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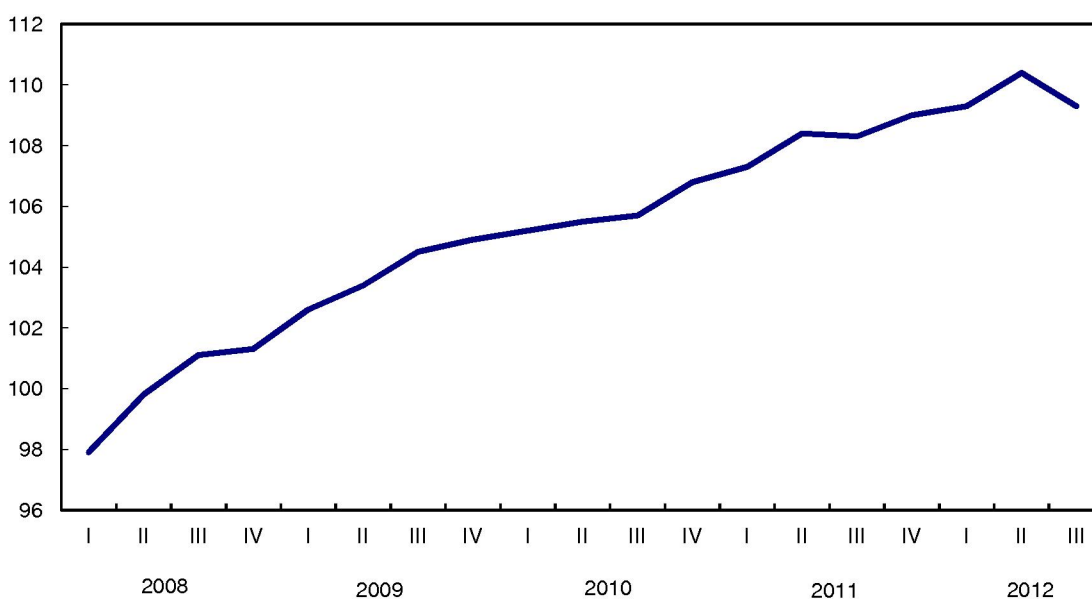
Releases

Retail Services Price Index, third quarter 2012

The Retail Services Price Index (RSPI) was down 1.0% in the third quarter, marking the second quarter-over-quarter decrease since the beginning of the series in 2008. Retail margins fell in 6 of the 10 retail sectors.

Chart 1
Retail Services Price Index

index (2008=100)



The decline in the RSPI was mainly attributable to a decrease in retail margins for gasoline stations (-6.3%). Excluding gasoline stations, the RSPI would have reported no movement in the third quarter.

Among other retail sectors posting margin decreases were electronics and appliance stores (-2.1%), sporting goods, hobby, book and music stores (-0.9%), clothing and clothing accessories stores (-0.7%), food and beverage stores (-0.5%) and health and personal care stores (-0.4%).

The quarter-over-quarter decline in the RSPI was moderated by margin increases for general merchandise stores (+1.4%), miscellaneous store retailers (+0.9%), furniture and home furnishings stores (+0.8%) and building material and garden equipment and supplies dealers (+0.2%).

Year over year, the RSPI rose 0.9% in the third quarter, following a 1.8% increase in the second quarter. General merchandise stores (+5.2%) and food and beverage stores (+2.9%) led the upward movement. Building material and garden equipment and supplies dealers (+1.9%), miscellaneous store retailers (+1.7%) and health and personal care stores (+1.4%) also contributed to the rise.

Downward pressure on the RSPI came from declining margins in electronics and appliance stores (-11.7%), gasoline stations (-3.7%), sporting goods, hobby, book and music stores (-2.3%) and furniture and home furnishings stores (-1.2%). The decrease in margins of electronics and appliance stores was the largest year-over-year decline in the RSPI to date and marks the eighth consecutive year-over-year decrease in this sector.

Note to readers

The Retail Services Price Index (RSPI) 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. The RSPI is not a retail selling price index.

