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### Perspectives on Labour and Income

Autumn 2009 print edition

The Autumn 2009 print edition of *Perspectives on Labour and Income*, published today, contains five articles, all of which have appeared previously in the online edition.

"International differences in low-paid work" looks at Canada's higher proportion of workers with low pay in comparison with most other Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development countries.

"GIS update" tracks a reduction in the number of seniors who are missing out on the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS).

"Pathways into the GIS" investigates the probability of receiving GIS benefits in relation to characteristics at younger ages such as income, receipt of Employment Insurance benefits or disability claims, and the presence of an employer pension plan or registered retirement savings plans.

"Family work patterns" looks at the work patterns of families over a five-year period, and documents differences in these patterns between families with and without children.

"Barriers to training access" explores the receipt of employer-supported training among workers at the low end of the earnings scale, workers with less education, non-unionized workers and women.

This edition also features updates on gambling and unionization, as well as the regular "What's new?" section, which highlights recent studies and reports from Statistics Canada and other organizations.

The Autumn 2009 print edition of *Perspectives on Labour and Income*, Vol. 21, no. 3 (75-001-X, \$20/\$63), is now available. See *How to order products*.

For more information, contact Ted Wannell (613-951-3546; [ted.wannell@statcan.gc.ca](mailto:ted.wannell@statcan.gc.ca)), Labour and Household Surveys Analysis Division.

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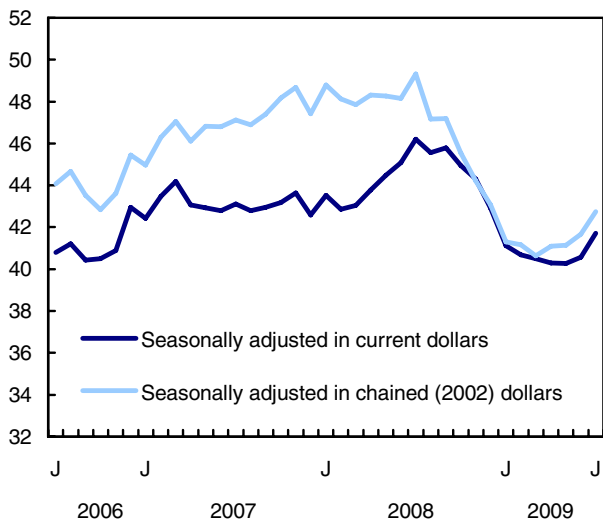
### Wholesale trade

July 2009

Wholesale sales increased for the second consecutive month in July, mainly as a result of higher sales in the automotive products sector. Sales in current dollars rose 2.8% to \$41.7 billion.

#### Wholesale sales increase for the second time in 10 months

\$ billions



In volume terms, wholesale sales were up 2.6% in July, their fourth consecutive monthly increase.

In July, five of the seven wholesale trade sectors had stronger sales, while the food, beverage and tobacco products and farm products sectors posted the only declines.

The largest increase was in the automotive products sector, which benefited from higher Canadian exports and imports of automotive products. Sales in the automotive products sector were up 14.2% to \$6.8 billion in July, a sixth straight monthly advance. Despite this gain, sales in the automotive products sector remained 13.5% below their July 2008 level.

The building materials sector (+3.4%) also contributed to July's growth, as sales improved in all three of its components.

The other substantial increase was in the "other products" sector (+3.1%), which posted its first gain in six months. The sector consists primarily of agricultural

#### Note to readers

Wholesale sales in volume terms are calculated by deflating current dollar values using import and industry product price indexes. Since many of the goods sold by wholesalers are imported, fluctuations in the value of the Canadian dollar can have an important influence on the prices of goods bought and sold by wholesalers.

The wholesale sales series in chained (2002) dollars is a chained Fisher volume index with 2002 as the reference year.

fertilizers and supplies, chemicals, recycled materials and paper products.

#### Increases in most provinces

Wholesale sales were up in eight provinces in July.

Fuelled by higher sales in the automotive products sector, sales in Ontario increased 4.3% to \$20.9 billion in July. In Quebec (+2.9%), sales improved for the second time in three months, largely as a result of stronger sales in the building materials and machinery and electronic equipment sectors.

All of the Atlantic provinces except New Brunswick saw sales growth in July. Newfoundland and Labrador (+4.3%) benefited from increased sales in the machinery and electronic equipment sector to post its fifth gain since the beginning of the year.

In Western Canada, Saskatchewan (-4.6%) was the only province with lower wholesale sales in July. Sales in the province have fallen for six consecutive months.

