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Highlights

· Consumer spending in retail stores advanced for a third consecutive month in December, although at a considerably slower pace than the previous month. For the year as a whole, automotive sector sales have pushed annual retail sales growth to its highest rate since 2002.

Analysis — December 2005

Consumer spending in retail stores advanced for a third consecutive month in December, although at a considerably slower pace than November. For the year as a whole, automotive sector sales have pushed annual retail sales growth to its highest rate since 2002.

Retail trade grew 0.3% in December from the previous month to a record \$31.2 billion. This followed increases of 1.0% in November and 0.5% in October.

Excluding sales by dealers of new, used and recreational vehicles and auto parts, retail sales rose 0.4% from November. December was the only month in 2005 where sales from new car dealers were not the principal driver or drag on overall retail sales.

Higher sales were reported in five out of the eight retail sectors in December. Shoppers increased their spending by 1.0% in the furniture, home furnishings and electronics stores sector, 0.6% in the food and beverage stores sector and 0.5% at miscellaneous retailers. Sales were also edged up 0.1% in both the automotive and general merchandise store sectors.

On the flip side, sales of the clothing and accessories stores sector edged down 0.2%. Sales at both building and outdoor home supplies stores and pharmacies and personal care stores fell a marginal 0.1% in December. This contrasts with their average growth rate of 0.8% and 0.7% respectively for the first 11 months of 2005.

Once prices are taken into account, constant dollar retail sales were virtually unchanged in December after increasing 1.3% in November.

Retailers posted their third best annual sales gain of the last 10 years in 2005. Retail sales advanced 6.3% in 2005 compared with 2004, when sales rose 4.7%. The effects of inflation on retail sales have been moderate in the last two years, with annual sales growth, in constant dollars, reaching 4.5% in 2005 and 3.9% in 2004.

Notably, automotive sector sales for the year as a whole increased 8.5% over 2004. New car dealers saw a yearly sales gain for the first time since 2002, while rising prices at the pump fuelled double digit growth in sales by gasoline stations over the previous year.

Auto sales pause in December

Within the automotive sector, new car dealers' sales declined by 1.0% in December after two months of intense sales recovery, following a double digit drop in September.

Higher sales at gasoline stations (+0.8%) and used and recreational motor vehicle and parts dealers (+3.3%) offset the losses at new car dealers in December. Over the long run, gasoline station sales have been on the rise since April 2003.

Used and recreational motor vehicle and parts dealers have not seen a higher December over November gain since 2000 when sales jumped 5.6%. An earlier than usual snowfall in December 2005 may have spurred snowmobile sales, many of which are sold in these types of stores.

Furniture sector posts largest gains

In the furniture, home furnishings and electronics stores sectors, shoppers spent 0.6% more at furniture stores and 1.2% more at home electronics and appliance stores, making up for sales declines in November. Home

furnishings stores (+1.9%) continued three months of uninterrupted growth, while computer and software store sales fell 0.8% in December.

Food and beverage store sales advanced in December, after little change in November and a drop in October. Supermarkets posted an increase of 1.2%, followed by convenience and speciality food stores which gained 0.4%. The drag on sector level sales came from the 1.9% drop in sales at beer, wine and liquor stores, which fell for a second consecutive month.

Retailers selling popular holiday items, such as toy, sporting goods, music, book and hobby shops, posted 0.4% higher sales in December. Other miscellaneous retailers including gift, novelty and souvenir stores also advanced 0.7% from the previous month. This continued four months of uninterrupted sales growth, with only three declines since October 2004.

For clothing stores, another holiday favourite, sales fell 0.5% in December after a big increase in November. Shoe, clothing accessories and jewellery stores ended the second half of the year on a high note with six months of continuous gains, rising 0.7% in December.

The declining sales in the building and outdoor home supplies sector came from a 1.2% decrease in specialized building materials and garden stores. Meanwhile, home centres and hardware stores continued five months of non-stop growth, rising 0.1% in December. Although this retail sector posted a significant year-over-year sales increase of 8.5% in 2005, its pace has slowed considerably each year since 2002, when it peaked at a 15.5% increase over 2001.

Alberta pulls away from the pack

Ontario (+1.1%) and Alberta (+0.9%) accounted for most of the sales increase at the national level in December, while Nova Scotia (+1.8%), and Newfoundland and Labrador (+0.5%) were also ahead of the national pace. All four provinces have posted gains for three consecutive months.

Alberta's retailers ended 2005 with a big 12.2% annual sales increase over the previous year, besting its 2004 performance of 10.3% annual growth. It was the highest annual retail sales growth in the country for 2005.

The gap in annual sales growth between Alberta and the rest of the country has widened over the last couple of vears.

Related indicators for January

Total employment grew by 0.2% in January after virtually no change in December. The overall unemployment rate edged up to 6.6%. Housing starts were up 8.9% in January to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 247,900 units. according to the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation. Based on early results supplied by the auto industry, the number of new motor vehicles sold increased by about 1% in January, with both new passenger car and truck sales increasing during the month.

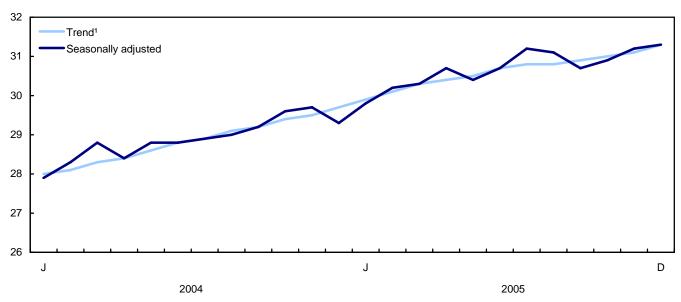
Note

Statistics Canada will no longer be publishing separate figures for department stores and other general merchandise stores due to confidentiality constraints. Instead, department store sales will be combined with other general merchandise stores sales under the grouping general merchandise stores.

Chart 1

Retail sales: seasonally adjusted and trend, Canada

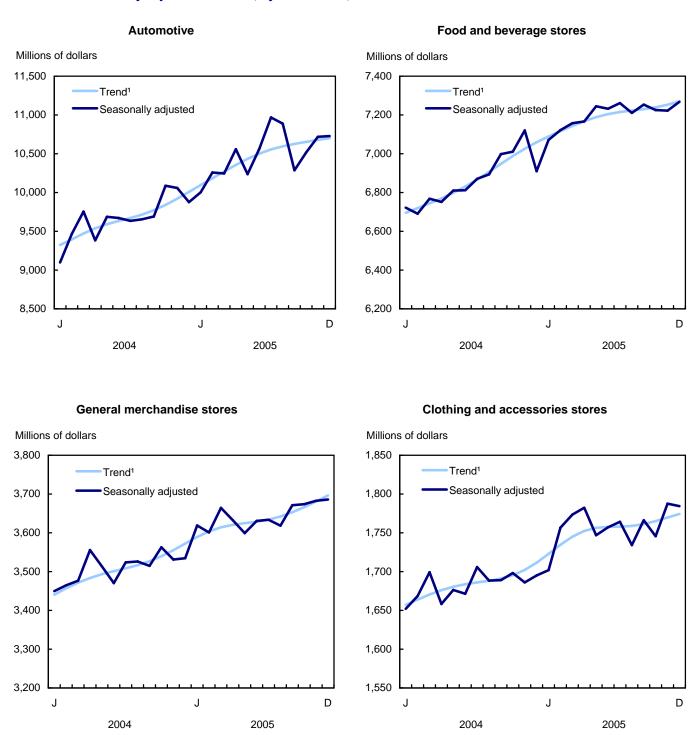
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Chart 2

Retail sales: seasonally adjusted and trend, by retail sector, Canada

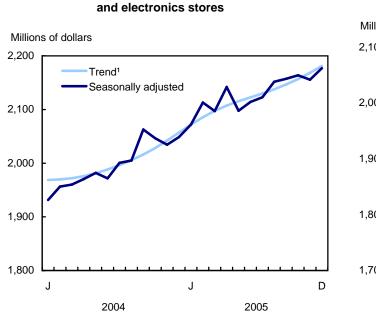


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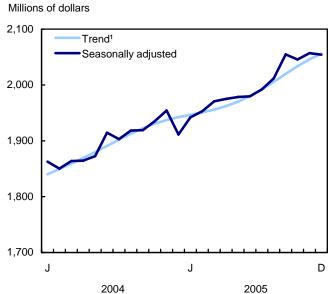
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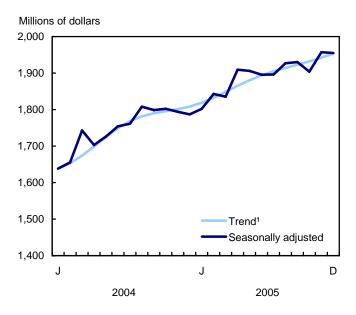
Furniture, home furnishings



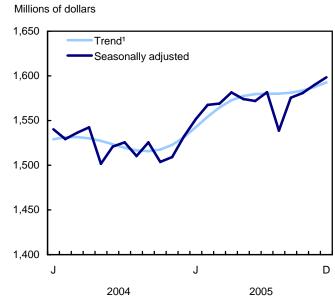
Pharmacies and personal care stores



Building and outdoor home supplies stores



Miscellaneous retailers



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- Department store sales, by provinces

Statistical tables

Table 1-1 Retail sales by trade group and by region, seasonally adjusted (current periods) — Sales

	December ^p	November r	October r	September r	Year-to-date
	2005	2005	2005	2005	2005
_			millions of dollars	3	
Trade group - Canada					
New car dealers	6,077.2	6,137.0	5,838.6	5,522.2	72,168.2
Used and recreational motor vehicle and					
parts dealers	1,320.3	1,277.6	1,252.2	1,268.8	15,322.9
Gasoline stations	3,330.7	3,303.6	3,425.4	3,495.2	38,477.7
Furniture stores	763.0	758.3	766.4	760.5	8.968.9
Home furnishings stores	422.1	414.3	407.0	401.1	4,771.4
Computer and software stores	137.8	138.9	137.1	131.6	1,597.0
Home electronics and appliance stores	854.2	844.1	853.3	864.2	10,227.4
Home centres and hardware stores	1,587.9	1,585.7	1,554.5	1,553.3	18,244.2
	1,567.9	1,565.7	1,554.5	1,555.5	10,244.2
Specialized building materials and garden					
stores	367.1	371.5	349.4	377.0	4,516.1
Supermarkets	5,334.1	5,268.3	5,236.4	5,287.3	62,887.0
Convenience and specialty food stores	748.4	745.3	754.7	755.1	9,134.8
Beer, wine and liquor stores	1,185.5	1,208.8	1,234.2	1,211.2	14,412.8
Pharmacies and personal care stores	2,054.3	2,057.0	2,045.5	2,054.6	24,014.2
Clothing stores	1,350.5	1,356.8	1.323.3	1,344.4	16,142.0
Shoe, clothing accessories and jewellery	1,000	.,	1,0_010	1,01111	,
stores	433.9	430.8	422.3	421.9	4,958.7
Department stores	чоо.о Х	1,849.4	1.863.7	1.870.5	4,556.7 X
Other general merchandise stores	X	1,833.1	1,810.0	1,800.7	x
Charting goods, bobby, music and book	^	1,033.1	1,010.0	1,000.7	^
Sporting goods, hobby, music and book	225.4	000.4	700 7	000.0	0.475.0
stores	805.4	802.4	796.7	808.0	9,475.3
Miscellaneous store retailers	792.9	787.5	784.1	767.6	9,405.4
Total, all stores	31,251.3	31,170.5	30,854.8	30,695.1	368,436.4
Regions					
Newfoundland and Labrador	499.9	497.5	494.4	473.6	5,887.1
Prince Edward Island	118.8	119.5	116.3	115.6	1,425.0
Nova Scotia	906.2	890.0	885.0	883.8	10.607.5
New Brunswick	707.3	708.5	701.7	701.2	8,403.3
Quebec	6.954.0	7.001.6	6.908.8	6.895.2	83.249.6
Ontario	11,530.3	11,408.5	11,304.3	11,196.3	135,403.7
Manitoba	1.039.4	1.052.0	1.051.6	1.036.6	12.468.6
Saskatchewan	921.0	926.5	915.0	922.5	11,060.7
Alberta	4,240.0	4,203.9	4,141.4	4,121.7	48,661.3
British Columbia	4,228.9	4,255.6	4,230.5	4,243.4	49,995.7
Yukon Territory	37.4	37.8	36.9	36.6	445.0
Northwest Territories	47.6	48.5	48.0	47.6	578.8
Nunavut	20.5	20.6	21.0	20.9	250.1

Table 1-2 Retail sales by trade group and by region, seasonally adjusted (current periods) % change from previous month

	December ^p 2005	November ^r 2005	October ^r 2005	September r 2005
		percent		
Trade group - Canada				_
New car dealers	-1.0	5.1	5.7	-11.6
Used and recreational motor vehicle and				
parts dealers	3.3	2.0	-1.3	-1.0
Gasoline stations	0.8	-3.6	-2.0	4.0
Furniture stores	0.6	-1.1	0.8	1.7
Home furnishings stores	1.9	1.8	1.5	-1.8
Computer and software stores	-0.8	1.3	4.2	-1.2
Home electronics and appliance stores	1.2	-1.1	-1.3	0.2
Home centres and hardware stores Specialized building materials and	0.1	2.0	0.1	1.0
garden stores	-1.2	6.3	-7.3	-2.9
Supermarkets	1.2	0.6	-1.0	0.6
Convenience and specialty food stores	0.4	-1.3	-0.1	-0.3
Beer, wine and liquor stores	-1.9	-2.1	1.9	0.9
Pharmacies and personal care stores	-0.1	0.6	-0.4	2.1
Clothing stores Shoe, clothing accessories and jewellery	-0.5	2.5	-1.6	1.5
stores	0.7	2.0	0.1	3.1
Department stores	X	-0.8	-0.4	0.8
Other general merchandise stores Sporting goods, hobby, music and book	Х	1.3	0.5	2.2
stores	0.4	0.7	-1.4	2.5
Miscellaneous store retailers	0.7	0.4	2.2	2.3
Total, all stores	0.3	1.0	0.5	-1.2
Regions				
Newfoundland and Labrador	0.5	0.6	4.4	-3.0
Prince Edward Island	-0.5	2.7	0.6	-3.0
Nova Scotia	1.8	0.6	0.1	-1.5
New Brunswick	-0.2	1.0	0.1	-0.3
Quebec	-0.7	1.3	0.2	-0.8
Ontario	1.1	0.9	1.0	-1.5
Manitoba	-1.2	0.0	1.5	-2.6
Saskatchewan	-0.6	1.3	-0.8	-2.1
Alberta	0.9	1.5	0.5	-0.9
British Columbia	-0.6	0.6	-0.3	-1.0
Yukon Territory	-1.0	2.4	0.9	-0.4
Northwest Territories	-1.9	1.1	0.9	-1.5
Nunavut	-0.3	-2.0	0.5	-0.9

