

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

	Inventories/sales ratio			
	December	November	October	September
	2011	2011	2011	2011
	percent			
<b>NAICS - Canada</b>				
<b>Wholesale trade[41]</b>	<b>1.20</b>	<b>1.18</b>	<b>1.18</b>	<b>1.19</b>
<b>Farm product wholesaler-distributors[411]</b>	<b>0.35</b>	<b>0.30</b>	<b>0.30</b>	<b>0.29</b>
<b>Food, beverage and tobacco wholesaler-distributors[413]</b>	<b>0.58</b>	<b>0.58</b>	<b>0.57</b>	<b>0.56</b>
Food[4131]	0.59	0.58	0.58	0.57
Beverage[4132]	0.58	0.59	0.61	0.60
Cigarette and tobacco product[4133]	0.43	0.44	0.44	0.43
<b>Personal and household goods wholesaler-distributors[414]</b>	<b>1.45</b>	<b>1.39</b>	<b>1.40</b>	<b>1.41</b>
Textile, clothing and footwear[4141]	2.08	2.07	2.07	2.03
Home entertainment equipment and household appliance[4142]	0.94	0.92	0.93	1.01
Home furnishings[4143]	2.06	2.07	2.15	2.27
Personal goods[4144]	2.00	1.73	1.91	1.80
Pharmaceuticals and pharmacy supplies[41451]	1.29	1.22	1.21	1.21
Toiletries, cosmetics and sundries[41452]	1.03	0.99	1.01	1.07
<b>Motor vehicle and parts wholesaler-distributors[415]</b>	<b>0.90</b>	<b>0.92</b>	<b>0.96</b>	<b>0.94</b>
Motor vehicle[4151]	0.63	0.66	0.69	0.66
New motor vehicle parts and accessories[4152]	1.65	1.67	1.73	1.79
Used motor vehicle parts and accessories[4153]	2.08	1.99	2.06	1.92
<b>Building material and supplies wholesaler-distributors[416]</b>	<b>1.60</b>	<b>1.61</b>	<b>1.62</b>	<b>1.66</b>
Electrical, plumbing, heating and air-conditioning equipment and supplies[4161]	1.48	1.45	1.44	1.50
Metal service centres[4162]	2.02	2.02	2.10	2.14
Lumber, millwork, hardware and other building supplies[4163]	1.47	1.51	1.52	1.54
<b>Machinery, equipment and supplies wholesaler-distributors[417]</b>	<b>1.58</b>	<b>1.58</b>	<b>1.61</b>	<b>1.61</b>
Farm, lawn and garden machinery and equipment[4171]	2.95	2.81	2.79	2.74
Construction, forestry, mining, and industrial machinery, equipment and supplies[4172]	2.19	2.19	2.25	2.24
Computer and communications equipment and supplies[4173]	0.49	0.49	0.51	0.52
Other machinery, equipment and supplies[4179]	1.35	1.36	1.36	1.38
<b>Miscellaneous wholesaler-distributors[418]</b>	<b>1.21</b>	<b>1.17</b>	<b>1.08</b>	<b>1.09</b>
Recyclable material[4181]	0.66	0.73	0.68	0.72
Paper, paper product and disposable plastic product[4182]	0.82	0.83	0.82	0.81
Agricultural supplies[4183]	1.92	1.75	1.48	1.53
Chemical (except agricultural) and allied product[4184]	0.81	0.79	0.77	0.77
Other miscellaneous[4189]	1.32	1.30	1.20	1.19

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