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## Releases

### Crude oil and natural gas: Supply and disposition, August 2012

Domestic production of crude oil and equivalent hydrocarbons increased 0.7% to 15.9 million cubic metres in August from August 2011.

During the same period, crude oil exports decreased 3.8%.

Marketable natural gas production decreased 2.2% to 11.2 billion cubic metres.

Domestic sales of natural gas increased 5.8% while natural gas exports increased 2.3%.

From July to August, domestic production of crude oil and equivalent hydrocarbons decreased 0.3%.

#### Note to readers

Data are subject to revision.

Data are available on CANSIM at the national level to August 2012 inclusive. At the national and provincial level, detailed information is available for crude oil (126-0001) up to January 2012 inclusive, and for natural gas (131-0001) up to June 2012 inclusive.

**Table 1**  
**Crude oil and natural gas: Supply and disposition (key indicators)**

	August 2011	July 2012	August 2012 <sup>P</sup>	July to August 2012	August 2011 to August 2012
	thousands of cubic metres			% change	
<b>Crude oil and equivalent hydrocarbons</b>					
Supply <sup>1</sup>					
Production	15 745.0	15 893.4	15 852.8	-0.3	0.7
Imports <sup>2</sup>	3 084.9	3 710.9	3 357.5	-9.5	8.8
Disposition					
Refinery receipts <sup>3</sup>	8 124.9	8 681.7	9 164.7	5.6	12.8
Exports <sup>4</sup>	11 274.3	11 211.1	10 840.5	-3.3	-3.8
	millions of cubic metres			% change	
<b>Natural gas</b>					
Supply <sup>5</sup>					
Marketable production <sup>6</sup>	11 497.6	11 108.9	11 240.2	1.2	-2.2
Imports	2 334.1	2 114.8	2 522.5	19.3	8.1
Disposition					
Domestic sales <sup>7</sup>	4 545.5	4 797.9	4 808.4	0.2	5.8
Exports	7 691.0	7 901.1	7 871.5	-0.4	2.3

<sup>P</sup> preliminary

1. Disposition may differ from supply because of inventory change, own consumption, losses and adjustments.

2. Data may differ from International Trade Division estimates because of timing and the inclusion of crude oil landed in Canada for future re-export.

3. Volumetric receipts at refineries of all domestic and imported crude oils for refinery processing or storage.

4. Exports may include some volumes that are not included in the supply, such as imports used for re-export and diluents that are blended in exports.

5. Disposition may differ from supply because of inventory change, usage as pipeline fuel, pipeline losses, line-pack fluctuations.

6. Receipts from fields after processing for the removal or partial removal of some constituents and impurities and that meet specifications for residential, commercial and industrial use; and including other adjustments.

7. Domestic sales includes residential, commercial, industrial and direct sales (for example direct, non-utility, sales for consumption where the utility acts solely as transporter).

**Available without charge in CANSIM: tables 126-0001 and 131-0001.**

**Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2198.**

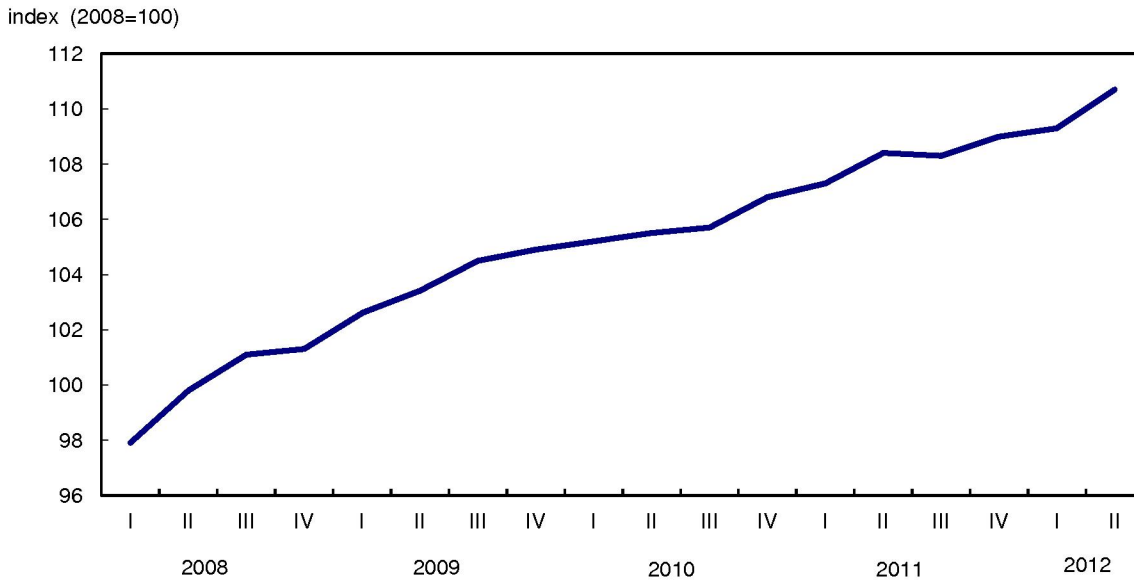
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## Retail Services Price Index, second quarter 2012

The Retail Services Price Index (RSPI) rose 1.3% in the second quarter, its largest quarter-over-quarter advance since first quarter 2009.