Table 1-3

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

	December ^p 2005	November ^r 2005	October ^r 2005	September ^r 2005	Year-to-date 2005
			percent		
– Trade group - Canada					
New car dealers Used and recreational motor vehicle and	7.3	4.8	-0.8	-3.8	5.9
parts dealers	3.0	1.9	-0.5	5.0	5.2
Gasoline stations	13.6	12.0	16.4	27.5	15.3
Furniture stores	7.5	4.3	5.0	4.5	5.4
Home furnishings stores	7.0	10.0	6.6	5.5	7.5
Computer and software stores	-0.9	4.5	3.6	-2.8	1.0
Home electronics and appliance stores	6.0	5.9	6.4	5.4	8.3
Home centres and hardware stores Specialized building materials and garden	10.6	11.3	9.5	8.6	9.9
stores	4.6	0.6	-8.6	2.4	3.3
Supermarkets	3.8	0.9	3.2	4.5	5.2
Convenience and specialty food stores	-1.5	0.7	1.6	1.7	3.7
Beer, wine and liquor stores	17.3	4.2	3.3	1.2	4.5
Pharmacies and personal care stores	7.5	5.3	5.7	7.1	5.5
Clothing stores	4.9	5.4	2.1	4.0	5.4
Shoe, clothing accessories and jewellery					
stores	6.5	8.0	5.1	6.4	1.7
Department stores	Х	2.0	0.9	2.3	Х
Other general merchandise stores Sporting goods, hobby, music and book	Х	6.7	5.5	6.8	Х
stores	5.8	8.4	8.1	8.2	7.3
Miscellaneous store retailers	2.8	2.5	2.3	-1.5	-0.4
Total, all stores	6.7	5.0	4.1	5.1	6.3
Regions	4.0		4.0	0.0	0.0
Newfoundland and Labrador	1.6	1.1	1.8	-2.0	2.3
Prince Edward Island	4.5	2.5	-0.8	-0.4	2.9
Nova Scotia	7.5	2.2	1.1	2.2	3.0
New Brunswick	5.7	1.3	3.7	4.6	5.5
Quebec	5.8	3.1	2.7	3.9	6.0
Ontario	5.3	3.8	2.8	3.1	4.9
Manitoba	6.5	5.7	4.0	4.9	6.6
Saskatchewan	5.8	5.9	5.4	8.7	7.8
Alberta	14.2	12.0	10.0	12.5	12.2
British Columbia	6.0	6.1	5.1	6.9	5.9
Yukon Territory	4.7	6.5	3.0	7.3	7.5
Northwest Territories	4.1	5.8	5.9	7.0	8.8
Nunavut	2.1	4.0	6.9	7.2	7.3

Table 2-1 Retail sales by trade group and by region, not seasonally adjusted (current periods) — Sales

	December ^p 2005	November ^r 2005	October 2005	September 2005	Year-to-date 2005
_			millions of dollar	S	
Trade group - Canada					
New car dealers	5,177.3	5,719.1	5,322.0	5,666.1	71,964.0
Used and recreational motor vehicle and					
parts dealers	1,017.3	1,178.6	1,182.4	1,256.6	15,325.5
Gasoline stations	3,163.9	3,149.8	3,535.5	3,689.5	38,388.4
Furniture stores	905.8	790.8	809.8	799.0	8,959.5
Home furnishings stores	570.1	487.1	423.3	399.2	4,766.6
Computer and software stores	172.3	138.4	135.8	137.9	1,591.4
Home electronics and appliance stores	1,689.4	918.0	814.1	866.6	10,205.1
Home centres and hardware stores	1,317.8	1,605.8	1,678.6	1,719.7	18,195.8
Specialized building materials and garden					
stores	294.5	355.2	357.5	414.8	4,505.9
Supermarkets	6,082.4	5,032.5	5,122.9	5,315.2	62,760.0
Convenience and specialty food stores	830.4	694.2	752.2	763.4	9,112.4
Beer, wine and liquor stores	1,853.1	1,143.1	1,180.9	1,198.7	14,439.8
Pharmacies and personal care stores	2,456.9	2,073.4	2,036.0	2,028.2	23,950.8
Clothing stores	2,257.0	1,502.7	1,415.4	1,386.1	16,110.5
Shoe, clothing accessories and jewellery	_,,	.,	.,	.,	,
stores	826.4	445.5	395.5	402.5	4,972.5
Department stores	X	2.167.7	1,981.3	1,729.9	1,072.0 X
Other general merchandise stores	X	1,989.6	1,774.8	1,673.6	X
Sporting goods, hobby, music and book	••	1,00010	.,	1,010.0	^
stores	1,446.1	849.0	738.6	809.4	9,461.4
Miscellaneous store retailers	1,001.9	787.0	807.9	815.5	9,409.5
	,				,
Total, all stores	36,785.2	31,027.6	30,464.7	31,071.7	367,800.0
Regions					
Newfoundland and Labrador	598.3	517.4	480.9	485.4	5,879.8
Prince Edward Island	138.7	116.6	113.7	120.1	1,422.8
Nova Scotia	1,099.4	893.6	867.8	891.1	10,588.0
New Brunswick	824.4	711.2	689.0	713.2	8,384.7
Quebec	7,689.4	6,842.7	6,912.5	6,948.7	83,083.3
Ontario	13,913.1	11,559.3	11,169.1	11,374.8	135,170.3
Manitoba	1,228.5	1,040.9	1,042.2	1,046.8	12,443.3
Saskatchewan	1,078.4	915.6	911.8	921.9	11,038.1
Alberta	5,005.8	4,193.9	4,048.1	4,168.5	48,615.3
British Columbia	5,089.2	4,137.5	4,127.0	4,294.9	49,901.7
Yukon Territory	41.8	34.7	35.4	37.9	444.4
Northwest Territories	54.1	44.5	46.3	46.5	578.8
Nunavut	24.1	19.6	21.1	21.8	249.6

Table 2-2

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

	December ^p 2005	November ^r 2005	October 2005	September 2005	Year-to-date 2005
_			percent		
Trade group - Canada					
New car dealers	4.8	6.3	-1.2	-2.9	5.6
Used and recreational motor vehicle and parts					
dealers	1.8	2.6	-1.6	4.4	5.3
Gasoline stations	12.5	12.7	16.7	28.8	15.1
Furniture stores	8.8	4.0	4.8	6.4	5.3
Home furnishings stores	10.6	10.0	6.5	6.1	7.4
Computer and software stores	4.5	1.4	7.5	0.2	0.6
Home electronics and appliance stores	6.5	5.3	5.5	7.9	8.1
Home centres and hardware stores Specialized building materials and garden	7.8	11.8	9.7	10.8	9.6
stores	4.3	-0.2	-7.1	2.7	3.0
Supermarkets	7.2	3.1	-0.3	6.9	5.0
Convenience and specialty food stores	-0.7	1.4	0.5	2.9	3.5
Beer, wine and liquor stores	14.6	5.7	0.0	3.9	4.7
Pharmacies and personal care stores	6.6	6.5	5.4	8.3	5.2
Clothing stores Shoe, clothing accessories and jewellery	5.6	5.4	2.7	4.7	5.2
stores	5.4	10.7	2.4	5.0	2.0
Department stores	X	1.4	1.1	2.6	Z.0 X
Other general merchandise stores	X	8.4	5.6	6.2	X
Sporting goods, hobby, music and book stores	6.0	9.5	10.1	8.1	7.1
Miscellaneous store retailers	2.3	3.3	2.5	-2.5	-0.4
Total, all stores	6.5	6.0	3.4	6.3	6.1
Regions					
Newfoundland and Labrador	2.6	2.0	0.1	0.1	2.2
Prince Edward Island	4.7	3.2	-2.4	1.8	2.8
Nova Scotia	7.9	3.2	0.0	3.4	2.8
New Brunswick	4.5	2.6	3.4	5.9	5.3
Quebec	5.2	4.5	2.2	5.0	5.8
Ontario	5.2	4.5	2.5	4.3	4.7
Manitoba	6.3	6.1	3.8	6.8	6.4
Saskatchewan	5.3	6.7	4.2	10.6	7.6
Alberta	13.9	13.4	8.4	12.8	12.1
British Columbia	5.9	7.6	4.3	8.7	5.7
Yukon Territory	5.8	5.9	2.9	9.2	7.4
Northwest Territories	2.8 2.4	8.5 2.8	6.9	5.1	8.8
Nunavut	2.4	2.8	6.0	11.4	7.1

Table 3-1 Retail sales by trade group and by region, not seasonally adjusted (quarterly estimates) — Canada

	Quarter ^p	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter
	IV	III	II	Ţ	IV
	2005	2005	2005	2005	2004
		mill	ions of dollars		
Trade group					
New car dealers	16,218.4	19,219.6	20,983.7	15,542.4	15,705.4
Used and recreational motor					
vehicle and parts dealers	3,378.4	4,126.0	4,923.2	2,898.0	3,350.5
Gasoline stations	9,849.2	10,880.0	9,412.9	8,246.3	8,637.7
Furniture stores	2,506.4	2,375.8	2,194.1	1,883.2	2,365.8
Home furnishings stores	1,480.5	1,190.9	1,120.4	974.7	1,355.9
Computer and software stores	446.6	377.8	360.6	406.5	427.8
Home electronics and appliance					
stores	3,421.5	2,506.6	2,202.3	2,074.7	3,229.4
Home centres and hardware stores	4,602.2	5,177.1	5,337.3	3,079.2	4,188.5
Specialized building materials and					
garden stores	1,007.1	1,281.8	1,440.7	776.3	1,022.8
Supermarkets	16,237.8	16,042.2	15,704.2	14,775.9	15,695.0
Convenience and specialty food					
stores	2,276.8	2,437.6	2,361.5	2,036.5	2,268.9
Beer, wine and liquor stores	4,177.1	3,981.9	3,507.2	2,773.5	3,880.5
Pharmacies and personal care					
stores	6,566.4	5,931.4	5,850.4	5,602.5	6,184.2
Clothing stores	5,175.1	3,955.6	3,965.3	3,014.4	4,940.6
Shoe, clothing accessories and	•	,	,	,	,
jewellery stores	1.667.4	1.214.4	1.209.1	881.5	1.572.7
Department stores	X	5,296.5	5,339.2	4,310.3	7,268.5
Other general merchandise stores	X	5,354.5	5,552.0	4,192.5	5,841.7
Sporting goods, hobby, music and		,	,	,	,
book stores	3.033.8	2.365.1	2,156.8	1.905.7	2.810.1
Miscellaneous store retailers	2,596.8	2,404.5	2,383.9	2,024.2	2,530.0
Total, all stores	98,277.5	96,119.4	96,004.9	77,398.3	93,276.0

Table 3-1 – continued

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

	Quarter ^p	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter				
	IV	III	II	I	IV				
	2005	2005	2005	2005	2004				
	% change from previous quarter								
Trade group									
New car dealers	-15.6	-8.4	35.0	-1.0	-12.6				
Used and recreational motor vehicle									
and parts dealers	-18.1	-16.2	69.9	-13.5	-13.3				
Gasoline stations	-9.5	15.6	14.1	-4.5	-3.2				
Furniture stores	5.5	8.3	16.5	-20.4	4.9				
Home furnishings stores	24.3	6.3	14.9	-28.1	20.9				
Computer and software stores	18.2	4.8	-11.3	-5.0	11.1				
Home electronics and appliance									
stores	36.5	13.8	6.1	-35.8	41.0				
Home centres and hardware stores	-11.1	-3.0	73.3	-26.5	-11.6				
Specialized building materials and									
garden stores	-21.4	-11.0	85.6	-24.1	-18.2				
Supermarkets	1.2	2.2	6.3	-5.9	3.4				
Convenience and specialty food									
stores	-6.6	3.2	16.0	-10.2	-4.3				
Beer, wine and liquor stores	4.9	13.5	26.5	-28.5	2.0				
Pharmacies and personal care									
stores	10.7	1.4	4.4	-9.4	10.5				
Clothing stores	30.8	-0.2	31.5	-39.0	29.3				
Shoe, clothing accessories and									
jewellery stores	37.3	0.4	37.2	-43.9	34.1				
Department stores	X	-0.8	23.9	-40.7	39.6				
Other general merchandise stores	x	-3.6	32.4	-28.2	14.6				
Sporting goods, hobby, music and									
book stores	28.3	9.7	13.2	-32.2	27.4				
Miscellaneous store retailers	8.0	0.9	17.8	-20.0	3.5				
Total, all stores	2.2	0.1	24.0	-17.0	4.0				

Table 3-1 – continued Retail sales by trade group and by region, not seasonally adjusted (quarterly estimates) — Canada

	Quarter ^p	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter
	IV	III	II	i	IV
	2005	2005	2005	2005	2004
		% change	e from previous year		
Trade group					
New car dealers	3.3	7.0	8.0	3.3	5.0
Used and recreational motor vehicle					
and parts dealers	0.8	6.8	10.1	0.9	4.3
Gasoline stations	14.0	21.9	10.9	12.7	21.2
Furniture stores	5.9	5.4	5.2	4.7	6.4
Home furnishings stores	9.2	6.2	6.5	7.1	10.5
Computer and software stores	4.4	-1.9	1.0	-1.3	-10.4
Home electronics and appliance					
stores	6.0	9.4	10.8	7.2	2.0
Home centres and hardware stores	9.9	9.3	11.5	6.8	13.1
Specialized building materials and					
garden stores	-1.5	2.5	6.3	4.3	2.0
Supermarkets	3.5	5.7	5.8	5.3	7.6
Convenience and specialty food					
stores	0.4	2.9	5.0	6.1	4.7
Beer, wine and liquor stores	7.6	4.6	4.4	1.1	-1.3
Pharmacies and personal care					
stores	6.2	6.0	4.9	3.5	6.8
Clothing stores	4.7	3.5	7.4	5.5	4.3
Shoe, clothing accessories and					
iewellery stores	6.0	3.5	1.2	-5.9	-0.2
Department stores	X	1.7	2.1	4.0	2.7
Other general merchandise stores	X	5.0	4.4	4.4	5.0
Sporting goods, hobby, music and					
book stores	8.0	7.2	7.7	5.2	0.7
Miscellaneous store retailers	2.6	-1.6	0.1	-3.2	-3.3
Total, all stores	5.4	7.2	6.8	4.7	6.1

Table 3-2

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

	Quarter ^p	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter
	IV	III	II	I	IV
	2005	2005	2005	2005	2004
		mill	ions of dollars		
Trade group					
New car dealers	200.5	270.9	322.6	195.5	194.5
Used and recreational motor vehicle			00		
and parts dealers	125.7	100.6	124.2	109.4	145.3
Gasoline stations	192.1	231.4	197.8	165.9	189.6
Furniture stores	28.4	22.3	20.6	15.8	31.0
Home furnishings stores	9.2	6.5	6.0	5.0	9.3
Computer and software stores	7.2	6.1	6.1	7.1	7.4
Home electronics and appliance					
stores	21.2	13.6	11.9	11.6	19.6
Home centres and hardware stores	94.7	123.6	104.1	50.5	97.2
Specialized building materials and					
garden stores	16.5	19.5	18.7	10.2	17.0
Supermarkets	258.6	259.4	253.0	233.6	244.4
Convenience and specialty food					
stores	X	Х	Х	X	х
Beer, wine and liquor stores	x	Х	Х	Х	х
Pharmacies and personal care					
stores	84.4	69.8	74.3	69.8	84.2
Clothing stores	58.5	39.4	35.4	25.1	60.3
Shoe, clothing accessories and					
jewellery stores	15.9	10.5	9.2	6.7	15.9
Department stores	X	Х	X	Х	Х
Other general merchandise stores	x	Х	X	X	Х
Sporting goods, hobby, music and					
book stores	26.2	16.4	14.0	12.1	23.5
Miscellaneous store retailers	30.6	25.4	25.2	22.1	27.4
Total, all stores	1,596.6	1,557.8	1,535.8	1,189.6	1,570.8

