

RETAIL TRADE

AUSTRALIA

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APRIL KEY FIGURES

TREND ESTIMATES

Turnover at current prices (in \$ millions)	Mar 97	Apr 97	% change
	10 416.2	10 435.0	0.2
	Apr 96	Apr 97	% change
	10 196.7	10 435.0	2.3

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES

Turnover at current prices (in \$ millions)	Mar 97	Apr 97	% change
	10 462.0	10 285.0	-1.7
	Apr 96	Apr 97	% change
	10 133.5	10 285.0	1.5

APRIL KEY POINTS

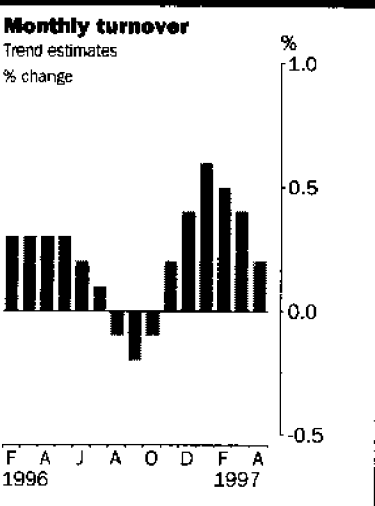
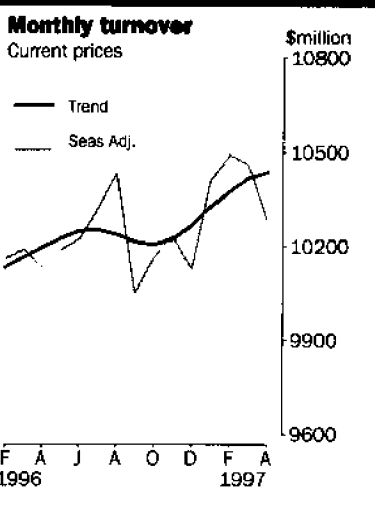
TREND ESTIMATES

- The growth rate of the trend estimate of turnover for the Australian Retail and Hospitality/Services series has eased in recent months.
- The influence of the strong 2.7% seasonally adjusted increase in January 1997 has been tempered by the 1.7% fall in the seasonally adjusted series for April 1997.
- Over the three months to April 1997 the trend estimate has grown by \$110.0m. The major contributors to this growth were Food retailing (\$34.6m), Household good retailing - (\$23.0m), Other retailing (\$36.8m) and Hospitality and services (\$44.1m).
- However, monthly growth has eased from \$58.2m in January to \$18.8m in April. The industry groups which had the greatest influence on this easing in the rate of growth were Department stores, Household good retailing and Food retailing. From a State perspective the most influential were Victoria, New South Wales and Western Australia.

TAKE CARE!
Trend estimates are revised as new monthly data become available.

ORIGINAL ESTIMATES

- In original terms, Australian retail turnover increased by 2.3% in April 1997 over April 1996.
- Chains and other large retailers increased by 4.4% in the same period while small retailers increased by just 0.1%



INQUIRIES

- For further information about these and related statistics, contact Bill Powell on 06 252 6132. For information about constant price estimates contact Leon Ting on 06 252 6807.

RETAIL TRADE NOTES

FORTHCOMING ISSUES

ISSUE	RELEASE DATE
May 1997	2 July 1997
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July 1997	1 September 1997

CHANGES IN THIS ISSUE

There are no changes in this issue.

SAMPLING ERRORS

Standard errors for the Australian estimates (original data) for April 1997 contained in this publication are:

DATA SERIES	ESTIMATE	STANDARD ERROR
Level of retail turnover (\$m)	9 956.0	91.2
Change from March to April (\$m)	-76.0	48.9
% change from March to April	-0.8	0.5

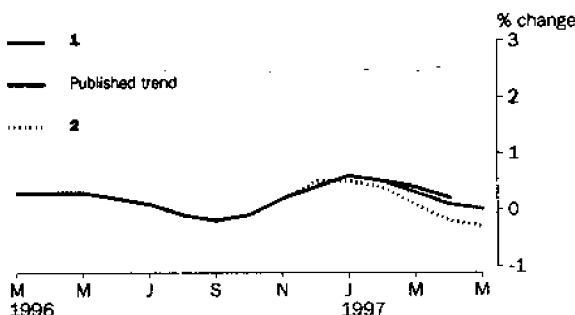
For more information see the Explanatory notes, paragraphs 12-15, or contact Bill Powell on 06 252 6132.

WHAT IF?

The most recent trend estimates published in this release are likely to be revised when next month's seasonally adjusted estimates become available. To assist readers of this publication in analysing retail trends, the effect of two possible scenarios on the previous trend estimates of the percentage change in retail turnover are presented below.

- 1** The May seasonally adjusted estimate of retail turnover is 1.0% higher than the April estimate.
- 2** The May seasonally adjusted estimate of retail turnover is 1.0% lower than the April estimate.

TAKE CARE!
Trend estimates are subject to revision as subsequent data become available. See Explanatory note 9.

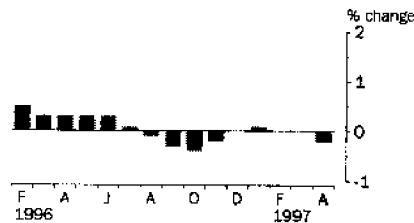


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STATE TRENDS

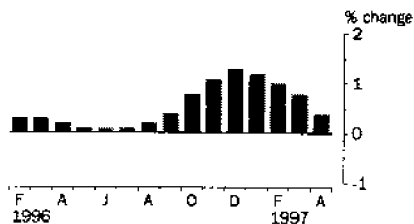
MONTHLY PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN TREND ESTIMATES

NEW SOUTH WALES



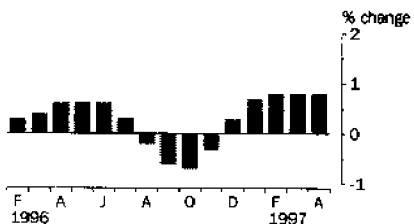
The trend estimate has moved into decline. Five of the seven industry groups were in decline with Department stores and the Clothing group the major contributors.

VICTORIA



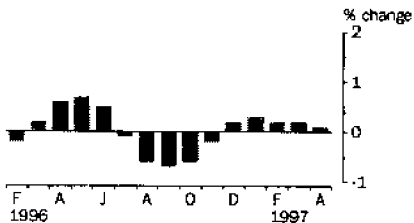
After a period of strong growth the trend estimate has eased in recent months. Most industry groups recorded growth.

QUEENSLAND



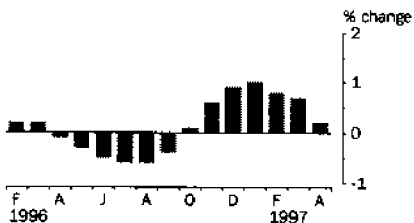
The growth rate has been 0.8% for each of the last three months. The Recreational good, Other retailing and Hospitality and services groups recorded strong growth.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA



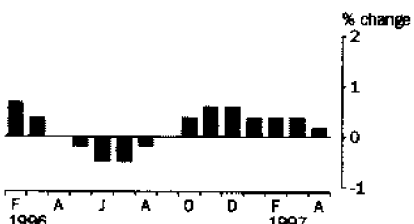
Growth has been weak in recent months. This has resulted from Department stores, Recreational good retailing and Hospitality and services being in decline.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA



Growth in the trend estimate has fallen from 1.0% in January 1997 to 0.2% in April. Department stores and the Food and Clothing groups were the main contributors to this easing.

TASMANIA

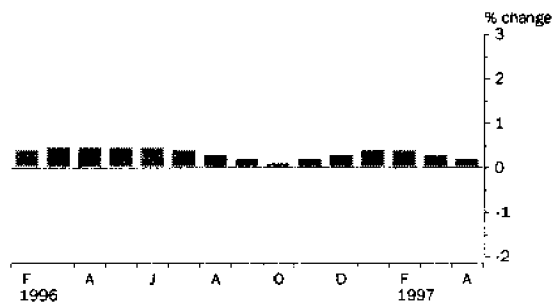


There has been an easing of the growth rate over the last four months. The Clothing and Household good retailing groups, which are in decline, were the major contributors.

INDUSTRY TRENDS

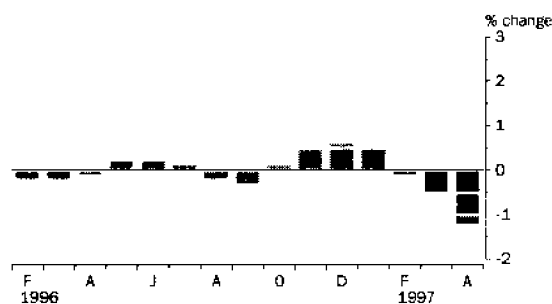
MONTHLY PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN TREND ESTIMATES

FOOD RETAILING



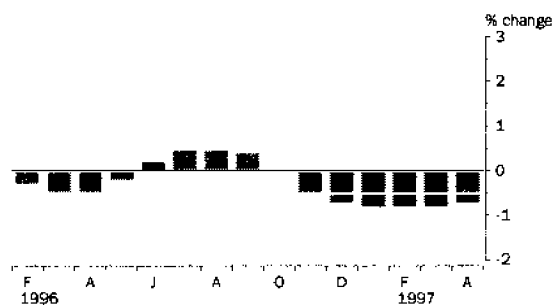
Growth in the trend estimate has been weak at around 0.3% for each of the last three months. Growth has been moderate to strong in Tasmania, while Western Australia and the Australian Capital Territory were in decline.

DEPARTMENT STORES



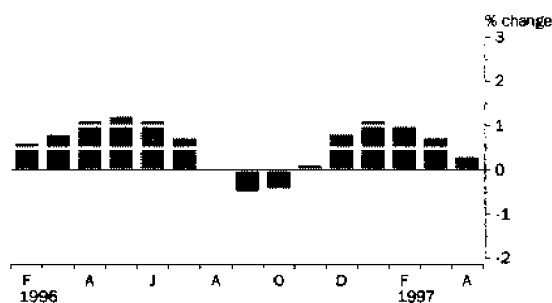
After a short period of growth, the trend estimate has been in decline for the last three months. All States have shown a similar pattern.

CLOTHING AND SOFT GOOD RETAILING



The decline in the trend estimate has been around 0.8% for the last five months. Victoria and South Australia were the only States to record growth. All other States were either in decline or recorded no growth.

HOUSEHOLD GOOD RETAILING

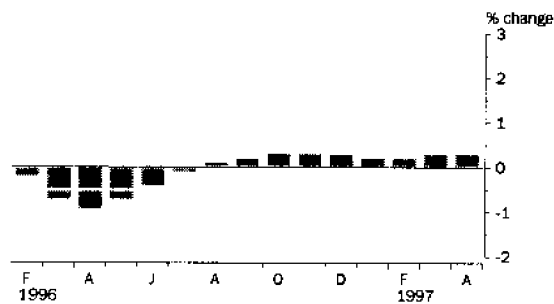


The growth rate has fallen from 1.1% in January 1997 to 0.3% in April. Growth was weak in New South Wales while Tasmania was in decline.

