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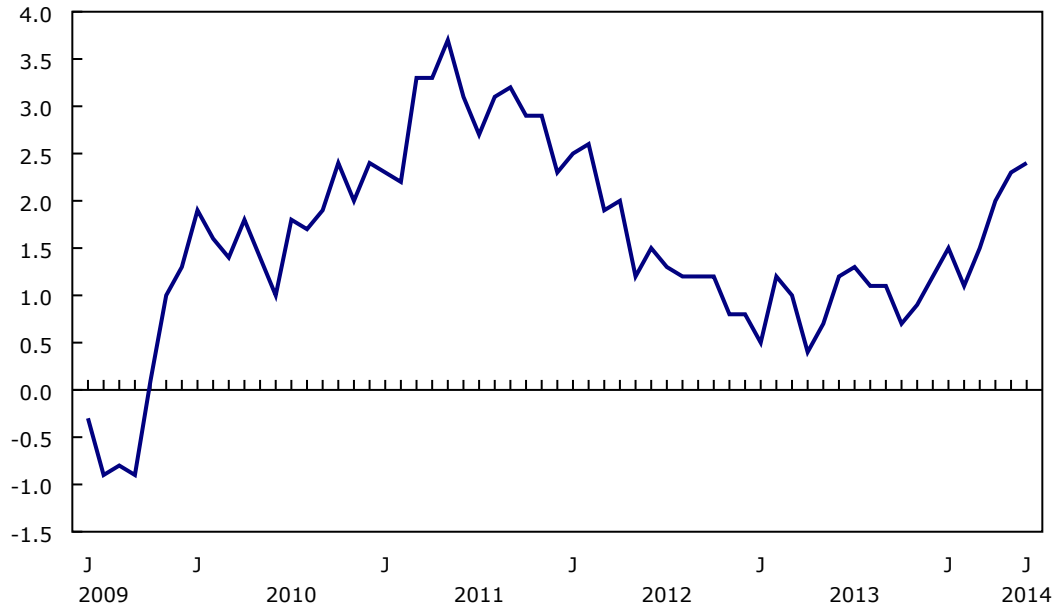
### Consumer Price Index, June 2014

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) rose 2.4% in the 12 months to June, following a 2.3% increase in May.

**Chart 1**  
**The 12-month change in the Consumer Price Index**

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12-month % change

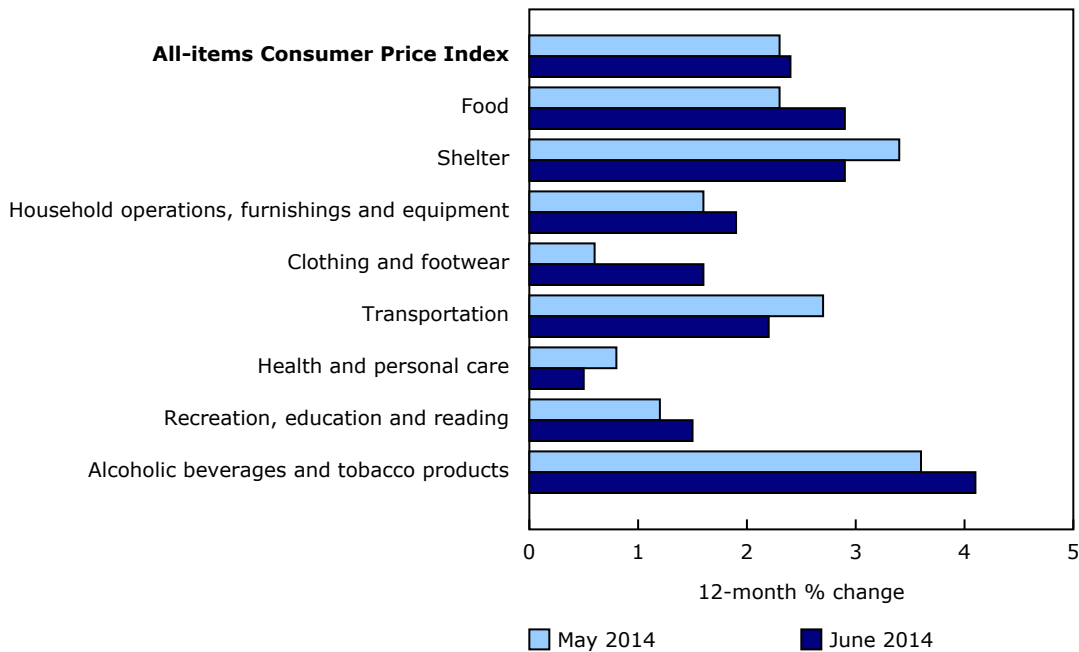


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### 12-month change in the major components

Prices increased in all major components in the 12 months to June. Higher prices for shelter, food and transportation contributed the most to the rise in the CPI.

