

Table 1020. Retail Trade—Merchandise Inventories and Inventory/Sales Ratio by Kind of Business: 2000 to 2008

[Inventories in billions of dollars (406.9 represents \$406,900,000,000). 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 ¹	Inventories				Inventory/sales ratio			
		2000	2005	2007	2008	2000	2005	2007	2008
Total ²	44-45	406.9	472	499.7	484.4	1.62	1.50	1.47	1.62
<i>Excluding motor vehicle and parts dealers</i>	<i>44-45 ex 441</i>	<i>278.6</i>	<i>319.1</i>	<i>342.9</i>	<i>336.6</i>	<i>1.49</i>	<i>1.33</i>	<i>1.30</i>	<i>1.39</i>
Motor vehicle and parts dealers.	441	128.3	152.6	156.8	147.8	2.01	2.07	2.09	2.62
Furniture, home furnishings, electronics, and appliance stores	442,443	25.7	31.1	32.8	30.6	1.85	1.72	1.74	1.84
Building material and garden equipment and supplies dealers.	444	34.5	46.4	49.4	49.9	1.76	1.65	1.81	2.00
Food and beverage stores	445	32.2	34.1	36.2	37.6	0.85	0.78	0.75	0.78
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	448	36.9	43.5	47.9	46.7	2.61	2.52	2.60	2.80
General merchandise stores	452	64.9	73.3	75.9	73.7	1.87	1.64	1.54	1.50
Department stores.	4521	42.7	37.5	37.1	33.8	2.17	2.10	2.14	2.11

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

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, "Annual Revision of Monthly Retail and Food Services: Sales and Inventories—January 1992 Through March 2009" (published April 2009); <<http://www.census.gov/retail/mrts/www/benchmark/2009/html/annrev09.html>>.