

Table 1045. Merchant Wholesalers—Summary: 2000 to 2008

[In billions of dollars (2,814.6 represents \$2,814,600,000,000), except ratios. Inventories and inventories/sales ratios, as of December, not seasonally adjusted. Excludes manufacturers' sales branches and offices. Data reflect latest revision. Based on data from the Annual Wholesale Trade Survey and the Monthly Wholesale Trade Survey; see Appendix III]

Kind of business	2002 NAICS code ¹	2000 to 2008						
		2000	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
SALES								
Merchant wholesalers	42	2,814.6	2,971.5	3,314.6	3,595.6	3,889.7	4,153.4	4,410.8
Durable goods	423	1,486.7	1,464.1	1,685.7	1,811.1	1,983.6	2,065.9	2,069.7
Motor vehicles, parts, and supplies	4231	222.2	260.7	284.8	305.3	337.1	343.0	310.4
Furniture and home furnishings	4232	52.7	55.4	59.6	62.8	69.0	69.1	64.0
Lumber and other construction materials	4233	87.2	105.2	127.7	139.4	142.6	126.7	112.6
Professional, commercial equipment and supplies	4234	282.2	275.9	303.0	316.0	330.7	353.8	358.5
Computer, peripheral equipment and software	42343	174.8	144.1	157.1	162.2	160.0	170.0	172.6
Metal and mineral (except petroleum)	4235	93.8	81.2	120.8	136.1	158.0	162.1	170.8
Electrical and electronic goods	4236	260.0	232.4	264.8	283.6	319.6	346.5	350.8
Hardware, plumbing, heating equipment and supplies	4237	72.1	74.4	84.1	94.8	108.4	111.6	107.7
Machinery, equipment, and supplies	4238	256.1	230.7	259.8	288.2	312.7	326.4	353.7
Miscellaneous durable goods	4239	160.3	148.0	181.1	184.7	205.4	226.8	241.2
Nondurable goods	424	1,327.9	1,507.4	1,628.8	1,784.5	1,906.1	2,087.5	2,341.1
Paper and paper products	4241	77.8	73.8	81.5	86.8	90.0	93.3	93.5
Drugs and druggists' sundries	4242	176.0	271.3	291.6	322.4	338.3	346.5	364.2
Apparel, piece goods, and notions	4243	96.5	108.0	115.7	124.4	134.9	143.2	140.3
Grocery and related products	4244	374.7	403.6	406.2	424.1	440.6	482.6	503.9
Farm product raw materials	4245	102.7	111.0	114.0	104.1	110.8	144.9	196.1
Chemical and allied products	4246	62.3	70.7	78.3	89.8	92.5	102.2	112.5
Petroleum and petroleum products	4247	195.8	226.3	276.4	354.7	410.7	470.5	611.2
Beer, wine, and distilled alcoholic beverages	4248	71.3	82.4	86.0	91.0	97.4	102.4	105.4
Miscellaneous nondurable goods	4249	170.9	160.1	179.0	187.0	190.8	202.0	213.8
INVENTORIES								
Merchant wholesalers	42	309.4	309.4	339.9	366.6	397.8	424.2	438.7
Durable goods	423	198.6	186.4	213.1	231.5	252.6	258.8	273.5
Motor vehicles, parts, and supplies	4231	28.8	31.7	33.9	37.8	40.3	41.9	45.8
Furniture and home furnishings	4232	6.4	6.8	7.2	7.7	8.3	8.4	8.2
Lumber and other construction materials	4233	8.4	10.4	13.3	14.3	14.6	13.7	12.9
Professional, commercial equipment and supplies	4234	27.8	25.0	27.3	27.6	29.5	30.0	30.7
Computer, peripheral equipment and software	42343	12.1	9.5	10.1	10.1	10.6	10.4	10.1
Metal and mineral (except petroleum)	4235	13.4	12.1	18.9	19.5	24.7	23.0	26.4
