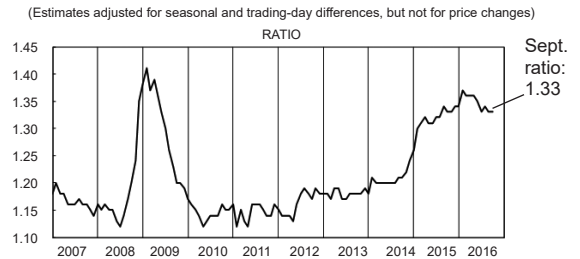


## Monthly Wholesale Trade Data

Wholesale revenues in September were \$444.9 billion, up 0.4 percent from September 2015 and up 0.2 percent from August. September sales of durable goods were up 0.2 percent from last month and up 0.2 percent from a year ago. Sales of nondurable goods were up 0.1 percent from August and up 0.5 percent from last September.

**Inventories.** Inventories were \$590.2 billion at the end of September, up 0.1 percent from the revised August level. September inventories of durable goods were down 0.4 percent from last month and down 1.9 percent from a year ago. Inventories of nondurable goods were up 0.9 percent from August and up 2.7 percent from last September.

### Monthly Inventories/Sales Ratios of Merchant Wholesalers: 2007-2016



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

**Inventories/Sales Ratio.** The September inventories/sales ratio for merchant wholesalers was 1.33. The September 2015 ratio was 1.33.

### Sales and Inventories Trends: September 2016

NAICS Code	Business Type	Sales \$Millions	Inventory \$Millions	Stock/Sales Ratio	Percent Change Sales 8/16-9/16	Percent Change Sales 9/15-9/16	Percent Change Inventory 8/16-9/16	Percent Change Inventory 9/15-9/16
<b>42</b>	<b>U.S. Total</b>	<b>444,945</b>	<b>590,176</b>	<b>1.33</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>-0.1</b>
<b>423</b>	<b>Durable</b>	<b>213,667</b>	<b>354,860</b>	<b>1.66</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>-1.9</b>
4231	Automotive	36,438	64,021	1.76	1.4	-1.5	-1.7	-2.8
4232	Furniture & Home Furnishings	7,307	11,158	1.53	-0.4	6.9	0.5	1.2
4233	Lumber & Other Construction Materials	10,092	14,829	1.47	0.0	4.0	0.9	4.4
4234	Prof. & Commercial Equip. & Supplies	37,683	39,593	1.05	1.0	2.8	0.4	2.7
42343	Computer Equipment & Software	18,362	15,310	0.83	0.8	-4.3	1.2	-0.4
4235	Metals & Minerals	11,505	25,340	2.20	-0.6	-6.3	-1.4	-14.2
4236	Electrical Goods	47,635	46,039	0.97	1.5	1.4	-0.4	-4.3
4237	Hardware, Plumbing, & Heating Equipment	11,286	23,183	2.05	-2.4	1.4	1.0	2.7
4238	Machinery, Equipment & Supplies	33,945	104,463	3.08	-0.1	-1.9	-0.3	0.1
4239	Miscellaneous Durable	17,776	26,234	1.48	-3.8	-1.0	0.5	-4.3
<b>424</b>	<b>Nondurable Goods</b>	<b>231,278</b>	<b>235,316</b>	<b>1.02</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>2.7</b>
4241	Paper & Paper Products	8,121	8,351	1.03	-0.8	0.4	0.8	2.4
4242	Drugs	55,642	62,699	1.13	0.7	5.7	3.3	10.7
4243	Apparel, Piece Goods & Notions	13,835	29,421	2.13	-1.1	-2.6	-1.8	-4.8
4244	Groceries & Related Products	50,384	34,570	0.69	0.8	-1.9	-0.8	-0.2
4245	Farm-product Raw Materials	16,684	22,962	1.38	-12.0	-9.6	0.2	-3.6
4246	Chemicals & Allied Products	10,188	12,620	1.24	1.2	-0.2	-0.4	-1.1
4247	Petroleum & Petroleum Products	42,975	19,868	0.46	5.0	1.7	3.8	9.8
4248	Beer, Wine & Distilled Beverages	11,408	15,376	1.35	0.9	-0.6	-0.1	-1.0
4249	Miscellaneous Nondurable Goods	22,041	29,449	1.34	-1.2	2.9	0.0	3.5

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