

**Table 5.1 Revised Estimated Detailed Operating Expenses of U.S. Merchant Wholesalers, Except Manufacturers' Sales Branches and Offices<sup>1</sup> by Kind of Business: 2007**

[Dollar estimates are shown in millions of dollars. Estimates have been adjusted using the preliminary results of the 2007 Economic Census]

| 2002 NAICS code | Kind of business   | Sales            | Operating expenses, total | Total operating expenses as percent of sales | Annual payroll |                  | Employer costs for fringe benefits |                  | Contract labor costs, including temporary help |                  | Expensed equipment |                  |
|-----------------|--|------------------|---------------------------|--|----------------|------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|--|------------------|--------------------|------------------|
|                 |  |                  |                           |  | Amount         | Percent of total | Amount                             | Percent of total | Amount   | Percent of total | Amount             | Percent of total |
|                 |  |                  |                           |  |                |                  |                                    |                  |  |                  |                    |                  |
| <b>42</b>       | <b>U.S. Merchant Wholesalers, Except Manufacturers' Sales Branches and Offices .....</b> | <b>4,153,429</b> | <b>568,553</b>            | <b>13.7</b>                                  | <b>254,046</b> | <b>44.7</b>      | <b>48,195</b>                      | <b>8.5</b>       | <b>8,201</b>                                   | <b>1.4</b>       | <b>2,912</b>       | <b>0.5</b>       |
| <b>423</b>      | <b>Durable goods .....</b>   | <b>2,065,939</b> | <b>353,108</b>            | <b>17.1</b>                                  | <b>159,977</b> | <b>45.3</b>      | <b>30,247</b>                      | <b>8.6</b>       | <b>4,705</b>                                   | <b>1.3</b>       | <b>2,140</b>       | <b>0.6</b>       |
| 4231            | Motor Vehicle and Motor Vehicle Parts and Supplies.....                                  | 343,002          | 44,517                    | 13.0   | 16,473         | 37.0             | 3,314                              | 7.4              | 837  | 1.9              | 166                | 0.4              |
| 4232            | Furniture and Home Furnishings .....   | 69,064           | 17,907                    | 25.9   | 7,478          | 41.8             | 1,217                              | 6.8              | 347  | 1.9              | 83                 | 0.5              |
| 4233            | Lumber & Other Construction Materials .....  | 126,651          | 24,308                    | 19.2   | 11,118         | 45.7             | 2,256                              | 9.3              | 282  | 1.2              | 146                | 0.6              |
| 4234            | Professional and Commercial Equipment and Supplies .....                                 | 353,781          | 63,615                    | 18.0   | 30,340         | 47.7             | 5,171                              | 8.1              | 688  | 1.1              | 623                | 1.0              |
| 42343           | Computer and Computer Peripheral Equipment and Software .....                            | 169,994          | 23,066                    | 13.6   | 11,558         | 50.1             | 1,606                              | 7.0              | 310  | 1.3              | 107                | 0.5              |
| 4235            | Metals and Minerals, ex. Petroleum .....   | 162,138          | 18,833                    | 11.6   | 8,440          | 44.8             | 1,767                              | 9.4              | 288  | 1.5              | 85                 | 0.5              |
