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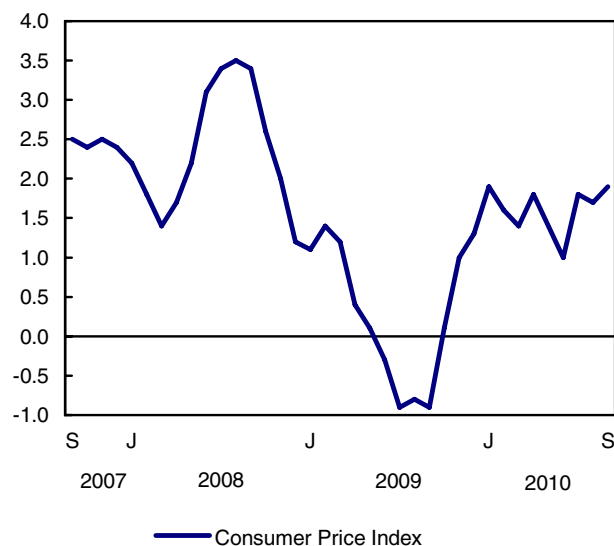
### Consumer Price Index

September 2010

Consumer prices rose 1.9% in the 12 months to September, following a 1.7% increase in August.

#### The 12-month change in the Consumer Price Index

12-month % change



Energy prices advanced 5.6% during the 12 months to September, following a 5.0% increase in August. Prices for electricity rose 7.7% in September compared with the same month a year earlier.

Excluding energy, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) was up 1.5% in September.

Prices for the purchase of passenger vehicles rose 5.0% in the 12 months to September, following a 2.2% increase in August. Vehicle manufacturers continued to offer incentives to consumers, but to a lesser extent than they did at the same period a year earlier.

Higher prices were also recorded in September for homeowners' replacement costs (+5.6%).

#### Seasonally adjusted monthly CPI increases

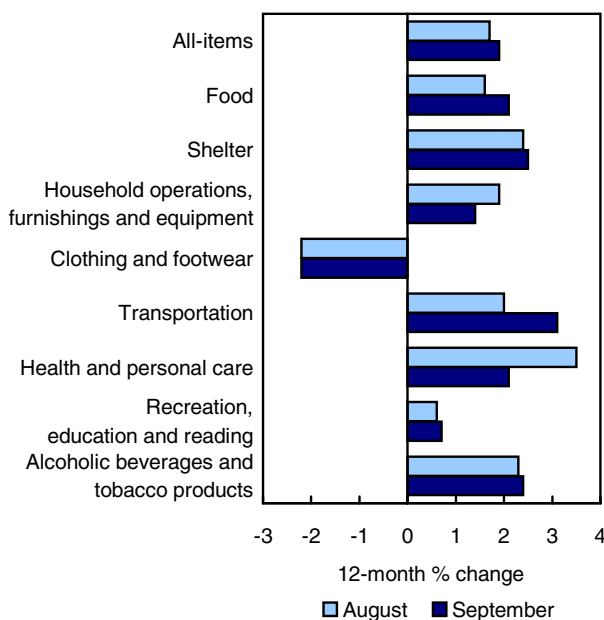
On a seasonally adjusted monthly basis, consumer prices rose 0.3% in September following a 0.1% increase in August. The food index increased 0.2%, while the recreation, education and reading index

rose 0.1%. The health and personal care component fell 0.3%.

#### 12-month change: Seven of the eight major components rise

Prices increased in seven of the eight major components of the CPI in the 12 months to September; the only exception was clothing and footwear.

#### Prices up in seven of eight major components



Shelter costs rose 2.5% in September compared with the same month last year. As well as paying higher prices for electricity and homeowners' replacement costs, consumers also paid more for natural gas and rent.

The mortgage interest cost index, which measures the change in the interest portion of payments on outstanding mortgage debt, declined 3.3% in September following a 3.8% decrease in August.

Transportation costs went up 3.1% after rising 2.0% in August. In addition to higher prices for the purchase of passenger vehicles, gasoline prices and passenger vehicle insurance premiums both increased 3.1% in September.

