2019 E-Stats Report Summary of Changes

Release of E-Commerce Data

E-commerce estimates were released prior to the 2019 E-Stats report for the following surveys:

- Service Annual Survey: December 11, 2020
- Annual Wholesale Trade Survey: January 21, 2021
- Annual Retail Trade Survey: January 28, 2021

E-commerce estimates from the Annual Survey of Manufactures (ASM) were not released prior to the E-Stats report.

Notes on Comparability

Survey estimates were revised to reflect historical corrections to current sample data. Corrections are made to replace previously reported data with more accurate data received at a later date or to replace imputed data with reported data obtained from the company.

For areas that were not able to revise or provide historical data, please visit their respective sections of the report and the Explanatory Notes for further information.

2019 Service Annual Survey (SAS)

The 2018 SAS estimates were revised to reflect historical corrections to current sample data and were benchmarked to the 2017 Economic Census. Corrections are made to replace previously reported data with more accurate data received at a later date or to replace previously imputed data with reported data.

Additional information is available on the SAS Methodology page.

2019 Annual Wholesale Trade Survey (AWTS)

The 2018 AWTS estimates were revised to reflect historical corrections to current sample data and were benchmarked to the 2017 Economic Census. Corrections are made to replace previously reported data with more accurate data received at a later date or to replace previously imputed data with reported data. Furthermore, the 2018 AWTS estimates were revised for NAICS code 4231 and the manufacturers' sales branches and offices component of NAICS code 4244 to reflect revisions to the 2012 Economic Census. The corresponding aggregate totals were revised as well.

Additional information is available on the AWTS Methodology page.
2019 Annual Retail Trade Survey (ARTS)

The 2018 ARTS estimates were revised to reflect historical corrections to current sample data and were benchmarked to the 2017 Economic Census. Corrections are made to replace previously reported data with more accurate data received at a later date or to replace previously imputed data with reported data.

Additional information is available on the ARTS Methodology page.

2019 Annual Survey of Manufactures (ASM)

The manufacturing estimates for 2019 (and 2018) are based on the 2017 North American Industry Classification System. The 2019 manufacturing estimates are based on the 2019 ASM, and the 2019 shipments estimates are linked to the 2017 Economic Census results to reduce sampling and nonsampling errors. A new sample is selected at 5-year intervals beginning the second survey year subsequent to the Economic Census-Manufacturing. The current sample was selected in 2019, the second year following the 2017 Economic Census-Manufacturing.

Additional information is available on the ASM Methodology page.