| 4236            | Electrical Goods .....   | 346,510          | 56,766                    | 16.4   | 27,256         | 48.0             | 5,096                              | 9.0              | 910  | 1.6              | 341                | 0.6              |
| 4237            | Hardware, and Plumbing and Heating Equipment and Supplies .....                          | 111,579          | 26,490                    | 23.7   | 12,687         | 47.9             | 2,403                              | 9.1              | 240  | 0.9              | 122                | 0.5              |
| 4238            | Machinery, Equipment, and Supplies .....   | 326,416          | 64,687                    | 19.8   | 32,829         | 50.8             | 6,630                              | 10.2             | 571  | 0.9              | 328                | 0.5              |
| 4239            | Miscellaneous Durable Goods .....  | 226,798          | 35,985                    | 15.9   | 13,356         | 37.1             | 2,393                              | 6.7              | 541  | 1.5              | 246                | 0.7              |
| <b>424</b>      | <b>Nondurable Goods .....</b>  | <b>2,087,490</b> | <b>215,445</b>            | <b>10.3</b>                                  | <b>94,068</b>  | <b>43.7</b>      | <b>17,948</b>                      | <b>8.3</b>       | <b>3,495</b>                                   | <b>1.6</b>       | <b>772</b>         | <b>0.4</b>       |
| 4241            | Paper and Paper Products .....   | 93,311           | 15,894                    | 17.0   | 7,800          | 49.1             | 1,372                              | 8.6              | 180  | 1.1              | 94                 | 0.6              |
| 4242            | Drugs and Druggists' Sundries .....  | 346,453          | 17,510                    | 5.1  | 6,688          | 38.2             | S                                  | S                | S  | S                | S                  | S                |
| 4243            | Apparel, Piece Goods, and Notions .....  | 143,165          | 31,948                    | 22.3   | 12,466         | 39.0             | 2,242                              | 7.0              | 527  | 1.6              | 85                 | 0.3              |
| 4244            | Groceries and Related products .....   | 482,648          | 58,992                    | 12.2   | 27,319         | 46.3             | 5,397                              | 9.1              | 1,189  | 2.0              | 164                | 0.3              |
| 4245            | Farm Product Raw Materials .....   | 144,860          | 9,194                     | 6.3  | 3,299          | 35.9             | 733                                | 8.0              | 109  | 1.2              | 30                 | 0.3              |
| 4246            | Chemicals and Allied Products .....  | 102,162          | 17,673                    | 17.3   | 7,897          | 44.7             | S                                  | S                | 152  | 0.9              | 95                 | 0.5              |
| 4247            | Petroleum and Petroleum Products .....   | 470,476          | 14,453                    | 3.1  | 5,697          | 39.4             | 809                                | 5.6              | S  | S                | 48                 | 0.3              |
| 4248            | Beer, Wine, and Distilled Alcoholic Beverages .....                                      | 102,371          | 19,055                    | 18.6   | 9,557          | 50.2             | 2,101                              | 11.0             | 122  | 0.6              | 53                 | 0.3              |
| 4249            | Miscellaneous Nondurable Goods .....   | 202,044          | 30,726                    | 15.2   | 13,347         | 43.4             | S                                  | S                | 534  | 1.7              | 130                | 0.4              |

