-14.4	-23.7
Home electronics and appliance stores	11.8	8.9	2.0	3.3	4.0
Home centres and hardware stores	11.7	7.1	13.1	9.2	16.0
Specialized building materials and garden stores	7.8	6.7	2.0	2.7	-1.4
Supermarkets	5.8	5.3	7.6	5.5	2.8
Convenience and specialty food stores	4.6	6.1	4.7	5.4	3.4
Beer, wine and liquor stores	3.5	3.4	-1.3	4.8	6.2
Pharmacies and personal care stores	5.6	4.3	6.8	6.5	6.6
Clothing stores	7.5	6.1	4.3	7.4	3.5
Shoe, clothing accessories and jewellery stores	1.8	-7.5	-0.2	-2.9	-1.4
Department stores	2.1	4.0	2.7	6.0	5.0
Other general merchandise stores	4.4	4.3	5.0	4.0	6.0
Sporting goods, hobby, music and book stores	7.2	4.4	0.7	2.9	1.2
Miscellaneous store retailers	1.2	-2.2	-3.3	3.4	11.5
Total, all stores	7.0	5.2	6.1	4.2	4.0

Table 3-2

Retail sales by trade group and by region, not seasonally adjusted, (quarterly estimates) — Newfoundland and Labrador

	Quarter ^P II 2005	Quarter I 2005	Quarter IV 2004	Quarter III 2004	Quarter II 2004
	millions of dollars				
Trade group					
New car dealers	322.9	195.5	194.5	273.4	302.2
Used and recreational motor vehicle and parts dealers	124.7	109.2	145.3	97.9	114.7
Gasoline stations	195.2	166.0	189.6	214.8	185.1
Furniture stores	20.6	15.8	31.0	25.0	19.1
Home furnishings stores	6.0	5.0	9.3	6.1	5.2
Computer and software stores	6.1	7.1	7.4	6.0	5.1
Home electronics and appliance stores	11.9	11.7	19.6	13.4	11.7
Home centres and hardware stores	105.9	50.2	97.2	122.5	101.6
Specialized building materials and garden stores	19.0	10.2	17.0	19.9	17.8
Supermarkets	253.0	233.8	244.4	252.8	246.9
Convenience and specialty food stores	x	x	x	x	x
Beer, wine and liquor stores	x	x	x	x	x
Pharmacies and personal care stores	74.3	69.8	84.2	76.1	74.0
Clothing stores	35.5	25.1	60.3	38.3	31.2
Shoe, clothing accessories and jewellery stores	9.3	6.6	15.9	10.3	9.1
Department stores	x	x	x	x	x
Other general merchandise stores	x	x	x	x	x
Sporting goods, hobby, music and book stores	14.0	12.1	23.5	15.1	12.6
Miscellaneous store retailers	25.5	22.1	27.4	24.3	25.3
Total, all stores	1,536.1	1,188.9	1,570.8	1,527.2	1,471.3

Table 3-2 – continued

Retail sales by trade group and by region, not seasonally adjusted, (quarterly estimates) — Newfoundland and Labrador

	Quarter ^p II 2005	Quarter I 2005	Quarter IV 2004	Quarter III 2004	Quarter II 2004
	% change from previous quarter				
Trade group					
New car dealers	65.1	0.6	-28.9	-9.6	65.6
Used and recreational motor vehicle and parts dealers	14.2	-24.9	48.5	-14.6	-1.9
Gasoline stations	17.6	-12.4	-11.7	16.0	16.2
Furniture stores	30.9	-49.2	24.3	30.5	14.5
Home furnishings stores	18.9	-46.4	52.5	18.0	26.7
Computer and software stores	-14.0	-4.3	24.0	17.2	-17.3
Home electronics and appliance stores	2.0	-40.5	46.4	15.0	1.2
Home centres and hardware stores	111.1	-48.4	-20.7	20.6	100.1
Specialized building materials and garden stores	85.6	-39.9	-14.4	11.8	101.1
Supermarkets	8.2	-4.3	-3.3	2.4	4.2
Convenience and specialty food stores	x	x	x	x	x
Beer, wine and liquor stores	x	x	x	x	x
Pharmacies and personal care stores	6.3	-17.0	10.6	2.9	2.9
Clothing stores	41.7	-58.4	57.3	23.0	41.4
Shoe, clothing accessories and jewellery stores	41.7	-58.6	54.6	13.3	25.7
Department stores	x	x	x	x	x
Other general merchandise stores	x	x	x	x	x
Sporting goods, hobby, music and book stores	16.2	-48.7	55.7	19.9	12.6
Miscellaneous store retailers	15.3	-19.4	13.0	-4.0	11.8
Total, all stores	29.2	-24.3	2.9	3.8	24.0

Table 3-2 – continued

Retail sales by trade group and by region, not seasonally adjusted, (quarterly estimates) — Newfoundland and Labrador

	Quarter ^p II 2005	Quarter I 2005	Quarter IV 2004	Quarter III 2004	Quarter II 2004
	% change from previous year				
Trade group					
New car dealers	6.8	7.2	-1.1	-13.8	-5.7
Used and recreational motor vehicle and parts dealers	8.7	-6.5	7.0	-44.7	-44.5
Gasoline stations	5.5	4.3	10.4	10.3	16.1
Furniture stores	7.9	-5.5	7.8	22.2	-0.6
Home furnishings stores	14.7	22.2	6.0	-8.0	-17.1
Computer and software stores	19.5	15.0	4.9	12.4	-13.4
Home electronics and appliance stores	2.1	1.4	-8.7	9.6	11.5
Home centres and hardware stores	4.3	-1.2	-0.7	4.5	13.8
Specialized building materials and garden stores	6.8	15.7	25.9	41.8	49.6
Supermarkets	2.5	-1.3	4.2	-4.1	-4.7
Convenience and specialty food stores	x	x	x	x	x
Beer, wine and liquor stores	x	x	x	x	x
Pharmacies and personal care stores	0.4	-2.9	4.7	8.7	8.5
Clothing stores	14.1	13.8	6.3	7.5	-2.3
Shoe, clothing accessories and jewellery stores	2.9	-8.7	-1.4	0.6	-8.8
Department stores	x	x	x	x	x
Other general merchandise stores	x	x	x	x	x
Sporting goods, hobby, music and book stores	11.2	7.8	7.9	9.2	3.1
Miscellaneous store retailers	0.8	-2.3	-7.6	9.3	46.2
Total, all stores	4.4	0.2	3.4	-2.8	-2.5

Table 3-3

Retail sales by trade group and by region, not seasonally adjusted, (quarterly estimates) — Prince Edward Island

	Quarter ^P II 2005	Quarter I 2005	Quarter IV 2004	Quarter III 2004	Quarter II 2004
	millions of dollars				
Trade group					
New car dealers	69.3	44.0	52.2	59.1	70.0
Used and recreational motor vehicle and parts dealers	9.4	5.5	7.6	8.0	12.2
Gasoline stations	44.8	34.9	37.4	41.9	36.7
Furniture stores	4.5	3.6	4.9	5.1	4.6
Home furnishings stores	1.8	1.6	3.1	3.0	2.7
Computer and software stores	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.5	0.6
Home electronics and appliance stores	6.3	5.7	9.7	7.4	6.5
Home centres and hardware stores	34.1	19.1	30.6	37.6	32.6
Specialized building materials and garden stores	13.6	6.5	7.0	9.1	12.0
Supermarkets	75.8	71.3	78.0	84.0	74.2
Convenience and specialty food stores	x	x	x	x	x
Beer, wine and liquor stores	x	x	x	x	x
Pharmacies and personal care stores	23.5	22.3	21.9	24.2	24.6
Clothing stores	9.8	7.1	14.8	12.4	9.9
Shoe, clothing accessories and jewellery stores	3.1	2.3	4.9	3.7	3.0
Department stores	x	x	x	x	x
Other general merchandise stores	x	x	x	x	x
Sporting goods, hobby, music and book stores	6.7	5.5	8.8	8.0	5.9
Miscellaneous store retailers	7.4	5.7	7.7	11.8	7.0
Total, all stores	373.2	280.4	361.9	385.2	363.0

Table 3-3 – continued

Retail sales by trade group and by region, not seasonally adjusted, (quarterly estimates) — Prince Edward Island

	Quarter ^P II 2005	Quarter I 2005	Quarter IV 2004	Quarter III 2004	Quarter II 2004
	% change from previous quarter				
Trade group					
New car dealers	57.3	-15.6	-11.7	-15.6	61.9
Used and recreational motor vehicle and parts dealers	70.5	-27.0	-5.2	-34.8	43.9
Gasoline stations	28.2	-6.8	-10.6	14.2	8.6
Furniture stores	25.0	-26.6	-3.1	10.4	29.9
Home furnishings stores	13.3	-48.3	4.0	10.0	37.6
Computer and software stores	-8.6	-14.5	42.5	-5.6	-23.0
Home electronics and appliance stores	11.1	-41.5	32.2	13.6	25.0
Home centres and hardware stores	78.2	-37.6	-18.4	15.3	95.9
Specialized building materials and garden stores	107.5	-7.1	-22.4	-24.5	141.4
Supermarkets	6.3	-8.5	-7.1	13.2	8.7
Convenience and specialty food stores	x	x	x	x	x
Beer, wine and liquor stores	x	x	x	x	x
Pharmacies and personal care stores	5.2	2.1	-9.8	-1.4	1.8
Clothing stores	37.9	-51.7	18.5	25.3	46.8
Shoe, clothing accessories and jewellery stores	33.5	-52.5	31.7	24.2	28.3
Department stores	x	x	x	x	x
Other general merchandise stores	x	x	x	x	x
Sporting goods, hobby, music and book stores	21.3	-37.3	9.3	35.5	18.3
Miscellaneous store retailers	29.8	-25.1	-35.0	67.6	29.5
Total, all stores	33.1	-22.5	-6.0	6.1	32.2

Table 3-3 – continued

Retail sales by trade group and by region, not seasonally adjusted, (quarterly estimates) — Prince Edward Island

	Quarter ^P II 2005	Quarter I 2005	Quarter IV 2004	Quarter III 2004	Quarter II 2004
	% change from previous year				
Trade group					
New car dealers	-1.1	1.8	5.7	-7.2	7.1
Used and recreational motor vehicle and parts dealers	-23.0	-35.0	-37.3	-50.2	-33.9
Gasoline stations	22.1	3.4	3.8	-10.9	0.5
Furniture stores	-1.9	2.0	2.8	-2.5	-4.7
Home furnishings stores	-32.9	-18.6	-19.6	-23.2	-10.3
Computer and software stores	5.2	-11.4	x	x	x
Home electronics and appliance stores	-2.5	9.8	x	x	x
Home centres and hardware stores	4.6	15.0	5.0	14.1	21.2
Specialized building materials and garden stores	13.0	31.5	44.1	34.5	-5.2
Supermarkets	2.2	4.5	10.5	12.8	7.8
Convenience and specialty food stores	x	x	x	x	x
Beer, wine and liquor stores	x	x	x	x	x
Pharmacies and personal care stores	-4.5	-7.6	-13.9	-0.2	3.5
Clothing stores	-1.1	5.2	x	x	x
Shoe, clothing accessories and jewellery stores	3.7	-0.3	x	x	x
Department stores	x	x	x	x	x
Other general merchandise stores	x	x	x	x	x
Sporting goods, hobby, music and book stores	12.5	9.7	12.4	21.3	6.8
Miscellaneous store retailers	6.0	5.7	-14.5	-33.7	-17.3
Total, all stores	2.8	2.1	1.3	-3.4	1.4

Table 3-4

Retail sales by trade group and by region, not seasonally adjusted, (quarterly estimates) — New Brunswick

	Quarter ^P II 2005	Quarter I 2005	Quarter IV 2004	Quarter III 2004	Quarter II 2004
	millions of dollars				
Trade group					
New car dealers	485.4	338.4	329.3	394.2	444.7
Used and recreational motor vehicle and parts dealers	115.6	74.6	98.1	106.2	105.3
Gasoline stations	293.1	245.8	258.8	268.4	255.9
Furniture stores	30.1	26.8	37.9	32.2	31.9
Home furnishings stores	14.7	12.6	19.2	16.1	13.7
Computer and software stores	4.7	6.2	5.6	5.0	4.7
Home electronics and appliance stores	36.7	32.8	49.6	33.5	29.3
Home centres and hardware stores	130.1	70.6	112.8	122.8	118.7
Specialized building materials and garden stores	23.9	12.5	19.6	26.4	26.0
Supermarkets	412.5	388.8	415.7	427.3	412.8
Convenience and specialty food stores	x	x	x	x	x
Beer, wine and liquor stores	x	x	x	x	x
Pharmacies and personal care stores	127.6	133.4	149.1	131.8	127.4
Clothing stores	57.2	42.9	80.4	60.4	54.6
Shoe, clothing accessories and jewellery stores	16.8	11.8	27.3	18.4	17.4
Department stores	x	x	x	x	x
Other general merchandise stores	x	x	x	x	x
Sporting goods, hobby, music and book stores	29.0	28.0	41.8	32.9	27.4
Miscellaneous store retailers	33.7	31.0	42.9	34.2	35.4
Total, all stores	2,184.6	1,740.6	2,148.4	2,086.6	2,067.5

Table 3-4 – continued

Retail sales by trade group and by region, not seasonally adjusted, (quarterly estimates) — New Brunswick

	Quarter ^P II 2005	Quarter I 2005	Quarter IV 2004	Quarter III 2004	Quarter II 2004
	% change from previous quarter				
Trade group					
New car dealers	43.4	2.8	-16.5	-11.4	41.0
Used and recreational motor vehicle and parts dealers	55.0	-24.0	-7.7	0.9	47.1
Gasoline stations	19.2	-5.0	-3.6	4.9	16.8
Furniture stores	12.5	-29.4	17.8	1.1	15.2
Home furnishings stores	17.0	-34.5	19.2	18.1	-1.5
Computer and software stores	-23.9	9.5	12.7	7.2	-18.0
Home electronics and appliance stores	11.8	-33.8	47.9	14.5	3.3
Home centres and hardware stores	84.2	-37.4	-8.1	3.4	76.5
Specialized building materials and garden stores	90.9	-36.3	-25.5	1.4	88.4
Supermarkets	6.1	-6.5	-2.7	3.5	6.7
Convenience and specialty food stores	x	x	x	x	x
Beer, wine and liquor stores	x	x	x	x	x
Pharmacies and personal care stores	-4.3	-10.5	13.1	3.5	4.4
Clothing stores	33.2	-46.6	33.2	10.5	34.8
Shoe, clothing accessories and jewellery stores	41.7	-56.7	48.6	5.8	28.3
Department stores	x	x	x	x	x
Other general merchandise stores	x	x	x	x	x
Sporting goods, hobby, music and book stores	3.7	-33.0	27.1	20.3	9.7
Miscellaneous store retailers	8.8	-27.7	25.3	-3.3	1.4
Total, all stores	25.5	-19.0	3.0	0.9	24.5

Table 3-4 – continued

Retail sales by trade group and by region, not seasonally adjusted, (quarterly estimates) — New Brunswick

