

Retail Commodity Survey, August 2019

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Monthly data from the Retail Commodity Survey are now available for August. 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 \$54.7 billion in August, relatively unchanged from the previous month. Sales were up in 11 of the 19 commodity groupings.

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

	May 2019 ^r	June 2019 ^r	July 2019 ^r	August 2019 ^P
	millions of dollars			
Total commodities, retail trade commissions and miscellaneous services	57,837	54,461	54,705	54,687
Food	9,349	9,269	9,164	9,380
Soft drinks and alcoholic beverages	3,177	3,271	3,439	3,483
Cannabis products	86	91	107	127
Clothing	2,528	2,664	2,528	2,787
Footwear	667	671	605	719
Jewellery and watches, luggage and briefcases	441	413	393	440
Home furniture, furnishings, housewares, appliances and electronics	4,354	4,348	4,364	4,632
Sporting and leisure products (except publications, audio and video recordings, and game software)	883	963	935	920
Publications	249	244	263	313
Audio and video recordings, and game software	62	76	71	86
Motor vehicles	13,015	11,189	11,451	11,197
Recreational vehicles	1,259	1,102	1,040	874
Motor vehicle parts, accessories and supplies	2,141	1,771	1,821	1,726
Automotive and household fuels	5,282	4,896	5,121	5,084
Home health products	3,418	3,155	3,348	3,269
Infant care, personal and beauty products	1,188	1,184	1,237	1,251
Hardware, tools, renovation and lawn and garden products	5,040	4,844	4,425	4,019
Miscellaneous products	2,900	2,715	2,741	2,750
Total retail trade commissions and miscellaneous services	1,798	1,594	1,651	1,631

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^P preliminary

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

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