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## Releases

## Labour Force Survey

## March 2010

Employment edged up by 18,000 in March, continuing an upward trend that began in July 2009. The unemployment rate remained unchanged at $8.2 \%$.


March's employment increase brings total gains to $176,000(+1.1 \%)$ since July 2009.

Part-time employment was up by 32,000 in March, more than offsetting full-time losses. Despite the gain in March, part-time employment has fallen by $0.6 \%$ since July 2009, while full-time work has grown by $1.4 \%$.

The number of private sector employees increased by 42,000 in March. However, since July, employment has grown at a faster rate among employees in the public sector than those in the private sector ( $+2.0 \%$ versus $+1.4 \%$ ). Over the same period, the number of self-employed has declined by $1.3 \%$.

Industries with notable increases in March were professional, scientific and technical services; construction; and natural resources. These gains were partially offset by declines in "other services;" business, building and other support services; and transportation and warehousing.

## Note to readers

The Labour Force Survey (LFS) estimates are based on a sample, and are therefore subject to sampling variability. Estimates for smaller geographic areas or industries will have more variability. For an explanation of sampling variability of estimates, and how to use standard errors to assess this variability, consult the "Data quality" section of the publication Labour Force Information (71-001-X, free).

Unless otherwise stated, this release presents seasonally adjusted data, which eases comparisons by removing the effects of seasonal variations.

Employment edged up in Ontario, Quebec and Saskatchewan in March, while there was little change in all other provinces.

Average hourly wages were up by $2.2 \%$ in March compared with a year earlier. This increase is similar to those seen in recent months.


## Strength in the goods-producing sector in March

Employment in the goods-producing sector was up by 40,000 in March, with most of the gains found in construction and natural resources.

Following a four-month pause in growth, construction added 21,000 workers in March.

Employment in natural resources increased by 13,000 in March and has been trending up since October 2009, with gains totalling 36,000 (+12.0\%) since that time. Most of the increases were in mining, oil and gas extraction.

Following significant losses in manufacturing employment between October 2008 and June 2009 (-212,000 or $-10.8 \%$ ), employment in this industry has stabilized, with March being the sixth consecutive month of little or no change.

In the service sector in March, the only notable employment increase was in professional, scientific and technical services $(+38,000)$. At the same time, there were declines of 30,000 in "other services," which includes repair and maintenance, and personal and laundry services. There were also losses in business, building and other support services $(-26,000)$ as well as transportation and warehousing $(-20,000)$.

Employment in transportation and warehousing, an industry that has close ties to manufacturing, has been trending down since the employment peak of October 2008, with total losses of 83,000.

Despite recent strength in the goods-producing sector, employment in that sector remains 286,000 below its peak of October 2008. Conversely, employment in the service sector is 45,000 above its October 2008 level.

## Three provinces share employment growth

Employment in Ontario edged up by 10,000 in March, continuing the growth seen since May 2009 (+102,000). The unemployment rate declined 0.3 percentage points to $8.8 \%$ in March.

Employment was also up slightly in Quebec $(+6,000)$ in March, bringing total gains in that province to 56,000 since July 2009. The unemployment rate was little changed in March at 8.0\%.

Following an increase in February, Saskatchewan's employment level continued to rise in March, up 3,300. With more people participating in the labour force, the unemployment rate increased by 0.8 percentage points to $5.1 \%$. Despite this increase, Saskatchewan's unemployment rate remained the lowest of all provinces, closely followed by Manitoba at $5.2 \%$.

Despite little change in Alberta's employment in March, the unemployment rate rose 0.6 percentage points to $7.5 \%$, as more people entered the labour force. This unemployment rate is the highest since 1996. Alberta is the only province with an employment decline since July 2009.

## Employment little changed across demographic groups

There was little change in employment among demographic groups in March. Since July 2009, the largest gains in employment have been among women aged 25 to $54(+84,000)$ and men aged 55 and over $(+52,000)$.

During this eight-month period, employment was up only slightly among youth; men aged 25 to 54 ; and women aged 55 and over.

Available on CANSIM: tables 282-0001 to 282-0042, 282-0047 to 282-0064 and 282-0069 to 282-0100.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 3701.

A more detailed summary, Labour Force Information (71-001-X, free) is now available online for the week ending March 20. From the Key resource module of our website under Publications, choose All subjects, then Labour. LAN and bulk prices are available on request.

