

**Table 5-1**  
**Wholesale merchants — Inventories/sales ratio, seasonally adjusted, by NAICS — Current period**

	Inventories/sales ratio			
	October <sup>p</sup> 2012	September <sup>r</sup> 2012	August <sup>r</sup> 2012	July <sup>r</sup> 2012
	percent			
<b>NAICS - Canada</b>				
<b>Wholesale trade[41]</b>	<b>1.25</b>	<b>1.26</b>	<b>1.25</b>	<b>1.24</b>
<b>Farm product wholesaler-distributors[411]</b>	<b>0.32</b>	<b>0.33</b>	<b>0.28</b>	<b>0.30</b>
<b>Food, beverage and tobacco wholesaler-distributors[413]</b>	<b>0.58</b>	<b>0.59</b>	<b>0.58</b>	<b>0.59</b>
Food[4131]	0.58	0.59	0.58	0.60
Beverage[4132]	0.68	0.69	0.64	0.60
Cigarette and tobacco product[4133]	0.47	0.47	0.44	0.45
<b>Personal and household goods wholesaler-distributors[414]</b>	<b>1.51</b>	<b>1.54</b>	<b>1.52</b>	<b>1.53</b>
Textile, clothing and footwear[4141]	1.95	1.98	1.95	2.02
Home entertainment equipment and household appliance[4142]	0.99	1.03	1.07	1.03
Home furnishings[4143]	2.01	2.07	2.08	2.21
Personal goods[4144]	2.13	2.19	2.10	2.09
Pharmaceuticals and pharmacy supplies[41451]	1.36	1.40	1.37	1.38
Toiletries, cosmetics and sundries[41452]	1.13	1.10	1.12	1.10
<b>Motor vehicle and parts wholesaler-distributors[415]</b>	<b>1.02</b>	<b>1.03</b>	<b>1.03</b>	<b>0.97</b>
Motor vehicle[4151]	0.73	0.72	0.75	0.68
New motor vehicle parts and accessories[4152]	1.89	1.99	1.94	1.90
Used motor vehicle parts and accessories[4153]	2.06	2.13	2.34	2.19
<b>Building material and supplies wholesaler-distributors[416]</b>	<b>1.63</b>	<b>1.65</b>	<b>1.65</b>	<b>1.67</b>
Electrical, plumbing, heating and air-conditioning equipment and supplies[4161]	1.46	1.48	1.47	1.50
Metal service centres[4162]	2.07	2.11	2.11	2.16
Lumber, millwork, hardware and other building supplies[4163]	1.52	1.54	1.54	1.53
<b>Machinery, equipment and supplies wholesaler-distributors[417]</b>	<b>1.67</b>	<b>1.67</b>	<b>1.64</b>	<b>1.66</b>
Farm, lawn and garden machinery and equipment[4171]	2.91	3.02	2.90	2.99
Construction, forestry, mining, and industrial machinery, equipment and supplies[4172]	2.53	2.50	2.46	2.45
Computer and communications equipment and supplies[4173]	0.51	0.50	0.49	0.50
Other machinery, equipment and supplies[4179]	1.31	1.33	1.33	1.38
<b>Miscellaneous wholesaler-distributors[418]</b>	<b>1.22</b>	<b>1.21</b>	<b>1.19</b>	<b>1.14</b>
Recyclable material[4181]	0.87	0.87	0.87	0.85
Paper, paper product and disposable plastic product[4182]	0.79	0.80	0.84	0.82
Agricultural supplies[4183]	1.69	1.73	1.62	1.48
Chemical (except agricultural) and allied product[4184]	0.93	0.98	0.96	0.91
Other miscellaneous[4189]	1.32	1.24	1.25	1.24

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