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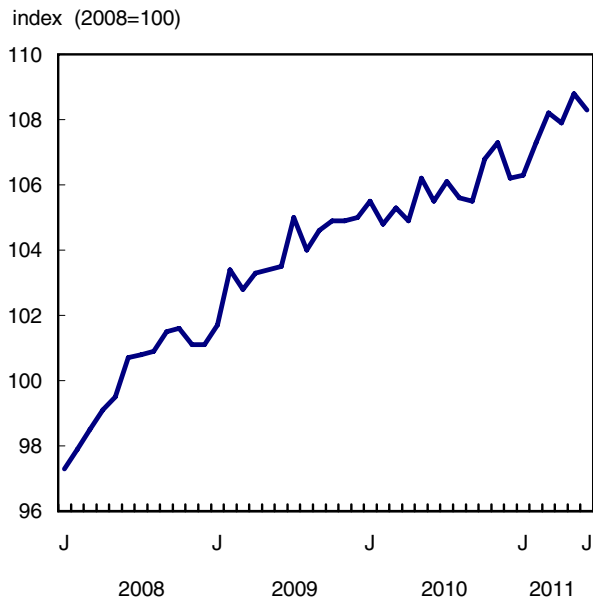
Retail Services Price Index

Second quarter 2011

The Retail Services Price Index (RSPI) rose 0.9% in the second quarter.

Margin increases by gasoline stations (+4.9%), electronics and appliance stores (+2.9%) and building material and garden equipment and supplies dealers (+2.3%) led the advance in the RSPI in the second quarter. Increases were posted by every retail sector except clothing and clothing accessories stores (-2.1%), general merchandise stores (-0.4%) and furniture and home furnishings stores (0.0%).

Retail Services Price Index



The RSPI was up 2.7% compared with the second quarter of 2010, with gasoline stations (+7.3%), food and beverage stores (+4.2%) and furniture and home furnishings stores (+2.9%) posting the largest year-over-year margin increases. Electronics and appliance stores (-8.7%) recorded the lone year-over-year decline of the RSPI.

Note: All data in this release are seasonally unadjusted and are subject to revision. With the release of the final fourth quarter data for any given year, finalized data for all quarters of that year are released at the same time.

The Retail Services Price Index (RSPI) is constructed using monthly data. The chart reflects monthly movements of the RSPI, whereas the text and table are based on quarterly movements.

The RSPI is part of the Services Producer Price Index program at Statistics Canada. The RSPI is not a retail selling price index. The RSPI 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 – Not seasonally adjusted

	Relative importance ¹	Second quarter 2010	First quarter 2011 ^r	Second quarter 2011 ^p	First quarter to second quarter 2011	Second quarter 2010 to second quarter 2011
	%	(2008=100)			% change	
Retail Services Price Index	100.00	105.5	107.3	108.3	0.9	2.7
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	1.53	. ²	. ²	. ²	. ²	. ²
Furniture and home furnishings stores	3.33	102.1	105.1	105.1	0.0	2.9
Electronics and appliance stores	3.42	96.9	86.0	88.5	2.9	-8.7
Building material and garden equipment and supplies dealers	5.97	112.4	110.9	113.4	2.3	0.9
Food and beverage stores	21.81	106.2	110.6	110.7	0.1	4.2
Health and personal care stores	6.68	110.7	111.8	112.4	0.5	1.5
Gasoline stations	11.52	101.1	103.4	108.5	4.9	7.3
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	5.24	97.9	101.3	99.2	-2.1	1.3
Sporting goods, hobby, book and music stores	2.48	102.4	103.9	104.1	0.2	1.7
General merchandise stores	11.47	108.9	110.2	109.8	-0.4	0.8
Miscellaneous store retailers	2.56	109.1	108.6	109.8	1.1	0.6

^r revised

^p preliminary

. not available for any reference period

1. The relative importance is based on the weight that each three-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.

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Farm product prices

September 2011

Prices received by farmers in September for grains, oilseeds, specialty crops, potatoes, cattle, hogs, poultry, eggs and dairy products are now available.

The September Ontario soybeans price was \$459.27 per tonne, down 4.6% from August but up 20.7% from September 2010 when the price was \$380.45.

The Manitoba feeder cattle price in September was \$119.49 per hundredweight, up 3.9% from August and up 19.6% from September 2010 when it stood at \$99.89.

Note: Farm commodity prices are now available on CANSIM. Prices for over 35 commodities are available by province, some series going back 20 years.

Available on CANSIM: table 002-0043.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 3436.

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Canadian Foreign Post Indexes

November 2011

Data on Canadian foreign post indexes are now available for November.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2322.

The November 2011 issue of *Canadian Foreign Post Indexes* (62-013-X, free) is now available from the Key resource module of our website under *Publications*.

For more information, contact Client Services (toll-free 1-866-230-2248; 613-951-9606; cpd-info-dpc@statcan.gc.ca). To enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Claudio Perez (613-951-1733; claudio.perez@statcan.gc.ca), Consumer Prices Division. ■

Mineral wool including fibrous glass insulation

September 2011

Data on mineral wool including fibrous glass insulation are now available for September, as well as revised data for August.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2110.

Data are available upon request only.

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

Coal and coke statistics

August 2011

Data on coal and coke are now available for August.

Available on CANSIM: tables 135-0001 and 135-0002.

Table 135-0001: Coke.

Table 135-0002: Coal.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey numbers, including related surveys, 2003 and 2147.

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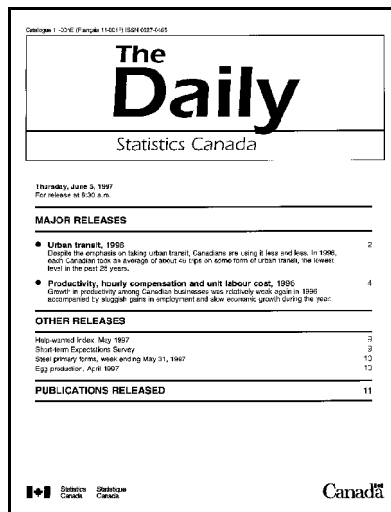
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