

**Documentation of statistics for
Stocks of Wholesale 2026**

1 Introduction

The primary purpose of the statistics stocks of wholesale is to deliver timely figures for changes in stocks for use in the quarterly national accounts statistics. The statistics were first published in 1987, but the current form started in 2001.

2 Statistical presentation

The statistics describe quarterly changes in the stocks of manufacturing and whole sale.

2.1 Data description

The primary purpose of the statistics is to deliver timely figures for changes in stocks for use in the quarterly national accounts statistics. The statistics describe quarterly changes in the stocks of whole sale.

2.2 Classification system

Industrial activity is classified according to [Dansk Branchekode 2025](#), which is the Danish national classification based on NACE rev. 2.1

- G46002 Wholesale of agricultural products
- G46003 Wholesale of food, beverages and tobacco products
- G46004 Wholesale of textiles and household equipment
- G46005 Wholesale of medicine and hospital supplies
- G46006 Wholesale of IT equipment
- G46007 Wholesale of machinery
- G46008 Wholesale of motor vehicles and spare parts
- G46009 Other wholesale trade

2.3 Sector coverage

Wholesale except agency trade.

2.4 Statistical concepts and definitions

Stock Change: The difference in the stock at two different points in time. For this statistics, the stock change in the current quarter is the difference between the stock by the end of the current quarter and the stock by the end of the previous quarter.

2.5 Statistical unit

The reporting unit is the kind of activity unit. This is also the unit of statistical observation. A kind of activity unit consists of all local units belonging to the same enterprise and having the same activity code.

2.6 Statistical population

Kind of activity units with main activity in wholesale.

2.7 Reference area

Stocks owned by Danish enterprises, regardless of their geographical location. Danish enterprises are enterprises with a Danish cvr-number (registration number in Danish business register).

2.8 Time coverage

2001-

2.9 Base period

Base year for calculations in fixed prices is 2015.

2.10 Unit of measure

Stocks are reported in 1000 DKK, current prices. Data are published in millions DKK, in current as well as fixed prices.

2.11 Reference period

Stock changes from last day of previous quarter to last day of reference quarter.

2.12 Frequency of dissemination

Quarterly.

2.13 Legal acts and other agreements

Section 8 of the Act on Statistics Denmark (Lov om Danmarks Statistik).

The statistics are not subject to any specific EU regulation.

2.14 Cost and burden

The burden has been calculated at 125,000 DKK in 2021.

2.15 Comment

The statistics have a subject page: [Wholesale stocks](#)

3 Statistical processing

Data on stocks by the end of each quarter is collected through a survey of approx. 250 units. The reported data are validated, before they are grossed up from the sample to the population. Selected series are seasonally adjusted.

3.1 Source data

The statistics are compiled on the basis of a sample through a separate survey.

The sample consists of approx. 250 units in wholesale. The sample is stratified by size of stock and by activity. Information on size of stocks for selection of the sample comes from the statistics on industrial accounts.

The strata are:

- stocks larger than 40 mill. DKK, all units are sampled
- stocks between 15 and 40 mill. DKK, a sample is drawn

3.2 Frequency of data collection

Quarterly.

3.3 Data collection

Data collection is conducted by means of electronic online survey forms at Virk.dk.

Wholesale: [Instructions for respondents \(in Danish\)](#).

3.4 Data validation

Data are validated through semi-automatic procedures, especially focusing on large changes in reported stocks.

3.5 Data compilation

Reported stocks by the end of each quarter from units in the sample are grossed up through a direct estimate to total stocks for each stratum. Based on this, change rates are calculated. From the [Accounts Statistics](#), figures on stocks by the start of the year for the whole population are available. Based on these submitted stocks, stock changes are calculated.

Only companies that have reported are included in the enumeration. The weight for these companies is increased if there are companies that have not reported.

3.6 Adjustment

Seasonal adjustment is made using JDemetra on all series.

4 Relevance

The statistics are important for the quarterly National Accounts. They are also used by ministries, banks, trade associations and others that want to include stock changes in assessments of the short-term economic situation.

4.1 User Needs

The statistics are important for Statistics Denmark's compilation of the quarterly national accounts. Other users are public and private institutions monitoring current economic trends.

4.2 User Satisfaction

Continuous feedback and inquiries are received directly from users of the statistics, including users of the national accounts as well as other public and private stakeholders with an interest in economic trends. The dialogue with users is used in the ongoing assessment of the statistics' usability and relevance.

4.3 Data completeness rate

Not relevant for these statistics.

5 Accuracy and reliability

The sample has not been updated in several years and the method of grossing up very basic. However, it is still believed that the statistics present a good indication of stock changes, as all the largest enterprises are included - and it is to a very large degree the large enterprises that account for the significant changes in stock.

5.1 Overall accuracy

The sample was last drawn in 2021. Such an old sample will negatively affect quality, as new enterprises are not represented. The method of grossing up through a direct estimate is very basic. However, it is still believed that the statistics present a good indication of stock changes, as all the largest enterprises are included - and it is to a very large degree the large enterprises that account for the significant changes in stock.