INDUSTRY TRENDS *(continued)*

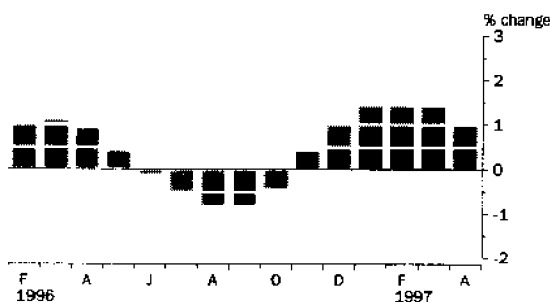
MONTHLY PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN TREND ESTIMATES

RECREATIONAL GOOD RETAILING



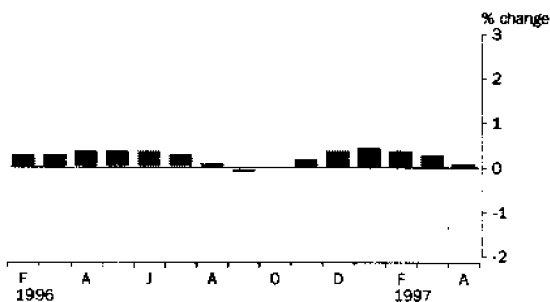
Growth in the trend estimate for the Recreational good group has remained weak. While growth has been strong in Victoria, Queensland, Western Australia and Tasmania, it has been in decline in New South Wales and South Australia.

OTHER RETAILING



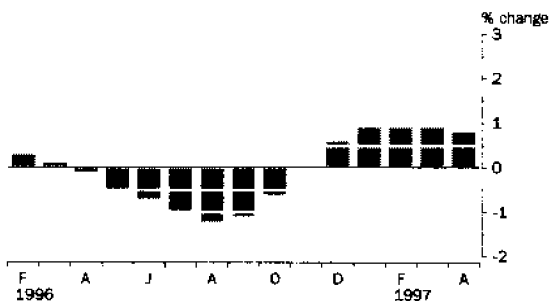
Other good retailing has shown strong growth of 1.0% or more in each of the last five months. States recording strong growth were Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia and the Australian Capital Territory.

TOTAL RETAIL (excluding Hospitality and Services)



In recent months, movements in the trend estimate for Total retail (excluding the Hospitality and services group) were marginally weaker than that observed for Total industries (including the Hospitality and services group).

HOSPITALITY AND SERVICES



The growth rate has been around 0.9% for each of the last four months. Growth was strongest in Victoria, Queensland and Western Australia. For the other States, growth has been weak or in decline.

RETAIL TURNOVER, By Industry Group¹: All series

Month	Food retailing	Department stores	Clothing and soft good retailing	Household good retailing	Recreational good retailing	Other retailing	Hospitality and services	Total
ORIGINAL (\$ million)								
1996								
February	3 957.5	737.2	569.7	1 000.7	551.7	845.0	1 653.5	9 316.3
March	4 109.0	812.2	631.2	1 060.0	558.0	865.6	1 776.3	9 812.3
April	4 005.9	895.3	675.8	1 014.0	532.4	869.9	1 737.5	9 730.8
May	4 157.4	962.8	712.9	1 108.5	550.6	933.1	1 711.9	10 137.2
June	3 935.5	908.7	672.5	1 089.1	531.8	864.3	1 674.8	9 676.7
July	4 091.2	908.2	689.7	1 186.8	550.4	914.1	1 694.5	10 034.9
August	4 231.8	889.1	646.2	1 137.2	559.9	929.1	1 712.4	10 105.7
September	3 999.9	833.9	641.4	1 066.2	540.0	896.8	1 648.0	9 626.2
October	4 301.3	933.8	707.1	1 173.0	568.7	980.1	1 736.7	10 402.7
November	4 277.5	1 081.8	694.6	1 192.9	606.5	1 012.3	1 742.5	10 608.1
December	4 695.1	1 837.9	975.5	1 499.2	859.2	1 361.2	1 969.3	13 197.4
1997								
January	4 363.2	841.0	677.3	1 134.8	565.7	898.8	1 774.5	10 255.3
February	3 952.4	727.6	526.2	1 082.1	524.4	859.0	1 578.3	9 250.0
March	4 315.0	858.1	592.2	1 096.7	554.4	888.1	1 727.5	10 032.0
April	4 131.7	849.2	675.6	1 097.2	560.3	940.3	1 701.7	9 956.0
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (\$ million)								
1996								
February	4 096.8	967.5	696.5	1 095.7	583.3	948.0	1 772.0	10 159.8
March	4 112.3	960.1	699.7	1 117.4	567.4	938.2	1 794.9	10 189.9
April	4 083.6	964.4	671.6	1 105.2	587.3	943.6	1 777.9	10 133.5
May	4 148.3	947.9	678.0	1 111.9	572.5	964.9	1 764.7	10 188.2
June	4 146.5	943.7	669.6	1 143.8	582.0	959.5	1 776.7	10 221.6
July	4 166.3	1 013.5	702.1	1 188.8	562.9	969.2	1 717.8	10 320.7
August	4 222.0	1 024.3	703.8	1 179.1	593.7	958.3	1 750.6	10 431.9
September	4 177.3	901.4	692.1	1 123.1	564.6	901.6	1 690.3	10 050.4
October	4 207.1	931.7	689.2	1 141.9	566.9	944.2	1 682.6	10 163.7
November	4 224.6	989.2	687.2	1 138.5	570.2	942.1	1 683.3	10 235.1
December	4 139.0	990.1	689.2	1 118.5	612.3	927.2	1 652.0	10 128.2
1997								
January	4 263.7	980.3	694.5	1 165.6	581.1	969.4	1 751.5	10 406.2
February	4 257.7	999.2	674.5	1 231.4	571.5	996.9	1 760.7	10 491.8
March	4 347.9	1 000.7	653.8	1 198.6	564.5	962.7	1 733.7	10 462.0
April	4 191.5	906.1	668.6	1 148.8	606.2	1 012.9	1 750.8	10 285.0
TREND ESTIMATES (\$ million)								
1996								
February	4 072.6	967.7	691.6	1 097.6	590.9	935.8	1 779.4	10 135.6
March	4 091.8	965.4	688.0	1 106.8	586.6	946.1	1 781.9	10 166.6
April	4 113.0	964.8	684.7	1 119.3	581.2	954.3	1 779.4	10 196.7
May	4 135.1	966.8	683.5	1 133.1	577.0	958.2	1 771.2	10 224.9
June	4 156.9	968.7	685.0	1 146.0	574.5	957.7	1 758.6	10 247.5
July	4 173.9	969.2	688.4	1 154.2	573.7	953.2	1 740.4	10 253.1
August	4 186.1	967.4	692.0	1 154.1	574.0	945.7	1 719.1	10 238.5
September	4 192.4	964.7	694.7	1 148.3	575.3	938.6	1 700.5	10 214.5
October	4 198.1	965.8	694.8	1 143.6	577.2	935.1	1 689.9	10 204.4
November	4 206.9	970.5	691.6	1 144.7	579.2	938.5	1 690.3	10 221.6
December	4 220.3	976.8	686.6	1 153.3	580.8	948.3	1 700.7	10 266.8
1997								
January	4 236.0	982.1	681.2	1 166.5	581.9	961.5	1 715.9	10 325.0
February	4 251.1	981.5	675.7	1 178.0	583.0	974.7	1 731.6	10 375.5
March	4 263.7	976.5	670.2	1 186.3	584.8	988.1	1 746.7	10 416.2
April	4 270.6	965.0	665.2	1 189.5	586.4	998.3	1 760.0	10 435.0

¹ See paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes

RETAIL TURNOVER PERCENTAGE CHANGE, By Industry Group¹: All Series

Month	Food retailing	Department stores	Clothing and soft good retailing	Household good retailing	Recreational good retailing	Other retailing	Hospitality and services	Total
ORIGINAL (% change from preceding month)								
1996								
February	-1.9	-11.5	-15.4	-6.8	-8.4	-2.8	-8.1	-5.8
March	3.8	10.2	10.8	5.9	1.1	2.4	7.4	5.3
April	-2.5	10.2	7.1	-4.3	-4.6	0.5	-2.2	-0.8
May	3.8	7.5	5.5	9.3	3.4	7.3	-1.5	4.2
June	-5.3	-5.6	-5.7	-1.8	-3.4	-7.4	-2.2	-4.5
July	4.0	-0.1	2.6	9.0	3.5	5.8	1.2	3.7
August	3.4	-2.1	-6.3	-4.2	1.7	1.6	1.1	0.7
September	-5.5	-6.2	-0.7	-6.2	-3.6	-3.5	-3.8	-4.7
October	7.5	12.0	10.2	10.0	5.3	9.3	5.5	8.1
November	-0.6	15.8	-1.8	1.7	6.6	3.3	0.2	2.0
December	9.8	69.9	40.4	25.7	41.7	34.5	13.0	24.4
1997								
January	-7.1	-54.2	-30.6	-24.3	-34.2	-34.0	-9.9	-22.3
February	-9.4	-13.5	-22.3	-4.6	-7.3	-4.4	-11.1	-9.8
March	9.2	17.9	12.5	1.3	5.7	3.4	9.5	8.5
April	-4.2	-1.0	14.1	0.0	1.1	5.9	-1.5	-0.8

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (% change from preceding month)								
1996								
February	2.0	-1.8	-0.4	-0.5	-5.7	0.8	-0.4	0.2
March	0.4	-0.8	0.5	2.0	-2.7	-1.0	1.3	0.3
April	-0.7	0.4	-4.0	-1.1	3.5	0.6	-0.9	-0.6
May	1.6	-1.7	1.0	0.6	-2.5	2.3	-0.7	0.5
June	0.0	-0.4	-1.2	2.9	1.7	-0.6	0.7	0.3
July	0.5	7.4	4.9	3.9	-3.3	1.0	-3.3	1.0
August	1.3	1.1	0.2	-0.8	5.5	-1.1	1.9	1.1
September	-1.1	-12.0	-1.7	-4.7	-4.9	-5.9	-3.4	-3.7
October	0.7	3.4	-0.4	1.7	0.4	4.7	-0.5	1.1
November	0.4	6.2	-0.3	-0.3	0.6	-0.2	0.0	0.7
December	-2.0	0.1	0.3	-1.8	7.4	-1.6	-1.9	-1.0
1997								
January	3.0	-1.0	0.8	4.2	-5.1	4.6	6.0	2.7
February	-0.1	1.9	-2.9	5.6	-1.7	2.8	0.5	0.8
March	2.1	0.2	-3.1	-2.7	-1.2	-3.4	-1.5	-0.3
April	-3.6	-9.5	2.3	-4.2	7.4	5.2	1.0	-1.7

