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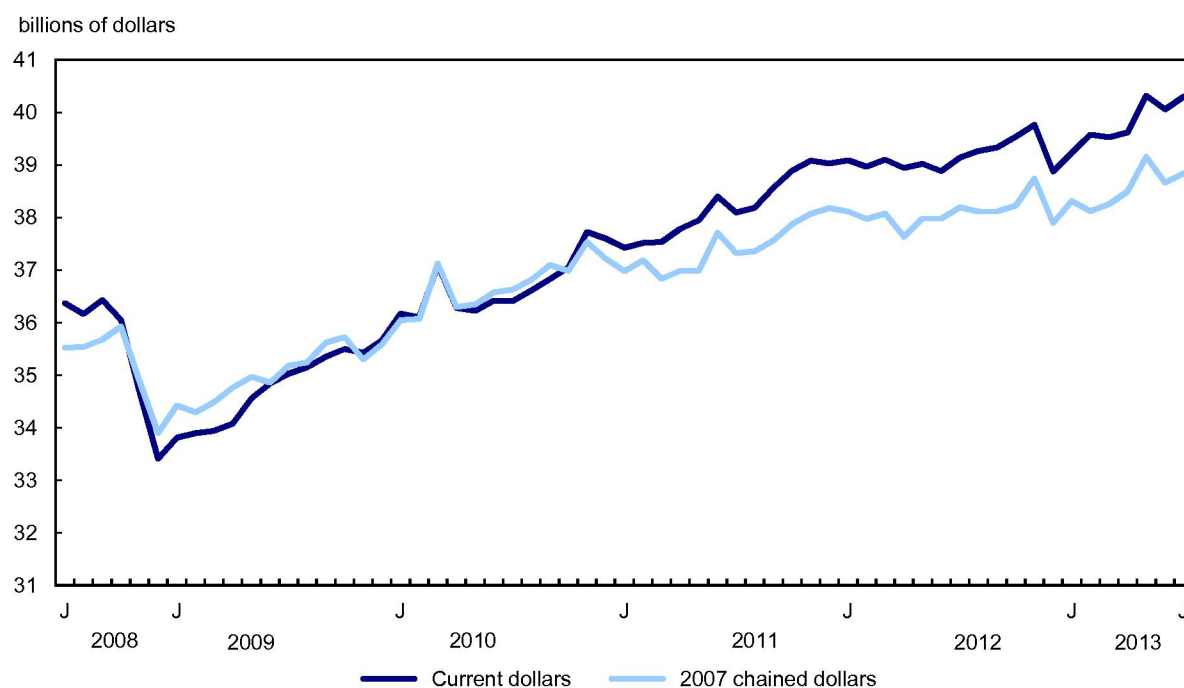
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### Retail trade, July 2013

Retail sales rose 0.6% in July to \$40.3 billion, led by higher sales at gasoline stations. Sales have been trending upwards since the beginning of 2013. Gains were reported in 8 of the 11 subsectors, representing 52% of total retail trade.

In volume terms, retail sales increased 0.5%, a fourth increase in five months.

**Chart 1**  
**Retail sales increase in July**



The largest sales gain among all subsectors was a 3.2% increase at gasoline stations. Higher prices at the pumps and more volume sold contributed to the increase. This was the third consecutive month of higher sales at gasoline stations.

General merchandise store receipts rose 1.1% in July, a third increase in four months. Sales at "other general merchandise stores" advanced 1.2% and more than offset the decline in June. Department store sales increased 0.9%.

Clothing and clothing accessories stores reported a 1.9% sales gain. Higher receipts at clothing stores (+2.7%) and shoe stores (+0.8%) contributed to the increase.

Sales at health and personal care stores (+0.6%) rose for the fifth consecutive month. According to the Consumer Price Index for July, prices in the health and personal care component have been declining, mainly as a result of falling prices for prescribed medicines.

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Following six straight monthly gains, sales at motor vehicle and parts dealers declined 0.6% in July. Lower sales at new car dealers (-1.2%) more than offset increased sales at used car dealers (+3.2%), other motor vehicle dealers (+1.1%) and automotive parts, accessories and tire stores (+1.1%).

Receipts at food and beverage stores (-0.3%) declined in July for the fourth time in five months. Supermarkets and other grocery store sales decreased 0.6% and more than offset gains in the other store types within this subsector.

## Ontario and Quebec lead provinces in sales growth

Sales rose in six provinces in July. The largest gains in dollar terms occurred in Ontario (+1.5%) and Quebec (+1.3%).

Newfoundland and Labrador retailers saw their sales rise 1.3% in July, the fifth gain in six months.

Sales edged up 0.1% in Alberta, following a 0.5% decline in June.

Retailers in Manitoba reported a 4.1% decrease in sales, offsetting three consecutive monthly gains. The provincial government of Manitoba implemented a one percentage point increase in the Provincial Sales Tax rate, which took effect July 1.

Following three consecutive monthly gains, retail sales in Saskatchewan fell 1.9% in July, in part as a result of lower sales at new car dealers.

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.