**Chart 1**  
**Retail Services Price Index**



Gasoline stations (+9.6%) recorded the largest margin increase and contributed the most to the RSPI's second-quarter growth. The margin increase posted by gasoline stations followed three consecutive quarters of sector declines. This sector includes traditional gasoline stations with and without convenience stores, as well as commercial cardlocks, truck stops and other establishments that service the transportation industry. Excluding gasoline stations, the RSPI would have fallen slightly, down 0.1%, in the second quarter.

Health and personal care stores (+2.4%) posted margin advances. More moderate increases were reported by sporting goods, hobby, book and music stores (+0.6%) and furniture and home furnishings stores (+0.1%). Margins for food and beverages stores were unchanged between the first and second quarter.

Electronics and appliance stores (-2.3%) posted the largest margin decline in the second quarter. Margins for general merchandise stores (-1.1%), clothing and clothing accessories stores (-0.5%) and building material and garden equipment and supplies dealers (-0.3%) also fell during the quarter.

Year over year, the RSPI advanced 2.1% in the second quarter, compared with a 1.9% increase in the first quarter. The largest year-over-year margin increases were recorded by general merchandise stores (+4.7%) and food and beverage stores (+4.3%).

Compared with the same quarter a year earlier, gasoline stations posted a 1.6% margin increase in the second quarter. This increase followed a year-over-year decline of 3.2% in the first quarter.

Electronics and appliance stores (-9.7%) recorded the largest year-over-year decline, marking its seventh consecutive year-over-year margin decrease and the largest drop observed in this sector since first quarter 2011. Year-over-year margins for sporting goods, hobby, book and music stores (-2.3%) and furniture and home furnishings stores (-2.1%) also fell.

### Note to readers

With each release, data for the previous quarter may have been revised. The series are also subject to an annual revision with the release of second quarter data of the following reference year. The indexes are not seasonally adjusted.

The Retail Services Price Index (RSPI) is part of the Services Producer Price Index program at Statistics Canada. The RSPI 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.

Beginning with the release of data for first quarter 2012, an additional CANSIM table is available that presents the RSPI as a quarterly index. The table that presents monthly data will continue to be updated with each release.

**Table 1**  
**Retail Services Price Index – Not seasonally adjusted**

	Relative importance <sup>1</sup>	Second quarter 2011 <sup>r</sup>	First quarter 2012 <sup>r</sup>	Second quarter 2012 <sup>p</sup>	First quarter to second quarter 2012	Second quarter 2011 to second quarter 2012
	%	(2008=100)			% change	
<b>Retail Services Price Index</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>108.4</b>	<b>109.3</b>	<b>110.7</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>2.1</b>
Motor vehicle and parts dealers <sup>2</sup>	1.53	..	..	..	..	..
Furniture and home furnishings stores	3.33	104.8	102.5	102.6	0.1	-2.1
Electronics and appliance stores	3.42	89.3	82.5	80.6	-2.3	-9.7
Building material and garden equipment and supplies dealers	5.97	113.7	116.5	116.1	-0.3	2.1
Food and beverage stores	21.81	111.2	116.0	116.0	0.0	4.3
Health and personal care stores	6.68	111.8	110.0	112.6	2.4	0.7
Gasoline stations	11.52	108.0	100.1	109.7	9.6	1.6
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	5.24	99.3	101.1	100.6	-0.5	1.3
Sporting goods, hobby, book and music stores	2.48	103.6	100.6	101.2	0.6	-2.3
General merchandise stores	11.47	109.8	116.3	115.0	-1.1	4.7
Miscellaneous store retailers	2.56	109.8	111.2	110.9	-0.3	1.0

<sup>r</sup> revised

<sup>p</sup> preliminary

.. not available for a specific reference period

1. The relative importance is based on the weight that each three-digit code of the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) 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 surveyed.

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.

**Available without charge in CANSIM: tables 332-0003 and 332-0007.**

**Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 5135.**

The Retail Services Price Index for the third quarter will be released in late January 2013.

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## Wholesale Services Price Index, second quarter 2012

The Wholesale Services Price Index (WSPI) rose 0.4% in the second quarter.

Increases were observed in five of the eight wholesale sectors. Wholesalers of farm products (+5.4%) posted the largest margin increase, which was mainly the result of margin advances by wholesalers of oilseed and grain.

Margins also advanced for wholesalers of motor vehicles and parts (+1.5%), food, beverage and tobacco products (+0.9%), personal and household goods (+0.7%) and petroleum products (+0.7%).

Wholesalers of machinery, equipment and supplies (-0.8%) reported the largest margin decline in the second quarter. Lower margins were also registered by miscellaneous wholesalers (-0.6%) and wholesalers of building material and supplies (-0.1%).