#### Fifth straight decline in inventories

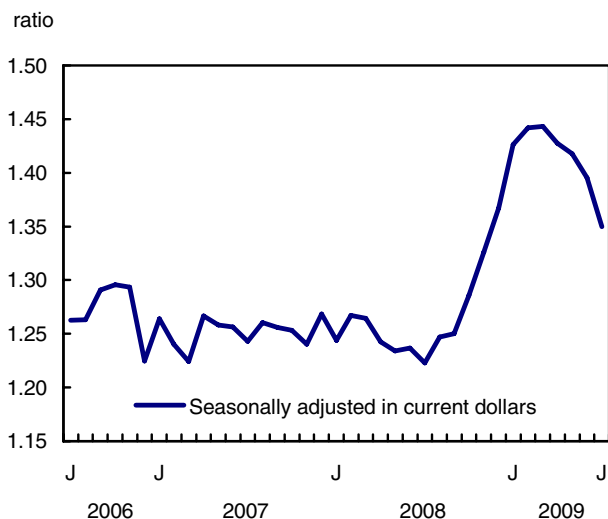
Wholesale inventories fell 0.5% to \$56.3 billion in July, a fifth consecutive monthly decline.

Overall, 11 of the 15 wholesale trade groups reported lower inventory levels. The largest declines in dollar terms were in inventories of building supplies (-2.3%), metal products (-4.0%), office and professional equipment (-3.2%) and "other products" (-1.0%). These declines were partly offset by higher inventories in the pharmaceutical products (+3.2%) and the household and personal products (+1.6%) trade groups.

The decline in inventories, combined with the increase in sales, translated into a drop in the inventory-to-sales ratio from 1.40 in June to 1.35 in July.

The inventory-to-sales ratio is a measure of the time in months required to exhaust inventories if sales were to remain at their current level.

The inventory-to-sales ratio decreases in July



Available on CANSIM: tables 081-0007 to 081-0010.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2401.

The July 2009 issue of *Wholesale Trade* (63-008-X, free) will be available soon.

Wholesale trade data for August will be released on October 20.

To obtain data, or for more information, contact Client Services (613-951-3549; toll-free at 1-877-421-3067; [wholesaleinfo@statcan.gc.ca](mailto:wholesaleinfo@statcan.gc.ca)). To enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Karim El hassani (613-951-0608; [karim.elhassani@statcan.gc.ca](mailto:karim.elhassani@statcan.gc.ca)), Distributive Trades Division.

Wholesale merchants' inventories and inventory-to-sales ratio

	July 2008	April 2009 <sup>r</sup>	May 2009 <sup>r</sup>	June 2009 <sup>r</sup>	July 2009 <sup>p</sup>	June to July 2009	July 2008 to July 2009	June 2009 <sup>r</sup>	July 2009 <sup>p</sup>
	Wholesale inventories					Inventory-to-sales ratio			
	Seasonally adjusted								
	\$ millions					% change			
<b>Inventories</b>	<b>56,496</b>	<b>57,518</b>	<b>57,092</b>	<b>56,607</b>	<b>56,318</b>	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>1.40</b>	<b>1.35</b>
Farm products	183	176	170	170	159	-6.3	-12.9	0.37	0.35
Food products	4,495	4,634	4,658	4,629	4,638	0.2	3.2	0.63	0.63
Alcohol and tobacco	386	417	421	427	422	-1.2	9.2	0.51	0.52
Apparel	1,846	2,037	2,021	1,998	1,987	-0.6	7.6	2.44	2.36
Household and personal products	4,214	3,901	3,879	3,820	3,880	1.6	-7.9	1.46	1.50
Pharmaceuticals	3,915	4,134	4,089	4,111	4,244	3.2	8.4	1.20	1.22
Motor vehicles	4,484	3,964	3,964	3,751	3,788	1.0	-15.5	0.85	0.73
Motor vehicle parts and accessories	3,300	3,406	3,441	3,465	3,464	0.0	5.0	2.23	2.18
Building supplies	6,068	6,230	6,199	6,266	6,123	-2.3	0.9	1.76	1.65
Metal products	3,005	3,052	2,958	2,843	2,731	-4.0	-9.1	2.73	2.53
Lumber and millwork	1,125	958	944	941	918	-2.4	-18.4	1.31	1.28
Machinery and equipment	11,587	12,532	12,488	12,512	12,483	-0.2	7.7	2.96	2.94
Computer and other electronic equipment	1,771	1,595	1,564	1,579	1,554	-1.6	-12.3	0.61	0.59
Office and professional equipment	2,819	2,902	2,880	2,802	2,712	-3.2	-3.8	1.36	1.32
Other products	7,298	7,581	7,416	7,291	7,216	-1.0	-1.1	1.50	1.44