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| 2002 NAICS code | Kind of business  | Purchases of packaging materials and containers |  | Purchases of other materials, parts, and supplies (not for resale) |                  | Expensed purchases of software |                  | Data processing and other purchased computer services |                  | Commission expense |                  |
|-----------------|---|---|--|--|------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|---|------------------|--------------------|------------------|
|                 |   | Amount  | Percent of total   | Amount   | Percent of total | Amount                         | Percent of total | Amount  | Percent of total | Amount             | Percent of total |
|                 |   | <b>42</b>                                       | <b>U.S. Merchant Wholesalers, Except Manufacturers' Sales Branches and Offices .....</b> | <b>5,272</b>   | <b>0.9</b>       | <b>11,897</b>                  | <b>2.1</b>       | <b>1,918</b>  | <b>0.3</b>       | <b>2,304</b>       | <b>0.4</b>       |
| <b>423</b>      | <b>Durable goods .....</b>                                      | <b>2,580</b>                                    | <b>0.7</b>   | <b>6,415</b>   | <b>1.8</b>       | <b>1,335</b>                   | <b>0.4</b>       | <b>1,547</b>  | <b>0.4</b>       | <b>8,584</b>       | <b>2.4</b>       |
| 4231            | Motor Vehicle and Motor Vehicle Parts and Supplies.....         | 231   | 0.5  | 624  | 1.4              | 176                            | 0.4              | 340   | 0.8              | S                  | S                |
| 4232            | Furniture and Home Furnishings .....                            | 218   | 1.2  | 313  | 1.7              | 47                             | 0.3              | 70  | 0.4              | 810                | 4.5              |
| 4233            | Lumber & Other Construction Materials .....                     | 199   | 0.8  | 699  | 2.9              | 65                             | 0.3              | 73  | 0.3              | 281                | 1.2              |
| 4234            | Professional and Commercial Equipment and Supplies .....        | S   | S  | 859  | 1.4              | 253                            | 0.4              | 264   | 0.4              | 1,878              | 3.0              |
| 42343           | Computer and Computer Peripheral Equipment and Software .....   | S   | S  | 254  | 1.1              | 99                             | 0.4              | S   | S                | 647                | 2.8              |
| 4235            | Metals and Minerals, ex. Petroleum .....                        | 233   | 1.2  | 613  | 3.3              | 52                             | 0.3              | 55  | 0.3              | 276                | 1.5              |
| 4236            | Electrical Goods .....  | 340   | 0.6  | 656  | 1.2              | 360                            | 0.6              | 272   | 0.5              | 1,470              | 2.6              |
| 4237            | Hardware, and Plumbing and Heating Equipment and Supplies ..... | 237   | 0.9  | 457  | 1.7              | 118                            | 0.4              | 94  | 0.4              | S                  | S                |
| 4238            | Machinery, Equipment, and Supplies .....                        | 390   | 0.6  | 1,319  | 2.0              | 178                            | 0.3              | 275   | 0.4              | 1,211              | 1.9              |
| 4239            | Miscellaneous Durable Goods .....                               | 247   | 0.7  | 875  | 2.4              | 86                             | 0.2              | 103   | 0.3              | 1,009              | 2.8              |
| <b>424</b>      | <b>Nondurable Goods .....</b>                                   | <b>2,692</b>                                    | <b>1.2</b>   | <b>5,482</b>   | <b>2.5</b>       | <b>583</b>                     | <b>0.3</b>       | <b>758</b>  | <b>0.4</b>       | <b>4,955</b>       | <b>2.3</b>       |
| 4241            | Paper and Paper Products .....                                  | 231   | 1.5  | 220  | 1.4              | 57                             | 0.4              | 40  | 0.3              | 324                | 2.0              |
| 4242            | Drugs and Druggists' Sundries .....                             | S   | S  | S  | S                | S                              | S                | S   | S                | S                  | S                |
| 4243            | Apparel, Piece Goods, and Notions .....                         | 380   | 1.2  | 333  | 1.0              | 93                             | 0.3              | 162   | 0.5              | 1,269              | 4.0              |
| 4244            | Groceries and Related products .....                            | 956   | 1.6  | 2,207  | 3.7              | 113                            | 0.2              | 248   | 0.4              | 826                | 1.4              |
| 4245            | Farm Product Raw Materials .....                                | 87  | 0.9  | 186  | 2.0              | 15                             | 0.2              | 23  | 0.2              | 179                | 1.9              |
| 4246            | Chemicals and Allied Products .....                             | 191   | 1.1  | 487  | 2.8              | 54                             | 0.3              | 58  | 0.3              | 336                | 1.9              |
| 4247            | Petroleum and Petroleum Products .....                          | 53  | 0.4  | 627  | 4.3              | S                              | S                | 34  | 0.2              | 493                | 3.4              |
| 4248            | Beer, Wine, and Distilled Alcoholic Beverages .....             | 52  | 0.3  | 426  | 2.2              | 51                             | 0.3              | 33  | 0.2              | 114                | 0.6              |
| 4249            | Miscellaneous Nondurable Goods .....                            | 543   | 1.8  | 761  | 2.5              | 95                             | 0.3              | 96  | 0.3              | 676                | 2.2              |