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

Table 3-2 – continued

	Quarter ^p	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter				
	IV	III	II	l	IV				
	2005	2005	2005	2005	2004				
	% change from previous quarter								
Trade group									
New car dealers	-26.0	-16.0	65.0	0.6	-28.9				
Jsed and recreational motor vehicle									
and parts dealers	24.9	-19.0	13.5	-24.7	48.5				
Gasoline stations	-17.0	17.0	19.3	-12.5	-11.7				
Furniture stores	27.2	8.5	30.0	-49.0	24.3				
Home furnishings stores	41.8	9.3	18.7	-46.2	52.5				
Computer and software stores	17.2	0.1	-13.9	-4.3	24.0				
Home electronics and appliance									
stores	55.3	14.3	3.2	-41.1	46.4				
Home centres and hardware stores	-23.4	18.8	106.0	-48.0	-20.7				
Specialized building materials and									
garden stores	-15.7	4.4	83.0	-39.8	-14.4				
Supermarkets	-0.3	2.5	8.3	-4.4	-3.3				
Convenience and specialty food									
stores	Х	Х	Х	Х	х				
Beer, wine and liquor stores	Х	X	Х	Х	Х				
Pharmacies and personal care									
stores	20.9	-6.0	6.4	-17.0	10.6				
Clothing stores	48.3	11.3	41.3	-58.4	57.3				
Shoe, clothing accessories and									
jewellery stores	51.3	13.5	38.7	-58.1	54.6				
Department stores	X	X	X	X	X				
Other general merchandise stores	x	X	Х	Х	х				
Sporting goods, hobby, music and									
book stores	59.8	16.9	16.1	-48.7	55.7				
Miscellaneous store retailers	20.7	0.8	13.6	-19.3	13.0				
Total, all stores	2.5	1.4	29.1	-24.3	2.9				

Table 3-2 - continued

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

	Quarter ^p	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter				
	IV	III			IV				
	2005	2005	2005	2005	2004				
	% change from previous year								
Trade group									
New car dealers	3.1	-0.9	6.7	7.2	-1.1				
Used and recreational motor vehicle									
and parts dealers	-13.5	2.8	8.3	-6.4	7.0				
Gasoline stations	1.3	7.8	6.9	4.2	10.4				
Furniture stores	-8.4	-10.6	7.6	-5.2	7.8				
Home furnishings stores	-1.0	6.5	15.0	22.7	6.0				
Computer and software stores	-3.3	2.2	19.7	15.0	4.9				
Home electronics and appliance									
stores	7.9	1.7	2.3	0.3	-8.7				
Home centres and hardware stores	-2.5	0.9	2.4	-0.5	-0.7				
Specialized building materials and									
garden stores	-3.1	-1.5	5.5	15.9	25.9				
Supermarkets	5.8	2.6	2.5	-1.4	4.2				
Convenience and specialty food									
stores	Х	Х	Х	Х	х				
Beer, wine and liquor stores	X	Х	Х	Х	х				
Pharmacies and personal care									
stores	0.2	-8.3	0.4	-2.9	4.7				
Clothing stores	-3.0	2.9	13.6	13.7	6.3				
Shoe, clothing accessories and									
jewellery stores	-0.1	2.1	2.0	-7.6	-1.4				
Department stores	X	X	X	X	X				
Other general merchandise stores	X	X	X	X	X				
Sporting goods, hobby, music and									
book stores	11.4	8.5	11.3	7.9	7.9				
Miscellaneous store retailers	11.7	4.5	-0.5	-2.1	-7.6				
Total, all stores	1.6	2.0	4.4	0.3	3.4				

Table 3-3 Retail sales by trade group and by region, not seasonally adjusted (quarterly estimates) — Prince Edward Island

	Quarter ^p	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter
	IV	III	II	l	IV
	2005	2005	2005	2005	2004
		milli	ons of dollars		
Trade group					
New car dealers	47.5	62.5	69.2	44.2	52.2
Used and recreational motor vehicle		02.0		· ··-	V
and parts dealers	9.3	9.8	9.4	5.5	7.6
Gasoline stations	40.3	51.1	43.9	34.6	37.4
Furniture stores	4.2	4.1	4.5	3.1	4.9
Home furnishings stores	3.1	2.7	1.9	1.5	3.1
Computer and software stores	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.8
Home electronics and appliance	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0
stores	8.7	6.9	6.3	5.7	9.7
Home centres and hardware stores	26.8	34.3	34.1	18.9	30.6
Specialized building materials and	_0.0	00	•		00.0
garden stores	7.4	9.9	13.6	6.5	7.0
Supermarkets	78.3	85.2	75.8	71.3	78.0
Convenience and specialty food	7 0.0	00.2	70.0	7 1.0	70.0
stores	Х	Х	х	Х	x
Beer, wine and liquor stores	X	X	X	X	x
Pharmacies and personal care	^	^	Α	^	^
stores	25.0	23.8	23.5	22.3	21.9
Clothing stores	16.1	12.2	9.9	7.1	14.8
Shoe, clothing accessories and	10.1	12.2	3.3	7.1	14.0
jewellery stores	4.7	3.7	3.1	2.3	4.9
Department stores	4.7 X	3.7 X	3.1 X	2.3 X	4.9 X
Other general merchandise stores	X	X	X	X	X
Sporting goods, hobby, music and	^	^	^	^	^
book stores	10.5	8.7	6.7	5.4	8.8
Miscellaneous store retailers	8.4	6. <i>1</i> 12.7	7.8	5.4 5.7	0.0 7.7
wiscenarieous store retailers	0.4	12.7	7.0	5.7	1.1
Total, all stores	369.0	401.2	373.0	279.6	361.9

Table 3-3 - continued Retail sales by trade group and by region, not seasonally adjusted (quarterly estimates) — Prince Edward Island

	Quarter ^p	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter				
	IV	III	II	I	IV				
	2005	2005	2005	2005	2004				
	% change from previous quarter								
Trade group									
New car dealers	-24.0	-9.7	56.6	-15.3	-11.7				
Used and recreational motor vehicle									
and parts dealers	-5.0	3.6	71.2	-27.3	-5.2				
Gasoline stations	-21.1	16.3	26.9	-7.5	-10.6				
Furniture stores	3.6	-9.7	44.5	-36.5	-3.1				
Home furnishings stores	12.6	46.9	25.9	-52.3	4.0				
Computer and software stores	-7.9	0.5	-8.6	-14.5	42.5				
Home electronics and appliance									
stores	27.0	8.6	11.2	-41.5	32.2				
Home centres and hardware stores Specialized building materials and	-21.9	0.8	80.2	-38.3	-18.4				
garden stores	-25.3	-26.8	107.4	-7.1	-22.4				
	-25.3 -8.1	-20.6 12.4	6.3	-7.1 -8.5	-22. 4 -7.1				
Supermarkets Convenience and specialty food	-0.1	12.4	0.3	-0.5	-7.1				
stores		.,	.,	.,					
	X	X	X	X X	X				
Beer, wine and liquor stores Pharmacies and personal care	Х	Х	X	Х	х				
	F 0	1.6	F 0	2.2	-9.8				
stores	5.0 31.9	23.7	5.0 38.7	2.2 -51.7	-9.o 18.5				
Clothing stores Shoe, clothing accessories and	31.9	23.7	30.7	-51.7	10.5				
	28.1	19.1	33.1	-52.2	31.7				
jewellery stores Department stores									
Other general merchandise stores	X X	X	X	X X	X				
Sporting goods, hobby, music and	*	Х	Х	X	х				
book stores	20.8	28.8	24.7	-38.5	9.3				
Miscellaneous store retailers	-34.2	20.0 62.3	24.7 36.8	-36.5 -25.3	9.3 -35.0				
viiscelianeous store retailers	-34.2		30.0	-25.3					
Total, all stores	-8.0	7.6	33.4	-22.7	-6.0				

Table 3-3 – continued Retail sales by trade group and by region, not seasonally adjusted (quarterly estimates) — Prince Edward Island

	Quarter ^p	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter
	IV	III	II	I	IV
	2005	2005	2005	2005	2004
		% change	from previous year		
Trade group					
New car dealers	-9.0	5.7	-1.2	2.2	5.7
Used and recreational motor vehicle					
and parts dealers	22.5	22.3	-23.1	-35.3	-37.3
Gasoline stations	7.7	22.1	19.8	2.6	3.8
Furniture stores	-14.2	-19.8	-1.9	-11.7	2.8
Home furnishings stores	-0.6	-8.2	-31.2	-24.9	-19.6
Computer and software stores	-27.6	12.0	5.2	-11.4	Х
Home electronics and appliance					
stores	-10.4	-6.7	-2.4	9.8	Х
Home centres and hardware stores	-12.5	-8.6	4.6	13.8	5.0
Specialized building materials and					
garden stores	5.4	9.6	13.0	31.5	44.1
Supermarkets	0.4	1.5	2.2	4.5	10.5
Convenience and specialty food					
stores	X	Х	X	X	X
Beer, wine and liquor stores	X	X	X	X	X
Pharmacies and personal care					
stores	14.4	-1.7	-4.6	-7.5	-13.9
Clothing stores	9.2	-1.9	-0.6	5.2	X
Shoe, clothing accessories and					
jewellery stores	-2.9	-0.1	4.2	0.4	Х
Department stores	X	Х	X	X	X
Other general merchandise stores	X	X	X	X	X
Sporting goods, hobby, music and					
book stores	19.3	7.9	13.5	7.6	12.4
Miscellaneous store retailers	9.1	7.9	11.4	5.5	-14.5
Total, all stores	2.0	4.2	2.8	1.8	1.3

Table 3-4

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

	Quarter ^p	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter
	IV	III	II	I	IV
	2005	2005	2005	2005	2004
		mill	ions of dollars		
Trade group					
New car dealers	327.5	422.9	485.5	338.9	329.3
Used and recreational motor vehicle	027.0	122.0	100.0	000.0	020.0
and parts dealers	101.9	110.4	117.6	76.6	98.1
Gasoline stations	294.7	337.4	293.8	245.4	258.8
Furniture stores	32.5	28.2	30.1	26.8	37.9
Home furnishings stores	20.8	16.8	14.6	12.8	19.2
Computer and software stores	5.6	5.0	4.7	6.2	5.6
Home electronics and appliance	3.0	3.0	7.1	0.2	5.0
stores	54.1	38.1	36.8	32.8	49.6
Home centres and hardware stores Specialized building materials and	115.2	137.7	127.6	71.5	112.8
garden stores	18.0	24.1	23.8	12.6	19.6
Supermarkets	428.6	433.6	415.2	388.8	415.7
Convenience and specialty food					
stores	X	Х	X	Х	х
Beer, wine and liquor stores	x	x	X	X	x
Pharmacies and personal care	445.0	400.0	407.0	400.0	440.4
stores	145.6	133.0	127.6	133.6	149.1
Clothing stores	84.3	60.7	57.2	43.0	80.4
Shoe, clothing accessories and					
jewellery stores	28.6	18.7	16.9	12.3	27.3
Department stores	X	Х	X	X	Х
Other general merchandise stores	X	Х	X	X	Х
Sporting goods, hobby, music and					
book stores	49.5	36.3	30.1	29.5	41.8
Miscellaneous store retailers	41.8	34.1	33.5	29.7	42.9
Total, all stores	2,224.6	2,227.7	2,187.4	1,745.0	2,148.4

Table 3-4 – continued Retail sales by trade group and by region, not seasonally adjusted (quarterly estimates) — New Brunswick

	Quarter ^p	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter
	IV	III			IV
	2005	2005	2005	2005	2004
		% change	from previous quarte	er	
Trade group					
New car dealers	-22.6	-12.9	43.3	2.9	-16.5
Used and recreational motor vehicle					
and parts dealers	-7.7	-6.1	53.6	-21.9	-7.7
Gasoline stations	-12.7	14.8	19.7	-5.2	-3.6
Furniture stores	15.1	-6.2	12.4	-29.4	17.8
Home furnishings stores	23.3	15.5	13.4	-33.2	19.2
Computer and software stores	12.2	7.1	-23.9	9.5	12.7
Home electronics and appliance					
stores	41.7	3.8	11.9	-33.8	47.9
Home centres and hardware stores	-16.4	8.0	78.4	-36.6	-8.1
Specialized building materials and					
garden stores	-25.5	1.2	89.0	-35.8	-25.5
Supermarkets	-1.2	4.4	6.8	-6.5	-2.7
Convenience and specialty food					
stores	X	Х	Х	Х	х
Beer, wine and liquor stores	x	Х	Х	Х	х
Pharmacies and personal care					
stores	9.5	4.2	-4.5	-10.4	13.1
Clothing stores	38.8	6.1	33.2	-46.6	33.2
Shoe, clothing accessories and					
jewellery stores	52.6	10.5	37.6	-55.0	48.6
Department stores	X	X	X	X	X
Other general merchandise stores	X	X	X	X	X
Sporting goods, hobby, music and					
book stores	36.6	20.5	2.1	-29.5	27.1
Miscellaneous store retailers	22.7	1.9	12.9	-30.8	25.3
Total, all stores	-0.1	1.8	25.4	-18.8	3.0
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Table 3-4 – continued

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

	Quarter ^p	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter
	IV	III	II	I	IV
	2005	2005	2005	2005	2004
		% change	from previous year		
Trade group					
New car dealers	-0.5	7.3	9.2	7.5	5.5
Used and recreational motor vehicle					
and parts dealers	3.9	3.9	11.7	7.0	х
Gasoline stations	13.9	25.7	14.8	12.0	10.3
Furniture stores	-14.3	-12.3	-5.5	-3.1	5.9
Home furnishings stores	7.9	4.3	6.7	-7.3	-29.7
Computer and software stores	0.1	0.6	0.7	8.5	Х
Home electronics and appliance					
stores	8.9	13.7	25.5	15.8	Х
Home centres and hardware stores	2.1	12.2	7.4	6.3	21.0
Specialized building materials and					
garden stores	-8.4	-8.5	-8.3	-8.6	-17.8
Supermarkets	3.1	1.5	0.6	0.5	1.1
Convenience and specialty food					
stores	X	Х	X	X	Х
Beer, wine and liquor stores	X	X	X	X	Х
Pharmacies and personal care					
stores	-2.4	0.9	0.2	9.6	8.4
Clothing stores	4.8	0.6	4.8	6.0	8.3
Shoe, clothing accessories and					
jewellery stores	4.6	1.8	-2.5	-9.2	-1.4
Department stores	X	X	X	X	Х
Other general merchandise stores	X	Х	X	X	Х
Sporting goods, hobby, music and					
book stores	18.5	10.2	10.0	18.2	1.8
Miscellaneous store retailers	-2.4	-0.4	-5.5	-15.1	-11.2
Total, all stores	3.5	6.8	5.8	5.1	5.2

Table 3-5 Retail sales by trade group and by region, not seasonally adjusted (quarterly estimates) — Nova Scotia

	Quarter ^p	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter
	IV	III	II	I	IV
	2005	2005	2005	2005	2004
		mill	ions of dollars		
Trade group					
New car dealers	451.8	556.6	670.0	419.8	440.8
Used and recreational motor vehicle		000.0	0.0.0		
and parts dealers	91.9	81.8	96.2	60.0	94.3
Gasoline stations	258.9	299.8	261.9	230.7	265.6
Furniture stores	43.6	36.1	33.3	28.8	42.8
Home furnishings stores	34.6	25.8	21.0	17.5	29.1
Computer and software stores	5.9	5.7	7.6	7.8	8.1
Home electronics and appliance					
stores	71.2	50.3	45.3	39.7	61.8
Home centres and hardware stores	165.6	190.5	178.3	105.0	162.7
Specialized building materials and					
garden stores	26.3	32.3	38.0	21.0	31.2
Supermarkets	x	Х	X	Х	Х
Convenience and specialty food					
stores	x	Х	X	Х	Х
Beer, wine and liquor stores	x	Х	X	Х	Х
Pharmacies and personal care					
stores	200.4	180.7	178.4	174.6	191.8
Clothing stores	118.2	80.4	74.0	54.4	110.4
Shoe, clothing accessories and					
jewellery stores	40.3	25.1	24.1	17.9	38.0
Department stores	x	175.6	170.7	139.9	261.0
Other general merchandise stores	X	122.3	119.8	89.0	151.2
Sporting goods, hobby, music and					
book stores	71.8	55.2	52.6	45.8	69.1
Miscellaneous store retailers	78.6	74.6	63.1	53.7	72.4
Total, all stores	2,860.7	2,783.9	2,767.8	2,175.6	2,752.8

