

**Table 4-2**  
**Wholesale merchants — Inventories, by NAICS, not seasonally adjusted — Percentage change from previous year**

	December <sup>p</sup> 2012	November <sup>r</sup> 2012	October 2012	September 2012
	percent			
<b>NAICS - Canada</b>				
<b>Wholesale trade[41]</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>8.3</b>
<b>Farm product wholesaler-distributors[411]</b>	<b>-15.7</b>	<b>-17.6</b>	<b>-7.3</b>	<b>-7.0</b>
<b>Food, beverage and tobacco wholesaler-distributors[413]</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>8.0</b>
Food[4131]	3.9	4.6	4.9	7.4
Beverage[4132]	16.6	12.5	16.4	20.3
Cigarette and tobacco product[4133]	-4.2	3.5	8.1	3.3
<b>Personal and household goods wholesaler-distributors[414]</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>5.1</b>
Textile, clothing and footwear[4141]	-6.9	-5.6	-3.2	-6.0
Home entertainment equipment and household appliance[4142]	1.0	2.5	-8.6	-6.6
Home furnishings[4143]	4.8	2.9	0.3	5.2
Personal goods[4144]	-1.4	9.2	3.9	12.8
Pharmaceuticals and pharmacy supplies[41451]	2.8	9.4	12.3	10.9
Toiletries, cosmetics and sundries[41452]	-6.1	-1.6	0.9	1.3
<b>Motor vehicle and parts wholesaler-distributors[415]</b>	<b>13.4</b>	<b>17.3</b>	<b>17.1</b>	<b>19.9</b>
Motor vehicle[4151]	12.0	15.9	16.1	19.3
New motor vehicle parts and accessories[4152]	14.9	19.0	18.3	20.5
Used motor vehicle parts and accessories[4153]	12.0	16.5	14.1	21.4
<b>Building material and supplies wholesaler-distributors[416]</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>5.1</b>
Electrical, plumbing, heating and air-conditioning equipment and supplies[4161]	1.1	4.1	2.0	-0.7
Metal service centres[4162]	12.2	10.7	7.5	9.4
Lumber, millwork, hardware and other building supplies[4163]	8.4	6.2	6.9	6.3
<b>Machinery, equipment and supplies wholesaler-distributors[417]</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>10.6</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>11.6</b>
Farm, lawn and garden machinery and equipment[4171]	10.1	14.2	11.8	15.6
Construction, forestry, mining, and industrial machinery, equipment and supplies[4172]	6.3	11.6	15.3	14.5
Computer and communications equipment and supplies[4173]	22.8	17.6	14.6	11.1
Other machinery, equipment and supplies[4179]	3.6	1.5	-0.1	0.7
<b>Miscellaneous wholesaler-distributors[418]</b>	<b>-5.1</b>	<b>-3.1</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>-0.4</b>
Recyclable material[4181]	0.1	-14.4	-9.2	-3.5
Paper, paper product and disposable plastic product[4182]	-6.9	-4.5	-6.3	-3.6
Agricultural supplies[4183]	-13.8	-5.2	1.2	-1.9
Chemical (except agricultural) and allied product[4184]	2.2	9.9	16.8	28.0
Other miscellaneous[4189]	2.8	-2.5	0.6	-6.9

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