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A list of publication dates for 2009 is available today for 27 key economic indicators, ranging from monthly data series such as the Labour Force Survey to quarterly series such as the balance of international payments.

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Monthly Survey of Manufacturing

September 2008

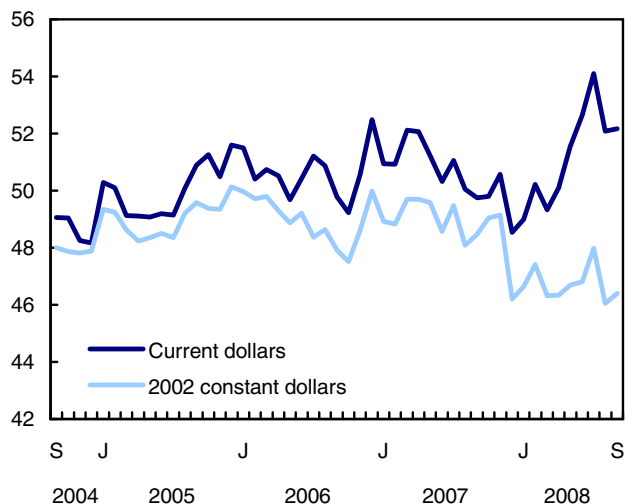
Manufacturing sales edged up 0.1% to \$52.2 billion in September after a sizeable 3.7% decrease in August.

However, measured in constant dollars, manufacturing sales rose 0.7% compared with August as a result of decreasing industrial product prices. The constant dollar measurement takes price fluctuations into account, providing an indicator of the volume of sales during the month. The constant dollar gain in September followed a notable 4.0% decrease in August.

At the industry level, 13 of 21 manufacturing industries increased in September.

Manufacturing sales largely unchanged in September

\$ billions



Transportation equipment industry up

The transportation equipment industry (+1.1%) reported the largest gain in September, increasing for the fourth time in five months. Sales gains were mostly due to a 4.8% rise in production by aerospace product and parts manufacturers. Motor vehicle manufacturers reported a 0.3% decline in September after slipping 4.7% in August.

Primary metal manufacturers posted the most notable decrease in September, reporting a 3.0% drop

Note to readers

All data in this release are seasonally adjusted and are expressed in current dollars unless otherwise specified.

Preliminary estimates are provided for the current reference month. Estimates, based on late responses, are revised for the three previous months.

Non-durable goods industries include food, beverage and tobacco products, textile mills, textile product mills, clothing, leather and allied products, paper, printing and related support activities, petroleum and coal products, chemicals, and plastics and rubber products.

Durable goods industries include wood products, non-metallic mineral products, primary metals, fabricated metal products, machinery, computer and electronic products, electrical equipment, appliances and components, transportation equipment, furniture and related products and miscellaneous manufacturing.

Production-based industries

For the aerospace industry and shipbuilding industries, the value of production is used instead of sales of goods manufactured. This value is calculated by adjusting monthly sales of goods manufactured by the monthly change in inventories of goods in process and finished products manufactured.

Unfilled orders are a stock of orders that will contribute to future sales assuming that the orders are not cancelled.

New orders are those received whether sold in the current month or not. New orders are measured as the sum of sales for the current month plus the change in unfilled orders from the previous month to the current month.

in sales. Sales by primary metal manufacturers were affected for the most part by a 2.8% decrease in prices.

Provincial sales results mixed

Manufacturing sales results were mixed at the provincial level, with an even split between gains and losses.

Manufacturers in Alberta led all provincial gains in September, reporting a 4.2% increase in sales. Despite a 4.5% drop in prices, petroleum and coal product manufacturers reported a 7.3% increase in sales. Primary metal manufacturers in the province also reported strong sales for September.

Quebec manufacturers saw sales increase 1.6% in September. Sales have been trending steadily higher over the past year and now stand 7.8% above September 2007. The transportation equipment industry, led by aerospace products and parts manufacturers, accounted for much of September's

gains. Sales in the transportation industry rebounded by 14.7% after three consecutive monthly decreases.

Manufacturing sales in Ontario lost ground for a second consecutive month, slipping 0.9%. Primary metal sales for the province decreased 8.6% on the heels of a similar sized decrease in August. The transportation equipment industry also reported lower sales in September, declining by 1.2%. Motor vehicles and motor vehicle part manufacturers in September both had lower sales in Ontario.