**Chart 2**  
**Prices increase in all major components**



Shelter costs rose 2.9% on a year-over-year basis in June, following a 3.4% increase in May. Consumers paid more for natural gas and property taxes in June compared with the same month a year earlier. Prices for electricity rose 4.2% in the 12 months to June, a slower increase than in May (+7.0%).

Food prices increased 2.9% in the 12 months to June, after advancing 2.3% in May. Prices for food purchased from stores rose 3.2% year over year in June, following a 2.5% gain the previous month. Consumers paid 9.4% more for meat and 9.5% more for fresh vegetables. Prices for food purchased from restaurants increased 2.3% on a year-over-year basis.

The transportation index increased 2.2% year over year in June, following a 2.7% rise in May. Gasoline prices advanced 5.4% in the 12 months to June, after increasing 6.3% in May. As well, prices for the purchase of passenger vehicles rose 1.6% on a year-over-year basis, following a 2.0% increase the previous month.

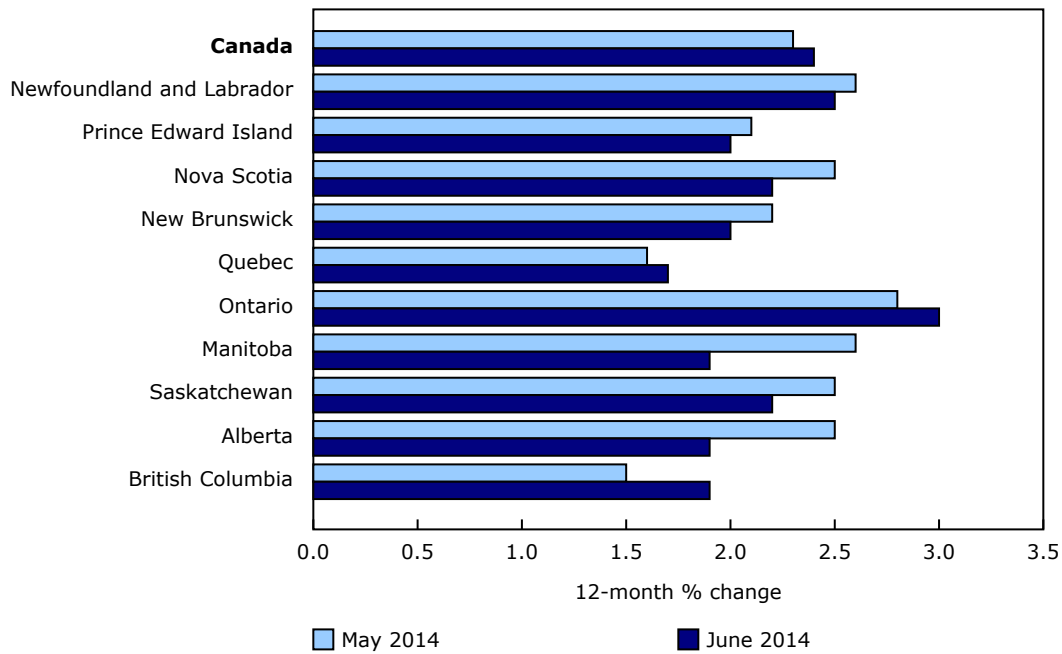
Prices for clothing and footwear rose 1.6% in the 12 months to June, after posting a 0.6% gain in May. This faster increase was largely attributable to fewer discounts observed this June compared with the same month a year ago.

The index for alcoholic beverages and tobacco products increased 4.1% in the 12 months to June. This rise was mainly attributable to a 10.3% year-over-year advance in cigarette prices. Quebec's tobacco tax increased in June. Previously in 2014, the federal excise tax on tobacco, as well as the tobacco taxes in Newfoundland and Labrador, Ontario and British Columbia increased.

