

PRESS RELEASE

Wholesale Trade Index Third Quarter 2025

The wholesale trade industry is the largest services sector in Singapore, playing an important intermediary role in the production value chain. Wholesalers acquire goods from producers or other suppliers, which are then sold to other buyers, e.g., retailers, other wholesalers, manufacturers, and international buyers. The Wholesale Trade Index (WTI) measures how well the wholesale trade industry is doing based on quarterly sales performance within Singapore (domestic wholesale trade) and to other countries (foreign wholesale trade).

DOMESTIC WHOLESALE TRADE

		Year-on Year	Quarter-on-Quarter (Seasonally adjusted)
	Total Domestic Wholesale Sales	▲ +0.6%	▲ +7.3%
	Excluding Petroleum	▼ -2.1%	▲ +3.9%

FOREIGN WHOLESALE TRADE

		Year-on Year	Quarter-on-Quarter (Seasonally adjusted)
	Total Foreign Wholesale Sales	▼ -5.1%	▼ -1.5%
	Excluding Petroleum	▲ +2.8%	▼ -0.3%

OVERVIEW – DOMESTIC WHOLESALE TRADE

Singapore's domestic wholesale sales increased 0.6% on a year-on-year basis in third quarter 2025. Excluding petroleum, domestic wholesale sales fell 2.1%.

Compared to the previous quarter, domestic wholesale sales (seasonally adjusted) increased 7.3% in third quarter 2025. Excluding petroleum, domestic wholesale sales rose 3.9% from the previous quarter.

Year-on-Year Change (at Current Prices)

On a year-on-year basis, performance was mixed. Domestic sales of the General Wholesale Trade and Other Wholesale Trade industry rose 19.7% and 18.8% respectively, due to higher demand for commodities and agricultural and clothing products. Similarly, the Telecommunications & Computers industry increased 13.0% due to higher sales of computer hardware and peripheral equipment.

In contrast, domestic sales of the Chemicals & Chemical Products industry contracted by 39.6%, attributed to lower sales of petrochemical products. The Ship Changers & Bunkering and Metals, Timber & Construction industries also contracted by 18.9% and 17.4% respectively.

Quarter-on-Quarter Change (at Current Prices, Seasonally Adjusted)

On a quarter-on-quarter basis, most wholesale trade industries registered increases in domestic sales in third quarter 2025. Domestic sales of the Chemicals & Chemical Products industry rose 22.7% due to higher sales of petrochemical products. Similarly, the Petroleum & Petroleum Products and Telecommunications & Computers industries grew by 14.1% and 12.7% respectively, due to higher sales of crude oil and computer hardware.

Conversely, domestic sales of the Electronic Components industry decreased 4.0% due to lower sales of electronic components.

Change in Domestic Wholesale Trade by Industry

Food, Beverages & Tobacco  Year-on-Year +11.4% Quarter-on-Quarter +1.7%	Household Equipment & Furniture  Year-on-Year -10.7% Quarter-on-Quarter -0.9%	Petroleum & Petroleum Products  Year-on-Year +5.9% Quarter-on-Quarter +14.1%
Chemicals & Chemical Products  Year-on-Year -39.6% Quarter-on-Quarter +22.7%	Electronic Components  Year-on-Year -6.7% Quarter-on-Quarter -4.0%	Industrial & Construction Machinery  Year-on-Year +2.2% Quarter-on-Quarter -0.9%
Telecommunications & Computers  Year-on-Year +13.0% Quarter-on-Quarter +12.7%	Metals, Timber & Construction  Year-on-Year -17.4% Quarter-on-Quarter 0.0%	General Wholesale Trade  Year-on-Year +19.7% Quarter-on-Quarter +2.1%
Ship Changers & Bunkering  Year-on-Year -18.9% Quarter-on-Quarter +2.6%	Transport Equipment  Year-on-Year -3.5% Quarter-on-Quarter +5.0%	Other Wholesale Trade  Year-on-Year +18.8% Quarter-on-Quarter +0.9%

Quarter-on-Quarter values are seasonally adjusted

OVERVIEW – FOREIGN WHOLESALE TRADE

Singapore's foreign wholesale sales fell 5.1% on a year-on-year basis in third quarter 2025. Excluding petroleum, foreign wholesale sales grew by 2.8%.

