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Retail Trade

May retail trade reached \$6,767.9 million, up 12.8% from 1978. Sales increased in all trade groups except specialty shoe stores (down 12.1%). Largest increases: used car dealers (24.5%), jewellery stores (20.2%) and automotive parts and accessories stores (16.6%). All provinces reported increased sales, ranging from 17.5% for Alberta to 7.3% for Prince Edward Island. Montréal sales rose 12.6%, Toronto 11.1%, Winnipeg 12.0% and Vancouver 11.3%.

Seasonally-adjusted retail sales rose 3.4% to \$6,358.4 million from \$6,152.3 million in April. Sales increased in 17 of 28 trade groups. Largest increases: general merchandise stores (12.1%), household furniture stores (11.9%) and jewellery stores (9.9%). Specialty shoe stores (11.0%) and florists (7.6%) recorded the largest decreases. All provinces with the exception of Prince Edward Island (down 0.5%) recorded increased sales over April ranging from 5.1% for Ontario to 0.2% for New Brunswick.

Revised April's retail trade, without seasonal adjustment, was \$5,996.0 million, up 9.3% from 1978.

For further information, order the May 1979 issue of *Retail Trade* (63-005, 55¢/\$5.50), or contact the Retail Trade Section (613-996-9304), Merchandising and Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V4. Commencing with this issue, the publication will contain supplementary tables containing monthly sales, by major groups, for the Yukon and Northwest Territories.

Wholesale Trade

Sales by wholesale merchants for May, 1979 were estimated at \$7,010,506,000, a 20.3% increase compared with \$5,828,348,000 in May, 1978. Wholesale inventories were valued at \$10,346,997,000, reflecting an increase of 26.3% from inventories of \$8,195,268,000 at the end of May last year.

Further details may be obtained from the monthly *Wholesale Trade*, May 1979 (63-008, 15¢/\$1.50).

Steel Ingots/Pig Iron

Steel ingots production, June: 1,380,768 short tons (1 252 612 t). Pig iron production reached 947,936 short tons (859 953 t).

For further information, order the June 1979 issue of *Steel Ingots and Pig Iron* (41-001, 15¢/\$1.40), or contact J.L. Barnes (613-992-0388), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V3.

LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

EMPLOYMENT, INCOME

			Previous Month	% Change From Year Ago
Average Weekly Earnings (\$)	Apr.	282.72p	280.76r	8.3
Labour Income (\$ million)	Apr.	11,475.0p	11,379.1r	10.2
Persons with Jobs (million)	June	10.626	10.363	3.5
Unemployed	June	798,000	836,000	-10.5

INVENTORIES

Department Store (\$ million)	Apr.	2,270.1p	2,233.3p	11.9
Manufacturers' Owned (\$ million)	Apr.	22,599.4p	22,737.5r	15.5
Wholesale (\$ million)	May*	10,347.0p	10,284.5p	26.3

ORDERS

Manufacturers' New Orders (\$ million)	Apr.	12,384.0p	13,584.6r	15.9
Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders (\$ million)	Apr.	15,318.5p	15,103.5r	33.0

PRICES

Consumer Price Index (1971=100)	June*	190.6	189.7	8.9
New House Price Index (1976=100)	May	109.3	108.0	3.4
Non-residential Building Material (1971=100)	Apr.	201.9	196.6	14.5
22-city Composite Wage, Building	Apr.	220.0	219.9	6.9
Industry Selling Price Index (1971=100)	May	213.3p	211.9r	13.5

CONSTRUCTION

Building Permits (\$ million)	Apr.	1,095.3	3,369.3	2.2
Housing Starts — Urban Centres (units)	May	15,737	52,964	23.9

ENERGY

Coal Production (thousand metric tonnes)	Apr.	2 656.8	10 773.7	6.6
Electricity Generation (terawatt hours)	Apr.	28.3	126.4	4.5
Natural Gas Production (million cubic metres)	Mar.	9 404.1	29 071.0	6.7
Petroleum Refining (million barrels)	Apr.	8.67p	37.1p	9.8