**12-month change in the provinces**

Consumer prices rose in every province in the 12 months to June. Ontario posted the largest increase, while Quebec recorded the smallest.

**Chart 3**  
**Ontario records the largest increase in consumer prices**



In Ontario, consumer prices rose 3.0% in the 12 months to June, following a 2.8% gain in May. Among the provinces, Ontario recorded the largest year-over-year price increases for natural gas (+38.4%) and gasoline (+9.4%) in June.

Quebec's CPI increased 1.7% on a year-over-year basis in June. The indexes for natural gas, clothing, and homeowners' home and mortgage insurance rose at slower year-over-year rates in Quebec compared with Canada as a whole in June.

**Seasonally adjusted monthly Consumer Price Index increases**

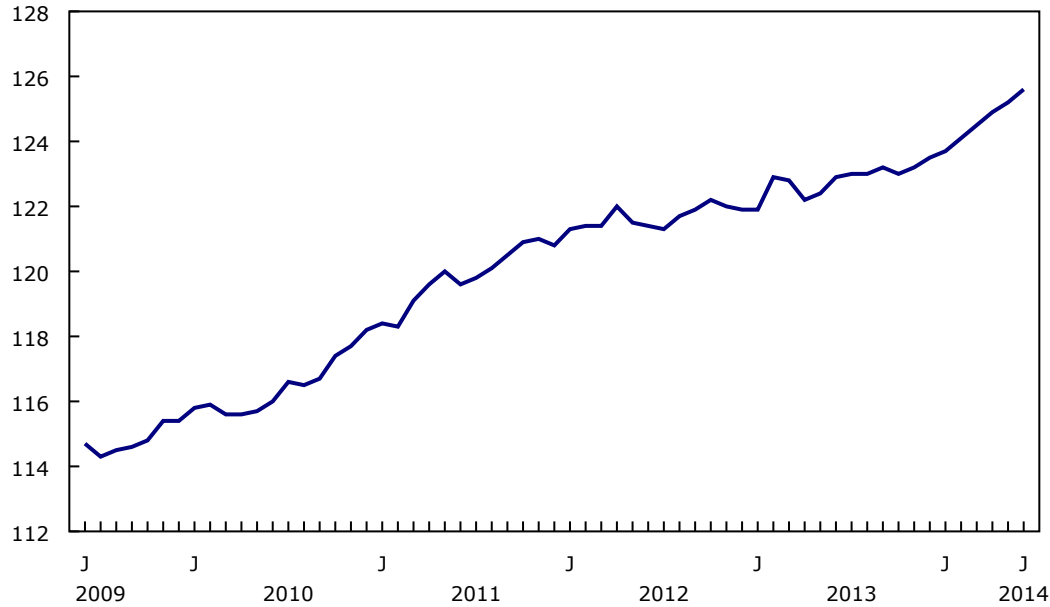
On a [seasonally adjusted monthly basis](#), the CPI increased 0.3% in June, marking the eighth consecutive rise. The June increase followed a 0.2% advance in May.

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## Chart 4 Seasonally adjusted monthly Consumer Price Index

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index (2002=100)



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In June, six of eight major components increased on a seasonally adjusted monthly basis. The indexes for shelter as well as health and personal care were the exceptions.

The seasonally adjusted index for transportation (+0.8%) posted the largest monthly rise. Before seasonal adjustment, the transportation index rose 0.3%, led by a 2.0% gain in gasoline prices.

The clothing and footwear index increased 0.5% in June on a seasonally adjusted monthly basis, while on an unadjusted basis this index declined 1.9%. This indicates that the decrease in clothing and footwear prices was smaller than the usual seasonal decline for June.

The seasonally adjusted food index rose 0.5% in June. On an unadjusted monthly basis, prices for both fresh vegetables (+3.5%) and meat (+1.5%) rose more this June compared with the price changes typically observed for these components in June.

### Bank of Canada's core index

The [Bank of Canada's core index](#) rose 1.8% in the 12 months to June, after increasing 1.7% in May.

The seasonally adjusted core index rose 0.2% on a monthly basis in June, matching the increase in May.

### Note to readers

A seasonally adjusted series is one from which seasonal movements have been eliminated. Users employing Consumer Price Index (CPI) data for indexation purposes are advised to use the unadjusted indexes. For more information on seasonal adjustment, see [Seasonally adjusted data – Frequently asked questions](#).

