

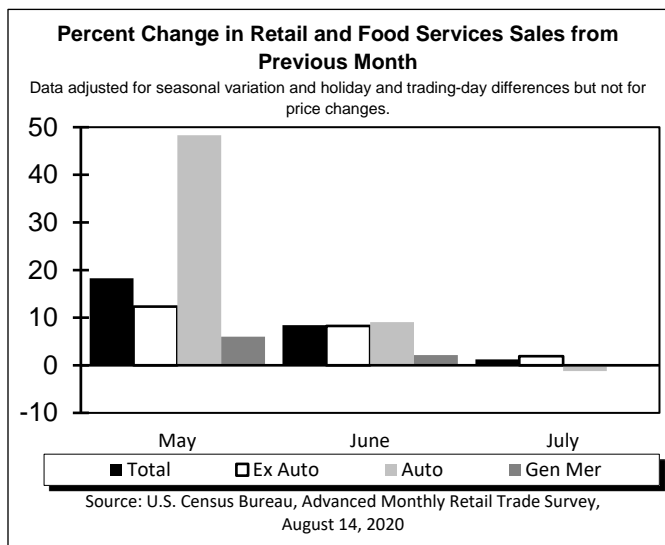
## ADVANCE MONTHLY SALES FOR RETAIL AND FOOD SERVICES, JULY 2020

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**August 14, 2020** — The U.S. Census Bureau announced the following advance estimates of U.S. retail and food services sales for July 2020:

ADVANCE MONTHLY SALES		
July 2020	\$536.0 billion	1.2%
June 2020 (revised)	\$529.4 billion	8.4%
Next release: September 16, 2020		
<small>* The 90 percent confidence interval includes zero. There is insufficient statistical evidence to conclude that the actual change is different from zero. Data adjusted for seasonal variation and holiday and trading-day differences but not for price changes. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Advanced Monthly Retail Trade Survey, August 14, 2020.</small>		



### Advance Estimates of U.S. Retail and Food Services

Advance estimates of U.S. retail and food services sales for July 2020, adjusted for seasonal variation and holiday and trading-day differences, but not for price changes, were \$536.0 billion, an increase of 1.2 percent ( $\pm 0.5$  percent) from the previous month, and 2.7 percent ( $\pm 0.7$  percent) above July 2019. Total sales for the May 2020 through July 2020 period were down 0.2 percent ( $\pm 0.5$  percent)\* from the same period a year ago. The May 2020 to June 2020 percent change was revised from up 7.5 percent ( $\pm 0.5$  percent) to up 8.4 percent ( $\pm 0.2$  percent).

Retail trade sales were up 0.8 percent ( $\pm 0.5$  percent) from June 2020, and 5.8 percent ( $\pm 0.7$  percent) above last year. Nonstore retailers were up 24.7 percent ( $\pm 1.4$  percent) from July 2019, while food and beverage stores were up 11.1 percent ( $\pm 0.9$  percent) from last year.

### General Information

The August 2020 Advance Monthly Retail report is scheduled for release on September 16, 2020 at 8:30

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

The advance estimates are based on a subsample of the Census Bureau's full retail and food services sample. A stratified random sampling method is used to select approximately 5,500 retail and food services firms whose sales are then weighted and benchmarked to represent the complete universe of over three million retail and food services firms.

## Survey Description

The U.S. Census Bureau conducts the Advance Monthly Retail Trade and Food Services Survey to provide an early estimate of monthly sales by kind of business for retail and food service firms located in the United States. Each month, questionnaires are mailed to a probability sample of approximately 5,500 employer firms selected from the larger Monthly Retail Trade Survey. Advance sales estimates are computed using a link relative estimator. For each detailed industry, we compute a ratio of current-to-previous month weighted sales using data from units for which we have obtained usable responses for both the current and previous month. For each detailed industry, the advance total sales estimates for the current month is computed by multiplying this ratio by the preliminary sales estimate for the previous month (derived from the larger MRTS) at the appropriate industry level. Total estimates for broader industries are computed as the sum of the detailed industry estimates. The link relative estimate is used because imputation is not performed for most nonrespondents in MARTS. For a limited number of nonresponding companies that have influential effects on the estimates, sales may be estimated based on historical performance of that company. The monthly estimates are benchmarked to the annual survey estimates from the Annual Retail Trade Survey once available. The estimates are adjusted for seasonal variation and holiday and trading day differences. Additional information on MARTS and MRTS can be found on the Census Bureau website at: <[www.census.gov/retail/](http://www.census.gov/retail/)>.

