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## Retail Trade

Seasonally adjusted retail sales for July were \$6,967.0 million, an increase of 3.5% from the \$6,734.3 million recorded in June.

Total retail trade without seasonal adjustment reached \$7,026.2 million, an increase of 10.2% over July 1979. Sales advanced in all of the 28 trade groups with the biggest gains for used car dealers (+38.4%), book and stationery stores (+25.7%) and specialty shoe stores (+24.4%). Sales were higher in all the provinces with increases ranging from 18.3% in Alberta to 3.0% in Prince Edward Island. Sales advanced 9.9% in Montreal, 9.6% in Toronto, 10.3% in Winnipeg and 19.6% in Vancouver.

Revised total retail trade, without seasonal adjustment, for June 1980 was \$6,929.6 million, a decrease of 0.6% from June 1979.

Cumulative sales for January to July 1980 were \$45,382.1 million, an increase of 7.3% over the same period last year.

For further information, order the July 1980 issue of *Retail Trade* (63-005, \$3.50/\$35), or contact the *Retail Trade Section* (613-996-9304), *Merchandising and Services Division*, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V4.

## Refined Petroleum Products

Preliminary data for the month of July 1980 show that net sales in Canada of all refined petroleum products amounted to 8 231.8 thousand cubic metres, a decrease of 1.1% from 8 323.2 thousand cubic metres a year earlier.

Canadian refineries produced 9 776.2 thousand cubic metres of refined petroleum products in the latest month, down 0.9% from 9 861.9 thousand cubic metres in July 1979.

For further information, order the July issue of *Refined Petroleum Products* (45-004, \$3.50/\$35), or contact G.R. Kitchen (613-996-3139), *Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division*, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

## Telecommunication Statistics

Teleglobe Canada and CNCP Telecommunications reported revenues of \$89.3 million for the second quarter of 1980, down 1.4% from the year-earlier period. Operating expenses decreased 8.3% to \$62.5 million. Net operating revenue at \$26.8 million was up from \$22.4 million in April-June 1979.

For further information, order the *Communications Service Bulletin, Telecommunications Statistics, Second Quarter 1980* (56-001, \$1.50/\$15), or contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9271), *Transportation and Communications Division*, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V1.

## LATEST MONTHLY STATISTICS

### EMPLOYMENT, INCOME

			Previous Month	% Change From Year Ago
Average Weekly Earnings (\$)	June	316.49p	312.47r	9.3
Labour Income (\$ million)	June	13,687.5p	13,281.1p	10.5
Persons with Jobs (million)	Aug.	11.11	11.11	1.8
Unemployed	Aug.	833,000	852,000	7.9

### INVENTORIES

Department Store (\$ million)	June	2,379.3p	2,741.6p	6.8
Manufacturers' Owned (\$ million)	June	28,193.1p	28,167.9r	19.7
Wholesale (\$ million)	July*	13,852.0p	14,121.0p	21.5

### ORDERS

Manufacturers' New Orders (\$ million)	June	13,381.4p	13,344.2r	0.1
Manufacturers' Unfilled Orders (\$ million)	June	18,330.3p	18,779.6r	9.9

### PRICES

Consumer Price Index (1971=100)	Aug.*	213.5	211.5	10.7
Non-food (CPI) Component	Aug.*	197.0	195.4	10.6
New House Price Index (1976=100)	July*	118.3	117.9	7.6
22-city Composite Wage, Building (1971=100)	June	244.3	240.4	5.9
Industry Selling Price Index (1971=100)	July*	245.8p	243.3r	12.6

### CONSTRUCTION

Building Permits (\$ million)	June	1,308.1p	6,501.0p	0.7
Housing Starts — Urban Centres (units)	July	11,117	64,862	-19.1

### ENERGY

Coal Production (thousand metric tonnes)	May	2 907.6	14 186.6	3.6
Electricity Generation (terawatt hours)	June	25.5	185.4	3.1
Natural Gas Production (million cubic metres)	May	7 634.0	44 004.9	-5.5
Petroleum Refining (million cubic metres)	July*	9.8p	65.8p	-0.1