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.

The travel tours index, which is part of the recreation, education and reading major component, underwent a [methodology update](#) effective with the September 2013 CPI. Therefore, until the release of the September 2014 CPI, the 12-month rate of change for this index should be interpreted with caution as it compares periods before and after the update.

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

	Relative importance <sup>1</sup>	June 2013	May 2014	June 2014	May to June 2014	June 2013 to June 2014
	%	(2002=100)			% change	
<b>All-items Consumer Price Index (CPI)</b>	<b>100.00<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>123.0</b>	<b>125.8</b>	<b>125.9</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>2.4</b>
Food	16.60	132.5	135.7	136.4	0.5	2.9
Shelter	26.26	128.5	132.6	132.2	-0.3	2.9
Household operations, furnishings and equipment	12.66	114.2	115.8	116.4	0.5	1.9
Clothing and footwear	5.82	91.2	94.5	92.7	-1.9	1.6
Transportation	19.98	130.2	132.7	133.1	0.3	2.2
Health and personal care	4.93	118.4	119.2	119.0	-0.2	0.5
Recreation, education and reading	10.96	106.6	107.8	108.2	0.4	1.5
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco products	2.79	140.9	146.2	146.7	0.3	4.1
<b>Special aggregates</b>						
Core CPI <sup>3</sup>	84.91	121.0	123.3	123.2	-0.1	1.8
All-items CPI excluding energy	91.44	119.9	122.1	122.2	0.1	1.9
Energy <sup>4</sup>	8.56	162.1	172.7	173.0	0.2	6.7
Gasoline	4.62	188.5	194.8	198.7	2.0	5.4
All-items CPI excluding food and energy	74.85	117.2	119.1	119.1	0.0	1.6
Goods	48.18	114.8	117.9	117.8	-0.1	2.6
Services	51.82	131.1	133.6	133.9	0.2	2.1

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, 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>	June 2013	May 2014	June 2014	May to June 2014	June 2013 to June 2014
	%	(2002=100)			% change	
<b>Canada</b>	<b>100.00<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>123.0</b>	<b>125.8</b>	<b>125.9</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>2.4</b>
Newfoundland and Labrador	1.36	126.0	129.2	129.1	-0.1	2.5
Prince Edward Island	0.36	127.9	130.6	130.5	-0.1	2.0
Nova Scotia	2.59	126.4	129.5	129.2	-0.2	2.2
New Brunswick	1.96	122.5	125.3	124.9	-0.3	2.0
Quebec	22.04	121.8	123.8	123.9	0.1	1.7
Ontario	39.05	123.2	126.5	126.9	0.3	3.0
Manitoba	3.16	123.6	126.2	126.0	-0.2	1.9
Saskatchewan	2.94	126.2	129.2	129.0	-0.2	2.2
Alberta	12.32	129.8	132.8	132.3	-0.4	1.9
British Columbia	14.05	117.6	119.7	119.8	0.1	1.9
Whitehorse	0.08	124.1	125.1	125.3	0.2	1.0
Yellowknife	0.07	126.5	128.7	128.8	0.1	1.8
Iqaluit (Dec. 2002=100)	0.02	117.5	118.1	118.7	0.5	1.0

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

	April 2014	May 2014	June 2014	April to May 2014	May to June 2014
	(2002=100)			% change	
<b>All-items Consumer Price Index (CPI)</b>	<b>124.9</b>	<b>125.2</b>	<b>125.6</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.3</b>
Food	134.7	135.3	136.0	0.4	0.5
Shelter	132.4	132.6	132.2	0.2	-0.3
Household operations, furnishings and equipment	115.4	115.8	116.3	0.3	0.4
Clothing and footwear	92.3	92.8	93.3	0.5	0.5
Transportation	130.7	131.3	132.3	0.5	0.8
Health and personal care	118.6	118.9	118.8	0.3	-0.1
Recreation, education and reading	106.8	107.2	107.5	0.4	0.3
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco products	145.1	146.2	146.7	0.8	0.3
<b>Special aggregates</b>					
Core CPI <sup>2</sup>	122.6	122.9	123.2	0.2	0.2
All-items CPI excluding food and energy <sup>3</sup>	118.5	118.8	119.1	0.3	0.3

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

For a more detailed analysis, consult the publication *The Consumer Price Index*. The June 2014 issue of *The Consumer Price Index*, Vol. 93, no. 6 (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 July will be released on August 22.