Manufacturing sales, provinces and territories

	August 2008 ^r	September 2008 ^p	August to September 2008
Seasonally adjusted			
	\$ millions		% change ¹
Canada	52,088	52,163	0.1
Newfoundland and Labrador	633	578	-8.6
Prince Edward Island	114	118	3.8
Nova Scotia	921	993	7.9
New Brunswick	1,429	1,278	-10.5
Quebec	12,768	12,973	1.6
Ontario	24,130	23,919	-0.9
Manitoba	1,460	1,427	-2.2
Saskatchewan	1,181	1,086	-8.1
Alberta	6,110	6,370	4.2
British Columbia	3,336	3,412	2.3
Yukon	2	3	20.8
Northwest Territories and Nunavut	4	5	33.5

^r revised

^p preliminary

1. Percent change calculated at thousands of dollars.

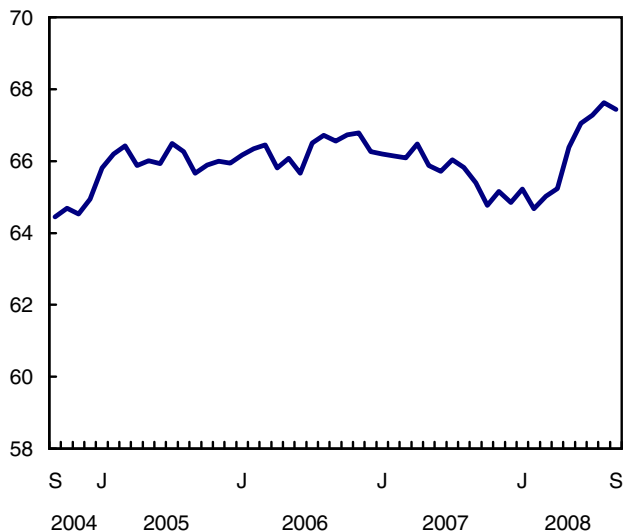
Inventory levels ease slightly

Inventory levels eased for the first time in seven months, decreasing 0.3% compared with August. For the most part, manufacturers have been steadily building inventories in 2008 after having drawn down inventories throughout 2007.

Petroleum and coal product manufacturers were the primary source of the decline in September. Manufacturers in this industry reported a 6.0% drop as they mostly drew down their raw material inventories. This was the third consecutive monthly decrease in inventories by petroleum and coal manufacturers. Excluding petroleum and coal product manufacturers, inventories increased by 0.3% in September.

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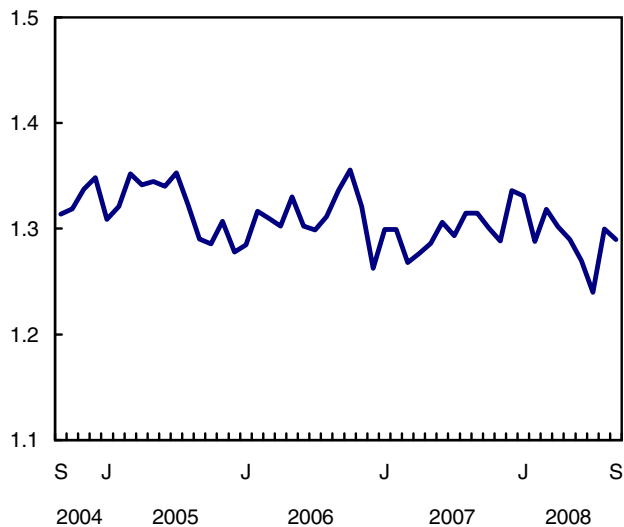
\$ billions



The inventory-to-sales ratio edged down to 1.29 in September after a six point gain in August. Despite some recent fluctuations, the current ratio remained very close to both the one- and three-year average of 1.30. The inventory-to-sales ratio is a measure of the time, in months, that would be required to exhaust inventories if sales were to remain at their current level.

The inventory-to-sales ratio edges down

ratio



Unfilled orders decreased 0.3% in September, the first decline since April 2008. Overall, unfilled orders have been rising fairly steadily over the past four years. Unfilled orders edged down to \$66.2 billion in September, but remained 19.6% higher than September 2007.

The decrease in unfilled orders was the result of a 1.2% reduction of orders by aerospace product and parts manufacturers. Excluding the aerospace industry, unfilled orders rose 0.5% in September.

New orders dropped 3.6% in September, also as a result of a sizeable decrease in the aerospace products and parts industry. This was a second consecutive monthly decrease after three months of gains.

Available on CANSIM: tables 304-0014, 304-0015 and 377-0008.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2101.

