

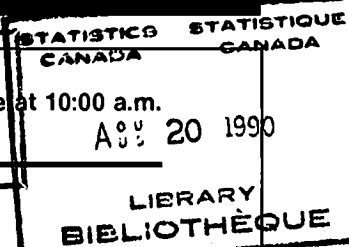


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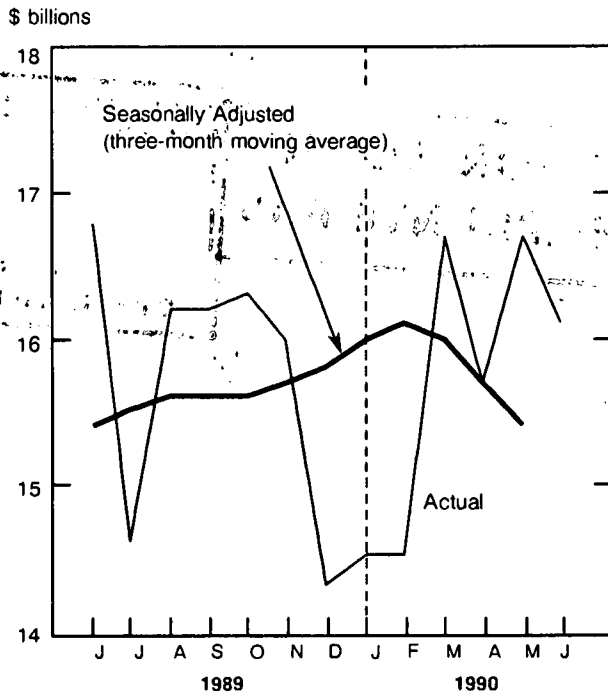
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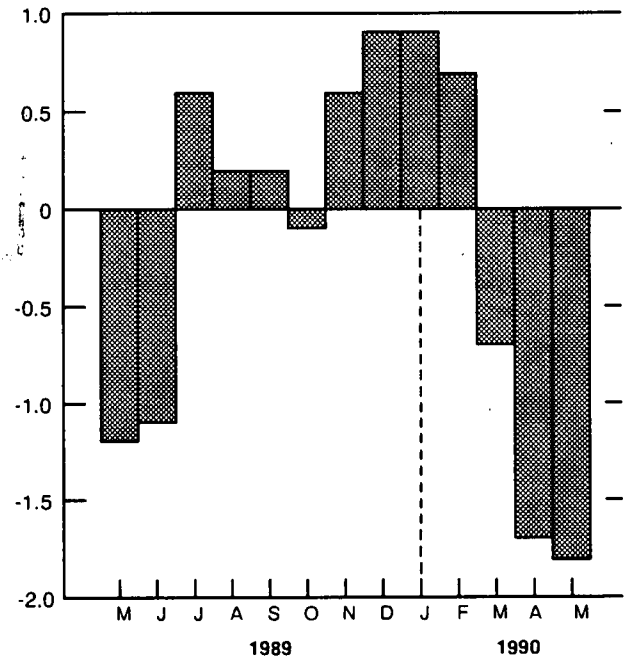
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Wholesale Merchants' Sales



% monthly change, seasonally adjusted
(three-month moving average)



Wholesale Trade

June 1990

Highlights

Unadjusted Sales - June 1990

- In June, wholesale merchants' sales were \$16.1 billion, a decrease of 4.1% from the same month a year earlier. However, wholesale merchants' sales decreased 2.1% when adjusted for differences in trading days. The downward trend continued as a year-over-year sales decrease was recorded for the fifth time in six months.
- The overall decline between June 1989 and June 1990 sales was primarily attributable, in order of

dollar impact, to decreases reported by wholesalers of metals, hardware, plumbing and heating equipment and supplies (-16.7%), wholesalers of other machinery, equipment and supplies (-5.5%) and wholesalers of lumber and building materials (-10.4%). Gains were reported by wholesalers of other products, up 7.5%.

- Regionally, all provinces posted sales decreases, ranging from -14.4% in New Brunswick to -0.3% for Manitoba.

Year-to-date

- For the first six months of 1990, cumulative sales were estimated at \$94.2 billion, 1.1% lower than the value for the corresponding period in 1989.

