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# 2019 ANNUAL RETAIL TRADE SURVEY

## DUE DATE

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**Call** 1-877-787-9860 (option 2)  
(8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. ET, M-F)  
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**To view Survey Results:**  
<https://census.gov/arts>

## GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- Any significant change in this firm's operations should be noted in **13**.
- For establishments sold or acquired in 2019, report data only for the period the establishments were operated by this firm.
- Estimates are acceptable if book figures are not available.
- Enter "0" where applicable.

### INCLUDE

- All retail establishments located in the U.S. (including the District of Columbia) operated by this firm and its subsidiaries.
- Data for auxiliary facilities primarily engaged in supporting services to this firm's establishment(s), such as warehouses, garages, central administrative offices, and repair services.

### EXCLUDE

- Data for establishments operated by other firms, such as franchises.
- Departments and concessions operated by other firms in this firm's establishment(s).
- Data for establishments located in U.S. Territories (such as Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam, U.S. Virgin Islands and Northern Mariana Islands).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

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**1** Not Applicable.**2 ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGE****A. Did this firm experience any acquisitions, sales, mergers, and/or divestitures in 2019?**☐ Yes☐ No - Go to **3****B. Which of the following organizational changes occurred in 2019?**Check all that apply. If more than one organizational change occurred during the reporting period, explain in **13**.☐ Acquisition☐ Sale☐ Merger☐ Divestiture☐ Ceased Operation - Date of ceased operation/closure . . . . .

Date of organizational change . . . . .

AND

Enter detailed information below

| Month | Day | Year |
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| Month | Day | Year |
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|                                             |       |                |  |
|---------------------------------------------|-------|----------------|--|
| Name of company                             |       | EIN (9 digits) |  |
|                                             |       | -              |  |
| Address (Number and street, P.O. Box, etc.) |       |                |  |
|                                             |       |                |  |
| City                                        | State | ZIP Code       |  |
|                                             |       | -              |  |

**3 REPORTING PERIOD**NOTE: Calendar-year data are preferred. If this is not available, please report for the fiscal year that includes **at least six months** of data for the 2019 calendar year.**What time period is covered by the data provided in this survey?**☐ Calendar year☐ Fiscal or partial year - Report beginning and ending dates. . . . .

| 2019           |     |      |
|----------------|-----|------|
| Beginning Date |     |      |
| Month          | Day | Year |
|                |     |      |
| Ending Date    |     |      |
| Month          | Day | Year |
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**4 NUMBER OF ESTABLISHMENTS****How many retail establishments (including departments and concessions) did this firm operate in 2019?**The remainder of this survey refers to the establishments reported here. . . . . ☐Mark "X"  
if None**2019**  
Number

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**5 SALES, RECEIPTS, OR REVENUE****INCLUDE**

- Credit and cash net sales of merchandise
- E-commerce sales if not submitted on a separate Annual Retail Trade Survey
- Excise taxes (such as those on gasoline, liquor, and tobacco) which are included in the cost of goods purchased by this firm
- Wholesale sales made by retail establishment(s) covered by this report
- Receipts from the rental or leasing of vehicles, equipment, instruments, tools, etc.
- Receipts from deliveries
- Receipts from installations, maintenance contracts, repairs, alterations, storage, and other such services
- Value of trade-ins taken as partial payment for other merchandise
- Value of manufacturers' rebates
- Leased departments and concessions operated in other establishments
- Shipping and handling revenue
- Advertising revenues

**EXCLUDE**

- Sales from auxiliary establishments
- Carrying or other finance charges
- Commissions (such as vending machine operators, government lottery tickets, or other stores)
- Non-operating receipts (such as interest income, income from investments, and receipts from the rental or sale of real estate)
- Sales made by departments and concessions operated by other firms in this firm's retail establishment(s)

**DEDUCT**

- The actual value of rebates and discounts granted to the purchaser, even if granted as an increase in trade-in allowances

**A. What were the total sales of merchandise and other operating receipts for this firm in 2019?** . . . . . ☐

Mark "X"  
if None

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**B. Did this firm collect any sales taxes in 2019?**

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No - Go to **6**

**C. What were the total sales taxes collected in 2019?**

*Exclude excise taxes.* . . . . .

