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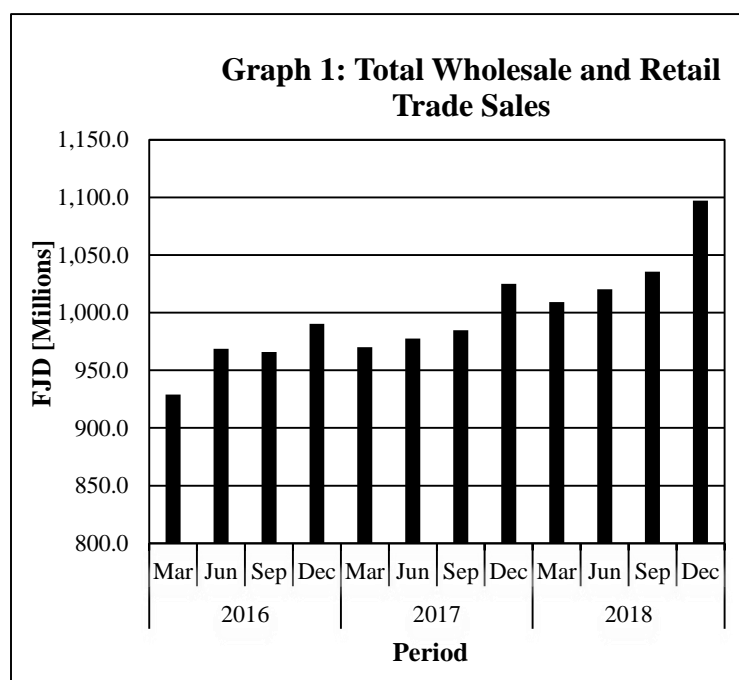
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WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE STATISTICS

December Quarter and Annual 2018

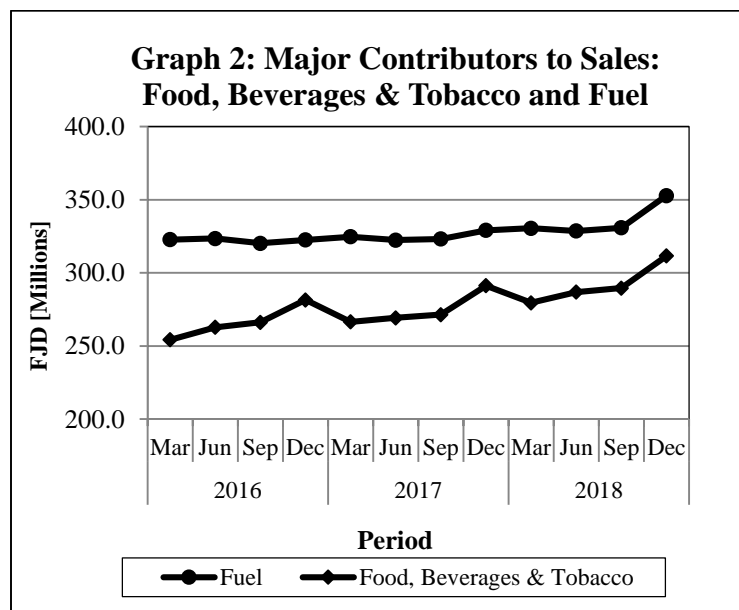
The Survey covers registered businesses engaged in Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and Motor Cycles that accounts for 80 percent of Total Turnover in this business sector. The statistics provides us with a short-term indicator of the industry's performance.

December Quarter

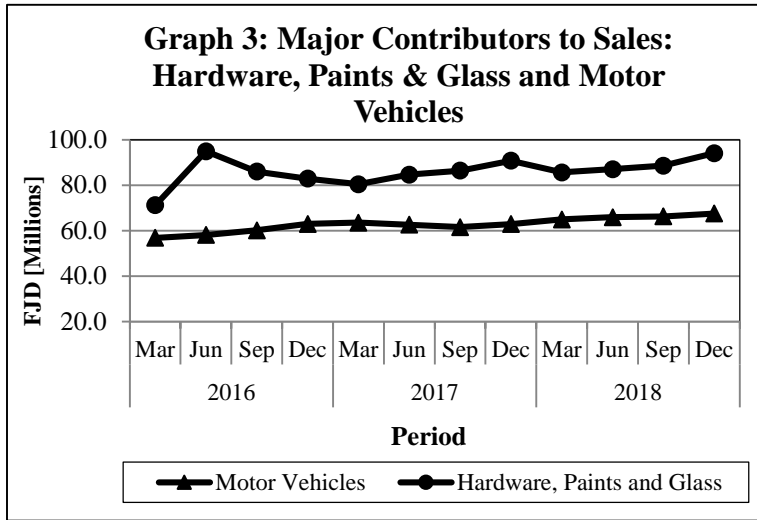


Key Facts

- Total Wholesale and Retail Trade sales stood at \$1,097.3 million for the December quarter of 2018.
- Total sales rose by 6.0 percent (\$61.8 million) when compared to the September quarter of 2018 mainly due to increase in the sale of fuel, food & non-alcoholic beverages and hardware, paints & glass.
- Total sales rose by 7.0 percent (\$72.3 million) when compared to the December quarter of 2017 mainly due to an increase in the sale of fuel, food & non-alcoholic beverages, textile & clothing and hardware, paints & glass in specialized stores.