## Reliability of Estimates

Because the estimates presented in this report are based on a sample survey, they contain sampling error and nonsampling error.

Sampling error is the difference between the estimate and the result that would be obtained from a complete enumeration of the sampling frame conducted under the same survey conditions. This error occurs because only a subset of the entire sampling frame is measured in a sample survey. Standard errors and coefficients of variation (CV), as given in Table 3 of this report, are estimated measures of sampling variation.

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The margin of sampling error, as used on page 1, gives a range about the estimate which is a 90 percent confidence interval. If, for example, the percent change estimate is +1.2 percent and its estimated standard error is 0.9 percent, then the margin of sampling error is  $\pm 1.753 \times 0.9$  percent or  $\pm 1.6$  percent, and the 90 percent confidence interval is -0.4 percent to +2.8 percent. If the interval contains 0, then one does not have sufficient evidence to conclude at the 90 percent confidence level that the change is different from zero and therefore the change is not statistically significant. Estimated changes shown in the text are statistically significant unless otherwise noted. For a monthly total, the median estimated coefficient of variation is given. The resulting confidence interval is the estimated value  $\pm 1.753 \times CV \times$  (the estimated monthly total). The Census Bureau recommends that individuals using estimates in this report incorporate this information into their analyses, as sampling error could affect the conclusions drawn from the estimates.

Nonsampling error encompasses all other factors that contribute to the total error of a sample survey estimate. This type of error can occur because of nonresponse, insufficient coverage of the universe of retail businesses, mistakes in the recording and coding of data, and other errors of collection, response, coverage, or processing. Although nonsampling error is not measured directly, the Census Bureau employs quality control procedures throughout the process to minimize this type of error.

### **Weather Information**

For information on the impact of weather events on the compilation of this report, please see the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on our website at:

[www.census.gov/retail/marts\\_weather\\_faqs.html](http://www.census.gov/retail/marts_weather_faqs.html)

### **RESOURCES**

#### **The Rest of the Consumer Spending Story**

Retail and services together represent what's commonly referred to as consumer spending. Quarterly Services Survey (QSS) revenue comprises roughly 2/3 of the personal consumption expenditures component of the U.S. Gross Domestic Product (GDP) measured by the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA). The second quarter 2020 Advance Quarterly Services Report will be available on August 19, 2020 at 10:00 AM. Learn about historical revenue trends for certain industries going back 15 years and other data, such as in-patient days and discharges for hospitals, by visiting <https://www.census.gov/services/index.html>

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## FRED Mobile App



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**Table 1. Estimated Monthly Sales for Retail and Food Services, by Kind of Business**

(Total sales estimates are shown in millions of dollars and are based on data from the Advance Monthly Retail Trade Survey, Monthly Retail Trade Survey, and administrative records.)

