

# Retail Commodity Survey, May 2019

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Monthly data from the Retail Commodity Survey are now available for May. The survey collects detailed information about retail commodity sales in Canada to produce estimates of the distribution of sales of various commodities at the national level.

Retail sales totalled \$57.9 billion in May, up 13.5% from the previous month. Sales were up in 16 of the 19 commodity groupings.

**Table 1**  
**Sales by type of commodity, all retail stores – Seasonally unadjusted**

	February 2019 <sup>r</sup>	March 2019 <sup>r</sup>	April 2019 <sup>r</sup>	May 2019 <sup>P</sup>
	millions of dollars			
<b>Total commodities, retail trade commissions and miscellaneous services</b>	<b>40,157</b>	<b>48,712</b>	<b>50,994</b>	<b>57,867</b>
Retail services (except commissions)	38,846	47,082	49,274	56,073
Food	7,980	8,947	8,776	9,339
Soft drinks and alcoholic beverages	2,310	2,713	2,734	3,165
Cannabis products	52	61	75	86
Clothing	1,734	2,255	2,275	2,533
Footwear	398	562	620	659
Jewellery and watches, luggage and briefcases	343	363	381	449
Home furniture, furnishings, housewares, appliances and electronics	3,305	3,878	3,985	4,326
Sporting and leisure products (except publications, audio and video recordings, and game software)	560	688	805	884
Publications	241	254	247	292
Audio and video recordings, and game software	67	81	74	68
Motor vehicles	7,869	10,499	11,349	12,977
Recreational vehicles	397	670	905	1,282
Motor vehicle parts, accessories and supplies	1,442	1,837	2,182	2,162
Automotive and household fuels	3,753	4,447	4,526	5,293
Home health products	3,016	3,343	3,262	3,450
Infant care, personal and beauty products	1,027	1,165	1,127	1,181
Hardware, tools, renovation and lawn and garden products	2,218	2,873	3,463	4,984
Miscellaneous products	2,135	2,447	2,489	2,943
Total retail trade commissions and miscellaneous services	1,311	1,629	1,720	1,794

<sup>r</sup> revised

<sup>P</sup> preliminary

**Note(s):** Data may not add up to totals as a result of rounding.

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