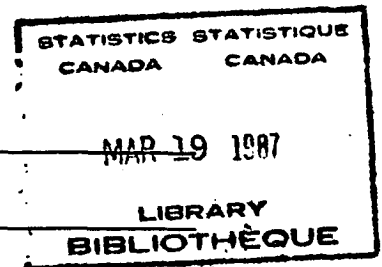


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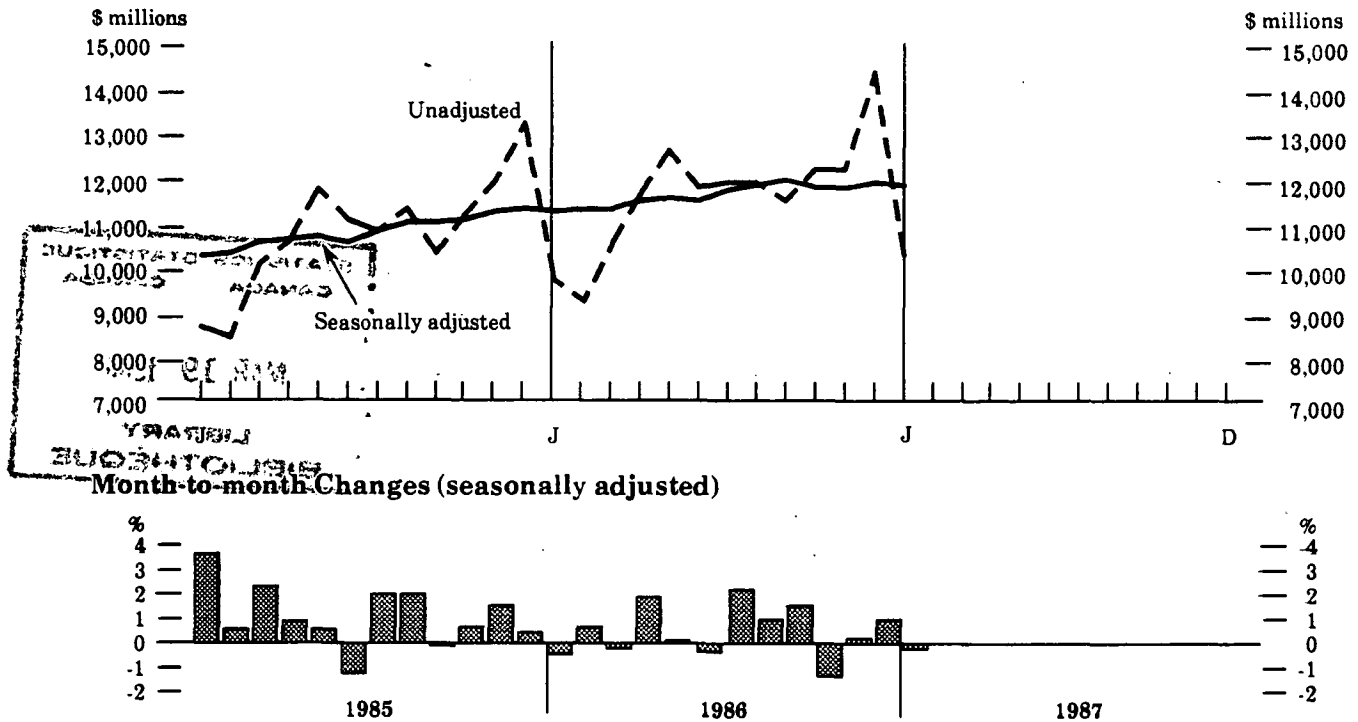


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## Major Releases

### Monthly Retail Trade, Unadjusted and Seasonally Adjusted, Canada, 1984-1987



### Retail Trade

January 1987

#### Highlights

##### Seasonally Adjusted Sales

- Adjusted for seasonal fluctuations and the number of trading days, preliminary estimates indicate that retail sales totalled \$11,979 million in January 1987, a marginal decline from the previous month's revised total of \$11,994 million.
- The 0.1% decline in January represents a reversal from the trend of the two previous months, when sales rose on average by 0.6% per month.
- The following trade groups registered significant decreases in sales in January: motor vehicle dealers (\$46 million or -1.9%), department stores (\$35 million or -3.2%) and variety stores (\$15 million or -14.0%).