NAICS <sup>1</sup> code	Kind of Business	Not Adjusted							Adjusted <sup>2</sup>				
		7 Month Total		2020			2019		2020			2019	
		2020	% Chg. 2019	Jul. <sup>3</sup> (a)	Jun. (p)	May (r)	Jul.	Jun.	Jul. <sup>3</sup> (a)	Jun. (p)	May (r)	Jul. (r)	Jun. (r)
	<b>Retail &amp; food services,</b>												
	<b>total</b> .....	<b>3,450,423</b>	<b>-2.1</b>	<b>552,472</b>	<b>536,142</b>	<b>508,221</b>	<b>532,103</b>	<b>518,273</b>	<b>535,982</b>	<b>529,396</b>	<b>488,218</b>	<b>521,710</b>	<b>518,397</b>
	Total (excl. motor vehicle & parts) ...	2,766,127	-1.5	435,601	420,721	399,954	422,834	413,530	426,590	418,653	386,681	418,581	415,992
	Total (excl. gasoline stations) .....	3,209,636	-0.8	513,747	500,582	476,790	486,653	474,450	500,389	495,880	459,034	479,549	476,859
	Total (excl. motor vehicle & parts & gasoline stations) .....	2,525,340	0.2	396,876	385,161	368,523	377,384	369,707	390,997	385,137	357,497	376,420	374,454
	Retail .....	3,102,505	0.7	498,066	485,248	465,913	466,160	452,242	483,517	479,451	448,788	456,997	454,039
	<b>GAFO<sup>4</sup></b> .....	<b>(*)</b>	<b>(*)</b>	<b>(*)</b>	<b>99,821</b>	<b>89,280</b>	<b>106,940</b>	<b>105,686</b>	<b>(*)</b>	<b>103,856</b>	<b>87,586</b>	<b>109,660</b>	<b>109,192</b>
<b>441</b>	<b>Motor vehicle &amp; parts dealers</b> .....	<b>684,296</b>	<b>-4.3</b>	<b>116,871</b>	<b>115,421</b>	<b>108,267</b>	<b>109,269</b>	<b>104,743</b>	<b>109,392</b>	<b>110,743</b>	<b>101,537</b>	<b>103,129</b>	<b>102,405</b>
4411, 4412	Auto & other motor veh. dealers .	628,712	-4.7	107,640	106,281	99,909	100,916	96,728	100,692	101,997	93,286	95,204	94,461
44111	New car dealers .....	(*)	(*)	(*)	81,473	77,564	82,192	77,853	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
4413	Auto parts, acc. & tire stores.....	(*)	(*)	(*)	9,140	8,358	8,353	8,015	(*)	8,746	8,251	7,925	7,944
<b>442</b>	<b>Furniture &amp; home furn. stores</b> .....	<b>56,956</b>	<b>-13.5</b>	<b>9,996</b>	<b>9,630</b>	<b>7,136</b>	<b>9,944</b>	<b>9,539</b>	<b>9,819</b>	<b>9,817</b>	<b>7,143</b>	<b>9,885</b>	<b>9,895</b>
4421	Furniture stores .....	(*)	(*)	(*)	5,430	4,056	5,259	5,098	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
4422	Home furnishings stores .....	(*)	(*)	(*)	4,200	3,080	4,685	4,441	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
<b>443</b>	<b>Electronics &amp; appliance stores</b> .....	<b>42,294</b>	<b>-18.6</b>	<b>7,491</b>	<b>6,033</b>	<b>4,319</b>	<b>7,669</b>	<b>7,481</b>	<b>7,919</b>	<b>6,446</b>	<b>4,684</b>	<b>8,150</b>	<b>8,070</b>
<b>444</b>	<b>Building material &amp; garden eq. &amp; supplies dealers</b> .....	<b>251,643</b>	<b>11.3</b>	<b>40,308</b>	<b>43,116</b>	<b>43,298</b>	<b>34,755</b>	<b>34,575</b>	<b>36,211</b>	<b>37,295</b>	<b>37,004</b>	<b>31,533</b>	<b>31,280</b>
4441	Building mat. & sup. dealers .....	(*)	(*)	(*)	37,287	36,691	30,901	30,187	(*)	32,537	32,384	27,664	27,593
<b>445</b>	<b>Food &amp; beverage stores</b> .....	<b>494,895</b>	<b>12.8</b>	<b>74,105</b>	<b>70,885</b>	<b>75,358</b>	<b>65,690</b>	<b>63,795</b>	<b>71,754</b>	<b>71,582</b>	<b>72,658</b>	<b>64,573</b>	<b>63,845</b>
