

Estimated Measures of Sampling Variability for End-of-Year Inventories of U.S. Retail Firms by Kind of Business and Location Held: 2007

[Estimates are shown as percents and are based on data from the 2007 Annual Retail Trade Survey. Estimates have been adjusted using results of the 2002 Economic Census]

NAICS Code	Kind of business	Coefficients of variation for		
		Total inventories	Inventories held inside the United States	Inventories held outside of the United States
	Retail inventories, total	0.5	0.5	4.1
	Total (excl. motor vehicle and parts dealers)	0.6	0.6	3.8
441	Motor vehicle and parts dealers	1.1	1.1	24.3
442	Furniture, home furnishings, electronics, and appliance stores	2.1	2.1	5.3
443	Electronics, and appliance stores	1.3	1.3	2.1
444	Building mat. and garden equip. and supplies dealers	1.8	1.8	S
445	Food and beverage stores	1.0	1.0	S
446	Health and personal care stores	1.7	1.7	8.0
447	Gasoline Stations	4.1	4.1	0.0
448	Clothing and clothing access. stores	1.9	1.9	5.9
451	Sporting goods, hobby, book, and music stores	2.2	2.2	2.7
452	General merchandise stores	0.3	0.3	S
453	Miscellaneous store retailers	1.9	1.9	18.2
454	Nonstore retailers	2.3	2.3	9.5

S Estimate 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.

Note: Estimates exclude food services. Information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, sample design, and definitions can be found on the Internet at <www.census.gov/mrts/www/nrely.html>.