

**Table 2A. Estimated Measures of Sampling Variability<sup>1</sup> for Sales and Inventories of U.S. Merchant Wholesalers, except Manufacturers' Sales Branches and Offices: 1998 through 2007**

[Estimates are shown as percents and are based on data from the Annual Wholesale Trade Survey.]

2002 NAICS CODE	Data Item	Kind of Business	Estimated Measures of Sampling Variability <sup>1</sup>									
			1998 <sup>2</sup>	1999 <sup>2</sup>	2000 <sup>2</sup>	2001 <sup>2</sup>	2002 <sup>2</sup>	2003 <sup>2</sup>	2004 <sup>2</sup>	2005 <sup>2</sup>	2006 <sup>2</sup>	2007
42	Sales	<b>U.S. Merchant Wholesalers, except Manufacturers' Sales Branches and Offices</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.4</b>
423	Sales	<b>Durable goods</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.2</b>
4231	Sales	Motor Vehicle and Motor Vehicle Parts and Supplies	2.6	2.6	2.8	3.1	0.0	0.8	1.2	1.6	1.7	1.4
4232	Sales	Furniture and Home Furnishings	2.4	2.5	2.3	3.2	0.0	1.4	3.0	3.4	4.1	4.7
4233	Sales	Lumber & Other Construction Materials	2.5	2.5	3.5	7.3	0.0	2.9	3.2	3.3	3.7	4.1
4234	Sales	Professional and Commercial Equipment and Supplies	2.6	2.8	3.4	4.0	0.0	1.9	2.3	2.6	3.2	3.3
42343	Sales	Computer and Computer Peripheral Equipment and Software	3.8	4.5	5.8	6.8	0.0	1.9	2.9	3.2	3.5	3.1
4235	Sales	Metals and Minerals, ex. Petroleum	2.0	2.5	3.2	3.3	0.0	1.4	2.4	2.7	2.8	3.2
4236	Sales	Electrical Goods	2.3	2.3	2.3	3.6	0.0	2.0	3.1	3.2	3.6	3.5
4237	Sales	Hardware, and Plumbing and Heating Equipment and Supplies	1.2	1.2	1.7	2.2	0.0	0.9	1.6	2.3	2.8	3.3
4238	Sales	Machinery, Equipment, and Supplies	2.0	2.3	2.8	3.3	0.0	1.0	1.6	1.5	1.7	2.3
4239	Sales	Miscellaneous Durable Goods	2.9	2.8	3.1	4.0	0.0	2.4	3.1	3.2	3.6	4.3
424	Sales	<b>Nondurable goods</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>2.0</b>
4241	Sales	Paper and Paper Products	1.4	1.9	2.4	2.3	0.0	1.7	3.6	3.9	4.6	5.2
4242	Sales	Drugs and Druggists' Sundries	2.0	2.0	2.5	2.8	0.0	1.5	1.9	2.2	2.3	2.3
4243	Sales	Apparel, Piece Goods, and Notions	2.4	2.8	3.4	4.3	0.0	1.4	2.0	2.2	2.0	2.6
4244	Sales	Groceries and Related Products	1.3	1.7	1.7	2.3	0.0	1.4	1.7	1.9	2.4	3.1
4245	Sales	Farm Product Raw Materials	3.3	3.5	3.8	4.4	0.0	2.8	3.0	3.6	4.0	4.2
4246	Sales	Chemicals and Allied Products	2.4	3.0	3.4	4.1	0.0	1.4	2.5	2.5	3.7	3.8
4247	Sales	Petroleum and Petroleum Products	4.4	4.7	4.5	4.1	0.0	1.4	2.6	3.0	5.6	7.6
4248	Sales	Beer, Wine, and Distilled Alcoholic Beverages	1.0	1.4	1.9	2.6	0.0	1.1	1.9	2.1	2.1	2.4
4249	Sales	Miscellaneous Nondurable Goods	3.2	4.7	4.5	5.3	0.0	3.2	4.1	3.9	3.7	3.8
42	Inventories	<b>U.S. Merchant Wholesalers, except Manufacturers' Sales Branches and Offices</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>
423	Inventories	<b>Durable goods</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>1.4</b>
4231	Inventories	Motor Vehicle and Motor Vehicle Parts and Supplies	2.7	3.2	2.8	2.2	1.9	2.4	2.4	2.8	2.0	2.0
4232	Inventories	Furniture and Home Furnishings	4.0	3.9	4.3	5.2	4.0	4.0	3.9	4.1	4.4	4.8
4233	Inventories	Lumber & Other Construction Materials	4.0	3.9	4.2	4.1	3.5	4.3	4.4	4.4	4.7	5.5
4234	Inventories	Professional and Commercial Equipment and Supplies	4.0	4.0	5.2	6.5	5.9	6.3	6.1	3.2	3.4	3.3
42343	Inventories	Computer and Computer Peripheral Equipment and Software	5.0	4.5	6.6	10.9	4.8	8.0	6.1	4.6	4.5	4.5
4235	Inventories	Metals and Minerals, ex. Petroleum	4.1	4.2	4.3	4.5	3.0	3.5	3.5	4.5	4.2	3.7
4236	Inventories	Electrical Goods	2.9	2.8	2.6	3.3	3.0	4.2	4.2	3.9	4.4	4.4
4237	Inventories	Hardware, and Plumbing and Heating Equipment and Supplies	2.5	3.1	3.7	5.2	3.2	3.7	3.5	3.7	4.1	4.6
4238	Inventories	Machinery, Equipment, and Supplies	2.8	3.3	3.7	3.7	1.4	2.0	3.8	3.7	3.2	3.3
4239	Inventories	Miscellaneous Durable Goods	3.9	3.7	3.8	4.1	3.1	5.2	5.6	5.3	6.3	5.6
424	Inventories	<b>Nondurable goods</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>1.7</b>
4241	Inventories	Paper and Paper Products	3.1	3.4	3.8	3.4	2.5	3.0	5.5	5.8	6.0	6.9
4242	Inventories	Drugs and Druggists' Sundries	2.5	3.1	3.3	3.3	2.2	2.1	2.4	2.9	3.2	2.7
4243	Inventories	Apparel, Piece Goods, and Notions	3.3	3.2	3.6	3.8	3.4	3.9	3.6	4.3	3.9	4.9
4244	Inventories	Groceries and Related Products	2.8	2.7	2.8	3.7	3.0	3.5	5.9	5.9	6.5	7.8
4245	Inventories	Farm Product Raw Materials	4.3	5.8	8.1	9.3	6.3	9.0	4.2	6.2	5.9	6.1
4246	Inventories	Chemicals and Allied Products	4.3	4.0	4.4	4.6	3.8	4.5	3.9	4.1	5.4	6.4
4247	Inventories	Petroleum and Petroleum Products	4.3	4.4	4.0	4.3	2.2	2.9	4.3	4.0	4.8	5.4
4248	Inventories	Beer, Wine, and Distilled Alcoholic Beverages	1.9	2.1	2.5	3.2	2.3	2.7	4.8	4.5	3.1	3.7
4249	Inventories	Miscellaneous Nondurable Goods	5.4	6.1	6.2	5.5	5.3	5.6	5.5	5.4	5.1	5.8

Note:

Estimates of 2002 sales have coefficients of variation equal to zero because they are adjusted to the 2002 Economic Census.

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](http://www.census.gov/wholesale/www/how_surveys_are_collected/index.html).

Footnote:

<sup>1</sup> Estimated measures of sampling variability for sales and inventories are given as coefficients of variation.

<sup>2</sup> Revised data.