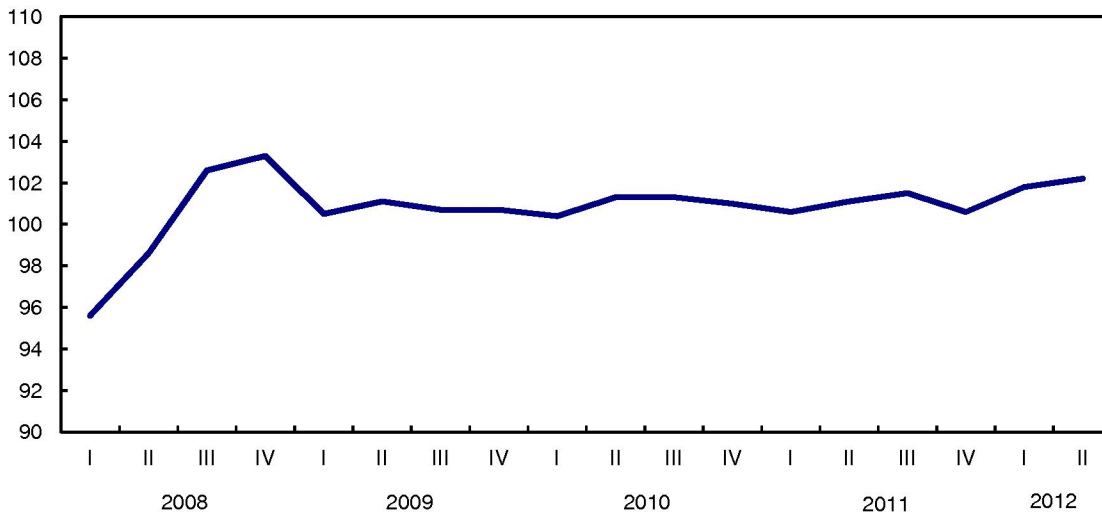
Year over year, the WSPI increased 1.1% in the second quarter, registering margin increases in six of the eight wholesale sectors. The largest contributor to the year-over-year margin increase was wholesalers of farm products (+23.0%). The advance in the farm products margin coincided with a price increase reported for canola during the same period. Miscellaneous wholesalers (+2.9%), wholesalers of food, beverage and tobacco products (+2.7%) and wholesalers of machinery, equipment and supplies (+2.2%) posted year-over-year margin increases in the second quarter.

Margins for wholesalers of petroleum products (-9.8%) fell year over year. Declining petroleum margins could be a result of falling natural gas and crude oil prices. Wholesalers of building material and supplies (-2.3%) also reported decreasing margins in the second quarter. Year over year, margins for the building material and supplies sector have been declining since fourth quarter 2010.

**Chart 1**  
**Services Producer Price Index: Wholesale services**

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index (2008=100)



**Note to readers**

With each release, data for the previous quarter may have been revised. The series are also subject to an annual revision with the release of second quarter data of the following reference year. The indexes are not seasonally adjusted.

The Wholesale Services Price Index (WSPi) is part of the Services Producer Price Index program at Statistics Canada. The WSPi is not a wholesale selling price index. The index represents the change in the price of the wholesale service. The price of the wholesale service is defined as the margin price, which is the difference between the average purchase price and the average selling price of the wholesale product being priced.

Beginning with the release of data for first quarter 2012, an additional CANSIM table is available that presents the WSPi as a quarterly index. The table that presents monthly data will continue to be updated with each release.

**Table 1**  
**Services Producer Price Index: Wholesale services – Not seasonally adjusted**

	Relative importance <sup>1</sup>	Second quarter 2011	First quarter 2012 <sup>r</sup>	Second quarter 2012 <sup>p</sup>	First quarter to second quarter 2012	Second quarter 2011 to second quarter 2012
	%	(2008=100)			% change	
<b>Services Producer Price Index:</b>						
<b>Wholesale services</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>101.1</b>	<b>101.8</b>	<b>102.2</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>1.1</b>
Farm products	2.58	79.9	93.3	98.3	5.4	23.0
Petroleum products	4.94	78.3	70.1	70.6	0.7	-9.8
Food, beverage and tobacco	14.90	110.1	112.1	113.1	0.9	2.7
Personal and household goods	16.60	101.8	101.2	101.9	0.7	0.1
Motor vehicles and parts	9.92	107.4	107.5	109.1	1.5	1.6
Building material and supplies	13.88	95.2	93.1	93.0	-0.1	-2.3
Machinery, equipment and supplies	21.67	102.7	105.8	105.0	-0.8	2.2
Miscellaneous	11.02	107.6	111.4	110.7	-0.6	2.9

<sup>r</sup> revised

<sup>p</sup> preliminary

1. The relative importance is based on the weight that each three-digit code of the North American Industry Classification System contributes to the overall Wholesale Services Price Index. The total does not equal 100 as the Wholesale Agents and Brokers group was not surveyed and data are imputed.

**Available without charge in CANSIM: tables 332-0006 and 332-0008.**

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The Wholesale Services Prices Index for the third quarter will be released in late January 2013.

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## **Cement, September 2012**

Data on cement are now available for September.

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## Exports of grains by final destination, September 2012

Data on exports of grains by final destination are now available for September.

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**Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 3403.**

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### New products

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