FOREIGN TRADE

Exports — Customs Basis (\$ million)	May	5,690.8p	25,342.7p	20.0
Imports — Customs Basis (\$ million)	May	5,598.8p	25,275.8p	27.2

PRODUCTION

Steel (ingots — thousand tons)	June*	1,380.8	8,693.3	7.2
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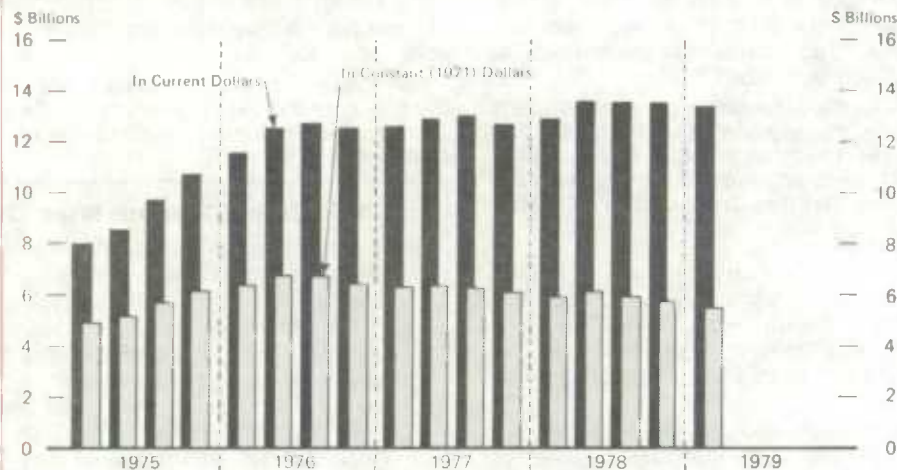
SALES

Department Store Sales (\$ million)	May	685.1p	2,832.6p	10.5
Manufacturers' Shipments (\$ million)	Apr.	12,169.0	48,193.7	22.2
New Motor Vehicle Sales (\$ million)	May	1,213.2	4,835.7	19.7
Retail Sales (\$ million)	May*	6,767.9p	28,930.1p	13.0
Wholesale Sales (\$ million)	May*	7,010.5p	29,520.1p	21.1

Statistics are not seasonally adjusted. p - preliminary. r - revised. * - new this week.

Residential Construction Expenditures

Data Seasonally Adjusted at Annual Rates

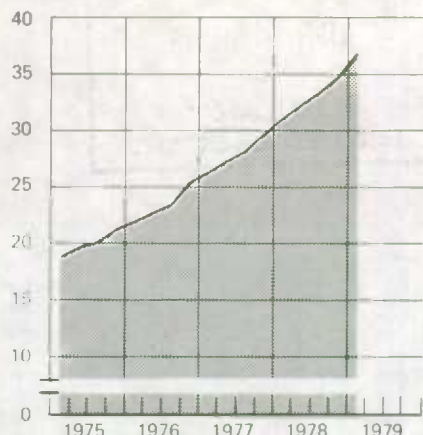


Source: National Income and Expenditure Accounts (13-001)

Trusted Pension Funds

Quarterly Estimates of Assets Held

Billions of Dollars



Source: Quarterly Estimates of Trusted Pension Funds (74-001)

Non-residential General Building, 1977

The 1977 census of the non-residential general contractors covered 2,027 establishments, combined operating revenue was \$4,302,708,703 (\$4,247,509,414 from construction and \$55,199,289 from non-construction activities) and net profit (before income taxes) \$81,849,621 or 1.9% of total revenue (0.6% below 1978).

For additional information, contact P.M. Schneider (613-995-8424), Construction Census Section, Construction Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Residential Building, 1977

The 1977 census of residential general contractors covered 7,074 establishments, combined operating revenue was \$4,274,925,518 (\$3,893,223,035 from construction and \$381,702,483 from non-construction activities) and net profit (before income taxes) \$257,256,883 or 6.0% of total revenue (2.2% below 1976).

