



# CANADA'S CHANGING RETAIL MARKET



## Key facts from Industry Canada's **Consumer Trends Update**





#### IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE ECONOMY

\$457.4 billion in sales and 12% of Canada's workforce in 2011.



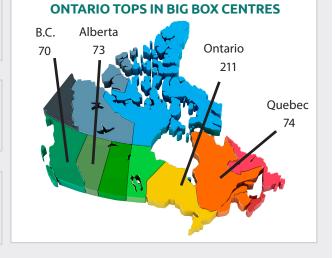
#### CANADA-U.S. SALES NECK-AND-NECK

In 2011, per capita retail sales in Canada were about \$13,000, matching U.S. levels for the first time.



## LESS SPACE, MORE SALES

Canadian malls average about \$600 in sales per square foot annually compared to about \$400 in the U.S.





### **MORE FOREIGN-OWNED RETAILERS**

Half of the top retail companies in Canada were foreign owned and totalled about 40% of retail sales\* in 2011.



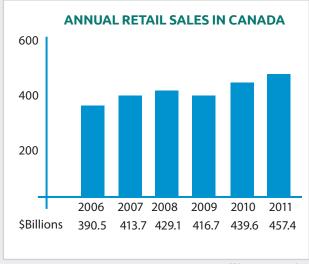
### **CONCENTRATION AT THE TOP**

The top 30 retail companies ring up about two-thirds of all retail sales\* in Canada, about \$196 billion.



#### THE BIG THREE

Weston Group (Loblaw), Wal-Mart, and Empire Co. (Sobey's) rung up 23.9% of retail sales\* in 2011.



\*Non-automotive

Read the Consumer Trends Update on Canada's Changing Retail Market at: www.ic.gc.ca/consumertrends

