

Wholesale trade: Early indicator, August 2020

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Given the rapidly evolving economic situation, Statistics Canada is providing an advance estimate of sales in the wholesale sector for the month of August. The advance results for August indicate that wholesale sales rose 0.1%.

This estimate was calculated based on responses received from 75.6% of companies surveyed. The average final response rate for the survey over the past 12 months has been 91.2%. As Statistics Canada is continuing to collect data for the August reference month, this early indicator is subject to a higher revision rate than our regular monthly release.

Note to readers

The percentage change is calculated using seasonally adjusted data and is expressed in current dollars.

This early indicator is a special product published in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic to provide Canadians with timely information on the wholesale sector. The official estimate of wholesale sales for the month of August, which will be based on a more complete set of survey and administrative data, is scheduled for release on October 19, 2020.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2401.

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