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### Season's Greetings

*The Daily* will not be published from December 26 through January 3. Publication will resume on Wednesday, January 4, 2012. The staff of *The Daily* sends you best wishes for a safe and happy holiday.



## Releases

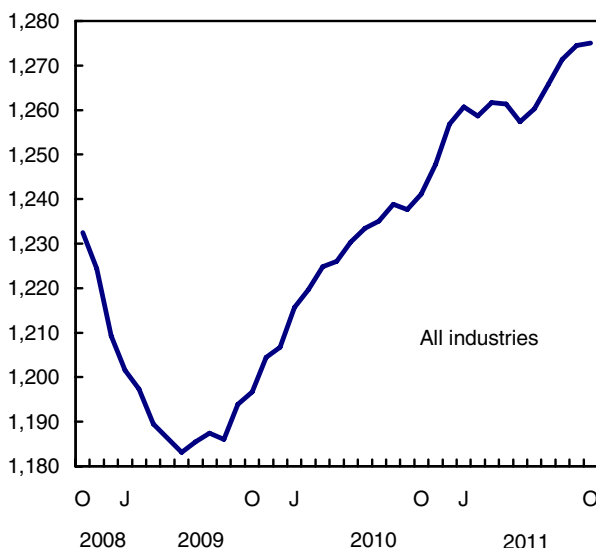
### Gross domestic product by industry

October 2011

Real gross domestic product was unchanged in October, following four consecutive monthly increases. The output of the goods-producing industries fell 0.2% in October as a result of declines in utilities, construction, and mining and oil and gas extraction. These declines offset a gain in manufacturing. Services increased 0.2%, led by retail trade and, to a lesser extent, finance and insurance, the public sector and professional services. Conversely, wholesale trade and some tourism-related industries fell.

#### Real gross domestic product is unchanged in October

billions of chained (2002) dollars



#### Declines in utilities and mining and oil and gas extraction

The utilities sector decreased 1.5% as a result of lower demand for both electricity and natural gas.

Mining and oil and gas extraction declined 0.2%, largely because of lower output of non-metallic mineral

#### Note to readers

The monthly gross domestic product (GDP) by industry data at basic prices are chained volume estimates with 2002 as the reference year. This means that the data for each industry and each aggregate are obtained from a chained volume index multiplied by the industry's value added in 2002. For the 1997 to 2008 period, the monthly data are benchmarked to annually chained Fisher volume indexes of GDP obtained from the constant-price input-output tables.

For the period starting with January 2009, the data are derived by chaining a fixed-weight Laspeyres volume index to the prior period. The fixed weights are 2008 industry prices.

This approach makes the monthly GDP by industry data more comparable with the expenditure-based GDP data, chained quarterly.

#### Revisions

With this release of monthly GDP by industry, revisions have been made back to January 2011. For more information about monthly GDP by industry, see the National economic accounts module on our website.

mines (which include potash and diamond mines). Support activities for mining and oil and gas extraction were down slightly, following gains in the previous two months. Oil and gas extraction edged up 0.1% as higher natural gas production offset the decline in oil extraction.

#### Construction down, home resale market up

Construction decreased 0.4% in October, with lower residential and non-residential building construction accounting for almost all of the decline. Construction of single-family dwellings was particularly weak. Reduced public and commercial construction led the decline in non-residential building construction.

Sales of existing homes increased across the country, resulting in a 1.3% increase in the output of real estate agents and brokers.

#### Increase in manufacturing

Manufacturing production increased 0.3% in October, led by gains in transportation equipment (particularly motor vehicle parts), wood products, plastics and rubber products, and food manufacturing. Declines were recorded in paper, furniture and related products, primary metals, as well as beverage and tobacco manufacturing.

### Retail trade up, wholesale trade down

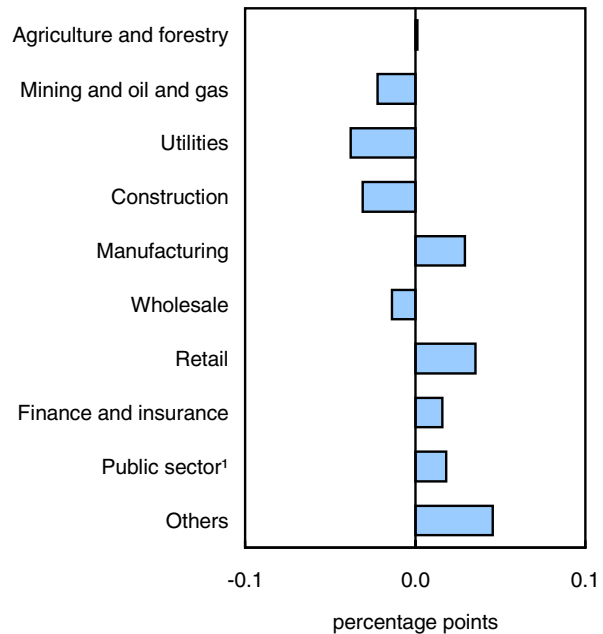
Retail trade grew 0.6% in October, marking the third consecutive monthly increase. Gains in October were widespread but more notable in motor vehicle and parts dealers, food and beverage stores, and health and personal care stores. Declines were recorded in furniture and home furnishing, miscellaneous, and general merchandise stores.

