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In volume terms, wholesale sales were up $0.8 \%$.

## Chart 1

Wholesale sales increase in October


## Widespread sales increases

In October, the largest advance in dollar terms was in the food, beverage and tobacco subsector, where sales increased $1.2 \%$ to $\$ 9.6$ billion. The food industry, which accounts for $90 \%$ of the subsector, gained $1.2 \%$.

The motor vehicle and parts subsector rose $1.0 \%$, its first increase in four months. The new motor vehicle parts and accessories industry ( $+3.9 \%$ ) was responsible for over $90 \%$ of the subsector's growth. The motor vehicle industry edged up $0.1 \%$ for the month.

Sales in the personal and household goods subsector grew $1.2 \%$ in October, following two consecutive monthly declines. The pharmaceuticals and pharmacy supplies industry ( $+3.8 \%$ ) accounted for most of the increase, more than offsetting the decline in September.

The miscellaneous subsector posted lower sales for a sixth consecutive month, falling $0.3 \%$. This was the subsector's lowest level since November 2010. Lower sales in the other miscellaneous industry ( $-3.0 \%$ ) and the recyclable material industry ( $-8.1 \%$ ) offset gains in the agricultural supplies industry ( $+6.1 \%$ ) in October.

## Wholesale sales up in most provinces

In October, sales were up in eight provinces, with Quebec, Saskatchewan and British Columbia accounting for most of the national increase.

Chart 2
Wholesale sales up in most provinces in October


The largest increase in dollar terms was in Quebec, where sales rose $2.8 \%$ after a decline of $1.9 \%$ in September. Higher sales across several subsectors contributed to the growth in October.

Sales in Saskatchewan were up $5.6 \%$, following four consecutive monthly declines.
In British Columbia, sales increased 1.8\%, more than offsetting a decline in September. Sales in this province have generally been on an upward trend since April 2009.

The largest decrease in dollar terms was in Ontario, where sales fell $0.4 \%$. After peaking in June 2012, sales have declined in three of the past four months.

## Inventories increase slightly

Inventories edged up $0.2 \%$ to $\$ 61.5$ billion in October, posting their 10th increase in 11 months. Overall, 12 of the 25 industries registered higher inventories.

The largest increases in dollar terms were in the construction, forestry, mining and industrial machinery, equipment and supplies industry ( $+1.2 \%$ ) and the agricultural supplies industry ( $+3.9 \%$ ).

The inventory-to-sales ratio declined from 1.26 in September to 1.25 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.

## Note to readers

All the data in this release are seasonally adjusted and in current dollars, unless otherwise noted. For more information on seasonal adjustment, see Seasonal adjustment and identifying economic trends.

Total wholesale sales expressed in volume are calculated by deflating current dollar values using relevant price indexes. The wholesale sales series in chained (2007) dollars is a chained Fisher volume index with 2007 as the reference year. For more information, see Sales in volume for Wholesale Trade.

