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Retail trade

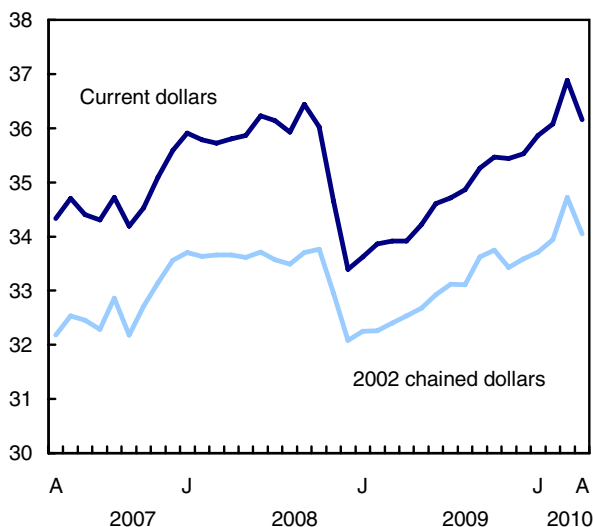
April 2010

Retail sales decreased 2.0% in current dollars to \$36.2 billion in April following a gain of similar magnitude in March. Sales decreased in 10 of 11 retail subsectors and in all provinces.

Sales in volume terms decreased 1.9% in April. Retail sales have been following an upward trend since the beginning of 2009.

Retail sales fall in April

\$ billions



There was a 4.8% decrease at motor vehicle and parts dealers in April. Within this subsector, the 5.3% decline at new car dealers was largely responsible for this decrease, reflecting a lower volume of new motor vehicles sold. There were also lower sales at other motor vehicle dealers (-6.8%) and used car dealers (-4.4%). Sales at automotive parts, accessories and tire stores (+2.3%) rose for a third consecutive month.

Clothing and clothing accessories stores saw their sales decrease 5.2% in April. This decline comes after a strong increase in March that was likely influenced by warmer than usual weather in much of Canada.

Note to readers

All the data in this release are seasonally adjusted and in current dollars, unless otherwise noted.

Total retail sales by volume are measured by deflating values in current dollars of the various trade groups using consumer price indexes. This retail sales in chained dollars series (2002) is a chain Fisher volume index with 2002 as the reference year.

Starting with the April 21, 2010 release of February 2010 data, the presentation of results makes direct use of the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) instead of its trade group variant (see [concordance table](#)).

The previous CANSIM tables 080-0014 to 080-0017 have been replaced by tables 080-0020 and 080-0021. Data beginning in January 2004 are available in the new CANSIM tables. In addition, data for provincial and territorial totals and for Canada level totals of selected sub-sectors and industries are now available beginning in January 1991. In order to allow users to adapt to these new series, access to the new CANSIM tables will be free until June 30, 2010.

Gasoline stations sales were down 2.0% after recording increases for the previous 11 months.

Sales at building material and garden equipment and supplies dealers decreased 2.0%. While monthly levels have fluctuated widely in recent months, sales of this store type have been on an upward trend since the beginning of 2009.

Food and beverage stores sales were down 0.5% in April after rising for the previous three months.

Retail sales declined for a third consecutive month at furniture and home furnishing stores, edging down 0.3% in April.

The only subsector to register a gain was electronics and appliance stores, where sales increased 0.6%.

Sales down in all provinces

Retail sales fell in all provinces in April. This reflected, in part, a decline in the number of new motor vehicles sold in all provinces, according to the New Motor Vehicles Sales Survey.

Quebec had the largest drop among the provinces in April, with sales declining 3.9% following five consecutive monthly increases. The smallest decline in retail sales was a 0.7% decrease in British Columbia.

Sales in Ontario declined 1.2% after rising for three consecutive months.

Manitoba's sales fell 1.8% following eight consecutive monthly increases, which was the longest streak of monthly increases among the provinces.

It is possible to consult the tables of unadjusted data by industry and by province and territory from the *Tables by subject* module of our website.

For information on related indicators, refer to the *Latest statistics* page on our website.

