

**Monthly Indexes of Wholesale Sales.**—Commencing with January, 1935, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics has published monthly indexes of wholesale sales based on returns submitted by approximately 200 wholesale firms comprising a representative sample of nine different lines of business. The base on which these indexes were first computed was that of average monthly sales in 1935 equalling 100; the results of the annual surveys of wholesale trade were then utilized in reducing the monthly indexes to the 1930 base in order that they should conform 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 3.5 p.c. lower in 1938 than in 1937 for the nine lines of business included in the monthly indexes. Wholesalers in the dry goods, clothing, and footwear trades suffered the greatest losses, sales for these groups ranging from 10 to 13 p.c. lower in 1938 than in the preceding year. Wholesale grocery sales were off by 2.9 p.c. and hardware was down by 5.6 p.c. Dealers in automotive equipment and tobacco and confectionery reported increases over 1937 while other groups showed but minor changes.

Figures on a regional basis show that the Prairie Provinces made the best showing relative to 1937 with a decline of only 1.2 p.c. The decrease for Quebec province was greatest at 6.3 p.c.

**30.—Unadjusted Index Numbers of Wholesale Sales, by Economic Divisions and by Kinds of Business, January, 1936, to December, 1938.**

(Average for 1930=100.)

Year and Month.	Wholesale Trade. (Composites of nine lines of business.)						Selected Kinds of Business.						
	Canada.	Maritime Provinces.	Que.	Ont.	Prairie Provinces.	B.C.	Auto-motive Supp-lies.	Drugs.	Foot-wear.	Dry Goods.	Groceries.	Fruits and Veger-tables.	Hard-ware.
<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	152.9	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>86.0</b>
<b>1937.</b>													
January.....	70.0	72.5	62.5	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	78.6	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	101.8	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	117.2	88.2	111.4	90.2	102.0
September.....	113.3	123.6	118.0	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	111.8	79.9	96.8
December.....	86.9	97.3	85.7	92.3	74.2	96.2	85.2	104.4	96.8	66.8	99.7	87.1	83.1
<b>Averages, 1937</b>	<b>93.9</b>	<b>100.4</b>	<b>93.6</b>	<b>95.3</b>	<b>85.0</b>	<b>103.6</b>	<b>97.9</b>	<b>105.9</b>	<b>104.0</b>	<b>82.8</b>	<b>105.0</b>	<b>91.4</b>	<b>99.2</b>

<sup>1</sup> Revised since the publication of the 1938 Year Book.