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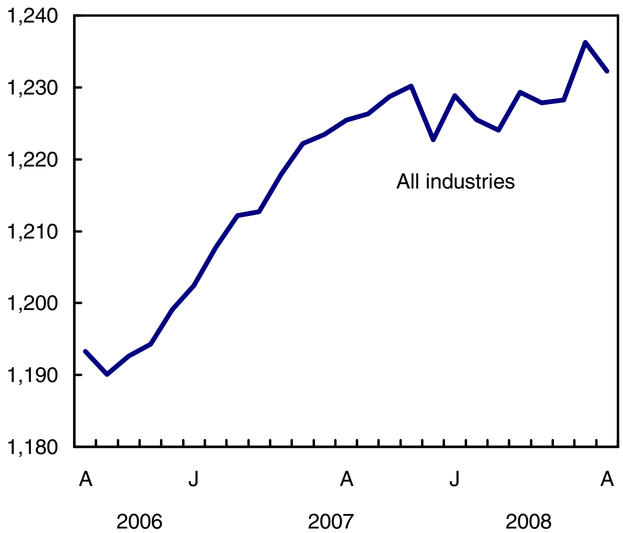
Gross domestic product by industry

August 2008

Real gross domestic product continued the seesaw pattern observed since December 2007 with a 0.3% decline in August, partly reversing the 0.7% increase in July. Wholesale trade, manufacturing, and the energy sector, which were the main contributors to the July increase, all retreated in August. Some transportation industries, such as rail and truck transportation, were affected by the downturn in these sectors. Conversely, accommodation and food services advanced as did the public sector. Finance and insurance, and retail trade were unchanged.

Economic activity declines

gross domestic product in billions of chained (2002) dollars



Output of the energy sector decreases

Output of the energy sector decreased 0.5% in August after increasing 2.7% in July, which accounted for a large part of the July growth in total economic activity. Petroleum and natural gas extraction both declined and the pipeline transportation of natural gas dropped significantly.

Services to oil and gas extraction facilities were up significantly for a third consecutive month, returning to their early 2006 levels, as both contract drilling and rigging activities increased in August.

Output of refineries declined 4.5%, partly as a result of production disruptions at two major plants.

Note to readers

The monthly gross domestic product (GDP) by industry data are chained volume estimates with 2002 as their reference year. This means that the estimates for each industry and aggregate are obtained from a chained volume index multiplied by the industry's value added in 2002. For the 1997 to 2005 period, the monthly estimates are benchmarked to annually chained Fisher volume indexes of GDP obtained from the constant-price input-output tables.

For the period starting with January 2006, the estimates are derived by chaining a fixed-weight Laspeyres volume index to the prior period. The fixed weights are the industry output and input prices of 2005. This makes the monthly GDP by industry estimates more comparable with the expenditure-based GDP data, chained quarterly.

Revisions

With this release of monthly GDP by industry, revisions have been made back to January 2008. For more information about monthly GDP by industry, see the National economic accounts *module on our website (*www.statcan.gc.ca/nea*).*

Wholesale trade drops

Wholesaling dropped 3.1% in August, more than offsetting its July gain. A significant decrease in the wholesaling of automotive products accounted for about three-quarters of the drop. Imports of automotive products, which rose significantly in July, returned to levels of recent months, while exports and retailing activities declined. The wholesaling of building materials and of personal and household goods also decreased.

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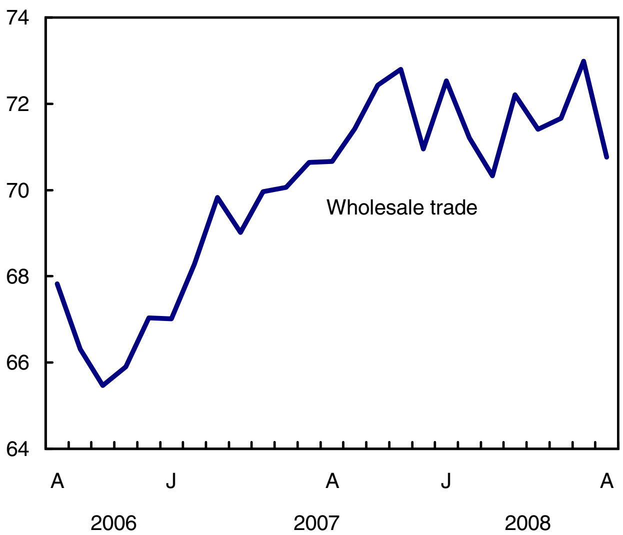


Manufacturing activity falls

The manufacturing sector fell 1.1% in August, erasing its July gain. The decrease was broadly based, with 18 of the 21 major groups declining.

Significant decreases were registered in the production of wood products, plastics and rubber products, machinery, fabricated metal products and transportation equipment. The largest increase was recorded by primary metal manufacturers, which had shown strength over the previous six months.