The DVD-ROM Labour Force Historical Review, 2009 (71F0004X, \$209) is now available. See How to order products.

Data tables are also now available online. From the Subject module of our website, choose Labour.

The next release of the Labour Force Survey will be on May 7.

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Labour force characteristics by age and sex

|  | $\begin{array}{r} \text { February } \\ \hline 010 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \hline \text { March } \\ 2010 \end{array}$ | February to March 2010 | $\begin{array}{r} \hline \text { March } \\ 2009 \\ \text { to } \\ \text { March } \\ 2010 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \hline \text { February } \\ \text { to } \\ \text { March } \\ 2010 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \hline \text { March } \\ 2009 \\ \text { to } \\ \text { March } \\ 2010 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |
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|  | Seasonally adjusted |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | thousan |  | change |  | \% |  |
| Both sexes, 15 years and over |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Population | 27,555.8 | 27,585.2 | 29.4 | 397.6 | 0.1 | 1.5 |
| Labour force | 18,464.7 | 18,478.3 | 13.6 | 170.8 | 0.1 | 0.9 |
| Employment | 16,945.3 | 16,963.2 | 17.9 | 147.5 | 0.1 | 0.9 |
| Full-time | 13,738.8 | 13,724.6 | -14.2 | 136.6 | -0.1 | 1.0 |
| Part-time | 3,206.5 | 3,238.7 | 32.2 | 11.0 | 1.0 | 0.3 |
| Unemployment | 1,519.4 | 1,515.1 | -4.3 | 23.3 | -0.3 | 1.6 |
| Participation rate | 67.0 | 67.0 | 0.0 | -0.3 | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 8.2 | 8.2 | 0.0 | 0.1 | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 61.5 | 61.5 | 0.0 | -0.4 | $\ldots$ | ... |
| Part-time rate | 18.9 | 19.1 | 0.2 | -0.1 | ... | ... |
| Youths, 15 to 24 years |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Population | 4,401.5 | 4,402.4 | 0.9 | 13.6 | 0.0 | 0.3 |
| Labour force | 2,849.6 | 2,861.5 | 11.9 | -34.6 | 0.4 | -1.2 |
| Employment | 2,417.1 | 2,415.0 | -2.1 | -48.7 | -0.1 | -2.0 |
| Full-time | 1,274.7 | 1,258.4 | -16.3 | -62.6 | -1.3 | -4.7 |
| Part-time | 1,142.4 | 1,156.7 | 14.3 | 14.0 | 1.3 | 1.2 |
| Unemployment | 432.5 | 446.4 | 13.9 | 14.0 | 3.2 | 3.2 |
| Participation rate | 64.7 | 65.0 | 0.3 | -1.0 | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 15.2 | 15.6 | 0.4 | 0.7 | $\ldots$ | ... |
| Employment rate | 54.9 | 54.9 | 0.0 | -1.2 | ... | ... |
| Part-time rate | 47.3 | 47.9 | 0.6 | 1.5 | ... | $\ldots$ |
| Men, 25 years and over |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Population | 11,325.7 | 11,340.0 | 14.3 | 194.9 | 0.1 | 1.7 |
| Labour force | 8,248.7 | 8,255.3 | 6.6 | 102.6 | 0.1 | 1.3 |
| Employment | 7,622.2 | 7,635.5 | 13.3 | 109.9 | 0.2 | 1.5 |
| Full-time | 7,042.6 | 7,066.2 | 23.6 | 124.4 | 0.3 | 1.8 |
| Part-time | 579.6 | 569.3 | -10.3 | -14.4 | -1.8 | -2.5 |
| Unemployment | 626.6 | 619.8 | -6.8 | -7.4 | -1.1 | -1.2 |
| Participation rate | 72.8 | 72.8 | 0.0 | -0.4 | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 7.6 | 7.5 | -0.1 | -0.2 | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 67.3 | 67.3 | 0.0 | -0.2 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ |
| Part-time rate | 7.6 | 7.5 | -0.1 | -0.3 | ... | $\ldots$ |
| Women, 25 years and over |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Population | 11,828.5 | 11,842.9 | 14.4 | 189.3 | 0.1 | 1.6 |
| Labour force | 7,366.4 | 7,361.5 | -4.9 | 102.8 | -0.1 | 1.4 |
| Employment | 6,906.1 | 6,912.6 | 6.5 | 86.1 | 0.1 | 1.3 |
| Full-time | 5,421.6 | 5,400.0 | -21.6 | 74.8 | -0.4 | 1.4 |
| Part-time | 1,484.5 | 1,512.7 | 28.2 | 11.4 | 1.9 | 0.8 |
| Unemployment | 460.3 | 448.8 | -11.5 | 16.6 | -2.5 | 3.8 |
| Participation rate | 62.3 | 62.2 | -0.1 | -0.1 | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 6.2 | 6.1 | -0.1 | 0.1 | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 58.4 | 58.4 | 0.0 | -0.2 | ... | .. |
| Part-time rate | 21.5 | 21.9 | 0.4 | -0.1 | ... | ... |

