

# Wholesale trade: Early indicator, September 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 September. The advance results for September indicate that wholesale sales rose 0.4%.

This estimate was calculated based on a weighted response rate of 58.5%. The average final response rate for the survey over the past 12 months has been 89.0%. As Statistics Canada is continuing to collect data for the September 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 September, which will be based on a more complete set of survey and administrative data, is scheduled for release on November 17, 2020.*

## Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number [2401](#).

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