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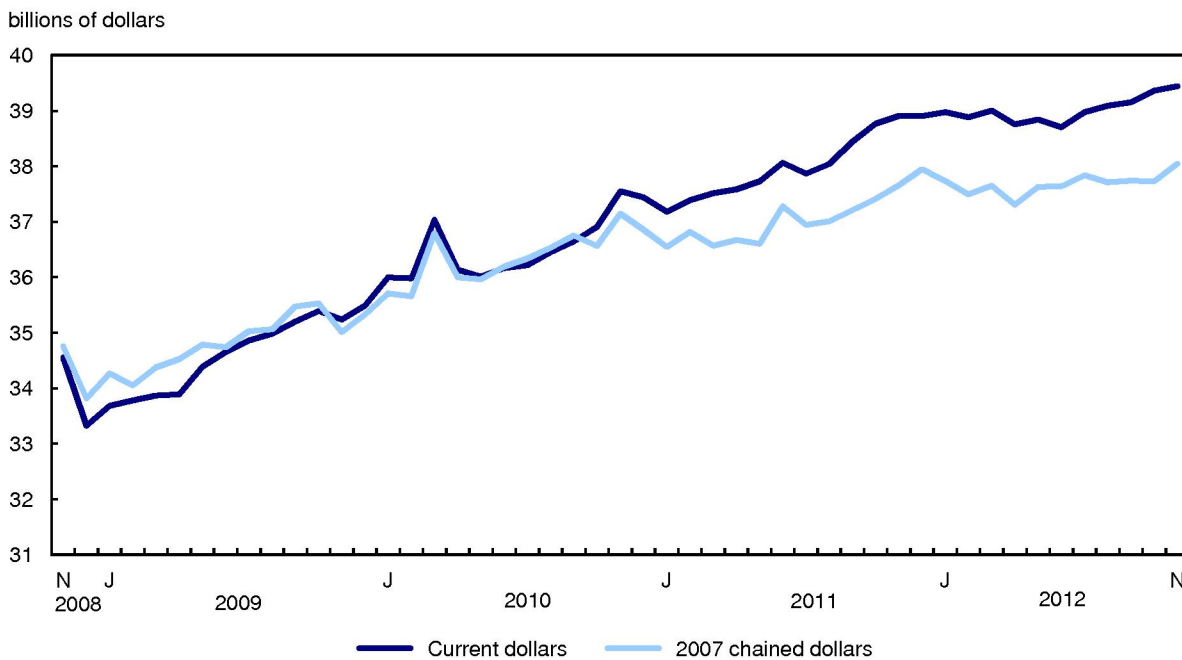
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In volume terms, retail sales rose 0.8%.

Chart 1
Retail sales increase in November



Gains were reported in 4 of 11 subsectors, representing 32% of retail trade.

Sales at motor vehicle and parts dealers rose 1.8% in November. New car dealers (+1.6%) led the increase, rising for a sixth straight month. Gains were also reported in the "other motor vehicle dealers" industry (+3.9%) and used car dealers (+3.9%). Automotive parts, accessories and tire stores declined 0.6%, partially offsetting the gain in October.

Sales advanced at electronics and appliance stores for the third time in four months, rising 8.9%. Sales in this subsector can be affected by the timing of new product releases. Despite recent gains, sales in this industry for the first 11 months of 2012 were 5.1% lower than the same period in 2011.

Following three consecutive monthly declines, furniture and home furnishings stores reported a 3.9% sales gain in November. This increase came from higher sales at furniture stores (+3.5%) and home furnishings stores (+4.6%).

Gasoline station sales declined 2.3% in November, mainly reflecting lower prices at the pump.

Sales at building material and garden equipment and supplies dealers (-1.4%) decreased for the fourth month in a row.

Food and beverage store sales decreased 0.3% in November, after advancing for three straight months. This decline reflected lower sales at supermarkets and other grocery stores (-0.4%) and at convenience stores (-3.5%). Gains were reported at beer, wine and liquor stores (+0.5%) and speciality food stores (+1.1%).

General merchandise store sales declined 0.6%. Receipts at department stores fell 0.7%, a third consecutive monthly decline. Sales at "other general merchandise stores" decreased 0.5%.

Sales up in six provinces

Retail sales rose in six provinces in November. Ontario (+0.4%) reported the largest gain in dollar terms, in part a result of higher sales at new car dealers. This was the third rise in sales in Ontario in four months.

Nova Scotia retail sales advanced 1.2% in November, more than offsetting sales declines in September and October.