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Note: Related CANSIM table 282-0087.

Employment by class of worker and industry (based on NAICS) ${ }^{1}$

|  | $\begin{array}{r} \text { February } \\ 2010 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \hline \text { March } \\ 2010 \end{array}$ | February to March 2010 | $\begin{array}{r} \hline \text { March } \\ 2009 \\ \text { to } \\ \text { March } \\ 2010 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { February } \\ \text { to } \\ \text { March } \\ 2010 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \hline \text { March } \\ 2009 \\ \text { to } \\ \text { March } \\ 2010 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |
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|  | Seasonally adjusted |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | thousan |  | change in |  |  |  |
| Class of worker |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Employees | 14,246.2 | 14,268.1 | 21.9 | 106.9 | 0.2 | 0.8 |
| Self-employed | 2,699.1 | 2,695.1 | -4.0 | 40.6 | -0.1 | 1.5 |
| Public/private sector employees |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Public | 3,496.1 | 3,475.5 | -20.6 | 95.7 | -0.6 | 2.8 |
| Private | 10,750.2 | 10,792.6 | 42.4 | 11.2 | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| All industries | 16,945.3 | 16,963.2 | 17.9 | 147.5 | 0.1 | 0.9 |
| Goods-producing sector | 3,711.3 | 3,751.1 | 39.8 | -10.1 | 1.1 | -0.3 |
| Agriculture | 303.8 | 306.3 | 2.5 | -14.6 | 0.8 | -4.5 |
| Natural resources | 322.0 | 335.2 | 13.2 | 10.8 | 4.1 | 3.3 |
| Utilities | 146.8 | 146.0 | -0.8 | -3.3 | -0.5 | -2.2 |
| Construction | 1,174.9 | 1,195.9 | 21.0 | 52.5 | 1.8 | 4.6 |
| Manufacturing | 1,763.8 | 1,767.7 | 3.9 | -55.6 | 0.2 | -3.0 |
| Services-producing sector | 13,234.0 | 13,212.1 | -21.9 | 157.6 | -0.2 | 1.2 |
| Trade | 2,643.9 | 2,657.6 | 13.7 | 25.8 | 0.5 | 1.0 |
| Transportation and warehousing | 802.0 | 782.4 | -19.6 | -58.9 | -2.4 | -7.0 |
| Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing | 1,105.5 | 1,098.1 | -7.4 | 20.0 | -0.7 | 1.9 |
| Professional, scientific and technical services | 1,220.3 | 1,258.7 | 38.4 | 71.1 | 3.1 | 6.0 |
| Business, building and other support services | 668.9 | 642.6 | -26.3 | -28.8 | -3.9 | -4.3 |
| Educational services | 1,229.8 | 1,236.0 | 6.2 | 60.6 | 0.5 | 5.2 |
| Health care and social assistance | 2,005.8 | 2,010.9 | 5.1 | 64.5 | 0.3 | 3.3 |
| Information, culture and recreation | 772.0 | 765.5 | -6.5 | 15.8 | -0.8 | 2.1 |
| Accommodation and food services | 1,095.7 | 1,092.4 | -3.3 | 27.4 | -0.3 | 2.6 |
| Other services | 761.0 | 731.0 | -30.0 | -53.9 | -3.9 | -6.9 |
| Public administration | 929.0 | 936.9 | 7.9 | 14.0 | 0.9 | 1.5 |

1. North American Industry Classification System.

Note: Related to CANSIM tables 282-0088 and 282-0089.