TREND ESTIMATES (% change from preceding month)								
1996								
February	0.4	-0.2	-0.3	0.6	-0.2	1.0	0.3	0.3
March	0.5	-0.2	-0.5	0.8	-0.7	1.1	0.1	0.3
April	0.5	-0.1	-0.5	1.1	-0.9	0.9	-0.1	0.3
May	0.5	0.2	-0.2	1.2	-0.7	0.4	-0.5	0.3
June	0.5	0.2	0.2	1.1	-0.4	-0.1	-0.7	0.2
July	0.4	0.1	0.5	0.7	-0.1	-0.5	-1.0	0.1
August	0.3	-0.2	0.5	0.0	0.1	-0.8	-1.2	-0.1
September	0.2	-0.3	0.4	-0.5	0.2	-0.8	-1.1	-0.2
October	0.1	0.1	0.0	-0.4	0.3	-0.4	-0.6	-0.1
November	0.2	0.5	-0.5	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.0	0.2
December	0.3	0.6	-0.7	0.8	0.3	1.0	0.6	0.4
1997								
January	0.4	0.5	-0.8	1.1	0.2	1.4	0.9	0.6
February	0.4	-0.1	-0.8	1.0	0.2	1.4	0.9	0.5
March	0.3	-0.5	-0.8	0.7	0.3	1.4	0.9	0.4
April	0.2	-1.2	-0.7	0.3	0.3	1.0	0.8	0.2

¹ See paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes

RETAIL TURNOVER, By Sub-Group¹: Original

Month	FOOD RETAILING.....				CLOTHING AND SOFT GOOD RETAILING.....				HOUSEHOLD GOOD RETAILING...			
	Super- markets and grocery stores	Takeaway food retailing	Other food retailing	Total	Total Department stores	Clothing retailing	Other clothing related retailing	Total	Furniture and floor covering retailing	Domestic hardware & house- ware retailing	Domestic appliance retailing	Total
(\$ million)												
1996												
February	2 763.0	569.9	624.6	3 957.5	737.2	402.0	167.7	569.7	244.8	230.4	525.5	1 000.7
March	2 872.2	599.1	637.7	4 109.0	812.2	442.8	188.4	631.2	254.9	238.7	566.4	1 060.0
April	2 758.2	596.8	650.9	4 005.9	895.3	487.1	188.7	675.8	238.5	229.8	545.7	1 014.0
May	2 916.3	585.4	655.7	4 157.4	962.8	513.6	199.3	712.9	248.7	247.3	612.5	1 108.5
June	2 741.7	556.6	637.2	3 935.5	908.7	472.4	200.1	672.5	254.3	228.6	606.2	1 089.1
July	2 844.4	587.1	659.7	4 091.2	908.2	488.9	200.8	689.7	286.0	241.6	659.2	1 186.8
August	2 972.4	589.6	669.8	4 231.8	889.1	452.9	193.3	646.2	278.5	228.1	630.6	1 137.2
September	2 796.3	567.4	636.2	3 999.9	833.9	444.9	196.5	641.4	259.5	229.0	577.7	1 066.2
October	3 030.4	595.3	675.6	4 301.3	933.8	485.7	221.4	707.1	292.5	267.8	612.7	1 173.0
November	3 015.4	579.6	682.5	4 277.5	1 081.8	477.8	216.8	694.6	284.4	274.5	634.0	1 192.9
December	3 244.5	613.9	836.7	4 695.1	1 837.9	684.4	291.1	975.5	275.0	361.3	862.9	1 499.2
1997												
January	3 084.8	625.7	652.7	4 363.2	841.0	449.3	228.0	677.3	259.2	242.2	633.4	1 134.8
February	2 802.3	548.5	601.6	3 952.4	727.6	358.3	167.9	526.2	249.2	229.6	603.3	1 082.1
March	3 067.6	596.2	651.2	4 315.0	858.1	400.2	192.0	592.2	243.3	257.7	595.7	1 096.7
April	2 876.3	592.0	663.4	4 131.7	849.2	467.5	208.1	675.6	249.2	236.8	611.2	1 097.2
(% change from preceding month)												
1996												
February	-0.3	-8.9	-2.2	-1.9	-11.5	-16.0	-14.2	-15.4	-5.7	-10.8	-5.5	-6.8
March	4.0	5.1	2.1	3.8	10.2	10.1	12.3	10.8	4.1	3.6	7.8	5.9
April	-4.0	-0.4	2.1	-2.5	10.2	10.0	0.2	7.1	-6.4	-3.7	-3.7	-4.3
May	5.7	-1.9	0.7	3.8	7.5	5.4	5.6	5.5	4.3	7.6	12.2	9.3
June	-6.0	-4.9	-2.8	-5.3	-5.6	-8.0	0.4	-5.7	2.3	-7.6	-1.0	-1.8
July	3.7	5.5	3.5	4.0	-0.1	3.5	0.3	2.6	12.5	5.7	8.7	9.0
August	4.5	0.4	1.5	3.4	-2.1	-7.4	-3.7	-6.3	-2.6	-5.6	-4.3	-4.2
September	-5.9	-3.8	-5.0	-5.5	-6.2	-1.8	1.7	-0.7	-6.8	0.4	-8.4	-6.2
October	8.4	4.9	6.2	7.5	12.0	9.2	12.7	10.2	12.7	16.9	6.1	10.0
November	-0.5	-2.6	1.0	-0.6	15.8	-1.6	-2.1	-1.8	-2.8	2.5	3.5	1.7
December	7.6	5.9	22.6	9.8	69.9	43.2	34.3	40.4	-3.3	31.6	36.1	25.7
1997												
January	-4.9	1.9	-22.0	-7.1	-54.2	-34.4	-21.7	-30.6	-6.7	-33.0	-26.6	-24.3
February	-9.2	-12.3	-7.8	-9.4	-13.5	-20.3	-26.4	-22.3	-3.9	-5.2	-4.8	-4.6
March	9.5	8.7	8.2	9.2	17.9	11.7	14.4	12.5	-2.4	12.2	-1.3	1.3
April	-6.2	-0.7	1.9	-4.2	-1.0	16.8	8.4	14.1	2.4	-8.1	2.6	0.0
(% change from corresponding month of previous year)												
1996												
February	14.5	26.2	8.5	15.0	8.0	6.0	10.0	7.2	-1.9	21.5	9.3	8.7
March	7.9	18.7	2.9	8.5	0.1	0.7	6.9	2.5	-6.9	15.0	5.0	3.8
April	7.0	17.2	5.6	8.1	-1.2	-2.1	2.3	-0.9	0.7	19.2	5.3	7.0
May	10.9	16.4	8.4	11.2	3.8	3.9	6.8	4.7	-11.3	30.7	2.8	4.1
June	4.9	12.7	6.8	6.3	0.2	-3.7	3.8	-1.6	-10.7	19.2	0.9	1.1
July	7.8	10.9	6.7	8.0	3.1	6.5	7.4	6.8	-1.5	24.2	17.7	13.6
August	8.3	9.5	4.6	7.9	1.7	-0.4	8.0	2.0	0.3	9.1	16.9	10.8
September	3.5	5.6	0.6	3.3	-2.7	-2.7	2.9	-1.0	-9.8	7.6	9.3	3.6
October	9.9	3.2	1.9	7.6	1.4	0.5	16.0	4.9	-1.8	5.1	15.1	8.1
November	6.5	1.0	-2.5	4.2	1.3	-7.0	13.3	-1.5	2.1	1.0	9.4	5.6
December	2.0	1.4	-1.9	1.2	-1.1	-5.7	15.0	-0.4	-3.2	4.8	6.7	4.3
1997												
January	11.3	0.0	2.2	8.1	0.9	-6.1	16.7	0.5	-0.2	-6.2	13.9	5.6
February	1.4	-3.8	-3.7	-0.1	-1.3	-10.9	0.1	-7.6	1.8	-0.3	14.8	8.1
March	6.8	-0.5	2.1	5.0	5.7	-9.6	1.9	-6.2	-4.6	8.0	5.2	3.5
April	4.3	-0.8	1.9	3.1	-5.1	-4.0	10.3	0.0	4.5	3.0	12.0	8.2

¹ See paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes



RETAIL TURNOVER, By Sub-Group¹: Original *continued*

Month	RECREATIONAL GOOD RETAILING.....			OTHER RETAILING.....			HOSPITALITY AND SERVICES.....				Total all industries
	News— paper, book and stationery retailing	Other recreational good retailing	Total	Pharma— ceutical cosmetic & toiletry retailing	Other retailing	Total	Hotels and licensed clubs	Cafes and restau— rants	Selected services	Total	
(\$ million)											
1996											
February	387.5	164.2	551.7	420.0	425.0	845.0	996.3	483.9	173.3	1 653.5	9 315.3
March	384.2	173.8	558.0	444.4	421.2	865.6	1 087.7	500.4	188.2	1 776.3	9 812.3
April	359.8	172.6	532.4	442.8	427.1	869.9	1 047.0	510.5	180.0	1 737.5	9 730.8
May	373.8	176.8	550.6	474.6	458.5	933.1	1 043.8	491.8	176.3	1 711.9	10 137.2
June	358.6	173.2	531.8	449.3	415.0	864.3	1 021.9	480.2	172.7	1 674.8	9 676.7
July	370.3	180.1	550.4	474.8	439.3	914.1	1 014.3	498.0	182.2	1 694.5	10 034.9
August	384.0	175.9	559.9	474.4	454.7	929.1	1 042.1	494.6	175.7	1 712.4	10 105.7
September	358.8	181.2	540.0	447.6	449.2	896.8	1 003.5	473.4	171.1	1 648.0	9 626.2
October	371.3	197.4	568.7	486.9	493.2	980.1	1 070.7	486.7	181.3	1 738.7	10 402.7
November	380.9	225.6	606.5	488.3	524.0	1 012.3	1 087.0	484.4	171.1	1 742.5	10 608.1
December	487.5	371.7	859.2	575.5	785.7	1 361.2	1 241.2	536.5	191.6	1 969.3	13 197.4
1997											
January	388.3	177.4	565.7	420.2	478.6	898.8	1 090.6	497.2	186.7	1 774.5	10 255.3
February	368.3	156.1	524.4	402.5	456.5	859.0	971.8	454.0	152.5	1 578.3	9 250.0
March	376.0	178.4	554.4	430.1	458.0	888.1	1 071.4	492.5	163.6	1 727.5	10 032.0
April	381.5	178.8	560.3	465.4	474.9	940.3	1 035.0	501.1	165.6	1 701.7	9 958.0
(% change from preceding month)											
1996											
February	-8.2	-8.8	-8.4	-5.4	0.0	-2.8	-8.0	-6.3	-13.5	-8.1	-5.8
March	-0.9	5.8	1.1	5.8	-0.9	2.4	9.2	3.4	8.6	7.4	5.3
April	-6.4	-0.7	-4.6	-0.4	1.4	0.5	-3.7	2.0	-4.4	-2.2	-0.8
May	3.9	2.4	3.4	7.2	7.4	7.3	-0.3	-3.7	-2.1	-1.5	4.2
June	-4.1	-2.0	-3.4	-5.3	-9.5	-7.4	-2.1	-2.4	-2.0	-2.2	-4.5
July	3.3	4.0	3.5	5.7	5.9	5.8	-0.7	3.7	5.5	1.2	3.7
August	3.7	-2.3	1.7	-0.1	3.5	1.6	2.7	-0.7	-3.6	1.1	0.7
September	-6.6	3.0	-3.6	-5.6	-1.2	-3.5	-3.7	-4.3	-2.6	-3.8	-4.7
October	3.5	8.9	5.3	8.8	9.8	9.3	6.7	2.8	6.0	5.5	8.1
November	2.6	14.3	6.6	0.3	6.2	3.3	1.5	-0.5	-5.6	0.2	2.0
December	28.0	64.8	41.7	17.9	49.9	34.5	14.2	10.8	12.0	13.0	24.4
1997											
January	-20.3	-52.3	-34.2	-27.0	-39.1	-34.0	-12.1	-7.3	-2.6	-9.9	-22.3
February	-5.2	-12.0	-7.3	-4.2	-4.6	-4.4	-10.9	-8.7	-18.3	-11.1	-9.8
March	2.1	14.3	5.7	6.9	0.3	3.4	10.2	8.5	7.3	9.5	8.5
April	1.5	0.2	1.1	8.2	3.7	5.9	-3.4	1.7	1.2	-1.5	-0.8
(% change from corresponding month of previous year)											
1996											
February	13.2	34.2	18.7	12.0	12.7	12.4	9.5	10.5	18.4	10.7	12.4
March	6.2	25.1	11.4	2.5	4.1	3.3	5.6	3.0	22.4	6.4	6.1
April	12.5	13.9	13.0	4.8	8.1	6.4	1.5	9.9	8.2	4.5	5.9
May	1.9	18.7	6.7	2.7	12.2	7.2	3.4	3.4	8.4	3.9	7.3
June	3.8	14.2	7.0	-0.3	8.4	3.7	1.2	7.8	5.0	3.4	3.8
July	-1.7	11.9	2.4	4.9	9.1	6.8	-3.3	4.9	6.8	0.0	6.2
August	0.3	8.0	2.6	-1.7	7.0	2.4	-1.6	4.9	7.3	1.1	5.2
September	-3.7	5.5	-0.8	-7.1	1.9	-2.8	-7.1	-1.6	1.8	-4.7	0.2
October	0.2	10.2	3.5	3.7	7.2	5.4	-1.6	-3.5	-0.3	-2.0	4.8
November	-3.8	6.6	-0.2	-0.4	7.6	3.6	-1.8	-8.0	-6.6	-4.1	1.9
December	-0.4	1.2	0.3	-0.3	3.1	1.7	-4.9	-9.3	-10.5	-6.7	-0.2
1997											
January	-8.0	-1.4	-6.0	-5.3	12.6	3.4	0.8	-3.7	-6.8	-1.4	3.7
February	-5.0	-4.9	-4.9	-4.2	7.4	1.7	-2.5	-6.2	-12.0	-4.5	-0.7
March	-2.1	2.6	-0.6	-3.2	8.7	2.6	-1.5	-1.6	-13.1	-2.7	2.2
April	6.0	3.6	5.2	5.1	11.2	8.1	-1.1	-1.8	-8.0	-2.1	2.3