Food prices advanced 2.1% after increasing 1.6% in August. In September, higher prices were recorded for food purchased from restaurants. As well, prices rose for non-alcoholic beverages, meat, sugar and confectionery, fresh vegetables, and dairy products and eggs.

Prices in the household operations, furnishings and equipment component were up 1.4% in September compared with September last year. Higher prices were recorded for telephone services and child care and domestic services.

In the health and personal care component, prices rose 2.1%.

Prices for recreation, education and reading advanced 0.7% during the 12-month period to September. Students paid 3.8% more for tuition fees in September compared with the same month in 2009. As well, consumers paid more for cablevision and satellite services, the use of recreational facilities and services, and traveller accommodation. Prices for computer equipment and supplies, video equipment, and audio equipment declined.

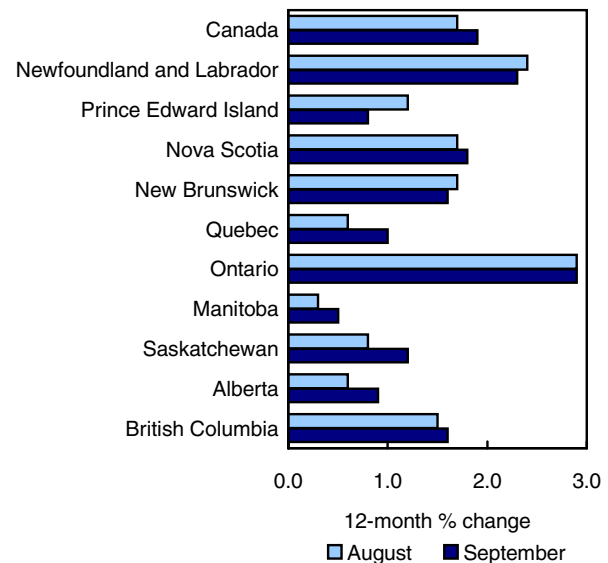
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco products prices increased 2.4%. Prices for cigarettes rose 4.6%.

Consumers paid 2.2% less for clothing and footwear in September compared with the same month one year earlier, matching the rate of decline in August.

### The provinces

Consumer prices increased in all provinces in the 12 months to September. Ontario recorded the largest year-over-year increase.

### Ontario records the largest year-over-year increase of all provinces in September



Consumer prices rose 2.9% in Ontario between September 2009 and September 2010, matching the increase in August. Prices for electricity, the purchase of passenger vehicles, and homeowners' replacement costs went up. As well, drivers paid 5.9% more for gasoline.

Prices in British Columbia rose 1.6% during the 12-month period to September after a 1.5% increase in August. In September, prices for food purchased from restaurants increased 6.1% and homeowners' replacement costs advanced 8.5%. Prices for the purchase of passenger vehicles also went up.

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In Quebec, prices increased 1.0% in the 12 months to September. Higher prices were recorded for the purchase of passenger vehicles, child care and domestic services, and passenger vehicle insurance premiums. Prices for meat and gasoline also increased.

Prices increased 0.9% in Alberta. Higher prices were recorded for natural gas, the purchase of passenger vehicles, food purchased from restaurants, and homeowners' replacement costs.

#### **12-month change in the Bank of Canada's core index**

The Bank of Canada's core index advanced 1.5% in the 12 months to September, following a 1.6% rise in August. Price increases were recorded for the purchase of passenger vehicles.

After posting no change from July to August, the seasonally adjusted monthly core index rose 0.1% from August to September.

For a more detailed analysis, consult the publication *The Consumer Price Index*.

**Available on CANSIM: tables 326-0009, 326-0012, 326-0015 and 326-0020 to 326-0022.**

**Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2301.**

More information about the concepts and use of the CPI are also available online in *Your Guide to The Consumer Price Index* (62-557-X, free) from the *Key resource* module of our website under *Publications*.