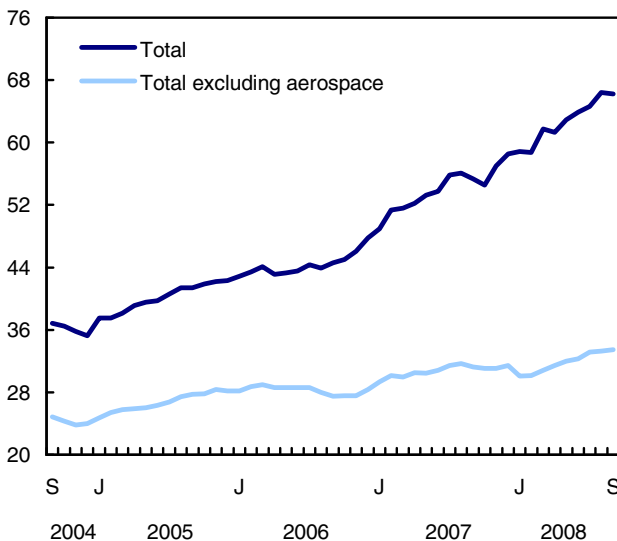
Data from the October Monthly Survey of Manufacturing will be released on December 16.

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Unfilled orders pause

\$ billions



Sales, inventories and orders in all manufacturing industries

	Sales		Inventories		Unfilled orders		New orders		Inventory-to-sales ratio
	Seasonally adjusted								
	\$ millions	% change	\$ millions	% change	\$ millions	% change	\$ millions	% change	
September 2007	49,743	-0.6	65,394	-0.6	55,336	-1.4	48,972	-2.6	1.31
October 2007	49,795	0.1	64,772	-1.0	54,540	-1.4	48,999	0.1	1.30
November 2007	50,569	1.6	65,154	0.6	57,005	4.5	53,034	8.2	1.29
December 2007	48,535	-4.0	64,854	-0.5	58,530	2.7	50,060	-5.6	1.34
January 2008	48,999	1.0	65,220	0.6	58,857	0.6	49,326	-1.5	1.33
February 2008	50,211	2.5	64,679	-0.8	58,733	-0.2	50,088	1.5	1.29
March 2008	49,326	-1.8	65,026	0.5	61,753	5.1	52,346	4.5	1.32
April 2008	50,102	1.6	65,240	0.3	61,306	-0.7	49,655	-5.1	1.30
May 2008	51,509	2.8	66,389	1.8	62,866	2.5	53,069	6.9	1.29
June 2008	52,646	2.2	67,046	1.0	63,903	1.6	53,683	1.2	1.27
July 2008	54,107	2.8	67,275	0.3	64,609	1.1	54,813	2.1	1.24
August 2008	52,088	-3.7	67,625	0.5	66,416	2.8	53,894	-1.7	1.30
September 2008	52,163	0.1	67,432	-0.3	66,206	-0.3	51,953	-3.6	1.29

Manufacturing industries except motor vehicle, parts and accessories

	Sales		Inventories		Unfilled orders		New orders	
	Seasonally adjusted							
	\$ millions	% change	\$ millions	% change	\$ millions	% change	\$ millions	% change
September 2007	42,192	-2.3	62,596	-0.5	54,699	-1.3	41,486	-4.6
October 2007	42,526	0.8	62,028	-0.9	53,912	-1.4	41,739	0.6
November 2007	43,281	1.8	62,513	0.8	56,378	4.6	45,747	9.6
December 2007	42,914	-0.8	62,305	-0.3	57,810	2.5	44,346	-3.1
January 2008	43,283	0.9	62,580	0.4	58,162	0.6	43,635	-1.6
February 2008	43,889	1.4	62,055	-0.8	57,955	-0.4	43,682	0.1
March 2008	43,496	-0.9	62,425	0.6	60,896	5.1	46,437	6.3
April 2008	44,288	1.8	62,669	0.4	60,325	-0.9	43,717	-5.9
May 2008	45,625	3.0	63,753	1.7	61,763	2.4	47,062	7.7
June 2008	46,579	2.1	64,529	1.2	62,769	1.6	47,586	1.1
July 2008	47,851	2.7	64,667	0.2	63,502	1.2	48,583	2.1
August 2008	46,214	-3.4	65,123	0.7	65,391	3.0	48,103	-1.0
September 2008	46,301	0.2	65,070	-0.1	65,305	-0.1	46,215	-3.9