### FOREIGN TRADE

Exports — Balance of Payments Basis (\$ million)	July	5,882.0p	43,057.0p	19.2
Imports — Balance of Payments Basis (\$ million)	July	5,430.0p	40,001.0p	14.3

### PRODUCTION

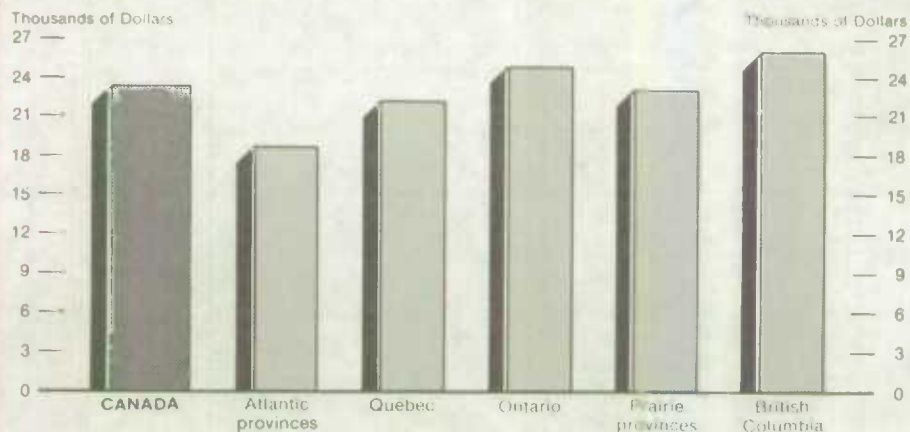
Steel (ingots — thousand metric tonnes)	July	1 189.5p	9 251.6p	1.4
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### SALES

Department Store Sales (\$ million)	July	708.2p	4,559.0p	10.2
Manufacturers' Shipments (\$ million)	June	13,830.7p	80,961.9p	8.6
New Motor Vehicle Sales (\$ million)	July	1,002.9p	6,871.2p	-2.8
Retail Sales (\$ million)	July*	7,026.2p	45,382.1p	7.3
Wholesale Sales (\$ million)	July*	6,672.9	44,964.1	11.1

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

## Average Family Income,\* 1979



Source: Income Distributions by Size in Canada, Preliminary Estimates (13-206)

\* Preliminary estimates — includes all money income before taxes or other deductions and does not take inflation into account.

### Farm Cash Receipts

Preliminary estimates indicate that during the January to July period of 1980 farmers' total cash receipts from farming operations in all provinces except Newfoundland totalled \$8,692.0 million, up 11.7% from the \$7,783.7 million realized during the same period of 1979.

Total estimates include: cash receipts from the sale of farm products; Canadian Wheat Board participation payments on previous years' grain crops; cash advances on farm-stored grains in Western Canada; and deficiency payments made by the Agricultural Stabilization Board. No deduction is made for the cost incurred by farmers in the production of the commodities sold.

Cash receipts by province for January-July 1980 were as follows, with 1979 figures in brackets:

- Ontario, \$2,155.1 million (\$2,152.8 million).
- Saskatchewan, \$2,068.7 million (\$1,700.5 million).
- Alberta, \$1,868.3 million (\$1,601.8 million).
- Quebec, \$1,182.1 million (\$1,071.6 million).
- Manitoba, \$788.6 million (\$692.5 million).
- British Columbia, \$366.9 million (\$316.9 million).
- Nova Scotia, \$109.7 million (\$95.4 million).
- New Brunswick, \$78.0 million (\$79.2 million).
- Prince Edward Island, \$74.6 million (\$73.0 million).

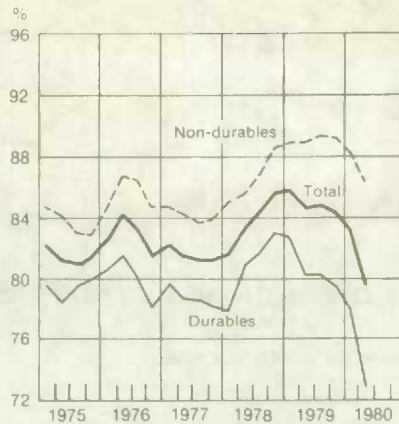
For further information, order the January-July 1980 issue of *Farm Cash Receipts* (21-001, \$1.50/\$15), or contact George Beelen (613-995-4895), Agriculture Statistics Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

### Washing Machines/Clothes Dryers

July washing machines (electric automatic) totalled 21,978 with production of clothes dryers (electric automatic), 19,099.

