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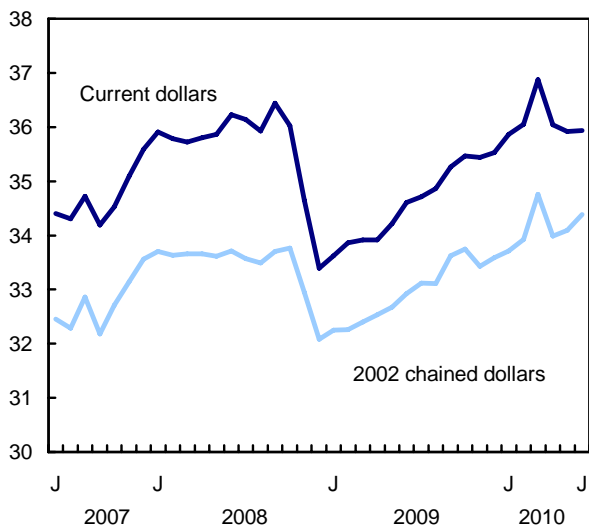
June 2010

Retail sales edged up 0.1% in current dollars to \$35.9 billion in June.

When price changes are factored in, retail sales in volume terms were up 0.9%. Lower prices were observed at gasoline stations and new car dealers.

#### Retail sales edge up in June

\$ billions



Retail sales rose in 5 of 11 subsectors in June. The largest increase in dollar terms was a 2.1% rise at motor vehicle and parts dealers. New car dealers reported gains of 2.0%, reflecting higher sales of new motor vehicles, according to the New Motor Vehicle Sales Survey. Sales were up at used car dealers (+4.5%) and automotive parts, accessories and tire stores (+1.8%), following declines in the previous two months.

Sales rose 5.1% at electronics and appliance stores. Sales in this subsector have been trending upward since October 2009.

Furniture and home furnishing stores sales increased 2.3%, led by a 4.1% gain at home furnishings stores. Furniture stores (+1.2%) had higher sales for a second consecutive month in June.

Sales at building material and garden equipment and supplies dealers increased 0.5%, on the heels of

#### 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.

Starting with the April 21, 2010, release of February 2010 data, the presentation of results makes direct use of the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) instead of its trade group variant (see concordance table).

two months of substantial declines and large monthly sales fluctuations in early 2010.

The largest decline was at gasoline stations, which fell 2.7%, as prices at the pump fell. This was the third consecutive monthly sales decline at gasoline stations, following increases in the previous 11 months.

General merchandisers (-1.7%) reported lower sales for a third consecutive month.

Sales at clothing and clothing accessories stores fell 1.1%. This subsector has been trending upwards since April 2009. Within the subsector, sales fell at jewellery, luggage and leather goods stores (-4.2%), shoe stores (-3.7%) and clothing stores (-0.3%).

#### Sales down in six provinces

Sales were down in six provinces in June.

Retail sales declined in all of the Atlantic provinces except Nova Scotia, where sales rose 3.1%. June was the month preceeding a two percentage point increase in the Harmonized Sales Tax rate in Nova Scotia.

Sales increased 0.3% in Ontario following declines in April and May.

Quebec retailers registered a 0.2% sales decline in June, a third consecutive monthly decrease.

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.**

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

Data on retail trade for July will be released on September 22.

For more information, or to order data, contact Client Services (613-951-3549; toll-free 1-877-421-3067;

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### Retail sales by province and territory

	June 2009	May 2010 <sup>r</sup>	June 2010 <sup>p</sup>	May to June 2010	June to June 2010
Seasonally adjusted					
	\$ millions			% change	
<b>Canada</b>	<b>34,605</b>	<b>35,914</b>	<b>35,934</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>3.8</b>
Newfoundland and Labrador	600	604	601	-0.6	0.1
Prince Edward Island	140	146	143	-1.6	2.8
Nova Scotia	1,017	1,048	1,081	3.1	6.3
New Brunswick	830	871	855	-1.8	3.0
Quebec	7,811	8,069	8,051	-0.2	3.1
Ontario	12,300	12,844	12,886	0.3	4.8
Manitoba	1,254	1,290	1,289	0.0	2.8
Saskatchewan	1,222	1,221	1,230	0.7	0.6
Alberta	4,721	4,844	4,834	-0.2	2.4
British Columbia	4,581	4,844	4,830	-0.3	5.4
Yukon	44	46	46	-0.5	5.3
Northwest Territories	59	59	60	1.3	0.5
Nunavut	27	29	28	-1.0	4.8

