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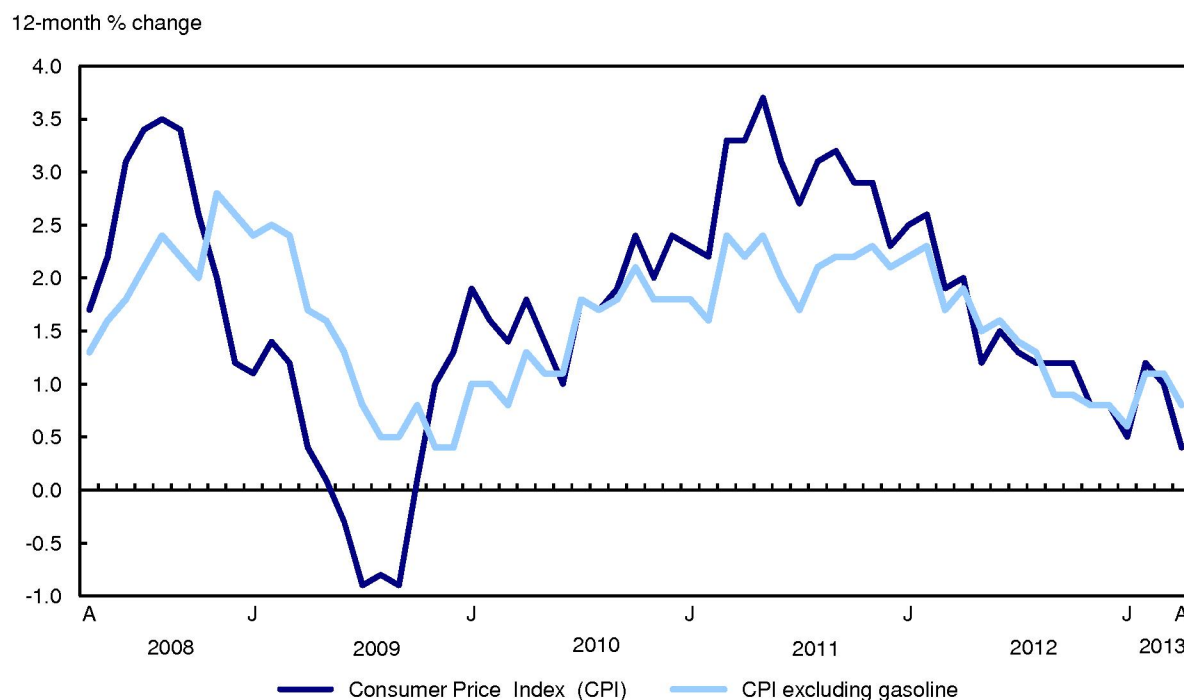
## Releases

### Consumer Price Index, April 2013

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) rose 0.4% in the 12 months to April, following a 1.0% increase in March. Declining gasoline prices were largely responsible for the 0.6 percentage point difference in the 12-month change in the CPI. Price decreases for the purchase of passenger vehicles were also a factor.

#### Chart 1

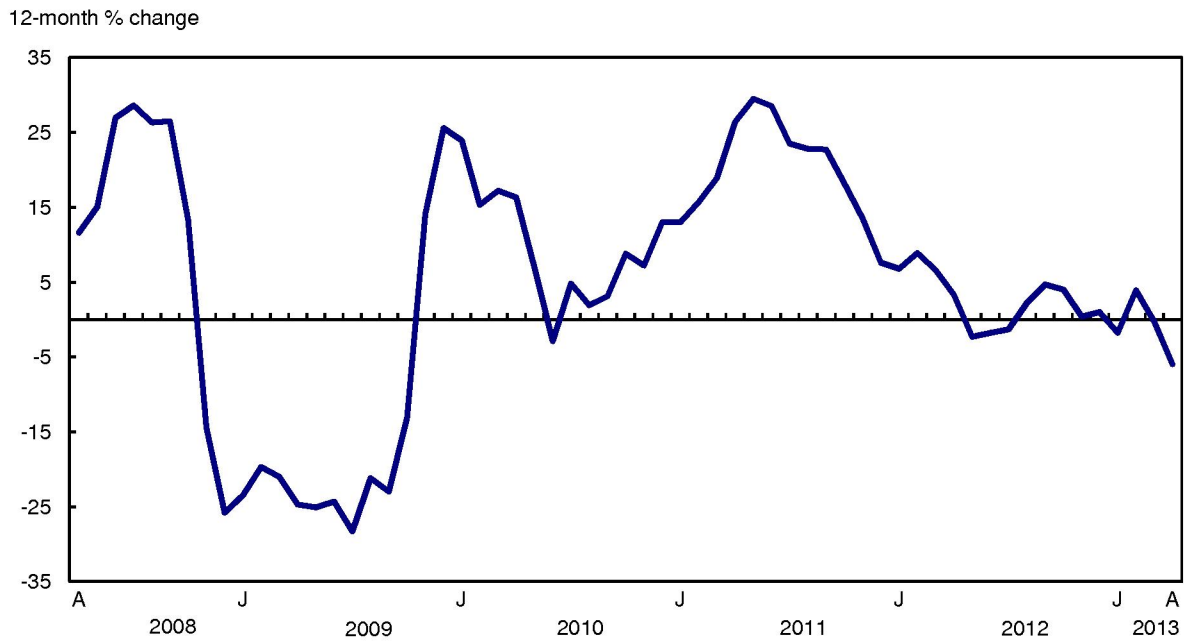
#### The 12-month change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and the CPI excluding gasoline



Gasoline prices decreased 6.0% on a year-over-year basis in April, after falling 0.3% in March. The decrease in April was the largest year-over-year decline in gasoline prices since October 2009.