Available on CANSIM: tables 080-0020 and 080-0021.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey numbers, including related surveys, 2406 and 2408.

The April 2010 issue of the publication *Retail Trade* (63-005-X, free) will be available shortly.

Data on retail trade for May will be released on July 22.

For more information, or to order data, contact Client Services (613-951-3549; toll-free 1-877-421-3067; retailinfo@statcan.gc.ca). For analytical information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Jake W. Purdy (613-951-0984), Distributive Trades Division.

Retail sales by province and territory

	April 2009	March 2010 ^r	April 2010 ^p	March to April 2010	April 2009 to April 2010
Seasonally adjusted					
	\$ millions			% change	
Canada	33,914	36,883	36,154	-2.0	6.6
Newfoundland and Labrador	583	639	619	-3.1	6.0
Prince Edward Island	140	152	150	-1.1	7.4
Nova Scotia	992	1,082	1,067	-1.4	7.6
New Brunswick	811	888	861	-3.1	6.1
Quebec	7,637	8,489	8,162	-3.9	6.9
Ontario	12,141	13,074	12,916	-1.2	6.4
Manitoba	1,208	1,317	1,293	-1.8	7.0
Saskatchewan	1,183	1,254	1,226	-2.3	3.6
Alberta	4,618	4,979	4,890	-1.8	5.9
British Columbia	4,478	4,875	4,841	-0.7	8.1
Yukon	43	48	46	-3.9	8.4
Northwest Territories	54	58	56	-3.8	4.1
Nunavut	28	29	28	-2.2	1.0

^r revised

^p preliminary

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

Retail sales by industry

	April 2009	March 2010 ^r	April 2010 ^p	March to April 2010	April 2009 to April 2010
Seasonally adjusted					
	\$ millions			% change	
Total retail trade	33,914	36,883	36,154	-2.0	6.6
Total excluding motor vehicle and parts dealers	26,879	28,800	28,461	-1.2	5.9
Total excluding motor vehicle and parts dealers and gasoline stations	23,586	24,765	24,508	-1.0	3.9
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	7,035	8,083	7,693	-4.8	9.3
New car dealers	5,544	6,444	6,103	-5.3	10.1
Used car dealers	446	475	454	-4.4	1.9
Other motor vehicle dealers	549	605	564	-6.8	2.7
Automotive parts, accessories and tire stores	497	559	572	2.3	15.1
Furniture and home furnishing stores	1,178	1,251	1,248	-0.3	5.9
Furniture stores	766	818	803	-1.9	4.9
Home furnishings stores	412	433	445	2.8	7.8
Electronics and appliance stores	1,120	1,138	1,145	0.6	2.3
Building material and garden equipment and supplies dealers	2,236	2,520	2,470	-2.0	10.5
Food and beverage stores	8,453	8,629	8,588	-0.5	1.6
Supermarkets and other grocery (except convenience) stores	6,065	6,104	6,087	-0.3	0.4
Convenience stores	554	579	572	-1.4	3.2
Specialty food stores	378	422	406	-3.9	7.2
Beer, wine and liquor stores	1,456	1,524	1,524	0.0	4.7
Health and personal care stores	2,507	2,608	2,606	-0.1	4.0
Gasoline stations	3,293	4,034	3,953	-2.0	20.0
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	1,910	2,128	2,016	-5.2	5.5
Clothing stores	1,483	1,653	1,561	-5.6	5.3
Shoe stores	228	254	238	-6.4	4.3
Jewellery, luggage and leather goods stores	199	220	217	-1.6	8.7
Sporting goods, hobby, book and music stores	926	973	942	-3.2	1.8
General merchandise stores	4,328	4,586	4,564	-0.5	5.4
Miscellaneous store retailers	928	932	928	-0.4	0.0

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Principal field crops

June 2010 (preliminary)

As of June 3, Prairie farmers had either planted, or intended to plant, record areas of canola and lentils during the 2010 crop season. In the East, Ontario and Quebec farmers reported they had seeded more soybeans than in 2009.

As a result of continued inclement weather in Western Canada, estimates of planted areas may change considerably in the July farm survey, the results of which will be released on August 20.

