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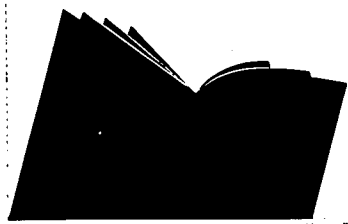
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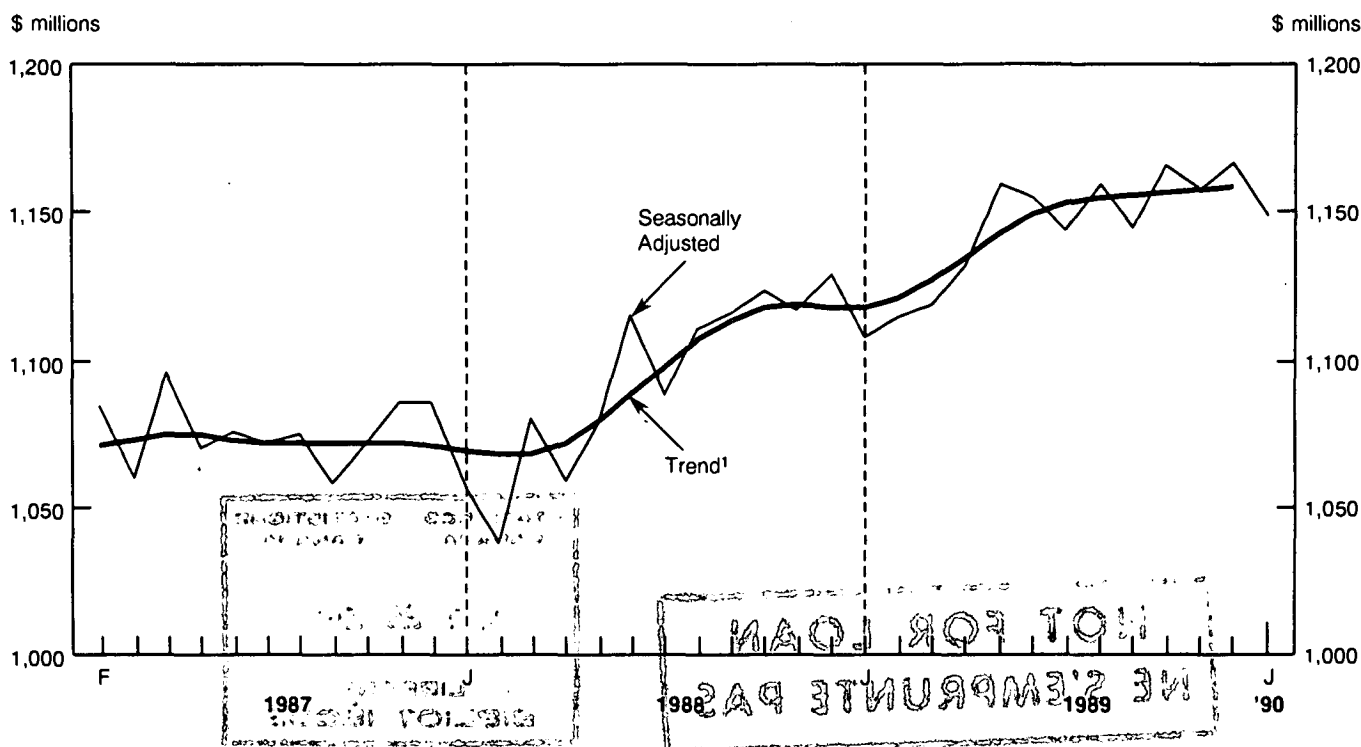


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Department Store Sales, Canada



¹ The short-term trend represents a weighted average of data.

Department Store Sales and Stocks

January 1990

Highlights

Seasonally Adjusted

- Adjusted for seasonal fluctuations and the number of trading days, department store sales including concessions totalled \$1,148 million in January 1990, a decline of 1.6% from the previous month's revised total of \$1,167 million.
- The decrease in January followed an increase of 0.8% in December and a decline of 0.7% in November 1989.
- Department store stocks (at selling value) totalled \$4,696 million at the end of January, a decrease

of 1.3% from the December 1989 revised value of \$4,760 million. This drop constitutes the third consecutive monthly decline.

- The ratio of stocks-to-sales stood at 4.09:1 in January, a decrease from the average ratio of 4.13:1 observed in the three previous months.

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Order the January 1990 issue of *Department Store Sales and Stocks* (63-002, \$13/\$130), available the third week of May. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, contact Maurice Massaad (613-951-9682) or Roger Laplante (613-951-3552), Retail Trade Section, Industry Division. □

Department Store Sales, Canada (including concessions)

	Unadjusted				Seasonally Adjusted						
	Jan. 1989	Dec. 1989	Jan. 1990	Jan. 1990/ 1989	Jan. 1989	Oct. 1989 ^r	Nov. 1989 ^r	Dec. 1989 ^r	Jan. 1990 ^p	Jan. 1990/ Dec. 1989	Jan. 1990/ 1989
	millions of \$			%	millions of \$					%	%
Total Sales	738.4	2,180.4	776.9	5.2	1,107.9	1,165.3	1,157.1	1,166.6	1,147.7	-1.6	3.6
Total Stocks	3,833.9	4,313.0	3,954.3	3.1	4,495.1	4,867.0	4,771.2	4,760.0	4,695.8	-1.3	4.5
Stocks-to-Sales Ratio	5.19	1.98	5.09		4.06	4.18	4.12	4.08	4.09		

^r revised

^p preliminary

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