

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

	Inventories/sales ratio			
	December <sup>p</sup> 2012	November <sup>r</sup> 2012	October <sup>r</sup> 2012	September <sup>r</sup> 2012
	percent			
<b>NAICS - Canada</b>				
<b>Wholesale trade[41]</b>	<b>1.24</b>	<b>1.23</b>	<b>1.25</b>	<b>1.26</b>
<b>Farm product wholesaler-distributors[411]</b>	<b>0.28</b>	<b>0.29</b>	<b>0.31</b>	<b>0.33</b>
<b>Food, beverage and tobacco wholesaler-distributors[413]</b>	<b>0.60</b>	<b>0.60</b>	<b>0.59</b>	<b>0.59</b>
Food[4131]	0.60	0.60	0.59	0.59
Beverage[4132]	0.68	0.68	0.69	0.69
Cigarette and tobacco product[4133]	0.44	0.45	0.47	0.46
<b>Personal and household goods wholesaler-distributors[414]</b>	<b>1.48</b>	<b>1.48</b>	<b>1.49</b>	<b>1.54</b>
Textile, clothing and footwear[4141]	1.97	1.96	1.96	1.99
Home entertainment equipment and household appliance[4142]	1.04	0.98	0.97	1.03
Home furnishings[4143]	2.22	2.12	2.04	2.08
Personal goods[4144]	1.92	2.08	2.05	2.19
Pharmaceuticals and pharmacy supplies[41451]	1.34	1.35	1.35	1.39
Toiletries, cosmetics and sundries[41452]	1.04	1.02	1.14	1.10
<b>Motor vehicle and parts wholesaler-distributors[415]</b>	<b>0.97</b>	<b>0.98</b>	<b>1.01</b>	<b>1.02</b>
Motor vehicle[4151]	0.66	0.68	0.71	0.71
New motor vehicle parts and accessories[4152]	1.88	1.86	1.89	1.98
Used motor vehicle parts and accessories[4153]	2.23	2.03	2.07	2.13
<b>Building material and supplies wholesaler-distributors[416]</b>	<b>1.61</b>	<b>1.62</b>	<b>1.63</b>	<b>1.65</b>
Electrical, plumbing, heating and air-conditioning equipment and supplies[4161]	1.46	1.49	1.47	1.48
Metal service centres[4162]	2.07	2.06	2.06	2.10
Lumber, millwork, hardware and other building supplies[4163]	1.48	1.50	1.52	1.54
<b>Machinery, equipment and supplies wholesaler-distributors[417]</b>	<b>1.69</b>	<b>1.64</b>	<b>1.68</b>	<b>1.67</b>
Farm, lawn and garden machinery and equipment[4171]	2.98	2.93	2.86	3.01
Construction, forestry, mining, and industrial machinery, equipment and supplies[4172]	2.44	2.51	2.56	2.50
Computer and communications equipment and supplies[4173]	0.57	0.50	0.52	0.50
Other machinery, equipment and supplies[4179]	1.38	1.33	1.32	1.33
<b>Miscellaneous wholesaler-distributors[418]</b>	<b>1.21</b>	<b>1.20</b>	<b>1.23</b>	<b>1.20</b>
Recyclable material[4181]	0.87	0.83	0.87	0.87
Paper, paper product and disposable plastic product[4182]	0.81	0.82	0.82	0.80
Agricultural supplies[4183]	1.61	1.71	1.68	1.72
Chemical (except agricultural) and allied product[4184]	0.87	0.88	0.92	0.98
Other miscellaneous[4189]	1.37	1.29	1.33	1.24

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