This spring, the Prairie provinces have experienced above normal amounts of precipitation. Producers in the northeast and central regions of Saskatchewan reported in the June survey that their crops were less than 60% seeded, and that areas which had been seeded earlier were under water.

Many reported that it would be too late in the season to finish seeding by time the fields dry out enough to get the seeding equipment back on the land.

Canola seeded acreage a potential new record

Results from the June farm survey show that Prairie farmers intended to increase their plantings of canola to a record area of 17.7 million acres, up by 1.7 million acres (+10.3%) over 2009.

This would be the fourth annual increase in canola area in the Prairies, and it would exceed the previous high of 16.1 million acres set in 2009.

Increases were reported in each Prairie province. Saskatchewan farmers led the way with an increase of 1.2 million acres (+15.7%) to 9.1 million acres. Manitoba farmers planted 3.4 million acres, up 7.2%, and in Alberta, 5.2 million acres were seeded, up 4.0% from 2009.

Area seeded to lentils increases again

Prairie farmers, mainly from Saskatchewan and Alberta, reported their intentions to seed 3.4 million acres of lentils, up 40.0% from the 2.4 million acres seeded in 2009. It would be the fourth consecutive increase in intended acres.

Note to readers

The June farm survey of 25,200 Canadian farmers is a survey of seeded area in Canada conducted from May 25 to June 3, 2010. Farmers were asked to report the area planted to grain, oilseeds and special crops.

Results on seeding intentions from the June farm survey will be updated with estimated actual seeded acreages from subsequent surveys during the year.

Final acreage numbers for 2010 will be released on December 3 and subject to revision for two years.

More soybeans planted

Nationally, the total soybean seeded area reported by farmers has increased 8.0% from 2009 to 3.7 million acres.

In Quebec, the area seeded to soybeans increased to a new high of 659,800 acres. In Ontario, soybean acreage rose 1.7% to 2.4 million acres.

Farmers in Manitoba reported a record high 580,000 acres planted in soybeans this spring, a 39.8% increase. The province's soybean area has increased each year since 2007 when it was 230,000 acres.

Available on CANSIM: tables 001-0004, 001-0010, 001-0017 to 001-0020.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 3401.

The publication *Field Crop Reporting Series: "Preliminary Estimates of Principal Field Crop Areas"*, Vol. 89, no. 4 (22-002-X, free), is now available from the *Key resource* module of our website under *Publications*.

July 31 estimate of production of principal field crops will be released on August 20.

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Preliminary estimates of principal field crops areas

Crop	2008 (final)	2009 (final)	June 2010 (preliminary)	2008 to June 2010	2009 to June 2010
	thousands of acres			% change	
Total wheat	25,010	24,457	22,720	-9.2	-7.1
Spring wheat	16,363	16,930	17,807	8.8	5.2
Durum wheat	6,030	5,660	3,490	-42.1	-38.3
Winter wheat ¹	2,617	1,867	1,423	-45.6	-23.8
Canola	16,160	16,200	17,895	10.7	10.5
Barley	9,357	8,663	8,052	-14.0	-7.1
Summerfallow	6,070	6,230	6,120	0.8	-1.8
Dry field peas	3,995	3,760	3,795	-5.0	0.9
Oats	4,345	3,732	3,738	-14.0	0.2
Soybeans	2,971	3,448	3,724	25.3	8.0
Lentils	1,745	2,400	3,360	92.6	40.0
Corn for grain	2,975	2,974	2,981	0.2	0.2
Flaxseed	1,560	1,710	1,285	-17.6	-24.9
Dry beans	317	295	326	2.7	10.6
Fall rye ¹	240	285	225	-6.3	-21.1

1. The seeded area remaining after winterkill.

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Study: The health of First Nations living off-reserve, Inuit and Métis adults

2007

First Nations living off-reserve, Inuit and Métis adults aged 20 or older were less likely to report being in excellent or very good health and were more likely to report at least one activity limitation than were non-Aboriginal adults.

