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Health Reports

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The April 2010 online edition of *Health Reports* contains two articles.

"Waiting time for medical specialist consultations in Canada, 2007" examines associations between patient- and provider-related factors and the length of time patients wait to consult a specialist about a new illness or condition. For more information, contact Gisèle Carrière (604-666-5907; gisele.carriere@statcan.gc.ca), Health Analysis Division, Statistics Canada.

"Weight gain during pregnancy: Adherence to Health Canada's guidelines" describes Canadian women's adherence to Health Canada's 1999 gestational weight guidelines, by selected socio-demographic and maternity characteristics of the mother. For more information, contact Media Relations (613-957-2983), Health Canada.

The April 2010 online edition of *Health Reports*, Vol. 21, no. 2 (82-003-X, free), is now available from the *Key resource* module of our website under *Publications*.

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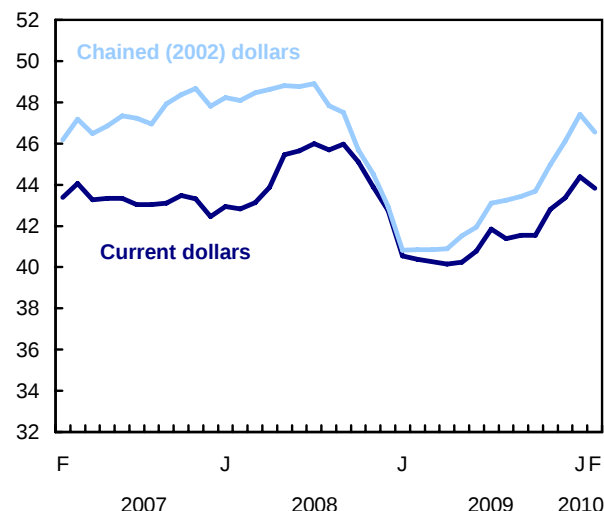
Wholesale trade

February 2010

Wholesale sales fell 1.2% in February, following increases the previous three months. Lower sales in the motor vehicle and parts, and the machinery, equipment and supplies subsectors were major contributors to the decline.

Wholesale sales down for the first time in four months

\$ billions



Wholesale merchants' sales by industry

	February 2009 ^r	January 2010 ^r	February 2010 ^p	January to February 2010	February 2009 to February 2010
Seasonally adjusted					
	\$ millions			% change	
Total, wholesale sales	40,389	44,376	43,834	-1.2	8.5
Total, excluding motor vehicle and parts wholesalers	35,097	36,615	36,415	-0.5	3.8
Farm product	491	507	529	4.2	7.7
Food, beverage and tobacco	7,978	8,283	8,348	0.8	4.6
Food	7,101	7,374	7,431	0.8	4.6
Beverage	389	410	418	2.1	7.5
Cigarette and tobacco product	488	500	499	-0.2	2.2
Personal and household goods	6,823	7,217	7,109	-1.5	4.2
Textile, clothing and footwear	817	883	860	-2.6	5.2
Home entertainment equipment and household appliance	709	725	702	-3.2	-1.0
Home furnishings	443	507	514	1.3	16.0
Personal goods	913	939	868	-7.6	-5.0
Pharmaceuticals and pharmacy supplies	3,311	3,471	3,481	0.3	5.1
Toiletries, cosmetics and sundries	F	692	685	-1.0	F
Motor vehicle and parts	5,293	7,761	7,419	-4.4	40.2
Motor vehicle	3,713	6,208	5,882	-5.3	58.4
New motor vehicle parts and accessories	1,538	1,513	1,497	-1.0	-2.7
Used motor vehicle parts and accessories	F	40	41	0.9	F
Building material and supplies	5,687	6,127	6,218	1.5	9.3
Electrical, plumbing, heating and air-conditioning equipment and supplies	1,838	1,964	1,973	0.5	7.4
Metal service centres	1,262	1,203	1,213	0.8	-3.9
Lumber, millwork, hardware and other building supplies	2,587	2,960	3,031	2.4	17.2
Machinery, equipment and supplies	8,990	8,710	8,462	-2.8	-5.9
Farm, lawn and garden machinery and equipment	1,205	945	918	-2.9	-23.8
Construction, forestry, mining, and industrial machinery, equipment and supplies	2,776	2,672	2,594	-2.9	-6.5
Computer and communications equipment and supplies	2,577	2,739	2,730	-0.3	5.9
Other machinery, equipment and supplies	2,433	2,354	2,221	-5.7	-8.7
Miscellaneous	5,127	5,770	5,749	-0.4	12.1
Recyclable material	434	675	676	0.2	55.7
Paper, paper product and disposable plastic product	660	744	710	-4.6	7.7
Agricultural supplies	1,396	1,353	1,400	3.5	0.3
Chemical (except agricultural) and allied product	1,005	948	942	-0.6	-6.3
Other miscellaneous	1,633	2,051	2,021	-1.5	23.8

