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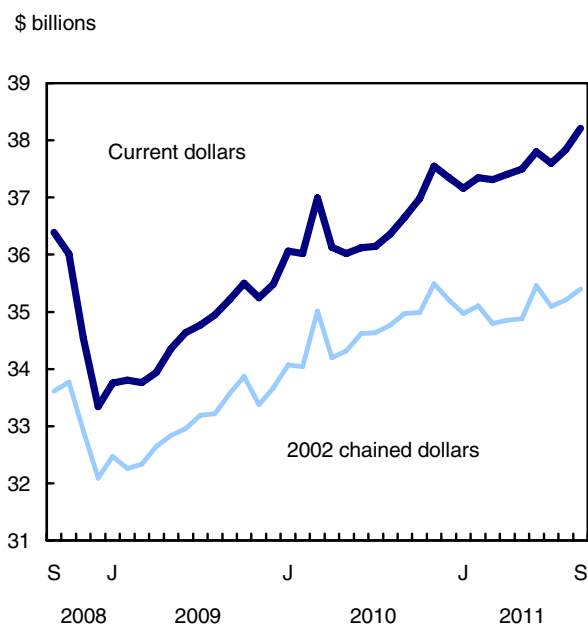
Retail trade

September 2011

Retail sales rose 1.0% to \$38.2 billion in September, reflecting growth at most store types. This marks the fifth increase in six months and was the largest advance since November 2010.

In volume terms, sales rose 0.6%.

Retail sales increase in September



Gains were reported in 9 of 11 subsectors, representing 90% of retail sales.

Motor vehicle and parts dealers (+2.8%) registered the largest increase in sales. New car dealers (+3.7%) accounted for most of the gain, mainly reflecting higher sales of new trucks. Increased sales were also reported at used car dealers (+3.5%) and automotive parts, accessories and tire stores (+0.2%). Sales in the "other motor vehicle dealers" industry fell 4.0%, following five consecutive monthly gains.

Higher prices contributed to a third consecutive monthly increase in sales at gasoline stations, up 0.8% in September.

General merchandise store sales advanced 0.7%, the eighth increase in nine months. Sales gains in the "other general merchandise stores" (+1.4%) industry

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.

were partially offset by declines at department stores (-0.2%).

Sales at clothing and clothing accessories stores rose 1.0%, more than offsetting the decline in August. Sales at this store type have been trending upwards for the past two years. This rise reflects, in part, an increased concentration of clothing sales in this sub-sector.

Electronics and appliance stores reported a sales gain of 1.2%, following three monthly decreases.

Health and personal care store sales declined 0.4% in September. Sales in this subsector have been on a downward trend since the beginning of 2011. Prescription drugs represent over half of the sales of this store type. Consumer prices for prescription drugs have declined, reflecting changes in the regulations for generic prescription drugs enacted in a number of provinces and the expiry of some drug patents.

Sales up in all provinces

Retail sales increased in all provinces in September. The two largest contributors were Ontario (+1.0%) and Alberta (+1.6%). This was the second consecutive monthly increase in both provinces.

After a decline in July and flat sales in August, retail sales in Quebec rose 0.7% in September.

Nova Scotia (+2.4%) reported the largest percentage sales increase.

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 September 2011 issue of *Retail Trade* (63-005-X, free) will be available shortly.

Data on retail trade for October will be released on December 21.

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

retailinfo@statcan.gc.ca). For analytical information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Ashley Ker (613-951-2252), Distributive Trades Division.