<sup>r</sup> revised

<sup>p</sup> preliminary

**Note:** Figures may not add up to total as a result of rounding.

## Retail sales by industry

	June 2009	May 2010 <sup>r</sup>	June 2010 <sup>p</sup>	May to June 2010	June 2009 to June 2010
Seasonally adjusted					
	\$ millions			% change	
<b>Total retail trade</b>	<b>34,605</b>	<b>35,914</b>	<b>35,934</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>3.8</b>
<b>Total excluding motor vehicle and parts dealers</b>	<b>27,275</b>	<b>28,284</b>	<b>28,146</b>	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>3.2</b>
<b>Total excluding motor vehicle and parts dealers and gasoline stations</b>	<b>23,805</b>	<b>24,480</b>	<b>24,444</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>2.7</b>
<b>Motor vehicle and parts dealers</b>	<b>7,330</b>	<b>7,631</b>	<b>7,787</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>6.2</b>
New car dealers	5,764	6,105	6,230	2.0	8.1
Used car dealers	498	459	480	4.5	-3.7
Other motor vehicle dealers	562	563	565	0.4	0.5
Automotive parts, accessories and tire stores	506	503	512	1.8	1.3
<b>Furniture and home furnishing stores</b>	<b>1,187</b>	<b>1,273</b>	<b>1,302</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>9.6</b>
Furniture stores	772	806	815	1.2	5.6
Home furnishings stores	415	467	486	4.1	17.2
<b>Electronics and appliance stores</b>	<b>1,144</b>	<b>1,149</b>	<b>1,208</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>5.6</b>
<b>Building material and garden equipment and supplies dealers</b>	<b>2,280</b>	<b>2,311</b>	<b>2,321</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>1.8</b>
<b>Food and beverage stores</b>	<b>8,497</b>	<b>8,640</b>	<b>8,630</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>1.6</b>
Supermarkets and other grocery (except convenience) stores	6,042	6,164	6,161	-0.1	2.0
Convenience stores	563	566	560	-0.9	-0.5
Specialty food stores	377	407	408	0.3	8.2
Beer, wine and liquor stores	1,514	1,502	1,500	-0.1	-0.9
<b>Health and personal care stores</b>	<b>2,569</b>	<b>2,658</b>	<b>2,631</b>	<b>-1.0</b>	<b>2.4</b>
<b>Gasoline stations</b>	<b>3,471</b>	<b>3,804</b>	<b>3,702</b>	<b>-2.7</b>	<b>6.7</b>
<b>Clothing and clothing accessories stores</b>	<b>1,934</b>	<b>2,061</b>	<b>2,039</b>	<b>-1.1</b>	<b>5.4</b>
Clothing stores	1,502	1,600	1,596	-0.3	6.3
Shoe stores	229	234	226	-3.7	-1.3
Jewellery, luggage and leather goods stores	204	227	217	-4.2	6.8
<b>Sporting goods, hobby, book and music stores</b>	<b>941</b>	<b>922</b>	<b>938</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>-0.2</b>
<b>General merchandise stores</b>	<b>4,327</b>	<b>4,544</b>	<b>4,466</b>	<b>-1.7</b>	<b>3.2</b>
<b>Miscellaneous store retailers</b>	<b>926</b>	<b>923</b>	<b>909</b>	<b>-1.5</b>	<b>-1.8</b>

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## **Aircraft movement statistics: Major airports**

July 2010

Aircraft take-offs and landings at the 93 Canadian airports with NAV CANADA air traffic control towers and flight service stations decreased 1.2% in July compared with the same month in 2009. These airports reported 590,449 movements in July compared with 597,468 movements in July 2009.

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The July 2010 issue of *Aircraft Movement Statistics: NAV CANADA Towers and Flight Service Stations (TP 141)* (51-007-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.

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