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| 2002 NAICS code | Kind of business   | Purchased communication services |                  | Purchased repairs and maintenance to machinery and equipment |                  | Purchased repairs and maintenance to buildings, structures, and offices |                  | Lease and rental payments for machinery and equipment |                  | Lease and rental payments for buildings, offices, stores |                  |
|-----------------|--|----------------------------------|------------------|--|------------------|---|------------------|---|------------------|--|------------------|
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| <b>42</b>       | <b>U.S. Merchant Wholesalers, Except Manufacturers' Sales Branches and Offices .....</b> | <b>5,985</b>                     | <b>1.1</b>       | <b>7,186</b>   | <b>1.3</b>       | <b>3,263</b>  | <b>0.6</b>       | <b>5,744</b>  | <b>1.0</b>       | <b>24,428</b>  | <b>4.3</b>       |
| <b>423</b>      | <b>Durable goods .....</b>   | <b>4,150</b>                     | <b>1.2</b>       | <b>3,794</b>   | <b>1.1</b>       | <b>2,020</b>  | <b>0.6</b>       | <b>2,837</b>  | <b>0.8</b>       | <b>15,813</b>  | <b>4.5</b>       |
| 4231            | Motor Vehicle and Motor Vehicle Parts and Supplies.....                                  | 399                              | 0.9              | 367  | 0.8              | 195   | 0.4              | 210   | 0.5              | 1,734  | 3.9              |
| 4232            | Furniture and Home Furnishings .....   | 176                              | 1.0              | 102  | 0.6              | 72  | 0.4              | 177   | 1.0              | 1,361  | 7.6              |
| 4233            | Lumber & Other Construction Materials .....  | 282                              | 1.2              | 510  | 2.1              | 155   | 0.6              | 403   | 1.7              | 1,432  | 5.9              |
| 4234            | Professional and Commercial Equipment and Supplies .....                                 | 832                              | 1.3              | 304  | 0.5              | 429   | 0.7              | 300   | 0.5              | 2,394  | 3.8              |
| 42343           | Computer and Computer Peripheral Equipment and Software .....                            | 344                              | 1.5              | 76   | 0.3              | 50  | 0.2              | 78  | 0.3              | 809  | 3.5              |
| 4235            | Metals and Minerals, ex. Petroleum .....   | 174                              | 0.9              | 341  | 1.8              | 108   | 0.6              | 324   | 1.7              | 714  | 3.8              |
| 4236            | Electrical Goods .....   | 803                              | 1.4              | 414  | 0.7              | 289   | 0.5              | 353   | 0.6              | 2,202  | 3.9              |
| 4237            | Hardware, and Plumbing and Heating Equipment and Supplies .....                          | 356                              | 1.3              | 277  | 1.0              | 161   | 0.6              | 297   | 1.1              | 1,475  | 5.6              |
| 4238            | Machinery, Equipment, and Supplies .....   | 807                              | 1.2              | 762  | 1.2              | 461   | 0.7              | 492   | 0.8              | 2,651  | 4.1              |
| 4239            | Miscellaneous Durable Goods .....  | 321                              | 0.9              | 718  | 2.0              | 151   | 0.4              | 280   | 0.8              | 1,850  | 5.1              |
| <b>424</b>      | <b>Nondurable Goods .....</b>  | <b>1,835</b>                     | <b>0.9</b>       | <b>3,392</b>   | <b>1.6</b>       | <b>1,243</b>  | <b>0.6</b>       | <b>2,907</b>  | <b>1.3</b>       | <b>8,615</b>   | <b>4.0</b>       |
| 4241            | Paper and Paper Products .....   | 158                              | 1.0              | 136  | 0.9              | 80  | 0.5              | 260   | 1.6              | 818  | 5.1              |
| 4242            | Drugs and Druggists' Sundries .....  | S                                | S                | 109  | 0.6              | S   | S                | S   | S                | 599  | 3.4              |
| 4243            | Apparel, Piece Goods, and Notions .....  | 234                              | 0.7              | 120  | 0.4              | 80  | 0.2              | 109   | 0.3              | 1,583  | 5.0              |
| 4244            | Groceries and Related products .....   | 462                              | 0.8              | 1,150  | 1.9              | 446   | 0.8              | 1,000   | 1.7              | 2,134  | 3.6              |
| 4245            | Farm Product Raw Materials .....   | 79                               | 0.9              | 364  | 4.0              | 127   | 1.4              | 139   | 1.5              | 157  | 1.7              |
| 4246            | Chemicals and Allied Products .....  | 194                              | 1.1              | 277  | 1.6              | S   | S                | 247   | 1.4              | 615  | 3.5              |
| 4247            | Petroleum and Petroleum Products .....   | 137                              | 0.9              | 469  | 3.2              | 117   | 0.8              | 380   | 2.6              | 649  | 4.5              |
| 4248            | Beer, Wine, and Distilled Alcoholic Beverages .....                                      | 142                              | 0.7              | 347  | 1.8              | 92  | 0.5              | 253   | 1.3              | 653  | 3.4              |
| 4249            | Miscellaneous Nondurable Goods .....   | 292                              | 1.0              | 420  | 1.4              | 106   | 0.3              | 402   | 1.3              | 1,406  | 4.6              |