Excluding gasoline, the CPI rose 0.8% in the 12 months to April, following a 1.1% increase in March.

**Chart 2**  
**The 12-month change in the gasoline index**

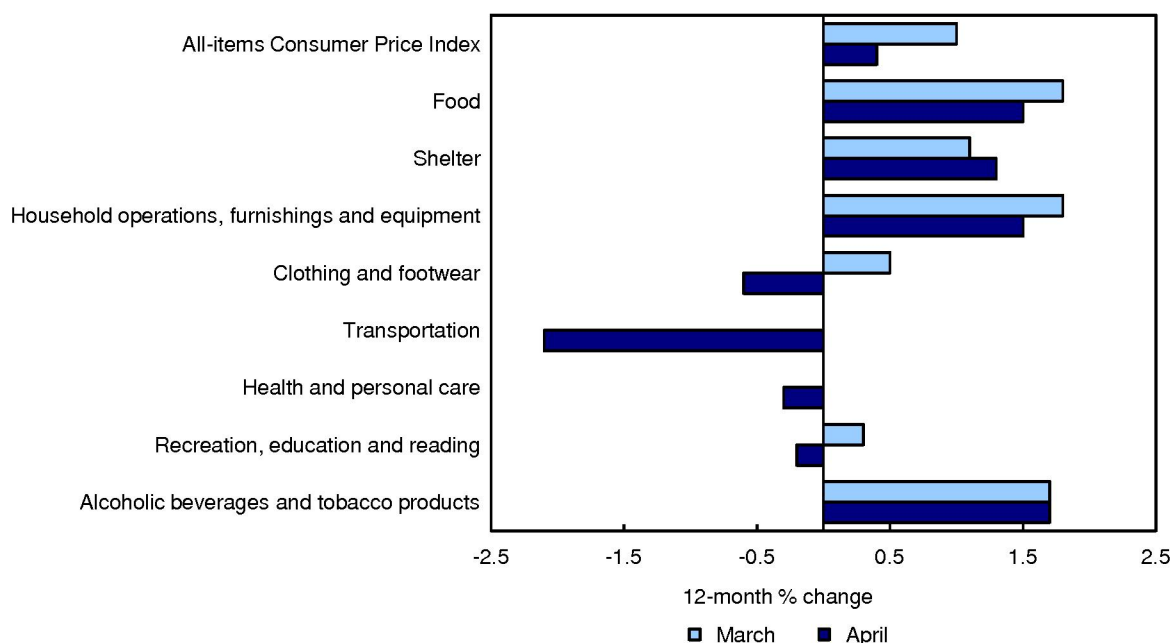


### 12-month change in the major components

The shelter and food components were the main upward contributors to the rise in the CPI, while the transportation component was the main downward contributor.

**Chart 3**

**Consumers paid more for shelter and food, and less for transportation**



Shelter costs increased 1.3% in the 12 months to April, following a 1.1% rise in March. Electricity prices and rent advanced year over year, while mortgage interest cost decreased 4.3%.

Food prices increased 1.5% on a year-over-year basis in April, after increasing 1.8% in March. Consumers paid more for food purchased from stores, as prices for meat rose 3.2%. In contrast, prices for sugar and confectionery declined 2.8%.

Consumers paid 1.2% more for food purchased from restaurants in the 12 months to April, following a 2.2% increase in March. The smaller increase in April compared with March was largely attributable to price declines in British Columbia.

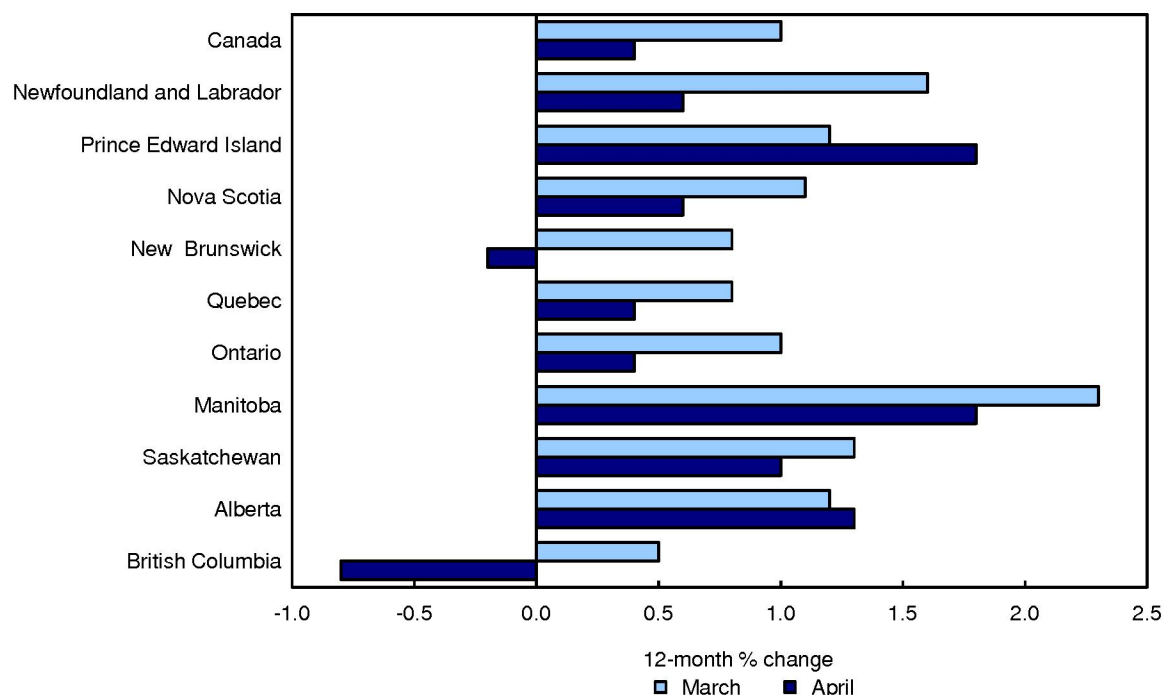
Transportation costs declined 2.1% in the 12 months to April, after posting no change the previous month. In addition to price decreases for gasoline, prices for the purchase of passenger vehicles declined 0.7% year over year in April, after rising 0.8% in March.

