

# Wholesale trade: Early indicator, November 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 November. The advance results for November indicate that wholesale sales rose 1.0%. The increase reflects widespread growth, particularly in the machinery, equipment and supplies, and the motor vehicle and motor vehicle parts and accessories subsectors.

This estimate was calculated based on a weighted response rate of 55.2%. The average final response rate for the survey over the past 12 months has been 88.9%. As Statistics Canada is continuing to collect data for the November 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 November, which will be based on a more complete set of survey and administrative data, is scheduled for release on January 19, 2021.*

## Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2401.

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