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Perspectives on Labour and Income

Winter 2011 print edition

The Winter 2011 print edition of *Perspectives on Labour and Income*, released today, includes three articles previously released in the online edition.

"The financial well-being of the self-employed" uses a variety of data sources to examine how the self-employed differ from paid employees in income level and dispersion, wealth, retirement preparation and spending.

"Delayed retirement: A new trend?" examines changes since 1976 in a number of indicators that show the aging of Canadian workers and a growing number of workers delaying retirement, and attempts to reconcile the two apparently contradictory trends using a new expected working-life indicator.

"Regional economic shocks and migration" evaluates the impact of regional economic shocks on the migration of residents, and examines the extent to which a deterioration in the relative economic position of a region and a decrease in personal income are linked to higher probabilities of migration.

This edition also features yearly updates on gambling and unionization, a cumulative index from 1989 to 2011, as well as the "What's New?" section, which highlights recent reports and studies of interest from Statistics Canada and other organizations.

The Winter 2011 print edition of *Perspectives on Labour and Income*, Vol. 23, no. 4 (75-001-X, \$20/\$63), is now available. See *How to order products*.

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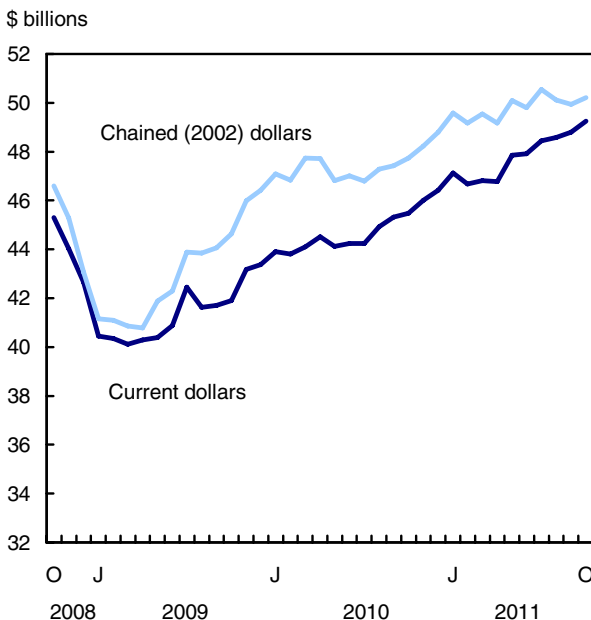
Wholesale trade

October 2011

Wholesale sales increased 0.9% to \$49.2 billion in October, with the growth concentrated in the western provinces.

In volume terms, wholesale sales increased 0.5% in October.

Wholesale sales increase in October

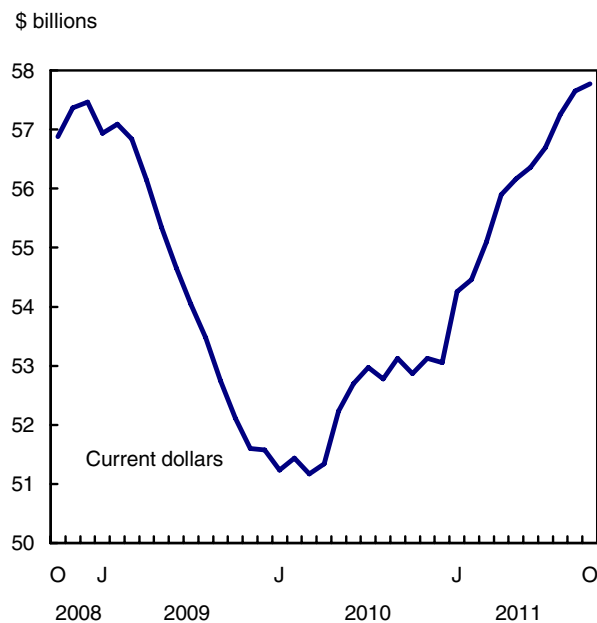


Inventories rose in 13 of the 25 wholesale industries. Wholesalers in the motor vehicle industry (+3.2%) and the construction, forestry, mining and industrial machinery, equipment and supplies industry (+1.1%) reported the largest gains in dollar terms.

The inventory-to-sales ratio declined from 1.18 in September to 1.17 in October.

The inventory-to-sales ratio is a measure of the time in months required to exhaust inventories if sales were to remain at their current level.

Inventories edge up in October



Available on CANSIM: tables 081-0011 to 081-0013.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2401.

The October 2011 issue of *Wholesale Trade* (63-008-X, free) will soon be available.

Wholesale trade data for November will be released on January 20, 2012.

To obtain data, or for more information, contact Client Services (toll-free 1-877-421-3067; 613-951-3549; wholesaleinfo@statcan.gc.ca). To enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Steve Chadder (613-951-0303; steve.chadder@statcan.gc.ca), Distributive Trades Division.