^r revised

^p preliminary

F too unreliable to be published

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

Wholesale merchants' sales by province and territory

	February 2009 ^r	January 2010 ^r	February 2010 ^p	January to February 2010	February 2009 to February 2010
Seasonally adjusted					
	\$ millions			% change	
Canada	40,389	44,376	43,834	-1.2	8.5
Newfoundland and Labrador	271	283	284	0.1	4.8
Prince Edward Island	35	38	40	2.7	14.1
Nova Scotia	568	605	625	3.3	9.9
New Brunswick	441	480	482	0.3	9.2
Quebec	8,096	8,531	8,327	-2.4	2.8
Ontario	19,442	22,917	22,525	-1.7	15.9
Manitoba	1,155	1,091	1,083	-0.7	-6.2
Saskatchewan	1,454	1,510	1,593	5.5	9.5
Alberta	5,004	4,699	4,833	2.8	-3.4
British Columbia	3,841	4,155	3,977	-4.3	3.5
Yukon	12	12	10	-12.2	-16.6
Northwest Territories	50	49	51	3.7	2.5
Nunavut	20	6	5	-8.9	-74.6

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Wholesale merchants' inventories by industry

	February 2009 ^r	January 2010 ^r	February 2010 ^p	January to February 2010	February 2009 to February 2010
Seasonally adjusted					
	\$ millions			% change	
Inventories	57,042	51,078	51,120	0.1	-10.4
Farm product	158	157	150	-4.7	-5.1
Food	4,405	4,232	4,247	0.4	-3.6
Beverage	251	247	261	5.7	4.0
Cigarette and tobacco product	241	246	244	-1.1	1.1
Textile, clothing and footwear	1,940	1,502	1,491	-0.7	-23.1
Home entertainment equipment and household appliance	892	660	746	13.1	-16.3
Home furnishings	1,010	944	961	1.8	-4.8
Personal goods	1,670	1,478	1,406	-4.9	-15.8
Pharmaceuticals and pharmacy supplies	4,075	4,062	4,122	1.5	1.2
Toiletries, cosmetics and sundries	620	614	635	3.4	2.5
Motor vehicle	3,694	3,658	3,602	-1.5	-2.5
New motor vehicle parts and accessories	3,202	2,996	2,937	-2.0	-8.3
Used motor vehicle parts and accessories	F	77	75	-2.6	F
Electrical, plumbing, heating and air-conditioning equipment and supplies	3,128	2,693	2,667	-1.0	-14.7
Metal service centres	3,077	2,319	2,332	0.6	-24.2
Lumber, millwork, hardware and other building supplies	4,273	4,145	4,198	1.3	-1.8
Farm, lawn and garden machinery and equipment	3,155	2,980	2,972	-0.3	-5.8
Construction, forestry, mining, and industrial machinery, equipment and supplies	8,337	6,897	6,737	-2.3	-19.2
Computer and communications equipment and supplies	1,653	1,465	1,521	3.8	-8.0
Other machinery, equipment and supplies	3,709	3,231	3,293	1.9	-11.2
Recyclable material	316	323	300	-7.1	-5.0
Paper, paper product and disposable plastic product	718	595	591	-0.8	-17.7
Agricultural supplies	2,827	2,360	2,311	-2.1	-18.3
Chemical (except agricultural) and allied product	1,240	959	1,067	11.3	-13.9
Other miscellaneous	2,375	2,238	2,254	0.7	-5.1

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Stocks of frozen eggs, poultry meats and edible dried egg products

April 1, 2010 (preliminary)

Data on stocks of frozen eggs, poultry meats and edible dried egg products in storage as of April 1 are now available.

Available on CANSIM: tables 003-0023 and 003-0024.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 3425.

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Engineering services industry 2008

Data on the engineering services industry are now available for 2008.

Available on CANSIM: table 360-0005.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2439.

The publication *Service Bulletin: Engineering Services*, 2008 (63-258-X, free), will be available in June.

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Government expenditures on culture

2007/2008

Data on government expenditures on culture are now available for the 2007/2008 fiscal year.

Available on CANSIM: table 505-0003.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey numbers, including related surveys, 3116 and 3117.

Detailed and summary data tables for government expenditures on culture, by function and province or territory are now available in the publication *Government Expenditures on Culture: Data Tables*, 2007/2008 (87F0001X, free), is now available from the *Key resource* module of our website under *Publications*.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Client Services (toll-free 1-866-767-5611; 613-951-2320; fax 613-951-2307; culture@statcan.gc.ca), Demography Division. ■

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