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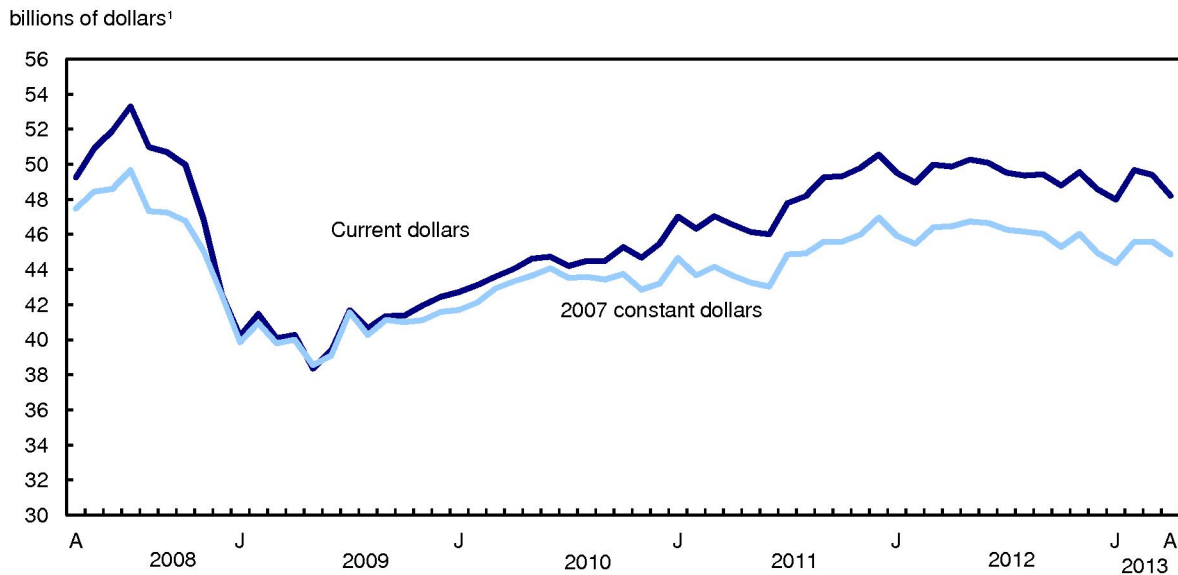
Manufacturing sales fell 2.4% in April to \$48.2 billion — the fourth decline in five months and the largest monthly percentage drop since August 2009. Lower sales in the petroleum and coal product, and primary metal industries were largely responsible for the decline.

Sales were down in 13 of 21 industries, representing about 86% of Canadian manufacturing.

Constant dollar manufacturing sales fell 1.6% as sales volumes were lower in April.

Sales of durable (-1.6%) and non-durable (-3.2%) goods declined in April.

Chart 1 Manufacturing sales fall



1. Seasonally adjusted.

Petroleum and coal sales down

Sales of petroleum and coal products fell 8.8% in April to \$6.3 billion — the lowest level since June 2011. Since November 2012, sales of petroleum and coal products have fallen by 14.0%. In April, some refineries reported that either maintenance or the switch to summer fuels required production to be slowed or halted for a longer than normal period of time.

Primary metal manufacturing sales were down 8.7% in April to \$3.4 billion — the lowest level since May 2010. There were widespread declines in the industry, which reflected lower volumes of goods sold. Sales in the primary metal industry have declined in four of the past five months. Since November 2012, sales have fallen by 11.0%.

Sales of transportation equipment were down 1.7% in April, following two months of gains. Notwithstanding the lower figure, April's sales were 14.2% higher than January 2013. Contributing to the decline was a 2.2% reduction in motor vehicle sales and a 3.3% drop in aerospace production.

Offsetting these decreases was a 4.9% increase in sales of wood products. Sales of wood products have risen in 11 of the past 12 months and have reached their highest level since January 2007. Many wood product manufacturers have indicated that they have increased both production and sales. Sales were 38.5% higher than April 2012, partially reflecting an increase in prices of more than 10%.

Largest declines in Quebec and Ontario

Sales fell in eight provinces in April, with the largest declines in Quebec and Ontario.