Seasonally Adjusted Sales – May 1990

- Wholesale merchants' sales on a seasonally adjusted basis were down 1.8% from the previous month, to \$15.4 billion in May 1990. Sales declined for the third consecutive month.
- Eight of the nine trade groups registered lower sales than in April 1990. The trade group having the most significant dollar impact on the overall sales decrease was wholesalers of other products (-3.2%). Higher sales were reported by wholesalers of farm machinery, equipment and supplies, up 0.1%.

- Regionally, declines were registered in nine provinces and the territories, ranging from -7.5% in the Yukon and Northwest Territories to -0.7% for New Brunswick. A gain of 0.3% was recorded in Newfoundland.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 648 and 649.

The June 1990 issue of *Wholesale Trade* (63-008, \$14.40/\$144) will be available the first week of September. See "How to Order Publications".

For more information on this release, contact Gilles Berniquez (613-951-3540), Industry Division.

Wholesale Merchants' Sales, by Trade Group and Region

June 1990

Trade group	Unadjusted				Seasonally adjusted						
	June 1989	May 1990 ^r	June 1990 ^p	June 1990/1989	May 1989	Feb. 1990 ^r	March 1990 ^r	April 1990 ^r	May 1990 ^p	May 1990/ April 1990	May 1990/ 1989
Canada	millions of \$				%						
Food, beverage, drug and tobacco products	3,626	3,722	3,604	-0.6	3,458	3,615	3,617	3,568	3,550	-0.5	2.7
Apparel and dry goods	357	308	280	-21.5	437	390	398	399	381	-4.4	-12.8
Household goods	517	545	510	-1.3	536	588	571	563	551	-2.0	2.8
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories	1,889	1,898	1,798	-4.8	1,767	1,790	1,773	1,740	1,694	-2.6	-4.1
Metals, hardware, plumbing and heating equipment and supplies	1,406	1,330	1,171	-16.7	1,347	1,316	1,288	1,253	1,204	-3.9	-10.7
Lumber and building materials	2,022	1,835	1,811	-10.4	1,604	1,580	1,579	1,560	1,546	-0.9	-3.6
Farm machinery, equipment and supplies	428	479	416	-2.7	387	376	383	384	384	0.1	-0.6
Other machinery, equipment and supplies	4,058	3,661	3,834	-5.5	3,847	3,899	3,870	3,761	3,709	-1.4	-3.6
Other products	2,514	2,915	2,703	7.5	2,232	2,526	2,490	2,463	2,384	-3.2	6.8
Total, all trades	16,818	16,693	16,129	-4.1	15,616	16,080	15,968	15,690	15,404	-1.8	-1.4
Regions											
Newfoundland	182	170	170	-6.5	168	157	157	158	159	0.3	-5.7
Prince Edward Island	40	39	37	-7.7	39	42	40	39	37	-5.9	-5.7
Nova Scotia	432	418	426	-1.2	407	411	413	407	400	-1.7	-1.5
New Brunswick	336	290	288	-14.4	298	275	274	271	269	-0.7	-9.6
Quebec	4,163	4,189	3,899	-6.3	3,872	4,109	3,989	3,844	3,768	-2.0	-2.7
Ontario	6,712	6,627	6,524	-2.8	6,286	6,364	6,372	6,314	6,215	-1.6	-1.1
Manitoba	565	593	564	-0.3	507	524	522	512	506	-1.1	-0.2
Saskatchewan	582	607	527	-9.5	507	539	520	511	502	-1.7	-0.9
Alberta	1,619	1,625	1,593	-1.6	1,487	1,478	1,500	1,510	1,489	-1.4	0.1
British Columbia	2,165	2,115	2,082	-3.9	1,984	2,168	2,148	2,103	2,045	-2.8	3.1
Yukon and Northwest Territories	21	19	20	-6.2	20	21	20	18	17	-7.5	-14.1

^r Revised figure.

^p Preliminary figure.

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Soft Drinks

July 1990

Data on soft drinks for July 1990 are now available.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 196.

The publication *Monthly Production of Soft Drinks* (32-001, \$2.70/\$27) will be released at a later date. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, contact Brian Preston (613-951-3511), Industry Division. ■

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