Compared to the previous quarter, foreign wholesale sales (seasonally adjusted) decreased 1.5% in third quarter 2025. Excluding petroleum, foreign wholesale sales slipped 0.3% from the previous quarter.

Year-on-Year Change (at Current Prices)

On a year-on-year basis, most wholesale trade industries registered decreases in foreign sales in third quarter 2025. Foreign sales of the Metals, Timber & Construction Materials industry fell 13.6% due to lower sales of metals. Similarly, the Petroleum & Petroleum Products industry declined 13.3%, driven by lower oil prices.

In contrast, foreign sales of the Electronic Components industry expanded by 41.0%, due to continued elevated sales of electronic components.

Quarter-on-Quarter Change (at Current Prices, Seasonally Adjusted)

On a quarter-on-quarter basis, most wholesale trade industries registered decreases in foreign sales in third quarter 2025. Foreign sales of the Household Equipment & Furniture industry fell 11.9% due to lower demand for household electrical appliances. Similarly, the General Wholesale Trade industry decreased 10.8% due to lower demand for commodities.

Conversely, foreign sales of the Chemicals & Chemical Products industry rose 9.6% due to higher sales of petrochemical products.

Change in Foreign Wholesale Trade by Industry

Food, Beverages & Tobacco	Household Equipment & Furniture	Petroleum & Petroleum Products
Year-on-Year +4.4% 	Year-on-Year -10.6% 	Year-on-Year -13.3% 
Quarter-on-Quarter -2.0%	Quarter-on-Quarter -11.9%	Quarter-on-Quarter -2.9%
Chemicals & Chemical Products	Electronic Components	Industrial & Construction Machinery
Year-on-Year -6.2% 	Year-on-Year +41.0% 	Year-on-Year -9.4% 
Quarter-on-Quarter +9.6%	Quarter-on-Quarter +6.1%	Quarter-on-Quarter +4.2%
Telecommunications & Computers	Metals, Timber & Construction	General Wholesale Trade
Year-on-Year +5.9% 	Year-on-Year -13.6% 	Year-on-Year -5.2% 
Quarter-on-Quarter -0.4%	Quarter-on-Quarter -1.9%	Quarter-on-Quarter -10.8%
Ship Chandlers & Bunkering	Transport Equipment	Other Wholesale Trade
Year-on-Year -5.9% 	Year-on-Year -3.6% 	Year-on-Year -1.8% 
Quarter-on-Quarter -5.8%	Quarter-on-Quarter -3.3%	Quarter-on-Quarter -3.2%

Quarter-on-Quarter values are seasonally adjusted

Table 1 Percentage Change of Domestic Wholesale Trade Index (2017=100)

Industry	Year-on-Year Change		Quarter-on-Quarter Change (Seasonally Adjusted)	
	at Current Prices		at Current Prices	
	2Q25/ 2Q24	3Q25/ 3Q24	2Q25/ 1Q25	3Q25/ 2Q25
Total	-12.3	0.6	-3.1	7.3
Total (Excluding Petroleum)	-6.5	-2.1	2.8	3.9
Food, Beverages & Tobacco	11.4	11.4	3.3	1.7
Household Equipment & Furniture	-15.3	-10.7	-7.5	-0.9
Petroleum & Petroleum Products	-21.9	5.9	-13.1	14.1
Chemicals & Chemical Products	-43.2	-39.6	-11.5	22.7
Electronic Components	-11.1	-6.7	-0.4	-4.0
Industrial & Construction Machinery	-0.9	2.2	12.2	-0.9
Telecommunications & Computers	4.9	13.0	12.9	12.7
Metals, Timber & Construction Materials	-14.4	-17.4	6.3	0.0
General Wholesale Trade	38.7	19.7	8.0	2.1
Ship Chandlers & Bunkering	-32.3	-18.9	-14.1	2.6
Transport Equipment	2.0	-3.5	7.7	5.0
Other Wholesale Trade	9.2	18.8	7.6	0.9

