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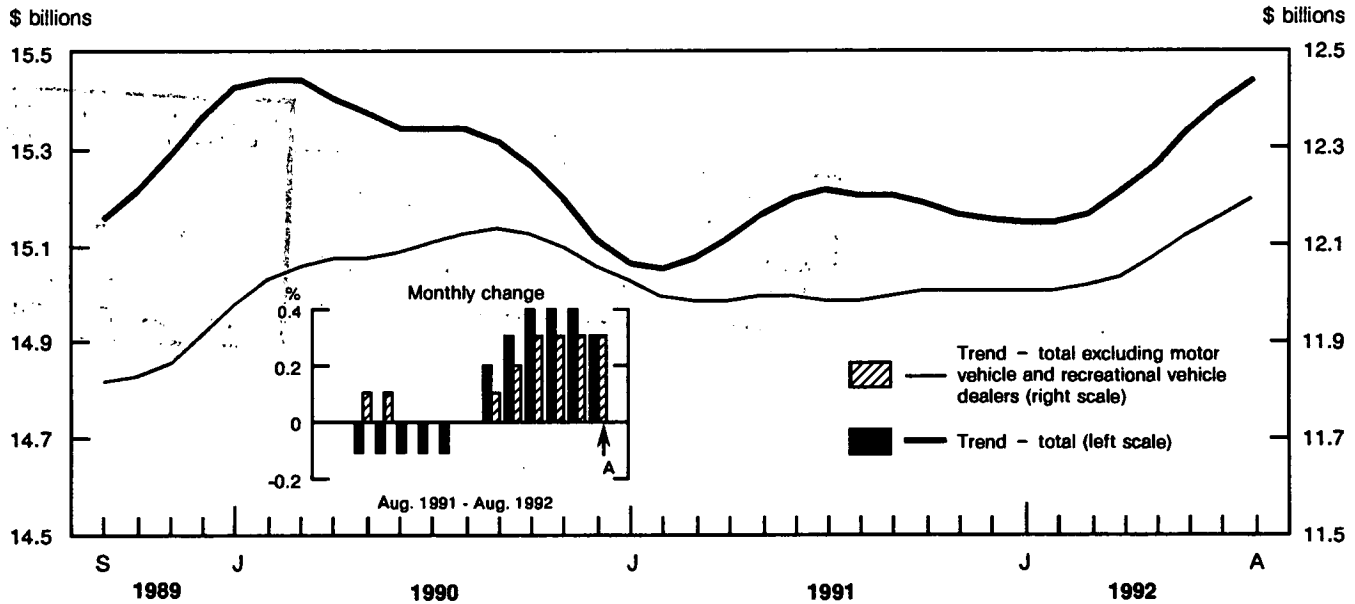
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MAJOR RELEASE

Retail Sales Trends¹ - Canada



¹ Trends represent smoothed seasonally adjusted data. Data prior to 1991 have been adjusted to remove the Federal Sales Tax to be comparable to January 1991 and subsequent data.

Retail Trade

August 1992

Highlights

Seasonally Adjusted Monthly Sales in Current Dollars

- Preliminary estimates indicate that retail sales rose 0.5% in August to \$15.5 billion, following gains in both July (+0.2%) and June (+1.4%).
- Higher sales in August were primarily attributable, in order of dollar impact, to increases reported by supermarkets and grocery stores (+2.0%), drug and patent medicine stores (+1.4%) and automotive parts, accessories and services (+1.4%). Partly counterbalancing these gains was a decline reported by gasoline service stations (-1.8%).
- Higher sales by supermarkets and grocery stores in August followed no growth in July and a gain of

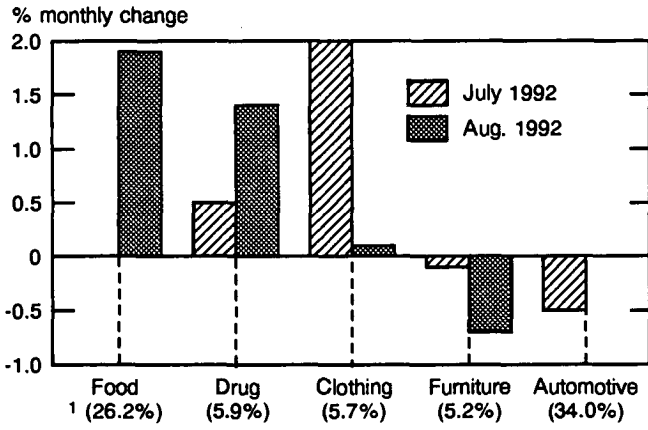
1.3% in June. Drug and patent medicine stores continued their pattern of increasing sales apparent since January 1992. Higher sales in August by automotive parts, accessories and services mostly offset the decrease reported in July (-1.6%). Lower sales by gasoline service stations in August followed a decline of 1.2% in July.