	Quarter ^P II 2005	Quarter I 2005	Quarter IV 2004	Quarter III 2004	Quarter II 2004
	% change from previous year				
Trade group					
New car dealers	9.1	7.3	5.5	-0.3	1.1
Used and recreational motor vehicle and parts dealers	9.8	4.1	x	x	x
Gasoline stations	14.5	12.2	10.3	-3.0	9.2
Furniture stores	-5.5	-3.2	5.9	17.8	28.8
Home furnishings stores	8.0	-9.1	-29.7	-22.7	-28.8
Computer and software stores	0.7	8.5	x	x	x
Home electronics and appliance stores	25.4	15.8	x	x	x
Home centres and hardware stores	9.6	5.0	21.0	7.4	16.1
Specialized building materials and garden stores	-8.1	-9.4	-17.8	-22.1	-22.1
Supermarkets	-0.1	0.5	1.1	4.0	-2.2
Convenience and specialty food stores	x	x	x	x	x
Beer, wine and liquor stores	x	x	x	x	x
Pharmacies and personal care stores	0.2	9.3	8.4	6.2	6.9
Clothing stores	4.7	5.9	8.3	8.2	3.6
Shoe, clothing accessories and jewellery stores	-3.5	-12.6	-1.4	0.3	0.8
Department stores	x	x	x	x	x
Other general merchandise stores	x	x	x	x	x
Sporting goods, hobby, music and book stores	6.1	12.2	1.8	9.7	8.5
Miscellaneous store retailers	-4.7	-11.2	-11.2	-14.7	7.1
Total, all stores	5.7	4.8	5.2	1.1	-1.2

Table 3-5

Retail sales by trade group and by region, not seasonally adjusted, (quarterly estimates) — Nova Scotia

	Quarter ^P II 2005	Quarter I 2005	Quarter IV 2004	Quarter III 2004	Quarter II 2004
	millions of dollars				
Trade group					
New car dealers	662.8	423.9	440.8	563.2	654.6
Used and recreational motor vehicle and parts dealers	109.7	69.6	94.3	86.3	102.9
Gasoline stations	262.2	230.7	265.6	291.1	262.9
Furniture stores	36.7	31.8	42.8	36.8	33.3
Home furnishings stores	21.4	18.6	29.1	25.8	22.2
Computer and software stores	7.7	7.8	8.1	7.1	7.3
Home electronics and appliance stores	44.4	39.4	61.8	45.4	38.7
Home centres and hardware stores	181.3	107.8	162.7	182.1	169.8
Specialized building materials and garden stores	40.6	22.2	31.2	35.8	41.0
Supermarkets	x	x	x	x	x
Convenience and specialty food stores	x	x	x	x	x
Beer, wine and liquor stores	x	x	x	x	x
Pharmacies and personal care stores	178.3	172.8	191.8	172.1	171.6
Clothing stores	74.0	54.6	110.4	79.7	72.9
Shoe, clothing accessories and jewellery stores	24.1	17.7	38.0	24.7	23.7
Department stores	170.7	139.9	261.0	167.5	166.6
Other general merchandise stores	119.0	89.0	151.2	120.1	124.4
Sporting goods, hobby, music and book stores	52.6	46.0	69.1	54.7	50.2
Miscellaneous store retailers	63.3	53.7	72.4	71.6	60.0
Total, all stores	2,779.7	2,196.1	2,752.8	2,697.6	2,691.7

Table 3-5 – continued

Retail sales by trade group and by region, not seasonally adjusted, (quarterly estimates) — Nova Scotia

	Quarter ^P II 2005	Quarter I 2005	Quarter IV 2004	Quarter III 2004	Quarter II 2004
	% change from previous quarter				
Trade group					
New car dealers	56.4	-3.8	-21.7	-14.0	48.9
Used and recreational motor vehicle and parts dealers	57.6	-26.2	9.2	-16.1	34.0
Gasoline stations	13.7	-13.2	-8.7	10.7	15.7
Furniture stores	15.5	-25.8	16.3	10.6	7.7
Home furnishings stores	15.5	-36.3	13.0	15.9	34.8
Computer and software stores	-1.9	-4.1	14.8	-2.7	3.1
Home electronics and appliance stores	12.5	-36.2	36.3	17.1	7.5
Home centres and hardware stores	68.1	-33.7	-10.7	7.3	65.4
Specialized building materials and garden stores	82.7	-28.9	-12.7	-12.7	100.9
Supermarkets	x	x	x	x	x
Convenience and specialty food stores	x	x	x	x	x
Beer, wine and liquor stores	x	x	x	x	x
Pharmacies and personal care stores	3.2	-9.9	11.4	0.3	1.5
Clothing stores	35.5	-50.6	38.4	9.4	37.9
Shoe, clothing accessories and jewellery stores	35.8	-53.4	53.9	4.0	30.9
Department stores	22.0	-46.4	55.8	0.6	29.1
Other general merchandise stores	33.6	-41.1	25.9	-3.5	36.8
Sporting goods, hobby, music and book stores	14.3	-33.4	26.3	8.9	19.8
Miscellaneous store retailers	17.8	-25.9	1.2	19.4	9.7
Total, all stores	26.6	-20.2	2.0	0.2	24.9

Table 3-5 – continued

Retail sales by trade group and by region, not seasonally adjusted, (quarterly estimates) — Nova Scotia

	Quarter ^P II 2005	Quarter I 2005	Quarter IV 2004	Quarter III 2004	Quarter II 2004
	% change from previous year				
Trade group					
New car dealers	1.2	-3.6	-2.7	9.8	7.6
Used and recreational motor vehicle and parts dealers	6.6	-9.3	3.7	-2.7	17.4
Gasoline stations	-0.2	1.5	16.7	20.1	32.0
Furniture stores	10.2	2.9	-2.0	-3.5	-3.3
Home furnishings stores	-3.7	12.4	25.6	37.9	28.9
Computer and software stores	5.0	10.4	84.5	69.0	31.6
Home electronics and appliance stores	14.6	9.5	14.0	28.1	29.5
Home centres and hardware stores	6.8	5.1	21.1	21.8	24.8
Specialized building materials and garden stores	-1.0	8.9	-14.3	-3.6	2.4
Supermarkets	x	x	x	x	x
Convenience and specialty food stores	x	x	x	x	x
Beer, wine and liquor stores	x	x	x	x	x
Pharmacies and personal care stores	3.9	2.2	0.0	-5.1	-3.3
Clothing stores	1.4	3.2	-1.0	-1.0	-1.1
Shoe, clothing accessories and jewellery stores	1.3	-2.3	5.0	3.6	12.4
Department stores	2.5	8.5	-1.1	6.9	6.0
Other general merchandise stores	-4.4	-2.1	6.0	0.7	7.8
Sporting goods, hobby, music and book stores	4.7	9.7	-9.4	1.3	-0.2
Miscellaneous store retailers	5.5	-1.7	-7.7	11.1	7.2
Total, all stores	3.3	1.9	2.6	3.8	3.3

Table 3-6

Retail sales by trade group and by region, not seasonally adjusted, (quarterly estimates) — Quebec

	Quarter ^P II 2005	Quarter I 2005	Quarter IV 2004	Quarter III 2004	Quarter II 2004
	millions of dollars				
Trade group					
New car dealers	4,844.6	3,377.2	3,235.3	4,046.4	4,494.9
Used and recreational motor vehicle and parts dealers	1,394.7	643.9	809.3	995.8	1,245.3
Gasoline stations	2,132.2	1,856.4	1,966.1	2,003.3	1,924.8
Furniture stores	675.3	548.5	656.1	659.4	655.0
Home furnishings stores	205.7	173.7	235.4	183.8	177.2
Computer and software stores	113.7	127.1	116.8	102.0	97.9
Home electronics and appliance stores	393.5	369.3	567.5	425.5	370.9
Home centres and hardware stores	1,465.9	746.1	1,053.0	1,190.1	1,287.4
Specialized building materials and garden stores	216.2	104.8	165.0	198.3	223.5
Supermarkets	3,591.0	3,368.4	3,516.3	3,333.5	3,233.1
Convenience and specialty food stores	925.5	778.7	866.6	944.0	863.7
Beer, wine and liquor stores	507.6	461.7	587.1	537.3	474.3
Pharmacies and personal care stores	1,614.7	1,514.8	1,621.5	1,466.8	1,483.9
Clothing stores	1,053.6	754.5	1,166.4	928.2	931.0
Shoe, clothing accessories and jewellery stores	280.0	190.6	360.8	265.9	274.4
Department stores	977.6	772.7	1,301.9	982.2	1,005.4
Other general merchandise stores	1,217.3	907.3	1,296.7	1,104.9	1,192.5
Sporting goods, hobby, music and book stores	452.6	399.5	572.8	518.0	445.1
Miscellaneous store retailers	559.6	465.7	526.6	554.1	562.3
Total, all stores	22,621.3	17,560.8	20,621.5	20,439.3	20,942.5

Table 3-6 – continued

Retail sales by trade group and by region, not seasonally adjusted, (quarterly estimates) — Quebec

	Quarter ^P II 2005	Quarter I 2005	Quarter IV 2004	Quarter III 2004	Quarter II 2004
	% change from previous quarter				
Trade group					
New car dealers	43.4	4.4	-20.0	-10.0	38.3
Used and recreational motor vehicle and parts dealers	116.6	-20.4	-18.7	-20.0	85.7
Gasoline stations	14.9	-5.6	-1.9	4.1	12.7
Furniture stores	23.1	-16.4	-0.5	0.7	29.2
Home furnishings stores	18.5	-26.2	28.1	3.7	14.4
Computer and software stores	-10.5	8.8	14.5	4.2	-3.5
Home electronics and appliance stores	6.5	-34.9	33.4	14.7	6.4
Home centres and hardware stores	96.5	-29.1	-11.5	-7.6	94.6
Specialized building materials and garden stores	106.3	-36.5	-16.8	-11.3	117.7
Supermarkets	6.6	-4.2	5.5	3.1	6.0
Convenience and specialty food stores	18.8	-10.1	-8.2	9.3	18.5
Beer, wine and liquor stores	9.9	-21.4	9.3	13.3	11.4
Pharmacies and personal care stores	6.6	-6.6	10.5	-1.2	1.7
Clothing stores	39.6	-35.3	25.7	-0.3	35.4
Shoe, clothing accessories and jewellery stores	46.9	-47.2	35.7	-3.1	43.5
Department stores	26.5	-40.6	32.6	-2.3	34.9
Other general merchandise stores	34.2	-30.0	17.4	-7.3	34.3
Sporting goods, hobby, music and book stores	13.3	-30.3	10.6	16.4	15.6
Miscellaneous store retailers	20.2	-11.6	-5.0	-1.5	25.2
Total, all stores	28.8	-14.8	0.9	-2.4	26.8

Table 3-6 – continued

Retail sales by trade group and by region, not seasonally adjusted, (quarterly estimates) — Quebec

	Quarter ^P II 2005	Quarter I 2005	Quarter IV 2004	Quarter III 2004	Quarter II 2004
	% change from previous year				
Trade group					
New car dealers	7.8	3.9	8.6	3.0	-2.2
Used and recreational motor vehicle and parts dealers	12.0	-4.0	3.7	5.8	15.1
Gasoline stations	10.8	8.7	20.6	12.5	17.7
Furniture stores	3.1	8.2	8.3	0.0	6.9
Home furnishings stores	16.1	12.1	7.3	-2.0	-4.6
Computer and software stores	16.2	25.3	-20.1	-31.0	-18.6
Home electronics and appliance stores	6.1	5.9	-6.7	-3.5	-6.5
Home centres and hardware stores	13.9	12.8	12.7	17.0	24.4
Specialized building materials and garden stores	-3.3	2.0	30.5	46.5	0.3
Supermarkets	11.1	10.4	5.5	0.8	-2.4
Convenience and specialty food stores	7.2	6.9	x	x	x
Beer, wine and liquor stores	7.0	8.5	x	x	x
Pharmacies and personal care stores	8.8	3.8	2.1	-1.9	-0.4
Clothing stores	13.2	9.7	7.2	4.5	0.6
Shoe, clothing accessories and jewellery stores	2.0	-0.3	4.7	-1.8	-3.8
Department stores	-2.8	3.7	2.5	10.5	4.8
Other general merchandise stores	2.1	2.1	4.6	2.2	2.0
Sporting goods, hobby, music and book stores	1.7	3.8	-1.2	5.6	-5.5
Miscellaneous store retailers	-0.5	3.7	-5.0	-0.6	-0.7
Total, all stores	8.0	6.3	5.5	4.5	3.0

Table 3-7

Retail sales by trade group and by region, not seasonally adjusted, (quarterly estimates) — Ontario

	Quarter ^P II 2005	Quarter I 2005	Quarter IV 2004	Quarter III 2004	Quarter II 2004
	millions of dollars				
Trade group					
New car dealers	7,488.1	5,683.4	5,822.3	6,578.8	7,125.4
Used and recreational motor vehicle and parts dealers	1,623.2	1,065.8	1,155.8	1,297.6	1,435.6
Gasoline stations	3,227.2	2,859.8	2,963.7	2,986.7	2,910.1
Furniture stores	771.2	672.8	856.1	834.6	751.6
Home furnishings stores	488.4	432.2	619.1	503.0	481.1
Computer and software stores	105.3	130.5	135.6	125.6	111.9
Home electronics and appliance stores	817.8	792.7	1,273.2	887.7	770.2
Home centres and hardware stores	1,802.0	1,078.1	1,454.5	1,637.8	1,686.0
Specialized building materials and garden stores	515.2	292.0	375.3	464.8	486.4
Supermarkets	5,388.1	5,109.3	5,425.0	5,253.1	5,135.7
Convenience and specialty food stores	667.5	602.8	688.9	677.3	657.9
Beer, wine and liquor stores	1,497.3	1,209.5	1,729.5	1,707.2	1,474.4
Pharmacies and personal care stores	2,408.3	2,291.4	2,468.6	2,270.6	2,253.6
Clothing stores	1,592.5	1,203.3	2,071.9	1,546.0	1,522.7
Shoe, clothing accessories and jewellery stores	537.1	362.8	670.0	509.3	535.3
Department stores	2,154.1	1,708.6	3,000.4	2,079.2	2,119.8
Other general merchandise stores	2,225.4	1,647.5	2,328.5	2,027.3	2,123.2
Sporting goods, hobby, music and book stores	777.4	727.5	1,131.7	804.4	727.5
Miscellaneous store retailers	904.6	771.5	1,010.1	919.9	876.3
Total, all stores	34,991.0	28,641.5	35,179.9	33,110.7	33,184.7

Table 3-7 – continued

Retail sales by trade group and by region, not seasonally adjusted, (quarterly estimates) — Ontario