4451	Grocery stores .....	444,038	12.9	65,743	62,852	67,124	58,557	56,948	63,828	63,551	64,667	57,692	57,005
4453	Beer, wine & liquor stores .....	(*)	(*)	(*)	6,057	6,263	5,245	5,011	(*)	6,033	6,051	4,995	4,976
<b>446</b>	<b>Health &amp; personal care stores</b> .....	<b>205,358</b>	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>30,437</b>	<b>29,637</b>	<b>27,757</b>	<b>29,508</b>	<b>28,966</b>	<b>30,776</b>	<b>29,696</b>	<b>27,785</b>	<b>29,836</b>	<b>30,017</b>
44611	Pharmacies & drug stores .....	(*)	(*)	(*)	25,923	24,923	24,531	23,745	(*)	26,158	24,824	24,704	24,786
<b>447</b>	<b>Gasoline stations</b> .....	<b>240,787</b>	<b>-16.8</b>	<b>38,725</b>	<b>35,560</b>	<b>31,431</b>	<b>45,450</b>	<b>43,823</b>	<b>35,593</b>	<b>33,516</b>	<b>29,184</b>	<b>42,161</b>	<b>41,538</b>
<b>448</b>	<b>Clothing &amp; clothing accessories stores</b> .....	<b>90,877</b>	<b>-36.5</b>	<b>17,403</b>	<b>15,564</b>	<b>8,748</b>	<b>21,650</b>	<b>20,960</b>	<b>17,728</b>	<b>16,777</b>	<b>8,440</b>	<b>22,414</b>	<b>22,255</b>
44811	Men's clothing stores .....	(*)	(*)	(*)	243	146	581	645	(*)	251	130	667	652
44812	Women's clothing stores .....	(*)	(*)	(*)	2,080	1,148	3,261	3,272	(*)	2,178	1,037	3,444	3,419
44814	Family clothing stores .....	(*)	(*)	(*)	6,804	2,993	9,264	9,016	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
4482	Shoe stores .....	(*)	(*)	(*)	2,375	1,480	3,361	3,008	(*)	2,642	1,483	3,302	3,284
<b>451</b>	<b>Sporting goods, hobby, musical instrument, &amp; book stores</b> .....	<b>41,980</b>	<b>-2.2</b>	<b>7,784</b>	<b>8,102</b>	<b>6,143</b>	<b>6,549</b>	<b>6,585</b>	<b>7,895</b>	<b>8,310</b>	<b>6,514</b>	<b>6,703</b>	<b>6,845</b>
<b>452</b>	<b>General merchandise stores</b> .....	<b>404,591</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>60,310</b>	<b>58,825</b>	<b>61,682</b>	<b>58,487</b>	<b>58,727</b>	<b>60,641</b>	<b>60,767</b>	<b>59,492</b>	<b>59,989</b>	<b>59,594</b>
4521	Department stores .....	58,251	-18.5	9,503	9,109	8,346	10,630	10,625	9,901	9,894	8,431	11,431	11,326
4529	Other general merch. stores.....	(*)	(*)	(*)	49,716	53,336	47,857	48,102	(*)	50,873	51,061	48,558	48,268
45291	Warehouse clubs & supercenters.....	(*)	(*)	(*)	41,789	44,921	41,138	41,281	(*)	42,817	42,946	41,638	41,364
45299	All oth. gen. merch. stores.....	(*)	(*)	(*)	7,927	8,415	6,719	6,821	(*)	8,056	8,115	6,920	6,904
<b>453</b>	<b>Miscellaneous store retailers</b> .....	<b>71,850</b>	<b>-4.2</b>	<b>12,047</b>	<b>11,613</b>	<b>9,974</b>	<b>11,545</b>	<b>11,468</b>	<b>11,749</b>	<b>11,060</b>	<b>9,091</b>	<b>11,244</b>	<b>11,269</b>
<b>454</b>	<b>Nonstore retailers</b> .....	<b>516,978</b>	<b>19.8</b>	<b>82,589</b>	<b>80,862</b>	<b>81,800</b>	<b>65,644</b>	<b>61,580</b>	<b>84,040</b>	<b>83,442</b>	<b>85,256</b>	<b>67,380</b>	<b>67,026</b>
4541	Elect. shopping & m/o houses .....	(*)	(*)	(*)	74,851	76,336	58,814	54,928	(*)	76,928	79,351	59,770	59,446
<b>722</b>	<b>Food services &amp; drinking places</b> .....	<b>347,918</b>	<b>-21.4</b>	<b>54,406</b>	<b>50,894</b>	<b>42,308</b>	<b>65,943</b>	<b>66,031</b>	<b>52,465</b>	<b>49,945</b>	<b>39,430</b>	<b>64,713</b>	<b>64,358</b>