Table 2 Percentage Change of Foreign Wholesale Trade Index (2017=100)

Industry	Year-on-Year Change		Quarter-on-Quarter Change (Seasonally Adjusted)	
	at Current Prices		at Current Prices	
	2Q25/ 2Q24	3Q25/ 3Q24	2Q25/ 1Q25	3Q25/ 2Q25
Total	-6.2	-5.1	-3.7	-1.5
Total (Excluding Petroleum)	1.3	2.8	1.4	-0.3
Food, Beverages & Tobacco	17.5	4.4	1.9	-2.0
Household Equipment & Furniture	5.1	-10.6	-2.9	-11.9
Petroleum & Petroleum Products	-14.0	-13.3	-9.4	-2.9
Chemicals & Chemical Products	-20.5	-6.2	-8.8	9.6
Electronic Components	35.6	41.0	3.7	6.1
Industrial & Construction Machinery	-16.7	-9.4	0.0	4.2
Telecommunications & Computers	7.9	5.9	15.1	-0.4
Metals, Timber & Construction Materials	-14.2	-13.6	-9.0	-1.9
General Wholesale Trade	-10.1	-5.2	19.6	-10.8
Ship Chandlers & Bunkering	-15.4	-5.9	-5.0	-5.8
Transport Equipment	-3.4	-3.6	1.0	-3.3
Other Wholesale Trade	3.3	-1.8	-3.4	-3.2

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

Since 1995, the Department of Statistics (DOS) has been compiling the quarterly Wholesale Trade Index (WTI) to measure the short-term performance of the wholesale trade industry. Wholesalers supply the merchandise to manufacturers, commercial and institutional clients for use in production, or to other wholesalers and retailers for resale. The index series consists of the Domestic WTI and Foreign WTI. The Domestic WTI measures the quarterly trend of wholesale sales in Singapore, while the Foreign WTI measures that of wholesale sales outside Singapore, which comprises sales of off-shore merchandise, domestic exports, re-exports and transshipment cargo.

The WTI series is available at current prices and in volume terms. The indices at current prices measure the changes of sales values which can result from changes in both price and quantity, while the indices in volume terms measure the changes in the volume of economic activity by removing the price effect.

Data Collection

The data used for the compilation of the WTI are obtained from the Quarterly Survey of Services (QSS) conducted by DOS, as well as from administrative sources.

Index Compilation

The overall sales index at current prices is a weighted average of indices at the detailed industry level. To derive the sales index at detailed industry level, the quarterly wholesale sales for that industry is divided by the average quarterly wholesale sales for the same industry in the reference year. The overall WTI is then computed by combining the sales indices of the detailed industries, using weights which measure each industry's relative importance in the overall wholesale trade industry.

With effect from May 2020 (for data for reference quarter 1Q2020), indices in chained volume terms are released in place of the constant price indices.

For indices in chained volume terms, the relative price weights are updated annually. To derive the indices in chained volume terms, the sales indices at current prices at detailed industry level are first deflated by the appropriate price indices. These component indices are then weighted using previous years' weights to derive the overall indices in chained volume terms. The reference year of the indices is 2017.

Seasonal Adjustment

The WTI series is seasonally adjusted to remove the seasonal effects so as to better reflect the underlying trend of the quarterly sales. The unadjusted indices display seasonal patterns arising from intra-year periodic variations that repeat during the fixed period of time every year.



More information is available on the SingStat Website at go.gov.sg/services-latest-data

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For data tables relating to:
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