Labour force characteristics by province

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| Seasonally adjusted |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | thousands |  | change in thousands |  | \% change |  |
| Newfoundland and Labrador |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Population | 431.0 | 431.2 | 0.2 | 3.2 | 0.0 | 0.7 |
| Labour force | 257.3 | 258.7 | 1.4 | 6.4 | 0.5 | 2.5 |
| Employment | 219.6 | 218.7 | -0.9 | 2.8 | -0.4 | 1.3 |
| Full-time | 188.8 | 187.0 | -1.8 | 2.2 | -1.0 | 1.2 |
| Part-time | 30.8 | 31.7 | 0.9 | 0.6 | 2.9 | 1.9 |
| Unemployment | 37.7 | 40.0 | 2.3 | 3.6 | 6.1 | 9.9 |
| Participation rate | 59.7 | 60.0 | 0.3 | 1.1 | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 14.7 | 15.5 | 0.8 | 1.1 | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 51.0 | 50.7 | -0.3 | 0.3 | $\ldots$ | ... |
| Prince Edward Island |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Population | 116.6 | 116.8 | 0.2 | 1.4 | 0.2 | 1.2 |
| Labour force | 80.3 | 80.6 | 0.3 | 2.9 | 0.4 | 3.7 |
| Employment | 72.2 | 72.0 | -0.2 | 3.2 | -0.3 | 4.7 |
| Full-time | 58.6 | 59.2 | 0.6 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 1.9 |
| Part-time | 13.6 | 12.8 | -0.8 | 2.1 | -5.9 | 19.6 |
| Unemployment | 8.2 | 8.7 | 0.5 | -0.2 | 6.1 | -2.2 |
| Participation rate | 68.9 | 69.0 | 0.1 | 1.7 | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 10.2 | 10.8 | 0.6 | -0.7 | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 61.9 | 61.6 | -0.3 | 2.0 | ... | ... |
| Nova Scotia |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Population | 775.0 | 775.1 | 0.1 | 3.5 | 0.0 | 0.5 |
| Labour force | 497.6 | 494.9 | -2.7 | -2.5 | -0.5 | -0.5 |
| Employment | 451.2 | 452.7 | 1.5 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.0 |
| Full-time | 367.3 | 371.3 | 4.0 | 1.5 | 1.1 | 0.4 |
| Part-time | 83.8 | 81.4 | -2.4 | -1.6 | -2.9 | -1.9 |
| Unemployment | 46.5 | 42.2 | -4.3 | -2.5 | -9.2 | -5.6 |
| Participation rate | 64.2 | 63.8 | -0.4 | -0.7 | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 9.3 | 8.5 | -0.8 | -0.5 | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 58.2 | 58.4 | 0.2 | -0.3 | $\ldots$ | ... |
| New Brunswick |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Population | 623.2 | 623.3 | 0.1 | 2.8 | 0.0 | 0.5 |
| Labour force | 402.6 | 401.3 | -1.3 | -2.0 | -0.3 | -0.5 |
| Employment | 365.9 | 366.5 | 0.6 | 1.8 | 0.2 | 0.5 |
| Full-time | 310.2 | 314.7 | 4.5 | 8.7 | 1.5 | 2.8 |
| Part-time | 55.8 | 51.8 | -4.0 | -6.9 | -7.2 | -11.8 |
| Unemployment | 36.7 | 34.8 | -1.9 | -3.8 | -5.2 | -9.8 |
| Participation rate | 64.6 | 64.4 | -0.2 | -0.6 | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 9.1 | 8.7 | -0.4 | -0.9 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ |
| Employment rate | 58.7 | 58.8 | 0.1 | 0.0 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ |
| Quebec |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Population | 6,484.9 | 6,490.6 | 5.7 | 74.5 | 0.1 | 1.2 |
| Labour force | 4,212.7 | 4,215.9 | 3.2 | 28.2 | 0.1 | 0.7 |
| Employment | 3,873.3 | 3,879.6 | 6.3 | 49.1 | 0.2 | 1.3 |
| Full-time | 3,137.5 | 3,141.5 | 4.0 | 43.2 | 0.1 | 1.4 |
| Part-time | 735.8 | 738.2 | 2.4 | 6.0 | 0.3 | 0.8 |
| Unemployment | 339.4 | 336.3 | -3.1 | -20.9 | -0.9 | -5.9 |
| Participation rate | 65.0 | 65.0 | 0.0 | -0.3 | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 8.1 | 8.0 | -0.1 | -0.5 | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 59.7 | 59.8 | 0.1 | 0.1 | $\ldots$ | ... |

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Note: Related CANSIM table 282-0087.