For further information, order the July 1980 issue of *Domestic Washing Machines and Clothes Dryers* (43-002, \$1.50/\$15).

### Capacity Utilization Rates in Canadian Manufacturing, by Quarter



Source: Capacity Utilization Rates in Canadian Manufacturing (31-003)

### Farm Prices/Agricultural Products

The Canada index number of farm prices of agricultural products (1971=100) for July 1980 increased by 3.2% to 253.5 from the revised June level of 245.7.

The index, which measures (as closely as can be determined) prices received by producers at the farm gate, is available on CANSIM (matrix 176) or in the Statistics Canada publication *Index Numbers of Farm Prices of Agricultural Products* (62-003, \$1.50/\$15).

For further information, contact George Beelen (613-995-4895), Agriculture Statistics Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

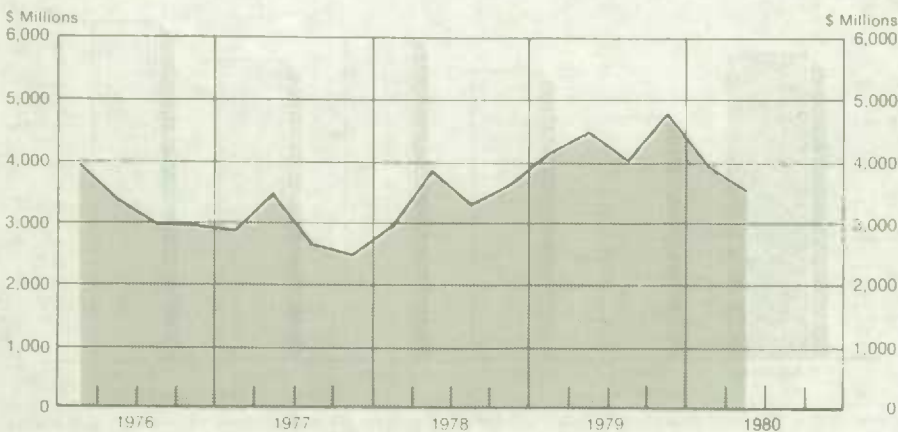
### Domestic Refrigerators/Freezers

Domestic production of refrigerators and freezers, July, reached 31,439 and 28,280 respectively.

For further information, order the July 1980 issue of *Domestic Refrigerators and Freezers* (43-001, \$1.50/\$15), or contact B. Preston (613-996-3226), Manufacturing and Primary Industries Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

### Accrued Net Income of Farm Operators from Farm Production

Data Seasonally Adjusted at Annual Rates



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

### Consumer Price Index

The All-items Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Canada (1971=100) increased by 0.9% in August to a level of 213.5, up from the level of 211.5 registered in July. As a result of this latest monthly rise, the August 1980 index level stood 10.7% above its level in August 1979, up from the 10.1% experienced between July 1979 and July 1980. The acceleration in the rates of growth in both the over-all monthly and annual CPI was largely attributable to the food index. This index, which in the past two years has registered a decline between the months of July and August and which increased by 0.9% between early June 1980 and early July 1980, advanced by 1.4% in the latest month. The index for all items excluding food rose by 0.8% in August, unchanged from the advance registered in July.

Higher prices for beef, pork and poultry were largely responsible for the 1.6% increase in the food-for-home-consumption index. In August, the index stood 12.1% above its level of August 1979. The food-away-from-home index advanced by 0.8% in August, representing an increase of 8.5% over the same month of 1979. As a result, the aggregate food index stood 11.4% over its level of August 1979.