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**6 E-COMMERCE**

*E-commerce is the sale of goods and services where the buyer places an order, or the price and terms of the sale are negotiated, over an Internet, mobile device (M-Commerce), extranet, EDI network, electronic mail, or other comparable online system. Payment may or may not be made online.*

**A. Did this firm have any e-commerce sales in 2019?**

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No - Go to **7**

**B. What were the total e-commerce sales in 2019?** . . . . .

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**7 VALUE OF INVENTORIES****INCLUDE**

- All inventories of merchandise at locations covered by this survey, including all auxiliary locations (such as warehouses, garages, central administrative offices) servicing these establishments, regardless of where held
- Inventory held in Foreign Trade Zones or in bond warehouses in the United States
- Report at cost or market value as of the end of your reporting period

**EXCLUDE**

- Merchandise owned by others that are being held on consignment

**A. Did this firm own inventories, regardless of where held, at the end of 2019 (or the end of the period for which you are reporting)?**☐ Yes☐ No - Go to **9****B. What was the value of merchandise inventories as of December 31 in 2019?**Mark "X"  
if None

1. Merchandise inventories in retail stores . . . . . ☐
2. Merchandise inventories in warehouses, offices, or in transit for distribution to retail stores . . . . . ☐
3. **Total inventories (before Last-in, First-out (LIFO) adjustment, if applicable)**  
Sum of **7B1** and **7B2**. . . . . ☐
4. LIFO reserve (if applicable) . . . . . ☐
5. Total inventories after LIFO adjustment  
**7B3** minus **7B4**. . . . . ☐

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**C. Were inventories reported as of December 31?**☐ Yes - Go to **8**☐ No

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| Month | Day | Year |
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**D. If not December 31, as of what date were inventories reported?** . . . . .**8 INVENTORY VALUATION METHOD****A. Were any of the inventories reported in 7B3 subject to the LIFO valuation method?**☐ Yes☐ No - Go to **9****B. How much of the inventories reported in 7B3 was subject to:**Mark "X"  
if None

1. LIFO valuation method before adjustment . . . . . ☐
2. Any other valuation method . . . . . ☐
3. Verify Total  
Sum of **8B1** and **8B2**. Total must equal **7B3**. . . . . ☐

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**9 TOTAL PURCHASES****INCLUDE**

- Cash and credit purchases by this firm
- Merchandise owned by, but in transit to, this firm
- Purchases made by both warehouse(s) and establishment(s)
- Freight, delivery, and other transportation costs
- Import duties (if paid separately)
- Parts and supplies used in repair work or other services

**EXCLUDE**

- Expenditures for supplies, equipment, and parts purchased for this firm's own use
- Purchases made by other firms' operating departments and concessions in this firm's establishment(s)
- Purchases of merchandise held outside the U.S.
- Purchases of containers, wrappings, packaging, and selling supplies for this firm's own use
- Trade and cash discounts, returns, and allowances

**What was the total cost of all merchandise purchased for resale for which this firm took title, whether or not payment was made, in 2019?**

Mark "X"  
if None

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If purchases are greater than sales, explain in **13**. . . . . ☐

**10** Not Applicable.

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**11 SALES BY MERCHANDISE LINES**

For clarification regarding merchandise lines call 1-877-787-9860 (option 2).

