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FORM

SM-4417BS-A (05-01-2017)**MONTHLY RETAIL TRADE REPORT****Due Date****Need help or have questions?****Call** 1-800-772-7852

(8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. ET, M-F)

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1-800-447-4613

To view Survey Results:<https://www.census.gov/retail>**GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**

- Any significant change in this firm's operations should be noted in **5**
- For establishments sold or acquired during the month, report data only for the period the establishment was operated by this firm
- Estimates are acceptable if book figures are not available
- Enter "0" where applicable

INCLUDE

- 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
- Leased departments and concessions operated in other establishments

EXCLUDE

- Leased departments and concessions operated by other firms in this firm's establishments
- Sales taxes and finance charges
- Data for establishments operated by other firms, such as franchises

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

We estimate this survey will take an average of 7 minutes to complete. More information about this estimate and an address where you may write with comments is on the back of this form.

1 FEDERAL EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION (EIN)**Has this firm acquired any new EINs for its retail operation(s) since last month?**

EIN (9 digits)

Yes - List here and continue with **2**. Report additional EIN(s) in **5**.

No

2 NUMBER OF RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS

Number

How many retail establishments did this firm operate?*The remainder of this report refers to the establishments reported here.***CONTINUE ON PAGE 2**

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3 SALES, RECEIPTS, OR REVENUE

INCLUDE

- Cash and credit sales of merchandise whether or not payment was received
E-commerce sales if not submitted on a separate monthly retail report
Wholesale sales and services revenue made by retail establishments covered by this report
Value of trade-ins taken as part payment for other merchandise

EXCLUDE

- Commissions from vending machine operators and from sales of government lottery tickets
Nonoperating receipts (such as interest income, income from investments, and receipts from the rental or sale of real estate)
Refunds and allowances for returned goods
The actual value of rebates and discounts granted to the purchaser, even if granted as an increase in trade-in allowance

A. What type of reporting period do this month's sales represent?

- Calendar month reporting period - Go to 3C
4-week reporting period
5-week reporting period

Table with 2 columns: Ending Date, Month, Day

B. If not a calendar month reporting period, what is the ending date for the period you are reporting sales?

Dollars

C. What were the total sales in

D. Do the sales reported in 3C represent book figures or estimates?

- Book Figure
Estimate

E. Did this firm have any e-commerce sales in

- Yes
No - Go to 4

Dollars

F. What were the total e-commerce sales in

OR

Table with 2 columns: Percent, %

If e-commerce sales not available - What was the percent of total sales in 3C that represents e-commerce?

4 VALUE OF INVENTORIES

INCLUDE

- The cost value of all merchandise for the end of the month
Merchandise owned by this firm but held by others for consignment
Merchandise under contract for sale
Merchandise if title has passed to you, including merchandise in transit
Inventory held in Foreign Trade Zones or in bond warehouses in the U.S.

EXCLUDE

- Items such as fixtures, equipment, and supplies not held for resale
Merchandise owned by others such as those held on consignment
Merchandise of leased departments and concessions operated by other firms in this retail establishment

A. What was the value of merchandise inventories, regardless of where held, owned as of the end of the month?

- 1. Merchandise inventories in retail stores
Include leased departments and concessions operated by this firm in other establishments.
2. Merchandise inventories in warehouses, offices, or in transit for distribution to retail stores.
3. Total inventories (if applicable, before Last-in, First-out (LIFO) adjustment)

Dollars
Month Day

B. Inventories were reported as of what date?

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

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name of person to contact regarding this report Title
Telephone Area code Number Extension Fax Area code Number

DEFINITIONS OF E-COMMERCE SALES, AUXILIARY ESTABLISHMENTS, LEASED DEPARTMENTS AND CONCESSIONS

- 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.
Auxiliary Establishments are facilities primarily engaged in furnishing supporting services (such as warehouses, garages and central administrative offices) to this firm's establishments.
Leased Departments and Concessions are separate businesses that lease space on the premises of another business.

We estimate this survey will take an average of 7 minutes to complete, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this voluntary collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to: EID Survey Comments 0607-0717, U.S. Census Bureau, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Room EID-8K170, Washington, DC 20233. You may email comments to eid.retail.indicator.branch@census.gov. Be sure to use "EID Survey Comments 0607-0717" as the subject.

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