

2016 Annual Wholesale Trade Survey

Summary of Changes

The following changes were made with the release of the 2016 AWTS estimates:

- The 2016 AWTS estimates reflect the introduction of a newly selected sample of businesses and are based on the 2012 North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). For further information on the new sample, see our [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#). For information on how estimates from the prior and new samples are linked, see the Benchmarking and Linking Samples sections of the Annual Wholesale Trade Survey methodology at: <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/awts/technical-documentation/methodology.html>

- NAICS 4237/ 4236 series restatement, NAICS definition change:

With the change to 2012 NAICS basis for publication, the NAICS 4236 and 4237 series will reflect the definitional change that put electric water heaters in 4237 and gas appliances in 4236. Due to these corrections, the estimates for these NAICS and corresponding aggregate estimates have been corrected back to 2008. Because these corrections were made to the old sample, the 2014 AWTS benchmarking methods were used to revise these time series.

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- The publication tables were expanded to include additional industry estimates for NAICS 42345 (Medical, Dental, and Hospital Equipment and Supplies). Estimates for this additional level are presented for 2015 and 2016.