Wholesale merchants' sales by industry – Seasonally adjusted

	October 2010	September 2011 ^r	October 2011 ^p	September to October 2011	October 2010 to October 2011
	\$ millions			% change	
Total, wholesale sales	45,487	48,798	49,241	0.9	8.3
Total, excluding motor vehicle and parts wholesalers	37,621	40,778	41,129	0.9	9.3
Farm product	550	598	610	2.0	10.8
Food, beverage and tobacco	8,716	9,163	9,263	1.1	6.3
Food	7,759	8,169	8,285	1.4	6.8
Beverage	447	469	467	-0.3	4.6
Cigarette and tobacco product	510	525	510	-2.8	0.0
Personal and household goods	6,943	7,151	7,124	-0.4	2.6
Textile, clothing and footwear	902	953	918	-3.7	1.8
Home entertainment equipment and household appliance	761	782	834	6.6	9.5
Home furnishings	461	494	505	2.2	9.5
Personal goods	773	755	732	-3.0	-5.2
Pharmaceuticals and pharmacy supplies	3,369	3,521	3,476	-1.3	3.2
Toiletries, cosmetics and sundries	677	646	660	2.2	-2.5
Motor vehicle and parts	7,866	8,020	8,113	1.2	3.1
Motor vehicle	6,047	6,177	6,212	0.6	2.7
New motor vehicle parts and accessories	1,770	1,797	1,858	3.4	5.0
Used motor vehicle parts and accessories	49	46	43	-5.7	-11.9
Building material and supplies	6,229	6,617	6,679	0.9	7.2
Electrical, plumbing, heating and air-conditioning equipment and supplies	1,975	2,125	2,176	2.4	10.2
Metal service centres	1,306	1,498	1,525	1.8	16.8
Lumber, millwork, hardware and other building supplies	2,948	2,994	2,978	-0.5	1.0
Machinery, equipment and supplies	9,315	10,380	10,485	1.0	12.6
Farm, lawn and garden machinery and equipment	1,003	1,243	1,236	-0.5	23.2
Construction, forestry, mining, and industrial machinery, equipment and supplies	3,055	3,575	3,632	1.6	18.9
Computer and communications equipment and supplies	2,953	3,116	3,170	1.7	7.3
Other machinery, equipment and supplies	2,304	2,446	2,447	0.1	6.2
Miscellaneous	5,867	6,870	6,968	1.4	18.8
Recyclable material	698	873	896	2.6	28.4
Paper, paper product and disposable plastic product	764	819	819	-0.1	7.2
Agricultural supplies	1,465	1,762	1,841	4.5	25.6
Chemical (except agricultural) and allied product	1,054	1,249	1,280	2.4	21.4
Other miscellaneous	1,886	2,166	2,133	-1.5	13.1

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^p preliminary

Note: Figures may not add to totals because of rounding.

Wholesale merchants' sales by province and territory – Seasonally adjusted

	October 2010	September 2011 ^r	October 2011 ^p	September to October 2011	October 2010 to October 2011
	\$ millions			% change	
Canada	45,487	48,798	49,241	0.9	8.3
Newfoundland and Labrador	276	329	324	-1.7	17.3
Prince Edward Island	42	48	50	4.7	20.1
Nova Scotia	649	667	675	1.2	4.0
New Brunswick	485	480	484	0.8	-0.4
Quebec	8,566	9,289	9,254	-0.4	8.0
Ontario	23,132	24,324	24,267	-0.2	4.9
Manitoba	1,206	1,286	1,344	4.5	11.5
Saskatchewan	1,504	1,855	2,011	8.4	33.7
Alberta	5,462	6,157	6,398	3.9	17.1
British Columbia	4,093	4,300	4,368	1.6	6.7
Yukon	11	11	12	4.5	8.6
Northwest Territories	54	47	48	2.5	-11.3
Nunavut	5	5	6	17.4	16.1

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Wholesale merchants' inventories by industry – Seasonally adjusted

