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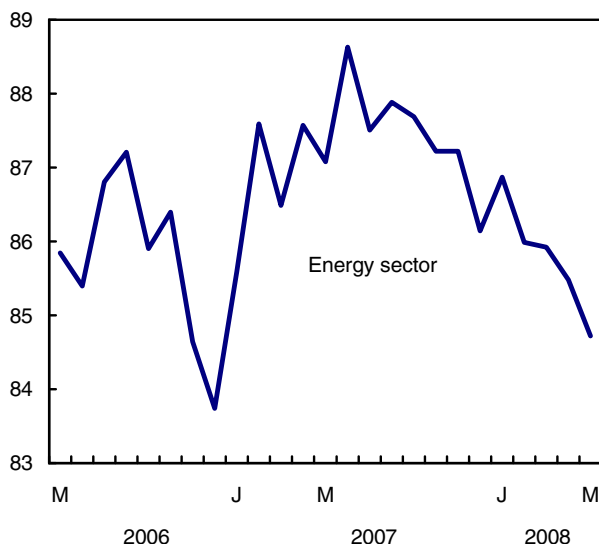
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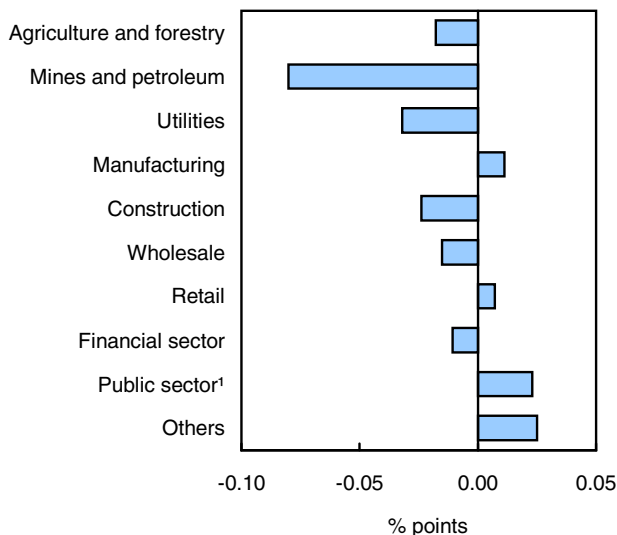


Energy sector output declines

gross domestic product in billions of chained (2002) dollars



Main industrial sectors' contribution to total growth



1. Education, health and public administration.

The finance and insurance sector drops

The finance and insurance sector retreated as a result of a reduced level of activity in banking services and on the financial markets, while the issuance of new Canadian stocks and bonds was strong.

Construction activity decreases

The construction sector fell for a third consecutive month, down 0.4% in May. All three components (residential buildings, non-residential buildings, and engineering and repair work) declined.

The increases in apartment and row house construction were not enough to offset the declines in single-family and semi-detached homes construction and in alterations and improvements work. In the non-residential sector, the drop in industrial building construction was only partially offset by the increases in commercial and public buildings.

Activities of real estate agents and brokers declined for a sixth consecutive month, due to lower sales of existing homes in most provinces.

Wholesale trade retreats

Value added in wholesale trade edged down 0.3% in May. Notable declines were recorded in the volume of wholesaling of building materials and automotive products. Wholesaling of petroleum products also dropped. However, significant increases were posted in home and personal products, and other products (which primarily include agricultural, chemical, recycled material and paper products).

Manufacturing activity up slightly

Manufacturing production edged up 0.1% in May, on the heels of a partial rebound in April. The gain in non-durable manufacturing slightly outpaced the decline in durable manufacturing. Printing and related support activities, and computer and electronic product manufacturing, made significant advances. Manufacturing of machinery equipment for mining and oil and gas extraction posted a third consecutive monthly increase. Conversely, motor vehicle and associated parts production fell by 3.6% in May, following an April increase. Manufacturing of clothing, and of plastics and rubber products continued to fall.

Manufacturing of petroleum and coal products increased significantly for a second consecutive month, returning to a more normal level of production, following the completion of maintenance and repairs by some refineries in April.

Retail trade advances

Value added in the retail trade sector grew 0.1% in May. There were notable increases in the volume of activities at new and used cars dealers as well as in home centres and hardware stores. In contrast, the volume of sales by food and beverage stores was down.

Other industries

The accommodation services industry retreated by 0.3% for the month. The decline in the number of overnight travellers from the United States was the primary cause behind the decrease.

The forestry industry posted a 6.2% decline in May. This industry continues to suffer from weak US demand and a strong Canadian dollar.

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The May 2008 issue of *Gross Domestic Product by Industry*, Vol. 22, no. 5 (15-001-XWE, free), is now available from the *Publications* module of our website.

Data on gross domestic product by industry for June will be released on August 29.