Retail sales by province and territory – Seasonally adjusted

	September 2010	August 2011 ^r	September 2011 ^p	August to September 2011	September 2010 to September 2011
	\$ millions			% change	
Canada	36,661	37,831	38,212	1.0	4.2
Newfoundland and Labrador	618	652	666	2.1	7.8
Prince Edward Island	148	157	159	1.6	7.9
Nova Scotia	1,058	1,084	1,110	2.4	4.9
New Brunswick	887	922	939	1.8	5.8
Quebec	8,275	8,437	8,494	0.7	2.7
Ontario	13,087	13,448	13,584	1.0	3.8
Manitoba	1,323	1,374	1,383	0.6	4.5
Saskatchewan	1,275	1,355	1,378	1.7	8.1
Alberta	5,018	5,309	5,396	1.6	7.5
British Columbia	4,835	4,948	4,959	0.2	2.6
Yukon	51	56	57	2.1	11.8
Northwest Territories	60	58	59	1.0	-1.9
Nunavut	28	30	30	1.1	7.3

^r revised

^p preliminary

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

Retail sales by industry – Seasonally adjusted

	September 2010	August 2011 ^r	September 2011 ^p	August to September 2011	September 2010 to September 2011
	\$ millions		% change		
Total retail trade	36,661	37,831	38,212	1.0	4.2
Total excluding motor vehicle and parts dealers	28,572	29,565	29,712	0.5	4.0
Total excluding motor vehicle and parts dealers and gasoline stations	24,548	24,754	24,862	0.4	1.3
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	8,088	8,266	8,500	2.8	5.1
New car dealers	6,514	6,566	6,807	3.7	4.5
Used car dealers	487	497	514	3.5	5.7
Other motor vehicle dealers	557	630	605	-4.0	8.7
Automotive parts, accessories and tire stores	530	573	573	0.2	8.2
Furniture and home furnishing stores	1,227	1,255	1,248	-0.5	1.8
Furniture stores	793	782	784	0.3	-1.1
Home furnishings stores	434	473	464	-1.9	6.9
Electronics and appliance stores	1,182	1,147	1,162	1.2	-1.7
Building material and garden equipment and supplies dealers	2,208	2,264	2,282	0.8	3.4
Food and beverage stores	8,696	8,699	8,714	0.2	0.2
Supermarkets and other grocery (except convenience) stores	6,210	6,183	6,175	-0.1	-0.6
Convenience stores	546	558	551	-1.3	1.0
Specialty food stores	414	408	411	0.8	-0.7
Beer, wine and liquor stores	1,527	1,550	1,577	1.8	3.3
Health and personal care stores	2,693	2,648	2,637	-0.4	-2.1
Gasoline stations	4,024	4,811	4,850	0.8	20.5
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	2,084	2,145	2,167	1.0	4.0
Clothing stores	1,627	1,668	1,684	0.9	3.5
Shoe stores	244	241	243	0.8	-0.2
Jewellery, luggage and leather goods stores	213	235	239	1.7	12.2
Sporting goods, hobby, book and music stores	955	935	951	1.7	-0.4
General merchandise stores	4,628	4,775	4,808	0.7	3.9
Department stores	x	2,259	2,255	-0.2	x
Other general merchandise stores	x	2,517	2,553	1.4	x
Miscellaneous store retailers	876	885	893	0.9	1.8

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x suppressed to meet the confidentiality requirements of the Statistics Act

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Fixed assets

2011

The value of Canada's fixed assets reached \$1,700.7 billion in 2011.

The business sector accounted for about three-quarters of this total (\$1,297.1 billion). The public administration sector (which includes the three levels of government), educational services and health care and social assistance accounted for the remaining \$403.6 billion.

Fixed assets comprise the total value of non-residential buildings, engineering construction, and machinery and equipment. The value of assets in buildings, engineering construction amounted to \$1,121.0 billion. Machinery and equipment assets reached \$579.7 billion.

Note: Data refers to the net linear stock.

This release includes revisions going back to 2003.

Estimates for current, 2002 constant and 2002 chained dollars are now available for three types of depreciation and the associated net stocks: linear, geometric and hyperbolic, and by North American Industry Classification System and groups of assets, provinces and territories.

Available on CANSIM: tables 031-0002 to 031-0004.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2820.

To order data, for more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Xiang Zhou (613-951-0457; xiang.zhou@statcan.gc.ca), Investment and Capital Stock Division.