	Quarter ^P II 2005	Quarter I 2005	Quarter IV 2004	Quarter III 2004	Quarter II 2004
	% change from previous quarter				
Trade group					
New car dealers	31.8	-2.4	-11.5	-7.7	28.4
Used and recreational motor vehicle and parts dealers	52.3	-7.8	-10.9	-9.6	40.7
Gasoline stations	12.8	-3.5	-0.8	2.6	14.5
Furniture stores	14.6	-21.4	2.6	11.0	10.9
Home furnishings stores	13.0	-30.2	23.1	4.5	15.6
Computer and software stores	-19.3	-3.7	8.0	12.2	-18.9
Home electronics and appliance stores	3.2	-37.7	43.4	15.3	0.2
Home centres and hardware stores	67.2	-25.9	-11.2	-2.9	61.6
Specialized building materials and garden stores	76.4	-22.2	-19.3	-4.4	77.2
Supermarkets	5.5	-5.8	3.3	2.3	5.6
Convenience and specialty food stores	10.7	-12.5	1.7	2.9	16.2
Beer, wine and liquor stores	23.8	-30.1	1.3	15.8	23.8
Pharmacies and personal care stores	5.1	-7.2	8.7	0.8	3.7
Clothing stores	32.3	-41.9	34.0	1.5	29.3
Shoe, clothing accessories and jewellery stores	48.1	-45.9	31.6	-4.9	25.6
Department stores	26.1	-43.1	44.3	-1.9	23.9
Other general merchandise stores	35.1	-29.2	14.9	-4.5	36.0
Sporting goods, hobby, music and book stores	6.9	-35.7	40.7	10.6	3.9
Miscellaneous store retailers	17.3	-23.6	9.8	5.0	8.0
Total, all stores	22.2	-18.6	6.2	-0.2	20.2

Table 3-7 – continued

Retail sales by trade group and by region, not seasonally adjusted, (quarterly estimates) — Ontario

	Quarter ^P II 2005	Quarter I 2005	Quarter IV 2004	Quarter III 2004	Quarter II 2004
	% change from previous year				
Trade group					
New car dealers	5.1	2.4	0.3	-4.9	-8.6
Used and recreational motor vehicle and parts dealers	13.1	4.4	-5.1	-17.3	-15.8
Gasoline stations	10.9	12.5	20.1	12.8	21.3
Furniture stores	2.6	-0.7	-0.3	-2.8	-3.5
Home furnishings stores	1.5	3.8	13.0	20.9	26.2
Computer and software stores	-5.9	-5.5	4.9	-1.2	-36.0
Home electronics and appliance stores	6.2	3.1	-0.6	-3.9	1.1
Home centres and hardware stores	6.9	3.4	10.9	2.6	9.4
Specialized building materials and garden stores	5.9	6.4	-19.6	-19.5	-16.3
Supermarkets	4.9	5.1	11.4	10.6	7.4
Convenience and specialty food stores	1.5	6.5	x	x	x
Beer, wine and liquor stores	1.6	1.6	x	x	x
Pharmacies and personal care stores	6.9	5.4	10.7	13.2	11.1
Clothing stores	4.6	2.2	2.9	9.3	6.9
Shoe, clothing accessories and jewellery stores	0.3	-14.9	6.9	5.6	12.3
Department stores	1.6	-0.1	1.8	2.5	3.3
Other general merchandise stores	4.8	5.5	4.5	2.5	6.8
Sporting goods, hobby, music and book stores	6.9	3.9	-0.5	-4.2	-1.7
Miscellaneous store retailers	3.2	-4.9	-2.5	1.6	9.7
Total, all stores	5.4	3.7	4.9	2.2	2.2

Table 3-8

Retail sales by trade group and by region, not seasonally adjusted, (quarterly estimates) — Manitoba

	Quarter ^P II 2005	Quarter I 2005	Quarter IV 2004	Quarter III 2004	Quarter II 2004
	millions of dollars				
Trade group					
New car dealers	688.9	543.9	541.5	606.0	664.6
Used and recreational motor vehicle and parts dealers	143.0	80.8	88.0	98.4	110.8
Gasoline stations	323.7	288.7	285.5	290.5	280.9
Furniture stores	54.0	46.2	60.3	55.8	50.9
Home furnishings stores	38.8	30.2	41.1	38.6	35.5
Computer and software stores	14.5	12.2	12.3	11.1	10.7
Home electronics and appliance stores	75.6	67.8	100.6	75.7	69.9
Home centres and hardware stores	201.8	112.7	165.5	194.3	174.4
Specialized building materials and garden stores	77.5	47.0	47.3	58.0	64.0
Supermarkets	615.4	592.5	626.4	598.4	600.9
Convenience and specialty food stores	56.3	50.7	55.7	59.1	57.0
Beer, wine and liquor stores	132.6	101.3	142.6	137.4	132.1
Pharmacies and personal care stores	137.2	141.8	151.2	137.0	137.6
Clothing stores	98.1	75.4	125.8	99.0	92.7
Shoe, clothing accessories and jewellery stores	32.4	24.8	45.0	30.9	31.5
Department stores	219.5	178.9	285.6	204.5	208.6
Other general merchandise stores	194.8	143.0	206.9	180.5	186.9
Sporting goods, hobby, music and book stores	65.7	56.5	90.0	64.4	61.9
Miscellaneous store retailers	69.9	57.1	70.2	74.3	74.3
Total, all stores	3,239.7	2,651.3	3,141.5	3,014.1	3,045.1

Table 3-8 – continued

Retail sales by trade group and by region, not seasonally adjusted, (quarterly estimates) — Manitoba

	Quarter ^P II 2005	Quarter I 2005	Quarter IV 2004	Quarter III 2004	Quarter II 2004
	% change from previous quarter				
Trade group					
New car dealers	26.7	0.4	-10.6	-8.8	31.3
Used and recreational motor vehicle and parts dealers	77.0	-8.2	-10.6	-11.1	57.6
Gasoline stations	12.1	1.1	-1.7	3.4	15.4
Furniture stores	17.1	-23.5	8.1	9.7	18.7
Home furnishings stores	28.6	-26.5	6.5	8.7	44.2
Computer and software stores	18.5	-1.0	11.3	3.6	-17.0
Home electronics and appliance stores	11.5	-32.6	32.8	8.4	5.2
Home centres and hardware stores	79.0	-31.9	-14.8	11.5	63.3
Specialized building materials and garden stores	64.9	-0.7	-18.4	-9.3	60.8
Supermarkets	3.9	-5.4	4.7	-0.4	6.1
Convenience and specialty food stores	11.0	-8.9	-5.8	3.7	21.5
Beer, wine and liquor stores	30.9	-29.0	3.8	4.0	34.7
Pharmacies and personal care stores	-3.2	-6.2	10.4	-0.4	-2.3
Clothing stores	30.2	-40.1	27.1	6.8	27.0
Shoe, clothing accessories and jewellery stores	30.6	-44.9	45.6	-2.0	25.5
Department stores	22.7	-37.4	39.7	-2.0	22.0
Other general merchandise stores	36.3	-30.9	14.6	-3.4	31.5
Sporting goods, hobby, music and book stores	16.3	-37.2	39.7	4.1	17.7
Miscellaneous store retailers	22.4	-18.7	-5.6	0.0	20.5
Total, all stores	22.2	-15.6	4.2	-1.0	22.3

Table 3-8 – continued

Retail sales by trade group and by region, not seasonally adjusted, (quarterly estimates) — Manitoba

	Quarter ^P II 2005	Quarter I 2005	Quarter IV 2004	Quarter III 2004	Quarter II 2004
	% change from previous year				
Trade group					
New car dealers	3.7	7.5	7.3	-1.0	7.1
Used and recreational motor vehicle and parts dealers	29.1	15.0	10.2	28.8	41.8
Gasoline stations	15.2	18.6	21.3	3.0	5.5
Furniture stores	6.2	7.7	5.3	21.3	23.3
Home furnishings stores	9.4	22.7	27.6	39.2	36.5
Computer and software stores	35.3	-5.2	-34.2	-31.0	-33.3
Home electronics and appliance stores	8.1	2.0	2.1	10.7	29.3
Home centres and hardware stores	15.7	5.5	32.8	34.4	30.0
Specialized building materials and garden stores	21.1	18.1	-20.5	-25.1	-47.2
Supermarkets	2.4	4.6	6.4	6.7	5.0
Convenience and specialty food stores	-1.4	8.0	x	x	x
Beer, wine and liquor stores	0.4	3.3	x	x	x
Pharmacies and personal care stores	-0.3	0.7	0.3	4.0	9.7
Clothing stores	5.9	3.3	2.0	9.0	-2.4
Shoe, clothing accessories and jewellery stores	2.7	-1.3	6.1	-3.3	-4.8
Department stores	5.2	4.6	2.2	5.1	3.8
Other general merchandise stores	4.2	0.5	9.1	4.1	5.0
Sporting goods, hobby, music and book stores	6.2	7.5	17.2	14.6	11.2
Miscellaneous store retailers	-6.0	-7.5	-1.5	9.9	27.6
Total, all stores	6.4	6.4	6.6	6.1	6.8

Table 3-9

Retail sales by trade group and by region, not seasonally adjusted, (quarterly estimates) — Saskatchewan

	Quarter ^P II 2005	Quarter I 2005	Quarter IV 2004	Quarter III 2004	Quarter II 2004
	millions of dollars				
Trade group					
New car dealers	618.7	477.4	521.0	546.4	605.8
Used and recreational motor vehicle and parts dealers	184.4	98.2	113.7	132.2	156.3
Gasoline stations	395.2	330.8	359.5	371.6	346.3
Furniture stores	40.2	33.6	46.2	42.6	37.3
Home furnishings stores	28.2	21.5	29.4	28.0	26.8
Computer and software stores	7.7	8.8	9.2	9.2	7.3
Home electronics and appliance stores	56.7	50.1	80.0	55.5	49.1
Home centres and hardware stores	146.5	72.7	102.4	119.8	114.0
Specialized building materials and garden stores	104.1	29.3	41.2	46.6	61.0
Supermarkets	484.3	446.1	480.1	469.0	465.5
Convenience and specialty food stores	39.7	33.2	41.6	43.8	40.9
Beer, wine and liquor stores	106.1	84.7	114.4	120.4	101.1
Pharmacies and personal care stores	142.6	136.6	150.2	132.3	130.6
Clothing stores	85.2	68.1	109.7	82.0	80.8
Shoe, clothing accessories and jewellery stores	25.2	18.7	36.0	22.8	25.0
Department stores	187.7	151.4	236.3	179.3	181.9
Other general merchandise stores	204.7	148.2	183.7	161.8	167.7
Sporting goods, hobby, music and book stores	40.6	37.6	52.5	40.1	33.5
Miscellaneous store retailers	48.6	39.2	50.5	43.2	53.8
Total, all stores	2,946.4	2,286.2	2,757.7	2,646.7	2,684.9

Table 3-9 – continued

Retail sales by trade group and by region, not seasonally adjusted, (quarterly estimates) — Saskatchewan

	Quarter ^P II 2005	Quarter I 2005	Quarter IV 2004	Quarter III 2004	Quarter II 2004
	% change from previous quarter				
Trade group					
New car dealers	29.6	-8.4	-4.6	-9.8	23.9
Used and recreational motor vehicle and parts dealers	87.8	-13.7	-14.0	-15.4	52.2
Gasoline stations	19.4	-8.0	-3.3	7.3	25.7
Furniture stores	19.7	-27.2	8.4	14.2	18.5
Home furnishings stores	31.0	-26.8	5.2	4.5	27.2
Computer and software stores	-12.2	-4.2	-0.4	25.7	-4.4
Home electronics and appliance stores	13.2	-37.4	44.1	13.1	7.9
Home centres and hardware stores	101.6	-29.1	-14.5	5.1	70.9
Specialized building materials and garden stores	255.5	-28.9	-11.6	-23.6	183.4
Supermarkets	8.6	-7.1	2.4	0.8	8.1
Convenience and specialty food stores	19.6	-20.1	-5.1	7.2	11.1
Beer, wine and liquor stores	25.3	-26.0	-5.0	19.1	28.3
Pharmacies and personal care stores	4.4	-9.1	13.6	1.3	3.6
Clothing stores	25.0	-37.9	33.8	1.4	28.8
Shoe, clothing accessories and jewellery stores	35.0	-48.1	58.2	-8.9	28.2
Department stores	23.9	-35.9	31.8	-1.4	25.0
Other general merchandise stores	38.1	-19.3	13.5	-3.5	23.8
Sporting goods, hobby, music and book stores	7.8	-28.2	30.8	19.6	20.8
Miscellaneous store retailers	23.9	-22.3	16.9	-19.8	18.0
Total, all stores	28.9	-17.1	4.2	-1.4	23.7

Table 3-9 – continued

Retail sales by trade group and by region, not seasonally adjusted, (quarterly estimates) — Saskatchewan

	Quarter ^P II 2005	Quarter I 2005	Quarter IV 2004	Quarter III 2004	Quarter II 2004
	% change from previous year				
Trade group					
New car dealers	2.1	-2.3	-4.1	-17.6	-3.9
Used and recreational motor vehicle and parts dealers	17.9	-4.4	19.3	27.7	27.6
Gasoline stations	14.1	20.1	24.9	12.9	14.0
Furniture stores	7.8	6.8	11.9	22.5	20.5
Home furnishings stores	5.4	2.3	12.4	20.7	19.9
Computer and software stores	5.3	14.6	55.0	73.4	50.4
Home electronics and appliance stores	15.6	10.2	4.5	8.9	3.7
Home centres and hardware stores	28.5	8.9	16.1	14.3	24.4
Specialized building materials and garden stores	70.6	36.0	30.5	19.7	73.1
Supermarkets	4.0	3.6	4.2	6.4	2.9
Convenience and specialty food stores	-2.9	-9.7	x	x	x
Beer, wine and liquor stores	4.9	7.4	x	x	x
Pharmacies and personal care stores	9.2	8.3	12.7	7.4	6.6
Clothing stores	5.4	8.5	-1.8	-0.3	-8.5
Shoe, clothing accessories and jewellery stores	0.9	-4.2	5.5	-1.0	3.4
Department stores	3.2	4.0	0.5	3.8	2.9
Other general merchandise stores	22.0	9.4	4.1	-0.2	-0.6
Sporting goods, hobby, music and book stores	21.1	35.7	22.0	31.1	12.6
Miscellaneous store retailers	-9.7	-14.0	-9.9	-4.9	29.2
Total, all stores	9.7	5.3	5.6	2.0	5.7

Table 3-10

Retail sales by trade group and by region, not seasonally adjusted, (quarterly estimates) — Alberta

	Quarter ^P II 2005	Quarter I 2005	Quarter IV 2004	Quarter III 2004	Quarter II 2004
	millions of dollars				
Trade group					
New car dealers	3,067.7	2,347.8	2,448.1	2,554.4	2,574.8
Used and recreational motor vehicle and parts dealers	850.6	465.2	420.4	547.0	636.0
Gasoline stations	1,172.7	1,049.4	1,087.0	1,096.3	1,029.6
Furniture stores	292.8	267.7	327.9	289.2	255.4
Home furnishings stores	143.7	123.4	169.1	137.9	130.3
Computer and software stores	67.2	71.9	72.1	61.3	60.0
Home electronics and appliance stores	408.5	375.5	520.7	364.4	319.9
Home centres and hardware stores	651.1	385.4	494.0	565.1	550.5
Specialized building materials and garden stores	222.9	127.2	153.5	184.6	188.8
Supermarkets	2,003.4	1,848.7	1,998.0	1,930.2	1,912.3
Convenience and specialty food stores	207.7	178.5	188.9	202.0	200.0
Beer, wine and liquor stores	358.6	281.2	377.9	347.6	337.2
Pharmacies and personal care stores	503.0	497.1	571.0	490.2	492.8
Clothing stores	463.1	375.5	572.1	461.1	417.3
Shoe, clothing accessories and jewellery stores	135.3	104.7	178.6	131.8	124.0
Department stores	708.6	598.4	946.6	682.4	669.3
Other general merchandise stores	607.5	465.4	618.6	552.8	564.4
Sporting goods, hobby, music and book stores	367.0	256.8	353.7	295.8	300.7
Miscellaneous store retailers	324.6	264.7	329.0	307.3	325.8
Total, all stores	12,556.0	10,084.6	11,827.2	11,201.2	11,089.0

