

Wholesale trade: Early indicator, April 2021

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Given the rapidly evolving economic situation, Statistics Canada is providing an advance estimate of sales in the wholesale trade sector for April. The advance results for April indicate that wholesale sales fell 0.8%. The decrease reflects lower sales in the motor vehicle and motor vehicle parts and accessories subsector.

This estimate was calculated based on a weighted response rate of 50.4%. The average final response rate for the survey over the past 12 months has been 88.5%. As Statistics Canada continues to collect data for the April reference month, this early indicator is subject to a higher revision rate than the regular monthly release.

Note to readers

The percentage change is calculated using seasonally adjusted current dollar data.

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 April, which will be based on a more complete set of survey and administrative data, is scheduled for release on June 16, 2021.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2401.

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