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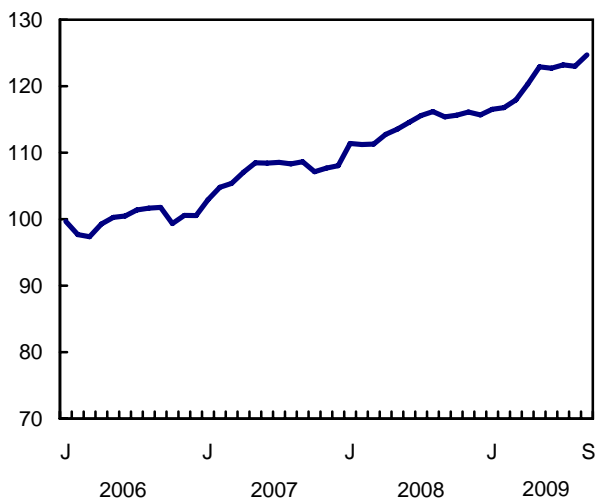
Wholesale Services Price Index

Third quarter 2009

The Wholesale Services Price Index (WSPI) rose 1.3% in the third quarter compared with 4.2% in the second quarter, marking the seventh consecutive quarterly increase.

Services Producer Price Index: Wholesale services

index (2006=100)



The third quarter advance of the WSPI was led by a 13.8% increase in margins for wholesalers

of petroleum products. Margins for wholesalers of machinery, equipment and supplies (+1.7%), motor vehicles and parts (+1.6%) and personal and household goods (+1.5%) also increased in the third quarter.

The largest margin decreases in the third quarter were posted by wholesalers of farm products (-6.0%) and miscellaneous products (-3.7%). The drop by wholesalers of miscellaneous products was attributable to a 22.8% decline in agricultural supplies.

Year over year, the WSPI increased 6.8% in the third quarter over the same quarter of 2008. The largest year-over-year margin increase was recorded by wholesalers of petroleum products (+28.3%).

Note: The Wholesale Services Price Index (WSPI) is part of the Services Producer Price Index program at Statistics Canada. The WSPI is not a wholesale selling price index. The Index represents the change in the price of the wholesale service. The price of the wholesale service is defined as the margin price which is the difference between the average purchase price and the average selling price of the wholesale product being priced.

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Services Producer Price Index: Wholesale services

	Relative importance ¹	Third quarter 2008	Second quarter 2009	Third quarter 2009 ^P	Second quarter to third quarter 2009	Third quarter 2008 to third quarter 2009
		(2006=100)		% change		
Services Producer Price Index: Wholesale services	100.00	115.7	122.0	123.6	1.3	6.8
Farm products	1.86	152.7	183.6	172.6	-6.0	13.0
Petroleum products	5.20	163.4	184.2	209.6	13.8	28.3
Food, beverage and tobacco	13.57	96.6	104.5	103.9	-0.6	7.6
Personal and household goods	16.60	105.1	102.2	103.7	1.5	-1.3
Motor vehicles and parts	9.59	107.4	120.6	122.5	1.6	14.1
Building material and supplies	15.22	121.3	115.9	117.3	1.2	-3.3
Machinery, equipment and supplies	23.21	116.7	126.6	128.7	1.7	10.3
Miscellaneous	11.54	122.7	131.5	126.7	-3.7	3.3

^P preliminary

1. The relative importance is based on the weight that each 3-digit North American Industrial Classification System contributes to the overall Wholesale Services Price Index. The total does not equal 100 as the Wholesale Agents and Brokers group was not priced and data are imputed.

Investment in new housing construction

December 2009

Data on the investment in new housing construction (including single dwellings, semi-detached dwellings, row housing, apartments and condominiums) are now available for December.

These series are not offered on CANSIM.

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To order data, for more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Nicole Charron (613-951-0087; bdp_information@statcan.gc.ca), Investment and Capital Stock Division. ■

Small for-hire motor carriers of freight and owner operators

2008

Results from the Small For-hire Carriers and Owner Operators Survey for 2008 are now available.

Note: Reference year 2008 will be the final release from the Small For-hire Carriers and Owner Operators Survey since the survey has been discontinued. However, the population covered by the survey has been integrated into two new surveys: the Quarterly Trucking Survey (QTS) and the Annual Trucking Survey (ATS). Results from the QTS for the first and the second quarters of 2009 have already been released, while the ATS results for reference year 2009 are expected to be released early in 2011.

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Census of Trusteed Pension Funds

2008

Data on pension fund revenues, expenditures and assets are now available for 2008.

Note: The Census of Trusteed Pension Funds is a biennial survey of all employer-sponsored trusteed pension funds. Financial data produced by this survey provide an indication of the growth and investment patterns for this important pool of retirement income.

In addition to CANSIM data, a free set of tables are available that cross reference revenues, expenditures and assets with the following additional variables: asset size group, membership size group, type of organization and investment decision.

Available on CANSIM: tables 280-0005 to 280-0007.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2608.

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Film, television and video post-production

2008

Data on the film, television and video post-production industry are now available for 2008.

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Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2415.

The publication *Service Bulletin: Film, Television and Video Post-production*, 2008 (87-009-X, free), will be available in May.

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