- Seven provinces posted sales increases in August, ranging from 0.1% in Ontario to 2.1% in Prince Edward Island. Lower sales were reported for Newfoundland(-0.6%) and Quebec (-0.2%), with no change reported for Saskatchewan.

Trends

- Excluding the variations caused by fluctuating sales of motor vehicle and recreational vehicle dealers, the trend for retail sales was relatively stable from January 1991 to February 1992 and has risen steadily since March 1992.

**Retail Sales, by Major Group
Seasonally Adjusted**



¹ Percentage of total sales

Year-to-date Sales in Current Dollars

- Cumulative retail sales in current dollars for the first eight months of 1992 amounted to \$118.6 billion, up 1.0% from the corresponding period in 1991. In July, cumulative sales were also 1.0% higher than in the same period of the previous year.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 2399 (seasonally adjusted), 2400 (not seasonally adjusted), 2398 (department store type merchandise totals for the provinces and territories) and 2299, 2401-2417 (quarterly trade group estimates for Canada, the provinces, territories and totals for the four census metropolitan areas).

The August 1992 issue of *Retail Trade* (63-005, \$18.20/\$182) will be available the first week of November. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact John Svab (613-951-3549), Retail Trade Section, Industry Division. □

Retail Sales, by Trade Group and by Region
August 1992

Trade group	Unadjusted				Seasonally Adjusted							
	Aug. 1991	July 1992 ^r	Aug. 1992 ^p	Aug. 1992/1991	Aug. 1991	May 1992 ^r	June 1992 ^r	July 1992 ^r	Aug. 1992 ^p	Aug./July 1992/1991	Aug. 1992/1991	
	millions of \$		%		millions of \$				%			
Canada												
Supermarkets and grocery stores	3,935	3,974	3,806	-3.3	3,635	3,654	3,702	3,700	3,773	2.0	3.8	
All other food stores	311	309	294	-5.5	294	290	285	285	288	0.9	-2.2	
Drug and patent medicine stores	813	897	883	8.7	811	888	895	899	912	1.4	12.5	
Shoe stores	140	114	132	-6.0	133	127	126	127	129	1.6	-3.1	
Men's clothing stores	129	111	113	-12.9	149	131	132	133	132	-0.9	-11.8	
Women's clothing stores	301	286	294	-2.2	306	304	303	307	311	1.3	1.7	
Other clothing stores	326	276	315	-3.3	314	314	308	320	317	-1.1	0.8	
Household furniture and appliance stores	679	635	629	-7.4	646	606	628	628	623	-0.8	-3.6	
Household furnishings stores	182	193	188	3.3	174	178	186	186	185	-0.5	6.7	
Motor vehicle and recreational vehicle dealers	3,034	3,648	3,147	3.7	3,066	3,181	3,251	3,252	3,259	0.2	6.3	
Gasoline service stations	1,294	1,288	1,225	-5.3	1,192	1,118	1,180	1,165	1,144	-1.8	-4.0	
Automotive parts, accessories and services	882	907	837	-5.1	875	857	860	846	858	1.4	-2.0	
General merchandise stores	1,738	1,640	1,698	-2.3	1,756	1,742	1,735	1,771	1,772	--	0.9	
Other semi-durable goods stores	511	548	543	6.4	494	520	527	535	540	0.9	9.2	
Other durable goods stores	420	410	403	-3.9	413	401	414	420	414	-1.4	0.2	
All other retail stores	948	939	880	-7.2	836	848	845	833	835	0.2	-0.2	
Total, all stores	15,644	16,174	15,389	-1.6	15,095	15,159	15,378	15,408	15,490	0.5	2.6	
Total excluding motor vehicle and recreational vehicle dealers	12,609	12,527	12,242	-2.9	12,029	11,978	12,127	12,157	12,231	0.6	1.7	
Department store type merchandise	5,239	5,111	5,200	-0.7	5,197	5,212	5,254	5,326	5,334	0.1	2.6	
Regions												
Newfoundland	303	296	282	-7.0	286	265	276	279	278	-0.6	-3.0	
Prince Edward Island	72	80	75	4.3	64	66	66	68	69	2.1	7.4	
Nova Scotia	521	541	515	-1.2	491	505	526	508	510	0.5	3.8	
New Brunswick	405	421	404	-0.3	385	387	391	392	400	1.9	3.7	
Quebec	3,926	3,989	3,753	-4.4	3,758	3,742	3,798	3,775	3,766	-0.2	0.2	
Ontario	5,675	5,960	5,594	-1.4	5,583	5,608	5,661	5,748	5,752	0.1	3.0	
Manitoba	535	544	524	-2.0	523	526	519	529	534	1.1	2.1	
Saskatchewan	457	461	443	-3.0	440	447	438	445	446	--	1.2	
Alberta	1,638	1,687	1,675	2.3	1,582	1,612	1,625	1,637	1,671	2.0	5.6	
British Columbia	2,064	2,143	2,072	0.4	1,958	1,953	2,007	2,018	2,049	1.5	4.7	
Yukon	17	18	18	5.7	14	14	15	15	15	2.5	7.9	
Northwest Territories	31	36	33	5.9	30	31	32	33	32	-1.4	7.5	