Labour force characteristics by province

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|  | Seasonally adjusted |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | thousands |  | change in thousands |  | \% change |  |
| Ontario |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Population | 10,752.8 | 10,764.7 | 11.9 | 150.4 | 0.1 | 1.4 |
| Labour force | 7,219.6 | 7,211.9 | -7.7 | 43.0 | -0.1 | 0.6 |
| Employment | 6,564.8 | 6,575.1 | 10.3 | 42.3 | 0.2 | 0.6 |
| Full-time | 5,323.9 | 5,320.0 | -3.9 | 55.8 | -0.1 | 1.1 |
| Part-time | 1,240.8 | 1,255.1 | 14.3 | -13.5 | 1.2 | -1.1 |
| Unemployment | 654.9 | 636.7 | -18.2 | 0.6 | -2.8 | 0.1 |
| Participation rate | 67.1 | 67.0 | -0.1 | -0.5 | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 9.1 | 8.8 | -0.3 | -0.1 | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 61.1 | 61.1 | 0.0 | -0.4 | ... | ... |
| Manitoba |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Population | 930.5 | 931.7 | 1.2 | 13.7 | 0.1 | 1.5 |
| Labour force | 646.1 | 645.7 | -0.4 | 10.9 | -0.1 | 1.7 |
| Employment | 611.3 | 612.2 | 0.9 | 10.0 | 0.1 | 1.7 |
| Full-time | 494.3 | 491.2 | -3.1 | -3.3 | -0.6 | -0.7 |
| Part-time | 117.0 | 121.0 | 4.0 | 13.3 | 3.4 | 12.3 |
| Unemployment | 34.8 | 33.5 | -1.3 | 0.9 | -3.7 | 2.8 |
| Participation rate | 69.4 | 69.3 | -0.1 | 0.1 | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 5.4 | 5.2 | -0.2 | 0.1 | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 65.7 | 65.7 | 0.0 | 0.1 | ... | ... |
| Saskatchewan |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Population | 786.4 | 787.3 | 0.9 | 11.0 | 0.1 | 1.4 |
| Labour force | 547.3 | 555.4 | 8.1 | 11.0 | 1.5 | 2.0 |
| Employment | 523.9 | 527.2 | 3.3 | 8.4 | 0.6 | 1.6 |
| Full-time | 433.2 | 431.8 | -1.4 | 11.8 | -0.3 | 2.8 |
| Part-time | 90.7 | 95.4 | 4.7 | -3.4 | 5.2 | -3.4 |
| Unemployment | 23.5 | 28.3 | 4.8 | 2.7 | 20.4 | 10.5 |
| Participation rate | 69.6 | 70.5 | 0.9 | 0.4 | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 4.3 | 5.1 | 0.8 | 0.4 | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 66.6 | 67.0 | 0.4 | 0.2 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ |
| Alberta |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Population | 2,904.1 | 2,908.0 | 3.9 | 66.3 | 0.1 | 2.3 |
| Labour force | 2,118.8 | 2,128.5 | 9.7 | 13.2 | 0.5 | 0.6 |
| Employment | 1,972.8 | 1,969.4 | -3.4 | -16.9 | -0.2 | -0.9 |
| Full-time | 1,623.8 | 1,619.3 | -4.5 | -13.4 | -0.3 | -0.8 |
| Part-time | 349.0 | 350.1 | 1.1 | -3.5 | 0.3 | -1.0 |
| Unemployment | 145.9 | 159.2 | 13.3 | 30.2 | 9.1 | 23.4 |
| Participation rate | 73.0 | 73.2 | 0.2 | -1.2 | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 6.9 | 7.5 | 0.6 | 1.4 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ |
| Employment rate | 67.9 | 67.7 | -0.2 | -2.2 | $\ldots$ | ... |
| British Columbia |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Population | 3,751.3 | 3,756.6 | 5.3 | 70.8 | 0.1 | 1.9 |
| Labour force | 2,482.4 | 2,485.3 | 2.9 | 59.6 | 0.1 | 2.5 |
| Employment | 2,290.4 | 2,289.9 | -0.5 | 46.8 | 0.0 | 2.1 |
| Full-time | 1,801.2 | 1,788.6 | -12.6 | 28.9 | -0.7 | 1.6 |
| Part-time | 489.2 | 501.3 | 12.1 | 17.9 | 2.5 | 3.7 |
| Unemployment | 192.0 | 195.4 | 3.4 | 12.8 | 1.8 | 7.0 |
| Participation rate | 66.2 | 66.2 | 0.0 | 0.4 | ... | ... |
| Unemployment rate | 7.7 | 7.9 | 0.2 | 0.4 | ... | ... |
| Employment rate | 61.1 | 61.0 | -0.1 | 0.1 | ... | ... |

... not applicable
Note: Related CANSIM table 282-0087.

