Table 7a. Estimated Measures of Sampling Variability¹ for Inventories of Merchant Wholesalers Held Inside and Outside the United States: 2005 through 2007

[Estimates are shown in millions of dollars and are based on data from the Annual Wholesale Trade Survey. All estimates have been adjusted using the results of the 2002 Economic Census.]

		2007					
	Kind of Business	Estimated Measures of Sampling Variability ¹					
				Inventories Held Inside the United States		Inventories Held Outside the United States	
2002 NAICS CODE		Total Inventories	Value	As Percent of Total Inventories	Value	As Percent of Total Inventories	
42	U.S. Merchant Wholesalers	1.0	1.1	0.1	4.1	0.1	
423	Durable goods	1.2	1.3	0.2	2.9	0.2	
4231	Motor Vehicle and Motor Vehicle Parts and Supplies	1.4	1.6	0.3	2.8	0.3	
4232	Furniture and Home Furnishings Lumber & Other Construction Materials	3.8	4.0	0.4	10.8	0.4	
4233 4234	Professional and Commercial Equipment and Supplies	5.5 2.5	5.5 2.5	0.3 0.4	21.9 12.9		
42343	Computer and Computer Peripheral Equipment and Software	3.9	4.2	1.1	21.2	1.1	
4235	Metals and Minerals, ex. Petroleum	3.6	3.7	0.7	13.8	0.7	
4236	Electrical Goods	3.8	4.1	0.8	12.9	0.8	
4237	Hardware, and Plumbing and Heating Equipment and Supplies	4.5	4.2	0.3	S 19 G	S	
4238 4239	Machinery, Equipment, and Supplies Miscellaneous Durable Goods	2.9 5.3	2.8 5.6	0.3 0.9	18.6 19.4	0.3 0.9	
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424 4241	Nondurable goods	1.8	1.8	0.3	13.4	0.3	
4241	Paper and Paper Products Drugs and Druggists' Sundries	5.5 2.5	5.5 2.6	0.3 0.4	S 17.6	S 0.4	
4243	Apparel, Piece Goods, and Notions	5.3	5.3	0.9	13.6	0.9	
4244	Groceries and Related Products	9.4	9.0	1.3	S	S	
4245	Farm Product Raw Materials	6.1	6.2	0.2	S	S	
4246	Chemicals and Allied Products	7.6	7.8	0.3	16.2	0.3	
4247 4248	Petroleum and Petroleum Products Beer, Wine, and Distilled Alcoholic Beverages	3.8 3.5	D	D	D	D D	
4240 4249	Miscellaneous Nondurable Goods	5.4	5.4	0.2	23.5	0.2	
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	U.S. Merchant Wholesalers, except Manufacturers' Sales						
42	Branches and Offices	1.0	1.0	0.2	5.3	0.2	
423	Durable goods	1.4	1.5	0.2	3.6	0.2	
4231	Motor Vehicle and Motor Vehicle Parts and Supplies	2.0	2.3	0.4	3.1	0.4	
4232	Furniture and Home Furnishings	4.8	5.0	0.4	11.4	0.4	
4233	Lumber & Other Construction Materials	5.5	5.5	0.3	25.8	0.3	
4234	Professional and Commercial Equipment and Supplies	3.3	3.3	0.5	13.9	0.5	
42343 4235	Computer and Computer Peripheral Equipment and Software Metals and Minerals, ex. Petroleum	4.5 3.7	4.8 3.9	1.4 0.8	27.9 16.7	1.4 0.8	
4236	Electrical Goods	4.4	4.7	1.0	14.2	1.0	
4237	Hardware, and Plumbing and Heating Equipment and Supplies	4.6	4.4	0.4	S	S	
4238	Machinery, Equipment, and Supplies	3.3	3.2	0.3	22.9		
4239	Miscellaneous Durable Goods	5.6	5.8	0.9	20.6	0.9	
424	Nondurable goods	1.7	1.5	0.4	18.0	0.4	
4241	Paper and Paper Products	6.9	6.9	0.4	S	S	
4242 4243	Drugs and Druggists' Sundries Apparel, Piece Goods, and Notions	2.7 4.9	2.7 5.0	0.2 1.0	22.2 16.0	0.2 1.0	
4243	Groceries and Related Products	7.8	6.3	1.0	10.0 S	S S	
4245	Farm Product Raw Materials	6.1	6.2	0.2	S	s	
4246	Chemicals and Allied Products	6.4	6.5	0.4	19.8	0.4	
4247	Petroleum and Petroleum Products	5.4	5.9	0.5	3.6	0.5	
