

Retail Commodity Survey, December 2023

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Monthly data from the Retail Commodity Survey are now available for December. 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 \$69.1 billion in December, up 0.9% from the same month one year earlier. In dollar terms, the leading commodity categories in December were food and beverages (\$17.7 billion), motor vehicles (\$11.0 billion), as well as home furniture, furnishings, housewares, appliances and electronics (\$7.4 billion).

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Note to readers

The Retail Commodity Survey collects national-level retail sales data, by commodity, from the same businesses surveyed in the Monthly Retail Trade Survey. No data have been seasonally adjusted. All percentage changes are year over year.

New classification standard

As of the January 2023 reference period, Retail Commodity Survey figures are now based on the 2022 North American Product Classification System (NAPCS) and the North American Industry Classification System structures. These new classification structures have introduced new commodities, updated commodity definitions and broadened the industry scope for the estimates of the Retail Commodity Survey.

Tables 20-10-0016 and 20-10-0017 have been archived. National monthly commodity estimates in NAPCS 2022 are now available in table 20-10-0080 starting with January 2023. National industry-based quarterly commodity estimates are available in table 20-10-0071 starting in the first quarter of 2023.

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Available tables: table [20-10-0080-01](#).

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number [2008](#).

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