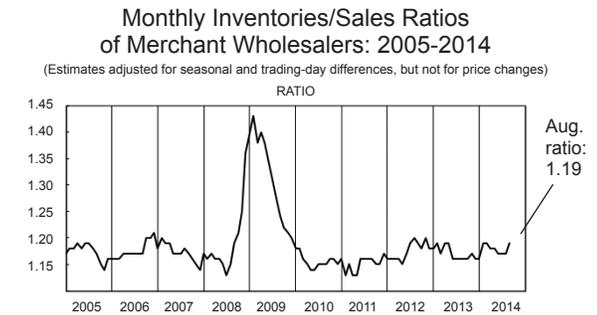


## Monthly Wholesale Trade Data

Wholesale revenues in August were \$453.9 billion, down 0.7 percent from the revised July level, but were up 5.8 percent from August 2013. August sales of durable goods were up 0.1 percent from last month and up 7 percent from a year ago. Sales of nondurable goods were down 1.3 percent from July, but were up 4.7 percent from last August.

**Inventories.** Inventories were \$538 billion at the end of August, up 0.7 percent from the revised July level and up 7.9 percent from August 2013. August inventories of durable goods were up 0.8 percent from last month and up 8.5 percent from a year ago. Inventories of nondurable goods were up 0.5 percent from July and up 6.9 percent



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

from last August.

**Inventories/Sales Ratio.** The August inventories/sales ratio for merchant wholesalers was 1.19. The August 2013 ratio was 1.16.

### Sales and Inventories Trends: August 2014

NAICS Code	Business Type	Sales \$Millions	Inventory \$Millions	Stock/Sales Ratio	Percent Change Sales 7/14-8/14	Percent Change Sales 8/13-8/14	Percent Change Inventory 7/14-8/14	Percent Change Inventory 8/13-8/14
<b>42</b>	<b>U.S. Total</b>	<b>453,938</b>	<b>538,005</b>	<b>1.19</b>	<b>-0.7</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>7.9</b>
<b>423</b>	<b>Durable</b>	<b>210,911</b>	<b>333,227</b>	<b>1.58</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>8.5</b>
4231	Automotive	35,123	55,143	1.57	-0.5	10.3	0.6	8.3
4232	Furniture & Home Furnishings	5,343	8,755	1.64	1.2	2.8	0.8	5.1
4233	Lumber & Other Construction Materials	10,360	15,373	1.48	-0.9	5.0	1.5	8.7
4234	Prof. & Commercial Equip. & Supplies	39,514	42,124	1.07	-0.5	2.8	2.1	9.7
42343	Computer Equipment & Software	22,327	18,674	0.84	-1.7	-0.3	4.5	13.6
4235	Metals & Minerals	14,963	28,908	1.93	1.6	19.8	-0.1	8.6
4236	Electrical Goods	35,968	37,851	1.05	-0.5	3.2	1.1	7.2
4237	Hardware, Plumbing, & Heating Equipment	10,086	20,096	1.99	1.4	3.2	0.3	8.8
4238	Machinery, Equipment & Supplies	40,356	97,493	2.42	1.4	13.0	0.9	11.7
4239	Miscellaneous Durable	19,198	27,484	1.43	-0.9	1.3	-0.8	-0.6
<b>424</b>	<b>Nondurable Goods</b>	<b>243,027</b>	<b>204,778</b>	<b>0.84</b>	<b>-1.3</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>6.9</b>
4241	Paper & Paper Products	8,229	7,365	0.90	-1.9	8.5	-1.8	3.0
4242	Drugs	41,529	45,889	1.10	1.0	12.3	1.6	23.0
4243	Apparel, Piece Goods & Notions	13,032	25,579	1.96	3.4	13.4	0.7	11.0
4244	Groceries & Related Products	52,888	33,528	0.63	-0.8	7.3	-0.4	1.9
4245	Farm-product Raw Materials	19,832	19,021	0.96	-3.8	-5.6	1.0	4.8
4246	Chemicals & Allied Products	11,118	12,334	1.11	1.7	5.8	-2.6	2.8
4247	Petroleum & Petroleum Products	65,167	20,784	0.32	-4.2	0.9	0.5	-9.0
4248	Beer, Wine & Distilled Beverages	10,788	14,758	1.37	1.7	2.3	-0.2	3.8
4249	Miscellaneous Nondurable Goods	20,444	25,520	1.25	-1.4	2.0	1.7	6.6

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