Table 3-5 – continued

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

	Quarter ^p IV	Quarter III	Quarter II	Quarter I	Quarter IV			
	2005	2005	2005	2005	2004			
	% change from previous quarter							
Trade group								
New car dealers	-18.8	-16.9	59.6	-4.8	-21.7			
Jsed and recreational motor vehicle			33.3					
and parts dealers	12.3	-15.0	60.3	-36.3	9.2			
Gasoline stations	-13.6	14.5	13.5	-13.2	-8.7			
Furniture stores	20.9	8.4	15.8	-32.8	16.3			
Home furnishings stores	34.2	22.3	20.3	-39.9	13.0			
Computer and software stores	4.0	-25.7	-2.2	-4.1	14.8			
Home electronics and appliance	4.0	-20.1	-2.2	-7.1	14.0			
stores	41.6	11.1	14.1	-35.8	36.3			
Home centres and hardware stores Specialized building materials and	-13.1	6.9	69.8	-35.5	-10.7			
garden stores	-18.6	-15.1	81.0	-32.7	-12.7			
Supermarkets	X	X	X	X	X			
Convenience and specialty food								
stores	Х	X	X	X	х			
Beer, wine and liquor stores	X	X	X	X	X			
Pharmacies and personal care								
stores	10.9	1.3	2.2	-9.0	11.4			
Clothing stores	47.0	8.7	35.9	-50.7	38.4			
Shoe, clothing accessories and		•	33.3	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •				
iewellery stores	60.7	4.2	34.1	-52.8	53.9			
Department stores	X	2.9	22.0	-46.4	55.8			
Other general merchandise stores	X	2.1	34.6	-41.1	25.9			
Sporting goods, hobby, music and	^		01.0		20.0			
book stores	30.2	4.9	14.9	-33.7	26.3			
Miscellaneous store retailers	5.3	18.3	17.5	-25.9	1.2			
Total, all stores	2.8	0.6	27.2	-21.0	2.0			

Table 3-5 – continued Retail sales by trade group and by region, not seasonally adjusted (quarterly estimates) — Nova Scotia

	Quarter ^p	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter			
	IV	III	II	I	IV			
	2005	2005	2005	2005	2004			
	% change from previous year							
Trade group								
New car dealers	2.5	-1.2	2.4	-4.5	-2.7			
Used and recreational motor vehicle								
and parts dealers	-2.6	-5.3	-6.5	-21.8	3.7			
Gasoline stations	-2.5	3.0	-0.4	1.5	16.7			
Furniture stores	1.8	-2.0	0.0	-6.9	-2.0			
Home furnishings stores	18.6	-0.1	-5.4	6.1	25.6			
Computer and software stores	-27.5	-20.0	4.8	10.4	84.5			
Home electronics and appliance								
stores	15.2	10.9	16.9	10.2	14.0			
Home centres and hardware stores	1.8	4.6	5.0	2.3	21.1			
Specialized building materials and								
garden stores	-15.8	-9.7	-7.2	3.0	-14.3			
Supermarkets	X	Х	X	Х	Х			
Convenience and specialty food								
stores	x	Х	x	Х	Х			
Beer, wine and liquor stores	X	Х	X	Х	Х			
Pharmacies and personal care								
stores	4.5	5.0	4.0	3.3	0.0			
Clothing stores	7.1	8.0	1.4	3.0	-1.0			
Shoe, clothing accessories and								
jewellery stores	6.0	1.5	1.3	-1.1	5.0			
Department stores	X	4.9	2.5	8.5	-1.1			
Other general merchandise stores	X	1.8	-3.7	-2.1	6.0			
Sporting goods, hobby, music and								
book stores	4.0	0.9	4.8	9.3	-9.4			
Miscellaneous store retailers	8.5	4.2	5.2	-1.8	-7.7			
Total, all stores	3.9	3.2	2.8	1.0	2.6			

Table 3-6

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

	Quarter ^p IV	Quarter III	Quarter II	Quarter I	Quarter IV			
	2005	2005	2005	2005	2004			
	millions of dollars							
Trade group								
New car dealers	3,354.8	3,982.4	4,852.4	3,375.2	3,235.3			
Used and recreational motor	0,001.0	0,002.1	1,002.1	0,010.2	0,200.0			
vehicle and parts dealers	741.9	1.063.5	1.357.2	629.4	809.3			
Gasoline stations	2,154.5	2,439.5	2,121.4	1.849.9	1,966.1			
Furniture stores	699.6	688.3	679.9	549.4	656.1			
Home furnishings stores	268.0	211.5	207.3	173.0	235.4			
Computer and software stores	128.8	108.8	101.8	113.0	116.8			
Home electronics and appliance	0.0							
stores	565.6	411.9	387.9	365.7	567.5			
Home centres and hardware stores	1.121.8	1,333.1	1,467.4	748.2	1,053.0			
Specialized building materials and	, -	,	, -		,			
garden stores	152.8	189.6	216.0	103.7	165.0			
Supermarkets	3.644.7	3,651.0	3,589.5	3,363.8	3,516.3			
Convenience and specialty food	-,	-,	2,222.2	2,22212	2,2			
stores	835.6	941.1	927.7	776.9	866.6			
Beer, wine and liquor stores	730.5	550.2	507.7	422.9	587.1			
Pharmacies and personal care								
stores	1,726.6	1,606.0	1,611.4	1,514.8	1,621.5			
Clothing stores	1,196.6	999.1	1.049.8	751.4	1,166.4			
Shoe, clothing accessories and	1,10010		1,01010		.,			
jewellery stores	368.0	272.1	278.5	195.8	360.8			
Department stores	X	924.4	977.6	772.7	1,301.9			
Other general merchandise stores	X	1,138.6	1,217.3	907.3	1,296.7			
Sporting goods, hobby, music and		,	, -		,			
book stores	613.9	543.4	462.1	405.5	572.8			
Miscellaneous store retailers	555.6	544.1	551.2	457.9	526.6			
Total, all stores	21,444.6	21,598.5	22,563.7	17,476.4	20,621.5			

Table 3-6 – continued Retail sales by trade group and by region, not seasonally adjusted (quarterly estimates) — Quebec

	Quarter ^p	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter
	IV	III	II	ļ	IV
	2005	2005	2005	2005	2004
		% change	from previous quarte	er	
Trade group					
New car dealers	-15.8	-17.9	43.8	4.3	-20.0
Used and recreational motor vehicle					
and parts dealers	-30.2	-21.6	115.6	-22.2	-18.7
Gasoline stations	-11.7	15.0	14.7	-5.9	-1.9
Furniture stores	1.6	1.2	23.8	-16.3	-0.5
Home furnishings stores	26.7	2.0	19.9	-26.5	28.1
Computer and software stores	18.3	6.9	-9.9	-3.2	14.5
Home electronics and appliance					
stores	37.3	6.2	6.1	-35.6	33.4
Home centres and hardware stores	-15.9	-9.2	96.1	-28.9	-11.5
Specialized building materials and					
garden stores	-19.4	-12.2	108.3	-37.2	-16.8
Supermarkets	-0.2	1.7	6.7	-4.3	5.5
Convenience and specialty food	0.2		0.1	1.0	0.0
stores	-11.2	1.5	19.4	-10.4	-8.2
Beer, wine and liquor stores	32.8	8.4	20.0	-28.0	9.3
Pharmacies and personal care	02.0	0.4	20.0	-20.0	5.5
stores	7.5	-0.3	6.4	-6.6	10.5
Clothing stores	7.5 19.8	-0.3 -4.8	39.7	-35.6	25.7
Shoe, clothing accessories and	19.0	-4.0	39.1	-33.0	25.1
	35.2	-2.3	42.2	-45.7	35.7
jewellery stores		-2.3 -5.4	42.2 26.5	-45.7 -40.6	32.6
Department stores	X	-5.4 -6.5	26.5 34.2		32.0 17.4
Other general merchandise stores	X	-0.5	34.2	-30.0	17.4
Sporting goods, hobby, music and	10.0	47.0	44.0	00.0	40.0
book stores	13.0	17.6	14.0	-29.2	10.6
Miscellaneous store retailers	2.1	-1.3	20.4	-13.1	-5.0
Total, all stores	-0.7	-4.3	29.1	-15.3	0.9

Table 3-6 – continued

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

	Quarter ^p	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter				
	IV	III	II	I	IV				
	2005	2005	2005	2005	2004				
	% change from previous year								
Trade group									
New car dealers	3.7	-1.6	8.0	3.8	8.6				
Used and recreational motor vehicle									
and parts dealers	-8.3	6.8	9.0	-6.1	3.7				
Gasoline stations	9.6	21.8	10.2	8.3	20.6				
Furniture stores	6.6	4.4	3.8	8.4	8.3				
Home furnishings stores	13.9	15.1	17.0	11.7	7.3				
Computer and software stores	10.3	6.7	4.0	11.4	-20.1				
Home electronics and appliance									
stores	-0.3	-3.2	4.6	4.9	-6.7				
Home centres and hardware stores	6.5	12.0	14.0	13.1	12.7				
Specialized building materials and									
garden stores	-7.4	-4.4	-3.4	1.0	30.5				
Supermarkets	3.7	9.5	11.0	10.3	5.5				
Convenience and specialty food									
stores	-3.6	-0.3	7.4	6.6	Х				
Beer, wine and liquor stores	24.4	2.4	7.0	-0.6	Х				
Pharmacies and personal care									
stores	6.5	9.5	8.6	3.8	2.1				
Clothing stores	2.6	7.6	12.8	9.3	7.2				
Shoe, clothing accessories and									
jewellery stores	2.0	2.4	1.5	2.4	4.7				
Department stores	X	-5.9	-2.8	3.7	2.5				
Other general merchandise stores	X	3.0	2.1	2.1	4.6				
Sporting goods, hobby, music and									
book stores	7.2	4.9	3.8	5.3	-1.2				
Miscellaneous store retailers	5.5	-1.8	-2.0	1.9	-5.0				
Total, all stores	4.0	5.7	7.7	5.8	5.5				

Table 3-7 Retail sales by trade group and by region, not seasonally adjusted (quarterly estimates) — Ontario

	Quarter ^p	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter
	IV	III	II		IV
	2005	2005	2005	2005	2004
		mill	ions of dollars		
Trade group					
New car dealers	5,943.4	6,979.9	7,579.5	5,744.0	5,822.3
Used and recreational motor	·		·	·	·
vehicle and parts dealers	1,195.4	1,340.8	1,568.9	1,021.4	1,155.8
Gasoline stations	3,418.6	3,681.1	3,194.9	2,836.2	2,963.7
Furniture stores	885.1	859.6	769.4	670.0	856.1
Home furnishings stores	627.8	516.8	486.0	429.3	619.1
Computer and software stores	122.1	104.8	100.0	122.7	135.6
Home electronics and appliance					
stores	1,312.2	957.1	809.6	773.6	1,273.2
Home centres and hardware stores	1,584.2	1,713.4	1,807.1	1,081.4	1,454.5
Specialized building materials and					
garden stores	390.1	478.9	509.1	281.9	375.3
Supermarkets	5,480.7	5,471.7	5,387.5	5,111.2	5,425.0
Convenience and specialty food					
stores	681.9	689.4	672.8	602.8	688.9
Beer, wine and liquor stores	1,779.2	1,758.2	1,524.1	1,193.6	1,729.5
Pharmacies and personal care	,	,	,	,	,
stores	2,693.2	2,417.4	2,367.3	2,279.6	2,468.6
Clothing stores	2,131.9	1,527.9	1,592.4	1,194.4	2,071.9
Shoe, clothing accessories and	,	,-	,	, -	,
jewellery stores	719.0	527.1	532.2	368.9	670.0
Department stores	X	2,115.1	2,154.1	1,708.6	3,000.4
Other general merchandise stores	X	2,113.8	2,223.6	1,643.2	2,328.5
Sporting goods, hobby, music and		,	,	,	,
book stores	1,190.8	867.4	778.0	743.4	1,131.7
Miscellaneous store retailers	978.2	880.8	900.3	764.2	1,010.1
Total, all stores	36,641.6	35,001.1	34,957.1	28,570.5	35,179.9

Table 3-7 – continued

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

	Quarter ^p	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter				
	IV	III	II	I	IV				
	2005	2005	2005	2005	2004				
	% change from previous quarter								
rade group									
New car dealers	-14.8	-7.9	32.0	-1.3	-11.5				
Jsed and recreational motor vehicle									
and parts dealers	-10.8	-14.5	53.6	-11.6	-10.9				
Gasoline stations	-7.1	15.2	12.6	-4.3	-0.8				
Furniture stores	3.0	11.7	14.8	-21.7	2.6				
Home furnishings stores	21.5	6.3	13.2	-30.7	23.1				
Computer and software stores	16.5	4.8	-18.5	-9.5	8.0				
Home electronics and appliance				0.0	0.0				
stores	37.1	18.2	4.6	-39.2	43.4				
Home centres and hardware stores	-7.5	-5.2	67.1	-25.6	-11.2				
Specialized building materials and	7.0	0.2	01.1	20.0					
garden stores	-18.5	-5.9	80.6	-24.9	-19.3				
Supermarkets	0.2	1.6	5.4	-5.8	3.3				
Convenience and specialty food	0.2	1.0	5.4	-0.0	0.0				
stores	-1.1	2.5	11.6	-12.5	1.7				
Beer, wine and liquor stores	1.2	15.4	27.7	-31.0	1.3				
Pharmacies and personal care	1.2	15.4	21.1	-31.0	1.0				
stores	11.4	2.1	3.9	-7.7	8.7				
	39.5	-4.1	3.9 33.3	-7.7 -42.4	8.7 34.0				
Clothing stores	39.5	-4.1	33.3	-42.4	34.0				
Shoe, clothing accessories and	00.4	4.0	44.0	44.0	04.0				
jewellery stores	36.4	-1.0	44.3	-44.9	31.6				
Department stores	Х	-1.8	26.1	-43.1	44.3				
Other general merchandise stores	X	-4.9	35.3	-29.4	14.9				
Sporting goods, hobby, music and									
book stores	37.3	11.5	4.6	-34.3	40.7				
Miscellaneous store retailers	11.0	-2.2	17.8	-24.3	9.8				
otal, all stores	4.7	0.1	22.4	-18.8	6.2				

Table 3-7 – continued Retail sales by trade group and by region, not seasonally adjusted (quarterly estimates) — Ontario

	Quarter ^p	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter
	IV	III	II	I	IV
	2005	2005	2005	2005	2004
		% change	e from previous year		
Trade group					
New car dealers	2.1	6.1	6.4	3.5	0.3
Used and recreational motor vehicle					
and parts dealers	3.4	3.3	9.3	0.1	-5.1
Gasoline stations	15.3	23.3	9.8	11.6	20.1
Furniture stores	3.4	3.0	2.4	-1.1	-0.3
Home furnishings stores	1.4	2.7	1.0	3.2	13.0
Computer and software stores	-9.9	-16.5	-10.7	-11.1	4.9
Home electronics and appliance					
stores	3.1	7.8	5.1	0.7	-0.6
Home centres and hardware stores	8.9	4.6	7.2	3.7	10.9
Specialized building materials and					
garden stores	4.0	3.0	4.7	2.7	-19.6
Supermarkets	1.0	4.2	4.9	5.1	11.4
Convenience and specialty food					
stores	-1.0	1.8	2.3	6.5	х
Beer, wine and liquor stores	2.9	3.0	3.4	0.2	X
Pharmacies and personal care				•	
stores	9.1	6.5	5.0	4.9	10.7
Clothing stores	2.9	-1.2	4.6	1.4	2.9
Shoe, clothing accessories and					
iewellery stores	7.3	3.5	-0.6	-13.4	6.9
Department stores	X	1.7	1.6	-0.1	1.8
Other general merchandise stores	X	4.3	4.7	5.2	4.5
Sporting goods, hobby, music and					
book stores	5.2	7.8	6.9	6.2	-0.5
Miscellaneous store retailers	-3.2	-4.2	2.7	-5.8	-2.5
Total, all stores	4.2	5.7	5.3	3.5	4.9