### **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](#).*

**Table 1**  
**Retail sales by province and territory – Seasonally adjusted**

	July 2012	June 2013 <sup>r</sup>	July 2013 <sup>p</sup>	June to July 2013	July 2012 to July 2013
	millions of dollars			% change	
<b>Canada</b>	<b>39,139</b>	<b>40,058</b>	<b>40,302</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>3.0</b>
Newfoundland and Labrador	686	715	724	1.3	5.6
Prince Edward Island	161	168	167	-0.4	4.0
Nova Scotia	1,096	1,138	1,143	0.4	4.2
New Brunswick	916	929	931	0.2	1.6
Quebec	8,689	8,717	8,831	1.3	1.6
Ontario	13,681	13,888	14,090	1.5	3.0
Manitoba	1,419	1,491	1,430	-4.1	0.8
Saskatchewan	1,509	1,565	1,536	-1.9	1.8
Alberta	5,708	6,069	6,075	0.1	6.4
British Columbia	5,119	5,234	5,229	-0.1	2.1
Yukon	56	54	54	-1.5	-5.1
Northwest Territories	69	61	63	3.5	-8.2
Nunavut	30	28	29	0.7	-6.0

<sup>r</sup> revised

<sup>p</sup> preliminary

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

**Table 2**  
**Retail sales by industry – Seasonally adjusted**

	July 2012	June 2013 <sup>r</sup>	July 2013 <sup>p</sup>	June to July 2013	July 2012 to July 2013
	millions of dollars			% change	
<b>Total retail trade (current dollars)</b>	<b>39,139</b>	<b>40,058</b>	<b>40,302</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>3.0</b>
<b>Total retail trade (2007 chained dollars)</b>	<b>38,190</b>	<b>38,662</b>	<b>38,844</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>1.7</b>
<b>Total (current dollars) excluding motor vehicle and parts dealers</b>	<b>30,387</b>	<b>30,567</b>	<b>30,872</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.6</b>
<b>Total (current dollars) excluding motor vehicle and parts dealers and gasoline stations</b>	<b>25,465</b>	<b>25,589</b>	<b>25,735</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>1.1</b>
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	8,753	9,491	9,430	-0.6	7.7
New car dealers	7,059	7,730	7,639	-1.2	8.2
Used car dealers	495	510	527	3.2	6.3
Other motor vehicle dealers	615	636	643	1.1	4.5
Automotive parts, accessories and tire stores	584	615	622	1.1	6.5
Furniture and home furnishings stores	1,291	1,296	1,317	1.6	2.0
Furniture stores	805	824	838	1.7	4.1
Home furnishings stores	486	473	479	1.3	-1.6
Electronics and appliance stores	1,232	1,228	1,223	-0.5	-0.8
Building material and garden equipment and supplies dealers	2,266	2,271	2,280	0.4	0.6
Food and beverage stores	8,907	8,870	8,845	-0.3	-0.7
Supermarkets and other grocery (except convenience) stores	6,302	6,258	6,219	-0.6	-1.3
Convenience stores	569	539	542	0.6	-4.7
Specialty food stores	439	467	471	0.8	7.4
Beer, wine and liquor stores	1,597	1,606	1,612	0.4	0.9
Health and personal care stores	2,833	2,898	2,914	0.6	2.8
Gasoline stations	4,922	4,978	5,137	3.2	4.4
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	2,173	2,199	2,241	1.9	3.1
Clothing stores	1,673	1,695	1,741	2.7	4.1
Shoe stores	252	244	246	0.8	-2.6
Jewellery, luggage and leather goods stores	248	260	254	-2.3	2.5
Sporting goods, hobby, book and music stores	892	885	899	1.7	0.9
General merchandise stores	4,930	4,979	5,034	1.1	2.1
Department stores	2,264	2,184	2,205	0.9	-2.6
Other general merchandise stores	2,666	2,794	2,829	1.2	6.1
Miscellaneous store retailers	940	963	983	2.0	4.6

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<sup>p</sup> preliminary

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**Available in CANSIM: tables 080-0020 and 080-0024.**

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

The July 2013 issue of *Retail Trade* (63-005-X) will soon be available.

Data on retail trade for August will be released on October 22.

For more information, or to order data, contact us (toll-free 1-800-263-1136; 514-283-8300; [infostats@statcan.gc.ca](mailto:infostats@statcan.gc.ca)).

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## Oilseed crushing statistics, August 2013

Oilseed processors crushed 357 507 tonnes of canola in August. Oil production totalled 152 453 tonnes, while meal production amounted to 211 305 tonnes.

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**Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 3404.**

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## Milled wheat and wheat flour produced, July 2013

Data on milled wheat and wheat flour produced are now available for July.

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## Refined petroleum products, August 2013

Data on the production, inventories and domestic sales of refined petroleum products are now available for August. 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 quarter 2013

Quarterly data for Government Finance Statistics (GFS), a system that presents fiscal statistics using the international standard GFS developed by the International Monetary Fund, are now available. This standard allows consistent aggregation and analysis across countries.

Quarterly GFS data are available on CANSIM, for overall government in Canada and for four sectors from 1991 to the second quarter of 2013. These sectors are: federal government; provincial/territorial governments; local governments; and Canada and Quebec Pension Plans.

### **Note to readers**

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

**Available 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), available from the *Browse by key resource* module of our website under *Publications*.

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## **Programme for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies announcement, 2012 (final)**

The Canadian data from the Programme for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies are now available. Complete data and the Canadian report will be available on October 8.

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