	October 2010	September 2011 ^r	October 2011 ^p	September to October 2011	October 2010 to October 2011
	\$ millions			% change	
Total, wholesale inventories	52,866	57,651	57,773	0.2	9.3
Farm product	156	176	189	7.4	20.8
Food	4,206	4,587	4,638	1.1	10.3
Beverage	233	277	288	4.1	23.5
Cigarette and tobacco product	229	222	224	0.8	-2.2
Textile, clothing and footwear	1,684	1,920	1,886	-1.7	12.0
Home entertainment equipment and household appliance	841	771	756	-2.0	-10.1
Home furnishings	993	1,035	1,062	2.5	6.9
Personal goods	1,317	1,357	1,401	3.2	6.4
Pharmaceuticals and pharmacy supplies	4,158	4,351	4,291	-1.4	3.2
Toiletries, cosmetics and sundries	601	722	697	-3.5	16.0
Motor vehicle	3,335	3,842	3,965	3.2	18.9
New motor vehicle parts and accessories	3,100	3,402	3,409	0.2	10.0
Used motor vehicle parts and accessories	70	86	88	2.1	25.7
Electrical, plumbing, heating and air-conditioning equipment and supplies	2,844	3,170	3,134	-1.1	10.2
Metal service centres	2,666	3,024	3,006	-0.6	12.8
Lumber, millwork, hardware and other building supplies	4,540	4,618	4,552	-1.4	0.3
Farm, lawn and garden machinery and equipment	3,277	3,276	3,268	-0.3	-0.3
Construction, forestry, mining, and industrial machinery, equipment and supplies	7,200	8,179	8,267	1.1	14.8
Computer and communications equipment and supplies	1,613	1,807	1,806	0.0	12.0
Other machinery, equipment and supplies	3,081	3,328	3,288	-1.2	6.7
Recyclable material	480	637	627	-1.7	30.5
Paper, paper product and disposable plastic product	645	758	764	0.8	18.5
Agricultural supplies	2,538	2,656	2,737	3.0	7.8
Chemical (except agricultural) and allied product	822	948	974	2.7	18.4
Other miscellaneous	2,237	2,501	2,457	-1.8	9.9

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Travel between Canada and other countries October 2011

Canadian residents made 4.9 million trips abroad in October, down 0.3% from September. The decline was attributable to a decrease in travel from Canada to countries other than the United States.

Canadian residents made 766,000 trips to overseas countries in October, down 2.1% from the previous month.

Canadian residents made 4.2 million trips to the United States in October, about the same number of trips made in September.

However, overnight travel by Canadian residents to the United States was down 1.6% from September to 1.7 million trips in October. This was the third consecutive monthly decline.

In October, overnight car travel by Canadian residents to the United States was down 1.1% compared with the previous month, while overnight plane travel decreased 2.7%.

In contrast, Canadians took 2.4 million same-day car trips to the United States in October, up 1.2% from September.

In the other direction, travel by residents from abroad to Canada was essentially unchanged compared with September, at about 2.0 million trips in October.

American residents made 1.6 million trips in October, a slight increase of 0.2% from September. Overnight travel by Americans to Canada increased 0.9% to 971,000 trips. Overnight car travel was up 0.3% to 557,000 trips, while overnight plane travel decreased 0.4% to 293,000 trips.

However, American residents made 583,000 same-day car trips to

Canada in October, down 1.3% from the previous month.

Travel to Canada by residents of countries other than the United States was down 0.8% from September to 378,000 trips in October.

However, 7 of the top 12 overseas markets recorded increases in travel to Canada.

In terms of percentage, the number of trips by Chinese residents to Canada was up 3.3% in October from September, the strongest increase, while the number of trips by Japanese residents was down 6.2%, the largest decrease.

Note: Monthly data are seasonally adjusted. All seasonally adjusted data have been revised back to January 2011. Revisions have been made to some non-seasonally adjusted series for each month of the first and second quarters of 2011.

Available on CANSIM: tables 427-0001 to 427-0006.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 5005.

The October 2011 issue of *International Travel, Advance Information*, Vol. 27, no. 10 (66-001-P, free), is now available from the *Key resource* module of our website under *Publications*.

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Travel between Canada and other countries – Seasonally adjusted

	October 2010 ^r	September 2011 ^r	October 2011 ^p	September to October 2011
	thousands			% change ¹
Canadian trips abroad²	4,627	4,953	4,937	-0.3
To the United States	3,857	4,171	4,170	0.0
To other countries	770	783	766	-2.1
Same-day car trips to the United States	2,137	2,369	2,399	1.2
Total trips, one or more nights	2,450	2,543	2,499	-1.7
United States ³	1,680	1,761	1,733	-1.6
Car	993	1,023	1,012	-1.1
Plane	592	640	623	-2.7
Other modes of transportation	95	97	97	-0.2
Other countries ⁴	770	783	766	-2.1
Travel to Canada²	2,091	2,017	2,017	0.0
From the United States	1,716	1,636	1,639	0.2
From other countries	375	381	378	-0.8
Same-day car trips from the United States	629	591	583	-1.3
Total trips, one or more nights	1,377	1,335	1,341	0.4
United States ³	1,009	962	971	0.9
Car	586	556	557	0.3
Plane	308	295	293	-0.4
Other modes of transportation	116	112	120	7.7
Other countries ⁴	367	372	369	-0.9
Travel to Canada: Top overseas markets, by country of origin⁵				
United Kingdom	62	58	57	-1.7
France	38	38	39	1.1
Germany	29	27	27	-1.7
China	17	21	22	3.3
Australia	21	22	21	-3.8
Japan	19	19	18	-6.2
South Korea	15	12	13	1.5
Mexico	10	12	12	2.0
India	10	12	12	1.5
Switzerland	9	10	10	1.8
Hong Kong	10	10	10	-4.8
Netherlands	9	9	9	1.5

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1. Percentage change is based on unrounded data.