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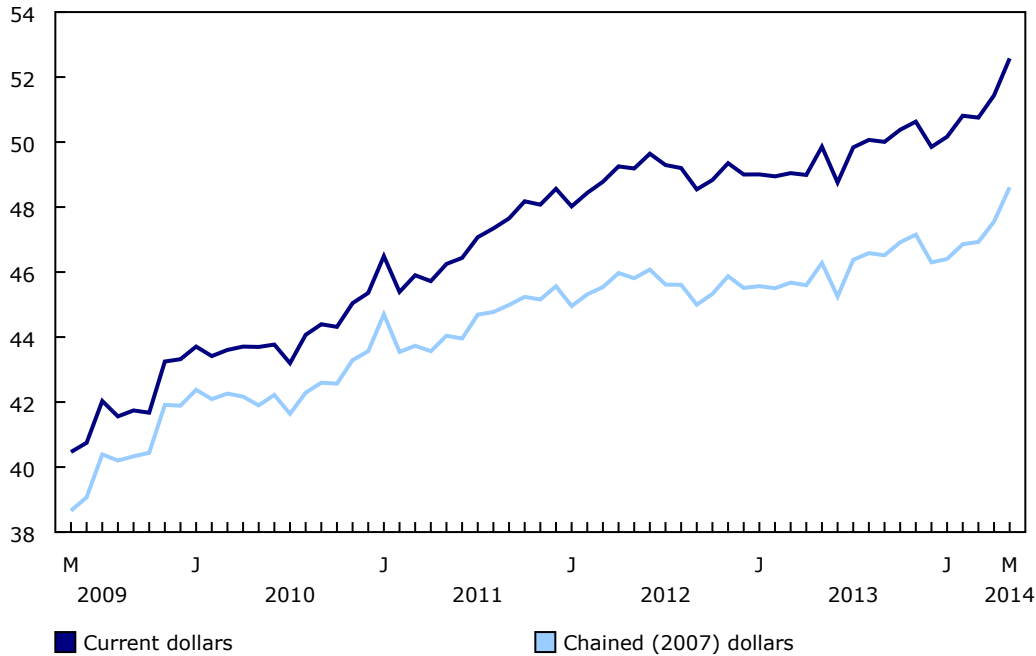
## Wholesale trade, May 2014

Wholesale sales rose 2.2% to \$52.6 billion in May, a second consecutive increase. While higher sales were recorded in four subsectors, which together represent 72% of wholesale sales, the motor vehicle and parts subsector accounted for most of the gain. Excluding this subsector, wholesale sales rose 0.7%.

In volume terms, wholesale sales were up 2.2%.

**Chart 1**  
**Wholesale sales increase in May**

billions of dollars



### Higher sales in motor vehicles lead May gains

The motor vehicle and parts subsector, which rose 9.8% to \$9.3 billion, accounted for most of the gain in wholesale sales in May. Although all of the subsector's industries recorded higher sales, the motor vehicle industry (+13.2%) drove the increase. This was the third gain in four months for the industry, and its largest monthly increase since November 2009. Motor vehicles also recorded strong growth in exports, imports and manufacturing sales in May.

For the 8th time in 12 months, sales increased in the food, beverage and tobacco subsector, rising 1.9% in May to \$10.3 billion. The food industry (+2.0%) contributed the most to the gain, although sales were up in the subsector's other industries as well.

The machinery, equipment and supplies subsector rose 1.2% to \$11.0 billion in May, on the strength of higher sales in three of its four industries. This was the second highest level on record for the subsector, just below the peak of \$11.1 billion in November 2013.

Sales in the personal and household goods subsector rose 1.0% to \$7.4 billion in May. The home entertainment equipment and household appliance industry (+4.7%) led the gain, following two consecutive declines.

Following five monthly gains, sales in the miscellaneous subsector decreased 0.9% to \$6.7 billion in May, despite a 12th consecutive increase for the recyclable material industry.

The farm product subsector declined following five consecutive monthly gains, down 5.0% to \$0.7 billion.

### **Sales up in six provinces**

Sales increased in six provinces in May, which together represented 83% of wholesale sales in Canada. Ontario accounted for most of the gain.