### 12-month change in the provinces

Consumer prices rose in eight provinces in the 12 months to April. The exceptions were New Brunswick and British Columbia, where consumer prices declined. The largest increases were registered in Prince Edward Island and Manitoba.

#### Chart 4

Consumer prices increase the most in Prince Edward Island and Manitoba, and decrease the most in British Columbia



The decline in gasoline prices was a factor in the year-over-year change in all provincial CPIs. The largest gasoline price decreases were posted in Newfoundland and Labrador and Nova Scotia (both -9.3%), while the smallest were recorded in Manitoba (-0.4%) and Prince Edward Island (-2.7%).

On April 1, 2013, the Harmonized Sales Tax came into effect in Prince Edward Island, while British Columbia returned to the Provincial Sales Tax and the Goods and Services Tax.

In Prince Edward Island, consumer prices rose 1.8% in the 12 months to April, after registering a 1.2% advance in March. Prince Edward Island posted the largest year-over-year price increase among the provinces for clothing.

Prices in British Columbia fell 0.8% in the 12 months to April, after rising 0.5% in March. Consumers paid 4.3% less for food purchased from restaurants.

Consumer prices in Manitoba rose 1.8% on a year-over-year basis in April, following a 2.3% increase in March. Manitoba had the smallest year-over-year decrease in gasoline prices among the provinces.

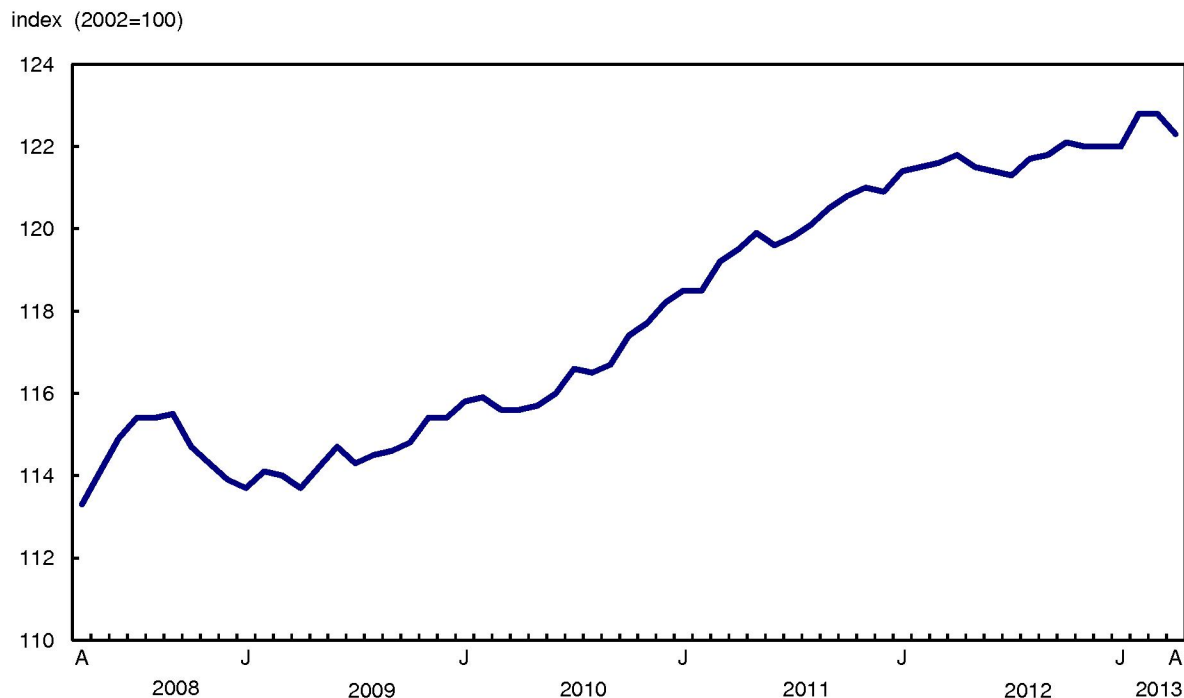
In New Brunswick, consumer prices decreased 0.2% year over year in April, following a 0.8% increase the previous month. Gasoline prices fell 8.6% year over year in April. In addition, prices for clothing decreased 2.8% in the 12 months to April, after increasing 4.4% in March.

#### Seasonally adjusted monthly CPI decreases

On a [seasonally adjusted](#) monthly basis, the CPI decreased 0.4% in April, after posting no change in March. The decrease in April was the largest decline since October 2008.

### Chart 5

#### Seasonally adjusted monthly Consumer Price Index



Of the eight major components, five posted decreases in April. The seasonally adjusted index for transportation decreased 1.1% in April, following a 1.5% decrease in March. The food index decreased 0.4% in April, while the shelter index increased 0.2%.

## Bank of Canada's core index

The **Bank of Canada's core index** rose 1.1% in the 12 months to April, following a 1.4% increase in March.