## Quarterly Retail Commodity Survey <br> Fourth quarter 2009

Retail commodity sales in the fourth quarter amounted to $\$ 111.2$ billion, up 2.5\% over the fourth quarter of 2008. Sales increased in all major commodity groups.

The strongest year-over-year increase of the major commodity groupings occurred in sales of motor vehicles, parts and services, which rose $5.5 \%$.

The value of sales of new automotive vehicles increased $6.1 \%$, due largely to an 11.1\% advance in the value of sales of new trucks, vans, minivans and sport utility vehicles. The value of sales of new cars declined $0.4 \%$. Sales of used automotive vehicles increased $8.6 \%$, while those of automotive parts and accessories rose $1.8 \%$.

Sales of health and personal care products increased 3.2\%. Sales grew at a similar pace for prescription and over-the-counter drugs and sales of personal care, health and beauty products.

Food and beverage sales increased 3.0\% to $\$ 25.8$ billion, while food sales increased $3.3 \%$. Between the fourth quarter of 2008 and the fourth quarter of 2009, prices of food purchased from stores rose $1.5 \%$, according to the Consumer Price Index.

Sales of hardware, lawn and garden products at retail stores rose $1.5 \%$, while sales of hardware and home renovation products advanced $2.1 \%$. Sales of lumber and other building materials, the largest component of this commodity grouping, declined slightly.

Sales of automotive fuels, oils and additives advanced 1.1\%.

Sales of furniture, home furnishings and electronics rose $1.0 \%$. This was the result of a $5.7 \%$ increase in sales of home furnishings, while sales of indoor furniture, appliances and electronics declined $0.6 \%$.

Furniture, home furnishings and electronics stores lost more than one percentage point in market share for furniture, home furnishings and electronics between the fourth quarter of 2008 and fourth quarter of 2009. The lost share went mainly to building and outdoor home supplies stores.

Sales of sporting and leisure goods rose marginally. Lower sales of sporting goods and pre-recorded CDs, DVDs and video and audio tapes were offset by higher sales of other goods in this category. These goods included fabrics, yarns, sewing supplies and notions and books, newspapers and other periodicals.

Note: The Quarterly Retail Commodity Survey collects national level retail sales by commodity, from a sub-sample of businesses in the Monthly Retail Trade Survey. Quarterly data have not been adjusted for seasonality. All percentage changes are year-over-year.

## Available on CANSIM: tables 080-0018 and 080-0019.

## Definitions, data sources and methods: survey

 number 2008.For more information, or to order data, contact Client Services (toll-free 1-877-421-3067; 613-951-3549; retailinfo@statcan.gc.ca). To enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Abdul Mohammed (613-951-7719), Distributive Trades Division.

Sales by commodity, all retail stores

|  | Fourth quarter $2008^{r}$ | Third quarter $2009^{r}$ | Fourth quarter $2009^{p}$ | Fourth quarter 2008 to fourth quarter 2009 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Unadjusted |  |  |  |
|  | \$ millions |  |  | \% change |
| Commodity |  |  |  |  |
| Food and beverages | 25,045 | 25,530 | 25,788 | 3.0 |
| Health and personal care products | 9,888 | 9,755 | 10,207 | 3.2 |
| Clothing, footwear and accessories | 10,729 | 8,279 | 10,759 | 0.3 |
| Furniture, home furnishings and electronics | 11,596 | 9,467 | 11,717 | 1.0 |
| Motor vehicles, parts and services | 18,482 | 21,228 | 19,491 | 5.5 |
| Automotive fuels, oils and additives | 9,997 | 10,452 | 10,112 | 1.1 |
| Housewares | 2,188 | 2,057 | 2,203 | 0.7 |
| Hardware, lawn and garden products | 6,766 | 8,332 | 6,868 | 1.5 |
| Sporting and leisure goods | 4,704 | 3,411 | 4,705 | 0.0 |
| All other goods and services | 9,076 | 9,822 | 9,308 | 2.6 |
| Total | 108,471 | 108,333 | 111,157 | 2.5 |

$r$ revised
$p$ preliminary
Note: $\quad$ Figures may not add up to total due to rounding.