Table 1
Wholesale merchants' sales by industry - Seasonally adjusted

|  | October 2011 | September 2012 ${ }^{\text {r }}$ | October 2012 ${ }^{\text {p }}$ | September to October 2012 | October 2011 to October 2012 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | millions of dollars |  |  | \% change |  |
| Total, wholesale sales | 48,139 | 48,763 | 49,185 | 0.9 | 2.2 |
| Total, excluding motor vehicle and parts wholesalers | 40,632 | 40,681 | 41,021 | 0.8 | 1.0 |
| Farm product | 652 | 520 | 563 | 8.2 | -13.6 |
| Food, beverage and tobacco | 9,257 | 9,492 | 9,603 | 1.2 | 3.7 |
| Food | 8,288 | 8,525 | 8,630 | 1.2 | 4.1 |
| Beverage | 463 | 468 | 467 | -0.3 | 0.8 |
| Cigarette and tobacco product | 506 | 498 | 507 | 1.7 | 0.1 |
| Personal and household goods | 7,030 | 6,821 | 6,901 | 1.2 | -1.8 |
| Textile, clothing and footwear | 918 | 931 | 946 | 1.6 | 3.0 |
| Home entertainment equipment and household appliance | 801 | 692 | 694 | 0.2 | -13.4 |
| Home furnishings | 442 | 479 | 477 | -0.4 | 7.9 |
| Personal goods | 740 | 703 | 696 | -1.1 | -6.1 |
| Pharmaceuticals and pharmacy supplies | 3,471 | 3,376 | 3,504 | 3.8 | 0.9 |
| Toiletries, cosmetics and sundries | 657 | 640 | 586 | -8.5 | -10.9 |
| Motor vehicle and parts | 7,507 | 8,082 | 8,164 | 1.0 | 8.8 |
| Motor vehicle | 5,594 | 6,105 | 6,111 | 0.1 | 9.2 |
| New motor vehicle parts and accessories | 1,868 | 1,927 | 2,002 | 3.9 | 7.1 |
| Used motor vehicle parts and accessories | 45 | 51 | 52 | 2.1 | 15.2 |
| Building material and supplies | 6,556 | 6,822 | 6,881 | 0.9 | 4.9 |
| Electrical, plumbing, heating and air-conditioning equipment and supplies | 2,145 | 2,119 | 2,154 | 1.6 | 0.4 |
| Metal service centres | 1,427 | 1,562 | 1,558 | -0.3 | 9.2 |
| Lumber, millwork, hardware and other building supplies | 2,984 | 3,141 | 3,170 | 0.9 | 6.2 |
| Machinery, equipment and supplies | 10,145 | 10,793 | 10,856 | 0.6 | 7.0 |
| Farm, lawn and garden machinery and equipment | 1,193 | 1,236 | 1,284 | 3.8 | 7.6 |
| Construction, forestry, mining, and industrial machinery, equipment and supplies | 3,653 | 3,721 | 3,716 | -0.1 | 1.7 |
| Computer and communications equipment and supplies | 2,878 | 3,300 | 3,320 | 0.6 | 15.3 |
| Other machinery, equipment and supplies | 2,421 | 2,536 | 2,537 | 0.0 | 4.8 |
| Miscellaneous | 6,991 | 6,233 | 6,216 | -0.3 | -11.1 |
| Recyclable material | 911 | 699 | 643 | -8.1 | -29.5 |
| Paper, paper product and disposable plastic product | 931 | 891 | 876 | -1.6 | -5.9 |
| Agricultural supplies | 1,853 | 1,537 | 1,631 | 6.1 | -12.0 |
| Chemical (except agricultural) and allied product | 1,244 | 1,180 | 1,197 | 1.5 | -3.7 |
| Other miscellaneous | 2,052 | 1,926 | 1,869 | -3.0 | -8.9 |

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Note(s): Figures may not add up to totals because of rounding

Table 2
Wholesale merchants' sales by province and territory - Seasonally adjusted

|  | October 2011 | September $2012^{\text {r }}$ | October $2012^{p}$ | September to October 2012 | October 2011 to October 2012 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | millions of dollars |  |  | \% change |  |
| Canada | 48,139 | 48,763 | 49,185 | 0.9 | 2.2 |
| Newfoundland and Labrador | 328 | 333 | 350 | 5.1 | 7.0 |
| Prince Edward Island | 50 | 45 | 48 | 6.0 | -3.0 |
| Nova Scotia | 676 | 720 | 731 | 1.6 | 8.2 |
| New Brunswick | 481 | 487 | 499 | 2.3 | 3.6 |
| Quebec | 9,110 | 9,395 | 9,660 | 2.8 | 6.0 |
| Ontario | 23,292 | 23,566 | 23,474 | -0.4 | 0.8 |
| Manitoba | 1,328 | 1,334 | 1,310 | -1.8 | -1.3 |
| Saskatchewan | 2,047 | 1,748 | 1,845 | 5.6 | -9.8 |
| Alberta | 6,283 | 6,494 | 6,533 | 0.6 | 4.0 |
| British Columbia | 4,475 | 4,567 | 4,649 | 1.8 | 3.9 |
| Yukon | 12 | 12 | 14 | 12.7 | 14.7 |
| Northwest Territories | 51 | 54 | 57 | 5.9 | 11.7 |
| Nunavut | 5 | 8 | 16 | 89.8 | 206.0 |