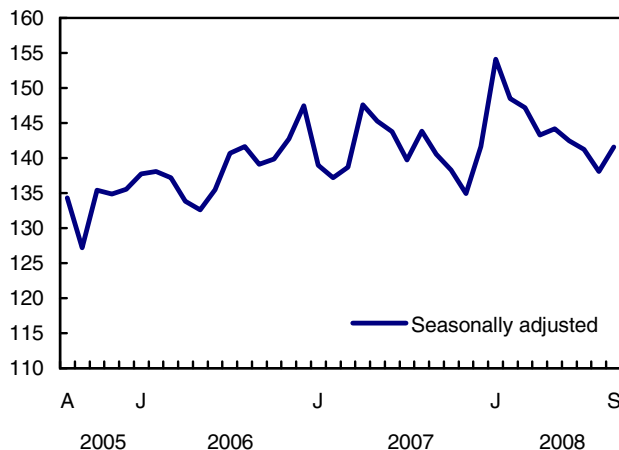
New motor vehicle sales

September 2008

Dealerships sold 141,574 new motor vehicles in September, up 2.5% from August and the first increase following three months of declines.

New vehicle sales rebound in September

thousands of units



Note: The last few points could be subject to revisions when more data are added.

Passenger car sales rise after two consecutive monthly declines

Passenger car sales increased 2.3% in September to 75,398 units. This rise partially offset the declines in July and August. Sales of both North American-built and overseas-built passenger cars rose.

Sales of new trucks (which include minivans, sport-utility vehicles, light and heavy trucks, vans and buses) increased 2.8% to 66,176 units. Truck sales had stabilized over the previous three months after a period of declines that began in January 2008.

Preliminary industry data for October suggests that the number of new motor vehicles sold edged down, due to a decline in passenger cars.

Sales increase in nine provinces

New motor vehicle sales were up in nine provinces in September, with the largest advance occurring in Prince Edward Island. Rising sales in Alberta, British Columbia (including the three territories) and Nova Scotia accounted for more than half of the national increase.

Saskatchewan was the only province to observe a sales decline in September. However, sales levels were 10.0% higher than the same month of last year.

Available on CANSIM: table 079-0003.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2402.

The September 2008 issue of *New Motor Vehicle Sales* (63-007-XWE, free) will be available soon.

Data on new motor vehicle sales for October will be released on December 12.

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New motor vehicle sales

	September 2007	August 2008 ^r	September 2008 ^p	September 2007 to September 2008	August to September 2008
Seasonally adjusted					
	number of vehicles			% change	
New motor vehicles	140,541	138,064	141,574	0.7	2.5
Passenger cars	73,088	73,682	75,398	3.2	2.3
North American ¹	47,301	45,481	46,118	-2.5	1.4
Overseas	25,787	28,201	29,280	13.5	3.8
Trucks, vans and buses	67,453	64,382	66,176	-1.9	2.8
New motor vehicles					
Newfoundland and Labrador	2,301	2,685	2,741	19.1	2.1
Prince Edward Island	430	430	482	12.1	12.1
Nova Scotia	4,306	4,156	4,606	7.0	10.8
New Brunswick	3,139	3,408	3,430	9.3	0.6
Quebec	35,250	35,977	36,593	3.8	1.7
Ontario	50,051	49,528	50,410	0.7	1.8
Manitoba	3,990	3,899	3,939	-1.3	1.0
Saskatchewan	3,766	4,208	4,144	10.0	-1.5
Alberta	20,593	19,515	20,326	-1.3	4.2
British Columbia ²	16,715	14,258	14,903	-10.8	4.5
Unadjusted					
	September 2007	August 2008 ^r	September 2008 ^p	September 2007 to September 2008	
	number of vehicles			% change	
New motor vehicles	134,516	149,612	137,538	2.2	
Passenger cars	70,855	81,187	74,759	5.5	
North American ¹	45,513	50,357	45,558	0.1	
Overseas	25,342	30,830	29,201	15.2	
Trucks, vans and buses	63,661	68,425	62,779	-1.4	
New motor vehicles					
Newfoundland and Labrador	2,162	3,300	2,621	21.2	
Prince Edward Island	383	545	454	18.5	
Nova Scotia	3,853	4,590	4,275	11.0	
New Brunswick	2,845	3,843	3,138	10.3	
Quebec	33,565	39,221	35,795	6.6	
Ontario	48,348	53,107	49,765	2.9	
Manitoba	4,125	4,455	4,180	1.3	
Saskatchewan	3,609	4,995	4,125	14.3	
Alberta	19,624	20,420	19,258	-1.9	
British Columbia ²	16,002	15,136	13,927	-13.0	

^r revised

^p preliminary

1. Manufactured or assembled in Canada, the United States or Mexico.

2. Includes Yukon, the Northwest Territories and Nunavut.

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



Non-residential Building Construction Price Index

Third quarter 2008

The composite price index for non-residential building construction increased 2.4% from the previous quarter to 179.8 (1997=100) in the third quarter, mostly as a result of construction material price increases.

