

# StatsUpdate

**Topic:** **Retail Trade**  
 August 2012  
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**Background:** For Nunavut, preliminary retail sales estimates from January to August 2012 were **\$245,247,000**, an increase of **6.1%** from the same period last year.

For all of Canada, retail sales estimates **increased** by **3.6%** over the same period.

**Detail:**

Retail Trade			
	Jan to Aug 2012 <sup>1</sup>	Jan to Aug 2011	January to August 2012 Compared to January to August 2011
	\$ millions		% change
<b>Nunavut</b>	<b>245.2</b>	<b>231.2</b>	<b>6.1</b>
<b>Canada</b>	<b>305,837.8</b>	<b>295,208.4</b>	<b>3.6</b>
Newfoundland and Labrador	5,329.3	5,033.1	5.9
Prince Edward Island	1,278.2	1,215.5	5.2
Nova Scotia	8,647.6	8,498.1	1.8
New Brunswick	7,279.9	7,206.7	1.0
Quebec	68,054.7	66,914.1	1.7
Ontario	106,974.0	104,452.7	2.4
Manitoba	10,860.3	10,600.1	2.5
Saskatchewan	11,272.0	10,450.9	7.9
Alberta	44,672.8	40,892.6	9.2
British Columbia	40,274.1	38,794.9	3.8
Yukon	445.8	435.3	2.4
Northwest Territories	503.8	483.2	4.3

**Notes:**

<sup>1</sup>Data for August 2012 is preliminary.  
 Figures may not add up to totals due to rounding.

**Note to Readers:**

Note that the percentage changes are calculated using unrounded sales figures. Readers should also be aware that the percentage change figures for Nunavut are a reflection of the relatively small volumes of retail trade. If they were to continue to increase over a number of reporting periods and /or remain at a higher level that would be an indication of increased economic activity.

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