

Wholesale trade: Early indicator, July 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 July. The advance results for July indicate that wholesale sales fell 0.6%. The decrease reflects lower sales in the motor vehicles and motor vehicle parts and accessories subsector.

This estimate was calculated based on a weighted response rate of 59.7%. The average final response rate for the survey over the past 12 months has been 86.6%. As Statistics Canada continues to collect data for the July reference month, this early indicator is subject to a higher revision rate than the regular monthly release.

Advance estimates by subsector:

- Farm products: -0.4%
- Food, beverage and tobacco products: 0.3%
- Personal and household goods: -0.3%
- Motor vehicles and motor vehicle parts and accessories: -2.2%
- Building materials and supplies: -0.9%
- Machinery, equipment and supplies: +0.4%
- Miscellaneous goods: -1.3%

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 July, which will be based on a more complete set of survey and administrative data, is scheduled for release on September 16, 2022.

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

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