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Table 3
Wholesale merchants' inventories by industry - Seasonally adjusted

|  | October 2011 | September $2012^{\text {r }}$ | October 2012 ${ }^{\text {p }}$ | September to October 2012 | October 2011 to October 2012 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | millions of dollars |  |  | \% change |  |
| Total, wholesale inventories | 57,020 | 61,416 | 61,515 | 0.2 | 7.9 |
| Farm product | 193 | 174 | 179 | 3.2 | -7.2 |
| Food | 4,811 | 5,004 | 5,048 | 0.9 | 4.9 |
| Beverage | 283 | 323 | 320 | -1.0 | 12.9 |
| Cigarette and tobacco product | 224 | 232 | 239 | 3.1 | 6.9 |
| Textile, clothing and footwear | 1,902 | 1,843 | 1,848 | 0.2 | -2.8 |
| Home entertainment equipment and household appliance | 748 | 715 | 687 | -3.9 | -8.2 |
| Home furnishings | 949 | 990 | 959 | -3.1 | 1.0 |
| Personal goods | 1,413 | 1,542 | 1,485 | -3.7 | 5.1 |
| Pharmaceuticals and pharmacy supplies | 4,198 | 4,711 | 4,748 | 0.8 | 13.1 |
| Toiletries, cosmetics and sundries | 662 | 706 | 662 | -6.2 | 0.0 |
| Motor vehicle | 3,853 | 4,399 | 4,465 | 1.5 | 15.9 |
| New motor vehicle parts and accessories | 3,225 | 3,838 | 3,793 | -1.2 | 17.6 |
| Used motor vehicle parts and accessories | 93 | 108 | 107 | -1.1 | 15.0 |
| Electrical, plumbing, heating and air-conditioning equipment and supplies | 3,082 | 3,134 | 3,155 | 0.7 | 2.4 |
| Metal service centres | 2,998 | 3,298 | 3,230 | -2.1 | 7.7 |
| Lumber, millwork, hardware and other building supplies | 4,536 | 4,839 | 4,833 | -0.1 | 6.5 |
| Farm, lawn and garden machinery and equipment | 3,333 | 3,729 | 3,730 | 0.0 | 11.9 |
| Construction, forestry, mining, and industrial machinery, equipment and supplies | 8,206 | 9,303 | 9,418 | 1.2 | 14.8 |
| Computer and communications equipment and supplies | 1,475 | 1,654 | 1,700 | 2.8 | 15.2 |
| Other machinery, equipment and supplies | 3,295 | 3,361 | 3,314 | -1.4 | 0.6 |
| Recyclable material | 619 | 609 | 562 | -7.8 | -9.2 |
| Paper, paper product and disposable plastic product | 759 | 714 | 695 | -2.6 | -8.4 |
| Agricultural supplies | 2,744 | 2,657 | 2,762 | 3.9 | 0.6 |
| Chemical (except agricultural) and allied product | 963 | 1,150 | 1,117 | -2.9 | 16.0 |
| Other miscellaneous | 2,455 | 2,383 | 2,461 | 3.3 | 0.2 |

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Available without charge in CANSIM: tables 081-0011, 081-0012 and 081-0015.
Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2401.
The October 2012 issue of Wholesale Trade (63-008-X, free) will soon be available.
Wholesale trade data for November will be released on January 21, 2013.
For more information, contact us (toll-free 1-800-263-1136; infostats@statcan.gc.ca).
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## Employment Insurance, October 2012

Following a small decline in September, the number of people receiving regular Employment Insurance (EI) benefits in October edged up 4,600 (+0.9\%) to 535,000.

The number of beneficiaries increased slightly in Alberta, New Brunswick, Ontario, Manitoba and Quebec, while it edged down in British Columbia.