Sales in Ontario increased for a second consecutive month, rising 3.2% to \$25.6 billion, the highest recorded level for the province. The motor vehicle and parts subsector accounted for most of the gain.

Quebec had the second largest increase in dollar terms, rising 1.5% to \$9.5 billion, the province's fourth increase in five months. Higher sales were recorded in most subsectors.

Sales in British Columbia increased for a third consecutive month, rising 1.9% to \$5.2 billion on the strength of higher sales in most subsectors.

In Saskatchewan, sales rose 4.3% to \$2.1 billion in May, more than offsetting April's decline. The machinery, equipment and supplies subsector and the miscellaneous subsector contributed the most to the increase.

Stronger sales in the food, beverage and tobacco subsector contributed to higher sales in both New Brunswick (+8.0%) and Nova Scotia (+4.9%). Both provinces also had their highest levels on record, reaching \$525 million and \$749 million respectively.

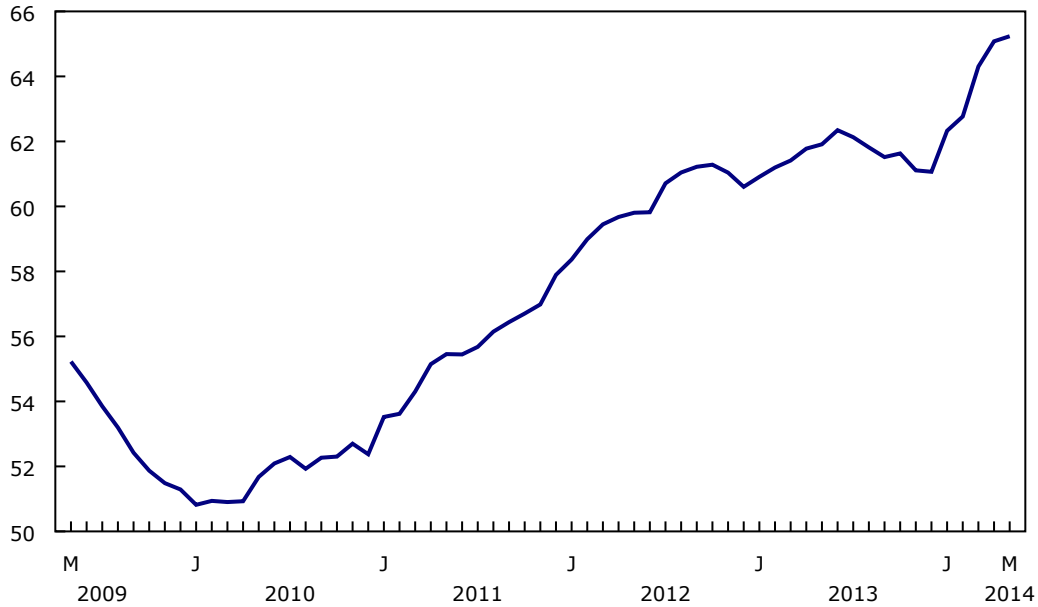
Sales declined 11.5% to \$372 million in Newfoundland and Labrador as a result of weaker sales in the miscellaneous subsector. This subsector was also a major factor in Manitoba's 0.7% decline to \$1.4 billion.

### **Inventories edge up in May**

Inventories edged up 0.2% to \$65.2 billion in May. Gains were recorded in five of seven subsectors, which together represented 78% of wholesale inventories.

**Chart 2**  
**Wholesale inventories edge up in May**

billions of dollars



Inventories continued to build in several subsectors, marking the fifth gain in six months for the machinery, equipment and supplies subsector (+0.5%), the building material and supplies subsector (+0.6%), the miscellaneous subsector (+0.5%) and the personal and household goods subsector (+0.2%).

Following two consecutive monthly gains, inventories declined 1.2% in the food, beverage and tobacco subsector.

The inventory-to-sales ratio decreased from 1.27 in April to 1.24 in May. 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 [Seasonally adjusted data – Frequently asked questions](#).

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](#).

The Monthly Wholesale Trade Survey covers all industries within the wholesale sector as defined by the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS), with the exception of oilseed and grain merchant wholesalers (NAICS 41112), petroleum and petroleum products merchant wholesalers (NAICS 412) and business-to-business electronic markets, and agents and brokers (NAICS 419).