Table 3-10 – continued

Retail sales by trade group and by region, not seasonally adjusted, (quarterly estimates) — Alberta

	Quarter ^P II 2005	Quarter I 2005	Quarter IV 2004	Quarter III 2004	Quarter II 2004
	% change from previous quarter				
Trade group					
New car dealers	30.7	-4.1	-4.2	-0.8	18.2
Used and recreational motor vehicle and parts dealers	82.8	10.7	-23.1	-14.0	79.5
Gasoline stations	11.8	-3.5	-0.8	6.5	17.2
Furniture stores	9.4	-18.4	13.4	13.2	8.1
Home furnishings stores	16.5	-27.0	22.6	5.9	13.2
Computer and software stores	-6.5	-0.3	17.6	2.1	-18.8
Home electronics and appliance stores	8.8	-27.9	42.9	13.9	4.7
Home centres and hardware stores	68.9	-22.0	-12.6	2.7	56.2
Specialized building materials and garden stores	75.2	-17.1	-16.9	-2.3	64.0
Supermarkets	8.4	-7.5	3.5	0.9	6.4
Convenience and specialty food stores	16.3	-5.5	-6.5	1.0	17.3
Beer, wine and liquor stores	27.5	-25.6	8.7	3.1	27.7
Pharmacies and personal care stores	1.2	-12.9	16.5	-0.5	4.2
Clothing stores	23.3	-34.4	24.1	10.5	22.3
Shoe, clothing accessories and jewellery stores	29.2	-41.4	35.5	6.3	17.2
Department stores	18.4	-36.8	38.7	2.0	22.0
Other general merchandise stores	30.5	-24.8	11.9	-2.1	29.1
Sporting goods, hobby, music and book stores	42.9	-27.4	19.6	-1.6	28.2
Miscellaneous store retailers	22.7	-19.5	7.1	-5.7	19.7
Total, all stores	24.5	-14.7	5.6	1.0	19.8

Table 3-10 – continued

Retail sales by trade group and by region, not seasonally adjusted, (quarterly estimates) — Alberta

	Quarter ^P II 2005	Quarter I 2005	Quarter IV 2004	Quarter III 2004	Quarter II 2004
	% change from previous year				
Trade group					
New car dealers	19.1	7.8	17.3	9.0	5.2
Used and recreational motor vehicle and parts dealers	33.7	31.3	41.3	59.7	54.4
Gasoline stations	13.9	19.4	29.5	9.5	14.7
Furniture stores	14.7	13.3	18.2	18.9	12.2
Home furnishings stores	10.3	7.3	5.7	-3.0	-3.5
Computer and software stores	11.9	-2.7	-16.3	-17.8	-16.1
Home electronics and appliance stores	27.7	22.9	7.6	11.9	9.1
Home centres and hardware stores	18.3	9.4	11.9	0.2	7.7
Specialized building materials and garden stores	18.0	10.5	62.9	51.5	81.4
Supermarkets	4.8	2.9	6.3	5.0	4.1
Convenience and specialty food stores	3.8	4.7	11.0	27.0	34.0
Beer, wine and liquor stores	6.4	6.5	7.4	0.6	4.0
Pharmacies and personal care stores	2.1	5.2	10.0	6.3	4.8
Clothing stores	11.0	10.0	8.1	11.0	4.8
Shoe, clothing accessories and jewellery stores	9.1	-1.1	-26.7	-25.1	-31.1
Department stores	5.9	9.1	5.5	7.6	7.2
Other general merchandise stores	7.6	6.4	7.9	9.7	9.0
Sporting goods, hobby, music and book stores	22.1	9.5	4.5	21.3	27.0
Miscellaneous store retailers	-0.4	-2.8	2.8	14.8	38.9
Total, all stores	13.2	9.0	11.7	9.8	10.1

Table 3-11

Retail sales by trade group and by region, not seasonally adjusted, (quarterly estimates) — British Columbia

	Quarter ^P II 2005	Quarter I 2005	Quarter IV 2004	Quarter III 2004	Quarter II 2004
	millions of dollars				
Trade group					
New car dealers	2,618.5	2,049.3	2,084.4	2,292.8	2,443.3
Used and recreational motor vehicle and parts dealers	469.9	371.1	404.6	482.1	539.5
Gasoline stations	1,374.5	1,189.8	1,200.4	1,327.3	1,230.4
Furniture stores	270.4	246.3	300.5	272.3	245.5
Home furnishings stores	171.2	158.9	198.3	176.4	154.8
Computer and software stores	55.8	58.3	58.7	56.1	49.7
Home electronics and appliance stores	366.6	359.3	541.2	377.8	318.7
Home centres and hardware stores	617.0	438.7	505.2	554.3	543.3
Specialized building materials and garden stores	227.6	141.3	164.4	205.5	234.4
Supermarkets	2,289.1	2,162.4	2,344.2	2,264.8	2,218.4
Convenience and specialty food stores	249.2	222.1	229.7	229.8	224.7
Beer, wine and liquor stores	594.5	480.4	611.1	630.8	572.2
Pharmacies and personal care stores	670.0	651.7	761.5	681.2	671.4
Clothing stores	495.6	419.7	621.7	507.6	474.9
Shoe, clothing accessories and jewellery stores	151.1	125.2	194.4	153.5	149.6
Department stores	637.9	536.1	844.4	641.6	617.7
Other general merchandise stores	682.1	563.3	696.7	645.7	652.6
Sporting goods, hobby, music and book stores	337.9	317.7	460.5	367.4	333.7
Miscellaneous store retailers	366.0	328.0	386.4	397.7	355.6
Total, all stores	12,644.9	10,819.4	12,608.1	12,264.7	12,030.4

Table 3-11 – continued

Retail sales by trade group and by region, not seasonally adjusted, (quarterly estimates) — British Columbia

	Quarter ^P II 2005	Quarter I 2005	Quarter IV 2004	Quarter III 2004	Quarter II 2004
	% change from previous quarter				
Trade group					
New car dealers	27.8	-1.7	-9.1	-6.2	18.9
Used and recreational motor vehicle and parts dealers	26.6	-8.3	-16.1	-10.6	45.5
Gasoline stations	15.5	-0.9	-9.6	7.9	22.9
Furniture stores	9.8	-18.0	10.3	10.9	9.7
Home furnishings stores	7.8	-19.9	12.4	13.9	10.8
Computer and software stores	-4.3	-0.7	4.6	12.8	-12.0
Home electronics and appliance stores	2.0	-33.6	43.2	18.6	0.9
Home centres and hardware stores	40.6	-13.2	-8.9	2.0	32.1
Specialized building materials and garden stores	61.1	-14.1	-20.0	-12.3	64.7
Supermarkets	5.9	-7.8	3.5	2.1	5.0
Convenience and specialty food stores	12.2	-3.3	-0.1	2.3	18.0
Beer, wine and liquor stores	23.7	-21.4	-3.1	10.2	22.2
Pharmacies and personal care stores	2.8	-14.4	11.8	1.5	5.0
Clothing stores	18.1	-32.5	22.5	6.9	22.0
Shoe, clothing accessories and jewellery stores	20.7	-35.6	26.6	2.6	18.4
Department stores	19.0	-36.5	31.6	3.9	26.7
Other general merchandise stores	21.1	-19.2	7.9	-1.1	22.9
Sporting goods, hobby, music and book stores	6.4	-31.0	25.3	10.1	2.7
Miscellaneous store retailers	11.6	-15.1	-2.8	11.8	8.6
Total, all stores	16.9	-14.2	2.8	1.9	16.6

Table 3-11 – continued

Retail sales by trade group and by region, not seasonally adjusted, (quarterly estimates) — British Columbia

	Quarter ^P II 2005	Quarter I 2005	Quarter IV 2004	Quarter III 2004	Quarter II 2004
	% change from previous year				
Trade group					
New car dealers	7.2	-0.2	4.7	-1.6	-0.3
Used and recreational motor vehicle and parts dealers	-12.9	0.1	-1.4	-3.5	1.9
Gasoline stations	11.7	18.8	22.8	11.2	14.8
Furniture stores	10.2	10.0	12.2	25.7	27.2
Home furnishings stores	10.6	13.7	12.8	22.9	18.4
Computer and software stores	12.1	3.1	-16.4	-8.1	-17.9
Home electronics and appliance stores	15.1	13.7	12.6	18.0	12.2
Home centres and hardware stores	13.6	6.7	14.7	14.5	20.6
Specialized building materials and garden stores	-2.9	-0.8	13.7	18.8	11.1
Supermarkets	3.2	2.3	7.0	4.7	3.8
Convenience and specialty food stores	10.9	16.6	x	x	x
Beer, wine and liquor stores	3.9	2.6	x	x	x
Pharmacies and personal care stores	-0.2	1.9	5.6	9.0	12.1
Clothing stores	4.4	7.8	2.5	7.1	2.6
Shoe, clothing accessories and jewellery stores	1.0	-0.9	-1.4	-7.3	-6.0
Department stores	3.3	9.9	6.9	12.2	10.7
Other general merchandise stores	4.5	6.1	3.6	7.9	9.3
Sporting goods, hobby, music and book stores	1.3	-2.3	-0.4	-1.6	-4.0
Miscellaneous store retailers	2.9	0.2	-5.0	8.3	12.9
Total, all stores	5.1	4.9	6.8	6.6	6.9

Table 3-12

Retail sales by trade group and by region, not seasonally adjusted, (quarterly estimates) — Yukon Territory

	Quarter ^P II 2005	Quarter I 2005	Quarter IV 2004	Quarter III 2004	Quarter II 2004
	millions of dollars				
Trade group					
New car dealers	21.9	14.0	14.0	16.1	18.7
Used and recreational motor vehicle and parts dealers	x	x	x	x	x
Gasoline stations	x	x	x	x	x
Furniture stores	x	x	x	x	x
Home furnishings stores	x	x	x	x	x
Computer and software stores	x	x	x	x	x
Home electronics and appliance stores	x	x	x	x	x
Home centres and hardware stores	x	x	x	x	x
Specialized building materials and garden stores	x	x	x	x	x
Supermarkets	x	x	x	x	x
Convenience and specialty food stores	x	x	x	x	x
Beer, wine and liquor stores	x	x	x	x	x
Pharmacies and personal care stores	x	x	x	x	x
Clothing stores	x	x	x	x	x
Shoe, clothing accessories and jewellery stores	x	x	x	x	x
Department stores	x	x	x	x	x
Other general merchandise stores	x	x	x	x	x
Sporting goods, hobby, music and book stores	x	x	x	x	x
Miscellaneous store retailers	x	x	x	x	x
Total, all stores	119.8	89.7	108.4	118.4	110.0

Table 3-12 – continued

Retail sales by trade group and by region, not seasonally adjusted, (quarterly estimates) — Yukon Territory

	Quarter ^P II 2005	Quarter I 2005	Quarter IV 2004	Quarter III 2004	Quarter II 2004
	% change from previous quarter				
Trade group					
New car dealers	57.0	-0.2	-13.2	-13.7	11.2
Used and recreational motor vehicle and parts dealers	x	x	x	x	x
Gasoline stations	x	x	x	x	x
Furniture stores	x	x	x	x	x
Home furnishings stores	x	x	x	x	x
Computer and software stores	x	x	x	x	x
Home electronics and appliance stores	x	x	x	x	x
Home centres and hardware stores	x	x	x	x	x
Specialized building materials and garden stores	x	x	x	x	x
Supermarkets	x	x	x	x	x
Convenience and specialty food stores	x	x	x	x	x
Beer, wine and liquor stores	x	x	x	x	x
Pharmacies and personal care stores	x	x	x	x	x
Clothing stores	x	x	x	x	x
Shoe, clothing accessories and jewellery stores	x	x	x	x	x
Department stores	x	x	x	x	x
Other general merchandise stores	x	x	x	x	x
Sporting goods, hobby, music and book stores	x	x	x	x	x
Miscellaneous store retailers	x	x	x	x	x
Total, all stores	33.5	-17.3	-8.5	7.6	24.7

Table 3-12 – continued

Retail sales by trade group and by region, not seasonally adjusted, (quarterly estimates) — Yukon Territory

	Quarter ^P II 2005	Quarter I 2005	Quarter IV 2004	Quarter III 2004	Quarter II 2004
	% change from previous year				
Trade group					
New car dealers	17.2	-17.0	x	x	x
Used and recreational motor vehicle and parts dealers	x	x	x	x	x
Gasoline stations	x	x	x	x	x
Furniture stores	x	x	x	x	x
Home furnishings stores	x	x	x	x	x
Computer and software stores	x	x	x	x	x
Home electronics and appliance stores	x	x	x	x	x
Home centres and hardware stores	x	x	x	x	x
Specialized building materials and garden stores	x	x	x	x	x
Supermarkets	x	x	x	x	x
Convenience and specialty food stores	x	x	x	x	x
Beer, wine and liquor stores	x	x	x	x	x
Pharmacies and personal care stores	x	x	x	x	x
Clothing stores	x	x	x	x	x
Shoe, clothing accessories and jewellery stores	x	x	x	x	x
Department stores	x	x	x	x	x
Other general merchandise stores	x	x	x	x	x
Sporting goods, hobby, music and book stores	x	x	x	x	x
Miscellaneous store retailers	x	x	x	x	x
Total, all stores	8.8	1.7	4.8	-1.3	-0.2

Table 3-13

Retail sales by trade group and by region, not seasonally adjusted, (quarterly estimates) — Northwest Territories

	Quarter ^P II 2005	Quarter I 2005	Quarter IV 2004	Quarter III 2004	Quarter II 2004
	millions of dollars				
Trade group					
New car dealers	30.7	30.0	22.1	29.0	27.0
Used and recreational motor vehicle and parts dealers	x	x	x	x	x
Gasoline stations	x	x	x	x	x
Furniture stores	x	x	x	x	x
Home furnishings stores	x	x	x	x	x
Computer and software stores	x	x	x	x	x
Home electronics and appliance stores	x	x	x	x	x
Home centres and hardware stores	x	x	x	x	x
Specialized building materials and garden stores	x	x	x	x	x
Supermarkets	x	x	x	x	x
Convenience and specialty food stores	x	x	x	x	x
Beer, wine and liquor stores	x	x	x	x	x
Pharmacies and personal care stores	x	x	x	x	x
Clothing stores	x	x	x	x	x
Shoe, clothing accessories and jewellery stores	x	x	x	x	x
Department stores	x	x	x	x	x
Other general merchandise stores	x	x	x	x	x
Sporting goods, hobby, music and book stores	x	x	x	x	x
Miscellaneous store retailers	x	x	x	x	x
Total, all stores	144.6	138.9	135.2	135.0	130.1