Construction retreats

Construction retreated 0.3% in August. Residential and non-residential building construction as well as engineering and repair work declined. The continuing decrease in single-family house construction more than offset increases in multi-unit structures. Construction of non-residential buildings fell, with weakness in all types of structures in recent months.

Activity of real estate agents and brokers dropped 2.9% in August, as the home resale market continued to soften after peaking in the summer of 2007.

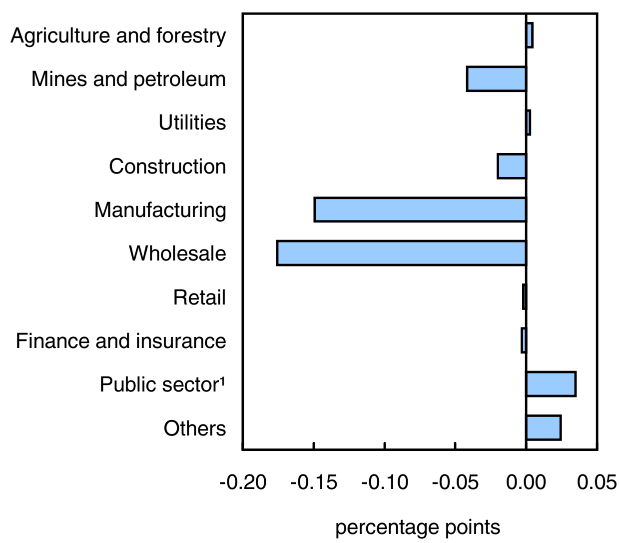
Retail trade stable

Value added in retail trade was stable for a second month in a row. A substantial decline at gasoline stations and new car dealers was largely offset by the increases recorded by used car dealers, alcoholic beverage vendors, home centres and hardware stores, and general merchandise stores (which include department stores).

Finance and insurance sector unchanged

The finance and insurance sector was unchanged in August. The modest rise in banking and lending services was neutralized by the lower volume of activity of stock brokerages.

Main industrial sectors' contribution to total growth



1. Education, health and public administration.

Other industries

The 0.8% increase in the accommodation and food services sector was partly due to the influx of tourists to the city of Quebec for its 400th anniversary celebrations, as hotels operators reported significantly higher occupancy rates.

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Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 1301.

The August 2008 issue of *Gross Domestic Product by Industry*, Vol. 22, no. 8 (15-001-XWE, free), is now available from the *Publications* module of our website.

Data on gross domestic product by industry for September will be released on December 1.

For more information, or to order data, contact our dissemination agent (613-951-4623; toll-free 1-800-887-4623; *IAD-Info-DCI@statcan.gc.ca*).

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Monthly gross domestic product by industry at basic prices in chained (2002) dollars

	March 2008[r]	April 2008[r]	May 2008[r]	June 2008[r]	July 2008[r]	August 2008[p]	August 2008	August 2007 to August 2008
	Seasonally adjusted							
	month-to-month % change						$ millions[1]	% change
All industries	**-0.1**	**0.4**	**-0.1**	**0.0**	**0.7**	**-0.3**	**1,232,258**	**0.6**
Goods-producing industries	**-0.7**	**0.3**	**-0.3**	**-0.1**	**1.5**	**-0.6**	**367,170**	**-2.3**
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	1.1	0.2	-1.0	-0.3	-0.2	0.3	26,000	-1.7
Mining and oil and gas extraction	0.2	-0.5	-1.3	-0.1	3.6	-0.5	56,377	-3.2
Utilities	-0.6	-0.2	-1.3	-0.2	0.5	0.1	31,124	0.4
Construction	-0.6	-0.4	0.6	0.4	0.0	-0.3	74,158	1.2
Manufacturing	-1.6	1.2	0.1	-0.3	1.2	-1.1	178,121	-4.0
Services-producing industries	**0.1**	**0.5**	**-0.0**	**0.1**	**0.3**	**-0.2**	**867,393**	**1.9**
Wholesale trade	-1.2	2.7	-1.1	0.3	1.9	-3.1	70,758	0.1
Retail trade	-0.1	0.8	0.1	0.1	0.0	-0.0	75,075	2.8
Transportation and warehousing	0.4	0.4	-0.1	0.3	0.5	-0.6	57,222	0.5
Information and cultural industries	0.4	0.2	0.0	-0.2	0.1	0.1	45,038	1.2
Finance, insurance and real estate	0.5	0.2	-0.1	0.1	0.3	0.1	247,688	2.3
Professional, scientific and technical services	-0.0	0.2	-0.1	0.1	0.0	0.3	58,632	1.0
Administrative and waste management services	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	-0.3	-0.1	-0.2	31,090	0.0
Education services	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.3	60,998	3.2
Health care and social assistance	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	79,477	2.8
Arts, entertainment and recreation	-0.9	0.2	1.3	-0.5	-0.4	-0.7	11,591	-1.3
Accommodation and food services	-0.3	0.7	0.1	-0.7	-0.7	0.8	27,720	1.7
Other services (except public administration)	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	32,604	3.0
Public administration	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	69,671	3.0
Other aggregations								
Industrial production	-0.8	0.5	-0.5	-0.2	1.9	-0.8	267,307	-3.3
Non-durable manufacturing industries	-0.4	0.6	0.4	-0.2	0.8	-1.4	70,333	-3.5
Durable manufacturing industries	-2.4	1.7	-0.1	-0.4	1.4	-1.0	108,064	-4.3
Business sector industries	-0.2	0.5	-0.2	-0.0	0.7	-0.4	1,032,010	0.1
Non-business sector industries	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	200,256	3.0
Information and communication technologies industries	0.1	0.6	0.3	-0.5	0.4	0.1	58,910	2.3
Energy sector	-0.2	-0.3	-1.4	-0.2	2.7	-0.5	83,960	-2.7