<sup>r</sup> revised

<sup>p</sup> preliminary

**Note:** Figures may not add up to totals due to rounding.

**Wholesale merchants' sales**

	July 2008	April 2009 <sup>r</sup>	May 2009 <sup>r</sup>	June 2009 <sup>r</sup>	July 2009 <sup>p</sup>	June to July 2009	July 2008 to July 2009
Seasonally adjusted							
	\$ millions					% change	
<b>Total, wholesale sales</b>	<b>46,203</b>	<b>40,287</b>	<b>40,266</b>	<b>40,570</b>	<b>41,722</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>-9.7</b>
<b>Farm products</b>	<b>471</b>	<b>478</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>458</b>	<b>457</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>-2.8</b>
<b>Food, beverages and tobacco products</b>	<b>7,687</b>	<b>8,212</b>	<b>8,066</b>	<b>8,207</b>	<b>8,128</b>	<b>-1.0</b>	<b>5.7</b>
Food products	6,879	7,397	7,248	7,366	7,312	-0.7	6.3
Alcohol and tobacco	808	815	818	841	816	-2.9	1.0
<b>Personal and household goods</b>	<b>6,863</b>	<b>6,736</b>	<b>6,820</b>	<b>6,875</b>	<b>6,910</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.7</b>
Apparel	824	785	804	820	842	2.7	2.2
Household and personal products	2,810	2,596	2,595	2,622	2,584	-1.4	-8.0
Pharmaceuticals	3,229	3,355	3,421	3,434	3,484	1.5	7.9
<b>Automotive products</b>	<b>7,873</b>	<b>5,626</b>	<b>5,685</b>	<b>5,959</b>	<b>6,808</b>	<b>14.2</b>	<b>-13.5</b>
Motor vehicles	6,239	4,131	4,185	4,405	5,218	18.5	-16.4
Motor vehicle parts and accessories	1,635	1,495	1,500	1,554	1,590	2.3	-2.7
<b>Building materials</b>	<b>6,759</b>	<b>5,311</b>	<b>5,343</b>	<b>5,319</b>	<b>5,499</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>-18.6</b>
Building supplies	3,967	3,454	3,562	3,561	3,703	4.0	-6.7
Metal products	1,871	1,150	1,078	1,041	1,077	3.4	-42.4
Lumber and millwork	921	707	703	717	718	0.2	-22.0
<b>Machinery and electronic equipment</b>	<b>9,963</b>	<b>8,897</b>	<b>8,936</b>	<b>8,898</b>	<b>8,913</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>-10.5</b>
Machinery and equipment	5,151	4,365	4,312	4,227	4,244	0.4	-17.6
Computer and other electronic equipment	2,754	2,496	2,546	2,604	2,616	0.4	-5.0
Office and professional equipment	2,058	2,036	2,077	2,066	2,054	-0.6	-0.2
<b>Other products</b>	<b>6,587</b>	<b>5,027</b>	<b>4,952</b>	<b>4,853</b>	<b>5,006</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>-24.0</b>
<b>Total, excluding automobiles</b>	<b>38,330</b>	<b>34,661</b>	<b>34,581</b>	<b>34,611</b>	<b>34,914</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>-8.9</b>
<b>Sales, province and territory</b>							
Newfoundland and Labrador	265	288	291	278	289	4.3	9.0
Prince Edward Island	39	37	36	36	37	2.8	-3.6
Nova Scotia	597	565	562	577	582	0.9	-2.6
New Brunswick	457	447	433	450	448	-0.5	-1.9
Quebec	8,441	7,932	7,953	7,777	8,002	2.9	-5.2
Ontario	22,967	19,576	19,719	20,072	20,926	4.3	-8.9
Manitoba	1,193	1,082	1,055	1,077	1,127	4.6	-5.5
Saskatchewan	1,906	1,329	1,320	1,298	1,238	-4.6	-35.0
Alberta	5,826	4,994	4,811	4,800	4,805	0.1	-17.5
British Columbia	4,429	3,975	4,024	4,143	4,204	1.5	-5.1
Yukon	11	12	11	12	10	-10.8	-6.6
Northwest Territories	59	46	43	46	46	-0.8	-22.7
Nunavut	11	5	7	4	5	16.8	-56.2

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### **Stocks of frozen poultry meat**

September 1, 2009 (preliminary)

Stocks of frozen poultry meat in cold storage on September 1 totalled 88 045 metric tonnes, up 3.9% from the same date a year earlier.

**Available on CANSIM: tables 003-0023 and 003-0024.**

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### **Crude oil and natural gas production**

July 2009 (preliminary)

Provincial crude oil and marketable natural gas production data are now available for July.

**Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2198.**

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### **Refined petroleum products**

July 2009 (preliminary)

Data on the production, inventories and domestic sales of refined petroleum products are now available for July. Other selected data about these products are also available.

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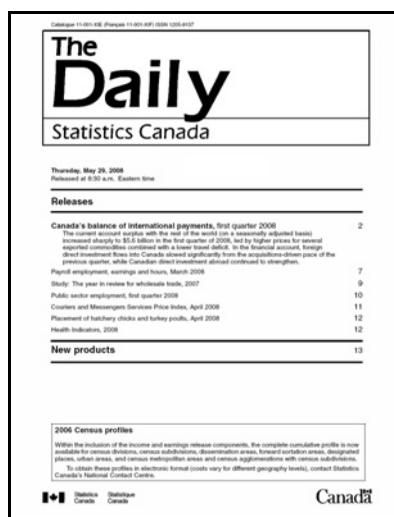
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