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Seasonally Adjusted

The movement in recent months is due, in part, to the international transactions of commodities traditionally handled by wholesalers – transactions such as export sales made by suppliers of lumber and building materials and imports through wholesalers of other machinery, equipment and supplies.

Growth was broadly based as sales for seven of the nine trade groups rose. The most significant increases (in dollar terms) were by suppliers of food, drug and tobacco products, up 3.5% from April after two months of lower sales. The second largest rise was by wholesalers of other machinery, equipment and supplies, up 2.8% but still below last year's levels.

The largest monthly decline was by wholesalers of lumber and building materials, down 2.1% from

April. This was the second consecutive decrease following four months of growth.

Seven of the provinces and territories had higher sales in May. The increases ranged from +1.6% in Quebec to +4.7% in Nova Scotia.

In May, wholesale merchants' inventories totalled \$25.8 billion, down 0.6% from April. The inventories-to-sales ratio at the end of May was 1.56:1, down from 1.60:1 at the end of April.

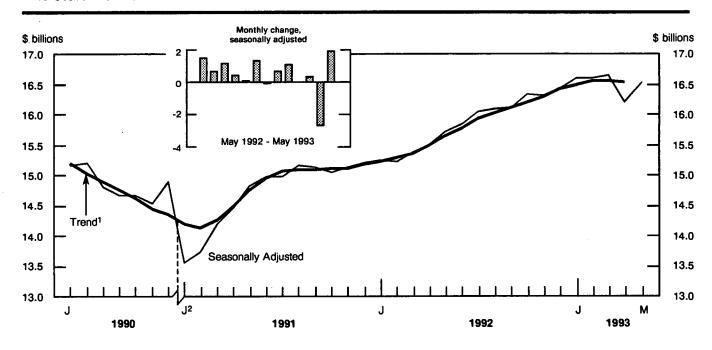
Wholesalers interact with various sectors of the economy both in buying and selling goods. More specifically, wholesalers purchase through a network of importers, manufacturers and other wholesalers. They sell to other wholesalers, retailers, household consumers, industrial and commercial users, and to foreign markets.

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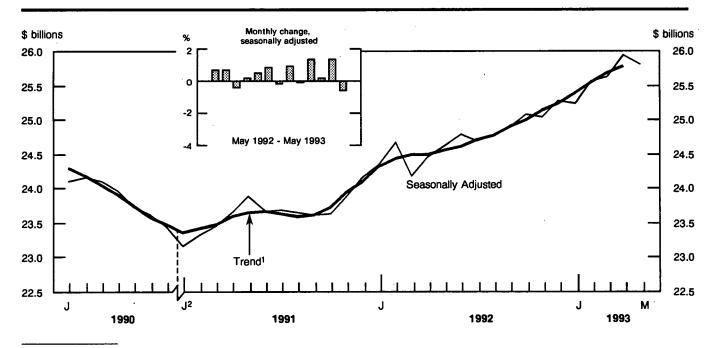
The May issue of Wholesale Trade (63-008, \$14.40/\$144) will be available the second week of August. See "How to Order Publications".

For more information on this release, contact Larry Murphy (613-951-3542) or Gilles Berniquez (613-951-3540), Industry Division.

Wholesale Merchants' Sales



Wholesale Merchants' Inventories



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

Prior to 1991, data includes Federal Sales Tax. Its successor, the Goods and Services Tax, is not included in the 1991 and later data.