On a monthly basis, the seasonally adjusted core index posted no change in April, after rising 0.2% in March.

## Note to readers

As announced in [The Daily](#) on March 27, 2013, Statistics Canada has [updated](#) the Passenger Vehicle Parts, Maintenance and Repairs Index of the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

*A seasonally adjusted series is one from which seasonal movements have been eliminated. Users employing CPI data for indexation purposes are advised to use the unadjusted indexes. For more information on seasonal adjustment, see Seasonal adjustment and identifying economic trends.*

*The Bank of Canada's core index excludes eight of the CPI's most volatile components (fruit, fruit preparations and nuts; vegetables and vegetable preparations; mortgage interest cost; natural gas; fuel oil and other fuels; gasoline; inter-city transportation; and tobacco products and smokers' supplies) as well as the effects of changes in indirect taxes on the remaining components.*

**Table 1**  
**Consumer Price Index and major components, Canada – Not seasonally adjusted**

	Relative importance <sup>1</sup>	April 2012	March 2013	April 2013	March to April 2013	April 2012 to April 2013
	%	(2002=100)			% change	
<b>All-items Consumer Price Index (CPI)</b>	<b>100.00<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>122.2</b>	<b>122.9</b>	<b>122.7</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>0.4</b>
Food	16.60	130.1	132.4	132.1	-0.2	1.5
Shelter	26.26	126.6	128.0	128.2	0.2	1.3
Household operations, furnishings and equipment	12.66	112.6	114.7	114.3	-0.3	1.5
Clothing and footwear	5.82	95.3	95.3	94.7	-0.6	-0.6
Transportation	19.98	131.3	129.5	128.6	-0.7	-2.1
Health and personal care	4.93	118.9	118.3	118.6	0.3	-0.3
Recreation, education and reading	10.96	105.4	105.2	105.2	0.0	-0.2
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco products	2.79	137.7	139.8	140.1	0.2	1.7
<b>Special aggregates</b>						
Core CPI <sup>3</sup>	84.91	119.7	120.9	121.0	0.1	1.1
All-items CPI excluding energy	91.44	119.1	120.0	119.9	-0.1	0.7
Energy <sup>4</sup>	8.56	161.0	159.9	158.0	-1.2	-1.9
Gasoline	4.62	192.9	186.5	181.3	-2.8	-6.0
All-items CPI excluding food and energy	74.85	116.6	117.2	117.2	0.0	0.5
Goods	48.18	115.3	115.4	114.9	-0.4	-0.3
Services	51.82	129.1	130.3	130.3	0.0	0.9

1. 2011 CPI basket weights at January 2013 prices, Canada, effective February 2013. Detailed weights are available under the Documentation section of survey 2301 ([www.statcan.gc.ca/imdb-bmdi/2301-eng.htm](http://www.statcan.gc.ca/imdb-bmdi/2301-eng.htm)).

2. Figures may not add up to 100% as a result of rounding.

3. The Bank of Canada's core index excludes eight of the CPI's most volatile components (fruit, fruit preparations and nuts; vegetables and vegetable preparations; mortgage interest cost; natural gas; fuel oil and other fuels; gasoline; inter-city transportation; and tobacco products and smokers' supplies) as well as the effects of changes in indirect taxes on the remaining components. For additional information on the core CPI, please consult the Bank of Canada website ([www.bankofcanada.ca/rates/indicators/key-variables/inflation-control-target/](http://www.bankofcanada.ca/rates/indicators/key-variables/inflation-control-target/)).

4. The special aggregate "Energy" includes: electricity; natural gas; fuel oil and other fuels; gasoline; and fuel, parts and supplies for recreational vehicles.

**Table 2**  
**Consumer Price Index by province, and for Whitehorse, Yellowknife and Iqaluit – Not seasonally adjusted**

	Relative importance <sup>1</sup>	April 2012	March 2013	April 2013	March to April 2013	April 2012 to April 2013
	%	(2002=100)			% change	
<b>Canada</b>	<b>100.00<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>122.2</b>	<b>122.9</b>	<b>122.7</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>0.4</b>
Newfoundland and Labrador	1.36	125.2	125.9	125.9	0.0	0.6
Prince Edward Island	0.36	126.3	127.1	128.6	1.2	1.8
Nova Scotia	2.59	126.1	126.7	126.8	0.1	0.6
New Brunswick	1.96	123.1	123.3	122.8	-0.4	-0.2
Quebec	22.04	121.3	121.8	121.8	0.0	0.4
Ontario	39.05	122.4	123.2	122.9	-0.2	0.4
Manitoba	3.16	120.4	122.3	122.6	0.2	1.8
Saskatchewan	2.94	124.2	125.2	125.4	0.2	1.0
Alberta	12.32	127.0	128.1	128.7	0.5	1.3
British Columbia	14.05	118.2	118.5	117.2	-1.1	-0.8
Whitehorse	0.08	120.7	121.5	121.6	0.1	0.7
Yellowknife	0.07	125.1	125.6	126.0	0.3	0.7
Iqaluit (Dec. 2002=100)	0.02	114.9	115.8	116.5	0.6	1.4

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**Table 3**  
**Consumer Price Index and major components – Seasonally adjusted<sup>1</sup>**

