



STATISTICS CANADA RETAIL TRADE SURVEY: APRIL 2020

[Statistics Canada](#) has released its [Retail Trade Survey for April 2020](#).

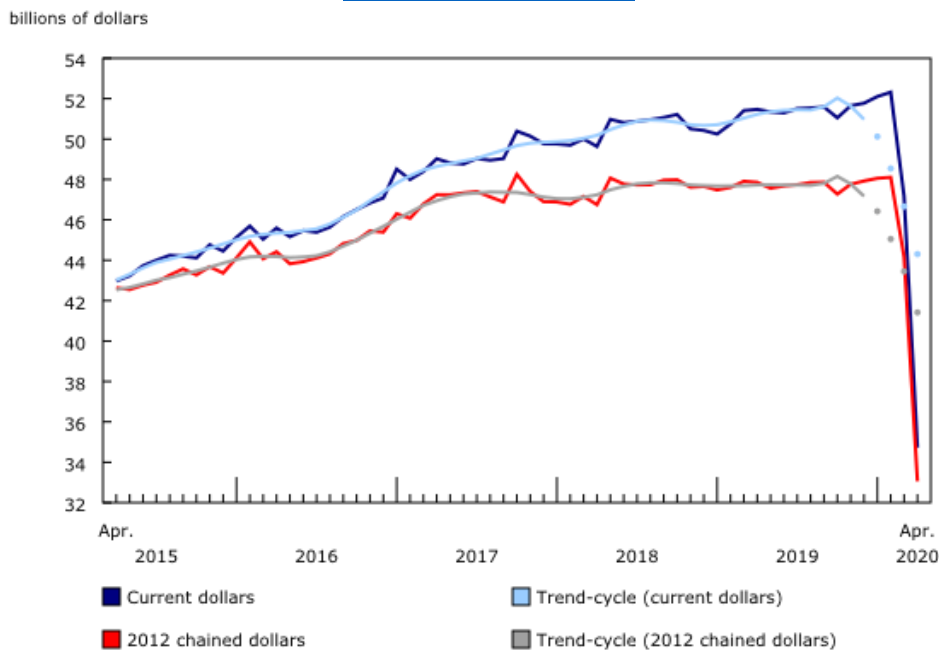
The agency reports retail sales "were down by just over one-quarter (-26.4%) in April to \$34.7 billion and have fallen by one-third (-33.6%) since physical distancing measures were implemented in mid-March."

- Retail sales in volume terms were down a record 25.2% in April
- Retail E-commerce sales continue to expand.
- Retail Sales down in every subsector (for the first time in 27 years).
- Retail Sales down in every province, led by Ontario and Quebec

Statistics Canada's advanced estimates of retail sales for May suggest that retail sales increased by 19.1% in May. The agency notes the figure should be expected to be revised given its preliminary nature.

Full Report: [Retail Trade Survey – April 2020](#)

Retail Sales – April 2020



Source: [Statistics Canada](#)