Table 3-8

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

	Quarter ^p	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter
	IV	III	II	Ţ	IV
	2005	2005	2005	2005	2004
		milli	ons of dollars		
Trade group					
New car dealers	527.8	668.5	682.8	525.2	541.5
Used and recreational motor vehicle	02.10	000.0	002.0	0_0	00
and parts dealers	94.8	125.6	143.0	81.2	88.0
Gasoline stations	328.2	358.0	324.5	279.7	285.5
Furniture stores	62.7	55.6	54.7	46.2	60.3
Home furnishings stores	44.6	40.8	38.1	30.1	41.1
Computer and software stores	10.9	10.5	11.6	12.2	12.3
Home electronics and appliance	10.0	10.0	11.0	12.2	12.0
stores	114.0	82.6	75.7	68.1	100.6
Home centres and hardware stores	190.9	219.1	202.1	112.1	165.5
Specialized building materials and					
garden stores	62.6	77 7	80.2	46.7	47.3
Supermarkets	643.4	629.5	617.2	588.1	626.4
Convenience and specialty food	0.0	0_0.0	V <u>-</u>	000	0_0
stores	46.5	50.5	56.1	50.7	55.7
Beer, wine and liquor stores	146.7	139.2	132.6	101.3	142.6
Pharmacies and personal care	1 10.1	100.2	102.0	101.0	112.0
stores	163.6	142.8	137.2	133.5	151.2
Clothing stores	133.3	99.3	98.5	75.4	125.8
Shoe, clothing accessories and	100.0	00.0	00.0	10.4	120.0
jewellery stores	46.2	30.9	32.5	25.1	45.0
Department stores	40.2 X	215.2	219.5	178.9	285.6
Other general merchandise stores	X	194.6	194.9	148.8	206.9
Sporting goods, hobby, music and	^	134.0	104.0	140.0	200.5
book stores	96.3	67.7	64.9	56.5	90.0
Miscellaneous store retailers	90.3 77.6	69.9	70.1	50.5 57.4	70.2
viscellaneous store retailers		09.9	70.1	57.4	70.2
Total, all stores	3,311.7	3,278.1	3,236.2	2,617.3	3,141.5

Table 3-8 – continued Retail sales by trade group and by region, not seasonally adjusted (quarterly estimates) — Manitoba

	Quarter ^p	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter
	IV	III	ll II	I	IV
	2005	2005	2005	2005	2004
		% change	from previous quarte	er	
Trade group					
New car dealers	-21.1	-2.1	30.0	-3.0	-10.6
Used and recreational motor vehicle					
and parts dealers	-24.5	-12.2	76.0	-7.7	-10.6
Gasoline stations	-8.3	10.3	16.0	-2.0	-1.7
Furniture stores	12.6	1.8	18.2	-23.3	8.1
Home furnishings stores	9.3	7.2	26.8	-26.9	6.5
Computer and software stores	3.9	-9.5	-4.9	-1.0	11.3
Home electronics and appliance					
stores	38.0	9.2	11.1	-32.3	32.8
Home centres and hardware stores	-12.9	8.4	80.3	-32.3	-14.8
Specialized building materials and					
garden stores	-19.4	-3.2	71.7	-1.3	-18.4
Supermarkets	2.2	2.0	4.9	-6.1	4.7
Convenience and specialty food					
stores	-8.0	-9.9	10.6	-8.9	-5.8
Beer, wine and liquor stores	5.4	5.0	30.9	-29.0	3.8
Pharmacies and personal care					
stores	14.6	4.0	2.8	-11.7	10.4
Clothing stores	34.2	0.8	30.7	-40.1	27.1
Shoe, clothing accessories and					
jewellery stores	49.5	-4.7	29.3	-44.2	45.6
Department stores	X	-2.0	22.7	-37.4	39.7
Other general merchandise stores	X	-0.2	31.0	-28.1	14.6
Sporting goods, hobby, music and					
book stores	42.2	4.4	14.8	-37.2	39.7
Miscellaneous store retailers	11.0	-0.2	22.2	-18.2	-5.6
Total, all stores	1.0	1.3	23.6	-16.7	4.2
iotai, ali stores	1.0	1.3	23.0	-10.7	4.2

Table 3-8 – continued

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

	Quarter ^p	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter					
	IV	III	II	I	IV					
	2005	2005	2005	2005	2004					
	% change from previous year									
Trade group										
New car dealers	-2.5	10.3	2.7	3.8	7.3					
Used and recreational motor vehicle										
and parts dealers	7.8	27.6	29.1	15.6	10.2					
Gasoline stations	15.0	23.2	15.5	14.9	21.3					
Furniture stores	3.9	-0.3	7.5	7.9	5.3					
Home furnishings stores	8.5	5.8	7.3	22.0	27.6					
Computer and software stores	-11.4	-5.1	8.6	-5.2	-34.2					
Home electronics and appliance										
stores	13.3	9.1	8.3	2.5	2.1					
Home centres and hardware stores	15.4	12.7	15.9	5.0	32.8					
Specialized building materials and										
garden stores	32.3	33.9	25.4	17.4	-20.5					
Supermarkets	2.7	5.2	2.7	3.8	6.4					
Convenience and specialty food		*· -		***						
stores	-16.5	-14.6	-1.7	8.0	Х					
Beer, wine and liquor stores	2.9	1.3	0.4	3.3	X					
Pharmacies and personal care	2.0	1.0	0.1	0.0	^					
stores	8.2	4.2	-0.2	-5.2	0.3					
Clothing stores	5.9	0.3	6.3	3.3	2.0					
Shoe, clothing accessories and	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0					
jewellery stores	2.8	0.2	3.0	0.0	6.1					
Department stores	Z.0 X	5.2	5.2	4.6	2.2					
Other general merchandise stores	X	7.8	4.3	4.6	9.1					
Sporting goods, hobby, music and	^	7.0	7.0	7.0	5.1					
book stores	7.1	5.1	4.8	7.5	17.2					
Miscellaneous store retailers	10.7	-5.8	-5.7	-6.9	-1.5					
Wilderia i Codo otore retaliero	10.7	-3.0	-5.1	-0.5	-1.5					
Total, all stores	5.4	8.8	6.3	5.1	6.6					

Table 3-9 Retail sales by trade group and by region, not seasonally adjusted (quarterly estimates) — Saskatchewan

	Quarter ^p	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter
	IV	III	II	I	IV
	2005	2005	2005	2005	2004
		mill	ions of dollars		
Trade group					
New car dealers	484.2	592.3	612.5	462.4	521.0
Used and recreational motor vehicle	101.2	002.0	012.0	102.1	021.0
and parts dealers	103.0	142.0	184.0	97.9	113.7
Gasoline stations	411.6	449.5	392.1	330.8	359.5
Furniture stores	46.0	45.7	40.4	33.6	46.2
Home furnishings stores	36.4	29.5	28.2	21.5	29.4
Computer and software stores	10.1	9.1	7.8	8.8	9.2
Home electronics and appliance					
stores	92.8	67.9	56.7	50.2	80.0
Home centres and hardware stores	139.5	148.1	144.5	72.2	102.4
Specialized building materials and					
garden stores	48.6	63.6	98.9	29.2	41.2
Supermarkets	499.4	490.1	484.6	446.3	480.1
Convenience and specialty food					
stores	38.7	39.4	39.4	33.0	41.6
Beer, wine and liquor stores	119.2	124.7	106.3	84.8	114.4
Pharmacies and personal care					
stores	158.0	142.3	142.6	136.3	150.2
Clothing stores	106.6	82.7	85.4	68.1	109.7
Shoe, clothing accessories and					
jewellery stores	36.9	23.4	25.5	19.0	36.0
Department stores	X	186.3	187.7	151.4	236.3
Other general merchandise stores	X	204.0	207.8	148.1	183.7
Sporting goods, hobby, music and					
book stores	53.4	38.0	35.3	30.2	52.5
Miscellaneous store retailers	55.5	49.6	54.4	46.5	50.5
Total, all stores	2,905.7	2,928.1	2,934.0	2,270.3	2,757.7

Table 3-9 – continued

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

	Quarter ^p	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter
	IV	III	II II	1	IV
	2005	2005	2005	2005	2004
		% change	from previous quarte	er	
Trade group					
New car dealers	-18.2	-3.3	32.5	-11.3	-4.6
Used and recreational motor vehicle					
and parts dealers	-27.4	-22.8	88.0	-14.0	-14.0
Gasoline stations	-8.4	14.7	18.5	-8.0	-3.3
Furniture stores	0.6	13.2	20.1	-27.2	8.4
Home furnishings stores	23.3	4.6	31.0	-26.8	5.2
Computer and software stores	11.1	16.0	-11.1	-4.2	-0.4
Home electronics and appliance					
stores	36.6	19.7	13.0	-37.2	44.1
Home centres and hardware stores	-5.8	2.4	100.2	-29.5	-14.5
Specialized building materials and					
garden stores	-23.5	-35.7	238.7	-29.1	-11.6
Supermarkets	1.9	1.1	8.6	-7.0	2.4
Convenience and specialty food					
stores	-1.7	-0.1	19.4	-20.7	-5.1
Beer, wine and liquor stores	-4.4	17.3	25.3	-25.9	-5.0
Pharmacies and personal care					
stores	11.0	-0.2	4.6	-9.3	13.6
Clothing stores	28.9	-3.2	25.4	-37.9	33.8
Shoe, clothing accessories and					
jewellery stores	57.8	-8.1	34.4	-47.4	58.2
Department stores	X	-0.7	23.9	-35.9	31.8
Other general merchandise stores	X	-1.8	40.3	-19.4	13.5
Sporting goods, hobby, music and					
book stores	40.6	7.7	16.7	-42.4	30.8
Miscellaneous store retailers	11.8	-8.8	16.9	-7.9	16.9
Total, all stores	-0.8	-0.2	29.2	-17.7	4.2

Table 3-9 – continued Retail sales by trade group and by region, not seasonally adjusted (quarterly estimates) — Saskatchewan

	Quarter ^p	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter
	IV	III	II	1	IV
	2005	2005	2005	2005	2004
		% change	e from previous year		
Trade group					
New car dealers	-7.1	8.4	1.1	-5.4	-4.1
Used and recreational motor vehicle					
and parts dealers	-9.4	7.4	17.7	-4.7	19.3
Gasoline stations	14.5	21.0	13.2	20.1	24.9
Furniture stores	-0.4	7.3	8.3	6.8	11.9
Home furnishings stores	23.8	5.6	5.4	2.3	12.4
Computer and software stores	9.8	-1.6	6.6	14.6	55.0
Home electronics and appliance					
stores	16.0	22.3	15.6	10.4	4.5
Home centres and hardware stores	36.2	23.6	26.8	8.3	16.1
Specialized building materials and					
garden stores	18.0	36.4	62.2	35.7	30.5
Supermarkets	4.0	4.5	4.1	3.6	4.2
Convenience and specialty food					
stores	-7.0	-10.2	-3.6	-10.3	Х
Beer, wine and liquor stores	4.2	3.5	5.1	7.6	Х
Pharmacies and personal care					
stores	5.2	7.6	9.2	8.1	12.7
Clothing stores	-2.8	8.0	5.6	8.4	-1.8
Shoe, clothing accessories and					
jewellery stores	2.5	2.7	1.8	-2.9	5.5
Department stores	X	3.9	3.2	4.0	0.5
Other general merchandise stores	X	26.1	23.9	9.3	4.1
Sporting goods, hobby, music and					
book stores	1.8	-5.2	5.3	9.0	22.0
Miscellaneous store retailers	9.9	14.9	1.0	1.9	-9.9
Total, all stores	5.4	10.6	9.3	4.6	5.6

Table 3-10

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

	Quarter ^p	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter					
	IV	III	II	l	IV					
	2005	2005	2005	2005	2004					
	millions of dollars									
Trade group										
New car dealers	2,744.3	3,098.5	3,033.4	2,345.8	2,448.1					
Used and recreational motor vehicle	2,744.0	0,000.0	0,000.4	2,040.0	2,440.1					
and parts dealers	492.2	677.8	842.1	439.5	420.4					
Gasoline stations	1.339.1	1.410.9	1.172.7	1.049.4	1.087.0					
Furniture stores	377.7	340.1	292.8	263.7	327.9					
Home furnishings stores	196.6	151.8	143.9	123.3	169.1					
Computer and software stores	91.4	74.1	66.3	71.9	72.1					
Home electronics and appliance	01.4	7-7.1	00.0	71.0	72.1					
stores	631.5	469.9	407.0	375.2	520.7					
Home centres and hardware stores Specialized building materials and	586.5	641.7	650.5	380.1	494.0					
garden stores	134.3	183.7	220.5	124.0	153.5					
Supermarkets	2,161.0	2,060.1	2,003.3	1,848.3	1,998.0					
Convenience and specialty food	,	,	,	,	,					
stores	199.1	216.4	208.5	177.9	188.9					
Beer, wine and liquor stores	408.3	387.6	358.1	271.6	377.9					
Pharmacies and personal care										
stores	555.9	510.9	508.1	489.9	571.0					
Clothing stores	667.0	515.8	466.0	374.1	572.1					
Shoe, clothing accessories and										
jewellery stores	205.8	144.2	134.3	106.5	178.6					
Department stores	X	724.9	708.6	598.4	946.6					
Other general merchandise stores	x	590.9	607.6	465.4	618.6					
Sporting goods, hobby, music and										
book stores	410.6	342.0	367.0	256.7	353.7					
Miscellaneous store retailers	346.0	310.6	307.3	256.0	329.0					
Total, all stores	13,247.7	12,851.9	12,498.1	10,017.6	11,827.2					

Table 3-10 – continued Retail sales by trade group and by region, not seasonally adjusted (quarterly estimates) — Alberta

	Quarter ^p	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter				
	IV	III	II	I	IV				
	2005	2005	2005	2005	2004				
	% change from previous quarter								
Trade group									
New car dealers	-11.4	2.1	29.3	-4.2	-4.2				
Used and recreational motor vehicle									
and parts dealers	-27.4	-19.5	91.6	4.5	-23.1				
Gasoline stations	-5.1	20.3	11.8	-3.5	-0.8				
Furniture stores	11.1	16.1	11.1	-19.6	13.4				
Home furnishings stores	29.5	5.5	16.7	-27.1	22.6				
Computer and software stores	23.4	11.7	-7.7	-0.3	17.6				
Home electronics and appliance									
stores	34.4	15.5	8.5	-28.0	42.9				
Home centres and hardware stores	-8.6	-1.4	71.2	-23.1	-12.6				
Specialized building materials and									
garden stores	-26.9	-16.7	77.8	-19.2	-16.9				
Supermarkets	4.9	2.8	8.4	-7.5	3.5				
Convenience and specialty food									
stores	-8.0	3.8	17.2	-5.8	-6.5				
Beer, wine and liquor stores	5.3	8.3	31.9	-28.1	8.7				
Pharmacies and personal care									
stores	8.8	0.6	3.7	-14.2	16.5				
Clothing stores	29.3	10.7	24.6	-34.6	24.1				
Shoe, clothing accessories and									
jewellery stores	42.7	7.4	26.1	-40.4	35.5				
Department stores	x	2.3	18.4	-36.8	38.7				
Other general merchandise stores	X	-2.7	30.6	-24.8	11.9				
Sporting goods, hobby, music and									
book stores	20.1	-6.8	43.0	-27.4	19.6				
Miscellaneous store retailers	11.4	1.1	20.0	-22.2	7.1				
Total, all stores	3.1	2.8	24.8	-15.3	5.6				