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.

Table 1
Retail Services Price Index – Not seasonally adjusted

	Relative importance ¹	Third quarter 2011	Second quarter 2012 ^r	Third quarter 2012 ^p	Second quarter to third quarter 2012	Third quarter 2011 to third quarter 2012
	%	(2008=100)			% change	
Retail Services Price Index	100.00	108.3	110.4	109.3	-1.0	0.9
Motor vehicle and parts dealers ²	1.53
Furniture and home furnishings stores	3.33	104.2	102.1	102.9	0.8	-1.2
Electronics and appliance stores	3.42	90.0	81.2	79.5	-2.1	-11.7
Building material and garden equipment and supplies dealers	5.97	114.1	116.1	116.3	0.2	1.9
Food and beverage stores	21.81	112.0	115.9	115.3	-0.5	2.9
Health and personal care stores	6.68	110.6	112.7	112.2	-0.4	1.4
Gasoline stations	11.52	106.0	109.0	102.1	-6.3	-3.7
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	5.24	100.0	100.5	99.8	-0.7	-0.2
Sporting goods, hobby, book and music stores	2.48	102.6	101.1	100.2	-0.9	-2.3
General merchandise stores	11.47	109.9	114.0	115.6	1.4	5.2
Miscellaneous store retailers	2.56	109.9	110.8	111.8	0.9	1.7

^r revised

^p 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 in CANSIM: tables 332-0003 and 332-0007.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 5135.

The Retail Services Price Index for the fourth quarter will be released in May.

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).

Wholesale Services Price Index, third quarter 2012

The Wholesale Services Price Index (WSPI) was up 0.9% in the third quarter. This was the third consecutive quarter-over-quarter increase for the WSPI.

Wholesalers of petroleum products (+5.6%) recorded the largest margin increase in the third quarter. Wholesalers of farm products (+3.3%), machinery, equipment and supplies wholesalers (+2.6%), food, beverage and tobacco wholesalers (+1.4%) and wholesalers of motor vehicles and parts (+0.2%) also contributed to the advance of the WSPI in the third quarter.

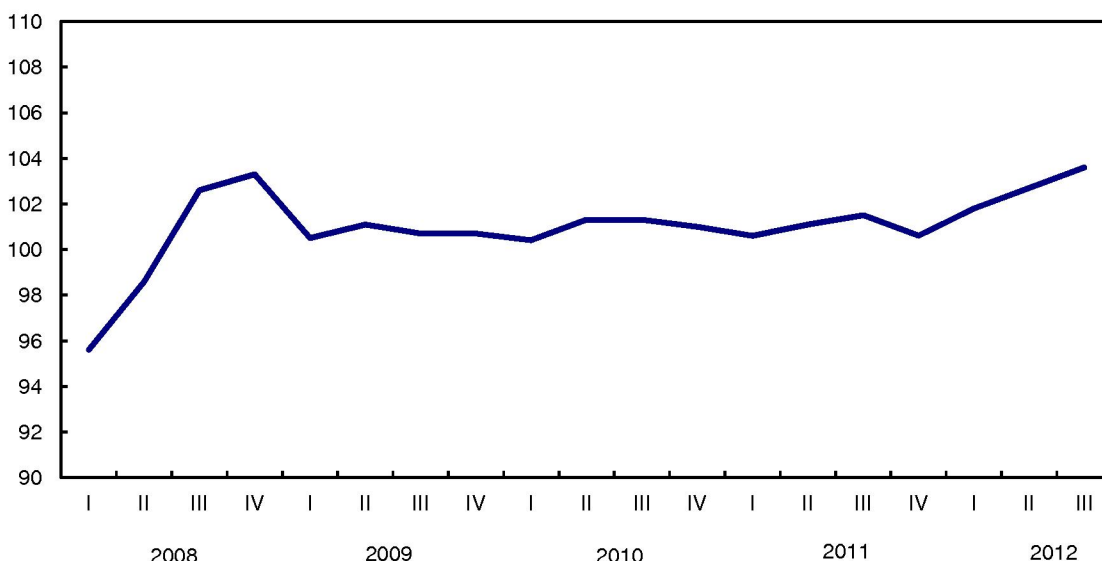
Declines registered by wholesalers of personal and household goods (-1.3%), miscellaneous wholesalers (-1.0%) and wholesalers of building material and supplies (-0.3%) in the third quarter moderated the upward movement of the WSPI.

