

Wholesale trade: Early indicator, January 2022

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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 January. The advance results for January indicate that wholesale sales rose 3.9%. The increase reflects higher sales in the building material and supplies, and machinery equipment and supplies subsectors.

This estimate was calculated based on a weighted response rate of 68.6%. The average final response rate for the survey over the past 12 months has been 84.6%. As Statistics Canada continues to collect data for the January reference month, this early indicator is subject to a higher revision rate than the regular monthly release.

Advance estimates by subsector:

- Farm products: +6.3%
- Food, beverage and tobacco products: +0.9%
- Personal and household goods: +10.0%
- Motor vehicles and motor vehicle parts and accessories: -6.0%
- Building materials and supplies: +13.6%
- Machinery, equipment and supplies: +8.1%
- Miscellaneous goods: -4.8%

Note to readers

The percentage change is calculated using seasonally adjusted data 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 January, which will be based on a more complete set of survey and administrative data, is scheduled for release on March 16, 2022.

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

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