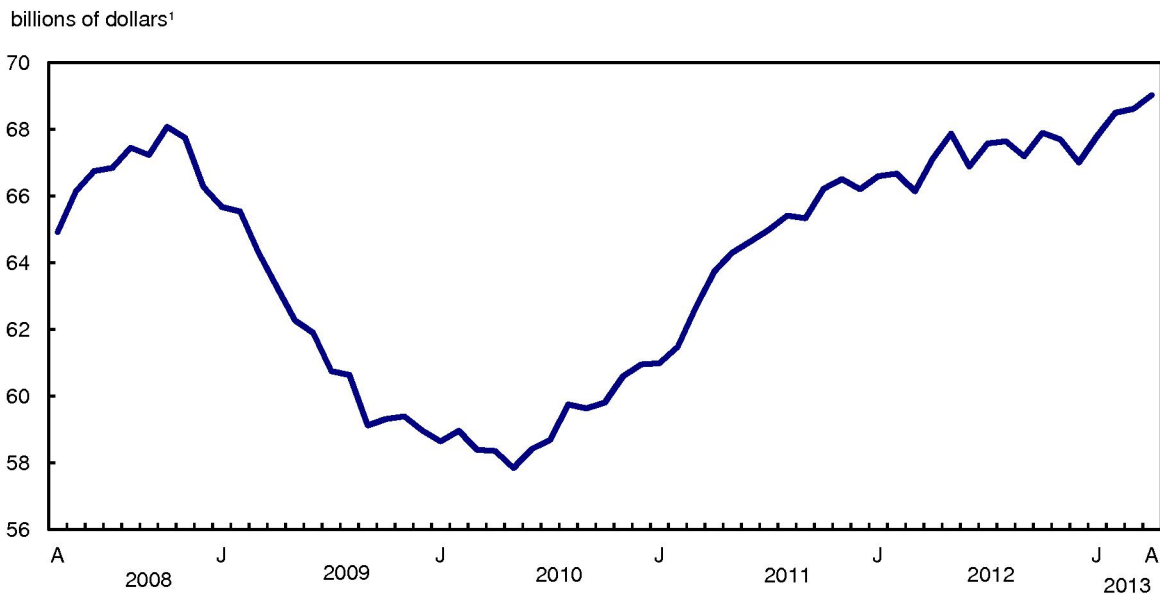
In Quebec, sales declined 6.8% as both durable and non-durable goods sales were down. Sales of non-durable goods fell 7.5% while sales of durable goods were down 6.2%, reflecting a 12.1% drop in sales of primary metals. Quebec's sales were \$11.0 billion in April, the lowest level since December 2010 as Quebec manufacturers have reported lower sales in 8 of the past 11 months.

The 1.3% decline in Ontario sales reflected lower sales in the transportation equipment, petroleum and coal, and primary metal industries. Ontario sales have fallen in 7 of the past 10 months.

Inventories continue to rise

Inventories rose 0.6% to \$69.0 billion in April, the fourth consecutive increase. April inventory levels were the highest since this series began in 1992. The increase reflects higher inventories in the aerospace, and computer and electronic product industries, which both rose 4.8%.

Chart 2
Inventories continue to rise



1. Seasonally adjusted.

The inventory-to-sales ratio increased from 1.39 in March to 1.43 in April.