Year over year, the WSPI increased 2.1% in the third quarter, with four of the eight wholesale sectors recording margin increases. The largest year-over-year margin increases were posted by wholesalers of farm products (+28.7%), food, beverage and tobacco (+5.0%), machinery, equipment and supplies (+4.6%) and motor vehicles and parts (+2.8%). The rise in margins for farm wholesalers was largely the result of year-over-year gains in commodity prices for wheat, canola and soybeans.

While margins for wholesalers of petroleum products rose from the second to the third quarter, year-over-year they continued to decline (-6.6%). Wholesalers of building materials and supplies (-1.6%), miscellaneous wholesalers (-1.0%) and wholesalers of personal and household goods (-0.4%) also reported decreasing margins in the third quarter. Year over year, this was the eight consecutive quarter of margin decreases reported by wholesalers of building materials and supplies.

Chart 1
Wholesale Services Price Index

index (2008=100)



Note to readers

The Wholesale Services Price Index (WSPI) 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. The WSPI is not a wholesale selling price index.

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.

Table 1
Wholesale Services Price Index – Not seasonally adjusted

	Relative importance ¹	Third quarter 2011	Second quarter 2012 ^r	Third quarter 2012 ^p	Second quarter to third quarter 2012	Third quarter 2011 to third quarter 2012
	%	(2008=100)			% change	
Wholesale Services Price Index	100.00	101.5	102.7	103.6	0.9	2.1
Farm products	2.58	85.3	106.3	109.8	3.3	28.7
Petroleum products	4.94	80.6	71.3	75.3	5.6	-6.6
Food, beverage and tobacco	14.90	110.6	114.5	116.1	1.4	5.0
Personal and household goods	16.60	101.5	102.4	101.1	-1.3	-0.4
Motor vehicles and parts	9.92	107.0	109.8	110.0	0.2	2.8
Building material and supplies	13.88	93.9	92.7	92.4	-0.3	-1.6
Machinery, equipment and supplies	21.67	103.0	105.0	107.7	2.6	4.6
Miscellaneous	11.02	109.9	109.9	108.8	-1.0	-1.0

^r revised

^p 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.

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The Wholesale Services Prices Index for the fourth quarter will be released in May.

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Annual revision of the Labour Force Survey seasonally adjusted estimates, January 2010 to December 2012

Each year, the Labour Force Survey revises its estimates for the previous three years, using the latest seasonal factors. These revised estimates are now available in CANSIM.

Available in CANSIM: tables 282-0087 to 282-0089, 282-0092 to 282-0094, 282-0100, 282-0116 and 282-0117.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 3701.

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Specialized design services, 2011

Data on the specialized design services industry are now available for 2011.

The 2011 edition of the publication *Specialized Design Services*, which contains industry highlights along with financial data including revenues, expenses, and operating profit margins, is now available. The publication also includes product information as well as data by type of client and by geographic region.

Available in CANSIM: tables 360-0002, 360-0008 and 360-0009.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 4719.

The publication *Specialized Design Services*, 2011 (63-251-X), is now available from the *Browse by key resource* module of our website under *Publications*.

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Energy supply and demand, 2011

Data on energy supply and demand are now available for 2011.

Note to readers

Data from 2004 to 2010 have been revised.

Available in CANSIM: tables 128-0012 to 128-0014 and 128-0016 to 128-0018.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey numbers 2003, 2147, 2148, 2149, 2150, 2151, 2167, 2168, 2191, 2194, 2196, 2198, 5047 and 5168.

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7	Building permits	December 2012
8	Canadian international merchandise trade	December 2012
8	Labour Force Survey	January 2013

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