First Nations (off-reserve) and Métis adults were also more likely than non-Aboriginal adults to be diagnosed with one of several chronic conditions including arthritis, diabetes, heart problems and cancer. On the other hand, Inuit adults were equally or less likely to be diagnosed with such conditions.

Close to 60% of non-Aboriginal adults reported excellent or very good health, a greater proportion than reported by First Nations living off-reserve (51%), Métis (57%) or Inuit (49%) adults. Furthermore, almost three-quarters of non-Aboriginal adults reported no activity limitation, compared with 58% of First Nations living off-reserve, 59% of Métis, and 64% of Inuit adults.

These health gaps between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal adults were even more pronounced when the younger average age structure of the Aboriginal population was taken into account.

In many cases, First Nations living off-reserve, Inuit and Métis adults reported poorer health than non-Aboriginal adults even when the effects of differences in socio-economic characteristics, in health care access and in lifestyle risk factors were accounted for.

This study also showed that factors associated with health among non-Aboriginal adults were not necessarily the same factors that affect the health of Aboriginal people, nor do these factors have the same effect on health.

In the non-Aboriginal population aged 20 or older, men had significantly higher rates of diabetes than women. By contrast, the likelihood of being diagnosed with diabetes did not differ between men and women for First Nations living off-reserve, Métis or Inuit adults.

The factors that affect health differ for First Nations living off-reserve, Métis and Inuit adults. Such differences highlight the importance of examining these groups separately.

Note: This study was based on data from the 2006 Aboriginal Peoples Survey and the 2007 Canadian Community Health Survey (cycle 4.1). The study was limited to adults aged 20 and older from both surveys.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey numbers, including related surveys, 3226 and 3250.

The report, "The Health of First Nations Living Off-Reserve, Inuit, and Métis Adults in Canada: The Impact of Socio-economic Status on Inequalities in Health," is now available as part of the *Health Research Working Paper Series* (82-622-X2010004, free). From the *Key resource* module of our website, choose *Publications*. For more information about this article, contact Claudia Sanmartin (613-951-6059; claudia.sanmartin@statcan.gc.ca), Health Analysis Division.

Today's online release also includes "Acute-care hospitalizations and Aboriginal identity in Canada, 2001/2002," is now available as part of the *Health Research Working Paper Series* (82-622-X2010005, free). From the *Key resource* module of our website, choose *Publications*.

By assigning 2001 Census data for small geographical areas to hospital discharge records from the 2001/2002 Hospital Morbidity Database, this report provides estimates of morbidity serious enough to require hospitalization. Acute care hospitalizations of people living in areas with a relatively high percentage of Aboriginal residents are compared with hospitalizations of residents of areas where the percentage of Aboriginal residents is low. Variations by predominant Aboriginal identity in these areas (First Nations, Métis and Inuit populations) are also explored.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 3203.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Gisèle Carrière (toll-free 604-666-5907; gisele.carriere@statcan.gc.ca), Health Analysis Division. ■

Crushing statistics

May 2010

Oilseed processors crushed 432 364 metric tonnes of canola in May. Oil production totalled 189 016 tonnes in May while meal production amounted to 242 602 tonnes.

Available on CANSIM: table 001-0005.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 3404.

The May 2010 issue of *Cereals and Oilseeds Review* (22-007-X, free) will be available in July.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Client Services (toll-free 1-800-465-1991; agriculture@statcan.gc.ca), Agriculture Division. ■

Cereals and oilseeds review

April 2010

Data from the April issue of *Cereals and Oilseeds Review* are now available. April's issue contains an overview of May's market conditions.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey numbers, including related surveys, 3401, 3403, 3404, 3443, 3464, 3476 and 5046.

The April 2010 issue of *Cereals and Oilseeds Review*, Vol. 33, no. 4 (22-007-X, free), is now available. From the *Key resource* module of our website, choose *Publications*.

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Deliveries of major grains

May 2010

Data on major grain deliveries are now available for May.

Available on CANSIM: table 001-0001.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey numbers, including related surveys, 3403, 3404, 3443, 5046 and 5153.

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Study: Health Research Working Paper Series:
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