Table 3-13 – continued

Retail sales by trade group and by region, not seasonally adjusted, (quarterly estimates) — Northwest Territories

	Quarter ^P II 2005	Quarter I 2005	Quarter IV 2004	Quarter III 2004	Quarter II 2004
	% change from previous quarter				
Trade group					
New car dealers	2.4	35.5	-23.7	7.3	9.6
Used and recreational motor vehicle and parts dealers	x	x	x	x	x
Gasoline stations	x	x	x	x	x
Furniture stores	x	x	x	x	x
Home furnishings stores	x	x	x	x	x
Computer and software stores	x	x	x	x	x
Home electronics and appliance stores	x	x	x	x	x
Home centres and hardware stores	x	x	x	x	x
Specialized building materials and garden stores	x	x	x	x	x
Supermarkets	x	x	x	x	x
Convenience and specialty food stores	x	x	x	x	x
Beer, wine and liquor stores	x	x	x	x	x
Pharmacies and personal care stores	x	x	x	x	x
Clothing stores	x	x	x	x	x
Shoe, clothing accessories and jewellery stores	x	x	x	x	x
Department stores	x	x	x	x	x
Other general merchandise stores	x	x	x	x	x
Sporting goods, hobby, music and book stores	x	x	x	x	x
Miscellaneous store retailers	x	x	x	x	x
Total, all stores	4.1	2.7	0.2	3.8	7.8

Table 3-13 – continued

Retail sales by trade group and by region, not seasonally adjusted, (quarterly estimates) — Northwest Territories

	Quarter ^P II 2005	Quarter I 2005	Quarter IV 2004	Quarter III 2004	Quarter II 2004
	% change from previous year				
Trade group					
New car dealers	13.6	21.6	-10.2	1.0	0.2
Used and recreational motor vehicle and parts dealers	x	x	x	x	x
Gasoline stations	x	x	x	x	x
Furniture stores	x	x	x	x	x
Home furnishings stores	x	x	x	x	x
Computer and software stores	x	x	x	x	x
Home electronics and appliance stores	x	x	x	x	x
Home centres and hardware stores	x	x	x	x	x
Specialized building materials and garden stores	x	x	x	x	x
Supermarkets	x	x	x	x	x
Convenience and specialty food stores	x	x	x	x	x
Beer, wine and liquor stores	x	x	x	x	x
Pharmacies and personal care stores	x	x	x	x	x
Clothing stores	x	x	x	x	x
Shoe, clothing accessories and jewellery stores	x	x	x	x	x
Department stores	x	x	x	x	x
Other general merchandise stores	x	x	x	x	x
Sporting goods, hobby, music and book stores	x	x	x	x	x
Miscellaneous store retailers	x	x	x	x	x
Total, all stores	11.2	15.1	0.1	-1.2	-1.4

Table 3-14

Retail sales by trade group and by region, not seasonally adjusted, (quarterly estimates) — Nunavut

	Quarter ^P II 2005	Quarter I 2005	Quarter IV 2004	Quarter III 2004	Quarter II 2004
	millions of dollars				
Trade group					
New car dealers	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Used and recreational motor vehicle and parts dealers	x	x	x	x	x
Gasoline stations	x	x	x	x	x
Furniture stores	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Home furnishings stores	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Computer and software stores	x	x	x	x	x
Home electronics and appliance stores	x	x	x	x	x
Home centres and hardware stores	x	x	x	x	x
Specialized building materials and garden stores	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Supermarkets	x	x	x	x	x
Convenience and specialty food stores	x	x	x	x	x
Beer, wine and liquor stores	x	x	x	x	x
Pharmacies and personal care stores	x	x	x	x	x
Clothing stores	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Shoe, clothing accessories and jewellery stores	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Department stores	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other general merchandise stores	x	x	x	x	x
Sporting goods, hobby, music and book stores	x	x	x	x	x
Miscellaneous store retailers	x	x	x	x	x
Total, all stores	63.2	54.5	62.5	59.0	58.9

Table 3-14 – continued

Retail sales by trade group and by region, not seasonally adjusted, (quarterly estimates) — Nunavut

	Quarter ^P II 2005	Quarter I 2005	Quarter IV 2004	Quarter III 2004	Quarter II 2004
	% change from previous quarter				
Trade group					
New car dealers	...	...	...	...	...
Used and recreational motor vehicle and parts dealers	x	x	x	x	x
Gasoline stations	x	x	x	x	x
Furniture stores	...	...	...	...	...
Home furnishings stores	...	...	...	...	...
Computer and software stores	x	x	x	x	x
Home electronics and appliance stores	x	x	x	x	x
Home centres and hardware stores	x	x	x	x	x
Specialized building materials and garden stores	...	...	...	...	...
Supermarkets	x	x	x	x	x
Convenience and specialty food stores	x	x	x	x	x
Beer, wine and liquor stores	x	x	x	x	x
Pharmacies and personal care stores	x	x	x	x	x
Clothing stores	...	...	...	...	...
Shoe, clothing accessories and jewellery stores	...	...	...	...	...
Department stores	...	...	...	...	...
Other general merchandise stores	x	x	x	x	x
Sporting goods, hobby, music and book stores	x	x	x	x	x
Miscellaneous store retailers	x	x	x	x	x
Total, all stores	16.1	-12.9	6.0	0.1	11.7

Table 3-14 – continued

Retail sales by trade group and by region, not seasonally adjusted, (quarterly estimates) — Nunavut

	Quarter ^P II 2005	Quarter I 2005	Quarter IV 2004	Quarter III 2004	Quarter II 2004
	% change from previous year				
Trade group					
New car dealers	...	...	x	x	x
Used and recreational motor vehicle and parts dealers	x	x	x	x	x
Gasoline stations	x	x	x	x	x
Furniture stores	...	...	x	x	x
Home furnishings stores	...	...	...	...	...
Computer and software stores	x	x	x	x	x
Home electronics and appliance stores	x	x	x	x	x
Home centres and hardware stores	x	x	x	x	x
Specialized building materials and garden stores	...	...	x	x	x
Supermarkets	x	x	x	x	x
Convenience and specialty food stores	x	x	x	x	x
Beer, wine and liquor stores	x	x	x	x	x
Pharmacies and personal care stores	x	x	x	x	x
Clothing stores	...	...	x	x	x
Shoe, clothing accessories and jewellery stores	...	...	x	x	x
Department stores	...	...	...	...	...
Other general merchandise stores	x	x	x	x	x
Sporting goods, hobby, music and book stores	x	x	x	x	x
Miscellaneous store retailers	x	x	x	x	x
Total, all stores	7.3	3.2	3.2	-4.3	-0.2

Table 4-1

Retail sales (current periods) — Weighted response rate

	June 2005 ^P	May 2005 ^r	April 2005	March 2005
	percent			
Trade group - Canada				
New car dealers	93.9	96.1	95.4	95.7
Used and recreational motor vehicle and parts dealers	89.3	91.6	88.8	89.4
Gasoline stations	91.3	94.5	92.5	94.0
Furniture stores	92.9	95.2	94.8	94.1
Home furnishings stores	85.0	88.2	87.2	86.6
Computer and software stores	84.4	92.2	90.7	90.8
Home electronics and appliance stores	89.7	92.1	89.6	90.6
Home centres and hardware stores	89.1	95.2	90.1	95.1
Specialized building materials and garden stores	84.1	88.4	89.4	88.7
Supermarkets	96.7	97.0	95.2	95.1
Convenience and specialty food stores	72.0	83.8	73.7	84.0
Beer, wine and liquor stores	74.9	79.4	81.5	81.8
Pharmacies and personal care stores	86.0	93.4	92.9	94.6
Clothing stores	83.7	93.5	94.2	94.2
Shoe, clothing accessories and jewellery stores	90.9	92.1	92.5	94.6
Department stores	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Other general merchandise stores	95.4	96.5	96.4	95.9
Sporting goods, hobby, music and book stores	83.7	91.1	92.7	93.3
Miscellaneous store retailers	69.7	69.3	67.1	67.1
Total, all stores	90.6	93.7	92.5	93.3
Regions				
Newfoundland and Labrador	85.8	93.8	93.2	93.2
Prince Edward Island	91.9	92.0	92.2	91.6
Nova Scotia	84.3	95.2	94.6	95.3
New Brunswick	91.4	94.6	94.1	94.1
Quebec	90.4	93.6	90.9	91.9
Ontario	91.3	93.4	92.6	95.1
Manitoba	88.8	90.9	90.3	91.1
Saskatchewan	90.1	93.5	92.8	93.3
Alberta	90.4	93.7	92.4	93.5
British Columbia	91.9	95.1	94.7	90.7
Yukon Territory	87.4	91.4	90.2	91.0
Northwest Territories	92.5	92.8	92.9	94.2
Nunavut	76.1	79.4	81.1	85.6

Table 4-2

Retail sales (current periods) — Coefficient of variation

	June 2005 ^p	May 2005 ^r	April 2005	March 2005
	percent			
Trade group - Canada				
New car dealers	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.7
Used and recreational motor vehicle and parts dealers	5.3	5.4	5.2	4.8
Gasoline stations	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6
Furniture stores	2.5	2.6	2.5	2.6
Home furnishings stores	3.5	3.9	3.8	3.8
Computer and software stores	7.5	7.6	7.8	6.9
Home electronics and appliance stores	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.8
Home centres and hardware stores	2.1	2.1	2.0	2.1
Specialized building materials and garden stores	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.9
Supermarkets	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Convenience and specialty food stores	3.5	3.6	3.5	3.3
Beer, wine and liquor stores	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7
Pharmacies and personal care stores	3.0	2.9	2.8	2.8
Clothing stores	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.2
Shoe, clothing accessories and jewellery stores	2.7	2.8	2.3	2.4
Department stores	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other general merchandise stores	0.9	1.0	0.9	1.0
Sporting goods, hobby, music and book stores	3.2	3.4	3.5	2.9
Miscellaneous store retailers	3.8	3.6	3.0	3.0
Total, all stores	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6
Regions				
Newfoundland and Labrador	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.1
Prince Edward Island	2.7	2.1	2.4	2.4
Nova Scotia	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.1
New Brunswick	2.5	2.6	2.4	2.4
Quebec	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.5
Ontario	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Manitoba	2.1	2.2	2.1	1.9
Saskatchewan	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.2
Alberta	1.9	1.7	1.7	1.5
British Columbia	1.6	1.5	1.6	1.6
Yukon Territory	1.1	1.0	0.9	0.9
Northwest Territories	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.9
Nunavut	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Table 5-1

Retail sales by trade group and by region (historical estimates) — Seasonally adjusted, June 2004 to June 2005

	June ^p 2005	May ^r 2005	April ^r 2005	March ^r 2005	February 2005	January 2005	December 2004
	millions of dollars						
Trade group - Canada							
New car dealers	6,083.8	5,831.3	6,143.5	5,905.4	5,992.9	5,816.9	5,639.9
Used and recreational motor vehicle and parts dealers	1,323.4	1,335.6	1,329.2	1,299.1	1,305.7	1,261.6	1,281.4
Gasoline stations	3,131.6	3,072.8	3,111.7	3,049.9	2,981.4	2,962.7	2,943.1
Furniture stores	723.8	727.5	765.7	742.1	759.3	742.9	710.5
Home furnishings stores	390.4	389.2	390.3	382.5	388.1	388.8	394.3
Computer and software stores	135.7	135.9	139.7	134.8	142.1	142.0	142.3
Home electronics and appliance stores	883.9	857.1	862.8	856.2	849.8	831.2	814.2
Home centres and hardware stores	1,522.0	1,523.0	1,526.2	1,465.1	1,467.9	1,430.1	1,433.0
Specialized building materials and garden stores	385.3	392.3	393.8	376.5	385.0	382.5	350.0
Supermarkets	5,240.3	5,249.1	5,192.3	5,189.3	5,174.2	5,194.9	5,145.8
Convenience and specialty food stores	763.9	774.7	769.2	768.6	767.1	755.6	759.0
Beer, wine and liquor stores	1,212.0	1,230.7	1,202.4	1,204.6	1,233.5	1,145.3	1,008.0
Pharmacies and personal care stores	1,994.5	1,993.5	1,978.7	1,984.7	1,962.6	1,958.9	1,913.9
Clothing stores	1,356.4	1,343.2	1,379.7	1,355.6	1,358.8	1,325.5	1,284.0
Shoe, clothing accessories and jewellery stores	406.0	408.7	409.9	416.2	400.8	378.8	407.5
Department stores	1,878.0	1,844.9	1,862.2	1,901.4	1,863.6	1,872.4	1,817.5
Other general merchandise stores	1,764.3	1,757.3	1,777.6	1,765.6	1,739.5	1,753.4	1,706.0
Sporting goods, hobby, music and book stores	769.0	777.4	788.2	778.9	770.8	761.9	758.5
Miscellaneous store retailers	817.5	806.4	799.0	798.2	800.6	789.7	772.1
Total, all stores	30,782.0	30,450.9	30,821.8	30,374.6	30,343.8	29,895.2	29,281.2
Regions							
Newfoundland and Labrador	490.5	487.2	494.9	488.4	493.3	487.1	492.4
Prince Edward Island	120.6	116.1	121.6	118.5	126.7	116.8	113.7
Nova Scotia	893.5	882.5	898.7	876.6	895.7	841.6	841.8
New Brunswick	697.8	677.5	695.9	698.4	700.0	686.4	667.9
Quebec	7,063.7	6,927.7	7,004.1	6,941.3	6,907.9	6,854.4	6,575.1
Ontario	11,274.0	11,099.5	11,372.3	11,165.6	11,174.0	11,139.3	10,951.9
Manitoba	1,033.1	1,023.1	1,041.2	1,027.5	1,041.8	1,016.4	974.0
Saskatchewan	942.1	953.3	928.8	907.6	903.7	876.2	867.1
Alberta	4,038.1	4,050.3	4,025.2	3,918.6	3,898.1	3,790.7	3,701.5
British Columbia	4,122.5	4,126.7	4,132.3	4,125.5	4,095.6	3,983.5	3,994.2
Yukon Territory	36.7	38.8	38.4	37.4	36.3	35.7	35.7
Northwest Territories	47.8	47.7	47.9	48.7	50.1	46.6	45.8
Nunavut	21.6	20.5	20.6	20.6	20.6	20.4	20.1

Table 5-1 – continued

Retail sales by trade group and by region (historical estimates) — Seasonally adjusted, June 2004 to June 2005

