

Table 1. Estimates of Monthly Sales, Inventories, and Inventories/Sales Ratios of Merchant Wholesalers, Except Manufacturers' Sales Branches and Offices

[Total sales and inventories estimates are shown in millions of dollars. Estimates are based on data from the Monthly Wholesale Trade Survey.]

NAICS ¹ code	Kind of Business	Sales						Inventories ⁴						Inventories/Sales Ratios		
		Monthly			Percent change			Monthly			Percent change			Ratios		
		May 2017 (p)	Apr. 2017 (r)	May 2016 (r)	May/Apr.	Apr./Mar.	May 17/May 16	May 2017 (p)	Apr. 2017 (r)	May 2016 (r)	May/Apr.	Apr./Mar.	May 17/May 16	May 2017 (p)	Apr. 2017 (r)	May 2016 (r)
Adjusted²																
42	U.S. Total	460,776	463,101	433,787	-0.5	-0.3	6.2	593,874	591,612	582,742	0.4	-0.4	1.9	1.29	1.28	1.34
423	..Durable	223,547	223,669	208,014	-0.1	1.0	7.5	363,824	361,601	354,036	0.6	0.0	2.8	1.63	1.62	1.70
4231	..Automotive	38,225	38,416	35,115	-0.5	1.3	8.9	67,337	66,857	65,277	0.7	-1.4	3.2	1.76	1.74	1.86
4232	..Furniture	6,898	6,756	6,811	2.1	-2.4	1.3	11,406	11,429	10,893	-0.2	0.2	4.7	1.65	1.69	1.60
4233	..Lumber	11,032	11,070	10,257	-0.3	-0.4	7.6	16,171	16,209	14,934	-0.2	-0.2	8.3	1.47	1.46	1.46
4234	..Prof. equip.	40,138	39,810	38,469	0.8	1.0	4.3	43,341	43,043	40,045	0.7	0.0	8.2	1.08	1.08	1.04
42343	...Comp. equip.	19,608	19,220	18,776	2.0	1.5	4.4	16,957	16,473	15,079	2.9	-1.6	12.5	0.86	0.86	0.80
4235	..Metals	13,477	13,636	11,381	-1.2	0.5	18.4	26,989	26,415	25,517	2.2	1.0	5.8	2.00	1.94	2.24
4236	..Electrical	48,646	48,960	45,151	-0.6	4.6	7.7	49,633	49,767	46,242	-0.3	2.3	7.3	1.02	1.02	1.02
4237	..Hardware	11,555	11,466	10,688	0.8	-1.1	8.1	23,194	22,887	22,539	1.3	-0.3	2.9	2.01	2.00	2.11
4238	..Machinery	34,792	34,405	32,425	1.1	-0.6	7.3	98,983	98,336	101,411	0.7	-0.1	-2.4	2.84	2.86	3.13
4239	..Misc. Durable	18,784	19,150	17,717	-1.9	-1.6	6.0	26,770	26,658	27,178	0.4	-0.6	-1.5	1.43	1.39	1.53
424	..Nondurable	237,229	239,432	225,773	-0.9	-1.4	5.1	230,050	230,011	228,706	0.0	-1.1	0.6	0.97	0.96	1.01
4241	..Paper	8,110	7,951	7,986	2.0	0.6	1.6	8,373	8,332	8,300	0.5	-1.6	0.9	1.03	1.05	1.04
4242	..Drugs	55,058	54,829	52,860	0.4	0.3	4.2	57,884	58,912	57,608	-1.7	-1.7	0.5	1.05	1.07	1.09
4243	..Apparel	12,524	12,133	13,695	3.2	-3.4	-8.6	26,264	26,278	29,519	-0.1	-0.3	-11.0	2.10	2.17	2.16
4244	..Groceries	54,109	53,669	51,537	0.8	0.6	5.0	36,123	36,131	34,614	0.0	1.5	4.4	0.67	0.67	0.67
4245	..Farm products	17,303	16,973	16,206	1.9	-5.3	6.8	23,368	23,654	24,478	-1.2	-2.0	-4.5	1.35	1.39	1.51
4246	..Chemicals ³	10,054	9,900	9,305	1.6	-1.9	8.0	11,579	11,749	11,478	-1.4	0.2	0.9	1.15	1.19	1.23
4247	..Petroleum	47,065	51,074	41,942	-7.8	-3.3	12.2	21,800	21,248	19,016	2.6	-5.9	14.6	0.46	0.42	0.45
4248	..Alcohol	11,828	11,887	11,359	-0.5	0.8	4.1	15,615	15,352	15,779	1.7	-0.2	-1.0	1.32	1.29	1.39
4249	..Misc. Nondur.	21,178	21,016	20,883	0.8	-3.7	1.4	29,044	28,355	27,914	2.4	-0.3	4.0	1.37	1.35	1.34
													Sales to date			
													2017		2016	
42	U.S. Total	483,180	447,298	442,313	8.0	-8.8	9.2	588,983	593,557	577,787	-0.8	-1.0	1.9	2,264,357	2,097,615	
423	..Durable	229,418	212,985	207,268	7.7	-9.8	10.7	364,701	362,084	354,838	0.7	0.4	2.8	1,074,585	1,001,333	
