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Quarterly Retail Commodity Survey

Second quarter 2001

Shoppers spent \$76.2 billion at retail stores from April through June, up 6.4% from the second quarter of 2000.

Two groups—motor vehicles, parts and services and food and beverages—accounted for 53% of consumer spending in retail stores in the second quarter.

The Quarterly Retail Commodity Survey analyses quarterly retail sales at the national level on the basis of commodities, using data from the monthly Retail Trade Survey. Data have not been adjusted for seasonality.

Motor vehicles, parts and services accounted for 32% of total spending, or \$24.1 billion. This 6.1% advance over the second quarter of 2000 followed two consecutive quarters of marginal year-over-year sales rises. The largest sales gains were for used vehicles (+9.2%) and automotive parts and accessories (+8.1%). After two consecutive quarters of year-over-year declines, sales of new cars increased 6.7%. However, sales of new trucks, vans and sport utility vehicles advanced only 3.4%.

Sales by commodity, all retail stores

Commodity	Second quarter 2000 ^r	First quarter 2001 ^r	Second quarter 2001 ^p	Second quarter 2000 to second quarter 2001
	Unadjusted			
	\$ millions			% change
Food and beverages	15,420	14,411	15,999	3.8
Health and personal care products	4,668	4,854	5,123	9.8
Clothing, footwear and accessories	6,138	4,945	6,512	6.1
Home furnishings and electronics	4,830	4,730	5,067	4.9
Motor vehicles, parts and services	22,696	17,869	24,090	6.1
Automotive fuels, oils and additives	5,375	5,267	5,996	11.5
All other goods and services	12,505	9,714	13,415	7.3
Total	71,632	61,790	76,203	6.4

^r Revised data.

^p Preliminary data.

Sales were up in all major commodity groupings. The largest gains were in the automotive fuels, oils and additives group, followed by health and personal care products. Food and beverages posted the smallest increase.

Consumers spent almost \$6.0 billion on automotive fuels, oils and additives during the second quarter, up 11.5% from the same quarter of 2000. This group accounted for almost 8% of total spending in retail stores, up from 7.5% in the second quarter of 2000. Year-over-year sales in this group have risen in every quarter since the second quarter of 1999 because of higher pump prices for gasoline.

Spending on health and personal care products rose 9.8% in the second quarter to \$5.1 billion; sales were up in all sub-categories. For the third consecutive quarter, prescription and non-prescription eyewear (+12.7%) and prescription drugs (+11.8%) posted the largest year-over-year sales gains.

Shoppers spent just over \$6.5 billion on clothing, footwear and accessories in the second quarter, up 6.1%. Within this category, jewellery and watch sales were up 10.9%, followed by clothing (+6.0%), footwear (+5.3%) and luggage and leather goods (+0.4%). The largest increase in the clothing category was for children's and infants' clothing (+8.1%).

Consumers spent roughly one-half of their budget for children's and infants' clothing at general merchandise stores and a further 43% at specialty clothing stores. However, consumers are displaying a growing preference for buying these items at specialty stores, which have gained just over five percentage points of market share since the second quarter of 2000.

Shoppers spent \$5.1 billion on home furnishings and electronics in the second quarter, up 4.9%. Sales of telephones and home office electronics (excluding computers) jumped 27.3%.

With sales of \$16.0 billion, food and beverages posted the smallest year-over-year quarterly increase (+3.8%). Within the all other goods and services category, sales of sporting goods advanced 11.2%. All sporting goods categories were up, except for ski equipment. Consumers spent significantly more on exercise and fitness equipment (+29.7%), bicycles (+16.8%) and golf equipment (+13.4%).

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Data by an expanded list of trade groups are now available. For more information, contact the Client Services Unit (1-877-421-3067; 613-951-3549; retailinfo@statcan.ca). For analytical information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Leslie Kiss (613-951-3556), Distributive Trades Division. ■

New Housing Price Index

August 2001

The New Housing Price Index rose 0.2% in August from July. Compared with August 2000, this index of contractors' selling prices increased 2.9%.

Monthly rises occurred in 11 of the 21 urban centres surveyed. In the Halifax census metropolitan area, higher prices for building materials and labour pushed the index up 0.7% compared with July. Notable advances were also seen in St. Catharines–Niagara (+0.5%), Montréal (+0.3%) and Edmonton (+0.3%).

