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Retail Trade

Seasonally-adjusted June retail sales advanced 1.8% from May to a level of \$4.09 billion.

Total retail trade without seasonal adjustment reached \$4.23 billion, up 9.0% from a year earlier. All provinces had sales increases over June 1974 with the largest advance in Prince Edward Island (20.1%). Sales were up 10.1% in Montreal, 8.4% in Vancouver, 7.9% in Toronto and 4.5% in Winnipeg.

Year-to-year gains were registered in 19 of the 28 trade groups with the largest increases recorded by motor vehicle dealer (17.6%) and household furniture stores (16.4%).

Revised data for May show retail sales for the month at \$4.44 billion, up 9.7% from May 1974.

For further information, order the June 1975 issue of Retail Trade (63-005, 40¢/\$4).

Urban Family Food Expenditures, 1974

A survey of private households in 14 cities shows average weekly expenditure on food per family in 1974 was \$40.00 for all families and unattached individuals and \$45.75 for families of two or more persons. Average weekly dollar expenditure per person was \$13.57 for the former category and \$13.15 for the latter.

The importance of spending for food away from home against total food expenditure, for families of two or more, rose from 11.5% for those with annual income under \$6,000 to 31.8% for those with income of \$20,000 and over. For all families and unattached individuals, the corresponding proportions were 32.0% and 20.2%, with the higher proportion in the lower income category due to a preponderance of unattached individuals.

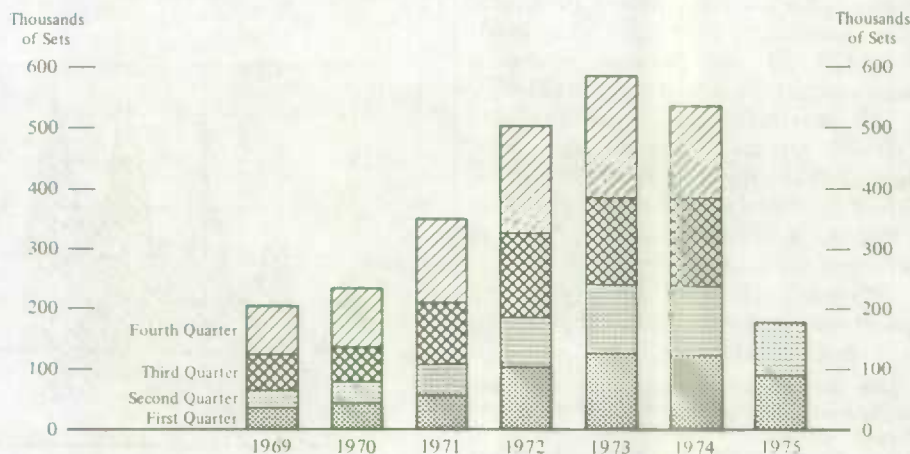
A full report, entitled *Urban Family Food Expenditures, 1974* will be published early next year. A pre-publication package, including tables with both expenditure and quantity information by city, family income and family type, will be available early next month. Direct requests to Data Dissemination Unit (613-996-4519), Family Expenditure Section, Consumer Income and Expenditure Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

		Latest Month	Previous Month	Change From Year Ago %
EMPLOYMENT, INCOME				
Average Weekly Earnings (\$)	May	201.18P	198.65P	14.7
Labour Income (\$ million)	May	7,155P	6,898P	14.6
Persons with Jobs (million)	July	9.83	9.64	1.6
Unemployed	July	653,000	704,000	40.4
INVENTORIES				
Department Store (\$ million)	June*	1,310	1,463	4.9
Manufacturers' Owned (\$ million)	June*	15,174P	15,108P	19.3
Wholesale (\$ million)	May	6,380	6,408	18.9
ORDERS				
Manufacturers' New Orders (\$ million)	June*	7,203P	7,339P	1.6
Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders (\$ million)	June*	9,911P	10,106P	3.7
PRICES				
Consumer Price Index (1961=100)	July	186.5	184.0	11.0
Industry Selling Price Index (1961=100)	June	190.2	190.7P	11.9
Wholesale Price Index (1935-39=100)	June	483.6	485.2P	6.8
CONSTRUCTION				
Building Permits (\$ million)	May	963.7P	Year-to-date	
Housing Starts - Urban Centres (units)	June	17,311	3,311	-15.0
ENERGY				
Coal Production (thousand tons)	May	2,323	11,447	18.5
Electricity Generation (billion Kwh.)	June	20.4	140.0	-1.4
Natural Gas Production (billion cu. ft.)	Apr.	261.6	1,072.5	-1.6
Petroleum Refining (million barrels)	June*	50.4	310.2	-4.2
FOREIGN TRADE				
Exports (\$ million)	June	3,039	16,185	4.8
Imports (\$ million)	June	3,268	17,503	17.3
PRODUCTION				
Motor Vehicles (thousand units)	June	129.9	719.3	-16.1
Steel (ingots - thousand tons)	July*	1,107	8,602	1.2
SALES				
Department Store Sales (\$ million)	June*	436.6	2,381	11.2
Manufacturers' Shipments (\$ million)	June*	7,399P	41,590	6.6
New Motor Vehicle Sales (\$ million)	June	741.1	3,500	9.3
Retail Sales (\$ million)	June*	4,234	22,751	10.3
Wholesale Sales (\$ million)	May	4,271	17,797	3.7