(\*) Advance estimates are not available for this kind of business. (NA) Not available (a) Advance estimate (p) Preliminary estimate (r) Revised estimate

(S) Estimate does not meet publication standards because of high sampling variability (coefficient of variation is greater than 30%), poor response quality (total quantity response rate is less than 50%), or other concerns about the estimate's quality.

(1) For a full description of the NAICS codes used in this table, see <http://www.census.gov/eos/www/naics>

(2) Estimates are concurrently adjusted for seasonal variation and for holiday and trading day differences, but not for price changes. Concurrent seasonal adjustment uses all available unadjusted estimates as input to the X-13ARIMA-SEATS program. The factors derived from the program are used in calculating all seasonally adjusted estimates shown in this table. Year-to-date seasonally adjusted sales estimates are not tabulated. Adjustment factors and explanatory material can be found on the Internet at <http://www.census.gov/retail>

(3) Advance estimates are based on early reports obtained from a small sample of firms selected from the larger Monthly Retail Trade Survey (MRTS) sample. All other estimates are from the MRTS sample.

(4) GAFO represents firms which specialize in department store types of merchandise and is comprised of furniture & home furnishings (442), electronics & appliances (443), clothing & accessories (448), sporting goods, hobby, musical instrument, and book (451), general merchandise (452), office supply, stationery, and gift stores (4532).

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Advance Monthly Retail Trade Survey, August 14, 2020. Table 3 provides estimated measures of sampling variability. Additional information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, sample design, and definitions may be found at [www.census.gov/retail/how\\_surveys\\_are\\_collected.html](http://www.census.gov/retail/how_surveys_are_collected.html).

**Table 2. Estimated Change in Monthly Sales for Retail and Food Services, by Kind of Business**

(Estimates are shown as percents and are based on data from the Advance Monthly Retail Trade Survey, Monthly Retail Trade Survey, and administrative records.)

NAICS code	Kind of Business	Percent Change <sup>1</sup>					
		Jul. 2020 Advance from --		Jun. 2020 Preliminary from --		May 2020 through Jul. 2020 from --	
		Jun. 2020 (p)	Jul. 2019 (r)	May 2020 (r)	Jun. 2019 (r)	Feb. 2020 through Apr. 2020	May 2019 through Jul. 2019
	<b>Retail &amp; food services,</b>						
	<b>total</b> .....	<b>1.2</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>-0.2</b>
	Total (excl. motor vehicle & parts) .....	1.9	1.9	8.3	0.6	5.1	-1.4
	Total (excl. gasoline stations) .....	0.9	4.3	8.0	4.0	10.1	1.7
	Total (excl. motor vehicle & parts & gasoline stations) .....	1.5	3.9	7.7	2.9	5.9	1.0
	Retail .....	0.8	5.8	6.8	5.6	10.0	3.5
<b>441</b>	<b>Motor vehicle &amp; parts dealers</b> .....	<b>-1.2</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>27.8</b>	<b>4.4</b>
4411, 4412	Auto & other motor veh. dealers ...	-1.3	5.8	9.3	8.0	28.6	4.2
<b>442</b>	<b>Furniture &amp; home furn. stores</b> .....	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-0.7</b>	<b>37.4</b>	<b>-0.8</b>	<b>21.4</b>	<b>-9.7</b>
<b>443</b>	<b>Electronics &amp; appliance stores</b> .....	<b>22.9</b>	<b>-2.8</b>	<b>37.6</b>	<b>-20.1</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>-21.7</b>
<b>444</b>	<b>Building material &amp; garden eq. &amp; supplies dealers</b> .....	<b>-2.9</b>	<b>14.8</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>19.2</b>	<b>10.9</b>	<b>17.5</b>
<b>445</b>	<b>Food &amp; beverage stores</b> .....	<b>0.2</b>	<b>11.1</b>	<b>-1.5</b>	<b>12.1</b>	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>12.6</b>
4451	Grocery stores .....	0.4	10.6	-1.7	11.5	-1.5	12.1
<b>446</b>	<b>Health &amp; personal care stores</b> .....	<b>3.6</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>-1.1</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>-1.8</b>
<b>447</b>	<b>Gasoline stations</b> .....	<b>6.2</b>	<b>-15.6</b>	<b>14.8</b>	<b>-19.3</b>	<b>-3.5</b>	<b>-22.1</b>
<b>448</b>	<b>Clothing &amp; clothing accessories stores</b> .....	<b>5.7</b>	<b>-20.9</b>	<b>98.8</b>	<b>-24.6</b>	<b>17.6</b>	<b>-35.7</b>
<b>451</b>	<b>Sporting goods, hobby, musical instrument, &amp; book stores</b> .....	<b>-5.0</b>	<b>17.8</b>	<b>27.6</b>	<b>21.4</b>	<b>42.5</b>	<b>11.9</b>
<b>452</b>	<b>General merchandise stores</b> .....	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>1.0</b>
4521	Department stores .....	0.1	-13.4	17.4	-12.6	9.4	-17.4
<b>453</b>	<b>Miscellaneous store retailers</b> .....	<b>6.2</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>21.7</b>	<b>-1.9</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>-5.3</b>
<b>454</b>	<b>Nonstore retailers</b> .....	<b>0.7</b>	<b>24.7</b>	<b>-2.1</b>	<b>24.5</b>	<b>14.7</b>	<b>26.1</b>
<b>722</b>	<b>Food services &amp; drinking places</b> .....	<b>5.0</b>	<b>-18.9</b>	<b>26.7</b>	<b>-22.4</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>-26.4</b>