## Chart 1

## Employment Insurance beneficiaries edge up in October



## Claims unchanged in October

To receive El benefits, individuals must first submit a claim. The number of claims provides an indication of the number of people who could become beneficiaries.

Nationally, the number of initial and renewal claims was virtually unchanged in October at 231,700.
Claims increased $6.9 \%$ in Saskatchewan and $5.7 \%$ in Alberta. At the same time, they fell by $2.1 \%$ in Quebec. There was little change in the other provinces.

Chart 2
Number of claims unchanged nationally in October


## Slight increase in beneficiaries in five provinces

The number of people receiving regular benefits in October rose slightly in five provinces.
In Alberta, the number of people receiving benefits was up 1.7\%, the third increase in four months.
In New Brunswick, the number increased $1.5 \%$, continuing an upward trend that began last May.
The number of beneficiaries rose $1.4 \%$ in Ontario, offsetting a decline of similar magnitude the month before.
Manitoba also experienced a $1.4 \%$ increase, continuing an upward trend that began last May.
In Quebec, the number of beneficiaries edged up 1.3\% in October, the second increase in three months.
The number of beneficiaries fell $1.4 \%$ in British Columbia, following a similar decline in September.
There was virtually no change in the number of beneficiaries for Newfoundland and Labrador, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and Saskatchewan.

## Note to readers

Employment Insurance (El) regular benefits are available to eligible individuals who lose their jobs and who are available for and able to work, but can't find a job. The change in the number of regular beneficiaries reflects various situations, including people becoming beneficiaries, people going back to work, and people exhausting their regular benefits.

All data in this release are seasonally adjusted unless otherwise specified. For more information on seasonal adjustment, see Seasonal adjustment and identifying economic trends.

El statistics are produced from administrative data sources provided by Service Canada and Human Resources and Skills Development Canada. These statistics may, from time to time, be affected by changes to the Employment Insurance Act or administrative procedures. A recent example is the pilot project entitled "Working While on Claim," which was introduced on August 5, 2012.

The number of regular beneficiaries and the number of claims received for the current and previous month are subject to revision.
The number of beneficiaries is a measure of all people who received El benefits from October 7 to 13. This period coincides with the reference week of the Labour Force Survey (LFS).

El statistics indicate the number of people who received El benefits, and should not be confused with LFS data, which provide information on the total number of unemployed people.

There is always a certain proportion of unemployed people who do not qualify for benefits. Some unemployed people have not contributed to the program because they have not worked in the past 12 months or their employment is not insured. Other unemployed people have contributed to the program but do not meet the eligibility criteria, such as workers who left their job voluntarily or those who did not accumulate enough hours of work to receive benefits.

Table 1
Employment Insurance: Statistics by province and territory - Seasonally adjusted

