

with other series. Since the monthly indexes are based upon a smaller coverage of sales than that secured for the annual census, these results cannot be expected to have the accuracy of the more exhaustive survey. The monthly indexes do, however, give a fair indication of current trends in wholesale trade.

Dollar volume of wholesale sales averaged 10.1 p.c. higher in 1937 than in 1936 for the nine lines of business for which monthly indexes are computed. The hardware group registered the best increase at 16.7 p.c., followed by tobacco and confectionery at 12.8 p.c. Wholesalers in the grocery trade reported the smallest increase at 8.0 p.c.

All sections of the country reported increased sales in 1937 compared with the preceding year. The gain in British Columbia was particularly impressive at 16.8 p.c. and those in the Maritime Provinces and Quebec were only slightly smaller at 14.2 p.c. and 13.5 p.c., respectively. Ontario sales were up 8.5 p.c., while the gain for the Prairie Provinces was 5.6 p.c.

**30.—Unadjusted Index Numbers of Wholesale Sales, by Economic Divisions and by Kinds of Business, January, 1935, to December, 1937.**  
(Average for 1930=100.)

Year and Month.	Wholesale Trade. (Composites of nine lines of business.)					Selected Kinds of Business.							
	Canada	Mari-time Prov-inces.	Que.	Ont.	Prairie Prov-inces.	B.C.	Auto-motive Sup-plies.	Drugs	Foot-wear.	Dry Goods.	Gro-ceries.	Fruits and Vege-tables.	Hard-ware.
<b>1935.</b>													
January.....	58.9	57.4	51.7	69.3	53.7	56.6	49.5	82.3	34.5	49.1	74.0	53.3	45.6
February.....	63.2	57.4	61.1	69.2	58.0	63.4	51.7	85.4	53.0	59.7	74.2	61.6	52.1
March.....	72.6	72.5	72.3	78.8	64.5	72.8	60.8	90.7	94.3	73.5	80.6	69.1	69.6
April.....	76.8	78.4	76.9	83.4	68.6	74.6	78.9	87.1	96.2	73.7	82.7	82.8	77.1
May.....	83.7	90.3	85.2	90.4	73.7	80.4	82.9	87.0	90.1	72.1	91.7	95.3	88.1
June.....	79.8	79.7	79.1	85.9	71.9	79.7	77.6	82.8	77.5	64.3	90.7	89.6	80.6
July.....	82.5	87.3	74.0	88.0	79.6	84.4	81.7	86.7	60.4	52.5	102.0	87.2	79.4
August.....	84.8	82.1	75.9	86.2	87.1	87.4	92.9	88.3	82.4	72.8	100.1	77.9	82.8
September.....	89.6	92.5	93.0	88.8	86.9	84.1	107.8	93.5	101.9	97.8	99.9	77.8	85.8
October.....	94.2	97.7	98.1	93.0	91.5	88.3	120.6	97.6	119.1	94.4	108.5	76.3	88.8
November.....	84.7	90.4	87.0	84.0	79.1	87.2	93.0	95.9	121.6	81.9	97.4	67.4	81.9
December.....	75.9	77.8	78.0	82.6	66.2	73.4	69.8	87.1	120.1	62.5	87.8	76.2	64.7