	May 1992			May 1992 to May 1993	May 1992		March 1993	April 1993	May r 1993P	April to May 1993	May 1992 to May 1993
	unadjusted			seasonally adjusted							
Canada	\$ millions			% change	\$ millions			% change			
Trade group				g							
Food, beverage, drug and tobacco products	4,146	4,302	4,500	8.5	4,109	4,424	4,418	4,308	4,458	3.5	8.5
Apparel and dry goods	291	408	344	18.4	372	439	436	429	444	3.3	19.2
Household goods	491	551	513	4.4	540	596	594	576	576		6.8
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories Metals, hardware, plumbing and heating	1,860	1,904	1,949	4.8	1,732	1,779	1,808	1,772	1,810	2.2	4.5
equipment and supplies	1,125	1,147	1,177	4.6	1,068	1,151	1,145	1,136	1,138	0.2	6.6
Lumber and building materials	1,723	1,638 429	1,832	6.3	1,480	1,626	1,674	1,603	1,569	-2.1	6.0
Farm machinery, equipment and supplies Other machinery, equipment and supplies	418 3,556	429 3,397	446 3,373	6.8 -5.2	346 3,603	362 3,632	348 3,649	353 3,409	357 3,505	1.2 2.8	3.3 -2.7
Other machinery, equipment and supplies Other products	2,815	2,711	3,046	8.2	2,467	2,587	2,580	2,623	2,664	1.6	8.0
Total, all trades	16,426	16,487	17,181	4.6	15,717	16,597	16,652	16,208	16,521	1.9	5.1
Regions											
Newfoundland	159	156	168	5.1	165	171	172	176	175	-0.7	6.4
Prince Edward Island	46	36	44	-5.1	45	42	41	40	41	3.2	-8.8
Nova Scotia	394	345	396	0.6	359	376	360	344	360	4.7	0.2
New Brunswick	249	223	244	-2.1	248	247	240	231	240	3.6	-3.2
Quebec	4,103	3,911	4,124	0.5	3,933	3,949	4,029	3,936	4,000	1.6	1.7
Ontario	6,674	6,843	6,987	4.7	6,461	6,924	6,927	6,621	6,822	3.0	5.6
Manitoba Saskatchewan	639 535	583 495	686 599	7.5	549 477	576 503	588 512	584	583	-0.1 -1.2	6.2
Alberta	1,528	1,515	1,616	11.9 5.8	1,420	503 1,523	1,501	517 1,482	511 1,511	2.0	7.2 6.4
British Columbia	2,080	2,360	2,297	10.4	2,041	2,265	2,264	2,256	2,257		10.6
Yukon and Northwest Territories	19	20	21	10.7	19	21	20	22	22	-0.3	12.6
Wholesale Merchants' Inventories	Mari	الدرد ۵		Man	M	6- L	N 4 h	الد. ۵	M	الد م	
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Trade group Food, beverage, drug and tobacco products Apparel and dry goods Household goods	3,002 871 1,189	\$ million: 3,276 936 1,260	3,389 977 1,290	12.9 12.1 8.4	836 1,189	3,274 949 1,143	3,200 935 1,188	3,306 923 1,260	3,334 942 1,290	0.8 2.0 2.4	12.5 12.7 8.4
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Local Government Long-term Debt June 1993

Estimates for the accumulated long-term debt of local governments for all provinces except Ontario are now available.

For further information on this release, contact Marlene Vollmer (613-951-1830), Public Institutions Division.

Data are also available through custom and special tabulations. For more information or general inquiries on Public Institutions Division products or services, contact Patricia Phillips, Data Dissemination and External Relations Coordinator (613-951-0767).

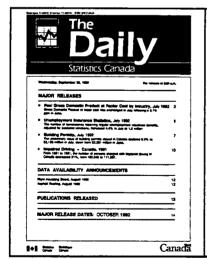
Restaurants, Caterers and Taverns May 1993

Restaurant, caterer and tavern receipts totalled \$1,702 million in May 1993, up 3.4% from \$1,646 million a year earlier.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 52.

The May 1993 issue of Restaurants, Caterers and Taverns (63-011, \$6.10/\$61) will be available in about three weeks. See "How to Order Publications".

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



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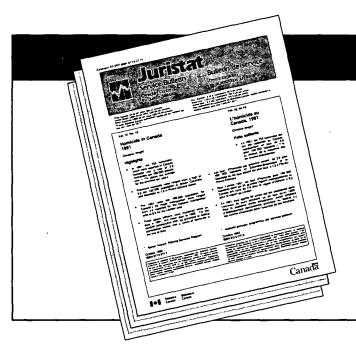
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