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Retail Services Price Index

Second quarter 2010

The Retail Services Price Index (RSPI) declined marginally by 0.1% in the second quarter as compared to the first quarter.

Note: All data in this release are seasonally unadjusted. The Retail Services Price Index is not a retail selling price index. The index represents the change in the price of the retail service. The price of the retail service is defined as the margin price which is the difference between the average purchase price and the average selling price of the retail product being priced.

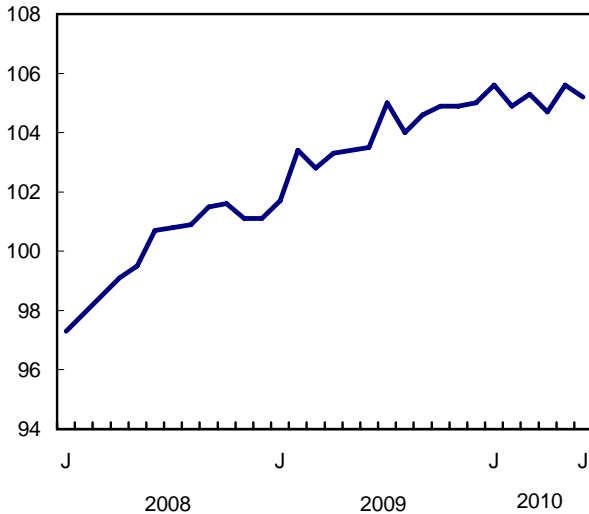
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Retail Services Price Index

index (2008=100)



Gasoline stations (+1.1%), general merchandise stores (+0.6%) and food and beverage stores (+0.3%) recorded margin increases in the second quarter.

Margin increases in the second quarter were offset by declines in 7 of the 10 retail sectors. The largest margin decreases were posted by sporting goods, hobby, book and music retailers (-2.1%), electronics and appliance retailers (-1.9%), and by retailers of health and personal care products (-1.8%).

Year over year, the RSPI was up 1.7% in the second quarter. The largest year-over-year margin increases were posted by general merchandise stores (+9.0%), miscellaneous store retailers (+7.5%) and building material and garden equipment and supplies dealers (+4.1%). Margins for retailers of electronics and appliances (-6.5%) declined year over year.

Retail Services Price Index

	Relative Importance ¹	Second quarter 2009	First quarter 2010 ^r	Second quarter 2010 ^p	First quarter to second quarter 2010	Second quarter 2009 to second quarter 2010
	%	(2008=100)			% change	
Retail Services Price Index	100.00	103.4	105.3	105.2	-0.1	1.7
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	1.53	103.2 ²	105.2 ²	105.2 ²	-0.2 ²	1.7 ²
Furniture and home furnishings stores	3.33	104.5	103.2	101.7	-1.5	-2.7
Electronics and appliance stores	3.42	100.8	96.0	94.2	-1.9	-6.5
Building material and garden equipment and supplies dealers	5.97	107.8	112.4	112.2	-0.2	4.1
Food and beverage stores	21.81	105.8	106.0	106.3	0.3	0.5
Health and personal care stores	6.68	106.1	110.1	108.1	-1.8	1.9
Gasoline stations	11.52	100.7	100.3	101.4	1.1	0.7
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	5.24	98.4	98.8	97.6	-1.2	-0.8
Sporting goods, hobby, book and music stores	2.48	104.3	104.2	102.0	-2.1	-2.2
General merchandise stores	11.47	100.1	108.5	109.1	0.6	9.0
Miscellaneous store retailers	2.56	100.9	108.7	108.5	-0.2	7.5

^r revised

^p preliminary

. not available for any reference period

1. The relative importance is based on the weight that each 3-digit NAICS (North American Industrial Classification System) contributes to the overall Retail Services Price Index. The total does not equal 100 as Automobile Dealers (NAICS 4411), Other Motor Vehicle Dealers (NAICS 4412) and Non-Store Retailers (NAICS 454) were not priced.

2. Automobile Dealers (NAICS 4411) and Other Motor Vehicle Dealers (NAICS 4412) have not been surveyed and therefore data are not available at this time.



Large urban transit

November 2010 (preliminary)

Total operating revenue (excluding subsidies) for 10 of Canada's largest urban transit properties rose 12.2% from November 2009 to \$245.5 million in November.

These 10 companies represent about 80% of total urban transit across the country.

Ridership levels rose to 134.8 million passenger trips in November, a 4.2% increase from the same month a year earlier.

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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; fax: 613-951-0009; transportationstatistics@statcan.gc.ca), Transportation Division. ■

Travel Survey of Residents of Canada

The Tourism and Centre for Education Statistics Division is pleased to announce the introduction of five new CANSIM tables: tables 426-0013 to 426-0017. These tables cover the period 2006 to 2009 and replace tables 426-0001 to 426-0005, which have been terminated.

Available on CANSIM: tables 426-0013 to 426-0017.

Table 426-0013: Travel Survey of Residents of Canada, domestic travel, by province and census metropolitan areas, annual.

Table 426-0014: Travel Survey of Residents of Canada, traveller characteristics, by province of destination, annual.

Table 426-0015: Travel Survey of Residents of Canada, travel characteristics, by province of destination, annual.

Table 426-0016: Travel Survey of Residents of Canada, travel characteristics, by province visited, annual.

Table 426-0017: Travel Survey of Residents of Canada, reallocated expenditures, by travel characteristics, annual.

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Specialized design services

2009

The 2009 edition of *Service Bulletin: Specialized design services*, which contains industry highlights along with financial data including revenues, expenses, and operating profit margins, is now available. The publication also includes product information, data by type of client and by geographic region.

Available on CANSIM: tables 360-0002, 360-0008 and 360-0009.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 4719.

The publication *Service Bulletin: Specialized design services*, 2009 (63-251-X, free), is now available from the *Key resource* module of our website under *Publications*.

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Automotive equipment rental and leasing 2009

The 2009 edition of *Service Bulletin: Automotive equipment rental and leasing*, which contains industry highlights along with financial data including revenues, expenses, and operating profit margins, is now available.

Available on CANSIM: tables 352-0008, 352-0011 and 352-0012.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2442.

The publication *Service bulletin: Automotive equipment rental and leasing*, 2009 (63-242-X, free), is now available from the *Key resource* module of our website under *Publications*.

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