The September 2010 issue of the *Consumer Price Index*, Vol. 89, no. 9 (62-001-X, free), is now available from the *Key resource* module of our website under *Publications*. A paper copy is also available (\$12/\$111). A more detailed analysis of the CPI is available in this publication. See *How to order products*.

The October Consumer Price Index will be released on November 23.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact the Dissemination Unit (toll-free 1-866-230-2248; 613-951-9606; fax: 613-951-2848; [cpd-info-dpc@statcan.gc.ca](mailto:cpd-info-dpc@statcan.gc.ca)), Consumer Prices Division.

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## Consumer Price Index and major components, Canada

	Relative importance <sup>1</sup>	September 2009	August 2010	September 2010	August to September 2010	September 2009 to September 2010
Not seasonally adjusted						
		(2002=100)			% change	
<b>All-items</b>	<b>100.00<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>114.7</b>	<b>116.7</b>	<b>116.9</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>1.9</b>
Food	17.04	120.4	123.5	122.9	-0.5	2.1
Shelter	26.62	120.9	124.0	123.9	-0.1	2.5
Household operations, furnishings and equipment	11.10	107.9	109.0	109.4	0.4	1.4
Clothing and footwear	5.36	94.9	90.1	92.8	3.0	-2.2
Transportation	19.88	113.6	117.1	117.1	0.0	3.1
Health and personal care	4.73	113.7	116.4	116.1	-0.3	2.1
Recreation, education and reading	12.20	104.9	105.0	105.6	0.6	0.7
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco products	3.07	131.3	134.4	134.4	0.0	2.4
<b>Special aggregates</b>						
Core CPI <sup>3</sup>	82.71	114.1	115.6	115.8	0.2	1.5
All-items excluding energy	90.62	113.4	114.9	115.1	0.2	1.5
Energy	9.38	131.3	139.2	138.7	-0.4	5.6
Gasoline	4.92	142.6	147.4	147.0	-0.3	3.1
All-items excluding food and energy	73.57	111.8	113.0	113.4	0.4	1.4
Goods	48.78	107.4	109.1	109.2	0.1	1.7
Services	51.22	121.9	124.3	124.5	0.2	2.1

1. 2005 CPI basket weights at April 2007 prices, Canada, effective May 2007. Detailed weights are available under the Documentation section of survey 2301 ([www.statcan.gc.ca/imdb-bmdi/index-eng.htm](http://www.statcan.gc.ca/imdb-bmdi/index-eng.htm)).
2. Figures may not add to 100% due to rounding.
3. The measure of Core Consumer Price Index (CPI) excludes from the All-items CPI the effect of changes in indirect taxes and eight of the most volatile components identified by the Bank of Canada: fruit, fruit preparations and nuts; vegetables and vegetable preparations; mortgage interest cost; natural gas; fuel oil and other fuel; gasoline; inter-city transportation; and tobacco products and smokers' supplies. For additional information on Core CPI, consult the Bank of Canada website ([www.bankofcanada.ca/en/inflation/index.htm](http://www.bankofcanada.ca/en/inflation/index.htm)).

## Consumer Price Index by province, and for Whitehorse, Yellowknife and Iqaluit

	Relative importance <sup>1</sup>	September 2009	August 2010	September 2010	August to September 2010	September 2009 to September 2010
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Newfoundland and Labrador	1.27	115.2	117.8	117.8	0.0	2.3
Prince Edward Island	0.35	118.6	119.7	119.6	-0.1	0.8
Nova Scotia	2.56	116.7	118.7	118.8	0.1	1.8
New Brunswick	1.97	114.2	116.0	116.0	0.0	1.6
Quebec	21.05	113.7	114.6	114.8	0.2	1.0
Ontario	41.22	113.8	117.0	117.1	0.1	2.9
Manitoba	3.06	114.5	114.8	115.1	0.3	0.5
Saskatchewan	2.64	117.5	118.8	118.9	0.1	1.2
Alberta	11.43	121.5	122.7	122.6	-0.1	0.9
British Columbia	14.29	112.7	114.5	114.5	0.0	1.6
Whitehorse	0.06	113.7	115.1	115.1	0.0	1.2
Yellowknife	0.08	116.4	118.0	118.1	0.1	1.5
Iqaluit (Dec. 2002=100)	0.02	113.2	112.1	112.2	0.1	-0.9