¹ See paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes

RETAIL TURNOVER, By State: All Series

Month	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Northern Territory	Australian Capital Territory	Australia
ORIGINAL (\$ million)									
1996									
February	3 373.5	2 097.1	1 684.2	691.4	962.1	233.5	106.0	167.5	9 315.3
March	3 553.0	2 229.3	1 760.1	737.3	992.7	241.3	114.1	184.5	9 812.3
April	3 512.3	2 233.5	1 719.3	738.4	990.0	237.8	112.6	186.9	9 730.8
May	3 644.7	2 298.5	1 831.0	768.1	1 032.6	250.3	119.0	193.0	10 137.2
June	3 494.2	2 183.9	1 768.7	727.9	968.0	230.6	119.2	184.2	9 676.7
July	3 632.9	2 239.9	1 872.4	746.7	999.0	229.1	126.3	188.6	10 034.9
August	3 640.8	2 267.7	1 881.7	756.5	1 004.5	238.2	125.7	190.6	10 105.7
September	3 493.1	2 147.1	1 808.1	716.6	934.9	222.5	116.1	187.8	9 626.2
October	3 716.1	2 398.6	1 894.6	770.6	1 058.0	249.1	119.6	196.1	10 402.7
November	3 807.4	2 468.0	1 913.0	787.5	1 057.4	257.9	113.2	203.7	10 608.1
December	4 731.8	3 152.7	2 316.4	1 000.0	1 287.4	324.3	125.2	259.6	13 197.4
1997									
January	3 602.8	2 416.5	1 897.4	752.4	1 054.4	247.4	100.0	184.4	10 255.3
February	3 290.6	2 183.7	1 666.1	673.0	947.7	224.7	95.1	169.1	9 250.0
March	3 574.8	2 377.5	1 804.9	739.2	1 006.8	242.2	101.7	184.9	10 032.0
April	3 485.5	2 395.1	1 789.4	740.7	1 006.4	245.9	105.6	187.4	9 956.0
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (\$ million)									
1996									
February	3 673.2	2 287.0	1 851.3	755.7	1 039.5	245.9	120.3	186.9	10 159.8
March	3 682.9	2 309.0	1 845.1	757.8	1 040.8	245.7	120.9	187.8	10 189.9
April	3 648.4	2 300.6	1 833.6	761.0	1 034.5	246.3	120.5	188.7	10 133.5
May	3 652.6	2 309.8	1 850.9	775.6	1 037.7	251.1	119.2	191.3	10 188.2
June	3 685.6	2 303.7	1 864.9	778.9	1 026.3	247.3	120.1	194.7	10 221.6
July	3 750.0	2 319.8	1 910.0	773.0	1 018.0	239.9	115.5	194.5	10 320.7
August	3 767.5	2 354.5	1 914.4	786.8	1 049.7	244.8	117.2	196.9	10 431.9
September	3 641.7	2 277.3	1 856.3	754.2	969.3	239.5	114.6	197.4	10 050.4
October	3 646.4	2 353.1	1 833.3	747.1	1 035.0	246.6	113.2	188.9	10 163.7
November	3 667.4	2 385.3	1 853.5	755.5	1 017.1	248.2	111.8	196.3	10 235.1
December	3 647.0	2 372.6	1 801.3	757.4	994.5	248.0	109.4	198.0	10 128.2
1997									
January	3 666.2	2 460.5	1 882.6	771.4	1 066.0	248.5	112.8	198.3	10 406.2
February	3 718.8	2 477.5	1 908.9	767.1	1 064.5	246.5	112.3	196.0	10 491.8
March	3 698.3	2 485.0	1 910.1	765.1	1 054.7	252.0	107.2	189.5	10 462.0
April	3 590.7	2 454.9	1 891.6	754.9	1 040.4	251.4	112.7	188.3	10 285.0
TREND ESTIMATES (\$ million)									
1996									
February	3 654.8	2 296.9	1 834.6	758.7	1 037.0	246.2	120.0	187.3	10 135.6
March	3 666.4	2 302.8	1 842.1	760.5	1 038.8	247.2	120.5	188.4	10 166.6
April	3 677.4	2 306.3	1 852.4	765.3	1 037.7	247.3	120.4	190.0	10 196.7
May	3 689.3	2 308.1	1 864.2	770.9	1 034.2	246.7	119.7	191.8	10 224.9
June	3 699.5	2 310.8	1 875.7	774.5	1 029.3	245.5	118.8	193.4	10 247.5
July	3 704.6	2 314.0	1 881.4	773.7	1 023.2	244.3	117.5	194.5	10 253.1
August	3 700.8	2 319.2	1 877.8	769.3	1 016.8	243.7	116.0	195.0	10 238.5
September	3 688.4	2 329.4	1 866.6	763.6	1 012.7	243.8	114.5	195.4	10 214.5
October	3 675.3	2 348.3	1 854.3	759.4	1 013.5	244.7	113.2	195.7	10 204.4
November	3 666.7	2 374.6	1 848.4	758.0	1 019.6	246.1	112.2	196.0	10 221.6
December	3 665.8	2 404.5	1 853.1	759.4	1 029.1	247.5	111.5	195.9	10 266.8
1997									
January	3 669.6	2 433.0	1 866.4	761.8	1 039.3	248.5	111.1	195.3	10 325.0
February	3 670.8	2 456.8	1 882.1	763.5	1 048.0	249.4	110.8	194.2	10 375.5
March	3 669.0	2 475.7	1 897.5	764.7	1 055.7	250.3	110.6	192.7	10 416.2
April	3 661.7	2 485.4	1 912.2	765.1	1 057.7	250.8	110.6	191.4	10 435.0

RETAIL TURNOVER PERCENTAGE CHANGE, By State: All Series

Month	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Northern Territory	Australian Capital Territory	Australia
ORIGINAL (% change from preceding month)									
1996									
February	-5.4	-6.3	-7.3	-4.6	-5.6	-2.9	-0.2	-3.4	-5.8
March	5.3	6.3	4.5	6.6	3.2	3.3	7.6	10.1	5.3
April	-1.1	0.2	-2.3	0.1	-0.3	-1.5	-1.3	1.3	-0.8
May	3.8	2.9	6.5	4.0	4.3	5.3	5.7	3.3	4.2
June	-4.1	-5.0	-3.4	-5.2	-6.3	-7.9	0.2	-4.6	-4.5
July	4.0	2.6	5.9	2.6	3.2	-0.7	6.0	2.4	3.7
August	0.2	1.2	0.5	1.3	0.6	4.0	-0.5	1.1	0.7
September	-4.1	-5.3	-3.9	-5.3	-6.9	-6.6	-7.6	-1.5	-4.7
October	6.4	11.7	4.8	7.5	13.2	12.0	3.0	4.4	8.1
November	2.5	2.9	1.0	2.2	-0.1	3.5	-5.4	3.9	2.0
December	24.3	27.7	21.1	27.0	21.8	25.7	10.6	27.4	24.4
1997									
January	-23.9	-23.4	-18.1	-24.8	-18.1	-23.7	-20.1	-29.0	-22.3
February	-8.7	-9.6	-12.2	-10.6	-10.1	-9.2	-4.9	-8.3	-9.8
March	8.6	8.9	8.3	9.8	6.2	7.8	6.9	9.3	8.5
April	-2.5	0.7	-0.9	0.2	0.0	1.5	3.8	1.4	-0.8
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (% change from preceding month)									
1996									
February	0.4	-0.8	1.1	0.7	-0.1	-0.3	0.4	-0.3	0.2
March	0.3	1.0	-0.3	0.3	0.1	-0.1	0.5	0.5	0.3
April	-0.9	-0.4	-0.6	0.4	-0.6	0.2	-0.3	0.5	-0.6
May	0.1	0.4	0.9	1.9	0.3	1.9	-1.1	1.4	0.5
June	0.9	-0.3	0.8	0.4	-1.1	-1.5	0.8	1.8	0.3
July	1.7	0.7	2.4	-0.8	-0.8	-3.0	-3.8	-0.1	1.0
August	0.5	1.5	0.2	1.8	3.1	2.0	1.5	1.2	1.1
September	-3.3	-3.3	-3.0	-4.1	-7.7	-2.2	-2.2	0.3	-3.7
October	0.1	3.3	-1.2	-0.9	6.8	3.0	-1.2	-4.3	1.1
November	0.6	1.4	1.1	1.1	-1.7	0.6	-1.2	3.9	0.7
December	-0.6	-0.5	-2.8	0.3	-2.2	-0.1	-2.1	0.9	-1.0
1997									
January	0.5	3.7	4.5	1.8	7.2	0.2	3.1	0.2	2.7
February	1.4	0.7	1.4	-0.6	-0.1	-0.8	-0.4	-1.2	0.8
March	-0.6	0.3	0.1	-0.3	-0.9	2.2	-4.5	-3.3	-0.3
April	-2.9	-1.2	-1.0	-1.3	-1.4	-0.2	5.1	-0.6	-1.7
TREND ESTIMATES (% change from preceding month)									
1996									
February	0.5	0.3	0.3	-0.2	0.2	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.3
March	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.3
April	0.3	0.2	0.6	0.6	-0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.8	0.3
May	0.3	0.1	0.6	0.7	-0.3	-0.2	-0.6	0.9	0.3
June	0.3	0.1	0.6	0.5	-0.5	-0.5	-0.8	0.8	0.2
July	0.1	0.1	0.3	-0.1	-0.6	-0.5	-1.1	0.6	0.1
August	-0.1	0.2	-0.2	-0.6	-0.6	-0.2	-1.3	0.3	-0.1
September	-0.3	0.4	-0.6	-0.7	-0.4	0.0	-1.3	0.2	-0.2
October	-0.4	0.8	-0.7	-0.6	0.1	0.4	-1.1	0.2	-0.1
November	-0.2	1.1	-0.3	-0.2	0.6	0.6	-0.9	0.2	0.2
December	0.0	1.3	0.3	0.2	0.9	0.6	-0.6	-0.1	0.4
1997									
January	0.1	1.2	0.7	0.3	1.0	0.4	-0.4	-0.3	0.6
February	0.0	1.0	0.8	0.2	0.8	0.4	-0.3	-0.6	0.5
March	0.0	0.8	0.8	0.2	0.7	0.4	-0.2	-0.8	0.4
April	-0.2	0.4	0.8	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.0	-0.7	0.2