	February 2013	March 2013	April 2013	February to March 2013	March to April 2013
	(2002=100)			% change	
<b>All-items Consumer Price Index (CPI)</b>	<b>122.8</b>	<b>122.8</b>	<b>122.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-0.4</b>
Food	132.7	132.4	131.9	-0.2	-0.4
Shelter	127.9	128.0	128.2	0.1	0.2
Household operations, furnishings and equipment	114.1	114.4	114.4	0.3	0.0
Clothing and footwear	92.1	92.5	92.3	0.4	-0.2
Transportation	130.7	128.7	127.3	-1.5	-1.1
Health and personal care	118.7	118.5	118.3	-0.2	-0.2
Recreation, education and reading	106.2	105.8	105.6	-0.4	-0.2
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco products	139.4	139.8	140.1	0.3	0.2
<b>Special aggregates</b>					
Core CPI <sup>2</sup>	120.6	120.8	120.8	0.2	0.0
All-items CPI excluding food and energy <sup>3</sup>	116.9	117.0	117.0	0.1	0.0

1. A seasonally adjusted series is one from which seasonal movements have been eliminated. Each month, the previous month's seasonally adjusted index is subject to revision. On an annual basis, the seasonally adjusted values for the last three years are revised with the January data release. Users employing Consumer Price Index (CPI) data for indexation purposes are advised to use the unadjusted indexes. For more information on the availability and uses of seasonally adjusted CPI data, please see the Definitions, data sources and methods section of survey 2301 ([www.statcan.gc.ca/imdb-bmdi/2301-eng.htm](http://www.statcan.gc.ca/imdb-bmdi/2301-eng.htm)).

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**Available in CANSIM: tables 326-0009, 326-0012, 326-0015 and 326-0020 to 326-0022.**

**Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2301.**

For a more detailed analysis, consult the publication *The Consumer Price Index*. The April 2013 issue of *The Consumer Price Index*, Vol. 92, no. 4 (62-001-X), is now available from the *Browse by key resource* module of our website under *Publications*.

More information about the concepts and use of the Consumer Price Index are also available online in *Your Guide to the Consumer Price Index* (62-557-X) from the *Browse by key resource* module of our website under *Publications*.

The Consumer Price Index for May will be released on June 21.

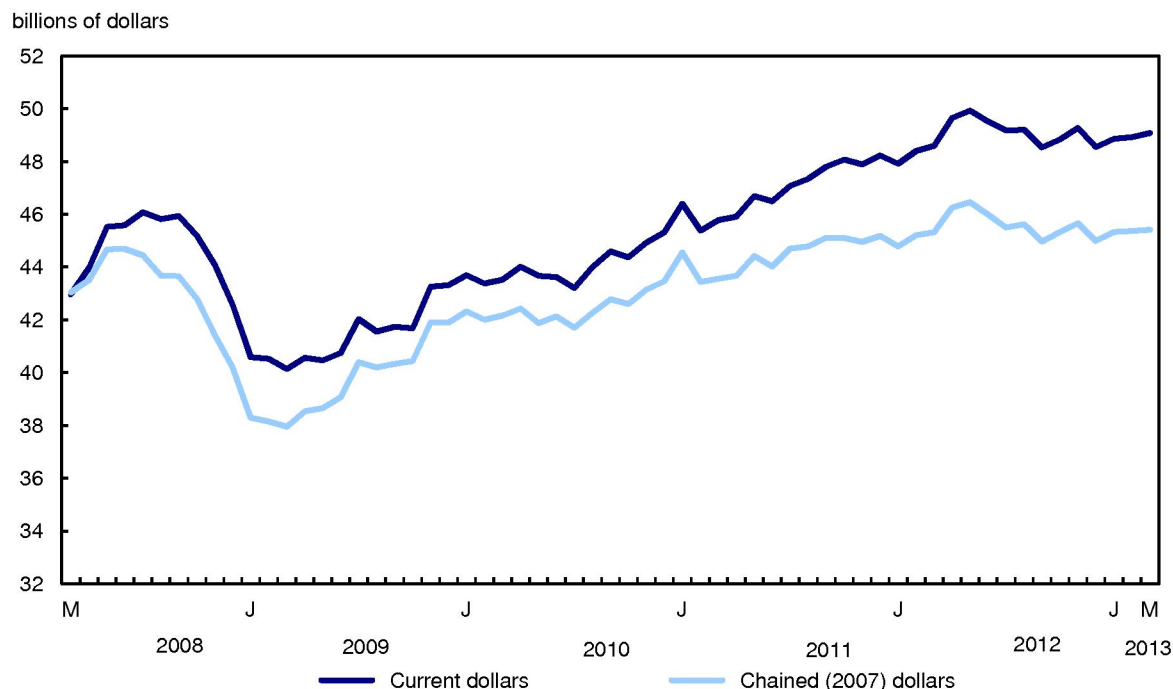
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## Wholesale trade, March 2013

Wholesale sales advanced by 0.3% in March to \$49.1 billion. The increase was mainly due to higher sales in the motor vehicle industry. Since May 2012, wholesale sales have been relatively flat.

In volume terms, wholesale sales were up 0.1% in March.

**Chart 1**  
**Wholesale sales increase in March**



## Gain led by the motor vehicle industry

In March, four of the seven subsectors reported gains, accounting for about two-thirds of wholesale sales. Excluding the motor vehicle and parts subsector, wholesale sales were unchanged.

Sales in the motor vehicle and parts subsector rose 2.0% to \$8.5 billion in March, its second consecutive increase. The advance in March largely reflected higher sales in the motor vehicle industry (+3.9%), which represents about three-quarters of this subsector.

In the miscellaneous subsector, sales rose by 1.4%. The increase was largely driven by a 7.8% gain in the agricultural supplies industry, the fifth increase in six months.