r *revised*
p *preliminary*
1. *Millions of chained (2002) dollars, seasonally adjusted at annual rates.*

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Food services and drinking places

August 2008 (preliminary)

Current dollar total sales in August for the food services and drinking places industry increased 0.8% from July to nearly $4.0 billion, regaining the sales lost in the previous two months.

The cost of food purchased in restaurants increased by 0.5% between July and August, according to the Consumer Price Index.

The largest contributor to the overall increase in August was the 1.9% sales increase at full-service restaurants, where patrons order and pay for meals at their table.

In addition, sales rose 3.0% in drinking places, and 0.2% in the special food services sector comprising food service contractors, caterers and mobile food services.

These gains were partly offset by a 0.6% decrease in limited-service restaurants, where patrons order and pay for their meals at the counter, the second largest industry.

Only two provinces, Prince Edward Island and British Columbia, posted declines in sales in August.

Note: Data prior to September 2007 from the new Monthly Survey of Food Services and Drinking Places were estimated back (backcasted) to January 1998 using the old Monthly Survey of Restaurants, Caterers and Taverns. While every measure was taken to account for changes in survey concepts and design, some caution should be taken when comparing current estimates with those made prior to September 2007. Likewise, caution should also be exercised when using the seasonally adjusted estimates, as the seasonal adjustment factors are calculated using data from both the new survey as well as the backcasted data. All data in this release are seasonally adjusted and expressed in current dollars unless otherwise specified.

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Food services and drinking places

	August 2007	June 2008[r]	July 2008[r]	August 2008[p]	July to August 2008	August 2007 to August 2008
	Seasonally adjusted					
	$ thousands				% change	
Total, food services sales	**3,771,147**	**3,957,357**	**3,955,632**	**3,986,444**	**0.8**	**5.7**
Full-service restaurants	1,701,350	1,800,430	1,769,758	1,803,765	1.9	6.0
Limited-service eating places	1,550,898	1,626,657	1,642,309	1,632,551	-0.6	5.3
Special food services	315,886	323,912	340,287	340,801	0.2	7.9
Drinking places	203,013	206,358	203,278	209,327	3.0	3.1
Provinces and territories						
Newfoundland and Labrador	44,196	44,429	44,025	45,219	2.7	2.3
Prince Edward Island	12,806	13,770	13,482	13,074	-3.0	2.1
Nova Scotia	93,239	96,130	95,513	95,719	0.2	2.7
New Brunswick	67,355	71,535	72,096	72,347	0.3	7.4
Quebec	764,286	786,704	795,680	809,397	1.7	5.9
Ontario	1,416,063	1,506,629	1,508,056	1,516,701	0.6	7.1
Manitoba	105,000	113,559	112,696	113,954	1.1	8.5
Saskatchewan	96,033	104,066	104,101	104,114	0.0	8.4
Alberta	530,677	562,200	560,460	568,424	1.4	7.1
British Columbia	631,166	647,597	638,918	637,165	-0.3	1.0
Yukon	3,685	3,413	3,308	F	F	F
Northwest Territories	6,212	6,698	6,609	F	F	F
Nunavut	429	627	688	F	F	F

r *revised*
p *preliminary*
F *too unreliable to be published*
Note: *Figures may not add up to totals due to rounding.*

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Computer and peripherals price indexes

September 2008

The index for commercial computers increased 0.31% in September to 35.66 (2002=100). The index for consumer computers declined 1.18% to 20.93.

In the case of computer peripherals, monitor prices decreased 0.67% to 51.98 and printer prices decreased 0.56% to 45.99.

These indexes are available at the Canada level only.

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Commercial Software Price Index

September 2008

The Commercial Software Price Index declined 1.09% from August to 68.04 (2002=100) in September.

Note: The Commercial Software Price Index is a monthly series measuring the change in the purchase price of pre-packaged software typically bought by businesses and governments.

This index is available at the Canada level only.

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