Higher housing charges were the major contributing factor to the 0.8% increase in the index for all items excluding food. Within the housing component, higher rent charges, especially in the provinces of Quebec and Alberta, increased owned accommodation charges and higher household furnishing and equipment prices were registered. As well, in several cities, advances were recorded in fuel oil prices, while in the province of Saskatchewan, higher electricity and telephone charges were registered. Between August 1979 and August 1980, the index for all items excluding food advanced by 10.6%.

Viewed in terms of goods and services, the price level of goods advanced by 1.0% in the latest month, while that for services increased by 0.9%. As a result, between August 1979 and August 1980, the price level for goods advanced by 12.2% while that for services rose by 8.5%.

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the all-items CPI rose by 1.0% between July and August; this comprised a 1.9% increase in the food index and a 0.8% increase in the index for all items excluding food.

### City Highlights

Between July and August, consumer prices rose in all cities for which CPIs are produced with increases ranging from 0.6% in Saskatoon to 1.6% in St. John's. The major factor contributing to the variation in city price movements was the differing rates of movement for food prices which ranged from a slight decline in Saskatoon — due largely to a decline in beef prices — to an increase of 3.3% in St. John's, the latter largely reflecting increases in fresh vegetable prices.

For further information, order the August 1980 issue of *The Consumer Price Index* (62-001, \$2.50/\$25).



### Department Store Sales and Stocks

Department store sales totalled \$708.2 million in July 1980, up 14.1% from July 1979. Sales rose in 39 of the 40 departments with only millinery showing a decline (-7.5%). The largest increases were reported for furs (+29.9%), boys' clothing and furnishings (+22.0%), women's and girls' gloves, mitts and accessories (+21.2%) and lamps, pictures, mirrors and all other home furnishings (+21.0%). Sales rose in all 10 provinces with gains ranging from 22.0% for British Columbia (including the Yukon and Northwest Territories) to 4.5% for Prince Edward Island. Sales and percentage changes for metropolitan areas were: Montreal, \$81.0 million, +15.8%; Toronto, \$98.3 million, +11.3%; Winnipeg, \$32.3 million, +6.7%; and Vancouver, \$76.4 million, +23.6%.

The selling value of stocks held in July 1980 was \$2,629.9 million, an increase of 10.3% over July 1979. Inventories were higher in 37 of the 40 departments.

For further information, order the July issue of *Department Store Sales and Stocks* (63-002, \$2.50/\$25), or contact the *Retail Trade Section* (613-996-9304), *Merchandising and Services Division*, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V4.

### Preliminary Crime Statistics

When comparing preliminary first quarters of 1979 and 1980 crime statistics, decreases were reported in all crime categories with the exception of drugs. The rather sharp decrease (15.5%) in the number of Criminal code offences reported between the first quarters of 1979 (382,074) and 1980 (330,699) is also reflected in the 13.5% decrease in the crime rate (number of Criminal code offences per 100,000 of the total estimated population) for this same period which fell from 1,614.1 to 1,397.0.

Nationally, violent crimes which totalled 26,524 or 8.0% of the 330,699 Criminal code offences reported during the first quarter of 1980 recorded a significant decrease of 23.1% over the first quarter of 1979 (32,646).

For further information, contact the Project Manager (613-995-0855), *Uniform Crime Reporting*, Justice Statistics Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

### Guide to Health Data Available

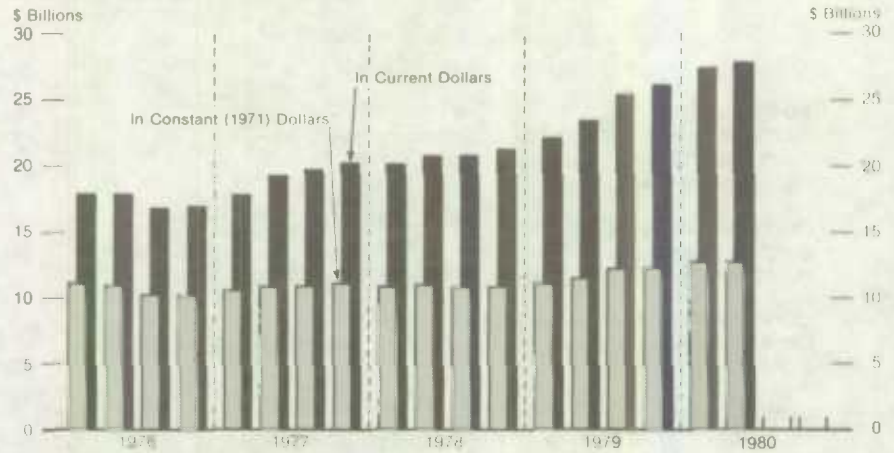
Designed to assist in the speedy recovery of health data, the *Directory of Health Division Information* was recently released by the Health Division of Statistics Canada.