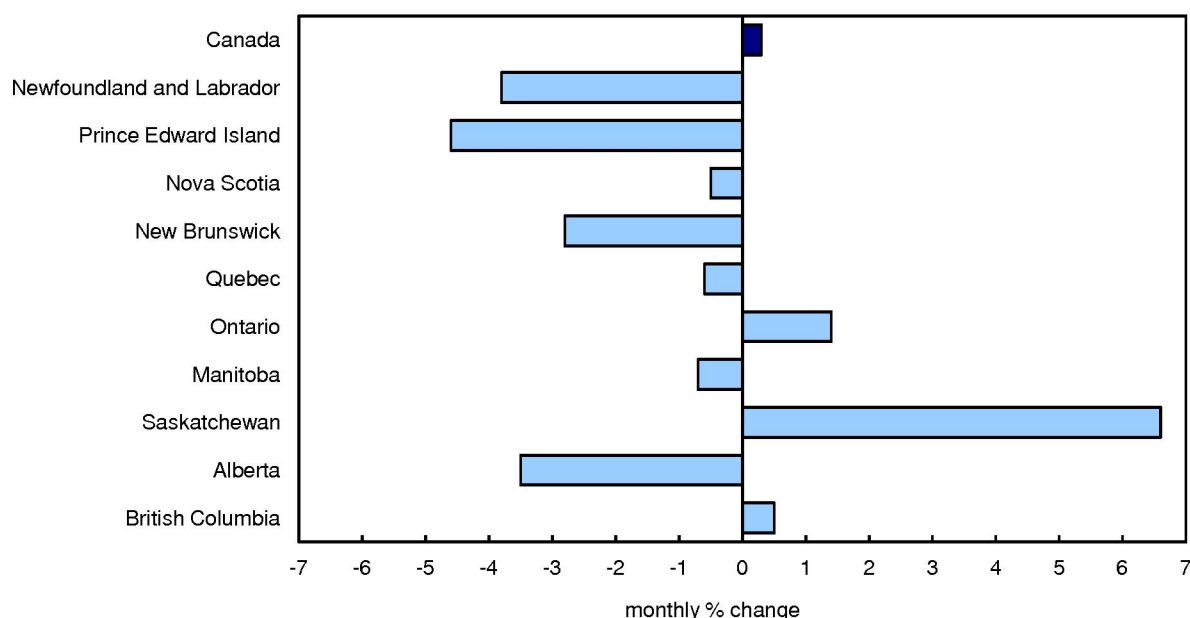
Sales in the building materials and supplies subsector rose by 0.6%. All three industries in this subsector posted higher sales, with the majority of the increase coming from the electrical, plumbing, heating and air-conditioning equipment and supplies industry.

The largest decline in dollar terms was in the personal and household goods subsector (-0.9%), mainly as a result of a 2.4% decrease in the pharmaceuticals and pharmacy supplies industry.

## Ontario and Saskatchewan post the largest increases

Wholesalers in three provinces reported increases in sales for March.

**Chart 2**  
**Wholesale sales in three provinces in March**



Ontario posted a 1.4% increase, offsetting February's decline. Wholesalers in the province benefited mainly from higher sales in the motor vehicle industry.

The 6.6% increase in Saskatchewan was primarily due to the agricultural supplies industry, which represented over one-third of the province's sales.

In British Columbia, sales increased by 0.5%.

These gains were partially offset by the 3.5% decline in Alberta, the province's first decrease in three months. The decline was largely due to weakness in the building material and supplies subsector within the province.

The declines in the remaining provinces largely reflect the weakness of sales in the machinery, equipment and supplies subsector and the personal and household goods subsector.

## Slight increase in inventories

Wholesale inventories rose 0.1% in March to \$61.8 billion. Inventories were up in two of the seven subsectors.

The increases were in the inventories of the motor vehicle and parts subsector (+1.1%) and the building materials and supplies subsector (+0.5%).

The inventory-to-sales ratio was unchanged at 1.26 in March.

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 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](#).*

*Data in volume terms have been revised back to January 2010.*

**Table 1**  
**Wholesale merchants' sales by industry – Seasonally adjusted**

	March 2012	February 2013 <sup>f</sup>	March 2013 <sup>P</sup>	February to March 2013	March 2012 to March 2013
	millions of dollars			% change	
<b>Total, wholesale sales (current dollars)</b>	<b>48,592</b>	<b>48,919</b>	<b>49,082</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>1.0</b>
<b>Total, wholesale sales (2007 chained dollars)</b>	<b>45,313</b>	<b>45,368</b>	<b>45,416</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.2</b>
<b>Total (current dollars), excluding motor vehicle and parts and accessories merchant wholesalers</b>	<b>40,351</b>	<b>40,616</b>	<b>40,612</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.6</b>
Farm product	578	563	538	-4.5	-6.8
Food, beverage and tobacco	9,378	9,527	9,538	0.1	1.7
Food	8,379	8,528	8,573	0.5	2.3
Beverage	485	498	473	-4.9	-2.5
Cigarette and tobacco product	513	502	491	-2.0	-4.3
Personal and household goods	7,109	6,837	6,776	-0.9	-4.7
Textile, clothing and footwear	887	916	908	-0.9	2.3
Home entertainment equipment and household appliance	763	672	674	0.2	-11.7
Home furnishings	430	442	448	1.4	4.1
Personal goods	779	699	702	0.5	-9.9
Pharmaceuticals and pharmacy supplies	3,597	3,464	3,381	-2.4	-6.0
Toiletries, cosmetics and sundries	653	643	663	3.0	1.6
Motor vehicle and parts	8,240	8,303	8,469	2.0	2.8
Motor vehicle	6,171	6,195	6,435	3.9	4.3
New motor vehicle parts and accessories	2,026	2,058	1,983	-3.6	-2.1
Used motor vehicle parts and accessories	44	50	52	3.3	18.3
Building material and supplies	6,745	6,941	6,983	0.6	3.5
Electrical, plumbing, heating and air-conditioning equipment and supplies	2,198	2,156	2,189	1.5	-0.4
Metal service centres	1,526	1,515	1,519	0.2	-0.5
Lumber, millwork, hardware and other building supplies	3,021	3,270	3,275	0.2	8.4
Machinery, equipment and supplies	10,147	10,458	10,403	-0.5	2.5
Farm, lawn and garden machinery and equipment	1,193	1,358	1,305	-3.9	9.4
Construction, forestry, mining, and industrial machinery, equipment and supplies	3,707	3,590	3,646	1.6	-1.6
Computer and communications equipment and supplies	2,914	3,100	3,055	-1.5	4.8
Other machinery, equipment and supplies	2,333	2,410	2,396	-0.6	2.7