## Domestic sales of refined petroleum products <br> February 2010 (preliminary)

Sales of refined petroleum products in February totalled $7 \quad 962.6$ thousand cubic metres, up 313.9 thousand cubic metres ( $+4.1 \%$ ) from February 2009. (One cubic metre equals a thousand litres).

The increase was led by diesel fuel sales, up 176.4 thousand cubic metres ( $+8.6 \%$ ) and petrochemical feedstock, up 186.5 (+115.2\%) from February 2009. Overall, three of the seven major petroleum product groups posted declines from the same month in 2009.

Sales of refined petroleum products in February declined 172.1 thousand cubic metres from January. The decline was led by motor gasoline.

Note: Preliminary domestic sales of refined petroleum products data are not available on CANSIM.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2150.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data contact the dissemination officer (toll-free 1-866-873-8789; 613-951-9497; energ@statcan.gc.ca), Manufacturing and Energy Division.

Sales of refined petroleum products

|  | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { February } \\ 2009^{r} \end{gathered}$ | January $2010^{r}$ | February $2010^{\text {p }}$ | January <br> February $2010$ | February 2009 to February 2010 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | thousands of cubic metres |  |  | \% change |  |
| Total, all products | 7648.7 | 8134.7 | 7962.6 | -2.1 | 4.1 |
| Motor gasoline | 3091.0 | 3452.7 | 3108.7 | -10.0 | 0.6 |
| Diesel fuel oil | 2046.1 | 2148.5 | 2222.5 | 3.4 | 8.6 |
| Light fuel oil | 439.1 | 422.9 | 419.6 | -0.8 | -4.4 |
| Heavy fuel oil | 433.4 | 414.4 | 495.7 | 19.6 | 14.4 |
| Aviation turbo fuels | 618.3 | 497.0 | 603.5 | 21.4 | -2.4 |
| Petrochemical feedstocks ${ }^{1}$ | 162.0 | 377.7 | 348.5 | -7.7 | 115.2 |
| All other refined products | 858.7 | 821.5 | 764.1 | -7.0 | -11.0 |

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## Aircraft movement statistics: Small airports <br> January 2010

The number of take-offs and landings at the 133 airports without air traffic control towers reached 37,593 movements in January. Year-over-year increases were reported by 73 of these airports in January. Goose Bay, Newfoundland and Labrador (1,784 movements) followed by Red Lake, Ontario (1,760 movements) were the most active sites in January.

Available on CANSIM: tables 401-0021 and 401-0022.
Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2715.

The January 2010 issue of Aircraft Movement Statistics: Airports without Air Traffic Control Towers (TP 141) (51-008-X, free) is now available from the Key resource module of our website under Publications. This report is a joint publication of Statistics Canada and Transport Canada.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Client Services (toll-free 1-866-500-8400; transportationstatistics@statcan.gc.ca), Transportation Division.

## Production of poultry and eggs <br> February 2010 (preliminary)

Data on the production of poultry and eggs are now available for February.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey numbers, including related surveys, 3425 and 5039.

The first quarter 2010 issue of the Poultry and Eggs Statistics, Vol. 7, no. 1 (23-015-X, free), will be available on May 27.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Gordon Finlay (613-951-7385; gordon.finlay@statcan.gc.ca), or call our information line (toll-free 1-800-465-1991), Agriculture Division.

## Repair and maintenance services 2008

The 2008 edition of Service Bulletin: Repair and Maintenance Services, which contains industry highlights along with financial data including revenues, expenses, and operating profit margins, is now available.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 4720.

The publication Service Bulletin: Repair and Maintenance Services, 2008 (63-247-X, free), is now available from the Key resource module of our website under Publications.

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| 16 | New motor vehicle sales | February 2010 |


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    1. Materials produced by refineries that are used by the petrochemical industry to produce chemicals, synthetic rubber and a variety of plastics.

    Note: Data may not add up to totals as a result of rounding.