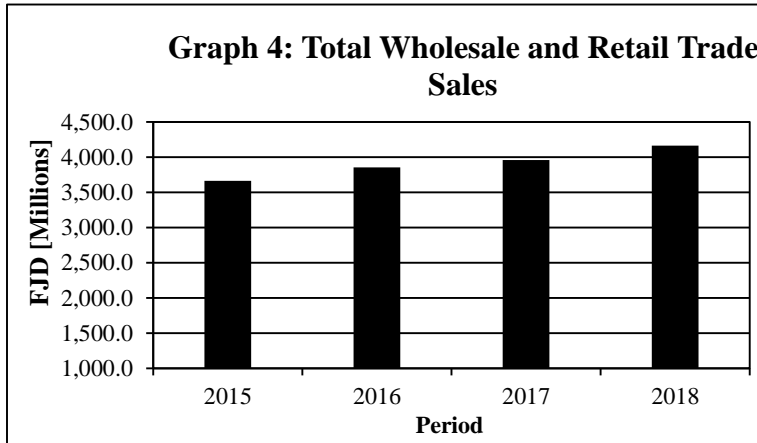


- Total sales of automotive fuel was up by 6.6 percent (\$21.9 million) when compared to the September quarter of 2018.
- Total sales of food & non-alcoholic beverages and tobacco & alcoholic beverages was up by 7.6 percent (\$22.0 million) when compared to the September quarter of 2018.
- Total sales of food & non-alcoholic beverages, tobacco & alcoholic beverages and automotive fuel rose by 7.1 percent (\$44.1 million) when compared to the December quarter of 2017.

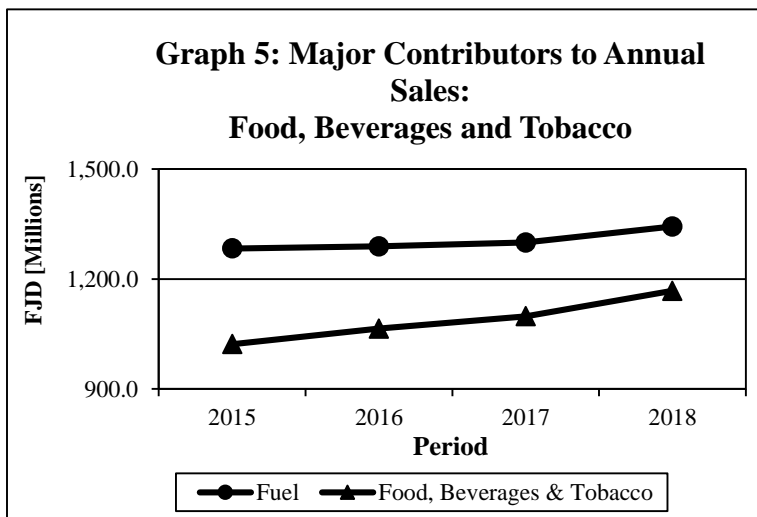


- Total sales of motor vehicles increase by 2.0 percent (\$1.3 million) when compared to the September quarter of 2018.
- Total sales of hardware, paints and glass rose by 6.2 percent (\$5.5 million) when compared to the September quarter of 2018.
- Total sales of hardware, paints & glass and motor vehicle increased by 5.2 percent (\$7.9 million) when compared to the December quarter of 2017.

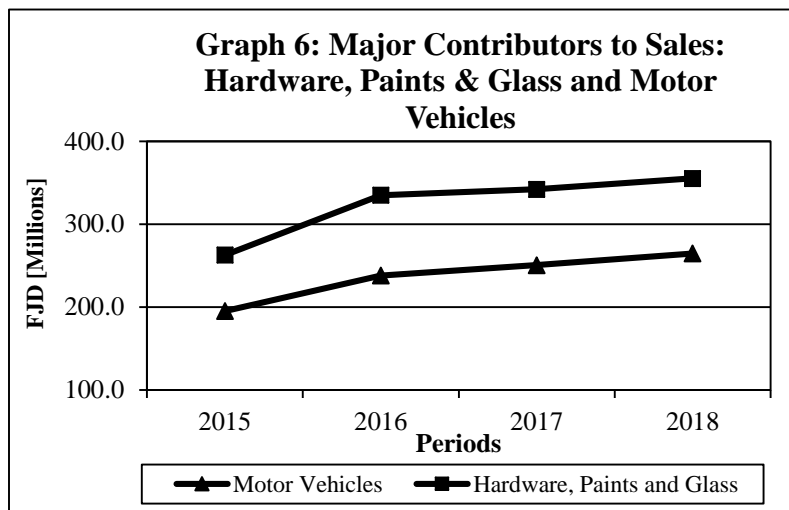
Annual 2018



- Total Wholesale and Retail Trade sales stood at \$4,162.1 million for 2018.
- Total Sales rose by 5.2 percent (\$205.0 million) when compared to 2017 due to increase in the sale of food & non-alcoholic beverage, fuel and hardware materials.



- Sale of automotive fuel rose by 3.4 percent (\$43.6 million) when compared to 2018.
- Sales of food and non-alcoholic beverages and tobacco & alcoholic beverages rose by 6.3 percent (\$69.2 million) when compared to 2017.
- Total sales of food & non-alcoholic beverages and tobacco & alcoholic beverages and automotive fuel rose by 4.7 percent (\$112.8 million).



- Sale of motor vehicles rose by 5.6 percent (\$14.1 million) when compared to 2017.
- Sales of hardware, paints & glass rose by 3.8 percent (\$13.1million) when compared to 2017.
- Total sales of hardware, paints & glass and motor vehicles rose by 4.6 percent (\$27.2 million).

Caution:

Users are to note the limitations of the survey findings for instance, in a situation where a business is involved in multiple activities, for e.g. both wholesale and retail trade; it is the predominant activity which determines the classification.

Please find attached the following tables:

Table 1: Quarterly and Yearly Wholesale and Retail Trade Sales; and

Table 2: Quarterly and Yearly Wholesale and Retail Trade Stock.

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The Wholesale and Retail Trade Statistics Release for March quarter of 2019 will be released in June 2019.

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