**Table 1**  
**Wholesale merchants' sales by industry – Seasonally adjusted**

	March 2012	February 2013 <sup>r</sup>	March 2013 <sup>p</sup>	February to March 2013	March 2012 to March 2013
Miscellaneous	6,395	6,289	6,375	1.4	-0.3
Recyclable material	726	620	621	0.1	-14.5
Paper, paper product and disposable plastic product	934	876	880	0.4	-5.8
Agricultural supplies	1,556	1,703	1,835	7.8	17.9
Chemical (except agricultural) and allied product	1,215	1,165	1,138	-2.3	-6.3
Other miscellaneous	1,965	1,926	1,901	-1.3	-3.3

<sup>r</sup> revised<sup>p</sup> preliminary**Note(s):** Figures may not add up to totals because of rounding.

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

	March 2012	February 2013 <sup>r</sup>	March 2013 <sup>p</sup>	February to March 2013	March 2012 to March 2013
	millions of dollars			% change	
<b>Canada</b>	<b>48,592</b>	<b>48,919</b>	<b>49,082</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>1.0</b>
Newfoundland and Labrador	347	364	350	-3.8	1.0
Prince Edward Island	46	54	51	-4.6	11.7
Nova Scotia	695	697	693	-0.5	-0.3
New Brunswick	495	484	471	-2.8	-4.9
Quebec	9,173	9,377	9,324	-0.6	1.7
Ontario	24,083	23,272	23,593	1.4	-2.0
Manitoba	1,318	1,357	1,348	-0.7	2.3
Saskatchewan	1,775	1,955	2,085	6.6	17.5
Alberta	6,204	6,609	6,379	-3.5	2.8
British Columbia	4,376	4,675	4,699	0.5	7.4
Yukon	14	13	13	3.4	-7.2
Northwest Territories	62	56	66	18.5	6.9
Nunavut	4	8	8	4.0	92.6

<sup>r</sup> revised<sup>p</sup> preliminary**Note(s):** Figures may not add up to totals because of rounding.

**Table 3**  
**Wholesale merchants' inventories by industry – Seasonally adjusted**

	March 2012	February 2013 <sup>r</sup>	March 2013 <sup>p</sup>	February to March 2013	March 2012 to March 2013
	millions of dollars			% change	
<b>Total, wholesale inventories</b>	<b>59,470</b>	<b>61,723</b>	<b>61,802</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>3.9</b>
Farm product	182	164	157	-3.8	-13.7
Food, beverage and tobacco	5,509	5,493	5,484	-0.2	-0.5
Food	4,980	4,985	4,966	-0.4	-0.3
Beverage	314	286	298	4.3	-4.9
Cigarette and tobacco product	215	222	220	-1.3	2.0
Personal and household goods	10,664	10,290	10,258	-0.3	-3.8
Textile, clothing and footwear	1,985	1,838	1,910	3.9	-3.8
Home entertainment equipment and household appliance	768	784	803	2.4	4.5
Home furnishings	923	996	985	-1.1	6.7
Personal goods	1,679	1,419	1,388	-2.2	-17.3
Pharmaceuticals and pharmacy supplies	4,574	4,557	4,488	-1.5	-1.9
Toiletries, cosmetics and sundries	736	696	685	-1.6	-6.9
Motor vehicle and parts	7,312	8,347	8,442	1.1	15.5
Motor vehicle	3,931	4,324	4,379	1.3	11.4
New motor vehicle parts and accessories	3,288	3,919	3,959	1.0	20.4
Used motor vehicle parts and accessories	93	104	104	0.2	12.5
Building material and supplies	10,884	11,554	11,613	0.5	6.7
Electrical, plumbing, heating and air-conditioning equipment and supplies	3,070	3,149	3,180	1.0	3.6
Metal service centres	3,298	3,435	3,397	-1.1	3.0
Lumber, millwork, hardware and other building supplies	4,516	4,970	5,036	1.3	11.5
Machinery, equipment and supplies	17,422	18,355	18,329	-0.1	5.2
Farm, lawn and garden machinery and equipment	3,382	3,998	4,013	0.4	18.7
Construction, forestry, mining, and industrial machinery, equipment and supplies	9,190	9,120	9,118	0.0	-0.8
Computer and communications equipment and supplies	1,598	1,805	1,811	0.3	13.3
Other machinery, equipment and supplies	3,252	3,432	3,388	-1.3	4.2
Miscellaneous	7,495	7,520	7,517	0.0	0.3
Recyclable material	553	512	502	-2.0	-9.2
Paper, paper product and disposable plastic product	666	675	678	0.4	1.7
Agricultural supplies	2,833	2,883	2,879	-0.1	1.6
Chemical (except agricultural) and allied product	1,016	1,003	1,004	0.1	-1.1
Other miscellaneous	2,427	2,447	2,454	0.3	1.1

<sup>r</sup> revised

<sup>p</sup> preliminary

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

**Available in CANSIM: tables 081-0011, 081-0012 and 081-0015.**

**Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2401.**

The March 2013 issue of *Wholesale Trade* (63-008-X) will soon be available.