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## Consumer Price Index and major components

	Relative importance <sup>1</sup>	July 2010	August 2010	September 2010	July to August 2010	August to September 2010
Seasonally adjusted						
		(2002=100)			% change	
<b>All-items</b>	<b>100.00<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>116.2</b>	<b>116.3</b>	<b>116.6</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.3</b>
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All-items excluding food and energy	73.57	112.9	113.0	113.2	0.1	0.2

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## Retail trade

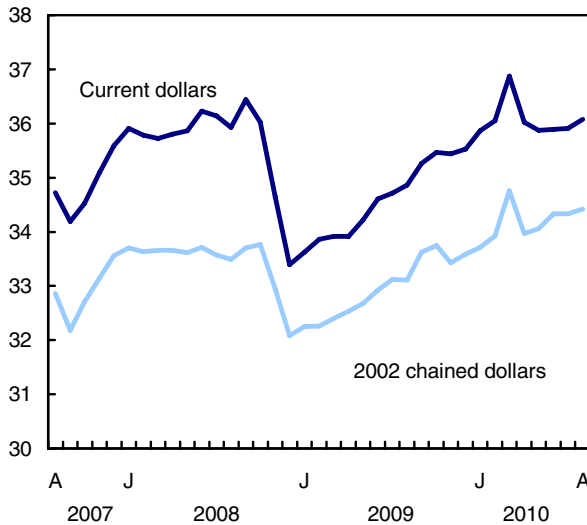
August 2010

Retail sales increased 0.5% in current dollars to \$36.1 billion in August after flat sales the previous two months. Gains were reported in 6 of 11 subsectors representing 70% of total retail sales.

In volume terms retail sales rose 0.3%.

### Retail sales increase in August

\$ billions



The largest increase in dollar terms among all subsectors was registered at gasoline stations, where sales rose 2.1%, a second consecutive monthly increase.

Food and beverage stores (+0.8%) registered higher sales. Gains were reported at supermarkets (+1.2%) and convenience stores (+1.2%), while sales fell 0.8% at beer, wine and liquor stores.

Motor vehicle and parts dealers' sales increased 0.7%. Within this subsector, automotive parts, accessories and tire stores (+2.6%) and new car dealers (+1.0%) reported gains. Decreases were recorded at other motor vehicle dealers (-3.2%) and used car dealers (-0.5%) after two monthly increases.

Furniture and home furnishing stores advanced 2.1%. Sales at home furnishing stores were responsible for this increase, reporting a 7.0% gain following large fluctuations the previous two months.

Among the subsectors reporting declines, the largest percentage decrease was at sporting goods,

#### Note to readers

All the data in this release are seasonally adjusted and in current dollars, unless otherwise noted.

Total retail sales by volume are measured by deflating values in current dollars of the various trade groups using consumer price indexes. This retail sales in chained dollars series (2002) is a chain Fisher volume index with 2002 as the reference year.

hobby, book and music stores (-1.8%). This decline comes after two monthly increases.

Sales decreased 0.8% in the clothing and clothing accessories stores subsector. Lower sales at jewellery, luggage and leather goods stores (-2.4%) and clothing stores (-0.9%) more than offset a 1.9% gain at shoe stores.

### Sales up in seven provinces

Sales were up in seven provinces in August. Sales rose 1.5% in Alberta following smaller increases the previous two months.

Sales rose 0.3% in Ontario following flat sales the previous two months.

The largest percentage increase was in Nova Scotia, where sales rose 3.4%. Sales have fluctuated widely since June 2010. On July 1, there was a two percentage point increase in the Harmonized Sales Tax rate in Nova Scotia.

The largest decline was in Prince Edward Island, where sales fell 0.7%.

It is possible to consult the tables of unadjusted data by industry and by province and territory from the *Tables by subject* module of our website.

