

# Retail Commodity Survey, September 2019

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Monthly data from the Retail Commodity Survey are now available for September. 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 \$51.0 billion in September, down 7.1% from the previous month. Sales were down in 17 of the 19 commodity groupings.

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

	June 2019 <sup>r</sup>	July 2019 <sup>r</sup>	August 2019 <sup>r</sup>	September 2019 <sup>P</sup>
	millions of dollars			
<b>Total commodities, retail trade commissions and miscellaneous services</b>	<b>54,461</b>	<b>54,705</b>	<b>54,888</b>	<b>50,989</b>
Food	9,269	9,164	9,425	8,801
Soft drinks and alcoholic beverages	3,271	3,439	3,480	2,864
Cannabis products	91	107	126	123
Clothing	2,664	2,528	2,792	2,601
Footwear	671	605	725	640
Jewellery and watches, luggage and briefcases	413	393	442	364
Home furniture, furnishings, housewares, appliances and electronics	4,348	4,364	4,662	4,375
Sporting and leisure products (except publications, audio and video recordings, and game software)	963	935	923	795
Publications	244	263	301	320
Audio and video recordings, and game software	76	71	82	90
Motor vehicles	11,189	11,451	11,266	10,542
Recreational vehicles	1,102	1,040	898	680
Motor vehicle parts, accessories and supplies	1,771	1,821	1,746	1,722
Automotive and household fuels	4,896	5,121	5,086	4,667
Home health products	3,155	3,348	3,330	3,222
Infant care, personal and beauty products	1,184	1,237	1,243	1,172
Hardware, tools, renovation and lawn and garden products	4,844	4,425	4,050	3,911
Miscellaneous products	2,715	2,741	2,749	2,584
Total retail trade commissions and miscellaneous services	1,594	1,651	1,561	1,517

<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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