The Directory describes data sources, published materials (both catalogued and non-catalogued), unpublished materials and information on CANSIM. Contacts are listed to assist in case of further enquiry.

Copies of this publication are available through the regional offices for a \$2 service fee. Enquiries regarding contents should be directed to Ms. D. Gillieson (613-995-7808), Health Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

### Non-Residential Construction Expenditures

Data Seasonally Adjusted at Annual Rates



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

### Local Government Employment

The end of June saw employees in general government services of municipalities total 292,632, up 9.5% from 267,214 at first quarter's end. Gross payrolls: \$1,111,747,000, up 12.9% from \$984,597,000.

For further information, order the April-June 1980 issue of *Local Government Employment* (72-009, \$4/\$16), or contact *Local Government Section* (613-995-9897), *Public Finance Division*, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

### Telephone Statistics

Canada's 13 major telephone systems reported revenues of \$472.5 million in July 1980, up 11.2% from a year earlier. Operating expenses increased 22.4% to \$345.1 million. Net operating revenue at \$127.4 million showed a decrease of 10.7% from July 1979. Telephone toll messages increased 12.8% to 115.2 million.

For further information, order the July issue of *Telephone Statistics* (56-002, \$1.50/\$15), or contact J.R. Slattery (613-996-9271), *Transportation and Communications Division*, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V1.

### Maple Products, 1980

Maple syrup production is estimated at 2.4 million gallons (1979: 2.3 million). The value of Canadian syrup products rose sharply in 1979 to \$32.4 million.

For further information, order *Production of Maple Products 1980 and Value of Maple Products 1979* (22-204, \$3), or contact Larry Murphy (613-995-4877), *Agriculture Statistics Division*, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.

### Wholesale Trade

Wholesale merchants' sales for July 1980 were estimated at \$6,672.9 million, up 8.8% from the \$6,133.7 million reported in July 1979.

Wholesale inventories were valued at \$13,852.0 million at July 31, an increase of 21.5% from stocks of \$11,399.9 million on hand at the end of July last year.

In the first seven months of 1980, total sales by wholesale merchants reached \$44,964.1 million, an increase of 11.1% over the accumulated sales of \$40,486.9 million for January-July 1979.

For further information, order the July issue of *Wholesale Trade* (63-008, \$1.50/\$15), or contact the *Wholesale Trade Section* (613-996-9307), *Merchandising and Services Division*, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0V4.

### Department Store Sales by Regions

Department store sales totalled \$708.2 million in July 1980, up 14.1% from a year earlier. Sales were higher in all regions of Canada.

Department store sales by regions for the latest month, with percentage increases from July 1979 in brackets:

- Ontario, \$248.4 million (11.2%).
- Quebec, \$135.2 million (16.0%).
- British Columbia, \$126.1 million (22.0%).
- Alberta, \$99.4 million (15.3%).
- Atlantic Provinces, \$44.8 million (9.8%).
- Manitoba, \$35.7 million (6.5%).
- Saskatchewan, \$18.5 million (9.0%).

Data users should note that the figures for British Columbia include as well those for the Yukon and the Northwest Territories. See the July 1980 issue of *Department Store Sales by Regions* (63-004, \$1.50/\$15).

### Guide To Federal Government Labour Data Published

The 162-page *Guide to Federal Government Labour Statistics, 1979* (catalogue 72-512, \$7), is designed to give researchers and others using labour data a reference document covering 92 different surveys and administrative information sources plus listings totalling about 500 publications. Copies can be ordered from Publications Distribution, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6. Further information on the contents is available from Special Projects (613-996-7825), Standards Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6.



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