Table 3-10 – continued

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

	Quarter ^p	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter				
	IV	III	II	1	IV				
	2005	2005	2005	2005	2004				
	% change from previous year								
Trade group									
New car dealers	12.1	21.3	17.8	7.7	17.3				
Used and recreational motor vehicle									
and parts dealers	17.1	23.9	32.4	24.0	41.3				
Gasoline stations	23.2	28.7	13.9	19.4	29.5				
Furniture stores	15.2	17.6	14.7	11.6	18.2				
Home furnishings stores	16.3	10.0	10.5	7.2	5.7				
Computer and software stores	26.8	20.8	10.5	-2.7	-16.3				
Home electronics and appliance	_0.0	_0.0							
stores	21.3	29.0	27.2	22.8	7.6				
Home centres and hardware stores	18.7	13.6	18.2	7.9	11.9				
Specialized building materials and									
garden stores	-12.5	-0.5	16.8	7.7	62.9				
Supermarkets	8.2	6.7	4.8	2.9	6.3				
Convenience and specialty food									
stores	5.4	7.1	4.2	4.3	11.0				
Beer, wine and liquor stores	8.0	11.5	6.2	2.8	7.4				
Pharmacies and personal care	0.0		5.2						
stores	-2.6	4.2	3.1	3.6	10.0				
Clothing stores	16.6	11.8	11.7	9.6	8.1				
Shoe, clothing accessories and	10.0	11.0		0.0	0.1				
jewellery stores	15.2	9.4	8.3	0.7	-26.7				
Department stores	X	6.2	5.9	9.1	5.5				
Other general merchandise stores	X	6.9	7.7	6.4	7.9				
Sporting goods, hobby, music and	^	0.0	7.7	0.4	7.0				
book stores	16.1	15.6	22.1	9.4	4.5				
Miscellaneous store retailers	5.2	13.0	-5.7	-6.0	2.8				
Misocharicous store retailers	5.2	1.1	-3.1	-0.0	2.0				
Total, all stores	12.0	14.7	12.7	8.2	11.7				

Table 3-11 Retail sales by trade group and by region, not seasonally adjusted (quarterly estimates) — British Columbia

	Quarter ^p	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter
	IV	III	II		IV
	2005	2005	2005	2005	2004
		mill	lions of dollars		
Trade group					
New car dealers	2,101.4	2,536.1	2,623.0	2,047.3	2,084.4
Used and recreational motor	2,101.4	2,000.1	2,025.0	2,047.0	2,004.4
vehicle and parts dealers	410.9	460.3	465.7	363.8	404.6
Gasoline stations	1,383.4	1.590.3	1,382.9	1.196.4	1.200.4
Furniture stores	324.6	293.9	266.6	244.0	300.5
Home furnishings stores	237.3	186.4	171.2	158.9	198.3
Computer and software stores	63.0	52.3	53.1	54.9	58.7
Home electronics and appliance	03.0	32.3	55.1	34.9	30.7
stores	544.1	402.7	360.9	348.4	541.2
Home centres and hardware stores Specialized building materials and	567.3	621.4	609.7	431.9	505.2
garden stores	147.8	200.5	220.4	139.2	164.4
Supermarkets	2,424.7	2,351.1	2,288.6	2,163.2	2,344.2
Convenience and specialty food	,	,	,	,	,-
stores	269.5	268.8	251.6	223.6	229.7
Beer, wine and liquor stores	660.0	676.6	593.9	482.3	611.1
Pharmacies and personal care					• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
stores	799.4	691.6	667.3	635.9	761.5
Clothing stores	655.3	532.3	491.0	417.1	621.7
Shoe, clothing accessories and	333.3	002.0			0-
jewellery stores	200.1	156.8	151.2	125.8	194.4
Department stores	X	662.6	637.9	536.1	844.4
Other general merchandise stores	X	688.4	682.0	563.3	696.7
Sporting goods, hobby, music and			002.0	000.0	
book stores	505.0	385.6	341.7	316.6	460.5
Miscellaneous store retailers	416.2	393.4	364.7	324.7	386.4
Total, all stores	13,353.7	13,151.1	12,623.4	10,773.4	12,608.1

Table 3-11 – continued

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

	Quarter ^p	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter			
	IV	III	II	1	IV			
	2005	2005	2005	2005	2004			
	% change from previous quarter							
Trade group								
New car dealers	-17.1	-3.3	28.1	-1.8	-9.1			
Jsed and recreational motor vehicle								
and parts dealers	-10.7	-1.2	28.0	-10.1	-16.1			
Gasoline stations	-13.0	15.0	15.6	-0.3	-9.6			
Furniture stores	10.5	10.2	9.3	-18.8	10.3			
Home furnishings stores	27.3	8.9	7.8	-19.9	12.4			
Computer and software stores	20.5	-1.6	-3.2	-6.5	4.6			
Home electronics and appliance								
stores	35.1	11.6	3.6	-35.6	43.2			
lome centres and hardware stores	-8.7	1.9	41.2	-14.5	-8.9			
Specialized building materials and								
garden stores	-26.3	-9.0	58.3	-15.3	-20.0			
Supermarkets	3.1	2.7	5.8	-7.7	3.5			
Convenience and specialty food								
stores	0.2	6.8	12.5	-2.6	-0.1			
Beer, wine and liquor stores	-2.4	13.9	23.1	-21.1	-3.1			
Pharmacies and personal care								
stores	15.6	3.7	4.9	-16.5	11.8			
Clothing stores	23.1	8.4	17.7	-32.9	22.5			
Shoe, clothing accessories and								
jewellery stores	27.6	3.7	20.1	-35.3	26.6			
Department stores	X	3.9	19.0	-36.5	31.6			
Other general merchandise stores	X	0.9	21.1	-19.2	7.9			
Sporting goods, hobby, music and								
book stores	31.0	12.9	7.9	-31.3	25.3			
Aiscellaneous store retailers	5.8	7.9	12.3	-16.0	-2.8			
otal, all stores	1.5	4.2	17.2	-14.6	2.8			

Table 3-11 – continued Retail sales by trade group and by region, not seasonally adjusted (quarterly estimates) — British Columbia

	Quarter ^p	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter				
	IV		III II	l	IV				
	2005	2005	2005	2005	2004				
	% change from previous year								
Trade group					<u> </u>				
New car dealers	0.8	10.6	7.4	-0.3	4.7				
Used and recreational motor vehicle									
and parts dealers	1.6	-4.5	-13.7	-1.9	-1.4				
Gasoline stations	15.2	19.8	12.4	19.5	22.8				
Furniture stores	8.0	7.9	8.6	9.0	12.2				
Home furnishings stores	19.6	5.7	10.6	13.7	12.8				
Computer and software stores	7.3	-6.9	6.8	-2.9	-16.4				
Home electronics and appliance									
stores	0.5	6.6	13.3	10.3	12.6				
Home centres and hardware stores	12.3	12.1	12.2	5.0	14.7				
Specialized building materials and									
garden stores	-10.1	-2.4	-6.0	-2.2	13.7				
Supermarkets	3.4	3.8	3.2	2.4	7.0				
Convenience and specialty food									
stores	17.3	17.0	12.0	17.5	Х				
Beer, wine and liquor stores	8.0	7.3	3.8	3.0	X				
Pharmacies and personal care									
stores	5.0	1.5	-0.6	-0.5	5.6				
Clothing stores	5.4	4.9	3.4	7.2	2.5				
Shoe, clothing accessories and									
jewellery stores	2.9	2.1	1.1	-0.4	-1.4				
Department stores	X	3.3	3.3	9.9	6.9				
Other general merchandise stores	X	6.6	4.5	6.1	3.6				
Sporting goods, hobby, music and									
book stores	9.7	5.0	2.4	-2.6	-0.4				
Miscellaneous store retailers	7.7	-1.1	2.6	-0.8	-5.0				
Total, all stores	5.9	7.2	4.9	4.5	6.8				

Table 3-12

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

	Quarter ^p	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	Quarte
	IV	III	II	l	I٧
	2005	2005	2005	2005	2004
		milli	ons of dollars		
New car dealers	12.1	17.2	21.9	14.1	14.0
Jsed and recreational motor vehicle	12.1	11.2	21.0	17.1	17.0
and parts dealers	Х	х	х	Х)
Gasoline stations	X	X	x	X)
Furniture stores	X	X	X	X)
Home furnishings stores	X	X	X	X)
Computer and software stores	X	X	X	X)
Home electronics and appliance	^	^	^	^	,
stores	Х	х	Х	Х)
Home centres and hardware stores	x	X	X	X)
Specialized building materials and	^	^	Α	^	,
garden stores	Х	х	х	Х)
Supermarkets	X	X	X	X	,
Convenience and specialty food	^	^	Α	^	,
stores	Х	х	х	Х)
Beer, wine and liquor stores	X	X	X	X	,
Pharmacies and personal care	^	^	^	^	,
stores		v	v	V	,
	X	X	X	X)
Clothing stores Shoe, clothing accessories and	Х	Х	Х	Х)
jewellery stores	X	X	X	X)
Department stores	X	X	X	X)
Other general merchandise stores	Х	Х	X	X)
Sporting goods, hobby, music and					
book stores	X	X	X	X)
Miscellaneous store retailers	X	Х	Х	Х)
Total, all stores	112.0	123.1	119.6	89.6	106.8

Table 3-12 – continued Retail sales by trade group and by region, not seasonally adjusted (quarterly estimates) — Yukon Territory

	Quarter ^p	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter
	IV	III	II	I	IV
	2005	2005	2005	2005	2004
		% change	from previous quarte	er	
Trade group					
New car dealers	-29.7	-21.7	55.5	0.7	-13.2
Used and recreational motor vehicle					
and parts dealers	X	Х	Х	Х	Х
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	Х	Х	X	Х
Home electronics and appliance					
stores	X	Х	Х	Х	Х
Home centres and hardware stores	x	X	Х	Х	Х
Specialized building materials and					
garden stores	X	X	Х	X	Х
Supermarkets	X	X	Х	Х	Х
Convenience and specialty food					
stores	X	Х	Х	X	Х
Beer, wine and liquor stores	X	X	Х	Х	Х
Pharmacies and personal care					
stores	Х	Х	Х	X	Х
Clothing stores	X	Х	Х	X	Х
Shoe, clothing accessories and					
jewellery stores	X	Х	X	X	х
Department stores	X	X	Х	X	Х
Other general merchandise stores	x	X	Х	Х	Х
Sporting goods, hobby, music and					
book stores	X	Х	Х	Х	Х
Miscellaneous store retailers	X	X	X	X	X
Total, all stores	-9.1	2.9	33.5	-16.1	-6.9

Table 3-12 - continued

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

	Quarter ^p	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter				
	IV	III	II.		IV				
	2005	2005	2005	2005	2004				
	% change from previous year								
Trade group									
New car dealers	-13.8	6.4	17.2	-16.2	Х				
Used and recreational motor vehicle									
and parts dealers	x	Χ	Х	Χ	х				
Gasoline stations	X	X	Х	X	х				
Furniture stores	x	X	Х	X	х				
Home furnishings stores	x	X	Х	X	х				
Computer and software stores	X	X	Х	Х	Х				
Home electronics and appliance									
stores	X	Х	Х	X	х				
Home centres and hardware stores	X	X	Х	Х	Х				
Specialized building materials and									
garden stores	X	X	Х	Х	Х				
Supermarkets	X	X	Х	Х	Х				
Convenience and specialty food									
stores	X	X	Х	Х	Х				
Beer, wine and liquor stores	X	X	Х	Х	Х				
Pharmacies and personal care									
stores	x	X	Х	X	х				
Clothing stores	X	X	Х	Х	Х				
Shoe, clothing accessories and									
jewellery stores	Х	X	Х	X	х				
Department stores	Х	X	Х	X	Х				
Other general merchandise stores	X	Х	X	X	х				
Sporting goods, hobby, music and									
book stores	X	Х	Х	X	х				
Miscellaneous store retailers	X	X	x	X	x				
Total, all stores	4.9	7.4	12.3	4.2	4.0				

Table 3-13 Retail sales by trade group and by region, not seasonally adjusted (quarterly estimates) — Northwest Territories

	Quarter ^p	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter
	IV	III	II	l	IV
	2005	2005	2005	2005	2004
		milli	ons of dollars		
Trade group					
New car dealers	23.2	31.9	30.7	30.0	22.1
Used and recreational motor vehicle	25.2	31.3	50.7	30.0	22.1
and parts dealers	V	V	Х	Х	v
Gasoline stations	X X	X 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	Х	Х	Х
Home electronics and appliance					
stores	X	X	X	X	X
Home centres and hardware stores	X	Х	Х	X	Х
Specialized building materials and					
garden stores	X	X	Х	X	X
Supermarkets	X	X	X	X	X
Convenience and specialty food					
stores	X	X	X	X	X
Beer, wine and liquor stores	X	Х	x	x	X
Pharmacies and personal care					
stores	x	Х	Х	Х	х
Clothing stores	X	X	X	X	X
Shoe, clothing accessories and		**			
jewellery stores	X	X	Х	Х	x
Department stores	X	X	X	X	X
Other general merchandise stores	X	X	X	X	x
Sporting goods, hobby, music and	^	^	^	^	^
book stores	~	~	V	v	v
Miscellaneous store retailers	X X	X X	X X	X X	X
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Total, all stores	144.8	150.6	144.9	138.5	136.9

Table 3-13 - continued

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

	Quarter ^p	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	Quarte				
	IV	III	II	I	I۷				
	2005	2005	2005	2005	2004				
	% change from previous quarter								
Trade group									
New car dealers	-27.4	4.0	2.4	35.5	-23.7				
Jsed and recreational motor vehicle									
and parts dealers	x	Х	Х	X	>				
Gasoline stations	x	Х	X	X	>				
Furniture stores	x	Х	X	X	>				
Home furnishings stores	X	X	Х	x	>				
Computer and software stores	x	X	Χ	X	>				
Home electronics and appliance									
stores	X	X	Х	x)				
Home centres and hardware stores	X	X	X	X)				
Specialized building materials and									
garden stores	x	X	Χ	X)				
Supermarkets	X	X	Χ	X)				
Convenience and specialty food									
stores	X	X	Х	x)				
Beer, wine and liquor stores	x	X	Χ	X)				
Pharmacies and personal care									
stores	X	X	Х	x	>				
Clothing stores	x	X	Χ	X)				
Shoe, clothing accessories and									
jewellery stores	x	Х	X	X	>				
Department stores	X	X	Х	x	>				
Other general merchandise stores	x	X	Χ	X)				
Sporting goods, hobby, music and									
book stores	X	X	X	X	>				
Miscellaneous store retailers	X	x	X	X)				
otal, all stores	-3.8	3.9	4.6	1.2	-1.4				

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

Table 3-13 – continued

	Quarter ^p	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter
	IV	III	II	I	IV
	2005	2005	2005	2005	2004
		% change	from previous year		
Trade group					
New car dealers	4.7	10.1	13.6	21.6	-10.2
Used and recreational motor vehicle					
and parts dealers	Х	X	Х	Х	х
Gasoline stations	Х	X	Χ	Х	х
Furniture stores	Х	X	Χ	Х	х
Home furnishings stores	X	X	X	X	X
Computer and software stores	X	X	Х	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	Х	X	X
Supermarkets	X	X	Х	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	Х	X	X	X	х
Clothing stores	X	X	X	X	X
Shoe, clothing accessories and					
jewellery stores	Х	X	X	X	х
Department stores	x	X	X	X	Х
Other general merchandise stores	X	X	X	X	X
Sporting goods, hobby, music and					
book stores	X	X	X	X	х
Miscellaneous store retailers	X	x	Х	X	x
Total, all stores	5.8	8.5	8.5	12.7	0.8

Table 3-14 Retail sales by trade group and by region, not seasonally adjusted (quarterly estimates) — Nunavut