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Monthly gross domestic product by industry at basic prices in chained (2002) dollars

	December 2007 ^r	January 2008 ^r	February 2008 ^r	March 2008 ^r	April 2008 ^r	May 2008 ^p	May 2008	May 2007 to May 2008
Seasonally adjusted								
	month-to-month % change					\$ millions ¹	% change	
All Industries	-0.7	0.6	-0.3	-0.2	0.4	-0.1	1,231,068	0.6
Goods-producing industries	-1.8	0.5	-0.6	-1.0	0.4	-0.5	366,447	-3.5
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	-0.8	-0.4	-0.2	1.0	-0.1	-0.9	26,434	-2.7
Mining and oil and gas extraction	-1.2	0.6	-0.5	-0.4	-0.6	-1.2	55,947	-3.7
Utilities	-0.7	-0.7	-0.1	0.4	-0.6	-1.3	30,930	-1.6
Construction	0.0	0.3	0.2	-0.5	-0.5	-0.4	76,834	0.4
Manufacturing	-3.2	0.9	-1.1	-2.2	1.7	0.1	176,270	-5.5
Services-producing industries	-0.2	0.6	-0.2	0.2	0.4	0.0	866,143	2.6
Wholesale trade	-2.3	3.0	-1.8	-1.2	1.8	-0.3	73,082	3.0
Retail trade	0.1	1.1	-0.6	0.2	0.7	0.1	75,440	2.5
Transportation and warehousing	-1.1	0.7	-0.6	0.8	0.7	-0.1	57,117	1.5
Information and cultural industries	0.2	-0.4	-0.0	0.5	0.1	-0.1	44,820	1.9
Finance, insurance and real estate	0.2	0.4	-0.0	0.5	0.3	-0.1	246,263	2.8
Professional, scientific and technical services	-0.0	0.1	-0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	58,058	1.5
Administrative and waste management services	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.2	32,489	3.1
Education services	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	58,804	2.5
Health care and social assistance	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	78,329	2.3
Arts, entertainment and recreation	-2.4	1.3	0.3	-0.4	0.2	1.6	11,934	3.7
Accommodation and food services	-0.1	1.6	0.1	0.4	1.2	0.3	28,790	4.4
Other services (except public administration)	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	31,619	2.7
Public administration	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	69,467	2.4
Other aggregations								
Industrial production	-2.4	0.7	-0.8	-1.4	0.8	-0.4	264,125	-4.6
Non-durable manufacturing industries	-1.3	-0.2	-1.1	-1.2	1.3	0.7	70,464	-3.7
Durable manufacturing industries	-4.6	1.7	-1.1	-2.9	2.0	-0.3	105,951	-6.7
Business sector industries	-0.8	0.7	-0.4	-0.3	0.5	-0.2	1,034,406	0.3
Non-business sector industries	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	196,629	2.2
Information and communication technologies industries	0.1	0.3	-0.1	0.1	0.9	0.2	58,266	3.1
Energy sector	-1.2	0.8	-1.0	-0.1	-0.5	-0.9	84,723	-2.7

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^p preliminary

1. Millions of chained (2002) dollars, seasonally adjusted at annual rates.



Study: Market share in the retail trade sector 2007

General merchandisers lost market share on most fronts in 2007 with one notable exception, food and beverages.

General merchandise stores, typically multi-line retailers that offer a wide array of merchandise and related services, accounted for 12.0% of total retail sales in 2007, down from 12.2% in 2006 and 12.6% in 1999.

In 2007, general merchandisers lost market share in six major commodity groupings while gaining in only two categories. The most notable shift in the product line of general merchandisers was the continuing loss in market share for clothing, footwear and accessories, while they gained market share in food and beverages.

In fact, for the first time since 1998, food and beverages became the largest sales category, replacing clothing, footwear and accessories for general merchandise stores.

Meanwhile, most of the specialized retail stores in Canada such as pharmacies, clothing, and furniture stores gained market share for their main product line in 2007.

Note: The study, "Retailers competing for market share: 2007 retail sales in review," is the third in a series of annual reviews on Canada's retail trade sector. It focuses on competition for market share by various store types in 2007, and by specific product categories.

Market share analysis highlights the changing shopping patterns of consumers in terms of the type of store they visit to make their purchases.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2008.

The study, "Retailers competing for market share: 2007 retail sales in review," is now available in the *Analysis in Brief* (11-621-MWE2008075, free) series, from the *Publications* module of our website.

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Food services and drinking places May 2008 (preliminary)

Total seasonally adjusted sales for the food services and drinking places industry increased by 0.6% to \$4.0 billion in May. With the exception of a temporary setback in March, sales in this industry have grown every month so far this year.

The largest sector of the industry, full-service restaurants, saw sales increase by 0.4% in May. Sales in this sector, which is comprised of restaurants where patrons order and pay for meals at their table, were 9.0% higher in May compared with the same month of 2007.

Sales in the limited-service eating places sector grew by 0.9% in May. Sales in this sector, which is characterized by restaurants where meals are ordered and paid for at the counter, were 5.3% higher in May compared with May 2007.

Sales in the special food services sector, which comprises contractors, social caterers and mobile food services, grew by 0.4% from April to May and stood 1.4% higher compared with May 2007.

In the drinking places sector, sales edged up 0.1% between April and May. Year-over-year, this sector continued to show negative growth in May.