	November 2004	October 2004	September 2004	August 2004	July 2004	June 2004
millions of dollars						
Trade group - Canada						
New car dealers	5,829.6	5,852.2	5,702.6	5,742.8	5,758.0	5,664.2
Used and recreational motor vehicle and parts dealers	1,254.6	1,248.4	1,203.8	1,215.4	1,184.8	1,210.8
Gasoline stations	2,960.2	2,977.1	2,795.3	2,804.9	2,771.8	2,818.4
Furniture stores	728.1	733.3	735.7	707.2	692.2	684.7
Home furnishings stores	378.3	385.0	379.4	378.0	373.7	366.3
Computer and software stores	134.8	134.4	136.2	135.8	130.9	125.3
Home electronics and appliance stores	795.8	797.2	822.2	787.9	797.3	783.2
Home centres and hardware stores	1,422.3	1,418.9	1,445.1	1,440.9	1,370.7	1,380.2
Specialized building materials and garden stores	370.2	378.8	369.1	371.5	388.6	371.7
Supermarkets	5,214.2	5,060.9	5,073.1	4,978.4	4,976.6	4,930.2
Convenience and specialty food stores	741.1	742.2	739.7	754.0	733.9	730.9
Beer, wine and liquor stores	1,163.3	1,205.1	1,185.2	1,127.1	1,168.3	1,153.4
Pharmacies and personal care stores	1,955.8	1,945.9	1,928.5	1,914.1	1,892.0	1,906.6
Clothing stores	1,284.4	1,285.0	1,292.6	1,279.1	1,311.2	1,270.9
Shoe, clothing accessories and jewellery stores	396.5	401.2	398.2	397.5	402.7	400.8
Department stores	1,811.3	1,845.2	1,834.2	1,821.7	1,835.6	1,811.9
Other general merchandise stores	1,714.6	1,716.2	1,690.0	1,689.2	1,680.1	1,683.0
Sporting goods, hobby, music and book stores	738.8	731.0	748.8	746.1	743.2	741.2
Miscellaneous store retailers	768.7	767.9	771.3	754.6	788.3	786.1
Total, all stores	29,662.6	29,625.8	29,251.0	29,046.3	29,000.0	28,819.8
Regions						
Newfoundland and Labrador	492.3	489.0	481.0	474.2	470.6	469.2
Prince Edward Island	116.5	117.0	115.8	112.9	111.0	114.5
Nova Scotia	870.2	875.7	867.8	860.5	869.8	874.5
New Brunswick	699.3	676.4	672.7	661.2	661.0	652.5
Quebec	6,787.8	6,722.7	6,641.6	6,593.1	6,589.1	6,550.2
Ontario	10,977.2	10,991.5	10,862.4	10,808.5	10,731.9	10,687.8
Manitoba	996.0	1,012.3	986.7	972.0	982.8	977.7
Saskatchewan	871.1	864.7	849.6	857.7	863.3	859.1
Alberta	3,743.1	3,746.7	3,677.7	3,636.2	3,636.8	3,592.9
British Columbia	4,008.3	4,029.0	3,997.9	3,972.2	3,986.5	3,943.0
Yukon Territory	36.2	36.6	35.1	35.5	34.7	35.1
Northwest Territories	45.1	44.6	43.4	44.1	43.5	43.7
Nunavut	19.7	19.6	19.5	18.3	19.0	19.5

Table 5-2

Retail sales by trade group and by region (historical estimates) — Not seasonally adjusted, June 2004 to June 2005

	June ^p 2005	May ^r 2005	April 2005	March 2005	February 2005	January 2005	December 2004
	millions of dollars						
Trade group - Canada							
New car dealers	7,282.8	6,850.2	6,786.4	6,314.8	4,888.1	4,322.0	4,938.0
Used and recreational motor vehicle and parts dealers	1,638.9	1,733.8	1,667.3	1,199.7	948.5	848.9	999.6
Gasoline stations	3,301.7	3,146.4	2,999.8	2,988.7	2,600.4	2,690.6	2,812.0
Furniture stores	751.2	720.4	726.1	668.1	590.5	636.1	832.6
Home furnishings stores	383.4	372.1	366.8	353.5	308.2	317.6	515.6
Computer and software stores	125.3	126.5	132.3	156.6	132.6	142.5	164.9
Home electronics and appliance stores	777.8	724.7	719.8	742.2	647.6	718.4	1,586.1
Home centres and hardware stores	1,896.3	1,918.9	1,532.5	1,166.0	952.4	970.4	1,222.9
Specialized building materials and garden stores	522.9	546.8	392.3	306.9	247.5	239.8	282.3
Supermarkets	5,317.3	5,229.2	5,155.1	5,144.8	4,581.5	5,058.7	5,674.6
Convenience and specialty food stores	806.2	790.7	755.3	730.2	652.1	653.1	836.1
Beer, wine and liquor stores	1,240.9	1,171.6	1,065.1	1,055.8	927.6	852.4	1,617.7
Pharmacies and personal care stores	1,978.8	1,987.8	1,925.7	1,972.7	1,791.0	1,880.2	2,304.4
Clothing stores	1,337.1	1,308.2	1,324.9	1,138.7	901.5	990.4	2,137.0
Shoe, clothing accessories and jewellery stores	411.2	414.1	390.6	310.1	284.6	271.7	783.9
Department stores	1,857.7	1,751.7	1,729.7	1,599.4	1,336.0	1,374.9	3,172.3
Other general merchandise stores	1,963.7	1,882.6	1,703.7	1,515.5	1,244.7	1,430.5	2,325.8
Sporting goods, hobby, music and book stores	727.2	708.9	712.0	660.9	558.4	672.2	1,363.7
Miscellaneous store retailers	858.5	823.4	727.9	728.5	662.2	654.3	979.3
Total, all stores	33,179.0	32,208.2	30,813.2	28,753.1	24,255.3	24,724.7	34,548.8
Regions							
Newfoundland and Labrador	538.5	517.2	480.4	447.9	372.7	368.3	583.0
Prince Edward Island	134.4	123.2	115.5	100.7	91.1	88.6	132.4
Nova Scotia	990.4	912.0	877.3	812.9	698.2	685.1	1,019.2
New Brunswick	772.1	717.9	694.6	650.2	540.8	549.6	789.0
Quebec	7,742.0	7,624.6	7,254.7	6,624.4	5,382.1	5,554.4	7,307.5
Ontario	12,116.5	11,698.2	11,176.3	10,452.3	8,935.9	9,253.3	13,219.3
Manitoba	1,117.1	1,071.5	1,051.1	974.2	837.4	839.7	1,155.7
Saskatchewan	1,012.4	1,003.5	930.4	841.5	719.5	725.1	1,024.1
Alberta	4,291.5	4,219.5	4,044.9	3,757.0	3,172.4	3,155.2	4,395.2
British Columbia	4,348.0	4,213.7	4,083.2	3,982.5	3,416.7	3,420.2	4,807.8
Yukon Territory	42.6	41.0	36.2	34.4	27.2	28.1	39.5
Northwest Territories	52.0	44.8	47.8	54.3	44.5	40.2	52.6
Nunavut	21.5	21.1	20.6	20.7	16.7	17.0	23.6

Table 5-2 – continued

Retail sales by trade group and by region (historical estimates) — Not seasonally adjusted, June 2004 to June 2005

	November 2004	October 2004	September 2004	August 2004	July 2004	June 2004
millions of dollars						
Trade group - Canada						
New car dealers	5,380.4	5,387.0	5,837.7	5,872.4	6,249.6	6,697.1
Used and recreational motor vehicle and parts dealers	1,149.3	1,201.7	1,204.1	1,287.1	1,373.6	1,489.6
Gasoline stations	2,795.9	3,029.8	2,864.0	3,022.8	3,035.9	2,950.2
Furniture stores	760.6	772.6	751.1	745.7	758.0	714.4
Home furnishings stores	443.0	397.3	376.4	373.0	372.1	366.3
Computer and software stores	136.6	126.3	137.5	128.7	118.9	115.8
Home electronics and appliance stores	871.4	771.9	802.9	764.1	723.4	685.8
Home centres and hardware stores	1,435.7	1,529.8	1,552.6	1,538.5	1,646.5	1,730.7
Specialized building materials and garden stores	355.7	384.8	403.9	408.9	437.2	502.7
Supermarkets	4,883.0	5,137.4	4,970.7	4,836.2	5,375.2	4,937.8
Convenience and specialty food stores	684.3	748.4	741.9	800.7	827.1	772.4
Beer, wine and liquor stores	1,081.5	1,181.3	1,154.1	1,221.7	1,430.3	1,161.8
Pharmacies and personal care stores	1,947.3	1,932.4	1,872.8	1,864.0	1,857.9	1,885.0
Clothing stores	1,425.3	1,378.3	1,324.3	1,269.6	1,226.3	1,215.0
Shoe, clothing accessories and jewellery stores	402.5	386.3	383.2	399.1	390.5	398.4
Department stores	2,137.4	1,958.8	1,685.7	1,757.8	1,762.7	1,756.5
Other general merchandise stores	1,835.9	1,679.9	1,575.4	1,674.3	1,847.7	1,847.9
Sporting goods, hobby, music and book stores	775.3	671.1	748.6	748.0	709.4	682.6
Miscellaneous store retailers	762.1	788.5	836.7	812.8	794.4	820.3
Total, all stores	29,263.4	29,463.8	29,223.7	29,525.4	30,936.5	30,730.3
Regions						
Newfoundland and Labrador	507.3	480.6	484.7	513.5	528.9	512.1
Prince Edward Island	113.1	116.4	118.0	130.0	137.1	127.8
Nova Scotia	866.2	867.4	861.8	882.1	953.8	949.8
New Brunswick	693.3	666.1	673.7	695.5	717.5	709.0
Quebec	6,548.1	6,765.8	6,617.1	6,762.1	7,060.1	7,049.6
Ontario	11,058.6	10,902.0	10,907.9	10,896.7	11,306.1	11,403.8
Manitoba	981.5	1,004.3	980.0	983.1	1,051.0	1,045.3
Saskatchewan	858.2	875.4	833.8	882.8	930.1	917.6
Alberta	3,699.2	3,732.8	3,696.7	3,661.7	3,842.8	3,783.5
British Columbia	3,845.1	3,955.3	3,951.3	4,014.1	4,299.3	4,125.1
Yukon Territory	33.7	35.2	35.7	40.3	42.4	40.4
Northwest Territories	40.1	42.5	43.3	44.0	47.7	46.9
Nunavut	19.1	19.9	19.6	19.6	19.8	19.6

Table 6-1

Retail trade Canada, current and constant (1997) dollar estimates — Seasonally adjusted

	Price Index	Current Dollars		Constant 1997 dollars ¹	
		millions of dollars	Month to month % change	millions of dollars	Month to month % change
2003					
January	107.4	27,181.5	0.0	25,314.2	-0.4
February	108.0	27,447.1	1.0	25,424.1	0.4
March	107.8	27,296.6	-0.5	25,329.5	-0.4
April	106.9	27,272.9	-0.1	25,511.3	0.7
May	106.4	27,494.8	0.8	25,843.2	1.3
June	106.1	27,432.8	-0.2	25,848.9	0.0
July	106.6	27,841.7	1.5	26,127.8	1.1
August	107.0	28,135.3	1.1	26,291.2	0.6
September	106.9	27,840.9	-1.0	26,052.8	-0.9
October	106.4	27,803.0	-0.1	26,137.1	0.3
November	106.5	27,741.3	-0.2	26,040.8	-0.4
December	106.8	27,658.7	-0.3	25,908.7	-0.5
Year	106.9	331,146.6	...	309,829.6	...
2004					
January	107.0	27,871.5	0.8	26,056.1	0.6
February	106.9	28,234.0	1.3	26,418.8	1.4
March	107.1	28,757.5	1.9	26,849.7	1.6
April	107.2	28,524.5	-0.8	26,616.2	-0.9
May	108.2	28,647.2	0.4	26,472.8	-0.5
June	108.1	28,819.8	0.6	26,666.2	0.7
July	108.1	29,000.0	0.6	26,835.2	0.6
August	107.7	29,046.3	0.2	26,964.8	0.5
September	107.6	29,251.0	0.7	27,177.3	0.8
October	108.2	29,625.8	1.3	27,392.4	0.8
November	108.5	29,662.6	0.1	27,330.4	-0.2
December	108.6	29,281.2	-1.3	26,970.0	-1.3
Year	107.8	346,721.5	...	321,749.9	...
2005					
January	108.2	29,895.2	2.1	27,622.8	2.4
February	108.3	30,343.8	1.5	28,015.7	1.4
March ^r	108.8	30,374.6	0.1	27,929.7	-0.3
April ^r	109.0	30,821.8	1.5	28,286.3	1.3
May ^r	108.8	30,450.9	-1.2	27,976.4	-1.1
June ^p	109.0	30,782.0	1.1	28,250.2	1.0
July
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Year

1. Seasonally adjusted constant (1997) dollar estimates are derived by deflating, with an implicit price index, the seasonally adjusted current dollar estimate.

Table 6-2

Retail trade Canada, current and constant (1997) dollar estimates — Not seasonally adjusted

	Price Index	Current Dollars		Constant 1997 dollars ¹	
		millions of dollars	Year to year % change	millions of dollars	Year to year % change
2003					
January	106.9	23,303.0	4.2	21,808.1	0.7
February	108.0	21,981.8	5.7	20,352.2	1.8
March	107.7	25,469.3	3.4	23,657.1	0.4
April	106.8	27,059.5	2.5	25,328.6	1.3
May	106.6	30,417.6	4.6	28,525.8	3.6
June	106.2	28,912.1	1.9	27,233.1	1.7
July	106.4	29,492.8	5.7	27,708.0	5.6
August	106.4	29,102.1	3.2	27,341.0	2.9
September	105.9	27,467.6	5.4	25,926.9	5.3
October	105.6	28,223.6	4.0	26,726.9	4.4
November	105.8	27,391.4	0.4	25,882.8	1.0
December	104.0	32,325.8	3.3	31,095.8	4.0
Year	106.4	331,146.6	3.7	311,586.3	2.7
2004					
January	106.6	23,828.1	2.3	22,353.8	2.5
February	106.8	23,071.3	5.0	21,601.2	6.1
March	106.8	26,991.3	6.0	25,271.4	6.8
April	107.2	28,620.5	5.8	26,700.0	5.4
May	108.6	30,518.3	0.3	28,090.8	-1.5
June	108.3	30,730.3	6.3	28,379.0	4.2
July	108.3	30,936.5	4.9	28,569.4	3.1
August	107.0	29,525.4	1.5	27,586.3	0.9
September	106.8	29,223.7	6.4	27,355.9	5.5
October	107.6	29,463.8	4.4	27,374.4	2.4
November	107.7	29,263.4	6.8	27,168.1	5.0
December	105.2	34,548.8	6.9	32,836.4	5.6
Year	107.2	346,721.5	4.7	323,286.7	3.8
2005					
January	107.8	24,724.7	3.8	22,933.6	2.6
February	108.3	24,255.3	5.1	22,394.0	3.7
March ^r	108.6	28,753.1	6.5	26,465.1	4.7
April ^r	108.7	30,813.2	7.7	28,335.9	6.1
May ^r	109.1	32,208.2	5.5	29,527.9	5.1
June ^p	109.0	33,179.0	8.0	30,435.3	7.2
July	..	..	..	..	..
August	..	..	..	..	..
September	..	..	..	..	..
October	..	..	..	..	..
November	..	..	..	..	..
December	..	..	..	..	..
Year	..	..	..	..	..

1. Seasonally adjusted constant (1997) dollar estimates are derived by deflating, with an implicit price index, the seasonally adjusted current dollar estimate.