RETAIL TURNOVER, By Industry Group¹—New South Wales: All Series

Month	Food retailing	Department stores	Clothing and soft good retailing	Household good retailing	Recreational good retailing	Other retailing	Hospitality and services	Total
ORIGINAL (\$ million)								
1996								
February	1 329.1	255.0	227.9	359.5	180.5	307.8	713.7	3 373.5
March	1 383.2	284.0	247.1	386.2	187.2	301.3	764.0	3 553.0
April	1 346.8	301.9	262.3	377.0	173.7	313.2	737.4	3 512.3
May	1 396.1	336.3	274.6	407.3	181.0	326.4	723.0	3 644.7
June	1 341.2	314.2	256.0	404.1	182.1	302.9	693.7	3 494.2
July	1 367.6	315.0	280.0	439.9	194.6	326.7	709.1	3 632.9
August	1 416.3	303.5	257.1	396.3	206.0	334.6	727.0	3 640.8
September	1 347.0	288.5	252.8	390.7	202.5	325.5	686.1	3 493.1
October	1 439.6	320.2	269.7	422.4	196.7	348.0	719.5	3 716.1
November	1 443.3	370.4	271.5	420.8	217.6	360.1	723.7	3 807.4
December	1 583.5	645.9	393.7	533.5	296.1	482.7	796.4	4 731.8
1997								
January	1 445.8	284.9	270.2	376.9	190.0	312.3	722.7	3 602.8
February	1 316.0	249.4	213.9	382.3	189.5	293.4	646.1	3 290.6
March	1 447.2	285.0	232.2	399.0	201.3	305.5	704.6	3 574.8
April	1 381.2	281.7	258.1	369.4	191.3	312.3	691.5	3 485.5
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (\$ million)								
1996								
February	1 382.5	336.0	274.7	390.0	189.2	336.0	764.7	3 673.2
March	1 394.5	334.7	274.3	405.1	184.9	326.6	762.8	3 682.9
April	1 372.2	331.5	261.7	413.0	186.6	336.3	747.1	3 648.4
May	1 408.2	329.4	257.9	405.6	183.7	340.9	727.0	3 652.6
June	1 406.4	332.8	253.8	430.1	198.3	338.2	726.1	3 685.6
July	1 393.0	358.2	286.1	447.8	194.9	351.4	718.6	3 750.0
August	1 428.8	344.6	281.9	415.8	216.2	341.8	738.4	3 767.5
September	1 393.3	316.9	273.7	406.5	212.5	327.7	711.2	3 641.7
October	1 410.5	317.6	267.6	413.6	194.0	335.0	708.2	3 646.4
November	1 433.1	335.7	267.1	396.7	204.1	331.1	699.6	3 667.4
December	1 372.4	339.0	277.2	395.2	225.9	337.8	699.4	3 647.0
1997								
January	1 416.3	332.8	277.5	392.7	205.1	332.4	709.3	3 666.2
February	1 416.9	345.7	271.3	433.4	206.0	333.0	712.5	3 718.8
March	1 460.4	335.6	252.3	414.4	199.5	329.8	706.3	3 698.3
April	1 396.2	305.1	259.9	401.9	202.4	335.5	689.8	3 590.7
TREND ESTIMATES (\$ million)								
1996								
February	1 375.1	337.0	267.6	395.3	188.5	332.7	758.7	3 654.8
March	1 383.1	336.1	267.0	403.8	187.4	334.6	754.5	3 666.4
April	1 390.6	336.0	266.2	412.4	187.9	337.0	747.3	3 677.4
May	1 397.3	336.9	266.5	419.8	190.7	339.3	738.8	3 689.3
June	1 403.1	337.4	268.1	424.4	195.0	340.8	730.7	3 699.5
July	1 406.9	336.9	270.6	425.4	199.8	340.9	724.2	3 704.6
August	1 408.9	335.0	272.9	421.6	203.9	339.5	718.9	3 700.8
September	1 408.5	332.4	274.7	414.4	207.1	337.2	714.0	3 688.4
October	1 407.7	331.3	275.1	407.4	209.0	334.9	710.0	3 675.3
November	1 408.1	331.8	273.9	403.1	209.4	333.4	707.0	3 666.7
December	1 410.6	333.4	271.8	403.0	208.8	332.9	705.2	3 665.8
1997								
January	1 414.1	334.7	269.8	405.7	207.8	333.0	704.5	3 669.6
February	1 417.9	333.7	267.2	408.5	206.4	333.1	703.9	3 670.8
March	1 421.8	331.0	264.2	410.8	204.7	333.2	703.1	3 669.0
April	1 423.2	326.7	261.3	412.2	203.6	333.0	701.7	3 661.7

¹ See paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes

RETAIL TURNOVER, By Industry Group¹—Victoria: All Series

Month	Food retailing	Department stores	Clothing and soft good retailing	Household good retailing	Recreational good retailing	Other retailing	Hospitality and services	Total
ORIGINAL (\$ million)								
1996								
February	965.4	169.2	118.8	252.2	137.5	183.1	270.9	2 097.1
March	1 004.2	189.4	139.0	271.9	131.4	193.0	300.4	2 229.3
April	976.6	220.1	157.9	266.5	124.5	187.0	300.9	2 233.5
May	1 003.4	224.2	157.5	289.0	129.4	200.4	294.6	2 298.5
June	940.2	213.3	146.4	284.5	122.8	182.8	293.9	2 183.9
July	970.7	203.4	147.0	302.6	127.4	201.1	287.7	2 239.9
August	1 014.0	199.7	133.2	299.5	134.0	207.9	279.4	2 267.7
September	950.3	186.2	132.0	270.2	127.3	196.6	284.5	2 147.1
October	1 045.7	203.9	158.3	309.4	149.5	232.2	299.6	2 398.6
November	1 045.2	250.8	149.0	314.8	158.4	246.8	303.0	2 468.0
December	1 161.8	442.4	212.1	402.1	244.7	343.0	346.6	3 152.7
1997								
January	1 091.6	197.4	148.0	320.0	146.2	203.4	309.9	2 416.5
February	991.7	171.9	113.9	295.5	133.6	203.1	274.0	2 183.7
March	1 064.6	214.3	137.9	295.8	140.6	210.7	313.6	2 377.5
April	1 037.9	212.6	169.3	303.7	145.9	226.5	299.2	2 395.1
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (\$ million)								
1996								
February	991.3	225.7	144.6	278.4	146.1	208.6	292.2	2 287.0
March	993.8	220.8	151.3	290.4	142.8	207.2	302.5	2 309.0
April	991.1	225.9	148.2	287.5	139.0	201.9	307.0	2 300.6
May	1 004.2	216.8	150.0	293.1	135.4	205.0	305.3	2 309.8
June	993.8	222.6	149.0	294.3	136.7	202.5	304.7	2 303.7
July	994.5	242.7	148.3	298.7	131.2	210.3	294.0	2 319.8
August	1 022.8	226.0	147.6	312.7	142.4	216.6	286.4	2 354.5
September	995.8	208.8	150.1	288.8	137.1	207.7	289.0	2 277.3
October	1 024.3	205.0	158.5	295.7	149.7	219.7	300.3	2 353.1
November	1 041.2	228.9	148.0	308.5	145.8	225.6	287.3	2 385.3
December	1 010.9	235.6	142.5	299.3	168.6	225.1	290.4	2 372.6
1997								
January	1 071.4	228.6	158.3	323.6	139.1	230.7	308.8	2 460.5
February	1 061.8	238.9	144.5	339.3	146.1	240.8	306.3	2 477.5
March	1 061.5	253.8	158.2	314.0	153.6	228.9	314.9	2 485.0
April	1 054.7	215.3	153.4	326.8	159.3	239.3	306.1	2 454.9
TREND ESTIMATES (\$ million)								
1996								
February	986.0	223.7	151.3	283.3	145.7	207.1	299.8	2 296.9
March	990.8	223.7	150.0	285.8	144.2	205.8	302.4	2 302.8
April	994.3	224.4	148.9	289.4	140.9	204.9	303.4	2 306.3
May	996.8	225.2	148.4	293.0	137.4	204.8	302.5	2 308.1
June	999.5	225.1	148.8	296.2	135.2	205.9	300.1	2 310.8
July	1 002.3	223.8	149.3	298.0	135.9	208.2	296.5	2 314.0
August	1 006.2	221.7	150.0	298.3	138.8	211.1	293.1	2 319.2
September	1 012.1	219.9	150.3	298.9	142.7	214.8	290.7	2 329.4
October	1 020.3	220.3	150.4	301.1	146.3	219.0	290.9	2 348.3
November	1 030.1	223.3	150.3	305.2	148.9	223.1	293.6	2 374.6
December	1 039.9	228.2	150.4	310.8	150.4	227.0	297.7	2 404.5
1997								
January	1 048.6	233.1	150.8	316.8	151.1	230.6	301.9	2 433.0
February	1 055.9	236.1	151.6	322.1	151.8	233.6	305.7	2 456.8
March	1 061.8	237.2	152.5	326.3	152.8	236.1	308.9	2 475.7
April	1 064.5	236.8	153.3	328.7	153.5	237.5	311.2	2 485.4