Retail receipts in British Columbia (+0.3%) and Saskatchewan (+0.3%) increased following flat sales in October.

Sales in Alberta were relatively flat after four consecutive monthly increases.

Following a 1.5% gain in October, sales in Quebec edged down 0.1% in November.

New Brunswick (-0.4%) and Newfoundland and Labrador (-0.4%) both reported a second decline in three months.

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 retail sales expressed in volume are calculated by deflating current dollar values using consumer price indexes. The retail sales series in chained (2007) dollars is a chained Fisher volume index with 2007 as the reference year. For more information, see [Calculation of Volume of Retail Trade Sales](#). In November 2012, the Consumer Price Index changed the timing for the introduction of new model year vehicles into the [purchase of passenger vehicles index](#).

Table 1
Retail sales by province and territory – Seasonally adjusted

	November 2011	October 2012 ^r	November 2012 ^p	October to November 2012	November 2011 to November 2012
	millions of dollars			% change	
Canada	38,905	39,362	39,439	0.2	1.4
Newfoundland and Labrador	658	696	692	-0.4	5.2
Prince Edward Island	159	161	161	0.3	1.3
Nova Scotia	1,093	1,106	1,120	1.2	2.5
New Brunswick	941	918	915	-0.4	-2.7
Quebec	8,709	8,726	8,721	-0.1	0.1
Ontario	13,609	13,763	13,820	0.4	1.5
Manitoba	1,397	1,399	1,398	0.0	0.1
Saskatchewan	1,417	1,474	1,479	0.3	4.3
Alberta	5,638	5,887	5,888	0.0	4.4
British Columbia	5,135	5,080	5,093	0.3	-0.8
Yukon	56	57	57	-0.9	2.4
Northwest Territories	61	64	63	-0.6	3.6
Nunavut	31	31	31	0.0	-0.3

^r revised

^p preliminary

Note(s): Figures may not add up to totals as a result of rounding.

Table 2
Retail sales by industry – Seasonally adjusted

	November 2011	October 2012 ^r	November 2012 ^P	October to November 2012	November 2011 to November 2012
	millions of dollars			% change	
Total retail trade (current dollars)	38,905	39,362	39,439	0.2	1.4
Total retail trade (2007 chained dollars)	37,656	37,727	38,048	0.8	1.0
Total (current dollars) excluding motor vehicle and parts dealers	30,130	30,391	30,310	-0.3	0.6
Total (current dollars) excluding motor vehicle and parts dealers and gasoline stations	25,199	25,328	25,365	0.1	0.7
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	8,775	8,971	9,129	1.8	4.0
New car dealers	7,031	7,316	7,436	1.6	5.8
Used car dealers	500	467	485	3.9	-2.9
Other motor vehicle dealers	623	599	623	3.9	-0.1
Automotive parts, accessories and tire stores	621	589	585	-0.6	-5.7
Furniture and home furnishing stores	1,242	1,246	1,294	3.9	4.2
Furniture stores	784	770	797	3.5	1.6
Home furnishings stores	458	476	498	4.6	8.6
Electronics and appliance stores	1,280	1,134	1,235	8.9	-3.6
Building material and garden equipment and supplies dealers	2,271	2,251	2,220	-1.4	-2.3
Food and beverage stores	8,715	8,858	8,827	-0.3	1.3
Supermarkets and other grocery (except convenience) stores	6,168	6,272	6,247	-0.4	1.3
Convenience stores	529	520	502	-3.5	-5.2
Specialty food stores	443	445	451	1.1	1.6
Beer, wine and liquor stores	1,574	1,621	1,629	0.5	3.5
Health and personal care stores	2,765	2,818	2,817	-0.1	1.9
Gasoline stations	4,931	5,064	4,945	-2.3	0.3
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	2,240	2,240	2,211	-1.3	-1.3
Clothing stores	1,738	1,735	1,713	-1.3	-1.4
Shoe stores	249	254	243	-4.5	-2.6
Jewellery, luggage and leather goods stores	253	251	256	1.9	1.2
Sporting goods, hobby, book and music stores	985	904	916	1.4	-6.9
General merchandise stores	4,792	4,948	4,919	-0.6	2.6
Department stores	2,232	2,232	2,215	-0.7	-0.7
Other general merchandise stores	2,561	2,717	2,704	-0.5	5.6
Miscellaneous store retailers	908	928	926	-0.3	1.9

^r revised

^P preliminary

Note(s): Figures may not add up to total as a result of rounding.