Statistics are not seasonally adjusted. P - preliminary. R - revised. * new this week

Manufacturers' Sales of 'Made-in-Canada'
Colour Television Sets



Source: Radio and Television Receiving Sets (43-004)

Consumer Price Indexes for Regional Cities

Consumer price indexes rose in all regional cities in July with increases ranging from 1.1% in Thunder Bay and Winnipeg to 1.7% in Saint John, Saskatoon and Regina.

The food index advanced in all 14 centres, reflecting generally-higher prices for fresh produce, meats, eggs, dairy products and restaurant meals. Higher shelter costs for both owned and rented accommodation, as well as increased prices for gasoline, were important factors in the advances recorded. Other notable contributors were: increased rail fares; higher prices for toiletries; and increased rates for vacation lodging.

Between July 1974 and July 1975, consumer price indexes rose in all regional cities with increases recorded as follows: Winnipeg, 12.6%; Saint John, 12.0%; Vancouver, 11.4%; Calgary, 11.3%; Toronto, 11.2%; Thunder Bay, 11.2%; Saskatoon, 11.1%; Montreal, 10.9%; Regina, 10.9%; Edmonton, 10.9%; St. John's, 10.6%; Quebec City, 9.9%; Ottawa, 9.6%; and Halifax, 9.1%.

For further information, order the July 1975 issue of *Prices and Indexes* (62-002, 55¢/\$5.50).

Refined Petroleum Products

Canadian refineries produced 50.4 million barrels of refined petroleum products in June, down 11.0% from a year earlier.

Net sales of refined petroleum products at 45.4 million barrels in the latest month showed an increase of 4.0% from June 1974.

For further information, order the June 1975 issue of *Refined Petroleum Products* (45-004, 40¢/\$4).

Department Store Sales and Stocks

Department store sales rose to \$436.6 million in June, an increase of 5.4% from \$414.3 million in June 1974.

Sales increased in 22 of the 40 departments in the latest month with the largest gains recorded by food and kindred products (29.7%) and gasoline, oil, auto accessories, repairs and supplies (21.0%).

All provinces except Newfoundland (-0.4%) reported increased sales over June 1974 with a high of 29.3% for Prince Edward Island. Sales rose 3.4% in Toronto, 3.3% in Vancouver, 3.0% in Montreal and 2.1% in Winnipeg.

Inventories held in June (at selling price) were valued at \$1.31 billion, up 4.9% from a year earlier.

For further information, order the June 1975 issue of *Department Store Sales and Stocks* (63-002, 40¢/\$4), or contact B. Theriault (613-996-9304), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V4.

THESE REPORTS SCHEDULED FOR COMING TWO WEEKS

Building Construction Input Price Indexes, July

Employment, Earnings and Hours, June

Estimates of Labour Income, June

New Motor Vehicle Sales, July

Railway Carloadings, July

Summary of Foreign Trade, July

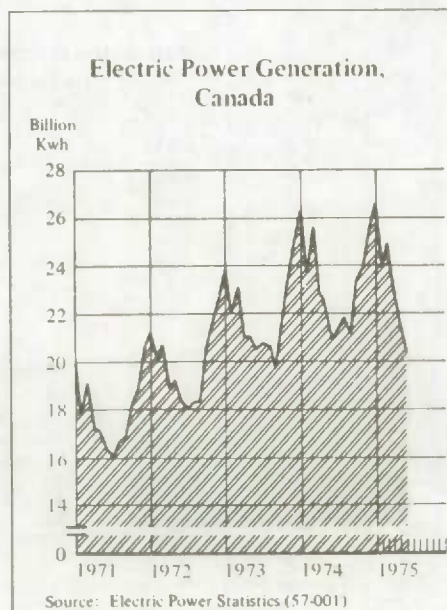
Consumer Credit

Consumer credit outstanding on the books of selected credit holders reporting monthly reached \$17.26 billion at the end of June, an increase of 14.0% from a year earlier.