Electrical and electronic goods	4236	31.1	25.0	27.8	30.2	34.1	36.4	37.7
Hardware, plumbing, heating equipment and supplies	4237	11.5	11.7	13.5	15.3	17.1	17.9	17.2
Machinery, equipment, and supplies	4238	51.2	44.9	50.1	56.0	60.9	63.7	69.7
Miscellaneous durable goods	4239	20.1	18.8	21.0	23.1	23.1	23.8	24.9
Nondurable goods	424	110.9	123.0	126.8	135.0	145.2	165.3	165.2
Paper and paper products	4241	6.7	5.5	6.3	6.8	6.9	7.0	7.5
Drugs and druggists' sundries	4242	24.1	33.2	32.9	31.3	32.0	32.9	33.9
Apparel, piece goods, and notions	4243	13.7	13.8	14.5	15.8	17.7	18.6	20.0
Grocery and related products	4244	20.4	20.1	20.6	22.6	24.3	27.0	29.1
Farm product raw materials	4245	11.6	14.1	10.1	11.6	15.9	23.1	17.3
Chemical and allied products	4246	6.0	6.6	7.3	8.2	8.3	9.8	10.3
Petroleum and petroleum products	4247	5.2	6.4	9.2	11.6	12.4	16.1	12.7
Beer, wine, and distilled alcoholic beverages	4248	6.5	7.2	7.7	8.3	8.9	9.9	11.2
Miscellaneous nondurable goods	4249	16.6	16.1	18.3	18.9	18.8	21.0	23.4
INVENTORIES/SALES RATIO								
Merchant wholesalers	42	1.10	1.04	1.03	1.02	1.02	1.02	0.99
Durable goods	423	1.34	1.27	1.26	1.28	1.27	1.25	1.32
Motor vehicles, parts, and supplies	4231	1.29	1.22	1.19	1.24	1.20	1.22	1.48
Furniture and home furnishings	4232	1.21	1.22	1.20	1.23	1.20	1.21	1.28
Lumber and other construction materials	4233	0.96	0.99	1.04	1.02	1.02	1.08	1.15
Professional, commercial equipment and supplies	4234	0.98	0.91	0.90	0.87	0.89	0.85	0.86
Computer, peripheral equipment and software	42343	0.69	0.66	0.64	0.63	0.66	0.61	0.59
Metal and mineral (except petroleum)	4235	1.43	1.49	1.57	1.43	1.56	1.42	1.55
Electrical and electronic goods	4236	1.20	1.07	1.05	1.07	1.07	1.05	1.07
Hardware, plumbing, heating equipment and supplies	4237	1.60	1.57	1.61	1.61	1.58	1.60	1.59
Machinery, equipment, and supplies	4238	2.00	1.94	1.93	1.94	1.95	1.95	1.97
Miscellaneous durable goods	4239	1.25	1.27	1.16	1.25	1.12	1.05	1.03
Nondurable goods	424	0.83	0.82	0.78	0.76	0.76	0.79	0.71
Paper and paper products	4241	0.86	0.74	0.77	0.78	0.76	0.75	0.80
Drugs and druggists' sundries	4242	1.37	1.22	1.13	0.97	0.95	0.95	0.93
Apparel, piece goods, and notions	4243	1.42	1.28	1.25	1.27	1.31	1.30	1.42
Grocery and related products	4244	0.54	0.50	0.51	0.53	0.55	0.56	0.58
Farm product raw materials	4245	1.13	1.27	0.89	1.11	1.44	1.59	0.88
Chemical and allied products	4246	0.97	0.94	0.93	0.91	0.89	0.95	0.92
Petroleum and petroleum products	4247	0.26	0.28	0.33	0.33	0.30	0.34	0.21
Beer, wine, and distilled alcoholic beverages	4248	0.91	0.87	0.89	0.91	0.92	0.97	1.06
Miscellaneous nondurable goods	4249	0.97	1.01	1.02	1.01	0.98	1.04	1.09

¹ North American Industry Classification System, 2002. See text, Section 15.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, "Annual Revision of Monthly Wholesale Distributors: Sales and Inventories—January 1992 Through January 2009," March 2010, <http://www.census.gov/wholesale/www/historic_releases/annual_historic_releases.html>.