Wholesale trade decreased 0.3% in October after edging up 0.1% in September. Declines in the wholesale trade of personal and household goods and petroleum products outweighed gains in food products, motor vehicles and parts, and building materials.

### Finance and insurance sector increases

The finance and insurance sector rose 0.3% following a 1.0% decline in September. Gains were led by an increase in mutual fund activity as well as in several components of traditional banking services. Conversely, there were declines in residential mortgages, personal loans, and business loans. Lower activity at insurance carriers was also recorded.

### Main industrial sectors' contribution to the percent change in gross domestic product, October 2011



1. Education, health and public administration.

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The October 2011 issue of *Gross Domestic Product by Industry*, Vol. 25, no. 10 (15-001-X, free), is now available from the *Key resource* module of our website under *Publications*.

Data on gross domestic product by industry for November will be released on January 31, 2012.

For more information, or to order data, contact the dissemination officer (toll-free 1-800-887-4623; 613-951-4623; [iad-info-dci@statcan.gc.ca](mailto:iad-info-dci@statcan.gc.ca)). To enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Allan Tomas (613-951-9277), Industry Accounts Division.

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Monthly gross domestic product by industry at basic prices in chained (2002) dollars – Seasonally adjusted

	May 2011 <sup>r</sup>	June 2011 <sup>r</sup>	July 2011 <sup>r</sup>	August 2011 <sup>r</sup>	September 2011 <sup>r</sup>	October 2011 <sup>p</sup>	October 2011	October 2010 to October 2011
	month-to-month % change						millions of dollars <sup>1</sup>	% change
<b>All industries</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1,275,001</b>	<b>2.7</b>
<b>Goods-producing industries</b>	<b>-1.7</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>369,107</b>	<b>4.1</b>
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	0.3	-1.4	-0.6	0.4	0.1	0.1	28,705	0.9
Mining and oil and gas extraction	-5.2	2.3	0.6	4.1	0.3	-0.2	59,004	6.7
Utilities	0.6	-0.7	1.4	-0.8	1.3	-1.5	34,296	6.2
Construction	0.2	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.4	-0.4	77,190	3.3
Manufacturing	-0.4	-0.5	1.3	-0.4	0.6	0.3	162,473	2.3
<b>Services-producing industries</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>910,569</b>	<b>2.1</b>
Wholesale trade	1.3	-0.5	1.8	-0.9	0.1	-0.3	71,164	3.1
Retail trade	0.5	0.9	-0.8	0.3	0.6	0.6	77,468	2.3
Transportation and warehousing	0.1	-1.5	2.1	-0.0	0.4	-0.1	60,126	4.0
Information and cultural industries	0.4	-0.5	-0.0	0.1	-0.4	-0.1	45,578	0.1
Finance, insurance and real estate	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.6	-0.1	0.3	266,101	2.8
Professional, scientific and technical services	0.4	-0.0	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.3	61,824	2.2
Administrative and waste management services	0.0	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.0	30,594	-0.3
Education services	-0.0	0.2	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.1	63,737	1.3
Health care and social assistance	0.3	-0.0	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	84,837	1.8
Arts, entertainment and recreation	-0.3	2.2	0.1	-1.1	1.8	0.4	11,408	1.3
Accommodation and food services	0.2	0.2	0.6	-0.8	0.8	-0.4	27,341	2.0
Other services (except public administration)	0.5	0.3	-0.0	-0.0	0.3	0.2	33,343	2.2
Public administration	0.5	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	-0.0	0.0	76,406	0.7
<b>Other aggregations</b>								
Industrial production	-2.4	0.7	1.0	1.5	0.5	-0.1	263,380	4.6
Non-durable manufacturing industries	-1.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	-0.9	-0.0	63,995	0.4
Durable manufacturing industries	0.3	-1.0	2.1	-0.9	1.8	0.5	98,773	3.8
Business sector industries	-0.4	0.2	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.0	1,058,749	3.0
Non-business sector industries	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	216,536	1.3
Information and communication technologies industries	0.4	-0.8	0.4	-0.6	0.1	-0.0	61,053	1.1
Energy sector	-4.4	2.1	0.3	3.6	0.9	-0.2	89,963	7.6

<sup>r</sup> revised

<sup>p</sup> preliminary

1. At annual rates.

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## For-hire Motor Carrier Freight Services Price Index