¹ See paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes

RETAIL TURNOVER, By Industry Group¹—Queensland: All Series

Month	Food retailing	Department stores	Clothing and soft good retailing	Household good retailing	Recreational good retailing	Other retailing	Hospitality and services	Total
ORIGINAL (\$ million)								
1996								
February	705.5	124.5	104.2	165.0	118.5	166.0	300.5	1 684.2
March	722.5	130.7	114.3	174.4	121.0	176.5	320.7	1 760.1
April	718.8	141.8	111.3	147.5	115.6	170.0	314.3	1 719.3
May	747.7	159.9	129.6	176.8	119.4	186.0	311.6	1 831.0
June	712.4	153.8	122.5	170.8	117.3	176.0	315.9	1 768.7
July	766.0	158.2	120.0	188.9	112.4	191.5	335.4	1 872.4
August	784.0	156.5	124.8	182.2	105.2	190.1	338.9	1 881.7
September	744.3	152.1	133.3	171.3	99.0	188.4	319.7	1 808.1
October	777.5	164.5	138.9	171.6	101.6	192.9	347.6	1 894.6
November	764.3	187.3	135.0	184.3	108.7	194.9	338.5	1 913.0
December	809.4	305.4	179.1	229.9	148.2	255.2	389.2	2 316.4
1997								
January	774.9	148.5	128.0	175.7	114.8	191.3	364.2	1 897.4
February	693.0	120.3	95.9	165.0	97.2	179.6	315.1	1 666.1
March	762.2	139.5	103.2	161.5	104.6	185.1	348.8	1 804.9
April	734.0	135.4	111.7	164.6	102.5	194.5	346.7	1 789.4
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (\$ million)								
1996								
February	740.8	163.0	128.4	176.1	125.8	187.0	330.2	1 851.3
March	723.5	157.9	129.3	177.0	130.0	194.1	333.2	1 845.1
April	739.1	159.9	118.5	164.1	128.6	191.4	332.0	1 833.6
May	741.5	159.8	127.7	181.0	126.4	190.0	324.5	1 850.9
June	744.0	155.6	125.0	178.8	130.9	194.5	336.1	1 864.9
July	758.8	184.1	121.5	194.1	115.5	200.8	335.3	1 910.0
August	778.9	170.8	131.6	194.0	113.2	191.0	334.9	1 914.4
September	765.9	157.8	130.7	179.6	106.5	191.6	324.2	1 856.3
October	750.0	160.9	134.4	167.7	104.5	180.4	335.4	1 833.3
November	760.4	165.4	132.0	174.0	103.7	188.3	329.6	1 853.5
December	744.1	171.7	129.6	171.6	94.6	174.0	315.6	1 801.3
1997								
January	752.9	167.1	125.5	178.9	107.9	200.0	350.2	1 882.6
February	755.4	163.5	123.1	184.7	107.3	213.1	361.9	1 908.9
March	769.5	172.3	118.4	164.8	113.7	204.8	366.6	1 910.1
April	746.2	149.0	117.5	183.5	112.8	217.0	365.5	1 891.6
TREND ESTIMATES (\$ million)								
1996								
February	725.2	162.3	126.5	173.4	129.5	185.4	332.3	1 834.6
March	730.7	161.4	125.7	174.4	129.3	189.2	331.4	1 842.1
April	737.2	161.5	125.0	176.6	128.6	192.6	330.9	1 852.4
May	744.5	162.9	124.6	179.8	126.7	194.5	331.3	1 864.2
June	752.1	164.6	125.1	182.9	123.5	195.1	332.4	1 875.7
July	758.5	166.1	126.7	184.7	118.9	193.9	332.6	1 881.4
August	762.2	166.9	128.9	184.1	113.4	191.3	331.1	1 877.8
September	762.3	166.5	130.9	181.5	108.0	188.1	329.3	1 866.6
October	759.8	166.2	131.8	178.0	104.0	185.9	328.6	1 854.3
November	756.6	166.0	131.1	175.2	102.4	186.2	330.9	1 848.4
December	754.2	166.2	129.0	174.3	103.1	189.8	336.5	1 853.1
1997								
January	753.8	166.3	126.0	175.0	105.0	195.7	344.5	1 866.4
February	754.5	165.4	123.1	176.2	107.4	202.3	353.1	1 882.1
March	755.8	163.8	120.4	177.4	110.0	208.6	361.4	1 897.5
April	758.0	161.6	118.2	178.9	112.5	214.7	368.3	1 912.2

¹ See paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes

RETAIL TURNOVER, By Industry Group¹—South Australia: All Series

Month	Food retailing	Department stores	Clothing and soft good retailing	Household good retailing	Recreational good retailing	Other retailing	Hospitality and services	Total
ORIGINAL (\$ million)								
1996								
February	288.2	73.2	37.7	71.1	32.7	65.8	122.7	691.4
March	306.7	80.8	40.0	79.1	34.1	68.4	128.2	737.3
April	300.2	90.6	42.5	73.5	32.6	64.4	134.6	738.4
May	321.5	91.9	42.4	76.1	32.1	72.4	131.7	768.1
June	300.3	87.5	41.0	73.3	30.7	65.6	129.5	727.9
July	316.7	90.6	40.6	78.8	33.9	60.7	125.4	746.7
August	329.4	86.8	34.8	79.6	33.7	63.5	128.7	756.5
September	310.7	80.4	32.9	72.5	32.6	58.5	129.0	716.6
October	344.1	93.0	36.5	73.1	36.2	60.3	127.4	770.6
November	336.4	105.6	36.8	75.1	37.9	60.9	134.8	787.5
December	372.8	170.4	51.1	95.2	54.8	85.8	169.9	1 000.0
1997								
January	343.9	79.3	36.7	66.5	32.2	57.0	136.8	752.4
February	310.3	69.7	27.6	63.3	27.4	52.9	121.8	673.0
March	342.2	82.7	34.3	66.4	30.6	56.6	126.4	739.2
April	324.7	86.2	44.8	69.9	31.3	61.1	122.7	740.7
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (\$ million)								
1996								
February	301.1	94.4	47.7	79.3	34.4	72.8	125.9	755.7
March	301.1	94.6	43.1	83.2	34.2	73.3	128.3	757.8
April	306.1	95.4	39.7	79.1	34.3	68.8	137.6	761.0
May	320.7	90.6	41.0	78.1	33.1	72.7	139.3	775.6
June	317.9	93.8	41.7	77.0	34.4	69.7	144.4	778.9
July	322.3	99.5	41.0	77.7	36.2	62.8	133.5	773.0
August	335.0	95.7	37.8	81.6	35.5	64.1	137.1	786.8
September	324.5	89.6	35.0	77.0	35.0	58.5	134.7	754.2
October	336.1	91.1	35.5	69.1	36.9	58.4	120.1	747.1
November	331.9	94.5	35.7	71.5	37.1	58.0	126.7	755.5
December	314.2	94.9	36.6	71.9	37.6	65.0	137.3	757.4
1997								
January	347.9	92.4	40.0	67.8	31.6	59.8	131.9	771.4
February	340.1	94.6	36.1	73.8	30.3	61.3	130.9	767.1
March	338.4	96.3	37.0	72.8	31.2	61.1	128.4	765.1
April	331.3	88.9	42.1	72.3	32.5	64.5	123.4	754.9
TREND ESTIMATES (\$ million)								
1996								
February	301.7	94.3	45.9	79.6	34.5	71.4	131.4	758.7
March	303.8	94.3	44.3	79.7	34.2	71.9	132.2	760.5
April	308.2	94.4	42.7	79.7	34.1	71.6	134.6	765.3
May	313.9	94.5	41.3	79.5	34.2	70.2	137.2	770.9
June	320.1	94.5	40.1	79.0	34.5	67.8	138.3	774.5
July	324.8	94.4	38.9	78.2	35.1	65.1	137.3	773.7
August	327.7	94.0	37.8	76.9	35.8	62.5	134.6	769.3
September	329.2	93.5	36.9	75.3	36.4	60.7	131.8	763.6
October	330.2	93.2	36.2	73.4	36.4	59.7	130.2	759.4
November	331.5	93.2	36.1	71.9	35.9	59.7	129.9	758.0
December	333.0	93.4	36.5	71.1	34.8	60.4	130.2	759.4
1997								
January	334.6	93.8	37.3	71.0	33.6	61.1	130.4	761.8
February	336.1	93.8	38.1	71.4	32.5	61.7	129.9	763.5
March	337.4	93.5	38.8	72.0	31.6	62.4	129.1	764.7
April	337.6	92.9	39.5	72.7	30.8	62.9	128.5	765.1