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|-----------------|---|-----------------------|--|--------------------------------------|------------------|--|------------------|---|------------------|--|------------------|
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| <b>423</b>      | <b>Durable goods .....</b>                                      | <b>3,023</b>          | <b>0.9</b>   | <b>1,284</b>                         | <b>0.4</b>       | <b>923</b>   | <b>0.3</b>       | <b>16,882</b>   | <b>4.8</b>       | <b>16,124</b>                                  | <b>4.6</b>       |
| 4231            | Motor Vehicle and Motor Vehicle Parts and Supplies.....         | 334                   | 0.8  | 108                                  | 0.2              | 79   | 0.2              | 1,680   | 3.8              | 6,373  | 14.3             |
| 4232            | Furniture and Home Furnishings .....                            | 149                   | 0.8  | 50                                   | 0.3              | 38   | 0.2              | 791   | 4.4              | 538  | 3.0              |
| 4233            | Lumber & Other Construction Materials .....                     | 299                   | 1.2  | 223                                  | 0.9              | 103  | 0.4              | 1,235   | 5.1              | 386  | 1.6              |
| 4234            | Professional and Commercial Equipment and Supplies .....        | 321                   | 0.5  | 126                                  | 0.2              | 72   | 0.1              | 2,956   | 4.6              | 2,882  | 4.5              |
| 42343           | Computer and Computer Peripheral Equipment and Software .....   | 75                    | 0.3  | S                                    | S                | 11   | Z                | 955   | 4.1              | 1,121  | 4.9              |
| 4235            | Metals and Minerals, ex. Petroleum .....                        | 228                   | 1.2  | 108                                  | 0.6              | 52   | 0.3              | 1,385   | 7.4              | 200  | 1.1              |
| 4236            | Electrical Goods .....  | 453                   | 0.8  | 112                                  | 0.2              | 74   | 0.1              | 2,530   | 4.5              | 1,923  | 3.4              |
| 4237            | Hardware, and Plumbing and Heating Equipment and Supplies ..... | 316                   | 1.2  | 122                                  | 0.5              | 68   | 0.3              | 1,162   | 4.4              | 654  | 2.5              |
| 4238            | Machinery, Equipment, and Supplies .....                        | 583                   | 0.9  | 220                                  | 0.3              | 111  | 0.2              | 2,443   | 3.8              | 1,210  | 1.9              |
| 4239            | Miscellaneous Durable Goods .....                               | 339                   | 0.9  | 215                                  | 0.6              | 326  | 0.9              | 2,700   | 7.5              | 1,959  | 5.4              |
| <b>424</b>      | <b>Nondurable Goods .....</b>                                   | <b>2,747</b>          | <b>1.3</b>   | <b>1,148</b>                         | <b>0.5</b>       | <b>501</b>   | <b>0.2</b>       | <b>11,371</b>   | <b>5.3</b>       | <b>7,317</b>                                   | <b>3.4</b>       |
| 4241            | Paper and Paper Products .....                                  | 127                   | 0.8  | 42                                   | 0.3              | 26   | 0.2              | 701   | 4.4              | 354  | 2.2              |
| 4242            | Drugs and Druggists' Sundries .....                             | S                     | S  | S                                    | S                | S  | S                | 1,116   | 6.4              | S  | S                |
| 4243            | Apparel, Piece Goods, and Notions .....                         | 206                   | 0.6  | 36                                   | 0.1              | 40   | 0.1              | 1,655   | 5.2              | 2,508  | 7.8              |
| 4244            | Groceries and Related products .....                            | 1,035                 | 1.8  | 317                                  | 0.5              | 205  | 0.3              | 3,045   | 5.2              | 983  | 1.7              |
| 4245            | Farm Product Raw Materials .....                                | 231                   | 2.5  | 197                                  | 2.1              | 20   | 0.2              | S   | S                | 74   | 0.8              |
| 4246            | Chemicals and Allied Products .....                             | 206                   | 1.2  | 150                                  | 0.8              | 58   | 0.3              | 1,101   | 6.2              | 230  | 1.3              |
| 4247            | Petroleum and Petroleum Products .....                          | 242                   | 1.7  | 130                                  | 0.9              | 28   | 0.2              | 683   | 4.7              | 76   | 0.5              |
| 4248            | Beer, Wine, and Distilled Alcoholic Beverages .....             | 177                   | 0.9  | 85                                   | 0.4              | 24   | 0.1              | 397   | 2.1              | 1,175  | 6.2              |
| 4249            | Miscellaneous Nondurable Goods .....                            | 391                   | 1.3  | 173                                  | 0.6              | 69   | 0.2              | S   | S                | 713  | 2.3              |