New housing price indexes

(1992=100)

	Aug. 2001	Aug. 2000 to Aug. 2001	July to Aug. 2001
	% change		
Canada total	106.5	2.9	0.2
House only	109.4	3.8	0.2
Land only	103.8	0.9	0.1
St. John's	101.7	2.1	-
Halifax	118.7	2.8	0.7
Charlottetown	106.9	0.1	-0.2
Saint John–Moncton–Fredericton	94.1	0.6	-
Québec	105.7	3.0	-0.1
Montréal	114.4	4.8	0.3
Ottawa–Hull	120.7	11.0	0.2
Toronto	109.6	2.6	0.2
Hamilton	108.3	2.4	-0.1
St. Catharines–Niagara	109.8	2.9	0.5
Kitchener–Waterloo	110.0	2.9	0.2
London	104.2	2.5	0.1
Windsor	106.4	-0.1	-
Sudbury–Thunder Bay	97.2	-0.8	0.1
Winnipeg	119.3	1.3	-
Regina	135.8	3.0	-
Saskatoon	120.0	3.3	-
Calgary	136.0	2.7	0.1
Edmonton	114.5	1.5	0.3
Vancouver	84.2	1.2	0.1
Victoria	72.6	1.0	-

- Nil or zero.

Charlottetown, Québec, and Hamilton posted decreases and seven urban centres registered no change in August from July.

The largest year-over-year rise was in Ottawa–Hull (+11.0%), as in July, followed by Montréal (+4.8%) and Saskatoon (+3.3%). Sudbury–Thunder Bay and Windsor posted year-over-year declines.

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The third quarter 2001 issue of *Construction price statistics* (62-007-XPB, \$24/\$79) will be available in December. See *How to order products*.

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Industrial chemicals and synthetic resins

August 2001

Chemical firms produced 274 349 metric tonnes of polyethylene synthetic resins in August, a 34.5% increase from 203 946 tonnes in August 2000.

Year-to-date production to the end of August totalled 2 016 127 tonnes (revised numbers), up 13.9% from 1 769 712 tonnes in the same period of 2000.

Data are also available on production of 3 other types of synthetic resins and 24 industrial chemicals.

Available on CANSIM: table 3030014.

The August 2001 issue of *Industrial chemicals and synthetic resins* (46-002-XIB, \$5/47) is now available. See *How to order products*.

For general information or to order data, contact the dissemination officer (1-866-873-8789; 613-951-9497; manufact@statcan.ca). To enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Josée Perreault (613-951-9836; josee.perreault@statcan.ca), Manufacturing, Construction and Energy Division. ■

Production and disposition of tobacco products

August 2001

Production of cigarettes by tobacco product manufacturers rose in August, but sales were down and inventories expanded.

Cigarette production increased to 3.5 billion in August from 3.1 billion in July—a 15% gain from July and the same production level seen in August 2000. Year-to-date production to the end of August was 29.4 billion cigarettes, down 2% compared with the same period in 2000.

August sales dropped 20% from July to 3.7 billion cigarettes—this was also 13% below sales in August 2000. Year-to-date sales were 29.6 billion cigarettes, down 2% from the same period of 2000.

The increase in production, together with declining shipments, caused inventories to grow to 4.0 billion. August inventories were 9% larger than July's and 15% greater than those in August 2000.

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The August 2001 issue of *Production and disposition of tobacco products*, Vol. 30, no. 8 (32-022-XIB, \$5/\$47) is now available. See *How to order products*.

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Civil aviation operating statistics

August 2001

Air Canada reported a 1% increase (based on seasonally adjusted data) in its total passenger-kilometres in August.

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The August operational data on civil aviation for Air Canada will appear in the November 2001 issue of the *Aviation service bulletin* (51-004-XIB, \$8/\$82). A print-on-demand service is also available. See *How to order products*.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Robert Lund (613-951-0125) or Lisa Di Piétro (613-951-0146), Transportation Division. ■

NEW PRODUCTS

Cereals and oilseeds review, Vol. 24, no. 7, July 2001
Catalogue number **22-007-XIB** (\$11/\$112).

Cereals and oilseeds review, Vol. 24, no. 7, July 2001
Catalogue number **22-007-XPB** (\$15/\$149).

Metal mines, 1999
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(free).

Production and disposition of tobacco products,
Vol. 30, no. 8, August 2001
Catalogue number **32-022-XIB** (\$5/\$47).

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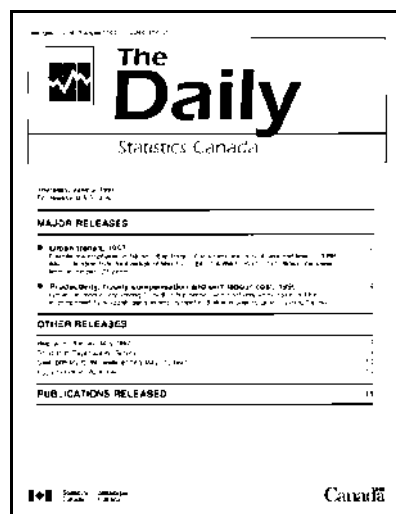
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