

Retail Commodity Survey, February 2020

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Monthly data from the Retail Commodity Survey are now available for February. 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 \$42.8 billion in February, up 6.5% from the same month the previous year. Sales were up in 16 of the 19 commodity groupings.

While the impacts of COVID-19 on the retail trade sector will be more noticeable in subsequent months, respondent comments for March indicate that business activities have been impacted.

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

	February 2019 ^r	January 2020 ^r	February 2020 ^P	February 2019 to February 2020
	millions of dollars			% change
Total commodities, retail trade commissions and miscellaneous services	40,157	43,894	42,767	6.5
Food	7,980	8,790	8,531	6.9
Soft drinks and alcoholic beverages	2,310	2,492	2,487	7.7
Cannabis products	52	154	150	190.1
Clothing	1,734	1,872	1,812	4.5
Footwear	398	419	398	0.1
Jewellery and watches, luggage and briefcases	343	304	329	-4.1
Home furniture, furnishings, housewares, appliances and electronics	3,305	3,795	3,453	4.5
Sporting and leisure products (except publications, audio and video recordings, and game software)	560	649	633	13.1
Publications	241	248	220	-8.7
Audio and video recordings, and game software	67	72	75	11.8
Motor vehicles	7,869	8,393	8,458	7.5
Recreational vehicles	397	404	460	15.9
Motor vehicle parts, accessories and supplies	1,442	1,552	1,460	1.3
Automotive and household fuels	3,753	4,305	4,085	8.8
Home health products	3,016	3,257	3,179	5.4
Infant care, personal and beauty products	1,027	1,084	1,054	2.7
Hardware, tools, renovation and lawn and garden products	2,218	2,540	2,438	9.9
Miscellaneous products	2,135	2,205	2,236	4.7
Total retail trade commissions and miscellaneous services	1,311	1,358	1,310	-0.1

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^P preliminary

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

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