|  | September $2012^{\mathrm{p}}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { October } \\ & 2012^{p} \end{aligned}$ | September to October 2012 | October 2011 to October 2012 | September to October 2012 | October 2011 to October 2012 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | number |  | change | number | \% c |  |
| Beneficiaries receiving regular benefits |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Canada | 530,410 | 535,030 | 4,620 | -11,550 | 0.9 | -2.1 |
| Newfoundland and Labrador | 33,480 | 33,410 | -70 | -3,370 | -0.2 | -9.2 |
| Prince Edward Island | 8,170 | 8,260 | 90 | -290 | 1.1 | -3.4 |
| Nova Scotia | 30,570 | 30,540 | -30 | -1,730 | -0.1 | -5.4 |
| New Brunswick | 34,180 | 34,690 | 510 | 400 | 1.5 | 1.2 |
| Quebec | 155,860 | 157,840 | 1,980 | -2,380 | 1.3 | -1.5 |
| Ontario | 158,570 | 160,860 | 2,290 | -1,610 | 1.4 | -1.0 |
| Manitoba | 13,550 | 13,740 | 190 | 1,170 | 1.4 | 9.3 |
| Saskatchewan | 9,910 | 9,870 | -40 | 130 | -0.4 | 1.3 |
| Alberta | 26,950 | 27,400 | 450 | -2,060 | 1.7 | -7.0 |
| British Columbia | 56,610 | 55,790 | -820 | -3,610 | -1.4 | -6.1 |
| Yukon | 1,070 | 1,040 | -30 | 140 | -2.8 | 15.6 |
| Northwest Territories | 840 | 840 | 0 | -60 | 0.0 | -6.7 |
| Nunavut | 550 | 560 | 10 | 60 | 1.8 | 12.0 |
| Initial and renewal claims received |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Canada | 231,470 | 231,710 | 240 | -8,690 | 0.1 | -3.6 |
| Newfoundland and Labrador | 8,710 | 8,790 | 80 | -270 | 0.9 | -3.0 |
| Prince Edward Island | 2,500 | 2,410 | -90 | -70 | -3.6 | -2.8 |
| Nova Scotia | 9,410 | 9,540 | 130 | -560 | 1.4 | -5.5 |
| New Brunswick | 10,020 | 10,170 | 150 | -70 | 1.5 | -0.7 |
| Quebec | 68,840 | 67,410 | -1,430 | -2,320 | -2.1 | -3.3 |
| Ontario | 73,430 | 72,430 | -1,000 | -6,000 | -1.4 | -7.7 |
| Manitoba | 7,590 | 7,610 | 20 | 350 | 0.3 | 4.8 |
| Saskatchewan | 5,630 | 6,020 | 390 | 230 | 6.9 | 4.0 |
| Alberta | 18,390 | 19,430 | 1,040 | 1,190 | 5.7 | 6.5 |
| British Columbia | 26,270 | 26,260 | -10 | -2,220 | 0.0 | -7.8 |
| Yukon | 340 | 360 | 20 | 30 | 5.9 | 9.1 |
| Northwest Territories | 320 | 320 | 0 | 10 | 0.0 | 3.2 |
| Nunavut | 200 | 210 | 10 | 10 | 5.0 | 5.0 |

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Note(s): The number of beneficiaries receiving regular benefits excludes claimants receiving training, job creation and self-employment benefits as well as other employment and support measures benefits.

## Available without charge in CANSIM: tables 276-0001 to 276-0004, 276-0006, 276-0009 and 276-0011.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2604.
Data tables are also now available online. From the Key resource module of our website under Summary tables, choose Subject, then Labour.

Data on Employment Insurance for November will be released on January 18, 2013.
For more information, contact us (toll-free 1-800-263-1136; infostats@statcan.gc.ca).
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## Railway carloadings, October 2012

The Canadian railway industry carried 28.7 million tonnes of freight in October, a $1.0 \%$ advance from October 2011 and the third consecutive year-over-year increase for the month. The rise in tonnage occurred despite a drop in rail freight traffic received from the United States.

Domestically, combined intermodal traffic (that is, freight moved via containers and trailers on flat cars) and non-intermodal traffic (that is, freight moved via box cars or loaded in bulk) increased $2.4 \%$ to 25.5 million tonnes.

Intermodal traffic rose to 2.5 million tonnes, a gain of 157077 tonnes from October 2011. The gain was the direct result of increased containerized cargo shipments as trailer loadings fell during the month.

Non-intermodal traffic, which represents the vast majority of freight carried by the industry, grew to 22.9 million tonnes, an increase of 435738 tonnes from October 2011. The gain was spurred in part by strong shipments of fuel oils and crude petroleum (up 395775 tonnes); other oil seeds and nuts and other agricultural products (up 220722 tonnes); and other refined petroleum and coal products (up 134714 tonnes).

Partially offsetting the increase were large declines in loadings of coal (down 269833 tonnes), iron and steel primary or semi-finished (down 179482 tonnes), and potash (down 159650 tonnes).

The majority of the domestic freight loadings occurred in the Western Division of Canada, which accounted for $58.4 \%$ of the loadings, while the Eastern Division accounted for the remainder. For statistical purposes, cargo loadings from Thunder Bay, Ontario, to the Pacific Coast are classified to the Western Division while loadings from Armstrong, Ontario, to the Atlantic Coast are classified to the Eastern Division.