4248	Beer, Wine, and Distilled Alcoholic Beverages	3.7	3.8	0.4	28.1	0.4	
4249	Miscellaneous Nondurable Goods	5.8	5.7	0.3	S	S	
42	U.S. Manufactuers' Sales Branches and Offices	3.3	3.4	0.2	6.8	0.2	
423	Durable goods	3.0	3.0	0.3	9.9	0.3	
4231 4232	Motor Vehicle and Motor Vehicle Parts and Supplies Furniture and Home Furnishings	2.5 13.5	2.5 14.0	Z 0.8	2.3 23.7	Z 0.8	
4232	Lumber & Other Construction Materials	9.1	9.2	0.0	5.2	0.0	
4234	Professional and Commercial Equipment and Supplies	4.6	4.7	0.3	15.4	0.3	
42343	Computer and Computer Peripheral Equipment and Software	5.2	5.5	0.2	3.2	0.2	
4235	Metals and Minerals, ex. Petroleum	9.4	8.3	1.4	S	S	
4236 4237	Electrical Goods Hardware, and Plumbing and Heating Equipment and Supplies	7.5 14.5	7.5 14.6	1.1 0.1	S 10.1	S 0.1	
4238	Machinery, Equipment, and Supplies	5.6	5.7	0.1	10.1 S	S	
4239	Miscellaneous Durable Goods	14.9	15.7	1.3	21.6	1.3	
424	Nondurable goods	5.9	6.1	0.4	11.3	0.4	
4241	Paper and Paper Products	7.6	7.6	z	4.2	z	
4242	Drugs and Druggists' Sundries	3.8	4.1	1.2	23.7	1.2	
4243	Apparel, Piece Goods, and Notions	16.9	17.6	0.7	14.9	0.7	
4244 4246	Groceries and Related Products Chemicals and Allied Products	24.0	24.6 16.3	0.3 0.2	S 25.4	S	
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		2005 ² Estimated Measures of Sampling Variability ¹				
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	Kind of Business	Total Inventories	Value	of Total Inventories	Value	of Total Inventories
42	U.S. Merchant Wholesalers	1.0	1.0	0.1	3.9	0.1
423	Durable goods	1.3	1.3	0.2	4.2	0.2
4231	Motor Vehicle and Motor Vehicle Parts and Supplies	1.9	2.0	0.2	2.2	0.2
4232 4233	Furniture and Home Furnishings Lumber & Other Construction Materials	3.5 4.2	3.5 4.2	0.4 0.5	15.6 29.5	0.4 0.5
4233	Professional and Commercial Equipment and Supplies	4.2	4.2	0.5	29.5	0.5
42343	Computer and Computer Peripheral Equipment and Software	3.7	3.1	1.3	28.7	1.3
4235	Metals and Minerals, ex. Petroleum	3.8	4.0	0.4	12.3	0.4
4236	Electrical Goods	3.2	3.7	0.8	13.7	
4237	Hardware, and Plumbing and Heating Equipment and Supplies Machinery, Equipment, and Supplies	3.3 3.3	3.2 3.2	0.2	21.1	0.2 0.3
4238 4239	Miscellaneous Durable Goods	3.3 5.1	3.2 5.0		21.4 15.6	
424	Nondurable goods	1.6	1.6	0.4	9.2	0.2
4241	Paper and Paper Products	5.3	5.3	0.6	S	S
4242	Drugs and Druggists' Sundries	2.6	2.7	0.2	7.1	0.2
4243	Apparel, Piece Goods, and Notions	5.6	5.6	0.5	8.9	0.5
4244 4245	Groceries and Related Products Farm Product Raw Materials	7.8 6.2	7.8 6.1	0.9 0.3	S S	S S
4246	Chemicals and Allied Products	5.9	6.0	0.3	15.2	
4247	Petroleum and Petroleum Products	2.6	D	D	D	D
4248	Beer, Wine, and Distilled Alcoholic Beverages	4.3	D	D	D	D
4249	Miscellaneous Nondurable Goods	4.7	4.6	0.2	28.5	0.2
42	U.S. Merchant Wholesalers, except Manufacturers' Sales Branches and Offices	1.0	1.0	0.1	4.5	0.1
423	Durable goods	1.5	1.5	0.2	4.5	0.2
4231	Motor Vehicle and Motor Vehicle Parts and Supplies	2.8	3.0	0.3	2.5	0.3
4232	Furniture and Home Furnishings	4.1	4.2	0.5	16.8	0.5
4233	Lumber & Other Construction Materials	4.4	4.3	0.6	S	S
4234 42343	Professional and Commercial Equipment and Supplies Computer and Computer Peripheral Equipment and Software	3.2 4.6	3.1 3.8	0.8 1.6	15.8 S	0.8 S