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

	May 2013	April 2014 <sup>r</sup>	May 2014 <sup>p</sup>	April to May 2014	May 2013 to May 2014
	millions of dollars			% change	
<b>Total, wholesale sales (current dollars)</b>	<b>49,858</b>	<b>51,438</b>	<b>52,575</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>5.4</b>
<b>Total, wholesale sales (2007 chained dollars)</b>	<b>46,281</b>	<b>47,553</b>	<b>48,609</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>5.0</b>
<b>Total wholesale sales (current dollars), excluding motor vehicle and parts</b>	<b>41,437</b>	<b>42,975</b>	<b>43,281</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>4.5</b>
Farm product	555	693	659	-5.0	18.7
Food, beverage and tobacco	9,891	10,058	10,254	1.9	3.7
Food	8,901	9,067	9,247	2.0	3.9
Beverage	483	487	490	0.6	1.6
Cigarette and tobacco product	508	504	516	2.5	1.6
Personal and household goods	7,025	7,309	7,384	1.0	5.1
Textile, clothing and footwear	884	934	963	3.1	9.0
Home entertainment equipment and household appliance	748	755	791	4.7	5.7
Home furnishings	449	488	496	1.6	10.3
Personal goods	701	690	703	2.0	0.4
Pharmaceuticals and pharmacy supplies	3,559	3,744	3,742	-0.1	5.1
Toiletries, cosmetics and sundries	684	698	689	-1.3	0.6
Motor vehicle and parts	8,421	8,463	9,293	9.8	10.4
Motor vehicle	6,346	6,109	6,915	13.2	9.0
New motor vehicle parts and accessories	2,026	2,297	2,320	1.0	14.5
Used motor vehicle parts and accessories	49	57	59	2.2	19.5
Building material and supplies	6,940	7,362	7,363	0.0	6.1
Electrical, plumbing, heating and air-conditioning equipment and supplies	2,190	2,276	2,233	-1.9	2.0
Metal service centres	1,501	1,643	1,680	2.2	11.9
Lumber, millwork, hardware and other building supplies	3,249	3,443	3,450	0.2	6.2
Machinery, equipment and supplies	10,547	10,825	10,955	1.2	3.9
Farm, lawn and garden machinery and equipment	1,314	1,263	1,320	4.5	0.5
Construction, forestry, mining, and industrial machinery, equipment and supplies	3,554	3,819	3,816	-0.1	7.3
Computer and communications equipment and supplies	3,339	3,309	3,331	0.7	-0.2
Other machinery, equipment and supplies	2,340	2,434	2,489	2.2	6.3
Miscellaneous	6,478	6,728	6,667	-0.9	2.9
Recyclable material	590	763	789	3.5	33.8
Paper, paper product and disposable plastic product	872	915	914	0.0	4.9
Agricultural supplies	2,085	1,977	1,954	-1.1	-6.3
Chemical (except agricultural) and allied product	1,119	1,235	1,197	-3.1	7.0
Other miscellaneous	1,813	1,838	1,812	-1.4	-0.1

<sup>r</sup> revised

<sup>p</sup> preliminary

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

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

	May 2013	April 2014 <sup>r</sup>	May 2014 <sup>P</sup>	April to May 2014	May 2013 to May 2014
	millions of dollars			% change	
<b>Canada</b>	<b>49,858</b>	<b>51,438</b>	<b>52,575</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>5.4</b>
Newfoundland and Labrador	376	421	372	-11.5	-0.9
Prince Edward Island	50	55	54	-2.2	6.7
Nova Scotia	701	714	749	4.9	6.8
New Brunswick	504	486	525	8.0	4.1
Quebec	9,400	9,405	9,548	1.5	1.6
Ontario	24,123	24,754	25,553	3.2	5.9
Manitoba	1,342	1,449	1,438	-0.7	7.2
Saskatchewan	2,112	2,038	2,126	4.3	0.7
Alberta	6,518	6,959	6,958	0.0	6.7
British Columbia	4,657	5,082	5,178	1.9	11.2
Yukon	12	9	9	7.3	-21.4
Northwest Territories	54	59	56	-4.6	4.2
Nunavut	8	7	9	25.9	15.5