Fixed assets 2011

	Building and engineering construction	Machinery and equipment	Total assets
	\$ billions (2002 constant)		
Total, all industries	1,121.0	579.7	1,700.7
Business sector	777.6	519.5	1,297.1
Public administration, educational services and health care and social assistance	343.4	60.2	403.6

Refined petroleum products

October 2011 (preliminary)

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

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2150.

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

Investment in new housing construction

September 2011

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

Available on CANSIM: table 026-0017.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 5155.

To order data, for more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Mariane Bien-Aimé (613-951-7520; bdp_information@statcan.gc.ca), Investment and Capital Stock Division. ■

Dairy statistics

September 2011 (preliminary)

Dairy statistics for Canada and the provinces are now available for September.

Available on CANSIM: tables 003-0007 to 003-0012, 003-0029, 003-0033 and 003-0034.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey numbers, including related surveys, 3430, 3431 and 3432.

The third quarter 2011 issue of *Dairy Statistics*, Vol. 6, no. 3 (23-014-X, free), is now available from the *Key resource* module of our website under *Publications*.

For more information, call Client Services (toll-free 1-800-465-1991). To enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Brad McKay (613-951-6571; brad.mckay@statcan.gc.ca), Agriculture Division. ■

Standard Geographical Classification 2011

The *Standard Geographical Classification* (SGC) 2011 is available today. The SGC is a classification of geographic areas used to collect and disseminate statistics. The 2011 edition replaces the 2006 edition as the official classification for geographic areas for the 2011 Census and other Statistics Canada surveys.

The 2011 version of the SGC includes new structural changes to the classification. With this revision, the classification formally recognizes the geographical regions of Canada (Atlantic, Quebec, Ontario, Prairies, British Columbia and territories) that are commonly used in the publication of Statistics Canada data. The classification now includes three classification variants, two that describe the metropolitan geography of Canada and a third that describes economic regions. In the first two classification variants, every census subdivision (municipality) in Canada can now be classified as being part of a census metropolitan area, a census agglomeration or a census metropolitan influenced zone.

The SGC is organized in two volumes: *Volume I, The Classification* and *Volume II, Reference Maps*.

Volume I describes the classification and related standard geographic areas and place names. It provides names and codes for the geographical regions of Canada, provinces and territories, census divisions (counties, regional municipalities), census subdivisions (municipalities), census metropolitan areas, census agglomerations, census metropolitan influenced zones and economic regions. Volume I also explains the changes between the 2011 edition of the SGC and the 2006 edition that impact directly upon the classification, such as changes in name, type or code, and indicates how the new and old codes relate to one another. Volume I is available in HTML and PDF formats.

Volume II contains reference maps showing boundaries and locations of the geographic areas in the classification. Additional hyperlinks in the 2011 maps allow for enhanced navigation between maps. The maps in Volume II can be downloaded for free in PDF format from our website.

For more information on the *Standard Geographical Classification 2011, Volume I, The Classification* (12-571-X, free) or *Standard Geographical Classification 2011, Volume II, Reference Maps* (12-572-X, free), contact Richard Fortin (613-951-3445; standards@statcan.gc.ca), Standards Division. ■

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<small>The current account surplus with the rest of the world (on a seasonally adjusted basis) increased sharply to \$5.5 billion in the first quarter of 2008, led by higher prices for several exported commodities compared with a lower base level. In the financial account, foreign direct investment flows into Canada slowed significantly from the expansion-driven pace of the previous quarter, while Canadian direct investment abroad continued to strengthen.</small>	
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2006 Census profiles

Within the indicators of the income and earnings release components, the complete cumulative profile is now available for census divisions, census subdivisions, dissemination areas, forward sortation areas, designated places, urban areas, and census metropolitan areas and census agglomerations with census subdivisions. To obtain these profiles in electronic format (links vary for different geography levels), contact Statistics Canada's National Contact Centre.

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