Chart 3
Inventory-to-sales ratio increases



1. Seasonally adjusted.

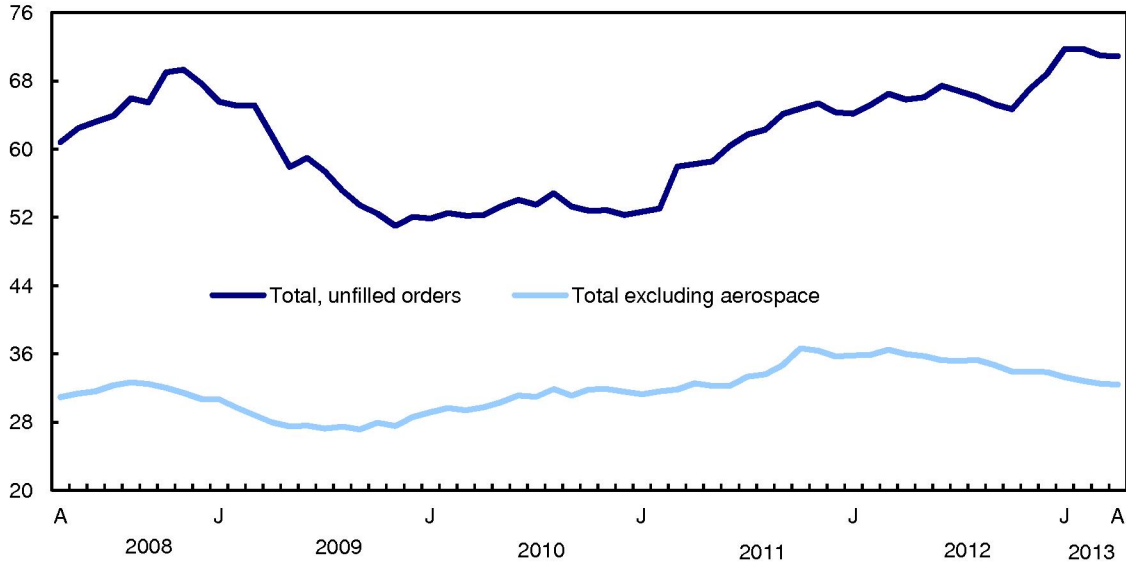
Unfilled orders edge down

Unfilled orders edged down 0.1% in April, the second consecutive decline. Notwithstanding this change, April's unfilled orders were the fourth highest month on record since the current series began in 1992.

The decline reflects a 2.0% drop in unfilled orders of fabricated metal products and a reduction in other transportation equipment unfilled orders. These were partially offset by higher unfilled orders in the machinery and aerospace industries.

Chart 4
Unfilled orders edge down

billions of dollars¹



1. Seasonally adjusted.

New orders fell 0.9% in April, reflecting declines in the petroleum and coal product, primary metal, and food industries. New orders were up in the aerospace industry, partly offsetting the declines.

Note to readers

Monthly data in this release are seasonally adjusted and are expressed in current dollars unless otherwise specified.

Non-durable goods industries include food, beverage and tobacco products, textile mills, textile product mills, clothing, leather and allied products, paper, printing and related support activities, petroleum and coal products, chemicals, and plastics and rubber products.

Durable goods industries include wood products, non-metallic mineral products, primary metal, fabricated metal products, machinery, computer and electronic products, electrical equipment, appliances and components, transportation equipment, furniture and related products and miscellaneous manufacturing.

Production-based industries

For the aerospace industry and shipbuilding industries, the value of production is used instead of sales of goods manufactured. This value is calculated by adjusting monthly sales of goods manufactured by the monthly change in inventories of goods in process and finished products manufactured.

Unfilled orders are a stock of orders that will contribute to future sales assuming that the orders are not cancelled.

New orders are those received whether sold in the current month or not. New orders are measured as the sum of sales for the current month plus the change in unfilled orders from the previous month to the current month.

Table 1
Manufacturing: Principal statistics – Seasonally adjusted

	April 2012	March 2013 ^r	April 2013 ^P	March to April 2013	April 2012 to April 2013
	millions of dollars			% change ¹	
Manufacturing sales (current dollars)	49,858	49,381	48,196	-2.4	-3.3
Manufacturing sales (2007 constant dollars)	46,466	45,580	44,850	-1.6	-3.5
Manufacturing sales (current dollars) excluding motor vehicles, parts and accessories	43,129	43,004	41,941	-2.5	-2.8
Inventories	67,120	68,617	69,029	0.6	2.8
Unfilled orders	65,794	70,951	70,892	-0.1	7.7
Unfilled orders excluding motor vehicles, parts and accessories	64,974	69,683	69,624	-0.1	7.2
New orders	49,185	48,594	48,137	-0.9	-2.1
New orders excluding motor vehicles, parts and accessories	42,510	42,225	41,882	-0.8	-1.5
Inventory-to-sales ratio	1.35	1.39	1.43