Prince Edward Island was the only province to post lower sales in May, while the other provinces saw sales increases of 2.0% or less.

Note: Data prior to September 2007 from the new Monthly Survey of Food Services and Drinking Places were backcast to January 1998 using the old Monthly Survey of Restaurants, Caterers and Taverns. While every measure was taken to account for changes in survey concepts and design, some caution should be taken when comparing current estimates with those made prior to September 2007. Likewise, caution should also be exercised when using the seasonally adjusted estimates, as the seasonal adjustment factors are calculated using data from both the new survey as well as the backcast data.

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Food services and drinking places

	May 2007	March 2008 ^r	April 2008 ^r	May 2008 ^p	April to May 2008	May 2007 to May 2008
Seasonally adjusted						
	\$ thousands				% change	
Total, food services sales	3,765,235	3,886,916	3,979,300	4,001,803	0.6	6.3
Full-service restaurants	1,697,480	1,792,117	1,843,521	1,850,769	0.4	9.0
Limited-service eating places	1,549,064	1,589,253	1,616,988	1,630,744	0.9	5.3
Special food services	318,312	312,495	321,295	322,641	0.4	1.4
Drinking places	200,379	193,051	197,496	197,649	0.1	-1.4
Provinces and territories						
Newfoundland and Labrador	43,882	44,689	46,281	46,621	0.7	6.2
Prince Edward Island	13,389	12,481	13,109	12,862	-1.9	-3.9
Nova Scotia	92,202	99,423	103,468	104,811	1.3	13.7
New Brunswick	69,055	67,798	70,339	71,729	2.0	3.9
Quebec	758,326	763,308	783,422	787,135	0.5	3.8
Ontario	1,416,821	1,489,328	1,533,479	1,536,598	0.2	8.5
Manitoba	106,118	113,660	116,706	116,721	0.0	10.0
Saskatchewan	95,813	103,231	104,711	104,978	0.3	9.6
Alberta	528,985	541,966	542,954	546,791	0.7	3.4
British Columbia	629,744	639,800	653,711	661,643	1.2	5.1
Yukon	4,114	3,438	3,338	F	F	F
Northwest Territories	6,322	7,169	7,265	F	F	F
Nunavut	464	625	517	F	F	F

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Note: Figures may not add up to totals due to rounding.

Food services and drinking places

	May 2007	March 2008 ^r	April 2008 ^r	May 2008 ^p
Not seasonally adjusted				
	\$ thousands			
Total, food services sales	3,880,032	3,760,071	3,879,045	4,189,190
Full-service restaurants	1,739,684	1,710,983	1,762,269	1,937,869
Limited-service eating places	1,622,908	1,533,705	1,601,591	1,714,550
Special food services	313,094	318,576	319,909	324,193
Drinking places	204,346	196,807	195,276	212,577
Provinces and territories				
Newfoundland and Labrador	43,245	41,183	43,499	46,814
Prince Edward Island	13,283	10,552	11,068	12,706
Nova Scotia	93,266	92,105	96,763	106,745
New Brunswick	70,070	64,398	69,590	74,953
Quebec	801,161	702,163	753,282	849,046
Ontario	1,445,092	1,420,637	1,491,459	1,588,916
Manitoba	108,129	111,578	114,586	120,474
Saskatchewan	98,613	105,288	105,783	110,264
Alberta	542,861	560,100	544,156	572,348
British Columbia	653,036	640,426	638,293	694,435
Yukon	4,277	3,103	3,098	F
Northwest Territories	6,470	7,898	6,904	F
Nunavut	529	640	564	F

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Couriers and Messengers Services Price Index

June 2008

The Couriers and Messengers Services Price Index increased 2.1% to 142.6 (2003=100) in June. The courier portion rose 2.0%, while the local messengers component advanced 2.6%.

Note: The Couriers and Messengers Services Price Index is a monthly price index measuring the change over time in prices for courier and messenger services provided by long and short distance delivery companies to Canadian-based business clients.

These indexes are available at the Canada level only.

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Stocks of frozen and chilled meats

July 2008

Stocks of frozen and chilled red meat in cold storage reached 87 235 metric tonnes in July, up 4% from a year ago, but down 13% from April. Stocks of frozen poultry meat reached 78 123 metric tonnes in July, up 20% from last year and 17% higher compared with April.

Note: This release contains details for various cuts of pork, beef, veal, poultry, mutton and lamb as well as fancy meats at the Canada level. At the regional level, it contains totals for the red meats. This release also contains the holdings of imported meat at the national level for the same periods.

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The July 2008 issue of *Stocks of Frozen and Chilled Meats*, Vol. 3, no. 2 (23-009-XWE, free) is now available. From the *Publications* module of our website, choose *Free Internet Publications*, then *Agriculture*.

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Commercial Software Price Index

June 2008

The Commercial Software Price Index stood at 67.61 (2002=100) in June, up 1.12% from May.

Note: The Commercial Software Price Index is a monthly series measuring the change in the purchase price of pre-packaged software typically bought by businesses and governments.

This index is available at the Canada level only.

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