Outstanding balances held by these credit grantors in the latest month, with percentage changes from June 1974:

- Chartered banks' personal loans, \$12.00 billion (up 19.6%);
- Sales finance and consumer companies' — small loans, \$263 million (-17.0%); — large loans, \$1.51 billion (up 0.9%); — retail instalment sales paper, \$1.13 billion (-6.1%);
- Life insurance companies' policy loans, \$1.11 billion (up 15.0%);
- Department stores and furniture, television, radio and household appliances stores, \$1.20 billion (up 9.9%);
- Quebec savings banks' personal loans, \$52 million (up 26.8%).

For further information, order the June 1975 issue of *Consumer Credit* (61-004, 30¢/\$3), or contact Consumer Credit Section (613-996-9278 or Telex 053-3585), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.



Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries

Manufacturers' seasonally-adjusted new orders in June were estimated at \$6.99 billion, down 0.5% from \$7.03 billion (revised) in May. New orders for durable goods dropped 1.8% to \$3.06 billion while those for non-durable goods increased 0.6% to \$3.93 billion.

Total unfilled orders were estimated at \$9.93 billion, down 1.0% from the previous month.

Total inventory owned, seasonally adjusted, was 0.6% higher at \$15.23 billion.

The seasonally-adjusted ratio of total inventory owned — to shipments dipped to 2.15:1 in June from 2.16:1 in May, while the finished products — to shipments ratio moved down to 0.73:1 from 0.74:1.

Manufacturers' shipments in the latest month, seasonally adjusted, were estimated at \$7.10 billion, an increase of 1.3% from May.

Not adjusted for seasonal variation, manufacturers' shipments in June at an estimated \$7.40 billion showed a rise of 1.1% from the previous month. Shipments in the first six months of 1975 totalled \$41.59 billion, up 6.6% from January-June 1974.

For further information, order the June 1975 issue of *Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries* (31-001, 55¢/\$5.50).

Gas Utilities

Canadian consumers purchased 97.8 billion cubic feet of natural gas in May, down 0.2% from a year earlier. Exports rose 0.1% to 79.8 billion cubic feet.

Cumulatively, sales of natural gas for the first five months of 1975 totalled 669.5 billion cubic feet, an increase of 2.7% from January-May 1974.

For further information, order the June 1975 issue of *Gas Utilities* (55-002, 30¢/\$3).

Wholesale Trade

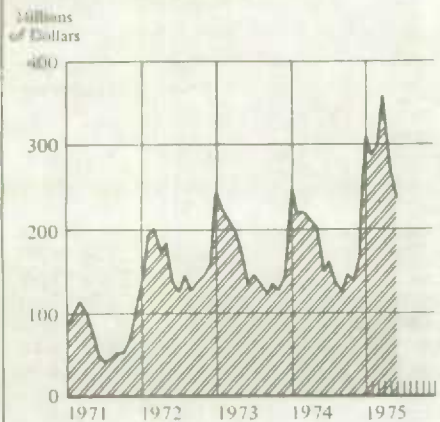
Wholesale merchants' sales in June were estimated at \$3.97 billion, up 0.9% from June 1974.

One of the most notable changes in the consumer goods trades was registered by the groceries and food specialties component, showing an increase of 12.5%. In the industrial goods trades, sales of industrial and transportation equipment and supplies rose 23.3% from a year earlier.

Wholesale inventories were valued at \$6.61 billion in the latest month, an increase of 17.0% over June of last year.

For further information, order the May 1975 issue of *Wholesale Trade* (63-008, 15¢/\$1.50).

Unemployment Insurance Commission Benefit Payments



Source: Statistical Report on the Operation of the Unemployment Insurance Act (73-001)

Unemployment Insurance Payments

Net benefit paid to claimants under the Unemployment Insurance Act reached \$239 million in June, an increase of 62% from \$148 million a year earlier. The average weekly payment was up 13% to \$83.00 from \$73.57.

Initial and renewal claims received in June numbered 194,000, up 24% from the June 1974 total of 157,000.

For the first six months of 1975, net payments under the act amounted to \$1.76 billion, an increase of 41% from the \$1.25 billion disbursed in January-June 1974.

For further information, order the June 1975 issue of *Statistical Report on the Operation of the Unemployment Insurance Act* (73-001, 40¢/\$4).

Index of Farm Production

(1961=100)

The 1974 index of the physical volume of agricultural production for Canada is estimated at 149.8, down 2.8% from 154.1 (revised) in 1973.