On the other hand, major increases were recorded by grocery, confectionery and sundries stores (\$34 million or +5.5%), hardware stores (\$11 million or +9.9%) and all other food stores (\$11 million or +4.7%). The decrease recorded by motor vehicle dealers in January 1987 followed an increase of 4.1% in December. Sales by service stations increased by 1.0%, following four consecutive monthly declines.

- Excluding new and used motor vehicle dealers, retail trade increased by 0.3% in January 1987, after showing no change in December.
- On a provincial basis, sales decreased marginally (by only 0.1%), in both Ontario and Alberta, and remained unchanged in Quebec. In the other provinces and territories, sales changes ranged from an increase of 1.6% in British Columbia to a decrease of 2.6% in the Yukon and Northwest Territories.

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#### Unadjusted Sales

- Total retail trade for January 1987 rose 6.9% over the same month last year, totalling \$10,366 million.
- Year-over-year comparisons indicate a substantial rise of 12.3% for all food stores and a decrease of 1.4% for motor vehicle dealers - the two largest groups within retail trade. Department store sales, which totalled \$768 million in January 1987, were up 0.8% over the same month a year earlier. Service station sales declined for the tenth consecutive month on a year-over-year basis to total \$833 million, down 6.7% from the January 1986 level.
- On a provincial basis, most of the year-over-year growth registered in January 1987 was concentrated in Ontario (\$335 million or +9.1%); Quebec (\$190 million or +8.1%) and British Columbia (\$77 million or +7.0%). Prince Edward Island (+10.6%), Nova Scotia and New Brunswick (both at +7.2%) also posted gains that were higher than the national average. Sales declined slightly in Alberta (-1.0%).

- At the metropolitan level, the following sales gains were recorded: Toronto (+11.2%), Vancouver (+7.2%), Montreal (+3.1%) and Winnipeg (+0.1%).

(see table on page 4)

Available on CANSIM: matrices 2300-2304, 2306-2313, 2315-2317, 2320 and 2321.

Order the January 1987 issue of *Retail Trade* (63-005, \$14/\$140), available the third week of April. Contact: Lina Di Piéto (613-991-3551) or Maurice Massaad (613-990-9682), Retail Trade Section, Industry Division.

# Retail Trade, Canada, by Kind of Business

Kind of business	Unadjusted Sales All Stores				Seasonally Adjusted Sales All Stores				
	Jan. 1986	Dec. 1986 <sup>r</sup>	Jan. 1987 <sup>p</sup>	Jan.1987/ Jan. 1986	Oct. 1986 <sup>r</sup>	Nov. 1986 <sup>r</sup>	Dec. 1986 <sup>r</sup>	Jan. 1987 <sup>p</sup>	Jan. 1987/ Dec. 1986
	(millions of \$)			%	(millions of \$)				%
Combination stores (groceries and meat)	2,024.7	2,235.7	2,221.4	9.7	2,105.6	2,155.2	2,142.8	2,139.6	-0.1
Grocery, confectionery and sundries stores	514.4	639.5	614.1	19.3	599.6	613.7	629.4	663.8	5.5
All other food stores	179.8	266.9	217.7	21.0	227.8	230.1	231.2	242.0	4.7
Department stores	762.1	1,945.3	768.2	0.8	1,063.5	1,073.9	1,073.4	1,038.7	-3.2
General merchandise stores	204.7	324.9	203.8	-0.4	242.1	269.3	253.9	245.8	-3.2
General stores	146.8	210.8	157.9	7.5	174.1	179.3	181.3	182.3	0.5
Variety stores	72.0	194.3	61.9	-13.9	101.0	101.7	105.7	90.9	-14.0
Motor vehicle dealers	1,867.6	1,996.7	1,840.2	-1.4	2,483.0	2,332.7	2,429.3	2,383.2	-1.9
Used car dealers	42.4	55.0	57.9	...	72.6	67.7	73.8	76.1	3.1
Service stations	892.9	876.1	832.7	-6.7	866.0	861.4	858.6	867.0	1.0
Garages	115.5	119.3	114.8	-0.6	130.3	128.2	127.3	126.7	-0.5
Automotive parts and accessories stores	170.9	351.1	190.5	11.4	258.3	279.1	272.9	266.1	-2.5
Men's clothing stores	90.4	225.1	100.8	11.4	121.3	124.2	122.7	122.0	-0.6
Women's clothing stores	198.5	393.6	224.9	13.3	262.9	265.9	266.9	267.5	0.2
Family clothing stores	121.7	303.7	136.8	12.3	176.5	177.1	181.9	176.8	-2.8
Specialty shoe stores	17.0	26.4	21.0	23.2	20.0	21.8	23.3	21.5	-7.9
Family shoe stores	69.9	130.3	78.7	12.6	96.4	102.1	96.5	100.4	4.0
Hardware stores	71.4	137.0	89.3	25.1	116.5	116.6	109.6	120.5	9.9
Household furniture stores	118.1	168.4	133.7	13.2	154.6	149.7	149.8	148.4	-1.0
Household appliance stores	46.0	62.8	47.0	2.2	47.8	49.3	50.1	50.1	0.1
Furniture, TV, radio and appliance stores	85.4	151.0	109.1	27.7	112.6	115.3	119.7	121.7	1.7
Pharmacies, patent medicine and cosmetics stores	474.9	685.3	527.9	11.1	514.6	524.6	532.9	537.4	0.9
Book and stationery stores	53.9	134.4	65.5	21.3	67.6	69.1	69.7	72.4	3.8
Florists	30.4	66.2	36.4	19.8	45.1	44.7	44.4	48.5	9.2
Jewellery stores	54.8	246.9	63.2	15.3	92.0	92.7	86.8	92.9	7.1
Sporting goods and accessories stores	122.3	220.5	139.5	14.0	171.3	190.9	188.7	183.9	-2.5
Personal accessories stores	123.7	292.3	146.9	18.7	172.2	171.6	175.5	178.1	1.5
All other stores	1,016.4	1,995.7	1,164.5	14.5	1,362.7	1,379.0	1,395.6	1,414.6	1.4
All stores - Total	9,688.5	14,455.4	10,366.1	6.9	11,857.9	11,886.8	11,993.7	11,978.6	-0.1

