

**Table 5-2**  
**Wholesale merchants — Inventories/sales ratio, seasonally adjusted, by NAICS — Historical**

	Inventories/sales ratio			
	September	August	July	June
	2010	2010	2010	2010
	percent			
<b>NAICS - Canada</b>				
<b>Wholesale trade[41]</b>	<b>1.17</b>	<b>1.17</b>	<b>1.20</b>	<b>1.19</b>
<b>Farm product wholesaler-distributors[411]</b>	<b>0.28</b>	<b>0.28</b>	<b>0.30</b>	<b>0.28</b>
<b>Food, beverage and tobacco wholesaler-distributors[413]</b>	<b>0.55</b>	<b>0.56</b>	<b>0.55</b>	<b>0.55</b>
Food[4131]	0.56	0.56	0.55	0.55
Beverage[4132]	0.58	0.54	0.58	0.57
Cigarette and tobacco product[4133]	0.45	0.45	0.42	0.44
<b>Personal and household goods wholesaler-distributors[414]</b>	<b>1.38</b>	<b>1.36</b>	<b>1.38</b>	<b>1.36</b>
Textile, clothing and footwear[4141]	1.86	1.81	1.89	1.88
Home entertainment equipment and household appliance[4142]	1.11	1.05	1.06	1.00
Home furnishings[4143]	2.17	2.01	1.86	1.90
Personal goods[4144]	1.76	1.87	1.96	1.85
Pharmaceuticals and pharmacy supplies[41451]	1.20	1.18	1.20	1.16
Toiletries, cosmetics and sundries[41452]	0.94	0.97	0.92	1.04
<b>Motor vehicle and parts wholesaler-distributors[415]</b>	<b>0.86</b>	<b>0.88</b>	<b>0.91</b>	<b>0.91</b>
Motor vehicle[4151]	0.57	0.60	0.62	0.63
New motor vehicle parts and accessories[4152]	1.83	1.86	1.87	1.87
Used motor vehicle parts and accessories[4153]	1.56	1.72	1.83	1.79
<b>Building material and supplies wholesaler-distributors[416]</b>	<b>1.62</b>	<b>1.60</b>	<b>1.65</b>	<b>1.62</b>
Electrical, plumbing, heating and air-conditioning equipment and supplies[4161]	1.42	1.42	1.45	1.43
Metal service centres[4162]	2.00	1.99	2.14	2.18
Lumber, millwork, hardware and other building supplies[4163]	1.58	1.54	1.58	1.52
<b>Machinery, equipment and supplies wholesaler-distributors[417]</b>	<b>1.62</b>	<b>1.64</b>	<b>1.70</b>	<b>1.69</b>
Farm, lawn and garden machinery and equipment[4171]	2.89	3.06	3.14	3.41
Construction, forestry, mining, and industrial machinery, equipment and supplies[4172]	2.42	2.50	2.65	2.55
Computer and communications equipment and supplies[4173]	0.53	0.52	0.54	0.54
Other machinery, equipment and supplies[4179]	1.38	1.36	1.40	1.38
<b>Miscellaneous wholesaler-distributors[418]</b>	<b>1.15</b>	<b>1.13</b>	<b>1.14</b>	<b>1.16</b>
Recyclable material[4181]	0.60	0.49	0.49	0.57
Paper, paper product and disposable plastic product[4182]	0.84	0.84	0.83	0.85
Agricultural supplies[4183]	1.69	1.79	1.92	2.03
Chemical (except agricultural) and allied product[4184]	0.82	0.81	0.78	0.79
Other miscellaneous[4189]	1.23	1.18	1.15	1.07

**Note(s):** NAICS: North American Industry Classification System Canada