For additional information, contact P.M. Schneider (613-995-8424), Construction Census Section, Construction Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Phonograph Records/Tapes

Manufacturers produced 5,918,145 phonograph records in May (6,075,627 a year earlier). Production of pre-recorded cartridges and cassettes decreased to 1,326,631 from 1,507,731.

For further information, order the May 1979 issue of Phonograph Tapes in Canada (47-004, 15¢/\$1.50), or contact G. Elliot (613-992-2231), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V6.

Sugar Sales

Refineries' June sales reached 105 311 797 kilograms (232,172,763lbs) of all types of sugar — 92 705 447 kilograms (204,380,599lbs) in domestic sales and 12 606 350 kilograms (27,792,204lbs) exported.

For further information, contact T.P. Sterling (613-992-8619), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Help Wanted Index

The seasonally-adjusted Help Wanted Index (1969=100), second quarter 1979, stood at 179, unchanged from the first quarter. The indexes for Ontario, Prairie provinces and British Columbia rose by about 7% and those for the Atlantic provinces and Québec dropped 9% and 13%. Compared with second quarter 1978, the index rose 16%. The regional indexes recorded increases, bar Québec, which fell 12%.

For further information, contact George Fincham (613-995-8445), Labour Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V1.

Fruit/Vegetable Production

Results of the 1979 contracted acreage survey of vegetable processors include such highlights as (on a Canada basis): bean contracts down 3% from 1978 to 21,250 acres, corn contracts up 10% to 52,190 acres, peas up 3% to 51,250 acres and tomatoes down 6% to 22,900 acres.

For further information on the latest area, production, and value for fruits and vegetables, order the July 1979 issue of Fruit and Vegetable Production (22-003, 40¢/\$3), or contact Larry Murphy (613-995-4877), Agriculture Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Highway Construction Price Indexes

Canada Total Index, year ending March 31, 1979: 212.4 (1971=100), an increase of 8.2% from a year earlier. Prices for new highway construction rose in all provinces except British Columbia. Price increases ranged from 5.9% in New Brunswick to 16.0% in Saskatchewan. The index for British Columbia fell 0.5%.

For further information, order the July 1979 issue of Construction Price Statistics (62-007, 40¢/\$4), or contact Y.S. Hwang (613-995-5757), Prices Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Psychiatric Care, Minors

In 1976, Canadians 19 and under on the books of psychiatric in-patient facilities totalled 10,712, or over 20% of the surveyed population. Over 80% of the children had a diagnosis of mental retardation (61.8%) or behaviour disorders of childhood (18.2%). Since 1967, the total has declined 25% and the rate per 100,000 population has fallen from 166 to 129.

For further information, contact Brenda Cardillo (613-995-0861), Institutional Care Section, Health Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

Labour Unions, 1977

Union membership increased to 2,822,044 members in 1977, up 43,322 or 1.6% from 1976. The proportion of unionized workers to all paid workers is 32.6% (1976 level 32.2%).

Of 179 labour organizations in Canada, 116 are affiliated with the Canadian Labour Congress (2,147,887 members or 76.1% of all unionized workers, an increase of 2.7% since 1976. The Confederation of National Trade Unions (C.N.T.U.) ranks second as a labour congress (eight labour organizations, 152,222 members).

Membership of "international" unions declined slightly, total union membership falling to 53.6% from 54.5%. Canadian unions and government employee organizations reported increases in membership: national unions, 30,816 members (3.7%); government employee organizations, 13,348 members (3.1%). The Canadian Union of Public Employees (C.U.P.E.) provided most of the increase — 24,016 members (11%), taking its membership to 242,622. (Growth in membership of government employee organizations was almost entirely attributable to the numerous unions of federal government employees; provincial and territorial unions reported only marginal growth.)