4231	..Automotive	39,525	37,725	35,642	4.8	-8.9	10.9	66,866	67,258	64,951	-0.6	-2.2	2.9	189,374	174,737	
4232	..Furniture	7,008	6,243	6,763	12.3	-9.9	3.6	11,155	11,075	10,642	0.7	0.2	4.8	32,686	31,827	
4233	..Lumber	12,179	10,860	10,954	12.1	-6.4	11.2	16,785	16,874	15,531	-0.5	0.9	8.1	53,609	49,748	
4234	..Prof. equip.	38,974	36,625	36,084	6.4	-14.1	8.0	42,908	42,656	39,645	0.6	1.4	8.2	187,221	177,959	
42343	...Comp. equip.	18,392	17,548	17,049	4.8	-12.7	7.9	16,821	16,242	14,973	3.6	-0.8	12.3	87,026	85,092	
4235	..Metals	14,218	13,241	11,654	7.4	-9.5	22.0	27,124	26,389	25,619	2.8	0.5	5.9	66,727	57,450	
4236	..Electrical	48,451	45,582	43,887	6.3	-4.9	10.4	49,782	49,269	46,334	1.0	4.4	7.4	226,570	213,002	
4237	..Hardware	12,410	10,870	11,190	14.2	-9.3	10.9	23,542	23,299	22,900	1.0	0.4	2.8	55,152	53,012	
4238	..Machinery	37,193	34,164	33,625	8.9	-10.3	10.6	100,171	98,926	102,527	1.3	-0.4	-2.3	169,855	160,950	
4239	..Misc. Durable	19,460	17,675	17,469	10.1	-15.7	11.4	26,368	26,338	26,689	0.1	0.3	-1.2	93,391	82,648	
424	..Nondurable	253,762	234,313	235,045	8.3	-8.0	8.0	224,282	231,473	222,949	-3.1	-3.0	0.6	1,189,772	1,096,282	
4241	..Paper	8,516	7,514	8,066	13.3	-10.0	5.6	8,415	8,457	8,342	-0.5	0.5	0.9	39,111	39,549	
4242	..Drugs	57,646	51,484	53,283	12.0	-12.3	8.2	56,205	58,676	56,110	-4.2	-2.8	0.2	270,631	259,092	
4243	..Apparel	11,873	10,216	12,613	16.2	-19.1	-5.9	25,397	25,017	28,515	1.5	1.0	-10.9	58,341	62,939	
4244	..Groceries	57,897	52,381	53,702	10.5	-6.1	7.8	35,220	35,481	33,783	-0.7	0.9	4.3	263,637	258,414	
4245	..Farm products	17,614	16,107	15,768	9.4	-16.1	11.7	20,307	23,843	21,394	-14.8	-12.5	-5.1	86,858	80,822	
4246	..Chemicals	10,557	9,623	9,426	9.7	-11.3	12.0	11,579	11,749	11,478	-1.4	0.2	0.9	50,889	46,935	
4247	..Petroleum	50,265	51,380	44,668	-2.2	-2.7	12.5	22,541	21,928	19,663	2.8	-4.9	14.6	252,447	182,629	
4248	..Alcohol	12,964	11,019	11,916	17.7	-7.9	8.8	16,068	15,613	16,252	2.9	2.1	-1.1	54,624	53,648	
4249	..Misc. Nondur.	26,430	24,589	25,603	7.5	1.2	3.2	28,550	30,709	27,412	-7.0	-5.5	4.2	113,234	112,254	

Footnotes:

^p Preliminary estimate.

^r Revised estimate.

¹ For a full description of the NAICS codes used in this table, see the 2007 NAICS manual or <www.census.gov/eos/www/naics>.

² Except where indicated, sales and inventories estimates are adjusted for seasonal variation. Estimates of sales are also adjusted for trading-day differences and moving holidays. See Table 3 for the combined adjustment factors. Adjusted sales-to-date estimates are not tabulated.

³ No significant seasonal pattern for this NAICS code was detected in the latest annual review of the seasonal adjustment for inventories. Consequently, the "Adjusted" inventories estimates are equal to the "Not Adjusted" estimates.

⁴ Adjusted and not adjusted inventories for aggregate NAICS levels 42, 423, and 424 are revised from the Advance Economic Indicators Report.

Data adjusted for seasonality but not price changes. Explanations of confidence intervals and sampling variability can be found on our website at <www.census.gov/wholesale/www/how_surveys_are_collected/monthly_methodology.html>.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Monthly Wholesale Trade Survey, July 11, 2017.