It is possible to consult tables of unadjusted data by [industry](#) and by [province and territory](#) in the *Tables by subject* module of our website.

For information on related indicators, refer to the [Latest statistics](#) page on our website.

Available without charge in CANSIM: tables 080-0020 and 080-0024.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey numbers 2406 and 2408.

The November 2012 issue of *Retail Trade* (63-005-X, free) will soon be available.

Data on retail trade for December will be released on February 22.

For more information or to order data, contact us (toll-free 1-800-263-1136; infostats@statcan.gc.ca).

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Job vacancies, three-month average ending in October 2012

There were 268,000 job vacancies among Canadian businesses in October, compared with 254,000 vacancies in October 2011. There were 5.0 unemployed people for every job vacancy, down slightly from 5.3 one year earlier.

The national job vacancy rate was 1.8% in October, unchanged from 12 months earlier.

Note to readers

All data are based on three-month moving averages. For example, data for the current month are based on an average of the data from the current month and the previous two months.

Data on job vacancies are not seasonally adjusted and should only be compared on a year-over-year basis. Given this is a new data series, trends are not yet available; therefore, data should be interpreted with caution.

With each release, data for the current reference month are subject to revision. Data have been revised for the previous month. Users are encouraged to request and use the most up-to-date data for each month.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2612.

Job vacancy data tables are not currently available on CANSIM, but can be obtained free of charge (toll-free 1-800-263-1136; infostats@statcan.gc.ca).

The next job vacancies release, for November, will be on February 19.

For more information or to order data, contact us (toll-free 1-800-263-1136; infostats@statcan.gc.ca).

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Production and disposition of tobacco products, December 2012

Canadian manufacturers produced 1.3 billion cigarettes in December, down 37.6% from the previous month. The total number of cigarettes sold increased by 13.4% to 1.9 billion.

Note to readers

The May 2012 edition was the last issue of Production and Disposition of Tobacco Products (32-022-X). The data are available free of charge in CANSIM table 303-0062.

Available without charge in CANSIM: table 303-0062.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2142.

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Aircraft movement statistics: Major airports, October 2012

Aircraft take-offs and landings at the 93 Canadian airports with NAV CANADA air traffic control towers and flight service stations decreased 9.3% in October from October 2011. These airports reported 443,614 movements in October.

Available without charge in CANSIM: tables 401-0007 to 401-0020.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2715.

A [data table](#) with summary information on NAV CANADA Towers is available from the *Key resource* module of our website under *Summary tables*.

The October 2012 issue of *Aircraft Movement Statistics: NAV CANADA Towers and Flight Service Stations (TP 141)* (51-007-X, free) is now available from the *Key resource* module of our website under *Publications*. This report is a joint publication of Statistics Canada and Transport Canada.

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Refined petroleum products, December 2012

Data on the production, inventories and domestic sales of refined petroleum products are now available for December. Other selected data about these products are also available.

Note to readers

These data are subject to revision.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2150.

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Government Finance Statistics, second and third quarter 2012

Data for Government Finance Statistics (GFS), a system which presents fiscal statistics using the international standard GFS developed by the International Monetary Fund, are now available on CANSIM for the second and third quarter of 2012. This standard allows consistent aggregation and analysis across countries.

Quarterly GFS data are available for overall government in Canada and for four sectors: federal government; provincial/territorial governments; local governments; and Canada and Quebec Pension Plans.

Note to readers

Revised Government Finance Statistics (GFS) data are also now available for the first quarter of 2012. With this release, revised data from the first quarter of 1991 to the fourth quarter of 2011 are also available. For more information, see the [System of National Accounts Historical Revision](#) in *The Daily* of October 1, 2012.

Currently GFS data are being derived by mapping Canada's System of National Accounts data to GFS concepts and conventions. Beginning in 2014, the GFS data will be derived directly from government financial information.

Available without charge in CANSIM: table 385-0032.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 5174.

Additional information can also be found in the *Latest Developments in the Canadian Economic Accounts* (13-605-X, free), available from the *Key resource* module of our website under *Publications*.

For more information, contact us (toll-free 1-800-263-1136; infostats@statcan.gc.ca).

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Electricity supply and disposition, 2011

Data from the annual Electricity Supply and Disposition Survey are now available for 2011 on CANSIM.

Note to readers

The survey provides data on the amount of electricity generated, interprovincial movements of electricity, imports, exports and sales to final consumers.

Available without charge in CANSIM: tables 127-0007 and 127-0008.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2194.

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