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## Sales of Refined Petroleum Products

January 1987

### Highlights

#### Seasonally Adjusted

- Seasonally adjusted sales of refined petroleum products in January declined 6.2% from December 1986 to 6 174 540 cubic metres. This marks the third decrease in the last four months.
- The January decrease was broadly based across the main products. Sales of motor gasoline declined for the third time in the last four months, down 2.4% to 2 702 129 cubic metres. Diesel fuel sales decreased 11.3% to 1 182 295 cubic metres. This represents only the second decrease in diesel fuel sales since August 1986. Light fuel sales continued the downward trend started in September, falling 14.4% to a level of 480 342 cubic metres. Heavy fuel sales also declined, for the third time in the last four months, down 12.9% to 496 932 cubic metres.
- Excluding the main products, sales of the remaining 14 products declined by 2.8%. As a group, sales of these refined petroleum products represented less than 25% of all product sales in January.

#### Unadjusted Sales

- Total sales of refined petroleum products in January decreased 5.7% from the same month last year to 6 253 600 cubic metres. This represents the first decline in total sales since August of last year.
- Three of the four main products contributed to the January decrease. Motor gasoline sales fell 1.2% to a level of 2 417 700 cubic metres. Diesel fuel sales declined 11.6% to 987 000 cubic metres and light fuel sales also decreased to 990 300 cubic metres (-16.1%). Heavy fuel was the only main product to show increased sales over January 1986, rising 2.6% to 587 400 cubic metres.
- On a provincial basis, declines outnumbered increases by a margin of eight to four. Quebec posted the largest decrease (-163 600 cubic metres, -10.5%), followed by Ontario (-145 600 cubic metres, -6.1%). The largest gains were recorded in British Columbia (39 900 cubic metres, 6.4%) and in New Brunswick (39 300 cubic metres, 15.2%). The only other increases occurred in Prince Edward Island and the Yukon.

(see table on page 6)

Available on CANSIM: matrices 628-641 and 644-647.

Order the January 1987 issue of *Refined Petroleum Products* (45-004, \$15/\$150), available the third week of April. Contact: Gérard O'Connor (613-991-3562), Energy Section, Industry Division.

