

**Table 1018. Retail Trade—Merchandise Inventories and Inventory/Sales Ratio by Kind of Business: 2000 to 2006**

[Inventories in billions of dollars (407.0 represents \$407,000,000,000). As of Dec. 31. Estimates exclude food services. Includes warehouses. Adjusted for seasonal variations. Sales data also adjusted for holiday and trading-day differences. Based on data from the Monthly Retail Trade Survey, Annual Retail Trade Survey, and administrative records; see Appendix III. Data have been adjusted using results of the 2002 Economic Census]

Kind of business	2002 NAICS code <sup>1</sup>	Inventories				Inventory/sales ratio			
		2000	2004	2005	2006	2000	2004	2005	2006
<b>Total</b> <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	<b>44–45</b>	<b>407.0</b>	<b>462.6</b>	<b>475.5</b>	<b>490.9</b>	<b>1.62</b>	<b>1.55</b>	<b>1.52</b>	<b>1.49</b>
<i>Excluding motor vehicle and parts dealers</i> . . . . .	<i>44–45 ex 441</i>	<i>278.5</i>	<i>307.3</i>	<i>321.2</i>	<i>335.8</i>	<i>1.49</i>	<i>1.37</i>	<i>1.34</i>	<i>1.33</i>
Motor vehicle and parts dealers . . . . .	441	128.5	155.3	154.3	155.2	2.01	2.07	2.10	2.01
Furniture, home furnishings, electronics, and appliance stores . . . . .	442,443	25.7	30.6	31.5	32.1	1.86	1.79	1.73	1.64
Building material and garden equipment and supplies dealers . . . . .	444	34.5	42.6	46.4	46.8	1.76	1.64	1.63	1.60
Food and beverage stores . . . . .	445	32.1	33.3	33.9	34.6	0.84	0.79	0.77	0.75
Clothing and clothing accessories stores . . . . .	448	36.9	41.9	44.2	49.7	2.62	2.60	2.57	2.72
General merchandise stores . . . . .	452	64.9	70.9	73.1	75.3	1.87	1.67	1.64	1.60
Department stores . . . . .	4521	42.7	37.4	37.2	36.9	2.17	2.06	2.10	2.09

<sup>1</sup> North American Industry Classification System, 2002; see text, Section 15. <sup>2</sup> Includes kind of business not shown separately.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, *Current Business Reports, Annual Revision of Monthly Retail and Food Services: Sales and Inventories—January 1992 Through February 2007*, Series BR/06-A.