Objectives, uses and users

Objective

The Monthly Retail Trade Survey (MRTS) provides information on the performance of the retail trade sector on a monthly basis, and when combined with other statistics, represents an important indicator of the state of the Canadian economy.

Uses

The estimates provide a measure of the health and performance of the retail trade sector. Information collected is used to estimate level and monthly trend for retail sales. At the end of each year, the estimates provide a preliminary look at annual retail sales and performance.

Users

A variety of organizations, sector associations, and levels of government make use of the information. Retailers rely on the survey results to compare their performance against similar types of businesses, as well as for marketing purposes. Retail associations are able to monitor industry performance and promote their retail industries. Investors can monitor industry growth, which can result in better access to investment capital by retailers. Governments are able to understand the role of retailers in the economy, which aids in the development of policies and tax incentives. As an important industry in the Canadian economy, governments are able to better determine the overall health of the economy through the use of the estimates in the calculation of the nation's Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

Concepts, variables and classifications

Concepts

The retail trade sector comprises establishments primarily engaged in retailing merchandise, generally without transformation, and rendering services incidental to the sale of merchandise.

The retailing process is the final step in the distribution of merchandise; retailers are therefore organized to sell merchandise in small quantities to the general public. This sector comprises two main types of retailers, that is, store and non-store retailers. The MRTS covers only store retailers. Their main characteristics are described below.

Store retailers operate fixed point-of-sale locations, located and designed to attract a high volume of walk-in customers. In general, retail stores have extensive displays of merchandise and use mass-media advertising to attract customers. They typically sell merchandise to the general public for personal or household consumption, but some also serve business and institutional clients. These include establishments such as office supplies stores, computer and software stores, gasoline stations, building material dealers, plumbing supplies stores and electrical supplies stores.

In addition to selling merchandise, some types of store retailers are also engaged in the provision of after-sales services, such as repair and installation. For example, new automobile dealers, electronic and appliance stores and musical instrument and supplies stores often provide repair services, while floor covering stores and window treatment stores often provide installation services. As a general rule, establishments engaged in retailing merchandise and providing after sales services are classified in this sector.

Catalogue sales showrooms, gasoline service stations, and mobile home dealers are treated as store retailers.

Variables

Sales are defined as the sales of all goods purchased for resale, net of returns and discounts. This includes commission revenue and fees earned from selling goods and services on account of others, such as selling lottery tickets, bus tickets, and phone cards. It also includes parts and labour revenue from repair and maintenance; revenue from rental and leasing of goods and equipment; revenues from services, including food services; sales of goods manufactured as a secondary activity; and the proprietor's withdrawals, at retail, of goods for personal use. Other revenue from rental of real estate, placement fees, operating subsidies, grants, royalties and franchise fees are excluded.

Trading Location is the physical location(s) in which business activity is conducted in each province and territory, and for which sales are credited or recognized in the financial records of the company. For retailers, this would normally be a store.

Constant Dollars : The value of retail trade is measured in two ways; including the effects of price change on sales and net of the effects of price change. The first measure is referred to as retail trade in current dollars and the latter as retail trade in constant dollars. The method of calculating the current dollar estimate is to aggregate the weighted value of sales for all retail outlets. The method of calculating the constant dollar estimate is to first adjust the sales values to a base year, using the Consumer Price Index, and then sum up the resulting values.

Classification

The Monthly Retail Trade Survey is based on the definition of retail trade under the NAICS (North American Industry Classification System). NAICS is the agreed upon common framework for the production of comparable statistics by

the statistical agencies of Canada, Mexico and the United States. The agreement defines the boundaries of twenty sectors. NAICS is based on a production-oriented, or supply based conceptual framework in that establishments are grouped into industries according to similarity in production processes used to produce goods and services.

Estimates appear for 19 major trade groups based on special aggregations of the 2002 North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) industries. The 19 trade groups are further aggregated to 8 trade group sectors.

Geographically, sales estimates are produced for Canada and each province and territory.

Coverage and frames

Statistics Canada's Business Register (BR) provides the frame for the Monthly Retail Trade Survey. The BR is a structured list of businesses engaged in the production of goods and services in Canada. It is a centrally maintained database containing detailed descriptions of most business entities operating within Canada. The BR includes all incorporated businesses, with or without employees. For unincorporated businesses, the BR includes all employer businesses, and businesses with no employees with annual sales greater than \$30,000 that have a Goods and Services Tax (GST) account (the BR does not include unincorporated businesses with no employees and with annual sales less than \$30,000).

The businesses on the BR are represented by a hierarchical structure with four levels, with the statistical enterprise at the top, followed by the statistical company, the statistical establishment and the statistical location. An enterprise can be linked to one or more statistical companies, a statistical company can be linked to one or more statistical establishments, and a statistical establishment to one or more statistical locations.

The target population for the MRTS consists of all statistical establishments on the BR that are classified to the retail sector using the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) (approximately 215,000 establishments). The NAICS code range for the retail sector is 441100 to 453999. A statistical establishment is the production entity or the smallest grouping of production entities which: produces a homogeneous set of goods or services; does not cross provincial boundaries; and provides data on the value of output, together with the cost of principal intermediate inputs used, along with the cost and quantity of labour used to produce the output. The production entity is the physical unit where the business operations are carried out. It must have a civic address and dedicated labour.

The exclusions to the target population are ancillary establishments (producers of services in support of the activity of producing goods and services for the market of more than one establishment within the enterprise, and serves as a cost centre or a discretionary expense centre for which data on all its costs including labour and depreciation can be reported by the business), future establishments, establishments with a missing or a zero gross business income (GBI) value on the BR and establishments in the following non-covered NAICS:

- 4541 (electronic shopping and mail-order houses)
- 4542 (vending machine operators)
- 45431 (fuel dealers)
- 45439 (other direct selling establishments)

Sampling

The MRTS sample consists of 12,000 groups of establishments (clusters) classified to the Retail Trade sector selected from the Statistics Canada Business Register. A cluster of establishments is defined as all establishments belonging to a statistical enterprise that are in the same trade group and geographical region. The MRTS uses a stratified design with simple random sample selection in each stratum. The stratification is done by industry groups using the NAICS-four digit level, and the geographical regions consisting of the provinces and territories, as well as three provincial sub-regions. We further stratify the population by size. The size measure is created using a combination of independent survey data and three administrative variables: the GBI, the GST sales, and the T2-revenue (from corporation tax return).

The size strata consist of one take-all (census), at most, two take-some (partially sampled) strata, and one take-none (none sampled) stratum. Take-none strata serve to reduce respondent burden by excluding the smaller businesses from the surveyed population. These businesses should represent at most five percent of total sales. Instead of sending questionnaires to these businesses, the estimates are produced through the use of administrative data.

The sample was allocated optimally in order to reach target coefficients of variation at the national, provincial/territorial, industrial, and industry by province/territory levels. The sample was also inflated to compensate for dead, non-responding, and misclassified units.

MRTS is a repeated survey with maximisation of monthly sample overlap. The sample is kept month after month and every month births are added to the sample and dead units are identified. MRTS births, i.e., new clusters of establishment(s), are identified every month via the BR's latest universe. They are stratified according to the same criteria as the initial population. A sample of these births is selected according to the sampling fraction of the stratum to which they belong and is added to the monthly sample. Deaths occur on a monthly basis. A death can be a cluster of establishment(s) that have ceased their activities (out-of-business) or whose major activities are no longer in retail trade (out-of-scope). The status of these businesses is updated on the BR using administrative sources and survey feedback, including feedback from the MRTS. Methods to treat dead units and misclassified units are part of the sample and population update procedures.

Questionnaire design

The Monthly Retail Trade Survey incorporates the following sub-surveys:

Monthly Retail Trade Survey - R8

Monthly Retail Trade Survey (with inventories) – R8

Survey of Sales and Inventories of Alcoholic Beverages

The questionnaires collect monthly data on retail sales and the number of trading locations by province or territory and inventories of goods owned and intended for resale from a sample of retailers. The items on the questionnaires have remained unchanged for several years. For the 2004 redesign, the general questionnaires were subject to cosmetic changes only. The questionnaire for Sales and Inventories of Alcoholic Beverages underwent more extensive changes. The modifications were discussed with stakeholders and the respondents were given an opportunity to comment before the new questionnaire was finalized. If further changes are needed to any of the questionnaires, proposed changes would go through a review committee and a field test with respondents and data users to ensure its relevancy.

Response and non-response

Despite the best efforts of survey managers and operations staff to maximize response in the MRTS, some non-response will occur. For statistical establishments to be classified as responding, the degree of partial response (where an accurate response is obtained for only some of the questions asked a respondent) must meet a minimum threshold level below which the response would be rejected and considered a unit non-response. In such an instance, the business is classified as not having responded at all.

Non-response has two effects on data: first it introduces bias in estimates when non-respondents differ from respondents in the characteristics measured; and second, it contributes to an increase in the sampling variance of estimates because the effective sample size is reduced from that originally sought.

The degree to which efforts are made to get a response from a non-respondent is based on budget and time constraints, its impact on the overall quality and the risk of non-response bias.

The main method to reduce the impact of non-response at sampling is to inflate the sample size through the use of over-sampling rates that have been determined from similar surveys.

Besides the methods to reduce the impact of non-response at sampling and collection, the non-responses to the survey that do occur are treated through imputation.

In order to measure the amount of non-response that occurs each month, various response rates are calculated. For a given reference month, the estimation process is run at least twice (a preliminary and a revised run). Between each run, respondent data can be identified as unusable and imputed values can be corrected through respondent data. As a consequence, response rates are computed following each run of the estimation process.

For the MRTS, two types of rates are calculated. In order to assess the efficiency of the collection process, unweighted response rates are calculated. Weighted rates, using the estimation weight and the value for the variable of interest, assess the quality of estimation.

To get a better picture of the success of the collection process, another unweighted rate called the 'collection result rate' is computed. It is computed by dividing the number of respondents by the number of units that we tried to contact. Non-monthly reporters (respondents with special reporting arrangements where they do not report every month but for whom actual data is available in subsequent revisions) are excluded from both the numerator and denominator for the months where no contact is performed.

In summary, the two different response rates are calculated as follows:

Weighted rates:

$$\text{Response rate (estimation)} = \frac{\text{Sum of weighted sales of unit with response status } i}{\text{Sum of all weighted sales}}$$

Sum of all weighted sales:

where *i* = units that have either reported data that will be used in estimation or are converted refusals, or have reported data that has not yet been resolved for estimation.

Unweighted rates:

$$\text{Response rate (collection)} = \frac{\text{Number of questionnaires with response status } ii}{\text{Number of questionnaires with response status } iii}$$

where *ii* = units that have either reported data (unresolved, used or not used for estimation) or are converted refusals.

where *iii* = all of the above plus units that have refused to respond, units that were not contacted and other types of nonrespondent units.

Collection results rate =
$$\frac{\text{Number of questionnaires with response status } ii}{\text{Number of questionnaires with response status } iv}$$

where *ii* = same as *ii* defined above

where *iv* = same as *iii* except for the exclusion of units that were not contacted because their response is unavailable for a particular month since they are non-monthly reporters.

The response rate (collection) is basically the percentage of questionnaires collected over all in-scope questionnaires while the collection results rate is the percentage of questionnaires collected over all in-scope questionnaires for which an attempt to collect was performed. All the above rates are provided at the industry trade group, geography and size group level as well as for any combination of these levels.

Methods used to reduce non-response at collection

Significant effort is spent trying to minimize non-response during collection. Methods used, among others, are interviewer techniques such as probing and persuasion, repeated re-scheduling and call-backs to obtain the information, and procedures dealing with how to handle non-compliant (refusal) respondents.

If data are unavailable at the time of collection, a respondent's best estimates are also accepted, and are subsequently revised once the actual data become available.

To minimize total non-response for all variables, partial responses are accepted. In addition, questionnaires are customized for the collection of certain variables, such as inventory, so that collection is timed for those months when the data are available.

Finally, to build trust and rapport between the interviewers and respondents, cases are generally assigned to the same interviewer each month. This action establishes a personal relationship between interviewer and respondent, and builds respondent trust.

Data collection and capture operations

Collection of the data is performed by Statistics Canada's Regional Offices. Respondents are sent a questionnaire or are contacted by telephone to obtain their sales and inventory values, as well as to confirm the opening or closing of business trading locations. Collection of the data begins approximately 7 working days after the end of the reference month and continues for the duration of that month.

New entrants to the survey are introduced to the survey via an introductory letter that informs the respondent that a representative of Statistics Canada will be calling. This call is to introduce the respondent to the survey, confirm the respondent's business activity, establish and begin data collection, as well as to answer any questions that the respondent may have.

Editing

Data editing is the application of checks to detect missing, invalid or inconsistent entries or to point to data records that are potentially in error. In the survey process for the MRTS, data editing is done at two different time periods.

First of all, editing is done during data collection. Once data are collected via the telephone, or via the receipt of completed mail-in questionnaires, the data are captured using customized data capture applications. All data are subjected to data editing. Edits during data collection are referred to as field edits and generally consist of validity and some simple consistency edits. They are used to detect mistakes made during the interview by the respondent or the interviewer and to identify missing information during collection in order to reduce the need for follow-up later on. Another purpose of the field edits is to clean up responses. In the MRTS, the current month's responses are edited against the respondent's previous month's responses and/or the previous year's responses for the current month. Field edits are also used to identify problems with data collection procedures and the design of the questionnaire, as well as the need for more interviewer training.

Follow-up with respondents occurs to validate potential erroneous data following any failed preliminary edit check of the data. Once validated, the collected data is regularly transmitted to the head office in Ottawa.

Secondly, editing known as statistical editing is also done after data collection and this is more empirical in nature. Statistical editing is run prior to imputation in order to identify the data that will be used as a basis to impute non-respondents. Large outliers that could disrupt a monthly trend are excluded from trend calculations by the statistical edits. It should be noted that adjustments are not made at this stage to correct the reported outliers.

The first step in the statistical editing is to identify which responses will be subjected to the statistical edit rules. Reported data for the current reference month will go through various edit checks.

The first set of edit checks is based on the Hidiriglou-Berthelot method whereby a ratio of the respondent's current month data over historical (last month, same month last year) or auxiliary data (GST sales, GBI) is analyzed. When the respondent's ratio differs significantly from ratios of respondents who are similar in terms of industry and/or geography group, the response is deemed an outlier.

The second set of edits consists of an edit known as the share of market edit. With this method, one is able to edit all respondents, even those where historical and auxiliary data is unavailable. The method relies on current month data only. Therefore, within a group of respondents that are similar in terms of industry and/or geography, if the weighted contribution of a respondent to the group's total is too large, it will be flagged as an outlier.

For edit checks based on the Hidiriglou-Berthelot method, data that are flagged as an outlier will not be included in the imputation models (those based on ratios). Also, data that are flagged as outliers in the share of market edit will not be included in the imputation models where means and medians are calculated to impute for responses that have no historical responses.

Imputation

Imputation in the MRTS is the process used to assign replacement values for missing data. This is done by assigning values when they are missing on the record being edited to ensure that estimates are of high quality and that a plausible, internal consistency is created. Due to concerns of response burden, cost and timeliness, it is generally impossible to do all follow-ups with the respondents in order to resolve missing responses. Since it is desirable to produce a complete and consistent microdata file, imputation is used to handle the remaining missing cases.