Compared with the third quarter of 2007, the composite price index for non-residential building construction stood 12.4% higher.

Calgary recorded the highest quarterly change (+3.7%), followed by Edmonton (+2.6%), Ottawa–Gatineau, Ottawa part (+2.3%), Montréal (+2.2%), Halifax (+1.9%), Toronto (+1.8%) and Vancouver (+1.7%).

Calgary also had the largest change (+17.5%) from the third quarter of 2007, followed by Edmonton (+14.6%), Toronto (+11.6%), Ottawa–Gatineau, Ottawa part (+10.8%), Vancouver (+10.1%), Montréal (+8.2%) and Halifax (+6.9%).

Note: The Non-residential Building Construction Price Index provides an indication of the changes in new construction costs in six census metropolitan areas or CMAs (Halifax, Montréal, Toronto, Calgary, Edmonton and Vancouver) and the Ottawa part of the Ottawa–Gatineau CMA.

Three construction categories (industrial, commercial and institutional buildings) are represented by selected models (a light factory building, an office building, a warehouse, a shopping centre and a school).

Besides the CMA and composite indexes, a further breakdown of the changes in costs is available by trade group (structural, architectural, mechanical and electrical) within the building types.

These price indexes are derived from surveys of general and special trade group contractors. They report data on various categories of costs (material, labour, equipment, taxes, overhead and profit) relevant to the detailed construction specifications included in the surveys.

Available on CANSIM: tables 327-0039 and 327-0040.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey numbers, including related surveys, 2317 and 2330.

The third quarter 2008 issue of *Capital Expenditure Price Statistics* (62-007-XWE, free) will be available in February 2009.

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Non-residential building construction price indexes¹

	Third quarter 2008	Third quarter 2007 to third quarter 2008	Second quarter to third quarter 2008
	(1997=100)	% change	
Composite	179.8	12.4	2.4
Halifax	145.7	6.9	1.9
Montréal	150.4	8.2	2.2
Ottawa–Gatineau, Ottawa part	167.7	10.8	2.3
Toronto	178.1	11.6	1.8
Calgary	216.1	17.5	3.7
Edmonton	205.6	14.6	2.6
Vancouver	176.9	10.1	1.7

1. Go online to view the census subdivisions that comprise the census metropolitan areas.

Dairy statistics

September 2008 (preliminary)

Dairy farmers sold 606 400 kilolitres of milk and cream to dairies in September, down 2% from September 2007. Fluid milk sales stood at 251 300 kilolitres, and industrial milk sales at 355 100 kilolitres. Industrial milk is used to manufacture butter, cheese, yogurt, ice cream, milk powders and concentrates.

Available on CANSIM: tables 003-0007 to 003-0012, 003-0029, 003-0033 and 003-0034.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey numbers, including related surveys, 3430, 3431 and 3432.

The third quarter 2008 issue of *Dairy Statistics*, Vol. 3, no. 3 (23-014-XWE, free), is now available from the *Publications* module of our website.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Anna Michalowska (toll-free 1-800-465-1991; 613-951-2442; fax: 613-951-3868), Agriculture Division. ■

Electric power generating stations

2007

Data on electric power generating stations are now available for 2007. The survey provides a list of generating stations in Canada and includes the name, ownership, year of installation, capacity (in kilowatts),

type of fuel or water supply, and source (hydro, steam, internal combustion, combustion turbine, nuclear, wind and tidal).

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2193.

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Pipeline transportation of crude oil and refined petroleum products

July 2008

Data on the net receipts of crude oil and equivalent hydrocarbons, liquefied petroleum gases and refined petroleum products, pipeline exports of crude oil and deliveries of crude oil by pipeline to Canadian refineries are now available for July.

Available on CANSIM: tables 133-0001 to 133-0005.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey numbers, including related surveys, 2148 and 2191.

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Dairy Statistics, Third quarter 2008, Vol. 3, no. 3
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year 2006 (update)
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19	Canada's international transactions in securities	September 2008
19	Travel between Canada and other countries	September 2008
19	Leading indicators	October 2008
20	Quarterly financial statistics for enterprises	Third quarter 2008
20	Wholesale trade	September 2008
21	Consumer Price Index	October 2008