Dominance of male union members continued to decline in 1977 as the female proportion of total union membership increased slightly 0.7% to 27.7% of all unionized workers. In 1962, women represented 16.4% of all unionized workers.

Dues and assessments: \$198.4 million. Of this, \$75.3 million went to international unions. In return, payments totalling \$29.9 million were made to Canada by international unions in respect of salaries and wages, strike benefits and pension and welfare benefits — down from \$34.0 million in 1976. Costs incurred by internationals and attributable in part to the Canadian membership expenses are not available.

For further information, order the Report for 1977, Part II — Labour Unions, Corporations and Labour Unions Returns Act (71-202, no charge), or contact the Labour Unions Returns Section, Business Finance Division (613-995-9804).

Trusted Pension Funds

Total assets of trusted pension funds, first quarter 1979, reached \$36.9 billion at book value, up \$5.8 billion from a year earlier.

For further information, order the First Quarter 1979 issue of Estimates of Trusted Pension Funds (74-001, 35¢/\$1.40).

1976 Census Thematic Maps: Ottawa-Hull Census Metropolitan Area

Now available is the above-noted working paper (Geography Series, No. 9-GEO79, by G. Ross) from the Census and Household Surveys Field of Statistics Canada.

A wide range of population, housing, family and labour force characteristics from the 1976 Census are displayed on computer-drawn maps of the Ottawa-Hull census metropolitan area. The distribution of these characteristics across the metropolitan area will be of particular interest to those involved in urban and social science research, policy development and direct intervention. User comment on this new Census product is invited.

Copies of the working paper may be obtained from any of the User Advisory Services reference centres.

Consumer Price Index

The Consumer Price Index rose 0.5% from a level of 189.7 in May to 190.6 in June, with the rise between June 1978 and June 1979 8.9%, down from 9.3% a month earlier. Higher housing charges and increased food prices, especially for food consumed away from home, were the most significant factors having been responsible for about two-thirds of the increase. The all-items-excluding-food index advanced 0.5%, down from 1.1% in the previous month. The food index also increased by 0.5%, down slightly from 0.6%.

The 0.5% increase in the food index was largely attributable to higher prices for restaurant meals. The food-away-from-home index rose 1.8% in June, an increase of 14.3% over its level in June 1978. The food-at-home index continued to show some moderation as an increase of 0.2% was recorded, down from the 0.3% registered in the previous month. Higher prices for most fresh fruit and vegetable items, along with increased prices for soft drinks and selected dairy products were largely responsible for the increase in this index. Dampening the impact of these increases were lower prices for beef cuts, down 4.7% on average in early June. The current monthly increase in the food-at-home index brought this index to a level 11.4% above its June 1978 level.

Higher shelter and household operation charges along with increased prices for furniture and household textiles were largely responsible for the 0.5% increase in the all-items-excluding-food index. Other notable contributing factors included higher prices for selected clothing items, especially for women's and men's accessories and footwear, with increased prices for seasonal recreation equipment items. Price declines were registered for selected imported new cars and in several cities for gasoline. Between June 1978 and June 1979, the index for all-items-excluding-food advanced 8.1%, up marginally from the 8.0% registered in the previous twelve-month period.

Viewed in terms of goods and services, the price level for goods, including food, advanced 0.4%, that for services increased 0.6%. Between June 1978 and June 1979, the price level for goods advanced 9.9%, that for services rose 7.3%.

On a seasonally-adjusted basis, the Consumer Price Index advanced 0.3% between May and June; this comprised a 0.3% decrease in the food index and a 0.5% increase in the all-items-excluding-food index.

Between May and June, consumer prices rose in all cities for which CPIs are produced with the exception of Montréal where a decline of 0.1% was registered. Among the other 14 cities, advances ranged from 0.1% in Québec City to 1.0% in Thunder Bay. The varying rates of price movement for food, especially those for beef, largely accounted for the differing rates of overall price change among cities. Beef prices decreased in nine cities, with the declines being most pronounced in

Montréal, Ottawa and Québec City. Other contributing factors affecting city movements included price increases for milk in Charlottetown/Summerside and Winnipeg and higher domestic gas and electricity charges in Regina and Saskatoon.