5.2 Sampling error

Sampling error has not been calculated.

5.3 Non-sampling error

The sample was last drawn in 2021. Such an old sample will negatively affect quality, as new enterprises are not represented. The sample however covers a significant part of the stock since they represent the largest enterprises. New enterprises in will normally be smaller enterprises and there stocks will usually have a low value. The quality will be affected if large enterprises enters the population but this is rarely the case. Normally, 5 percent of the respondents are missing in the first dissemination of the figures.

5.4 Quality management

Statistics Denmark follows the recommendations on organisation and management of quality given in the Code of Practice for European Statistics (CoP) and the implementation guidelines given in the Quality Assurance Framework of the European Statistical System (QAF). A Working Group on Quality and a central quality assurance function have been established to continuously carry through control of products and processes.

5.5 Quality assurance

Statistics Denmark follows the principles in the Code of Practice for European Statistics (CoP) and uses the Quality Assurance Framework of the European Statistical System (QAF) for the implementation of the principles. This involves continuous decentralized and central control of products and processes based on documentation following international standards. The central quality assurance function reports to the Working Group on Quality. Reports include suggestions for improvement that are assessed, decided and subsequently implemented.

5.6 Quality assessment

The sample is old and the method of grossing up very basic. However, it is still believed that the statistics present a good indication of stock changes, as all the largest enterprises are included - and it is to a very large degree the large enterprises that account for the significant changes in stock.

5.7 Data revision - policy

Statistics Denmark revises published figures in accordance with the [Revision Policy for Statistics Denmark](#). The common procedures and principles of the Revision Policy are for some statistics supplemented by a specific revision practice.

5.8 Data revision practice

With the publication of each new quarter, the previous quarter is recalculated. This allows responses received after the deadline to be incorporated into the statistics. However, response rates are normally high so this recalculation will typically result in only minor changes.

Annual updates (normally with the release of 2nd quarter) of the total stocks figures from the Industrial Accounts Statistics may cause revisions of the previous 5 quarters.

6 Timeliness and punctuality

The statistics are published 55 days after the end of the quarter with high punctuality. The statistics are finally after half a year.

6.1 Timeliness and time lag - final results

The statistics are always published approx. 55 days after the end of the reference quarter.

6.2 Punctuality

Over the latest 3 years, 100 pct. of announced publication dates have been met.

7 Comparability

Several countries produce statistics on stock changes, but there are no international or European regulations that ensure comparability.

The statistics measure only stock changes. For total stocks, see the [accounts statistics](#).

The statistics go back to 1987.

7.1 Comparability - geographical

There are no EU regulations for statistics on stock changes.

7.2 Comparability over time

The survey was established in 1987.

From publication of 1st quarter 2009 the statistics are based on DBo7. DBo7 is the Danish version of NACE rev. 2. Data revised backwards in time according to DBo7 are available from 2001 onwards. Previous years are available only according to previous activity classifications (DB03, DB93, DSE77).

When 1st quarter 2019 was published, the weights for aggregating price indices had been updated. The updated weights were incorporated into the statistics with effect from 1st quarter 2015 onwards. At the same time base year has been changed to 2015. This has given revisions to all series.

7.3 Coherence - cross domain

[Accounts statistics](#) have figures on stocks by end of the year. These figures are used for the selection of the sample for *Stocks of wholesalers*. The statistics are an important input to the calculation of the total changes in stocks in the quarterly national accounts. In the national accounts, further processing and adjustments take place, among other things to cover the whole economy - therefore, the figures do not necessarily show the same.

7.4 Coherence - internal

No sources for internal inconsistency.

8 Accessibility and clarity

The statistics are published in the StatBank under the subject [Wholesale stocks](#). For further information, go to the [subject page](#).

8.1 Release calendar

The publication date appears in the release calendar. The date is confirmed in the weeks before.

8.3 User access

Statistics are always published at 8:00 a.m. at the day announced in the release calendar. No one outside of Statistics Denmark can access the statistics before they are published.

8.2 Release calendar access

The Release Calendar can be accessed on our English website: [Release Calendar](#).

8.4 News release

There is no longer published any press release.

8.5 Publications

Not relevant for these statistics.

8.6 On-line database

The statistics are published in the StatBank under the subject [Wholesale stocks](#) in the following table:

- [LAG9](#): Changes in wholesale stocks by industry (DB25), seasonal adjustment and time

8.7 Micro-data access

No access to micro-data.

8.8 Other

Not relevant for these statistics.

8.9 Confidentiality - policy

[Data Confidentiality Policy](#) for Statistics Denmark is applied.

8.10 Confidentiality - data treatment

The published industrial groupings are so broad that there is no further need to ensure confidentiality of data from individual enterprises.

8.11 Documentation on methodology

Not relevant.

8.12 Quality documentation

Results from the quality evaluation of products and selected processes are available in detail for each statistics and in summary reports for the Working Group on Quality.

9 Contact

The administrative placement of these statistics is in the division of Short Term Statistics, Business Statistics. The contact person is Mathias Dybdahl Bluhme, tel.: + 45 4022 5637 and e-mail: MDB@dst.dk.