For information on related indicators, refer to the *Latest statistics* page on our website.

**Available on CANSIM: tables 080-0020 and 080-0021.**

**Definitions, data sources and methods: survey numbers, including related surveys, 2406 and 2408.**

The August 2010 issue of *Retail Trade* (63-005-X, free) will be available shortly.

Data on retail trade for September will be released on November 23.

For more information, or to order data, contact Client Services (613-951-3549; toll-free 1-877-421-3067; [retailinfo@statcan.gc.ca](mailto:retailinfo@statcan.gc.ca)). For analytical information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Jake W. Purdy (613-951-0984), Distributive Trades Division.

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## Retail sales by province and territory

	August 2009	July 2010 <sup>r</sup>	August 2010 <sup>p</sup>	July to August 2010	August 2009 to August 2010
Seasonally adjusted					
	\$ millions			% change	
<b>Canada</b>	<b>34,863</b>	<b>35,912</b>	<b>36,079</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>3.5</b>
Newfoundland and Labrador	595	607	612	0.9	2.9
Prince Edward Island	140	144	143	-0.7	1.6
Nova Scotia	1,019	1,026	1,060	3.4	4.1
New Brunswick	861	871	872	0.0	1.3
Quebec	7,862	8,111	8,106	-0.1	3.1
Ontario	12,439	12,797	12,833	0.3	3.2
Manitoba	1,253	1,323	1,335	0.9	6.6
Saskatchewan	1,234	1,245	1,262	1.4	2.3
Alberta	4,693	4,881	4,952	1.5	5.5
British Columbia	4,635	4,777	4,771	-0.1	2.9
Yukon	45	46	46	0.5	2.8
Northwest Territories	60	57	60	4.4	0.5
Nunavut	27	27	27	-1.6	0.5

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<sup>r</sup> revised

<sup>p</sup> preliminary

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



## Retail sales by industry

	August 2009	July 2010 <sup>r</sup>	August 2010 <sup>p</sup>	July to August 2010	August 2009 to August 2010
Seasonally adjusted					
	\$ millions			% change	
<b>Total retail trade</b>	<b>34,863</b>	<b>35,912</b>	<b>36,079</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>3.5</b>
<b>Total excluding motor vehicle and parts dealers</b>	<b>27,323</b>	<b>28,022</b>	<b>28,132</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>3.0</b>
<b>Total excluding motor vehicle and parts dealers and gasoline stations</b>	<b>23,766</b>	<b>24,263</b>	<b>24,295</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>2.2</b>
<b>Motor vehicle and parts dealers</b>	<b>7,541</b>	<b>7,889</b>	<b>7,947</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>5.4</b>
New car dealers	5,976	6,316	6,382	1.0	6.8
Used car dealers	493	476	473	-0.5	-4.1
Other motor vehicle dealers	557	587	568	-3.2	2.0
Automotive parts, accessories and tire stores	514	510	524	2.6	1.9
<b>Furniture and home furnishing stores</b>	<b>1,212</b>	<b>1,176</b>	<b>1,201</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>-0.9</b>
Furniture stores	798	775	772	-0.4	-3.2
Home furnishings stores	414	401	429	7.0	3.7
<b>Electronics and appliance stores</b>	<b>1,122</b>	<b>1,130</b>	<b>1,137</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>1.3</b>
<b>Building material and garden equipment and supplies dealers</b>	<b>2,306</b>	<b>2,247</b>	<b>2,249</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>-2.4</b>
<b>Food and beverage stores</b>	<b>8,386</b>	<b>8,676</b>	<b>8,748</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>4.3</b>
Supermarkets and other grocery (except convenience) stores	5,968	6,175	6,249	1.2	4.7
Convenience stores	567	563	570	1.2	0.5
Specialty food stores	382	408	412	1.1	7.9
Beer, wine and liquor stores	1,470	1,530	1,518	-0.8	3.3
<b>Health and personal care stores</b>	<b>2,582</b>	<b>2,612</b>	<b>2,602</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>0.8</b>
<b>Gasoline stations</b>	<b>3,556</b>	<b>3,759</b>	<b>3,837</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>7.9</b>
<b>Clothing and clothing accessories stores</b>	<b>1,945</b>	<b>2,040</b>	<b>2,024</b>	<b>-0.8</b>	<b>4.1</b>
Clothing stores	1,510	1,594	1,579	-0.9	4.6
Shoe stores	231	231	235	1.9	1.6
Jewellery, luggage and leather goods stores	204	215	210	-2.4	3.1
<b>Sporting goods, hobby, book and music stores</b>	<b>943</b>	<b>941</b>	<b>923</b>	<b>-1.8</b>	<b>-2.1</b>
<b>General merchandise stores</b>	<b>4,331</b>	<b>4,544</b>	<b>4,521</b>	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>4.4</b>
<b>Miscellaneous store retailers</b>	<b>938</b>	<b>898</b>	<b>888</b>	<b>-1.0</b>	<b>-5.3</b>