	Quarter ^p	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter				
	IV				IV				
	2005	2005	2005	2005	2004				
	millions of dollars								
Trade group									
New car dealers	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0				
Used and recreational motor vehicle	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0				
and parts dealers	Х	X	X	х	х				
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	X				
Home electronics and appliance	~		•		^				
stores	X	X	Х	Х	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	Χ	X	Х	Х	х				
Beer, wine and liquor stores	Χ	Х	Х	Х	х				
Pharmacies and personal care									
stores	X	Х	Х	Х	х				
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	X	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0				
Other general merchandise stores	Χ	X	X	X	X				
Sporting goods, hobby, music and									
book stores	X	Х	Х	Х	х				
Miscellaneous store retailers	X	X	X	X	X				
Total, all stores	64.8	66.2	63.8	54.8	62.5				

Table 3-14 – continued Retail sales by trade group and by region, not seasonally adjusted (quarterly estimates) — Nunavut

	Quarter ^p	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter
	IV	III			IV
	2005	2005	2005	2005	2004
		% change t	from previous quarte	er	
Trade group					
New car dealers			•••		
Used and recreational motor vehicle		***		•••	
and parts dealers	X	Х	Х	Х	х
Gasoline stations	X	X	X	X	X
Furniture stores	^				
Home furnishings stores		•••		•••	
Computer and software stores	 X	 X	 X	х	 X
Home electronics and appliance	•	^	•		
stores	X	Х	Х	Х	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	Х	Х	х	Х	x
Beer, wine and liquor stores	X	X	X	X	X
Pharmacies and personal care	•		•		~
stores	Х	Х	Х	Х	х
Clothing stores					
Shoe, clothing accessories and	•••	•••	•••	•••	•••
jewellery stores					
Department stores					
Other general merchandise stores	 X	 X	 X	х	x
Sporting goods, hobby, music and	•	*	•		
book stores	Х	х	Х	Х	х
Miscellaneous store retailers	X	X	X	X	x
Total, all stores	-2.1	3.7	16.4	-12.3	6.0

Table 3-14 - continued

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

	Quarter ^p	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter
	IV				IV
	2005	2005	2005	2005	2004
		% change	from previous year		
Trade group					
New car dealers Used and recreational motor vehicle					х
and parts dealers	Х	X	Х	X	X
Gasoline stations	Х	X	Х	X	Х
Furniture stores					X
Home furnishings stores		•••			
Computer and software stores Home electronics and appliance	Х	Х	X	X	Х
stores	X	X	X	X	Х
Home centres and hardware stores Specialized building materials and	X	х	x	x	Х
garden stores					X
Supermarkets Convenience and specialty food	Х	X	X	X	Х
stores	X	X	X	X	X
Beer, wine and liquor stores Pharmacies and personal care	X	х	х	Х	Х
stores	X	Х	X	X	X
Clothing stores Shoe, clothing accessories and				•••	Х
jewellery stores		•••			Х
Department stores					
Other general merchandise stores Sporting goods, hobby, music and	Х	X	X	X	Х
book stores	X	X	Х	Х	Х
Miscellaneous store retailers	Х	Х	Х	Х	x
Total, all stores	3.7	12.2	8.3	3.9	3.2

Table 4 Retail sales (current periods) — Coefficient of variation

	December 2005 ^p	November 2005 ^r	October 2005	September 2005
<u> </u>		percent		
Trade group - Canada				
New car dealers	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9
Used and recreational motor				
vehicle and parts dealers	4.9	4.5	4.8	5.2
Gasoline stations	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
Furniture stores	2.6	2.5	2.3	2.5
Home furnishings stores	3.1	3.5	3.7	3.5
Computer and software stores	8.3	7.7	8.1	7.7
Home electronics and appliance	0.0	7.1	0.1	7.1
• •	2.4	2.5	2.0	2.0
stores	2.1	2.5	2.6	2.6
Home centres and hardware stores Specialized building materials and	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.3
garden stores	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
Supermarkets	1.8	1.9	2.0	1.9
Convenience and specialty food				
stores	3.5	3.4	3.4	3.4
Beer, wine and liquor stores	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.7
Pharmacies and personal care	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.1
stores	3.3	3.1	3.1	3.0
	3.3 1.1	3.1 1.1	1.3	3.0 1.4
Clothing stores	1.1	1.1	1.3	1.4
Shoe, clothing accessories and				
jewellery stores	2.9	2.3	2.2	2.3
Department stores	X	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other general merchandise stores	X	0.7	0.8	0.9
Sporting goods, hobby, music and				
book stores	2.6	2.7	3.0	3.2
Miscellaneous store retailers	3.2	3.1	3.4	3.1
Total, all stores	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
Regions				
Newfoundland and Labrador	1.9	1.9	2.2	2.4
Prince Edward Island	2.0	2.4	2.4	2.4
Nova Scotia	1.7	2.0	2.0	2.0
New Brunswick	2.1	2.4	2.5	2.4
Quebec	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.5
Ontario	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.1
Manitoba	1.4	1.7	1.9	1.9
Saskatchewan	2.0	2.3	2.3	2.5
Alberta	1.4	1.6	1.5	1.7
British Columbia	1.4	1.6	1.6	1.6
Yukon Territory	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.0
Northwest Territories	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.8
Nunavut	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
INUITAVUL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Table 5-1

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

	December ^p 2005	November ^r 2005	October ^r 2005	September ^r 2005	August 2005	July 2005	June 200
	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	200.
<u>.</u>			m	illions of dollars			
Trade group - Canada							
New car dealers	6,077.2	6,137.0	5,838.6	5,522.2	6,245.2	6,435.7	6,119.
Jsed and recreational motor vehicle and							
parts dealers	1,320.3	1,277.6	1,252.2	1,268.8	1,281.5	1,296.0	1,291.
Gasoline stations	3,330.7	3,303.6	3,425.4	3,495.2	3,360.8	3,236.1	3,151.
Furniture stores	763.0	758.3	766.4	760.5	747.6	732.7	723.
lome furnishings stores	422.1	414.3	407.0	401.1	408.4	395.2	391.
Computer and software stores	137.8	138.9	137.1	131.6	133.2	129.8	129
lome electronics and appliance stores	854.2	844.1	853.3	864.2	862.6	865.1	870
Home centres and hardware stores	1.587.9	1,585.7	1,554.5	1,553.3	1,538.6	1,513.0	1.514
specialized building materials and	,	,	,	,	,	,	,-
garden stores	367.1	371.5	349.4	377.0	388.3	383.1	381
Supermarkets	5,334.1	5,268.3	5,236.4	5,287.3	5,253.5	5,279.3	5,240
Convenience and specialty food stores	748.4	745.3	754.7	755.1	757.2	769.7	768
Beer, wine and liquor stores	1.185.5	1.208.8	1.234.2	1.211.2	1.199.9	1.212.1	1.223
harmacies and personal care stores	2.054.3	2.057.0	2.045.5	2.054.6	2.011.7	1,992.1	1.979
Clothing stores	1,350.5	1,356.8	1,323.3	1,344.4	1,324.9	1,356.3	1,354
shoe, clothing accessories and jewellery	1,000.0	.,000.0	.,020.0	.,	.,020	1,000.0	.,00.
stores	433.9	430.8	422.3	421.9	409.3	407.9	403
Department stores	433.9 X	1,849.4	1.863.7	1,870.5	1.856.1	1,862.4	1.865
		1,833.1	1,803.7	1,870.5	1,762.4	1,771.3	1,765
Other general merchandise stores	Х	1,033.1	1,610.0	1,000.7	1,702.4	1,771.3	1,765
Sporting goods, hobby, music and book	205.4	222.4		222			
stores	805.4	802.4	796.7	808.0	788.2	803.7	771
Aiscellaneous store retailers	792.9	787.5	784.1	767.6	750.5	778.0	800
otal, all stores	31,251.3	31,170.5	30,854.8	30,695.1	31,080.0	31,219.7	30,743.
Regions							
lewfoundland and Labrador	499.9	497.5	494.4	473.6	488.3	493.1	489
rince Edward Island	118.8	119.5	116.3	115.6	119.2	118.0	120
Iova Scotia	906.2	890.0	885.0	883.8	897.3	888.5	891
lew Brunswick	707.3	708.5	701.7	701.2	703.3	714.5	700
(uebec	6,954.0	7,001.6	6,908.8	6,895.2	6,949.6	7,036.0	7,018
Ontario	11,530.3	11,408.5	11,304.3	11,196.3	11,364.9	11,485.3	11,284
lanitoba	1,039.4	1,052.0	1,051.6	1.036.6	1.064.2	1.075.4	1.037
askatchewan	921.0	926.5	915.0	922.5	942.0	948.6	936
lberta	4,240.0	4,203.9	4,141.4	4,121.7	4,159.3	4,153.9	4.031
ritish Columbia	4,228.9	4,255.6	4,230.5	4,243.4	4,139.5	4,199.1	4,129
'ukon Territory	4,226.9 37.4	4,255.6 37.8	4,230.5 36.9	36.6	36.7	36.8	4,129
lorthwest Territories	37.4 47.6	37.6 48.5	36.9 48.0				36 47
				47.6	48.3	49.3	
Nunavut	20.5	20.6	21.0	20.9	21.1	21.1	21

Table 5-1 – continued Retail sales by trade group and by region (historical estimates) — Seasonally adjusted, December 2004 to December 2005

	May 2005	April 2005	March 2005	February 2005	January 2005	December 2004
			millions of de	ollars		
Trade group - Canada						
New car dealers	5,832.7	6,148.9	5,932.8	6,013.4	5,864.9	5,662.2
Used and recreational motor vehicle and						
parts dealers	1,307.0	1,290.9	1,262.8	1,271.9	1,202.7	1,281.7
Gasoline stations	3,097.2	3,118.7	3,050.2	2,972.7	2,935.6	2,932.8
Furniture stores	728.6	765.1	737.0	750.2	736.2	709.8
Home furnishings stores	389.8	389.4	382.3	385.1	385.3	394.3
Computer and software stores	129.2	131.8	129.2	134.1	134.9	139.1
Home electronics and appliance stores	850.2	855.6	848.6	843.7	815.6	805.7
Home centres and hardware stores Specialized building materials and	1,518.8	1,521.6	1,464.7	1,464.2	1,427.4	1,436.1
garden stores	387.1	387.8	370.7	378.7	374.6	350.8
Supermarkets	5,250.7	5,192.4	5,187.8	5,168.1	5,188.6	5,139.7
Convenience and specialty food stores	773.7	767.5	767.2	770.2	757.4	760.0
Beer, wine and liquor stores	1.220.2	1.206.7	1.202.5	1.183.3	1.125.3	1.010.3
Pharmacies and personal care stores	1,978.4	1,975.1	1,970.7	1.952.9	1.942.1	1,911.3
Clothing stores	1,337.8	1,372.0	1,352.1	1,351.8	1,318.1	1,287.8
Shoe, clothing accessories and jewellery	.,	.,	.,	.,	.,	.,
stores	409.0	410.4	421.4	404.9	383.8	407.3
Department stores	1,843.3	1,855.9	1.899.7	1.861.7	1.867.4	1,825.4
Other general merchandise stores	1.756.0	1.776.6	1,764.7	1,739.4	1.751.5	1,709.0
Sporting goods, hobby, music and book	.,	.,	.,. +	.,	.,	.,
stores	782.4	792.3	780.8	774.9	768.5	760.9
Miscellaneous store retailers	791.6	789.1	788.2	792.6	783.1	771.4
Total, all stores	30,383.7	30,747.8	30,313.3	30,213.7	29,762.8	29,295.4
,	30,303.7	30,747.0	30,313.3	30,213.7	23,702.0	23,233.4
Regions Newfoundland and Labrador	488.2	494.6	488.4	493.0	487.0	491.9
Prince Edward Island	116.0	121.2	118.3	125.9	116.3	113.7
Nova Scotia	881.3	891.2	871.7	887.6	833.8	842.6
New Brunswick	680.0	696.5	699.9	703.4	686.8	668.9
Quebec	6.907.5	6,970.3	6,919.7	6,858.0	6,830.3	6,572.9
Ontario	11,045.3	11,373.0	11,161.6	11,152.3	11,097.9	10,951.8
Manitoba	1,025.5	1,036.3	1,018.0	1,027.3	1,004.4	976.1
Saskatchewan	948.8	924.3	903.0	898.5	874.3	870.5
Alberta	4.045.8	4.005.6	3.903.3	3.876.6	3.778.2	3.714.2
British Columbia	4.138.2	4,127.4	4,122.7	4,084.2	3,951.0	3,991.2
Yukon Territory	39.0	38.2	37.3	35.9	35.7	35.7
Northwest Territories	47.7	48.2	48.9	50.3	46.6	45.7
Nunavut	20.4	21.1	20.7	20.8	20.4	20.1

Table 5-2

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

	December ^p 2005	November ^r 2005	October 2005	September 2005	August 2005	July 2005	June 200
			m	illions of dollars			
Frade group - Canada							
New car dealers	5,177.3	5,719.1	5,322.0	5,666.1	6,661.4	6,892.1	7,325.4
Jsed and recreational motor vehicle and							
parts dealers	1,017.3	1,178.6	1,182.4	1,256.6	1,396.0	1,473.4	1,606.1
Gasoline stations	3,163.9	3,149.8	3,535.5	3,689.5	3,709.6	3,480.9	3,287.9
Furniture stores	905.8	790.8	809.8	799.0	784.6	792.2	747.
Home furnishings stores	570.1	487.1	423.3	399.2	411.9	379.8	383.
Computer and software stores	172.3	138.4	135.8	137.9	128.4	111.5	118.
Home electronics and appliance stores	1.689.4	918.0	814.1	866.6	851.0	789.0	765.
Home centres and hardware stores	1,317.8	1,605.8	1,678.6	1,719.7	1,710.7	1,746.7	1,890.
specialized building materials and	,	,	,	,	,	,	,
garden stores	294.5	355.2	357.5	414.8	441.6	425.4	517.
Supermarkets	6,082.4	5,032.5	5,122.9	5,315.2	5,142.3	5,584.7	5,317.
Convenience and specialty food stores	830.4	694.2	752.2	763.4	810.1	864.1	817.
Beer, wine and liquor stores	1,853.1	1,143.1	1,180.9	1,198.7	1,298.7	1,484.5	1,264
harmacies and personal care stores	2,456.9	2,073.4	2,036.0	2,028.2	1,983.6	1,919.7	1,958
lothing stores	2,257.0	1,502.7	1,415.4	1,386.1	1,308.4	1,261.1	1,338
Shoe, clothing accessories and jewellery	200.4			400 =	440.0		
stores	826.4	445.5	395.5	402.5	418.8	393.2	405
epartment stores	X	2,167.7	1,981.3	1,729.9	1,779.9	1,786.8	1,857
Other general merchandise stores	Х	1,989.6	1,774.8	1,673.6	1,763.7	1,917.3	1,966
Sporting goods, hobby, music and book							
stores	1,446.1	849.0	738.6	809.4	796.4	759.3	731.
discellaneous store retailers	1,001.9	787.0	807.9	815.5	811.6	777.5	847.
otal, all stores	36,785.2	31,027.6	30,464.7	31,071.7	32,208.7	32,838.9	33,147.
Regions							
lewfoundland and Labrador	598.3	517.4	480.9	485.4	533.7	538.7	537.
rince Edward Island	138.7	116.6	113.7	120.1	139.0	142.1	134
ova Scotia	1,099.4	893.6	867.8	891.1	936.7	956.1	989
ew Brunswick	824.4	711.2	689.0	713.2	752.0	762.5	773
luebec	7,689.4	6,842.7	6,912.5	6,948.7	7,207.2	7,442.6	7,723
Ontario	13,913.1	11,559.3	11,169.1	11,374.8	11,699.5	11,926.8	12,119
lanitoba	1,228.5	1.040.9	1.042.2	1.046.8	1,102.3	1,128,9	1,121
askatchewan	1.078.4	915.6	911.8	921.9	997.2	1,009.0	1,010
lberta	5,005.8	4,193.9	4,048.1	4.168.5	4.318.5	4,365.0	4.278
ritish Columbia	5.089.2	4.137.5	4.127.0	4.294.9	4.407.9	4,448.4	4.341
rition Columbia Yukon Territory	41.8	34.7	35.4	37.9	42.2	43.0	42
lorthwest Territories	54.1	44.5	46.3	46.5	50.1	53.9	52
Vontriwest Territories	24.1	19.6	21.1	21.8	22.4	22.0	21.
runavut	44.1	15.0	41.1	Z 1.0	44. 4	ZZ.U	41.

