



# 2020 ANNUAL WHOLESALE TRADE SURVEY

## MANUFACTURERS' SALES BRANCHES AND OFFICES

FORM

**SA-42A-MSBO** (DRAFT)

### DUE DATE

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<https://portal.census.gov>

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<https://census.gov/awts>

**Authentication Code:**

### GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- **Include** data for auxiliary facilities primarily engaged in supporting services to this firm's establishment(s) such as warehouses, garages, and central administrative offices.
- Any significant change in this firm's operations should be noted in **18** on page 6.
- For establishments sold or acquired in 2020, 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.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

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**1 ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGE**

**A. Did this firm experience any acquisitions, sales, mergers, divestitures, and/or closures in 2020?**

- Yes
- No - Go to 2

**B. Which of the following organizational changes occurred in 2020?**

Check all that apply. If more than one organizational change occurred during the reporting period, explain in 18 on page 6.

<input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition <input type="checkbox"/> Sale <input type="checkbox"/> Merger <input type="checkbox"/> Divestiture	}	Date of organizational change . . . . .	Month	Day	Year
		AND			
		Enter detailed information below			
<input type="checkbox"/> Ceased Operation - Date of ceased operation/closure . . . . .	}		Month	Day	Year

Name of company	EIN (9 digits)		
	-		
Address (Number and street, P.O. Box, etc.)			
City, town, village, etc.	State	ZIP Code	
		-	

**2 REPORTING PERIOD**

NOTE: Calendar year data is preferred. If it is not available, please report for the fiscal year that includes at least six months of data for the 2020 calendar year.

**What time period is covered by the data provided in this survey?**

- Calendar year - Go to 3
- Fiscal or partial year - Report beginning and ending dates . . . . .

2020		
Beginning Date		
Month	Day	Year
Ending Date		
Month	Day	Year

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**3 NUMBER OF MANUFACTURERS' SALES BRANCHES AND OFFICES**

**INCLUDE**

- Sales locations where more than half of the goods sold consist of goods manufactured, assembled or mined in the United States by this firm or by a parent, subsidiary, or affiliated manufacturer or mine
- Sales locations that are co-located with manufacturing plants, but for which separate records are kept
- Sales locations located separately from a warehouse, manufacturing, or other operating location
- Sales locations regardless of whether they held inventory
- Centers where orders are taken or solicited, and offices of marketing or sales managers, for which records are kept separately from those of manufacturing plants

**EXCLUDE**

- Agents or brokers primarily selling goods on consignment
- Locations where more than half of the goods sold consist of goods manufactured outside the United States and/or goods purchased from other companies
- Manufacturing locations without separate sales personnel
- Locations selling directly to the general public

**A. What was the total number of sales branches and offices that met the criteria above on December 31, 2020?**

*The remainder of this survey refers to the establishments reported here. . . . .*

2020
Number

**B. Did this firm or its parent, subsidiaries, or affiliates have any manufacturing or mining operations in the United States in 2020?**

- Yes
- No - Please describe your type of business in **18** on page 6 after completing this survey.

**C. Did this firm or its subsidiaries have any sales locations that sold (or distributed) products manufactured or mined in the United States either by this firm, or by a parent, subsidiary, or affiliated company in 2020?**

- Yes
- No - Please describe your type of business in **18** on page 6 after completing this survey.

**4 SALES, RECEIPTS, OR REVENUE**

**INCLUDE**

- All sales of your sales branches and offices whether they are your own products or products you purchased
- **Gross value** of sales made on a commission basis for non-affiliated firms
- Receipts from freight, installations, rentals, maintenance, repairs, alterations, storage, and other such services
- Excise taxes (such as those on gasoline, liquor, and tobacco) that are levied on the manufacturer and included in the cost of products purchased by this firm
- Value of liquor and tobacco tax stamps for only the sales branches and offices

**EXCLUDE**

- Direct sales made by manufacturing plant personnel
- Foreign sales of products that are not owned by establishments in the United States
- Commissions or fees for products that never entered the United States
- Nonoperating receipts (such as interest income, income from investments, and receipts from the rental or sale of real estate)
- Finance charges

**What were this firm's sales and other operating receipts in 2020?**

Mark "X" if None

2020			
\$ Bil.	Mil.	Thou.	Dol.

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**5 E-COMMERCE, INCLUDING EDI**

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 Electronic Data Interchange (EDI), the Internet, mobile device (M-Commerce), or any other online system. Payment may or may not be made online.

**A. Did this firm have any e-commerce sales in 2020?**

- Yes
- No - Go to **8** on the next page

**B. What were the total e-commerce sales in 2020?**

*This amount should equal the sum of **5B1** and **5B2** shown below.*

**1. What were the EDI network sales in 2020, if any?**

- EDI is the exchange of documents in standardized electronic form between organizations in an automated manner directly from a computer application in one organization to an application in another. . . . .

**2. What were the online system sales in 2020, if any?**

- Online systems include the Internet, mobile device (M-commerce), extranets, e-mail, and instant messaging. . . . .

Mark "X" if None

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**6 and 7** Not Applicable.

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**8 VALUE OF INVENTORIES**

**INCLUDE**

- All inventories of products covered by this survey, including auxiliary locations (such as warehouses, garages, and 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 December 31 (or the end of the period for which you are reporting)

**EXCLUDE**

- Items such as fixtures, equipment, and supplies not held for resale
- Products owned by others that are being held on consignment

**A. Did this firm own inventories, regardless of where held, at the end of 2020 (or the end of the period for which you are reporting)?**

- Yes
- No - Go to 15 on the next page

**B. What was the value of inventories as of December 31 in 2020?**

Mark "X" if None

1. Total inventories (if applicable, before Last-in, First-out (LIFO) adjustment) . . . . .
2. LIFO reserve (if applicable) . . . . .
3. Total inventories after LIFO adjustment  
 8B1 minus 8B2. . . . .

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**C. Were inventories reported as of December 31?**

- Yes - Go to 8E
- No

**D. If not December 31, inventories were reported as of what date?** . . . . .

2020		
Month	Day	Year

**E. Were any of the inventories reported in 8B1 stored outside, or en route to, the 50 states and the District of Columbia in 2020?**

- Yes
- No - Go to 9

**F. What was the value of the inventories stored outside, or en route to, the 50 states and the District of Columbia in 2020?**

Exclude inventory held in Foreign Trade Zones or in bond warehouses in the U.S. . . . .

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**9 INVENTORY VALUATION METHOD**

**A. Were any of the inventories reported in 8B1 subject to the LIFO valuation method?**

- Yes
- No - Go to 15 on the next page

**B. How much of the inventory reported in 8B1 was subject to:**

Mark "X" if None

1. LIFO valuation method before adjustment . . . . .
2. Any other valuation method . . . . .
3. Verify Total  
 Sum of 9B1 and 9B2. Total must equal 8B1. . . . .

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**10-14** Not Applicable.

**15 OPERATING EXPENSES**

**INCLUDE**

- Expenses arising from the normal course of business, including non-manufacturing payroll

**EXCLUDE**

- Bad debt/customer related loss
- Interest expense
- Purchases of goods for resale or cost of goods sold
- Income taxes
- Impairment (reduction in value of long-lived assets due to reappraisal)
- Transfers made within the company

Mark "X" if None

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What were the total operating expenses for this firm in 2020? . . .

**16 and 17** Not Applicable.

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

**19 CONTACT INFORMATION**

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

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