

2017 Annual Wholesale Trade Survey (AWTS)

Summary of Changes

The following changes were made with the release of the 2017 AWTS estimates:

Changes to Estimates

- AWTS estimates were revised to reflect historical corrections to current sample data. Corrections are made to replace previously reported data with more accurate data received at a later date or to replace imputed data with reported data obtained from the company. For more information, refer to the benchmarking section of the Annual Methodology link located below: <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/awts/technical-documentation/methodology.html>

Changes to Table Contents

- The 2017 AWTS will cease disseminating data from respondents on foreign inventories, the value of inventories stored outside of (or en route to) the 50 states and the District of Columbia, previously included in table 3. This change is the result of an internal review of the data in accordance with the Census Bureau's quality standards. Data on the Inventories Held Inside and Outside the U.S. will continue to be collected in future survey years to assist in data analysis – however, it will not be disseminated. The previously released foreign inventories data will still be available to data users and can be found [here](#).

Additional Content

- The 2017 AWTS includes the collection of detailed expense items. This supplemental information is requested once every five years. Detailed expense estimates for 2017 are included in this release as Table 5.1 and the corresponding measures of sampling variability as Table 5.1A. Detailed expense items for the AWTS were last released for 2012. For more information on the detailed expense estimates, please see: <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/awts/about/bes.html>
- The 2017 AWTS includes the collection of sales taxes collected by U.S. Merchant Wholesalers, Except Manufacturers' Sales Branches and Offices. Sales taxes estimates for 2017 are included in this release as Table 7 and the corresponding measures of sampling variability as Table 7A. This year's release does not include the Manufactures. Sales and Branches and Offices as previously published in 2012.