<sup>r</sup> revised

<sup>p</sup> preliminary

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## Computer and peripherals price indexes

September 2010

From August to September, the price index for commercial computers fell 2.8% and the index for consumer computers decreased 0.7%.

In the case of computer peripherals, monitor prices decreased 0.2% in September compared with the previous month, while printer prices fell 1.8%.

**Note:** The computer and peripherals price indexes are monthly series measuring changes over time in the price of computers and computer peripherals sold to governments, businesses and consumers. This release presents data that are not seasonally adjusted and the indexes published are subject to a six month revision period after dissemination of a given month's data.

These indexes are available at the Canada level only.

**Available on CANSIM: tables 331-0004 and 331-0005.**

**Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 5032.**

The computer and peripherals price indexes for October will be released on November 29.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Client Services (613-951-4550; toll-free 1-888-951-4550; fax: 613-951-3117; [ppd-info-dpp@statcan.gc.ca](mailto:ppd-info-dpp@statcan.gc.ca)), Producer Prices Division. ■

## Commercial Software Price Index

September 2010

The Commercial Software Price Index (CSPI) decreased 2.6% in September from the previous month.

Year over year, the CSPI decreased by 3.8%.

**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 release presents data that are not seasonally adjusted and the indexes published are subject to a six month revision period after dissemination of a given month's data.

This index is available at the Canada level only.

**Available on CANSIM: table 331-0003.**

**Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 5068.**

The Commercial Software Price Index for October will be released on November 29.

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## **Primary iron and steel**

August 2010

Data on primary iron and steel are now available for August.

**Available on CANSIM: tables 303-0048 to 303-0051.**

**Definitions, data sources and methods: survey numbers, including related surveys, 2116 and 2184.**

The August 2010 issue of *Steel, Tubular Products and Steel Wire* (41-019-X, free) will soon be available.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact the dissemination officer (toll-free 1-866-873-8789; 613-951-9497; [manufact@statcan.gc.ca](mailto:manufact@statcan.gc.ca)), Manufacturing and Energy Division. ■

## **Refined petroleum products**

August 2010 (preliminary)

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

**Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2150.**

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

August 2010 (preliminary)

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

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

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## New products and studies

**Energy Statistics Handbook**, Second quarter 2010  
**Catalogue number 57-601-X** (CD-ROM, \$54/\$161;  
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**The Consumer Price Index**, September 2010, Vol. 89,  
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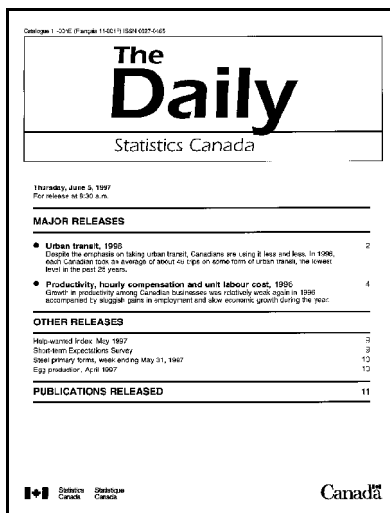
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