^p Preliminary figure.

^r Revised figure.

-- Amount too small to be expressed.

DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Postcensal Estimates of Population by Age, Sex and Marital Status for Canada, Provinces and Territories

June 1, 1992

Note: *These figures are still based on the 1986 Census.*

Postcensal estimates of population by age, sex and marital status at June 1, 1992 are now available.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 6457-6469 (population).

These estimates will appear in *Postcensal Annual Estimates of Population by Marital Status, Age, Sex and Components of Growth for Canada, Provinces and Territories, June 1, 1992* (91-210, \$29).

For more detailed information, contact the nearest Statistics Canada Regional Reference Centre or Lise Champagne (613-951-2320), Demography Division. ■

Electric Lamps

September 1992

Canadian light bulb and tube manufacturers sold 23,904,427 light bulbs and tubes in September 1992, a decrease of 6.2% from the 25,471,969^r (revised) units sold a year earlier.

Year-to-date sales in September 1992 amounted to 189,894,968 light bulbs and tubes, down 2.0% from the 193,804,879^r sold during the same period in 1991.

The September 1992 issue of *Electric Lamps* (43-009, \$5/\$50) will be available at a later date.

For more detailed information on this release, contact Laurie Vincent (613-951-3523), Industry Division. ■

Electric Lamps

Third Quarter 1992

Data on imports, manufacturers' production, and inventories of electric lamps for the third quarter of 1992 are now available.

For more detailed information, contact Laurie Vincent (613-951-3523), Industry Division. ■

Restaurants, Caterers and Taverns

August 1992

Restaurant, caterer and tavern receipts totalled \$1,711 million for August 1992, an increase of 3.1% over the \$1,660 million reported for the year-earlier period.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 52.

The August 1992 issue of *Restaurants, Caterers and Taverns* (63-011, \$6.10/\$61) will be available in approximately three weeks. See "How to Order Publications"

For more detailed information on this release, contact William Birbeck, Services, Science and Technology Division (613-951-3506). ■

Soft Drinks

September 1992

Data on soft drinks for September 1992 are now available.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 196.

Monthly Production of Soft Drinks (32-001, \$2.70/\$27) will be released at a later date.

For further information, contact Peter Zylstra (613-951-3511), Industry Division. ■

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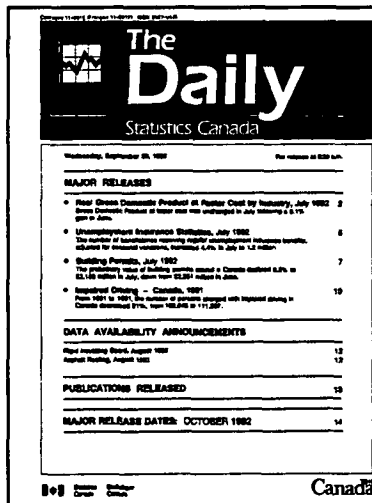
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