In the MRTS, imputation is based on historical data or administrative data (GST sales). The appropriate method is selected according to a strategy that is based on whether historical data is available, auxiliary data is available and/or which reference month is being processed.

There are three types of historical imputation methods. The first type is a general trend that uses one historical data source (previous month, data from next month or data from same month previous year). The second type is a regression model where data from previous month and same month previous year are used simultaneously. The third type uses the historical data as a direct replacement value for a non-respondent. Depending upon the particular reference month, there is an order of preference that exists so that top quality imputation can result. The historical imputation method that was labelled as the third type above is always the last option in the order for each reference month.

The imputation methods using administrative data are automatically selected when historical information is unavailable for a non-respondent. The administrative data source (annual GST sales) is the basis of these methods. The annual GST sales are used for two types of methods. One is a general trend that will be used for simple structure, e.g. enterprises with only one establishment, and a second type is called median-average that is used for units with a more complex structure.

Estimation

Estimation is a process that approximates unknown population parameters using only part of the population that is included in a sample. Inferences about these unknown parameters are then made, using the sample data and associated survey design.

In the MRTS, new estimation processes have been developed using Statistics Canada's Generalized Estimation System (GES) and addressing the need to treat influential units and allowing for implementation of special corrections during processing. Different methodologies have been put in place to estimate retail sales and inventories.

For retail sales, the population is divided into a survey portion (take-all and take-some strata) and a non-survey portion (take-none stratum). From the sample that is drawn from the survey portion, an estimate for the population is determined through the use of a Horvitz-Thompson estimator where responses for sales are weighted by using the inverses of the inclusion probabilities of the sampled units. Such weights (called sampling weights) can be interpreted as the number of times that each sampled unit should be replicated to represent the entire population. The calculated weighted sales values are summed by domain, to produce the total sales estimates by each industrial trade group / geographic area combination. A domain is defined as the most recent classification values available from the BR for the unit and the survey reference period. These domains may differ from the original sampling strata because units may have changed size, industry or location. Changes in classification are reflected immediately in the estimates and do not accumulate over time. For the non-survey portion, a ratio type estimator is calculated using auxiliary data. The estimate of the total retail sales is equal to the sum of the survey and non-survey portion estimates.

For retail inventories, a non-probability sample is drawn including the largest businesses in each domain, and a ratio type estimator is used to produce an estimate for the population total.

The measure of precision used for the MRTS to evaluate the quality of a population parameter estimate and to obtain valid inferences is the variance. The variance from the survey portion is derived directly from a stratified simple random sample without replacement.

Sample estimates may differ from the expected value of the estimates. However, since the estimate is based on a probability sample, the variability of the sample estimate with respect to its expected value can be measured. The variance of an estimate is a measure of the precision of the sample estimate and is defined as the average, over all possible samples, of the squared difference of the estimate from its expected value.

Seasonal adjustment and trend-cycle estimation

Revisions in the raw data are required to correct known non-sampling errors. These normally include replacing imputed data with reported data, corrections to previously reported data, and estimates for new births that were not known at the time of the original estimates.

Raw data are revised, on a monthly basis, for the month immediately prior to the current reference month being published. That is, when data for December are being published for the first time, there will also be revisions, if necessary, to the raw data for November. In addition, revisions are made once a year, with the initial release of the February data, for all months in the previous year. The purpose is to correct any significant problems that have been found that apply for an extended period. The actual period of revision depends on the nature of the problem identified, but rarely exceeds three years.

Retail trade data are seasonally adjusted using the X11ARIMA/2000¹ model. This consists of extrapolating a year's worth of raw data with the ARIMA model (auto-regressive integrated moving average model), and of seasonally adjusting the raw time series.

Socio-economic time series such as data from the MRTS can be broken down into five main components: the trend-cycle, seasonality, the trading-day effect, the Easter holiday effect and the irregular component.

The trend represents the long-term change in the series, whereas the cycle represents a smooth, quasi-periodical movement about the trend, showing a succession of growth and decline phases (e.g., the business cycle). These two components—the trend and the cycle—are estimated together, and the trend-cycle reflects the fundamental evolution of the series. The other components reflect short-term transient movements.

The seasonal component represents sub-annual, monthly or quarterly fluctuations that recur more or less regularly from one year to the next. Seasonal variations are caused by the direct and indirect effects of the climatic seasons, institutional factors (attributable to social conventions or administrative rules; e.g., Christmas) and technological factors.

The trading day component originates from the fact that the relative importance of the days varies systematically within the week and that the number of each day of the week in a given month or a given quarter varies from year to year. This effect is present when activity varies with the day of the week. For instance, Sunday is typically less active than the other days, and the number of Sundays, Mondays, etc. in, say, July changes from year to year.

The Easter holiday effect is the variation due to the shift of part of April's activity to March when Easter falls in March rather than April.

Lastly, the irregular component includes all other more or less erratic fluctuations not taken into account in the preceding components. It is a residual that includes errors of measurement on the variable itself as well as unusual events (e.g., strikes, drought, floods or other unexpected events causing variations in respondents' commercial activities).

Thus, the latter four components—seasonal, irregular, trading day and Easter holiday effect—all conceal the fundamental trend-cycle component of the series. Seasonal adjustment (correction of seasonal variation) consists in removing the seasonal, trading day and Easter holiday effect components from the series, and it thus helps reveal the trend-cycle. However, one must bear in mind that the seasonally adjusted series contains not only the trend-cycle but also the irregular component (which is technically difficult to isolate for the current months).

1. For further information, see X11ARIMA version 2000, an update of the seasonal adjustment method X11ARIMA/88, developed by Estelle Bee Dagum, *Time Series Research and Analysis Centre, Statistics Canada*.

The X-11 method is used for analysing monthly and quarterly series. It is based on an iterative principle applied in estimating the different components, with estimation being done at each stage using adequate moving averages.² The moving averages used to estimate the main components—the trend and seasonality—are primarily smoothing tools designed to eliminate any undesirable component from the series. Since moving averages react poorly to the presence of atypical values, the X-11 method includes a tool for detecting and correcting atypical points. This tool is used to clean up the series prior to seasonal adjustment.

Lastly, the trading day effect and the Easter holiday effect are components that are estimated using linear regression models, based on the irregular component. To evaluate the different components of the series, taking account of the possible presence of atypical points, X-11 proceeds iteratively: estimation of components, search for unwanted effects in the irregular component, estimation of components on a corrected series, search for unwanted effects in the irregular component, etc.

Retail trade forms a system of 33 series: the Canada grand total, the 19 trade group totals, and the 13 provincial/territorial totals. For non-seasonally adjusted series, the summing of the 19 trade group totals produces the grand total (Canada) for each month and is equal to the sum of the 13 provincial/territorial totals.

Unfortunately, seasonal adjustment removes the sub-annual additivity of a system of series; small discrepancies, which generally vary between -1% and 1%, are observed between the sum of the seasonally adjusted trade groups and the sum of the seasonally adjusted provinces and territories. To restore additivity, a reconciliation process is applied to the seasonally adjusted retail trade series. The reconciliation process operates as follows: (1) The seasonally adjusted grand total for Canada is obtained “indirectly” by summing up the trade group totals, which have previously been seasonally adjusted separately. And (2) the seasonally adjusted provincial and territorial totals are then reconciled so that their sum is equal to the seasonally adjusted grand total for Canada, obtained previously. The procedure is such that a) the system’s seasonally adjusted components are modified as little as possible in percentage, b) the seasonally adjusted components add up to the grand total for each month, and c) the seasonally adjusted monthly values add up to the yearly totals for the non-adjusted series.

2. Ladiray, D. and Quenneville, B. (2001). *Seasonal Adjustment with the X-11 Method*. New York: Springer-Verlag, *Lecture Notes in Statistics* #158.

Adjustment for historical series

The historical series for the MRTS begins in January 1991. The data from January 1991 to March 2004 were backcasted based on conversion coefficients from the MRTS on a 1980 SIC basis. Before the first release of the redesigned MRTS results for the April 2004 reference month, estimates were produced from December 2003 on to establish a comparison basis between the old and the new survey. The backcasted series were adjusted to the level of the redesigned survey.

In the first phase, the backcasted series were benchmarked beginning in January 1991. To do so, individual ratios of series from the new survey were calculated. These ratios were then applied to the backcasted series.

This benchmarking removes the additivity to the system of series because the series are benchmarked individually. For example, this process brings forth differences between the sum of the trade group and the sum of the provinces and territories. To restore additivity, a reconciliation process is applied to the benchmarked series.

Data quality evaluation

The methodology of this survey has been designed to control errors and to reduce their potential effects on estimates. However, the survey results remain subject to errors, of which sampling error is only one component of the total survey error. Sampling error results when observations are made only on a sample and not on the entire population. All other errors arising from the various phases of a survey are referred to as non-sampling errors. For example, these types of errors can occur when a respondent provides incorrect information or does not answer certain questions; when a unit in the target population is omitted or covered more than once; when a unit that is out of scope for the survey is included by mistake or when errors occur in data processing, such as coding or capture errors. While the impact of non-sampling errors is difficult to evaluate, certain measures such as response and imputation rates can be used as indicators of the potential level of non-sampling error.

Prior to publication, combined survey results are analyzed for comparability; in general, this includes a detailed review of individual responses (especially for large businesses), general economic conditions and historical trends.

A common measure of data quality for surveys is the coefficient of variation (CV). The coefficient of variation, defined as the standard error divided by the sample estimate, is a measure of precision in relative terms. Since the coefficient of variation is calculated from responses of individual units, it also measures some non-sampling errors.

The formula used to calculate coefficients of variation (CV) as percentages is:

$$CV(X) = \frac{S(X)}{X} * 100\%$$

where X denotes the estimate and S(X) denotes the standard error of X.

Confidence intervals can be constructed around the estimates using the estimate and the CV. Thus, for our sample, it is possible to state with a given level of confidence that the expected value will fall within the confidence interval constructed around the estimate. For example, if an estimate of \$12,000,000 has a CV of 2%, the standard error will be \$240,000 (the estimate multiplied by the CV). It can be stated with 68% confidence that the expected values will fall within the interval whose length equals the standard deviation about the estimate, i.e. between \$11,760,000 and \$12,240,000. Alternatively, it can be stated with 95% confidence that the expected value will fall within the interval whose length equals two standard deviations about the estimate, i.e. between \$11,520,000 and \$12,480,000.

Finally, due to the small contribution of the non-survey portion to the total estimates, bias in the non-survey portion has a negligible impact on the CVs. Therefore, the CV from the survey portion is used for the total estimate that is the summation of estimates from the surveyed and non-surveyed portions.

Disclosure control

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Confidentiality analysis includes the detection of possible "direct disclosure", which occurs when the value in a tabulation cell is composed of a few respondents or when the cell is dominated by a few companies.

Data comparability

In June 2004, estimates based on the 2002 North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) were released. This followed a parallel production of four months where both NAICS and 1980 Standard Industrial Classification based estimates were generated for internal analysis. The change in classification and the new sample indicated a change in the level of the estimates. To avoid a break in the series, retail estimates were adjusted at the trade group by province level back to January 1991.

Caution should be taken when comparing annualized monthly totals from the Monthly Retail Trade Survey to the estimates from annual retail surveys. Differences may result from sampling differences; conceptual and coverage differences; the timing of revisions within the two survey processes; the reporting period covered (fiscal or calendar year); different response rates to the two surveys; and how revenues are reported.

Each year, effort is made to evaluate the differences and correct known discrepancies in the data. However, benchmarking of the two surveys is not done.

Appendix I

Special Aggregation: Retail Trade

Based on the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) 2002

Industries - Retail Trade

A Automotive

010 New Car Dealers

44111 New Car Dealers

020 Used and Recreational Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers

44112 Used Car Dealers

44121 Recreational Vehicle Dealers

44122 Motorcycle, Boat, and Other Motor Vehicle Dealers

44131 Automotive Parts and Accessories Stores

44132 Tire Dealers

130 Gasoline Stations

44711 Gasoline Stations with Convenience Stores

44719 Other Gasoline Stations

B Furniture, Home Furnishings and Electronics Stores

030 Furniture Stores

44211 Furniture Stores

040 Home Furnishings Stores

44221 Floor Covering Stores

44229 Other Home Furnishings Stores

050 Computer and Software Stores

44312 Computer and Software Stores

060 Home Electronics and Appliance Stores

44311 Appliance, Television and other Electronics Stores

44313 Camera and Photographic Supplies Stores

C Building and Outdoor Home Supplies Stores

070 Home Centres and Hardware Stores

44411 Home Centres

44413 Hardware Stores

080 Specialized Building Materials and Garden Stores

44412 Paint and Wallpaper Stores

44419 Other Building Material Dealers

44421 Outdoor Power Equipment Stores

44422 Nursery Stores and Garden Centres

D Food and Beverage Stores

090 Supermarkets

44511 Supermarkets and Other Grocery (except Convenience) Stores

100 Convenience and Specialty Food Stores

44512 Convenience Stores

44521 Meat Markets

44522 Fish and Seafood Markets

44523 Fruit and Vegetable Markets

44529 Other Specialty Food Stores

110 Beer, Wine and Liquor Stores

44531 Beer, Wine and Liquor Stores

E Pharmacies and Personal Care Stores

120 Pharmacies and Personal Care Stores

44611 Pharmacies and Drug Stores

44612 Cosmetics, Beauty Supplies and Perfume Stores

44613 Optical Goods Stores

44619 Other Health and Personal Care Stores

F Clothing and Accessories Stores

140 Clothing Stores

44811 Men's Clothing Stores

44812 Women's Clothing Stores

44813 Children's and Infant's Clothing Stores

44814 Family Clothing Stores

44819 Other Clothing Stores

150 Shoe, Clothing Accessories and Jewellery Stores

44815 Clothing Accessories Stores

44821 Shoe Stores

44831 Jewellery Stores

44832 Luggage and Leather Goods Stores

G General Merchandise Stores

170 Department Stores

45211 Department Stores

180 Other General Merchandise Stores

45291 Warehouse Clubs and Superstores

45299 All Other General Merchandise Stores

H Miscellaneous Retailers

160 Sporting Goods, Hobby, Music and Book Stores

45111 Sporting Goods Stores

45112 Hobby, Toy and Game Stores

45113 Sewing, Needlework and Piece Goods Stores

45114 Musical Instrument and Supplies Stores

45121 Book Stores and News Dealers
45122 Pre-Recorded Tape, Compact Disc and Record Stores

190 Miscellaneous Store Retail

45311 Florists
45321 Office Supplies and Stationery Stores
45322 Gift, Novelty and Souvenir Stores
45331 Used Merchandise Stores
45391 Pet and Pet Supplies Stores
45392 Art Dealers
45393 Mobile Home Dealers
45399 All Other Miscellaneous Store Retailers

L Non-Store Retailers (not in scope on the Monthly Retail Trade Survey)

210 Electronic Shopping and Mail-Order Houses

45411 Electronic Shopping and Mail-Order Houses

220 Vending Machine Operators

45421 Vending Machine Operators

230 Fuel Dealers

45431 Fuel Dealers

240 Other Direct Selling Establishments

45439 Other Direct Selling Establishments