2. Totals exceed the sum of "same-day car trips" and "total trips, one or more nights" because they include all of the same-day trips.

3. Estimates for the United States include counts of cars and buses, and estimated numbers for planes, trains, boats and other methods.

4. Figures for other countries exclude same-day entries by land only, via the United States.

5. Includes same-day and overnight trips.

Production and value of honey and maple products

2011

Canadian beekeepers produced 78.1 million pounds of honey in 2011, down nearly 4.0 million pounds, or 4.8%, from 2010.

On average, each colony had a yield of 124 pounds, down from 132 pounds in 2010.

In Alberta, which accounts for over 40% of Canada's honey production, yields fell by 13 pounds per colony to 117 pounds. The decline was the result of several factors, including a long winter and rainy spring and increased splitting of colonies as farmers increased their hives.

The two other Prairie provinces account for an additional 40% of national production. In Manitoba, a hot, dry season provided good conditions for bee activity, resulting in above-average production. Yields averaged 200 pounds per colony, up from 165 pounds in 2010.

In Saskatchewan, yields and production were lower in 2011, with average yields at 177 pounds per colony, down from 214 pounds in 2010.

Canada had 7,671 beekeepers in 2011, 268 more than in 2010. They managed about 627,700 beehives, up 7,400 from 2010.

In 2010, the total value of honey produced increased to \$146 million, up 15.5% from 2009.

In 2011, farmers produced 8.6 million gallons of maple syrup and maple syrup products, a 17.6% increase from 2010. The increase was the result of a favourable season and better yields in many of the maple producing regions.

The total value of maple products, including maple syrup, sugar and butter, was \$349.5 million, up 20.1% from 2010.

Quebec producers accounted for 90% of maple syrup production in Canada. Quebec's total production in 2011 was 7.7 million gallons, 1 million gallons more than what was produced in 2010. This was because of a longer season along with better yields per tap. The 2011 production was 5.5% less than the record crop of 2009, which reached 8.1 million gallons.

The average price per gallon in Quebec remained relatively steady at \$38.17 in 2011, compared with \$37.86 in 2010.

Available on CANSIM: tables 001-0007 and 001-0008.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey numbers, including related surveys, 3414 and 3419.

The 2011 issue of *Production and Value of Honey and Maple Products* (23-221-X, free) is now available online. From the *Key resource* module of our website, under *Publications*, choose *All subjects*, then *Agriculture*.

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Oilseed crushing statistics

November 2011

Oilseed processors crushed 599 726 tonnes of canola in November. Oil production totalled 267 793 tonnes while meal production amounted to 341 633 tonnes.

Available on CANSIM: table 001-0005.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 3404.

The November 2011 issue of *Cereals and Oilseeds Review* (22-007-X, free) will be available in January 2012.

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contact Client Services (toll-free 1-800-465-1991; agriculture@statcan.gc.ca), Agriculture Division. ■

Deliveries of major grains

November 2011

Data on major grain deliveries are now available for November.

Available on CANSIM: table 001-0001.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey numbers, including related surveys, 3403, 3404, 3443, 5046 and 5153.

The November 2011 issue of *Cereals and Oilseeds Review* (22-007-X, free) will be available in January 2012.

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Farm Financial Survey

2010

The Farm Financial Survey, an initiative by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada and Statistics Canada, provides data on farm assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses for 2010. Custom data requests are available by region, farm type and revenue class, on a cost-recovery basis.

Available on CANSIM: tables 002-0064 to 002-0067.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 3450.

The Farm Financial Survey results will soon be available in the *Canadian Farm Financial Database* (21F0001X, free).

Selected data tables are available from the *Key resource* module of our website under *Summary tables*.

The publication *Farm Financial Survey* (21F0008X, free) will be available in February 2012 on our website. It will also be available on Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's website.

For more information, or to order data, contact Client Services (toll-free 1-800-465-1991; agriculture@statcan.gc.ca). To enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Erik Magnusson (613-951-2444; erik.magnusson@statcan.gc.ca), Agriculture Division. ■

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● Productivity, hourly compensation and unit labour cost, 1996

Growth in productivity among Canadian businesses was modestly weak again in 1996, accompanied by sluggish gains in employment and slow economic growth during the year.

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
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