**Sales of Refined Petroleum Products**  
(thousands of cubic metres)

	October 1986	November 1986	December 1986 <sup>r</sup>	January 1987 <sup>p</sup>	January 1987/ December 1986
	Adjusted for seasonal variation				% change
<b>Total - all products</b>	<b>6 589.4</b>	<b>6 356.5</b>	<b>6 583.4</b>	<b>6 174.5</b>	<b>-6.2</b>
Main products:					
Motor gasoline	2 798.6	2 690.4	2 768.2	2 702.1	-2.4
Diesel fuel oil	1 236.2	1 199.9	1 333.0	1 182.3	-11.3
Light fuel oil	643.2	568.4	560.9	480.3	-14.4
Heavy fuel oil	503.9	498.1	570.8	496.9	-12.9

	January 1987 <sup>p</sup>	January 1986	December 1986 <sup>r</sup>	January 1987/ January 1986
	Not adjusted for seasonal variation			% change
<b>Total - all products</b>	<b>6 253.6</b>	<b>6 626.0</b>	<b>7 261.3</b>	<b>-5.7</b>
Main products:				
Motor gasoline	2 417.7	2 446.2	2 838.9	-1.1
Diesel fuel oil	987.0	1 115.6	1 241.5	-11.5
Light fuel oil	990.3	1 179.3	1 015.0	-16.0
Heavy fuel oil	587.4	572.6	827.5	2.6

<sup>p</sup> Preliminary figures.

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## Data Availability Announcements

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### **Tobacco Products**

February 1987

Canadian tobacco product firms produced 4,709,947,000 cigarettes in February 1987, a 13.8% decrease from the 5,461,060,000 cigarettes manufactured during the same period in 1986. Production for January to February 1987 totalled 9,712,620,000 cigarettes, down from 11,086,535,000 cigarettes for the corresponding period in 1986.

Domestic sales in February 1987 totalled 4,678,334,000 cigarettes, a decrease of 15.7% from the February 1986 amount of 5,548,118,000 cigarettes. Year-to-date sales in 1987 totalled 7,334,445,000 cigarettes, down 13.7% from the 1986 cumulative amount of 8,501,085,000 cigarettes.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 46.

Order the February 1987 issue of *Production and Disposition of Tobacco Products* (32-022, \$4/\$40), to be released the week of March 30. Contact: Brian Preston (613-991-3511), Industry Division.

Preliminary data for 30 major Canadian airports for May 1986 will appear in the Vol. 19, No. 3 issue of the *Aviation Statistics Centre Service Bulletin* (51-004, \$8.50/\$85), available early in April. Contact: K. Davidson (819-997-1386), Aviation Statistics Centre, Transportation Division.

### **Local Government Finance, Revenue and Expenditure 1986**

Revised data for 1985 and 1986 are available at 10:00 a.m. today on CANSIM: matrices 2764-2776.

Contact: G. Huneault (613-991-1812), Public Institutions Division.

### **Airport Activity Statistics: Scheduled Services**

May 1986

Preliminary airport activity data indicate that approximately 3.7 million passengers travelling on scheduled services, enplaned and deplaned at the top 10 Canadian airports during May 1986, an increase of 12.4% compared to May 1985. Eight of the top 10 airports showed increases in traffic volumes, the gains ranging from 0.6% at Ottawa International to 37.0% at Vancouver International. The substantial increase in traffic recorded at Vancouver International was due to the opening of Expo 86 in May 1986.

## Production of Soft Drinks

February 1987

Soft drink production for February 1987 was estimated at 1 297 336 hectolitres, a decrease of 6.6% from 1 388 676 hectolitres (revised figure) a year earlier.

Year-to-date production was estimated at 2 636 829 hectolitres, compared to the corresponding 1986 amount of 2 728 884 hectolitres (revised figure). These data are based on carbon dioxide usage.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 196.

Order the February 1987 issue of *Monthly Production of Soft Drinks* (32-001, \$2/\$20), to be released the week of March 23. Contact: Brian Preston (613-991-3511), Industry Division.

## Structural Steel Price Indexes

Fourth Quarter 1986

Price indexes for the fourth quarter of 1986 for fabricated structural steel-in-place are now available. These indexes showed a decrease of 0.1% from the third quarter, at the Canada level and an increase of 1.3% from a year earlier.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 419.

Order the first quarter 1987 issue of *Construction Price Statistics* (62-007, \$15/\$60), available in June. Contact: Bernard Lebrun (613-991-3389), Prices Division.

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