St. John's

All items: May to June 1979, up 0.4%; June 1978 to June 1979, up 10.4%.

Main contributors: increased shelter charges and higher fuel oil prices. Prices up for fresh produce, beef and pork, while chicken prices declined.

Charlottetown/Summerside

All items: May to June 1979, up 0.5%; June 1978 to June 1979, up 8.2%.

Main contributors: higher prices for restaurant meals and fresh milk; increased prices for selected clothing items. Higher shelter charges.

Halifax

All items: May to June 1979, up 0.6%; June 1978 to June 1979, up 9.3%.

Main contributors: higher prices for selected clothing items, fresh fruit, restaurant meals and poultry. Beef prices declined. Increased shelter charges and higher seasonal recreation equipment prices.

Saint John

All items: May to June 1979, up 0.5%; June 1978 to June 1979, up 9.7%.

Main contributors: higher prices for fresh produce and restaurant meals. Increased owned accommodation charges and higher prices for fuel oil.

Québec

All items: May to June 1979, up 0.1%; June 1978 to June 1979, up 8.6%.

Main contributors: increased shelter charges and higher prices for clothing. Prices up for fresh produce and restaurant meals while those for meat declined.

Montréal

All items: May to June 1979, down 0.1%; June 1978 to June 1979, up 8.1%.

Main contributors: sharp price declines for beef cuts accompanied by higher prices for fresh produce. Increased shelter charges and fuel oil prices.

Ottawa

All items: May to June 1979, up 0.4%; June 1978 to June 1979, up 8.6%.

Main contributors: increased shelter charges and higher prices for household furnishings and clothing. Prices up for poultry and restaurant meals while beef prices declined.

Toronto

All items: May to June 1979, up 0.7%; June 1978 to June 1979, up 9.3%.

Main contributors: higher prices for restaurant meals and fresh produce. Increased shelter charges and higher household furnishings prices.

Thunder Bay

All items: May to June 1979, up 1.0%; June 1978 to June 1979, up 9.1%.

Main contributors: higher pork and fresh fruit prices. Increased shelter charges. Higher seasonal recreation equipment prices. Clothing prices up while gasoline prices declined.

Winnipeg

All items: May to June 1979, up 0.5%; June 1978 to June 1979, up 9.6%.

Main contributors: higher prices for fresh produce, milk and restaurant meals. Increased shelter charges while furniture prices declined. Prices up for selected recreation equipment and gasoline.

Regina

All items: May to June 1979, up 0.8%; June 1978 to June 1979, up 7.6%.

Main contributors: increased owned accommodation charges and higher rates for domestic gas and electricity. Prices up for fresh produce, clothing and selected recreation items. Gasoline prices down.

Saskatoon

All items: May to June 1979, up 0.9%; June 1978 to June 1979, up 8.6%.

Main contributors: increased shelter charges and higher rates for domestic gas and electricity. Prices up for furniture and selected clothing items.

Edmonton

All items: May to June 1979, up 0.8%; June 1978 to June 1979, up 8.8%.

Main contributors: increased owned accommodation charges and higher prices for household furnishings. Prices up for clothing and recreation equipment. Fresh produce and restaurant meal prices also increased.

Calgary

All items: May to June 1979, up 0.5%; June 1978 to June 1979, up 8.1%.

Main contributors: increased shelter charges and higher prices for household furnishings. Prices up for fresh produce and restaurant meals. Higher clothing and recreation equipment prices.

Vancouver

All items: May to June 1979, up 0.7%; June 1978 to June 1979, up 7.6%.

Main contributors: higher prices for restaurant meals and beef cuts. Increased shelter charges and higher prices for household furnishings. Prices up for selected recreation equipment.

For further information, order the June issue of the Consumer Price Index (62-001, 40¢/\$4).

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