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Z - Estimate is less than 0.05

Source of expenses data: 2007 Business Expenses Supplement to the Annual Wholesale Trade Survey.

Notes:

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**Table 5.1 Revised Estimated Detailed Operating Expenses of U.S. Merchant Wholesalers, Except Manufacturers' Sales Branches and Offices<sup>1</sup> by Kind of Business: 2007-- cont.**

[Dollar estimates are shown in millions of dollars. Estimates have been adjusted using the preliminary results of the 2007 Economic Census]

| 2002 NAICS code | Kind of business   | Purchased professional and technical services |                  | Depreciation and amortization charges |                  | Taxes and license fees |                  | Other operating expenses <sup>2</sup> |                  |
|-----------------|--|---|------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|
|                 |  | Amount  | Percent of total | Amount                                | Percent of total | Amount                 | Percent of total | Amount                                | Percent of total |
| <b>42</b>       | <b>U.S. Merchant Wholesalers, Except Manufacturers' Sales Branches and Offices .....</b> | <b>15,621</b>                                 | <b>2.7</b>       | <b>23,534</b>                         | <b>4.1</b>       | <b>8,021</b>           | <b>1.4</b>       | <b>65,302</b>                         | <b>11.5</b>      |
| <b>423</b>      | <b>Durable goods .....</b>   | <b>10,190</b>                                 | <b>2.9</b>       | <b>13,443</b>                         | <b>3.8</b>       | <b>4,802</b>           | <b>1.4</b>       | <b>40,362</b>                         | <b>11.4</b>      |
| 4231            | Motor Vehicle and Motor Vehicle Parts and Supplies.....                                  | 1,302   | 2.9              | 1,921                                 | 4.3              | 747                    | 1.7              | S                                     | S                |
| 4232            | Furniture and Home Furnishings .....   | 436   | 2.4              | 557                                   | 3.1              | 216                    | 1.2              | 2,670                                 | 14.9             |
| 4233            | Lumber & Other Construction Materials .....  | 352   | 1.4              | 903                                   | 3.7              | 379                    | 1.6              | 2,529                                 | 10.4             |
| 4234            | Professional and Commercial Equipment and Supplies .....                                 | 2,888   | 4.5              | 2,333                                 | 3.7              | 515                    | 0.8              | S                                     | S                |
| 42343           | Computer and Computer Peripheral Equipment and Software .....                            | 1,396   | 6.1              | 888                                   | 3.9              | 151                    | 0.7              | S                                     | S                |
| 4235            | Metals and Minerals, ex. Petroleum .....   | 435   | 2.3              | 749                                   | 4.0              | 349                    | 1.9              | 1,856                                 | 9.9              |
| 4236            | Electrical Goods .....   | 1,895   | 3.3              | 2,208                                 | 3.9              | 719                    | 1.3              | 6,110                                 | 10.8             |
| 4237            | Hardware, and Plumbing and Heating Equipment and Supplies .....                          | 534   | 2.0              | 752                                   | 2.8              | 397                    | 1.5              | 2,762                                 | 10.4             |
| 4238            | Machinery, Equipment, and Supplies .....   | 1,402   | 2.2              | 2,458                                 | 3.8              | 916                    | 1.4              | 6,440                                 | 10.0             |
| 4239            | Miscellaneous Durable Goods .....  | 945   | 2.6              | 1,562                                 | 4.3              | 563                    | 1.6              | 5,210                                 | 14.5             |
| <b>424</b>      | <b>Nondurable Goods .....</b>  | <b>5,431</b>                                  | <b>2.5</b>       | <b>10,090</b>                         | <b>4.7</b>       | <b>3,220</b>           | <b>1.5</b>       | <b>24,940</b>                         | <b>11.6</b>      |
| 4241            | Paper and Paper Products .....   | 282   | 1.8              | 545                                   | 3.4              | 222                    | 1.4              | 1,871                                 | 11.8             |
| 4242            | Drugs and Druggists' Sundries .....  | S   | S                | 382                                   | 2.2              | S                      | S                | S                                     | S                |
| 4243            | Apparel, Piece Goods, and Notions .....  | 1,180   | 3.7              | 1,120                                 | 3.5              | 335                    | 1.0              | 5,184                                 | 16.2             |
| 4244            | Groceries and Related products .....   | 1,051   | 1.8              | 2,713                                 | 4.6              | 962                    | 1.6              | 5,078                                 | 8.6              |
| 4245            | Farm Product Raw Materials .....   | 231   | 2.5              | 824                                   | 9.0              | 202                    | 2.2              | S                                     | S                |
| 4246            | Chemicals and Allied Products .....  | 439   | 2.5              | 865                                   | 4.9              | 269                    | 1.5              | S                                     | S                |
| 4247            | Petroleum and Petroleum Products .....   | 283   | 2.0              | 1,384                                 | 9.6              | 314                    | 2.2              | 1,654                                 | 11.4             |
| 4248            | Beer, Wine, and Distilled Alcoholic Beverages .....                                      | 336   | 1.8              | 738                                   | 3.9              | 323                    | 1.7              | 1,802                                 | 9.5              |
| 4249            | Miscellaneous Nondurable Goods .....   | 803   | 2.6              | 1,520                                 | 4.9              | 354                    | 1.2              | S                                     | S                |

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