¹ See paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes

RETAIL TURNOVER, By Industry Group¹—Western Australia: All Series

Month	Food retailing	Department stores	Clothing and soft good retailing	Household good retailing	Recreational good retailing	Other retailing	Hospitality and services	Total
ORIGINAL (\$ million)								
1996								
February	433.9	74.8	49.5	109.8	50.3	79.6	164.2	962.1
March	445.0	82.5	55.4	101.0	53.0	80.5	175.3	992.7
April	423.7	91.6	62.5	102.1	55.9	89.6	164.6	990.0
May	436.6	99.9	69.6	108.3	57.5	98.4	162.3	1 032.6
June	400.6	90.3	67.5	108.0	50.5	92.6	158.5	968.0
July	420.5	93.6	64.7	127.7	53.4	88.5	150.6	999.0
August	431.1	94.2	60.7	130.6	52.1	84.0	151.8	1 004.5
September	406.6	82.2	55.9	111.5	51.2	81.0	146.5	934.9
October	445.0	101.3	68.4	138.8	55.6	94.6	154.3	1 058.0
November	442.0	109.6	67.0	138.2	53.0	94.3	153.3	1 057.4
December	501.1	176.8	88.1	163.7	68.2	121.1	168.4	1 287.4
1997								
January	468.6	86.4	62.2	145.7	51.1	83.8	156.6	1 054.4
February	422.1	76.2	48.3	127.6	46.9	82.8	143.8	947.7
March	459.6	89.1	54.5	125.7	47.8	77.5	152.6	1 006.8
April	420.6	88.5	57.1	137.3	56.2	91.5	155.2	1 006.4
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (\$ million)								
1996								
February	448.7	97.3	59.1	117.7	54.0	90.9	171.8	1 039.5
March	445.6	95.4	65.8	110.5	57.1	91.2	175.1	1 040.8
April	433.9	95.5	65.2	110.4	60.5	99.3	169.6	1 034.5
May	436.8	94.7	65.6	107.9	61.1	101.4	170.2	1 037.7
June	424.1	93.8	67.1	107.9	56.4	102.7	174.3	1 026.3
July	425.5	105.7	65.2	125.9	52.7	90.2	152.8	1 018.0
August	436.8	110.1	64.8	140.7	54.2	85.5	157.6	1 049.7
September	419.7	92.3	59.1	117.4	53.4	80.5	146.9	969.3
October	442.6	100.1	65.2	134.8	55.1	89.6	147.7	1 035.0
November	435.1	98.8	65.7	133.0	50.8	88.5	145.2	1 017.1
December	432.5	99.1	61.7	124.1	46.2	84.1	146.8	994.5
1997								
January	460.7	99.2	64.7	148.6	52.8	89.9	150.3	1 066.0
February	451.9	102.9	60.7	142.6	52.1	98.7	155.6	1 064.5
March	460.6	102.6	63.6	137.0	51.8	87.4	151.7	1 054.7
April	422.8	90.7	59.5	149.2	59.6	100.1	158.5	1 040.4
TREND ESTIMATES (\$ million)								
1996								
February	443.9	96.1	62.6	114.9	57.5	91.6	170.4	1 037.0
March	441.7	95.8	63.7	111.8	58.1	95.7	172.0	1 038.8
April	438.0	96.0	64.8	110.7	58.2	98.0	171.9	1 037.7
May	433.7	97.2	65.5	112.2	57.8	98.0	169.8	1 034.2
June	430.2	98.8	65.6	116.2	57.1	95.9	165.6	1 029.3
July	428.1	100.2	65.0	120.9	55.9	92.8	160.3	1 023.2
August	428.1	100.8	64.3	125.2	54.4	89.2	154.8	1 016.8
September	429.9	100.6	63.8	128.7	53.0	86.4	150.3	1 012.7
October	434.0	100.1	63.5	131.2	51.8	85.4	147.4	1 013.5
November	439.2	99.7	63.5	133.0	51.1	86.3	146.8	1 019.6
December	443.9	99.5	63.4	135.0	50.9	88.3	148.1	1 029.1
1997								
January	447.0	99.7	63.0	137.8	51.3	90.4	150.1	1 039.3
February	448.3	99.5	62.5	140.9	52.3	92.3	152.2	1 048.0
March	448.4	99.1	61.9	143.9	53.6	94.3	154.4	1 055.7
April	446.2	97.9	61.1	145.5	55.1	95.7	156.3	1 057.7

¹ See paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes

RETAIL TURNOVER, By Industry Group¹—Tasmania: All Series

Month	Food retailing	Department stores	Clothing and soft good retailing	Household good retailing	Recreational good retailing	Other retailing	Hospitality and services	Total
ORIGINAL (\$ million)								
1996								
February	102.6	n.p.	13.7	21.9	16.3	n.p.	40.1	233.5
March	105.2	n.p.	14.9	24.3	14.7	n.p.	40.4	241.3
April	102.6	n.p.	16.2	24.0	13.6	n.p.	39.3	237.8
May	107.4	n.p.	15.9	26.8	13.9	n.p.	41.4	250.3
June	99.6	n.p.	16.0	24.5	12.1	n.p.	36.7	230.6
July	102.9	n.p.	14.8	23.1	12.5	n.p.	34.2	229.1
August	107.0	n.p.	14.6	23.1	12.9	n.p.	35.8	238.2
September	99.7	n.p.	13.3	23.0	12.3	n.p.	34.1	222.5
October	105.7	n.p.	14.7	29.6	13.3	n.p.	39.1	249.1
November	106.7	n.p.	16.2	30.3	14.3	n.p.	40.2	257.9
December	118.1	n.p.	23.0	38.2	21.1	n.p.	48.0	324.3
1997								
January	110.7	n.p.	14.0	22.1	15.2	n.p.	39.9	247.4
February	99.6	n.p.	11.8	21.8	15.3	n.p.	34.9	224.7
March	109.0	n.p.	13.7	21.4	13.1	n.p.	37.0	242.2
April	106.2	n.p.	14.4	24.8	15.6	n.p.	38.6	245.9
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (\$ million)								
1996								
February	104.9	n.p.	15.2	24.7	15.6	n.p.	39.7	245.9
March	104.0	n.p.	15.6	26.3	15.1	n.p.	39.4	245.7
April	106.1	n.p.	15.2	25.0	14.9	n.p.	40.7	246.3
May	108.6	n.p.	14.9	25.1	14.4	n.p.	44.2	251.1
June	105.3	n.p.	16.2	25.6	13.6	n.p.	40.2	247.3
July	104.5	n.p.	15.2	23.1	13.6	n.p.	37.5	239.9
August	106.7	n.p.	15.8	23.0	13.8	n.p.	36.5	244.8
September	104.8	n.p.	15.9	24.2	13.4	n.p.	37.0	239.5
October	104.0	n.p.	15.6	29.0	13.4	n.p.	38.5	246.6
November	103.7	n.p.	15.9	29.6	13.9	n.p.	38.4	248.2
December	103.3	n.p.	15.8	28.8	14.2	n.p.	39.1	248.0
1997								
January	109.3	n.p.	14.9	24.1	15.4	n.p.	37.2	248.5
February	105.0	n.p.	13.7	25.8	15.1	n.p.	35.9	246.5
March	110.4	n.p.	14.7	23.0	13.9	n.p.	36.9	252.0
April	107.8	n.p.	13.4	26.2	16.4	n.p.	39.7	251.4
TREND ESTIMATES (\$ million)								
1996								
February	105.0	n.p.	15.2	25.3	15.7	n.p.	39.3	246.2
March	105.6	n.p.	15.3	25.4	15.4	n.p.	40.3	247.2
April	106.0	n.p.	15.3	25.2	14.9	n.p.	40.8	247.3
May	106.2	n.p.	15.4	24.7	14.4	n.p.	40.7	246.7
June	106.2	n.p.	15.5	24.3	13.9	n.p.	39.9	245.5
July	105.8	n.p.	15.6	24.3	13.6	n.p.	38.9	244.3
August	105.2	n.p.	15.8	24.9	13.5	n.p.	38.1	243.7
September	104.6	n.p.	15.8	25.9	13.5	n.p.	37.7	243.8
October	104.4	n.p.	15.8	26.9	13.7	n.p.	37.6	244.7
November	104.6	n.p.	15.6	27.4	14.0	n.p.	37.7	246.1
December	105.3	n.p.	15.3	27.2	14.3	n.p.	37.8	247.5
1997								
January	106.2	n.p.	14.9	26.5	14.6	n.p.	37.7	248.5
February	107.2	n.p.	14.5	25.7	14.9	n.p.	37.6	249.4
March	108.1	n.p.	14.1	25.0	15.2	n.p.	37.6	250.3
April	108.8	n.p.	13.8	24.3	15.5	n.p.	37.7	250.8

¹ See paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes

RETAIL TURNOVER, By Industry Group¹—Northern Territory: All Series

Month	Food retailing	Department stores	Clothing and soft good retailing	Household good retailing	Recreational good retailing	Other retailing	Hospitality and services	Total
ORIGINAL (\$ million)								
1996								
February	58.3	n.p.	5.8	7.1	5.6	n.p.	15.5	106.0
March	62.6	n.p.	6.6	7.6	5.3	n.p.	17.4	114.1
April	61.4	n.p.	6.6	7.0	6.3	n.p.	17.1	112.6
May	63.4	n.p.	6.9	8.1	6.4	n.p.	17.9	119.0
June	64.6	n.p.	7.3	7.9	6.4	n.p.	18.7	119.2
July	67.8	n.p.	7.2	8.4	7.1	n.p.	21.1	126.3
August	68.0	n.p.	7.2	8.5	6.6	n.p.	20.1	125.7
September	63.9	n.p.	6.6	8.4	5.9	n.p.	17.7	116.1
October	63.4	n.p.	6.0	9.0	6.7	n.p.	19.3	119.6
November	58.5	n.p.	5.3	8.6	5.7	n.p.	17.6	113.2
December	61.0	n.p.	7.5	9.2	6.3	n.p.	18.3	125.2
1997								
January	53.8	n.p.	4.6	7.4	5.0	n.p.	16.1	100.0
February	50.6	n.p.	3.8	7.8	4.6	n.p.	16.0	95.1
March	55.1	n.p.	4.2	7.8	4.7	n.p.	17.0	101.7
April	55.7	n.p.	5.2	7.8	6.2	n.p.	17.9	105.6
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (\$ million)								
1996								
February	62.9	n.p.	7.7	7.8	6.6	n.p.	18.3	120.3
March	64.8	n.p.	8.0	7.4	6.0	n.p.	18.0	120.9
April	64.5	n.p.	7.5	8.0	6.6	n.p.	18.2	120.5
May	63.3	n.p.	7.1	8.2	6.5	n.p.	18.0	119.2
June	65.6	n.p.	7.0	7.5	6.3	n.p.	18.6	120.1
July	62.0	n.p.	5.8	8.2	6.4	n.p.	19.0	115.5
August	63.4	n.p.	6.5	8.4	6.0	n.p.	18.5	117.2
September	63.9	n.p.	6.5	8.7	5.4	n.p.	16.7	114.6
October	60.4	n.p.	5.6	8.7	6.1	n.p.	17.7	113.2
November	58.3	n.p.	5.4	8.1	5.7	n.p.	17.7	111.8
December	57.8	n.p.	5.8	7.7	5.5	n.p.	17.2	109.4
1997								
January	57.8	n.p.	5.3	8.5	6.3	n.p.	18.5	112.8
February	56.9	n.p.	5.2	9.0	5.6	n.p.	19.7	112.3
March	56.8	n.p.	5.0	7.7	5.3	n.p.	17.5	107.2
April	58.2	n.p.	6.0	8.8	6.4	n.p.	19.2	112.7
TREND ESTIMATES (\$ million)								
1996								
February	63.3	n.p.	7.9	7.8	6.5	n.p.	17.8	120.0
March	63.8	n.p.	7.7	7.8	6.5	n.p.	18.1	120.5
April	64.2	n.p.	7.4	7.8	6.5	n.p.	18.3	120.4
May	64.3	n.p.	7.1	7.9	6.4	n.p.	18.4	119.7
June	64.2	n.p.	6.8	8.0	6.3	n.p.	18.4	118.8
July	63.8	n.p.	6.5	8.2	6.2	n.p.	18.3	117.5
August	63.0	n.p.	6.2	8.3	6.0	n.p.	18.0	116.0
September	62.0	n.p.	6.0	8.4	5.9	n.p.	17.8	114.5
October	60.7	n.p.	5.8	8.4	5.8	n.p.	17.6	113.2
November	59.4	n.p.	5.7	8.4	5.8	n.p.	17.7	112.2
December	58.3	n.p.	5.5	8.3	5.7	n.p.	17.9	111.5
1997								
January	57.6	n.p.	5.4	8.3	5.8	n.p.	18.2	111.1
February	57.2	n.p.	5.4	8.3	5.8	n.p.	18.5	110.8
March	57.0	n.p.	5.4	8.4	5.8	n.p.	18.7	110.6
April	57.1	n.p.	5.4	8.5	5.9	n.p.	18.8	110.6