Freight traffic received from the United States decreased $8.9 \%$ to 3.2 million tonnes compared with the same month last year. The drop in rail activity was in part the result of Hurricane Sandy, which negatively affected rail traffic in the last week of October in the Eastern United States.

Available without charge in CANSIM: table 404-0002.
Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2732.
The October 2012 issue of Monthly Railway Carloadings, Vol. 89, no. 10 (52-001-X, free), is now available from the Key resource module of our website under Publications.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact us (toll-free 1-800-263-1136; infostats@statcan.gc.ca) or Media Relations (613-951-4636; mediahotline@statcan.gc.ca).

## Health Reports, December 2012

The December 2012 online issue of Health Reports, released today, contains two articles.
The first article, "Seniors' use of and unmet needs for home care, 2009," uses data from the 2009 Canadian Community Health Survey-Healthy Aging to provide a profile of community-dwelling seniors receiving home care and describe the types of care they receive from formal and informal sources. Seniors' unmet needs for professional home care are also examined.

For more information on this article, contact Melanie Hoover (613-951-0346; melanie.hoover@statcan.gc.ca), Health Statistics Division.

The second article, "Acute care hospital days and mental diagnoses," examines hospitalizations with a most responsible or comorbid mental diagnosis using administrative data for acute care hospitals. Rather than the number of hospitalizations, the analysis is based on the number of days and the average length of stay. The total number of days provides a proxy measure of resource use in the acute care hospital system, and the average length of stay is an indication of the intensity of hospital service use.

For more information on this article, contact Philippe Finès (514-283-6847; philippe.fines@statcan.gc.ca), Health Analysis Division.

The complete version of the latest issue of Health Reports, Vol. 23, no. 4 (82-003-X, free), is now available from the Key resource module of our website under Publications. A print version (82-003-X, $\$ 24 / \$ 68$ ) is also available.

For more information, contact us (toll-free 1-800-263-1136; infostats@statcan.gc.ca).
For information about Health Reports, contact Janice Felman (613-951-6446; janice.felman@statcan.gc.ca), Health Analysis Division.

## Travel Survey of Residents of Canada, 2011

Data on domestic travel from the Travel Survey of Residents of Canada for every quarter of 2011 as well as the year 2011 are now available.

## Note to readers

These data are subject to revision.
The Travel Survey of Residents of Canada has undergone a redesign in 2011. The survey scope is more inclusive and allows more trips to be collected. Moreover, its new design makes it easier to report trips. These changes are increasing the survey estimates from previous years. This creates a break in the domestic tourism series.

A more exhaustive document explaining the differences between the redesigned 2011 Travel Survey of Residents of Canada and the 2010 survey is available on the Statistics Canada website.

## Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 3810.

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## Primary iron and steel, October 2012

Data on primary iron and steel are now available for October.

## Available without charge in CANSIM: tables 303-0048 to 303-0051.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey numbers 2116 and 2184.
The October 2012 issue of Steel, Tubular Products and Steel Wire (41-019-X, free) will soon be available.
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## Fiscal Arrangements Certificates: Federal Equalization Program, 2013/2014

Fiscal Certificates prepared for the administration of the Federal-provincial Fiscal Arrangements Act and Regulations for 2013/2014 are now available. The Fiscal Certificates cover the four fiscal years of data from 2009/2010 to 2012/2013.

The Fiscal Certificates are available free of charge in electronic format upon request.
For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact us (toll-free 1-800-263-1136; infostats@statcan.gc.ca) or Media Relations (613-951-4636; mediahotline@statcan.gc.ca).

## Pipeline transportation of crude oil and refined petroleum products for Alberta, September and October 2012

Data on production, disposition and receipts of oil, ethane, butane and propane in Alberta are available for September and October upon request.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey numbers 2148 and 2191.
For more information, contact us (toll-free 1-800-263-1136; infostats@statcan.gc.ca).
To enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Anthony Caouette (613-951-2515), Manufacturing and Energy Division.

## New products and studies

## New products

Survey Methodology, December 2012, Vol. 38, no. 2
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