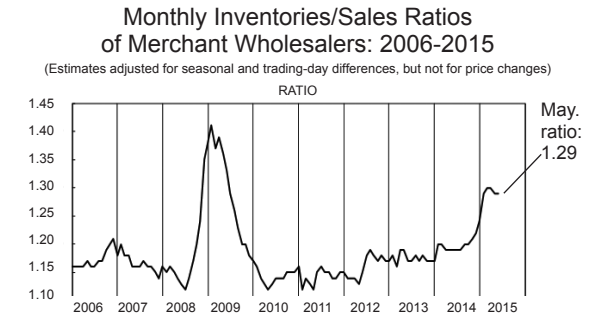


## Monthly Wholesale Trade Data

Wholesale revenues in May were \$449.8 billion, up 0.3 percent from the revised April level, but down 3.8 percent from the May 2014 level. May sales of durable goods were down 0.1 percent from last month, but up 1.6 percent from a year ago. Sales of nondurable goods were up 0.7 percent from April, but were down 8.3 percent from last May.

**Inventories.** Inventories were \$581.9 billion at the end of May, up 0.8 percent from the revised April level and were up 5 percent from May 2014. May inventories of durable goods were up 0.6 percent from last month and up 6.2 percent from a year ago. Inventories of nondurable goods were up 1.2 percent from April and up 3.1



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

percent from last May.

**Inventories/Sales Ratio.** The May inventories/sales ratio for merchant wholesalers was 1.29. The May 2014 ratio was 1.19.

### Sales and Inventories Trends: May 2015

NAICS Code	Business Type	Sales \$Millions	Inventory \$Millions	Stock/Sales Ratio	Percent Change Sales 4/15-5/15	Percent Change Sales 5/14-5/15	Percent Change Inventory 4/15-5/15	Percent Change Inventory 5/14-5/15
<b>42</b>	<b>U.S. Total</b>	<b>449,838</b>	<b>581,850</b>	<b>1.29</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>-3.8</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>5.0</b>
<b>423</b>	<b>Durable</b>	<b>217,520</b>	<b>360,093</b>	<b>1.66</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>6.2</b>
4231	Automotive	37,742	61,793	1.64	2.2	9.4	1.2	12.2
4232	Furniture & Home Furnishings	6,554	10,721	1.64	-2.8	7.4	0.4	6.8
4233	Lumber & Other Construction Materials	9,167	14,414	1.57	-0.8	0.6	1.4	2.3
4234	Prof. & Commercial Equip. & Supplies	37,098	40,223	1.08	0.2	0.1	0.6	5.1
42343	Computer Equipment & Software	19,024	16,128	0.85	-1.0	-2.9	2.5	7.5
4235	Metals & Minerals	13,583	31,561	2.32	-1.1	-11.4	0.2	4.2
4236	Electrical Goods	47,775	47,979	1.00	-2.0	4.5	0.3	6.9
4237	Hardware, Plumbing, & Heating Equipment	10,459	22,694	2.17	-1.2	3.7	0.7	12.1
4238	Machinery, Equipment & Supplies	35,944	104,582	2.91	0.4	-0.1	0.7	6.3
4239	Miscellaneous Durable	19,198	26,126	1.36	2.0	-5.5	-0.4	-6.5
<b>424</b>	<b>Nondurable Goods</b>	<b>232,318</b>	<b>221,757</b>	<b>0.95</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>-8.3</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>3.1</b>
4241	Paper & Paper Products	8,027	7,748	0.97	1.1	4.8	-1.9	1.9
4242	Drugs	50,798	57,011	1.12	0.5	12.8	2.7	16.1
4243	Apparel, Piece Goods & Notions	14,239	28,648	2.01	-1.2	1.1	1.2	9.7
4244	Groceries & Related Products	50,718	32,857	0.65	0.3	0.8	-0.5	7.0
4245	Farm-product Raw Materials	18,674	19,517	1.05	-3.7	-22.2	-1.0	-17.5
4246	Chemicals & Allied Products	10,486	12,501	1.19	-1.0	-8.0	1.4	1.8
4247	Petroleum & Petroleum Products	46,490	19,835	0.43	4.3	-32.5	4.4	-16.7
4248	Beer, Wine & Distilled Beverages	11,087	15,224	1.37	0.1	3.9	0.1	3.5
4249	Miscellaneous Nondurable Goods	21,799	28,416	1.30	0.5	2.8	1.0	4.9

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