¹ See paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes

RETAIL TURNOVER, By Industry Group¹—Australian Capital Territory: All Series

Month	Food retailing	Department stores	Clothing and soft good retailing	Household good retailing	Recreational good retailing	Other retailing	Hospitality and services	Total
ORIGINAL (\$ million)								
1996								
February	74.5	17.8	12.1	14.1	10.3	12.8	25.9	167.5
March	79.6	20.1	13.9	15.5	11.3	14.2	29.9	184.5
April	75.8	23.6	16.5	16.4	10.2	15.1	29.3	186.9
May	81.3	23.6	16.4	16.1	10.9	15.3	29.4	193.0
June	76.6	23.6	15.8	16.0	9.9	14.4	27.9	184.2
July	79.0	22.2	15.4	17.4	9.1	14.5	31.0	188.6
August	82.0	20.8	13.8	17.4	9.4	16.5	30.7	190.6
September	77.4	20.3	14.6	18.6	9.2	17.3	30.4	187.8
October	80.3	22.8	14.6	19.1	9.1	18.3	31.9	196.1
November	81.1	25.2	13.8	20.8	10.9	20.5	31.4	203.7
December	87.4	45.3	20.9	27.4	19.8	26.3	32.5	259.6
1997								
January	73.9	20.1	13.6	20.5	11.2	16.8	28.3	184.4
February	69.1	18.1	11.0	18.8	9.9	15.6	26.6	169.1
March	75.1	21.3	12.2	19.1	11.7	18.0	27.5	184.9
April	71.4	20.6	15.0	19.7	11.3	19.5	29.9	187.4
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (\$ million)								
1996								
February	77.5	23.4	14.2	15.9	11.1	15.4	29.4	186.9
March	78.5	23.1	14.6	16.3	11.0	15.4	28.8	187.8
April	77.4	23.9	15.2	17.0	11.0	15.4	28.8	188.7
May	80.2	22.5	15.6	16.2	11.5	16.0	29.4	191.3
June	80.5	24.6	15.9	16.9	11.0	16.7	29.1	194.7
July	81.5	23.6	16.1	17.0	9.7	16.4	30.3	194.5
August	82.3	24.9	15.7	17.3	9.5	16.6	30.6	196.9
September	80.1	23.4	15.6	20.3	9.4	17.6	31.0	197.4
October	77.6	22.3	15.0	18.7	9.0	16.5	29.9	188.9
November	79.2	24.1	14.5	20.7	10.1	18.1	29.6	196.3
December	78.1	24.6	14.1	20.5	13.7	17.4	29.7	198.0
1997								
January	74.9	24.0	14.4	20.9	12.6	18.9	32.4	198.3
February	74.1	24.9	13.6	22.0	11.1	19.6	30.9	196.0
March	74.1	24.3	12.9	20.1	11.8	20.0	26.4	189.5
April	72.5	20.5	14.0	20.2	12.0	19.9	29.1	188.3
TREND ESTIMATES (\$ million)								
1996								
February	76.7	23.7	14.7	16.6	11.5	15.3	28.8	187.3
March	77.8	23.5	14.9	16.5	11.3	15.5	28.9	188.4
April	78.9	23.5	15.2	16.4	11.1	15.7	29.1	190.0
May	79.9	23.6	15.5	16.5	10.8	16.0	29.4	191.8
June	80.7	23.7	15.8	16.8	10.4	16.3	29.7	193.4
July	81.0	23.8	15.9	17.4	9.9	16.5	30.0	194.5
August	80.9	23.8	15.7	18.0	9.6	16.8	30.2	195.0
September	80.4	23.7	15.5	18.8	9.7	17.0	30.3	195.4
October	79.4	23.8	15.1	19.6	10.1	17.2	30.5	195.7
November	78.2	23.9	14.7	20.3	10.8	17.6	30.5	196.0
December	77.0	24.1	14.3	20.7	11.4	18.2	30.3	195.9
1997								
January	75.8	24.1	14.0	20.8	11.9	18.7	30.1	195.3
February	74.7	23.9	13.7	20.9	12.1	19.2	29.7	194.2
March	73.7	23.5	13.5	20.8	12.2	19.7	29.3	192.7
April	72.9	23.0	13.4	20.8	12.2	20.1	28.9	191.4

¹ See paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes

EXPLANATORY NOTES

INTRODUCTION

1 This publication presents monthly estimates of the value of turnover of retail businesses classified by industry, and by State. The principal objective of the Retail Trade survey is to show month to month movement of retail turnover.

2 Estimates of turnover contained in this publication are based on a survey of about 7,000 retail and selected service businesses (covering 20,000 outlets). All 'large' businesses are included in the survey, while a sample of about 4,400 'smaller' businesses is selected. The 'large' business' contribution of approximately 54 per cent of the total estimate ensures a highly reliable Australian total turnover estimate.

SCOPE AND COVERAGE

3 The Retail Trade survey covers all employing businesses, with at least one retail establishment. The scope of the survey (classified according to the Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification [ANZSIC]) is detailed below:

- Food Retailing
 - Supermarkets and grocery stores (5110)
and non-petrol sales of identified convenience stores of petrol stations
 - Takeaway food retailing (5125)
 - Other food retailing
 - Fresh meat, fish and poultry retailing (5121)
 - Fruit and vegetable retailing (5122)
 - Liquor retailing (5123)
 - Bread and cake retailing (5124)
 - Specialised food retailing n.e.c. (5129)
- Department Stores (5210)
- Clothing and Soft Good Retailing
 - Clothing retailing (5221)
 - Other clothing related retailing
 - Footwear retailing (5222)
 - Fabric and other soft good retailing (5223)
- Household Good Retailing
 - Furniture and floorcovering retailing
 - Furniture retailing (5231)
 - Floor covering retailing (5232)
 - Domestic hardware and houseware retailing (5233)
 - Domestic appliance retailing
 - Domestic appliance retailing (5234)
 - Recorded music retailing (5235)
- Recreational Good Retailing
 - Newspaper, book and stationery retailing (5243)
 - Other recreational good retailing
 - Sport and camping equipment retailing (5241)
 - Toy and game retailing (5242)
 - Photographic equipment retailing (5244)
- Other Retailing
 - Pharmaceutical, cosmetic and toiletry retailing (5251)
 - Other retailing
 - Antique and used good retailing (5252)
 - Garden supplies retailing (5253)
 - Flower retailing (5254)
 - Watch and jewellery retailing (5255)
 - Retailing n.e.c. (5259)

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SCOPE AND COVERAGE (continued)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Hospitality and Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hotels and licensed clubs Pubs, taverns and bars (5720) Clubs (Hospitality) (5740) Cafes and restaurants (5730) Selected services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Video hire outlets (9511) Hairdressing and beauty salons (9526)
DEFINITION OF TURNOVER	4 Turnover includes retail sales; wholesale sales; takings from repairs, meals and hiring of goods (except for rent, leasing and hiring of land and buildings); and commissions from agency activity (e.g. commissions received from collecting dry cleaning, selling lottery tickets, etc.) and net takings from gaming machines etc.
SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT	<p>5 Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation from the series so that the effects of other influences can be more clearly recognised.</p> <p>6 In the seasonal adjustment of the turnover estimates, account has been taken of both normal seasonal factors and 'trading-day' effects (arising from the varying length of each month and the varying numbers of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, etc. in the month). There is some evidence suggesting possible changes in retail trading patterns, including increased activity on weekends and public holidays. The impact of these changes on the seasonal pattern and trading day component of the data is being investigated and can only be confirmed once sufficient data becomes available. While these changes may impact on the unadjusted and seasonally adjusted data, the trend estimate is less likely to be affected. Further, the seasonal adjustment does not remove from the series the effect of irregular influences (e.g. abnormal weather, industrial disputes). The seasonally adjusted estimates still reflect the sampling and non-sampling errors to which the original estimates are subject.</p> <p>7 The State component series have been seasonally adjusted independently. Therefore, the adjusted components may not add to the Australian Group totals.</p> <p>8 As happens with all seasonally adjusted series, the seasonal factors are reviewed annually to take account of each additional year's data. For Retail Trade, the results of the latest review are shown in the July issue each year.</p>
TREND ESTIMATES	<p>9 Most monthly trend estimates in this publication have been obtained by smoothing the seasonally adjusted series using a centred 13-term Henderson weighted moving average (7-term for quarterly series). However, to estimate the last six monthly trend values (or the last three quarters) a set of asymmetric moving averages have been designed to reduce a small bias associated with estimating these recent values when the trend growth is increasing or decreasing. Overall, revision to the estimates should be reduced, however, there may be a greater revision to the estimates whenever there are large irregular movements in the seasonally adjusted series.</p> <p>10 For further information, see <i>A Guide to Interpreting Time Series — Monitoring 'Trends': an Overview</i> (1348.0) or contact the Assistant Director, Time Series Analysis on (06) 252 6345.</p>
CONSTANT PRICE STATISTICS	11 To enable analysis of the movement of retail activity in 'real' terms, estimates of retail turnover at constant (average 1989-90) prices are compiled and published each quarter. Constant price retail turnover series are derived by deflating the original current price series of retail turnover by specially compiled indexes of price change.
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RELIABILITY OF ESTIMATES

12 There are two types of error possible in estimates of retail turnover:

Sampling error which occurs because a sample, rather than the entire population, is surveyed. One measure of the likely difference resulting from not including all establishments in the survey is given by the standard error, see below.

Non sampling error which arises from inaccuracies in collecting, recording and processing the data. The most significant of these errors are: misreporting of data items; deficiencies in coverage; non-response; and processing errors. Every effort is made to minimise reporting error by the careful design of questionnaires, intensive training and supervision of interviewers, and efficient data processing procedures.

STANDARD ERRORS

13 Seasonally adjusted, trend and constant price estimates are also subject to sampling variability. For seasonally adjusted estimates, the standard errors are approximately the same as for the original estimates. For trend estimates, the standard errors are likely to be smaller. For constant price estimates, the standard errors may be up to 10 per cent higher than those for the corresponding current price estimates because of the sampling variability contained in the prices data used to deflate the current price estimates.

14 To assist users in assessing the reliability of estimates, each data series has been given a grading of A to D. Where:

- A represents a relative standard error on level of less than 2 per cent. The published estimates are highly reliable for movement analysis;
- B represents a relative standard error on level between 2 and 5 per cent, meaning the estimate is reliable for movement analysis purposes;
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- D represents a relative standard error on level greater than 10 per cent (mainly affects unpublished state by industry series).

15 The table below provides an indicator of reliability for key retail turnover estimates.

	Food retailing	Department stores	Clothing and soft good retailing	Household good retailing	Recreational good retailing	Other retailing	Hospitality and services	Total
NSW	B	A	B	C	C	C	C	A
Vic	B	A	B	C	C	C	C	A
Qld	B	A	B	C	C	C	C	A
SA	B	A	B	C	C	C	C	A
WA	B	A	B	C	C	C	C	A
Tas	B	—	B	C	C	—	C	B
NT	B	—	B	C	C	—	C	B
ACT	B	A	B	C	C	C	C	A
Australia	A	A	A	B	B	B	B	A

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