Table 5-2 – continued Retail sales by trade group and by region (historical estimates) — Not seasonally adjusted, December 2004 to December 2005

	May 2005	April 2005	March 2005	February 2005	January 2005	December 2004
			millions of de	ollars		
Trade group - Canada						
New car dealers	6,868.2	6,790.1	6,329.1	4,891.0	4,322.3	4,938.0
Used and recreational motor vehicle and						
parts dealers	1,703.2	1,613.8	1,159.8	918.8	819.4	999.6
Gasoline stations	3,136.3	2,988.8	2,984.6	2,592.7	2,669.0	2,812.0
Furniture stores	721.4	725.2	666.2	585.2	631.8	832.6
Home furnishings stores	372.4	364.5	354.0	305.3	315.4	515.6
Computer and software stores	119.0	122.9	148.9	123.7	133.9	164.9
Home electronics and appliance stores	721.5	715.4	736.6	642.8	695.3	1.586.1
Home centres and hardware stores	1,918.7	1,527.9	1,165.7	948.8	964.7	1,222.9
Specialized building materials and	1,010	.,020	.,	0.0.0	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	.,
garden stores	537.7	385.8	301.1	242.6	232.5	282.3
Supermarkets	5,232.0	5,155.0	5,143.2	4,576.0	5,056.6	5,674.6
Convenience and specialty food stores	791.8	752.6	729.9	649.9	656.7	836.1
Beer, wine and liguor stores	1,161.4	1,080.9	1,053.6	886.4	833.6	1,617.7
Pharmacies and personal care stores	1,101.4	1,924.4	1,055.0	1,784.9	1.860.7	2,304.4
	1,306.8	1,319.6	1,133.2	897.2	983.9	2,304.4
Clothing stores Shoe, clothing accessories and jewellery	1,300.0	1,319.0	1,133.2	097.2	903.9	2,137.0
	414.1	389.2	315.9	289.8	275.8	783.9
stores	1.751.7	1,729.7	1,599.4	1,336.0	1,374.9	3,172.3
Department stores						
Other general merchandise stores	1,881.8	1,703.9	1,517.9	1,247.0	1,427.6	2,325.8
Sporting goods, hobby, music and book	744.0	7447	004.0	500.5	204.0	4 000 7
stores	711.0	714.7	661.2	562.5	681.9	1,363.7
Miscellaneous store retailers	813.5	723.5	721.6	656.3	646.3	979.3
Total, all stores	32,129.8	30,727.9	28,678.9	24,136.9	24,582.5	34,548.8
Regions						
Newfoundland and Labrador	518.4	479.8	447.8	372.1	369.7	583.0
Prince Edward Island	123.2	115.6	100.8	90.6	88.3	132.4
Nova Scotia	909.7	868.5	807.2	690.8	677.5	1,019.2
New Brunswick	719.1	694.8	651.8	542.4	550.9	789.0
Quebec	7,609.7	7,230.7	6,610.9	5,329.5	5,536.0	7,307.5
Ontario	11,664.2	11,173.2	10,440.6	8,916.9	9,213.1	13,219.3
Manitoba	1,070.9	1,043.6	962.0	827.1	828.3	1,155.7
Saskatchewan	999.3	924.2	836.2	713.9	720.2	1,024.1
Alberta	4,200.5	4,018.6	3,737.0	3,157.1	3,123.4	4,395.2
British Columbia	4,207.9	4,073.6	3,975.2	3,408.4	3,389.8	4,807.8
Yukon Territory	40.9	36.1	34.4	27.0	28.2	39.5
Northwest Territories	44.8	47.8	54.2	44.4	39.9	52.6
Nunavut	21.1	21.2	20.9	16.8	17.0	23.6

Table 6-1

Retail trade Canada, current and chained (1997) dollars estimates at basic prices — Seasonally adjusted

	Price	Current Dollars		Chained 1997 doll	ars
	Index	millions of dollars	Month to month % change	millions of dollars	Month to month % change
2003 January February March	107.3 108.0 107.7	27,188.9 27,476.4 27,334.4	0.1 1.1 -0.5	25,329.7 25,438.0 25,377.7	-0.3 0.4 -0.2
April	106.9	27,208.4	-0.5	25,448.6	0.3
May	106.5	27,581.4	1.4	25,900.6	1.8
June	106.2	27,410.7	-0.6	25,805.9	-0.4
July	106.6	27,795.8	1.4	26,070.1	1.0
August	107.0	28,105.0	1.1	26,255.8	0.7
September	107.0	27,800.3	-1.1	25,992.5	-1.0
October	106.4	27,818.5	0.1	26,144.0	0.6
November	106.6	27,759.0	-0.2	26,039.7	-0.4
December	106.9	27,664.6	-0.3	25,880.6	-0.6
Year	106.9	331,143.4		309,683.2	
2004 January February March	106.9 106.9 107.0	27,895.6 28,280.8 28,801.4	0.8 1.4 1.8	26,103.7 26,455.7 26,922.3	0.9 1.3 1.8
April	107.1	28,429.3	-1.3	26,543.8	-1.4
May	108.2	28,769.8	1.2	26,586.6	0.2
June	108.1	28,786.7	0.1	26,634.9	0.2
July	108.0	28,925.7	0.5	26,772.1	0.5
August	107.7	29,004.9	0.3	26,933.2	0.6
September	107.6	29,198.8	0.7	27,129.6	0.7
October	108.1	29,646.1	1.5	27,419.4	1.1
November	108.5	29,687.1	0.1	27,361.8	-0.2
December	108.5	29,295.4	-1.3	26,994.9	-1.3
Year	107.7	346,721.5		321,858.0	
2005 January February March	108.2 108.4 108.9	29,762.8 30,213.7 30,313.3	1.6 1.5 0.3	27,499.5 27,872.5 27,827.6	1.9 1.4 -0.2
April	109.2	30,747.8	1.4	28,153.5	1.2
May	109.2	30,383.7	-1.2	27,823.1	-1.2
June	109.2	30,743.6	1.2	28,140.8	1.1
July	109.5	31,219.7	1.5	28,505.2	1.3
August	110.2	31,080.0	-0.4	28,197.2	-1.1
September ^r	111.3	30,695.1	-1.2	27,582.4	-2.2
October r	110.4	30,854.8	0.5	27,951.3	1.3
November r	110.1	31,170.5	1.0	28,321.6	1.3
December p	110.3	31,251.3	0.3	28,324.8	0.0
Year	109.6	368,436.4		336,199.5	

Note: For more information please see www.statcan.ca/english/freepub/13-605-XIE/2003001/conceptual/fisher/index.htm.

Table 6-2 Retail trade Canada, current and chained (1997) dollars estimates at basic prices — Not seasonally adjusted

	Price			Chained 1997 dolla	irs
	Index	millions of	Year to year	millions of	Year to year
		dollars	% change	dollars	% change
2003					
January	106.9	23,301.9	4.2	21,808.1	0.7
February	108.0	21,980.8	5.7	20,352.2	1.8
March	107.7	25,468.2	3.3	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	331,143.4	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
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January	107.8	24,582.5	3.2	22,810.5	2.0
February	108.2	24,136.9	4.6	22,309.9	3.3
March	108.8	28,678.9	6.3	26,356.0	4.3
April	109.0	30,727.9	7.4	28,196.2	5.6
May	109.4	32,129.8	5.3	29,372.3	4.6
June	109.2	33,147.2	7.9	30,350.7	6.9
July	109.4	32,838.9	6.1	30,016.1	5.1
August	109.7	32,208.7	9.1	29,358.7	6.4
September r	110.8	31,071.7	6.3	28,045.3	2.5
October r	110.0	30,464.7	3.4	27,702.1	1.2
November ^r	109.0	31,027.6	6.0	28,471.0	4.8
December p	105.8	36,785.2	6.5	34,765.3	5.9
Year	108.9	367,800.0	6.0	337,754.1	4.4

Note: For more information please see www.statcan.ca/english/freepub/13-605-XIE/2003001/conceptual/fisher/index.htm.

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 groups 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 10,000 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 nonresponse. 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 nonrespondents 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 nonresponse 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 (unweighted and weighted). 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. Within each of these types of rates, there are distinct rates for units that are surveyed and for units that are only modeled from administrative data that has been extracted from GST files.

To get a better picture of the success of the collection process, two unweighted rates called the 'collection results rate' and the 'extraction results rate' are computed. They are computed by dividing the number of respondents by the number of units that we tried to contact or tried to receive extracted data for them. 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 various response rates are calculated as follows:

Weighted rates:

Survey Response rate (estimation) = Sum of weighted sales of units with response status *i* Sum of survey 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.

Admin Response rate (estimation) = Sum of weighted sales of units with response status *ii* Sum of administrative weighted sales

where ii = units that have data that was extracted from administrative files and are usable for estimation.

Total Response rate (estimation) = Sum of weighted sales of units with response status *i* or response status *ii* Sum of all weighted sales

Unweighted rates:

Survey Response rate (collection) = Number of questionnaires with response status *iii* Number of questionnaires with response status *iv*

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

where $i\mathbf{v}$ = all of the above plus units that have refused to respond, units that were not contacted and other types of nonrespondent units.

Admin Response rate (extraction) = <u>Number of questionnaires with response status vii</u> Number of questionnaires with response status vii

where vi= in-scope units that have data (either usable or non-usable) that was extracted from administrative files

where **vii** = all of the above plus units that have refused to report to the adminstrative data source, units that were not contacted and other types of nonrespondent units.

(% of questionnaire collected over all in-scope questionnaires)

Collection Results Rate = Number of questionnaires with response status iii Number of questionnaires with response status viii

where iii = same as iii defined above

where **viii** = same as *iv* except for the exclusion of units that were contacted because their response is unavailable for a particular month since they are non-monthly reporters.

Extraction Results Rate = Number of questionnaires with response status *ix* Number of questionnaires with response status *vii*

where ix= same as vi with the addition of extracted units that have been imputed or were out of scope

where vii = same as vii defined above

(% of questionnaires collected over all questionnaire in-scope we tried to collect)

All the above weighted and unweighted rates are provided at the trade group, geography and size group level or for any combination of these levels.

Use of Administrative Data

Managing response burden is an ongoing challenge for Statistics Canada. In an attempt to alleviate response burden and survey costs, especially for smaller businesses, Statistics Canada has been investigating various alternatives to survey taking. Administrative data files are a rich source of information for business data and Statistics Canada is working at bringing this rich data source to its full potential. As such, beginning with the October 2005 reference month, the MRTS has reduced the number of simple establishments in the sample that are surveyed directly and instead derives sales data for these establishments from Goods and Service Tax (GST) files using a statistical model. The model accounts for differences between sales and revenue (reported for GST purposes) as well as for the time lag between the survey reference period and the reference period of the GST file.

For more information on the methodology for modeling sales from administrative data sources (i.e. GST data) which also contributes to the estimates of the survey portion, please refer to Statistics Canada Integrated Meta Data base (IMDB) document located on Statistics Canada's website by clicking on the following link: http://www.statcan.ca/english/sdds/document/2406_D11_T9_V1_E.pdf.

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.

In conjunction with the statistical editing after data collection of reported data, there is also error detection done on the extracted GST data.

Modeled data based on the GST are also subject to an extensive series of processing steps which thoroughly verify each record that is the basis for the model as well as the record being modeled.

Edits are performed at a more aggregate level (industry by geography level) to detect records which deviate from the expected range, either by exhibiting large month-to-month change, or differing significantly from the remaining units.

All data which fail these edits are subject to manual inspection and possible corrective action.

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.

For more information on the methodology for modeling sales from administrative data sources (i.e. GST data) which also contributes to the estimates of the survey portion, please refer to Statistics Canada Integrated Meta Data base (IMDB) document located on Statistics Canada's website by clicking on the following link: http://www.statcan.ca/english/sdds/document/2406 D11 T9 V1 E.pdf.

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 nonsampling 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 GST data for records being modeled for a particular month are not representative of the actual record for various reasons; 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.

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

Statistics Canada is prohibited by law from releasing any data which would divulge information obtained under the Statistics Act that relates to any identifiable person, business or organization without the prior knowledge or the consent in writing of that person, business or organization. Various confidentiality rules are applied to all data that are released or published to prevent the publication or disclosure of any information deemed confidential. If necessary, data are suppressed to prevent direct or residual disclosure of identifiable data.

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 44111	New Car Dealers New Car Dealers
020 44112 44121 44122 44131 44132	Used and Recreational Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers Used Car Dealers Recreational Vehicle Dealers Motorcycle, Boat, and Other Motor Vehicle Dealers Automotive Parts and Accessories Stores Tire Dealers
130 44711 44719	Gasoline Stations Gasoline Stations with Convenience Stores Other Gasoline Stations
В	Furniture, Home Furnishings and Electronics Stores
030 44211	Furniture Stores Furniture Stores
040 44221 44229	Home Furnishings Stores Floor Covering Stores Other Home Furnishings Stores
050 44312	Computer and Software Stores Computer and Software Stores
060 44311 44313	Home Electronics and Appliance Stores Appliance, Television and Other Electronics Stores Camera and Photographic Supplies Stores
С	Building and Outdoor Home Supplies Stores
070 44411 44413	Home Centres and Hardware Stores Home Centres Hardware Stores
080 44412 44419 44421 44422	Specialized Building Materials and Garden Stores Paint and Wallpaper Stores Other Building Material Dealers Outdoor Power Equipment Stores Nursery Stores and Garden Centres

D	Food and Beverage Stores
090 44511	Supermarkets Supermarkets and Other Grocery (except Convenience) Stores
100 44512 44521 44522 44523 44529	Convenience and Specialty Food Stores Convenience Stores Meat Markets Fish and Seafood Markets Fruit and Vegetable Markets Other Specialty Food Stores
110 44531	Beer, Wine and Liquor Stores Beer, Wine and Liquor Stores
E	Pharmacies and Personal Care Stores
120 44611 44612 44613 44619	Pharmacies and Personal Care Stores Pharmacies and Drug Stores Cosmetics, Beauty Supplies and Perfume Stores Optical Goods Stores Other Health and Personal Care Stores
F	Clothing and Accessories Stores
140 44811 44812 44813 44814 44819	Clothing Stores Men's Clothing Stores Women's Clothing Stores Children's and Infant's Clothing Stores Family Clothing Stores Other Clothing Stores
150 44815 44821 44831 44832	Shoe, Clothing Accessories and Jewellery Stores Clothing Accessories Stores Shoe Stores Jewellery Stores Luggage and Leather Goods Stores
G	General Merchandise Stores
170 45211	Department Stores Department Stores
180 45291 45299	Other General Merchandise Stores Warehouse Clubs and Superstores All Other General Merchandise Stores
Н	Miscellaneous Retailers
160 45111 45112 45113	Sporting Goods, Hobby, Music and Book Stores Sporting Goods Stores Hobby, Toy and Game Stores Sewing Needlework and Piece Goods Stores

45114 45121	Musical Instrument and Supplies Stores
45121	Book Stores and News Dealers
45122	Pre-Recorded Tape, Compact Disc and Record Stores
190	Miscellaneous Store Retailers
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	Non-Store Retailers (not in scope on the Monthly Retail Trade Survey) Electronic Shopping and Mail-Order Houses Electronic Shopping and Mail-Order Houses
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