^r revised

^P preliminary

... not applicable

1. Percent change calculated at thousands of dollars for current dollars, and millions of dollars for constant dollars.

Table 2
Manufacturing sales: Industry aggregates – Seasonally adjusted

	April 2012	March 2013 ^r	April 2013 ^p	March to April 2013	April 2012 to April 2013
	millions of dollars			% change ¹	
Food manufacturing	7,403	7,403	7,277	-1.7	-1.7
Beverage and tobacco product	968	965	968	0.3	0.0
Textile mills	133	114	116	1.5	-13.2
Textile product mills	149	123	142	15.1	-4.6
Clothing manufacturing	196	154	201	30.5	2.4
Leather and allied product	36	42	38	-8.8	5.7
Wood product	1,582	2,088	2,191	4.9	38.5
Paper manufacturing	2,072	2,020	1,981	-1.9	-4.4
Printing and related support activities	756	775	799	3.1	5.6
Petroleum and coal product	7,090	6,865	6,260	-8.8	-11.7
Chemical	4,071	3,815	3,738	-2.0	-8.2
Plastics and rubber products	2,035	2,036	2,009	-1.3	-1.3
Non-metallic mineral product	1,136	1,021	1,018	-0.3	-10.4
Primary metal	4,073	3,755	3,427	-8.7	-15.9
Fabricated metal product	2,877	2,779	2,722	-2.0	-5.4
Machinery	3,019	2,897	2,777	-4.1	-8.0
Computer and electronic product	1,171	1,115	1,194	7.1	2.0
Electrical equipment, appliance and component	844	892	886	-0.6	5.1
Transportation equipment	8,546	8,512	8,365	-1.7	-2.1
Motor vehicle	4,620	4,415	4,319	-2.2	-6.5
Motor vehicle body and trailer	282	284	313	10.1	11.1
Motor vehicle parts	2,109	1,962	1,936	-1.3	-8.2
Aerospace product and parts	922	1,391	1,345	-3.3	45.9
Railroad rolling stock	134	67	84	24.9	-37.4
Ship and boat building	87	92	91	-1.2	4.9
Furniture and related product	849	850	841	-1.0	-0.9
Miscellaneous manufacturing	851	1,159	1,244	7.3	46.1
Non-durable goods industries	24,909	24,312	23,529	-3.2	-5.5
Durable goods industries	24,949	25,068	24,667	-1.6	-1.1

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^p preliminary

1. Percent change calculated at thousands of dollars.

Table 3
Manufacturing sales: Provinces and territories – Seasonally adjusted

	April 2012	March 2013 ^r	April 2013 ^p	March to April 2013	April 2012 to April 2013
	millions of dollars			% change ¹	
Canada	49,858	49,381	48,196	-2.4	-3.3
Newfoundland and Labrador	652	540	520	-3.7	-20.2
Prince Edward Island	104	124	110	-10.8	5.8
Nova Scotia	838	870	883	1.5	5.4
New Brunswick	1,589	1,680	1,617	-3.7	1.8
Quebec	11,636	11,850	11,042	-6.8	-5.1
Ontario	23,082	22,417	22,133	-1.3	-4.1
Manitoba	1,284	1,302	1,269	-2.5	-1.2
Saskatchewan	1,155	1,108	1,227	10.8	6.3
Alberta	6,257	6,101	6,019	-1.3	-3.8
British Columbia	3,255	3,387	3,371	-0.5	3.6
Yukon	4	2	2	11.6	-43.4
Northwest Territories and Nunavut	2	2	2	2.2	-12.1

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^p preliminary

1. Percent change calculated at thousands of dollars.

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New motor vehicle sales, April 2013

New motor vehicle sales data are now available for April.

Note to readers

These data are subject to revision.

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Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2402.

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Cement, April 2013

Data on cement are now available for April.

Note to readers

Revised data for March are now available.

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Steel wire and specified wire products, April 2013

Data on the production of steel wire and specified wire products are now available for April.

Note to readers

Revised data from January to December 2012 are now available.

The monthly survey Steel Wire and Specified Wire products will be discontinued as of June 2013. The last data to be published will be for reference month May 2013 and will be released in mid-July 2013. The publication Steel, Tubular Products and Steel Wire (41-019-X) will also be discontinued.

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Steel pipe and tubing, April 2013

Data on the production and shipments of steel pipe and tubing are now available for April.

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Revised data from January to December 2012 are now available.

The monthly survey Steel Pipe and Tube will be discontinued as of June 2013. The last data to be published will be for reference month May 2013 and will be released in mid-July 2013. The publication Steel, Tubular Products and Steel Wire (41-019-X) will also be discontinued.

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Natural gas liquids and liquefied petroleum gases, October 2012 to February 2013

Monthly data on the supply and demand for natural gas liquids and liquefied petroleum gases are now available from October 2012 to February 2013.

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New products and studies

New products

The Supply and Disposition of Refined Petroleum Products in Canada, March 2013, Vol. 68, no. 3
Catalogue number 45-004-X ([HTML](#) | [PDF](#))

New studies

The Canadian Economy in Transition: "Saving and Wealth: The Adequacy of Household Saving in Canada",
No. 29
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19	Wholesale trade	April 2013
19	Canada's international investment position	First quarter 2013
19	Health Reports	June 2013
19	Travel between Canada and other countries	April 2013
20	Employment Insurance	April 2013
20	National balance sheet and financial flow accounts	First quarter 2013
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