Third quarter 2011

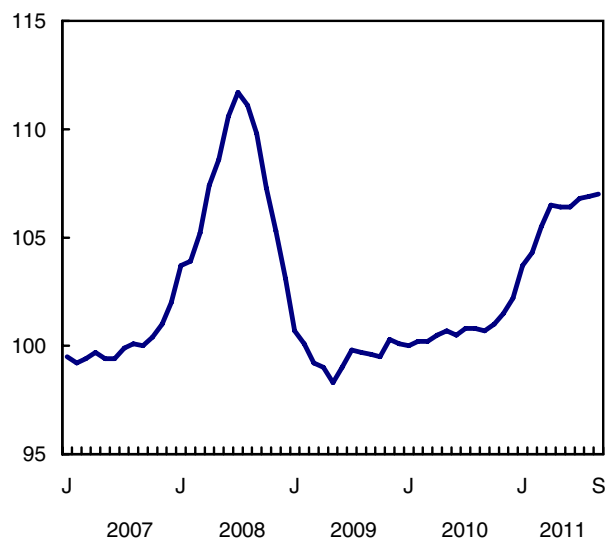
The For-hire Motor Carrier Freight Services Price Index increased 0.5% in the third quarter from the second quarter.

The general freight trucking component rose 0.3% and the specialized freight trucking component advanced 0.5%.

On a year-over-year basis, the index advanced 6.1% in the third quarter compared with the same quarter of 2010.

### For-hire Motor Carrier Freight Services Price Index: Truck Transportation

index (2007=100)



**Note:** With this release, second quarter 2011 data are revised and third quarter data are subject to revision. All data in this release are not seasonally adjusted.

The For-hire Motor Carrier Freight Services Price Index is part of the Services Producer Price Index program at Statistics Canada. This is a monthly index which is disseminated on a quarterly basis. The monthly index measures changes over time in prices for the for-hire motor carrier freight services provided by general and specialized freight trucking companies.

The data collected are used to estimate a price index for the truck transportation services sector. The index can be joined with other business service indexes to provide better estimates of real output and productivity, and to monitor inflation in the services sector. Indexes are available at the Canada level only.

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## Services Producer Price Index: For-hire Motor Carrier Freight Services – Not seasonally adjusted

	Relative importance <sup>1</sup>	Third quarter 2010	Second quarter 2011	Third quarter 2011 <sup>P</sup>	Second quarter to third quarter 2011	Third quarter 2010 to third quarter 2011
	%	(2007=100)			% change	
<b>Truck transportation</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.8</b>	<b>106.4</b>	<b>106.9</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>6.1</b>
<b>General freight trucking</b>	<b>57.9</b>	<b>100.3</b>	<b>106.8</b>	<b>107.1</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>6.8</b>
General freight trucking, local	23.6	100.3	108.6	109.3	0.6	9.0
General freight trucking, long distance	76.4	100.3	106.2	106.5	0.3	6.2
<b>Specialized freight trucking</b>	<b>42.1</b>	<b>101.5</b>	<b>106.0</b>	<b>106.5</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>4.9</b>
Used household and office goods moving	8.1	111.4	111.2	112.6	1.3	1.1
Specialized freight (except used goods) trucking, local	37.6	100.6	102.4	102.5	0.1	1.9
Specialized freight (except used goods) trucking, long distance	54.3	100.6	107.6	108.3	0.7	7.7

<sup>P</sup> preliminary

1. The relative importance of the general freight trucking and specialized freight trucking main categories is based on their contributions to the overall For-hire Motor Carrier Freight Services Price Index. The relative importance of the sub-categories is based on their contributions to the main categories.

## Commercial Software Price Index

November 2011

The Commercial Software Price Index (CSPI) decreased 0.2% in November compared with the previous month.

Year over year, the CSPI was down 1.3%.

**Note:** The Commercial Software Price Index is a monthly series measuring the change in the purchase price of pre-packaged software typically bought by businesses and governments. This release presents data that are not seasonally adjusted and the indexes published are subject to a six month revision period after dissemination of a given month's data.

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The Commercial Software Price Index for December will be released on January 27, 2012.

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## Computer and peripherals price indexes

November 2011

Prices for commercial computers declined 0.6% from October to November, while consumer computer prices increased 0.6%. In the case of computer peripherals, monitor prices decreased 0.5% while printer prices increased 2.4%.

Year over year, prices declined for both commercial computers (-15.4%) and consumer computers (-8.6%). Monitor prices decreased 2.5% and printer prices were down 13.4%.

**Note:** The Computer and peripherals price indexes are monthly series measuring changes over time in the price of computers and computer peripherals sold to governments, businesses and consumers. This release presents data that are not seasonally adjusted and the indexes published are subject to a six month revision period after dissemination of a given month's data.

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## **Couriers and Messengers Services Price Index**

November 2011

The Couriers and Messengers Services Price Index decreased 0.1% in November compared with October. The courier portion remained unchanged, while the local messenger component declined 0.2%.

On a year-over-year basis, the index advanced 8.6% in November compared with the same month in 2010.

**Note:** The Couriers and Messengers Services Price Index is a monthly price index measuring the change over time in prices for courier and messenger services provided by long and short distance delivery companies to Canadian-based business clients.

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