(p) Preliminary estimate (r) Revised estimate

(1) Estimates shown in this table are derived from adjusted estimates provided in Table 1 of this report.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Advance Monthly Retail Trade Survey, August 14, 2020. Table 3 provides estimated measures of sampling variability.

Additional information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, sample design, and definitions may be found at

[www.census.gov/retail/how\\_surveys\\_are\\_collected.html](http://www.census.gov/retail/how_surveys_are_collected.html).

**Table 3. Estimated Measures of Sampling Variability and Revision to Advance Estimates July 2020**

(Estimates are shown as percents and are based on data from the Advance Monthly Retail Trade Survey and Monthly Retail Trade Survey)

NAICS Code	Kind of Business	Median CV <sup>(1)</sup> for Current Mo. (%)	Median standard error <sup>(1)</sup> for Percent change			Revision for month-to-month change <sup>(2)</sup>	
			Previous Mo. to Current Mo.	Previous Qtr. to Current Qtr.	Current Mo. to same Mo. Last Yr.	Average revision	Median absolute revision
	<b>Retail &amp; food services,</b>						
	total .....	0.7	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.2
	Total (excl. motor vehicle & parts) .....	0.8	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.2
	Total (excl. gasoline stations) .....	0.7	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.1
	Total (excl. motor vehicle & parts & gasoline stations) .....	0.8	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.3	0.2
	<b>Retail, total .....</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.3</b>
<b>441</b>	<b>Motor vehicle &amp; parts dealers .....</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.5</b>
4411, 4412	Auto & other motor veh. dealers .....	1.4	1.2	0.5	1.3	0.7	0.4
<b>442</b>	<b>Furniture &amp; home furn. stores.....</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>1.7</b>
<b>443</b>	<b>Electronics &amp; appliance stores .....</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.4</b>
<b>444</b>	<b>Building material &amp; garden eq. &amp; supplies dealers.....</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>1.1</b>
<b>445</b>	<b>Food &amp; beverage stores.....</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.3</b>
4451	Grocery stores .....	0.8	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.1	0.2
<b>446</b>	<b>Health &amp; personal care stores .....</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.8</b>
<b>447</b>	<b>Gasoline stations .....</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.6</b>
<b>448</b>	<b>Clothing &amp; clothing accessories stores .....</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>-1.0</b>	<b>1.1</b>
<b>451</b>	<b>Sporting goods, hobby, musical instrument, &amp; book stores .....</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>1.1</b>
<b>452</b>	<b>General merchandise stores.....</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.2</b>
4521	Department stores .....	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.5	0.2
<b>453</b>	<b>Miscellaneous store retailers .....</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>1.6</b>
<b>454</b>	<b>Nonstore retailers .....</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>0.4</b>
<b>722</b>	<b>Food services &amp; drinking places .....</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>1.0</b>

(1) Estimated measures of sampling variability are based on estimates not adjusted for seasonal variation or holiday or trading day variation. Medians are based on estimates for the most recent 12 months.

(2) These columns provide measures of the difference between the advance-to-preliminary and preliminary-to-final estimates of month-to-month change for the same pair of months as measured by the Advance sample and MRTS sample. The average and median revisions are based on estimates for the most recent 12 months.

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