(The agricultural products included in the index are, in so far as statistics are available, all commodities produced on farms for sale, consumption in farm homes or additions to farm inventories).

Gross farm production increased in five provinces in the latest year and decreased in four provinces. Ontario recorded the greatest increase in farm output (9.1%), followed by Prince Edward Island (8.9%), New Brunswick (6.5%), Nova Scotia (5.4%) and Quebec (4.9%). Production declined in Alberta (-3.8%), British Columbia (-6.6%), Saskatchewan (-12.4%) and Manitoba (-17.9%).

For further information, order *Index of Farm Production, 1974* (21-203, 35¢), or contact G. Andrusiak (613-994-9876), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0L7.

Major Appliance Sales

Sales of freezers and automatic washing machines increased, but Canadian manufacturers' domestic sales in June of other major appliances ran well under year-earlier levels.

Major appliance sales recorded by these manufacturers in the latest month, with percentage changes from June 1974 in brackets:

- Refrigerators, 47,691 (-15.3%); home and farm freezers, 38,418 (up 42.8%);
- Electric stoves and ranges, 36,381 (-24.8%);
- Automatic washing machines, 28,225 (up 11.8%); electric and gas clothes dryers, 20,211 (-6.9%);
- Television sets, 42,633 (-27.3%).

Manufacturers' sales in June of 36,257 Canadian-made colour television sets represented a drop of 20.0% from a year earlier; black-and-white set sales fell 52.1% to 6,376 units.

For further information, order the June 1975 issue of: *Domestic Refrigerators and Freezers* (43-001, 15¢/\$1.50); *Stoves and Furnaces* (41-005, 30¢/\$3); *Domestic Washing Machines and Clothes Dryers* (43-002, 15¢/\$1.50); and *Radio and Television Receiving Sets* (43-004, 30¢/\$3).

Oil Pipe Line Transport

Canadian oil pipe lines received 2.58 million barrels per day of crude oil, condensate, pentanes plus and refined petroleum products in June, a decrease of 2.6% from a year earlier.

Receipts of domestic oils declined 6.8% to 2.17 million B/D in the latest month while those of imported oils increased 29.0% to 405,000 B/D.

For further information, order the June 1975 issue of *Oil Pipe Line Transport* (55-001, 30¢/\$3), or contact G.R. Kitchen (613-992-4021), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

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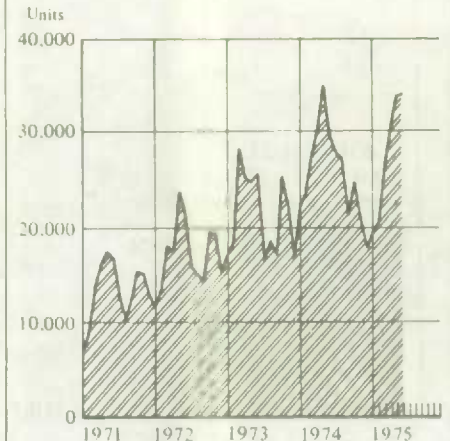
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Sales of New Commercial Vehicles



Source: New Motor Vehicle Sales (63-007)

International Travel

Preliminary statistics for June show that 4.2 million United States visitors entered Canada, up 2.0% from June 1974. Canadian resident travellers returning from visits to the U.S. increased 4.6% to 3.1 million.

Visitors entering Canada from countries other than the U.S. increased 17.2% from a year earlier to 185,000. Canadian travellers returning from abroad numbered 100,000, up 5.2% from June 1974.

For further information, order the June 1975 issue of *Travel Between Canada and Other Countries* (66-001, 55¢/\$5.50).

Sales Financing, 1974

Retail sales financing undertaken by sales finance and consumer loan companies expanded 4.7% in volume during 1974 to \$2.58 billion. The aggregate purchases comprised \$1.13 billion (up 4.4% over 1973) for consumer goods paper, including passenger cars, and \$1.45 billion (up 5.0%) for commercial goods paper.

Wholesale financing by these companies totalled \$6.27 billion in 1974, an increase of 21.2% from 1973.

For further information, order *Sales Financing, 1974* (63-211, 70¢).

Hospital Statistics, 1974

Total operating expenses per patient-day of public general hospitals rose 16.6% to \$96.39 in 1974 from \$82.66 in 1973.

In 1974 a general tendency for higher utilization of public hospitals over 1973 is recorded versus lower utilization rates in proprietary and federal hospitals.

For further information, order *Hospital Statistics, Preliminary Annual Report 1974* (83-217, \$1.05), or contact M.P. Brochu (613-995-0991), Hospitals Section, Health Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.



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