42343	Metals and Minerals, ex. Petroleum	4.6	3.o 4.6	0.5	3 14.2	0.5
4236	Electrical Goods	3.9	4.5	1.0	14.6	
4237	Hardware, and Plumbing and Heating Equipment and Supplies	3.7	3.7	0.2	21.9	0.2
4238	Machinery, Equipment, and Supplies	3.7	3.6	0.3	26.4	0.3
4239 424	Miscellaneous Durable Goods	5.3 1.4	5.2 1.2	0.4 0.3	16.7 13.8	0.4 0.3
424 4241	Nondurable goods Paper and Paper Products	5.8	5.8	0.3	13.0 S	0.3 S
4242	Drugs and Druggists' Sundries	2.9	2.9	0.1	27.6	0.1
4243	Apparel, Piece Goods, and Notions	4.3	4.5	0.6	8.5	0.6
4244	Groceries and Related Products	5.9	5.4	1.1	S	S
4245	Farm Product Raw Materials	6.2	6.1	0.3	S	S
4246 4247	Chemicals and Allied Products Petroleum and Petroleum Products	4.1 4.0	4.2 4.0	0.3 0.1	14.7 4.0	0.3 0.1
4248	Beer, Wine, and Distilled Alcoholic Beverages	4.5	4.8	1.5	S	S
4249	Miscellaneous Nondurable Goods	5.4	5.4	0.3	S	S
42	U.S. Manufactuers' Sales Branches and Offices	2.7	2.8	0.1	3.6	0.1
423 4221	Durable goods	2.2	2.2	0.1	3.9	
4231 4232	Motor Vehicle and Motor Vehicle Parts and Supplies Furniture and Home Furnishings	2.4 8.5	2.4 8.8	Z 0.4	2.2 15.1	Z 0.4
4232	Lumber & Other Construction Materials	7.6	7.7	0.4	5.2	0.4
4234	Professional and Commercial Equipment and Supplies	5.0	5.1	0.2	9.5	0.2
42343	Computer and Computer Peripheral Equipment and Software	5.9	5.8	0.3	S	S
4235	Metals and Minerals, ex. Petroleum	5.6	4.8	0.6	S	S
4236 4237	Electrical Goods Hardware, and Plumbing and Heating Equipment and Supplies	5.2 7.7	5.2 7.7	0.2 0.1	S S	S S
4238	Machinery, Equipment, and Supplies	6.0	6.0	0.1	14.0	
4239	Miscellaneous Durable Goods	13.9	14.3	0.9	29.9	0.9
424	Nondurable goods	5.1	5.2	0.2	6.7	0.2
4241	Paper and Paper Products	9.1	9.1	Z	4.3	Z
4242 4243	Drugs and Druggists' Sundries Apparel, Piece Goods, and Notions	2.9 19.6	3.1 18.3	0.5 0.6	8.9 S	0.5 S
4243 4244	Groceries and Related Products	19.6	22.3		5 10.7	S 0.2
4246	Chemicals and Allied Products	14.7	14.7	0.2	S	0.2 S
4247	Petroleum and Petroleum Products	3.5	D	D	D	D
4248	Beer, Wine, and Distilled Alcoholic Beverages	0.2	D	D	D	D
4249 Note:	Miscellaneous Nondurable Goods	7.6	7.6	0.1	7.2	0.1

Note: Z - Estimate is less than 0.05%.

D - Indicates that the corresponding estimate in Table 7 is withheld to avoid disclosing data of individual companies; data are included in higher level totals.

S - Corresponding estimate in Table 7 does not meet publication standards because of high sampling variability (coefficient of variation is greater than 30%) or poor response quality (total quantity response rate is less than 50%). For a description of publication standards and the total quantity response rate, see http://www.census.gov/quality/S20-0_v1.0_Data_Release.pdf.

There are no manufacturers' sales branches and offices in NAICS code 4245.

Additional information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, sample design, and definitions may be found at http://www.census.gov/wholesale/www/how_surveys_are_collected/index.html.

Footnote:

¹ Estimated measures of sampling variability for total inventories, the value of inventories held inside the United Sates and the value of inventories held outside the United States are calculated as coefficients of variation. Inventories held inside the United States as a percent of total inventories and ² Revised data.