Wholesale trade data for April will be released on June 19.

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## Travel between Canada and other countries, March 2013

Overall travel to Canada rose 2.6% in March, primarily as a result of a 3.2% increase in travel from the United States.

US residents took 1.7 million trips to Canada in March. This included over 1.0 million overnight trips, the highest figure since February 2010. Overnight travel by car rose 3.5% while the number of overnight visitors arriving by plane increased 2.0%.

US residents made 620,000 same-day car trips to Canada, a 4.0% increase from February.

Travel from overseas countries to Canada was up 0.2% from February.

Although the top 2 overseas markets, the United Kingdom and France, recorded increases, 7 of the top 12 overseas markets recorded decreases in travel to Canada in March. The largest percentage decline was in travel from Mexico (-8.9%).

In the opposite direction, travel from Canada abroad decreased 1.7% to 5.5 million trips. This was mainly the result of 2.1% fewer trips to the United States.

Overnight travel to the United States declined 3.2% in March, led by a 4.7% decrease in overnight car travel.

Same-day car travel from Canada to the United States decreased 1.3% to fewer than 2.8 million trips.

Travel from Canada to overseas countries increased 0.9% from February to 774,000 trips.

### **Note to readers**

*Monthly data are seasonally adjusted. For more information on seasonal adjustment, see Seasonal adjustment and identifying economic trends.*

**Table 1**  
**Travel between Canada and other countries – Seasonally adjusted**

	March 2012 <sup>r</sup>	February 2013 <sup>r</sup>	March 2013 <sup>p</sup>	February to March 2013
	thousands			% change <sup>1</sup>
<b>Canadian trips abroad<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>5,418</b>	<b>5,623</b>	<b>5,526</b>	<b>-1.7</b>
To the United States	4,624	4,856	4,752	-2.1
To other countries	794	767	774	0.9
Same-day car trips to the United States	2,722	2,792	2,757	-1.3
Total trips, one or more nights	2,658	2,789	2,731	-2.1
United States <sup>3</sup>	1,863	2,022	1,957	-3.2
Car	1,112	1,246	1,187	-4.7
Plane	642	670	667	-0.4
Other modes of transportation	110	106	103	-3.3
Other countries <sup>4</sup>	794	767	774	0.9
<b>Travel to Canada<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>2,121</b>	<b>2,073</b>	<b>2,128</b>	<b>2.6</b>
From the United States	1,722	1,683	1,737	3.2
From other countries	399	390	390	0.2
Same-day car trips from the United States	655	596	620	4.0
Total trips, one or more nights	1,365	1,372	1,401	2.1
United States <sup>3</sup>	976	996	1,024	2.8
Car	567	580	601	3.5
Plane	293	298	305	2.0
Other modes of transportation	117	117	119	1.2
Other countries <sup>4</sup>	389	376	377	0.2
<b>Travel to Canada: Top overseas markets, by country of origin<sup>5</sup></b>				
United Kingdom	61	53	54	1.1
France	39	35	40	13.9
China	23	29	27	-5.8
Germany	30	26	26	2.9
Australia	23	23	23	-0.4
Japan	21	23	22	-3.1
South Korea	12	14	13	-7.6
India	13	13	13	-3.5
Mexico	13	12	11	-8.9
Hong Kong	11	11	10	-4.6
Switzerland	10	9	9	0.5
Netherlands	9	8	9	9.5

<sup>r</sup> revised

<sup>p</sup> preliminary

1. Percentage change is based on unrounded data.

2. Totals exceed the sum of "same-day car trips" and "total trips, one or more nights" because they include all of the same-day trips.

3. Data for the United States include counts of cars and buses, and data for planes, trains, boats and other methods.

4. Figures for other countries exclude same-day entries by land only, via the United States.

5. Includes same-day and overnight trips.

**Available in CANSIM: tables 427-0001 to 427-0006.**

**Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 5005.**

The March 2013 issue of *International Travel: Advance Information*, Vol. 29, no. 3 (66-001-P), is now available from the *Browse by key resource* module of our website under *Publications*.

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## Monthly Survey of Large Retailers, March 2013

Data for the Monthly Survey of Large Retailers are now available for March.

**Available in CANSIM: table 080-0009.**

**Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 5027.**

A [data table](#) is also available from the *Browse by key resource* module of our website under *Summary tables*.

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## Primary iron and steel, March 2013

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

**Available in CANSIM: tables 303-0048 to 303-0051.**

**Definitions, data sources and methods: survey numbers 2116 and 2184.**

The March 2013 issue of *Steel, Tubular Products and Steel Wire* (41-019-X) will soon be available.

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## **Annual Survey of Manufactures and Logging: Products produced by logging industries, 2011**

Data on products produced by logging industries for Canada, the provinces and the North are now available for 2011.

### **Note to readers**

*These data are subject to revision.*

*Data for products produced for 2010 have been revised.*

*The information is collected using the Annual Survey of Manufactures and logging.*

### **Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2103.**

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## New products and studies

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### New products

**The Supply and Disposition of Refined Petroleum Products in Canada**, February 2013, Vol. 68, no. 2  
Catalogue number 45-004-X (HTML | PDF)

**The Consumer Price Index**, April 2013, Vol. 92, no. 4  
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**International Travel: Advance Information**, March 2013, Vol. 29, no. 3  
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