| Description of sales,<br>shipments, receipts, or<br>revenue                                                                                                 | Total sales for 2019          |      |       |      |         | E-commerce sales for 2019     |      |       |      |         |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------|-------|------|---------|-------------------------------|------|-------|------|---------|
|                                                                                                                                                             | Report dollars OR percentages |      |       |      |         | Report dollars OR percentages |      |       |      |         |
|                                                                                                                                                             | \$ Bil.                       | Mil. | Thou. | Dol. | Percent | \$ Bil.                       | Mil. | Thou. | Dol. | Percent |
| <b>a. Books</b><br><i>Include audio books<br/>and e-books. . . . .</i>                                                                                      |                               |      |       |      |         |                               |      |       |      |         |
| <b>b. Clothing and clothing<br/>accessories</b><br><i>Include footwear. . .</i>                                                                             |                               |      |       |      |         |                               |      |       |      |         |
| <b>c. Computers and<br/>peripheral equipment,<br/>communications<br/>equipment, and<br/>related products</b><br><i>Include cellular<br/>phones. . . . .</i> |                               |      |       |      |         |                               |      |       |      |         |
| <b>d. Computer software</b><br><i>Include video game<br/>software. . . . .</i>                                                                              |                               |      |       |      |         |                               |      |       |      |         |
| <b>e. Drugs, health aids,<br/>and beauty aids . . .</b>                                                                                                     |                               |      |       |      |         |                               |      |       |      |         |
| <b>f. Electronics and<br/>appliances . . . . .</b>                                                                                                          |                               |      |       |      |         |                               |      |       |      |         |
| <b>g. Food, beer, and wine .</b>                                                                                                                            |                               |      |       |      |         |                               |      |       |      |         |
| <b>h. Furniture and home<br/>furnishings . . . . .</b>                                                                                                      |                               |      |       |      |         |                               |      |       |      |         |
| <b>i. Jewelry . . . . .</b>                                                                                                                                 |                               |      |       |      |         |                               |      |       |      |         |
| <b>j. Audio and video<br/>recordings</b><br><i>Include purchased<br/>downloads. . . . .</i>                                                                 |                               |      |       |      |         |                               |      |       |      |         |
| <b>k. Office equipment and<br/>supplies . . . . .</b>                                                                                                       |                               |      |       |      |         |                               |      |       |      |         |
| <b>l. Sporting goods . . .</b>                                                                                                                              |                               |      |       |      |         |                               |      |       |      |         |
| <b>m. Toys, hobby goods,<br/>and games . . . . .</b>                                                                                                        |                               |      |       |      |         |                               |      |       |      |         |
| <b>n. Other merchandise -<br/>Specify principal<br/>line(s) ↴</b>                                                                                           |                               |      |       |      |         |                               |      |       |      |         |
|                                                                                                                                                             |                               |      |       |      |         |                               |      |       |      |         |
| <b>o. Shipping and<br/>handling revenues . .</b>                                                                                                            |                               |      |       |      |         |                               |      |       |      |         |
| <b>p. Advertising revenues .</b>                                                                                                                            |                               |      |       |      |         |                               |      |       |      |         |
| <b>q. Other non-<br/>merchandise<br/>receipts - Specify<br/>principal receipt(s) ↴</b>                                                                      |                               |      |       |      |         |                               |      |       |      |         |
|                                                                                                                                                             |                               |      |       |      |         |                               |      |       |      |         |
| <b>r. TOTAL</b><br><i>Sum of<br/>11a through 11q. . . .</i>                                                                                                 |                               |      |       |      | 100     |                               |      |       |      | 100     |

Total should equal 5A for 2019

Total should equal 6B for 2019

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**12 OPERATING EXPENSES****INCLUDE**

- Expenses arising from the normal course of business
- Payroll
- Depreciation and amortization

**EXCLUDE**

- Bad debt
- Purchases of goods for resale or cost of goods sold
- Income taxes
- Interest expenses
- Impairment (reduction in value of long-lived assets due to reappraisal)
- Capitalized expenses (except payroll and fringe benefits)
- Transfers made within the company

**What were the total operating expenses for this firm in 2019?**

If operating expenses are greater than sales, explain in **13**. . . . . ☐

Mark "X"  
if None

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**13 REMARKS** - Please use this space to explain any significant year-to-year changes, to clarify responses, or indicate where data were estimated.

**14 CONTACT INFORMATION**

|                                                                         |           |        |   |           |                 |           |        |   |  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|--------|---|-----------|-----------------|-----------|--------|---|--|
| Name of person to contact regarding this survey ( <i>Please print</i> ) |           |        |   |           | Title           |           |        |   |  |
|                                                                         |           |        |   |           |                 |           |        |   |  |
| Telephone                                                               | Area code | Number |   | Extension | Fax             | Area code | Number |   |  |
|                                                                         |           |        | - |           |                 |           |        | - |  |
| E-mail address                                                          |           |        |   |           | Website address |           |        |   |  |
|                                                                         |           |        |   |           | www.            |           |        |   |  |

**THANK YOU for completing your 2019 ANNUAL RETAIL TRADE SURVEY.**

We suggest you keep a copy for your records.

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