<b>Averages, 1935</b>	<b>78.9</b>	<b>80.3</b>	<b>77.7</b>	<b>83.3</b>	<b>73.4</b>	<b>77.7</b>	<b>80.6</b>	<b>88.7</b>	<b>87.6</b>	<b>71.2</b>	<b>90.8</b>	<b>76.2</b>	<b>74.7</b>
<b>1936.</b>													
January.....	61.6	59.6	54.1	68.3	56.8	67.6	56.3	86.7	36.8	48.2	77.8	54.8	48.8
February.....	65.5	62.0	62.7	70.4	58.1	74.4	50.0	88.7	55.4	59.4	79.8	58.0	53.8
March.....	76.2	74.5	77.0	80.0	68.6	79.7	65.6	94.7	103.6	77.9	83.7	73.6	74.1
April.....	81.8	87.7	81.8	85.4	73.1	85.8	84.7	93.1	88.6	76.6	89.2	84.1	85.7
May.....	86.9	89.6	86.9	93.2	76.7	89.6	92.0	90.6	100.0	75.1	93.1	97.7	95.3
June.....	89.1	93.5	90.3	94.3	79.5	89.7	87.1	91.6	92.2	69.3	97.6	108.8	94.5
July.....	90.3	95.6	79.2	95.5	87.1	98.4	83.8	92.4	67.2	51.9	112.1	103.2	86.3
August.....	90.1	87.8	77.9	89.3	96.9	92.6	101.7	88.6	95.1	74.6	106.1	89.0	88.2
September.....	101.2	105.9	101.2	97.9	102.5	95.9	128.7	103.7	129.0	107.2	110.0	92.3	103.5
October.....	103.8	107.7	106.3	98.9	104.7	99.2	138.7	109.8	162.9	102.8	115.4	83.0	110.8
November.....	90.2	98.2	93.5	88.5	82.1	98.2	110.9	104.4	109.9	87.2	102.3	70.2	93.3
December.....	85.6	92.4	78.3	91.0	78.6	93.4	82.9	96.7	86.4	66.3	99.0	86.6	85.7
<b>Averages, 1936</b>	<b>85.2</b>	<b>87.9</b>	<b>82.4</b>	<b>87.7</b>	<b>80.4</b>	<b>88.7</b>	<b>90.2</b>	<b>95.1</b>	<b>93.9</b>	<b>74.7</b>	<b>97.2</b>	<b>83.4</b>	<b>85.0</b>
<b>1937.</b>													
January.....	70.0	72.5	63.5	76.5	62.1	81.7	62.5	96.2	51.4	51.4	86.5	65.0	61.7
February.....	73.8	72.7	71.5	78.4	65.9	81.8	61.1	103.2	76.6	70.7	83.9	68.6	68.8
March.....	91.4	93.0	89.7	91.5	84.3	104.8	76.1	104.8	103.8	85.1	99.8	89.7	103.5
April.....	94.4	102.5	96.3	93.9	84.6	105.5	98.8	104.5	117.2	84.4	96.7	98.0	118.5
May.....	96.5	103.0	100.3	99.3	82.3	108.9	105.1	98.3	111.8	84.0	100.8	108.7	113.0
June.....	100.4	107.6	103.0	105.5	85.1	111.5	96.4	102.6	98.7	79.3	109.6	116.3	113.6
July.....	97.4	107.3	87.5	99.5	91.0	116.8	89.9	104.8	61.1	59.6	119.1	102.0	102.3
August.....	98.2	100.8	92.3	96.8	95.9	110.6	107.0	104.8	88.2	88.2	111.4	90.2	102.0
September.....	113.3	123.6	118.9	109.2	108.5	112.4	143.1	122.2	160.2	118.8	123.3	102.3	116.2
October.....	107.4	116.7	116.4	105.6	97.5	108.5	134.4	116.9	159.5	112.5	117.5	88.9	111.4
November.....	96.6	108.0	98.9	94.9	88.6	104.2	104.9	111.4	93.7	92.6	111.7	79.9	96.8
December.....	86.2	96.5	85.6	91.6	73.4	96.2	87.5	104.4	96.8	66.7	99.0	85.0	82.2
<b>Averages, 1937</b>	<b>93.8</b>	<b>100.4</b>	<b>93.6</b>	<b>95.2</b>	<b>84.9</b>	<b>103.6</b>	<b>97.2</b>	<b>105.9</b>	<b>104.0</b>	<b>82.8</b>	<b>104.9</b>	<b>91.2</b>	<b>99.2</b>