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

	May 2013	April 2014 <sup>r</sup>	May 2014 <sup>P</sup>	April to May 2014	May 2013 to May 2014
	millions of dollars			% change	
<b>Total, wholesale inventories</b>	<b>61,911</b>	<b>65,079</b>	<b>65,236</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>5.4</b>
Farm product	179	224	231	3.2	29.1
Food, beverage and tobacco	5,562	5,810	5,739	-1.2	3.2
Food	5,024	5,246	5,174	-1.4	3.0
Beverage	332	320	317	-0.8	-4.4
Cigarette and tobacco product	206	244	247	1.4	20.1
Personal and household goods	10,662	11,175	11,201	0.2	5.1
Textile, clothing and footwear	1,782	2,026	2,078	2.5	16.6
Home entertainment equipment and household appliance	811	818	798	-2.5	-1.6
Home furnishings	1,031	1,210	1,193	-1.5	15.7
Personal goods	1,435	1,347	1,360	0.9	-5.2
Pharmaceuticals and pharmacy supplies	4,878	5,006	5,017	0.2	2.8
Toiletries, cosmetics and sundries	724	767	755	-1.5	4.2
Motor vehicle and parts	8,487	8,721	8,714	-0.1	2.7
Motor vehicle	4,568	4,842	4,863	0.4	6.4
New motor vehicle parts and accessories	3,811	3,766	3,738	-0.7	-1.9
Used motor vehicle parts and accessories	108	112	113	1.1	4.9
Building material and supplies	11,482	11,652	11,720	0.6	2.1
Electrical, plumbing, heating and air-conditioning equipment and supplies	3,140	3,171	3,230	1.9	2.9
Metal service centres	3,321	3,321	3,373	1.6	1.6
Lumber, millwork, hardware and other building supplies	5,020	5,160	5,116	-0.8	1.9
Machinery, equipment and supplies	17,894	19,189	19,282	0.5	7.8
Farm, lawn and garden machinery and equipment	3,830	4,319	4,348	0.7	13.5
Construction, forestry, mining, and industrial machinery, equipment and supplies	9,097	9,489	9,616	1.3	5.7
Computer and communications equipment and supplies	1,617	1,700	1,699	0.0	5.1
Other machinery, equipment and supplies	3,350	3,681	3,619	-1.7	8.0
Miscellaneous	7,645	8,308	8,349	0.5	9.2
Recyclable material	539	484	520	7.3	-3.6
Paper, paper product and disposable plastic product	683	715	708	-1.0	3.6
Agricultural supplies	2,965	3,440	3,505	1.9	18.2
Chemical (except agricultural) and allied product	989	1,146	1,163	1.5	17.7
Other miscellaneous	2,470	2,524	2,454	-2.8	-0.6

<sup>r</sup> revised

<sup>P</sup> preliminary

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

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The May 2014 issue of *Wholesale Trade* (63-008-X) will soon be available.

Wholesale trade data for June will be released on August 20.

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## Natural gas sales, May 2014

Natural gas sales totalled 5 906 million cubic metres in May, up 6.4% from May 2013.

The volumes of sales to the residential (+11.9%), commercial (+10.0%) and industrial (+4.7%) sectors were up compared with the same month a year earlier.

Total sales in May were 21.7% lower compared with April.

### Note to readers

These data are subject to revision.

**Table 1**  
**Natural gas sales**

	May 2013	April 2014	May 2014 <sup>P</sup>	April to May 2014	May 2013 to May 2014
	thousands of cubic metres			% change	
<b>Total sales</b>	<b>5 550 478</b>	<b>7 546 738</b>	<b>5 906 189</b>	<b>-21.7</b>	<b>6.4</b>
Residential <sup>1</sup>	824 503	1 743 351	922 834	-47.1	11.9
Commercial <sup>2</sup>	636 739	1 298 509	700 287	-46.1	10.0
Industrial <sup>3</sup> and direct sales <sup>4</sup>	4 089 236	4 504 878	4 283 068	-4.9	4.7

<sup>P</sup> preliminary

1. Gas sold for domestic purposes, including space heating, water heating and cooking, to a residential dwelling unit.

2. Gas sold to customers engaged in wholesale or retail trade, governments, institutions, office buildings, etc.

3. Gas sold to customers engaged in a process that creates or changes raw or unfinished materials into another form or product. Includes mining and manufacturing establishments. Includes firm, interruptible and buy/sell agreements.

4. Represents direct, non-utility sales for consumption, where the utility acts solely as the transporter.

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## **Cement, May 2014**

Data on cement are now available for May.

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