

Table 4. Estimated Measures of Sampling Variability for Monthly Estimates of Merchant Wholesalers, Except Manufacturers' Sales Branches and Offices

[Coefficients of variation are percentages and standard errors are in units. Estimates are based on data from the Monthly Wholesale Trade Survey.]

NAICS Code	Data Item	NAICS Description (sub-parts indicated by one or more leading dots)	Coefficients of Variation		
			Minimum	Maximum	Median
42	Sales	Total Merchant Wholesalers, Except Manufacturers' Sales Branches and Offices	0.8	1.6	1.5
423	Sales	.Durable Goods	1.1	1.8	1.5
4231	Sales	..Motor Vehicle & Motor Vehicle Parts & Supplies	2.6	3.6	3.2
4232	Sales	..Furniture & Home Furnishings	2.6	7.4	7.0
4233	Sales	..Lumber & Other Construction Materials	3.9	6.9	5.5
4234	Sales	..Professional & Commercial Equipment & Supplies	3.2	4.8	4.2
42343	Sales	...Computer & Computer Peripheral Equipment & Software	5.2	9.6	8.7
4235	Sales	..Metals & Minerals, Except Petroleum	3.4	7.0	6.1
4236	Sales	..Electrical & Electronic Goods	2.8	4.8	4.0
4237	Sales	..Hardware, & Plumbing, Heating Equipment, & Supplies	4.2	7.3	6.6
4238	Sales	..Machinery, Equipment, & Supplies	3.0	5.6	5.1
4239	Sales	..Miscellaneous Durable Goods	4.1	5.2	4.8
424	Sales	.Nondurable Goods	1.2	3.0	2.5
4241	Sales	..Paper & Paper Products	6.2	7.0	6.6
4242	Sales	..Drugs & Druggists' Sundries	2.5	6.2	6.1
4243	Sales	..Apparel, Piece Goods, & Notions	3.5	8.3	6.6
4244	Sales	..Grocery & Related Products	3.0	4.9	4.2
4245	Sales	..Farm Product Raw Materials	3.9	7.5	6.8
4246	Sales	..Chemicals & Allied Products	4.8	7.1	5.7
4247	Sales	..Petroleum & Petroleum Products	3.1	10.3	9.6
4248	Sales	..Beer, Wine, & Distilled Alcoholic Beverages	5.8	8.1	6.4
4249	Sales	..Miscellaneous Nondurable Goods	4.4	10.0	8.0
42	Inventories	Total Merchant Wholesalers, Except Manufacturers' Sales Branches and Offices	1.2	1.7	1.6
423	Inventories	.Durable Goods	1.5	2.1	1.9
4231	Inventories	..Motor Vehicle & Motor Vehicle Parts & Supplies	4.0	5.0	4.5
4232	Inventories	..Furniture & Home Furnishings	4.3	9.8	9.3
4233	Inventories	..Lumber & Other Construction Materials	7.1	8.2	7.5
4234	Inventories	..Professional & Commercial Equipment & Supplies	4.2	7.4	6.9
42343	Inventories	...Computer & Computer Peripheral Equipment & Software	5.7	10.9	10.4
4235	Inventories	..Metals & Minerals, Except Petroleum	5.4	12.1	11.4
4236	Inventories	..Electrical & Electronic Goods	2.5	8.1	7.1
4237	Inventories	..Hardware, & Plumbing, Heating Equipment, & Supplies	4.7	9.1	8.7
4238	Inventories	..Machinery, Equipment, & Supplies	2.1	4.5	4.3
4239	Inventories	..Miscellaneous Durable Goods	5.3	8.2	7.9
424	Inventories	.Nondurable Goods	1.9	2.7	2.3
4241	Inventories	..Paper & Paper Products	5.2	6.4	6.0
4242	Inventories	..Drugs & Druggists' Sundries	4.9	5.8	5.7
4243	Inventories	..Apparel, Piece Goods, & Notions	4.8	5.9	5.4
4244	Inventories	..Grocery & Related Products	6.1	7.6	7.3
4245	Inventories	..Farm Product Raw Materials	7.4	10.5	7.9
4246	Inventories	..Chemicals & Allied Products	5.4	6.6	5.9
4247	Inventories	..Petroleum & Petroleum Products	3.7	12.8	8.3
4248	Inventories	..Beer, Wine, & Distilled Alcoholic Beverages	2.8	5.5	4.6
4249	Inventories	..Miscellaneous Nondurable Goods	4.7	10.0	9.1
NAICS Code	Data Item	NAICS Description (sub-parts indicated by one or more leading dots)	Standard Errors		
			Minimum	Maximum	Median
42	Inventories/Sales Ratios	Total Merchant Wholesalers, Except Manufacturers' Sales Branches and Offices	0.01	0.02	0.01
423	Inventories/Sales Ratios	.Durable Goods	0.02	0.03	0.02
4231	Inventories/Sales Ratios	..Motor Vehicle & Motor Vehicle Parts & Supplies	0.03	0.06	0.05
4232	Inventories/Sales Ratios	..Furniture & Home Furnishings	0.05	0.10	0.08
4233	Inventories/Sales Ratios	..Lumber & Other Construction Materials	0.05	0.09	0.07
4234	Inventories/Sales Ratios	..Professional & Commercial Equipment & Supplies	0.02	0.09	0.06
42343	Inventories/Sales Ratios	...Computer & Computer Peripheral Equipment & Software	0.04	0.09	0.07
4235	Inventories/Sales Ratios	..Metals & Minerals, Except Petroleum	0.06	0.13	0.10
4236	Inventories/Sales Ratios	..Electrical & Electronic Goods	0.03	0.06	0.04
4237	Inventories/Sales Ratios	..Hardware, & Plumbing, Heating Equipment, & Supplies	0.07	0.14	0.12
4238	Inventories/Sales Ratios	..Machinery, Equipment, & Supplies	0.06	0.09	0.07
4239	Inventories/Sales Ratios	..Miscellaneous Durable Goods	0.05	0.08	0.07
424	Inventories/Sales Ratios	.Nondurable Goods	0.02	0.02	0.02
4241	Inventories/Sales Ratios	..Paper & Paper Products	0.03	0.05	0.04
4242	Inventories/Sales Ratios	..Drugs & Druggists' Sundries	0.02	0.06	0.03
4243	Inventories/Sales Ratios	..Apparel, Piece Goods, & Notions	0.05	0.11	0.08
4244	Inventories/Sales Ratios	..Grocery & Related Products	0.03	0.05	0.03
4245	Inventories/Sales Ratios	..Farm Product Raw Materials	0.04	0.11	0.08
4246	Inventories/Sales Ratios	..Chemicals & Allied Products	0.03	0.08	0.04
4247	Inventories/Sales Ratios	..Petroleum & Petroleum Products	0.01	0.03	0.02
4248	Inventories/Sales Ratios	..Beer, Wine, & Distilled Alcoholic Beverages	0.05	0.08	0.06
4249	Inventories/Sales Ratios	..Miscellaneous Nondurable Goods	0.04	0.11	0.08

Note: The minimum, maximum, and median values were computed using the latest available monthly estimates for January 2006 through December 2006. Refer to www.census.gov/whl for information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, sample design, and definitions.