

RETAIL TRADE

AUSTRALIA

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OCTOBER KEY FIGURES

TREND ESTIMATES

Turnover at current prices (\$ millions)	Sep 97	Oct 97	% change
	11 155.5	11 210.5	0.5
	Oct 96	Oct 97	% change
	10 633.0	11 210.5	5.4

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES

Turnover at current prices (\$ millions)	Sep 97	Oct 97	% change
	11 173.2	11 149.4	-0.2
	Oct 96	Oct 97	% change
	10 609.6	11 149.4	5.1

OCTOBER KEY POINTS

TREND ESTIMATES

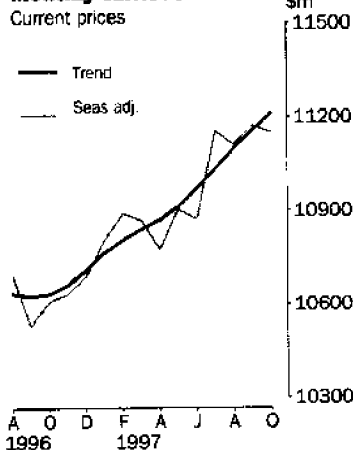
- The trend estimate of turnover for the Australian Retail and Hospitality/Services series recorded growth of 0.5% for October 1997. In September the trend also increased by 0.5% while for August the increase was 0.6%.
- Over the three months to October 1997 the trend estimate increased by \$176.1m. The major contributors to this growth were Food retailing (\$66.4m), Department stores (\$33.8m), and Recreational good retailing (\$23.6m).
- The strongest growth rates recorded were in Tasmania and the Northern Territory, which were above the national growth rate. Growth in the other States, apart from the Australian Capital Territory, were similar to the Australian growth rate.
- Department stores and the Recreational good retailing group recorded strong growth.

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

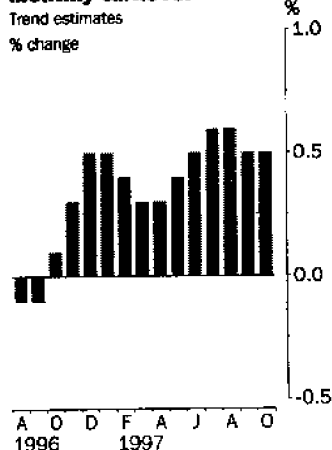
ORIGINAL ESTIMATES

- In original terms Australian turnover increased by 5.7% in October 1997 over October 1996.
- Chains and other large retailers increased turnover by 7.4% during this period while the increase for small retailers was 4.0%.

Monthly turnover



Monthly turnover



INQUIRIES

- For further information about these and related statistics, contact Bill Powell on 02 6252 6132. For information about constant price estimates contact Leon Ting on 02 6252 6807.

NOTES

FORTHCOMING ISSUES

ISSUE	RELEASE DATE
November 1997	8 January 1998
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CHANGES IN THIS ISSUE

Revisions have been made to Hospitality and services for South Australia (September 1997) and the Australian Capital Territory (August 1997).

SAMPLING ERRORS

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

DATA SERIES	ESTIMATE	STANDARD ERROR
Level of retail turnover (\$m)	11 433.2	107.7
Change from September to October (\$m)	677.6	48.4
% change from September to October	6.3	0.4

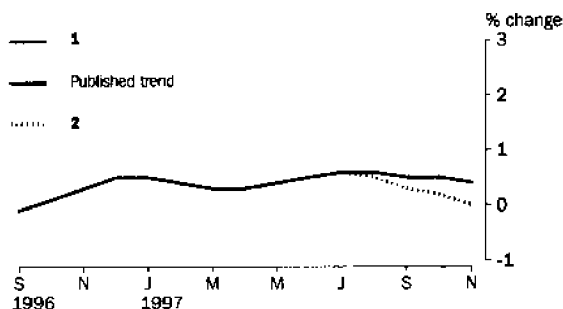
For more information see the Explanatory notes, paragraphs 12–15, or contact Bill Powell on 02 6252 6132.

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 November seasonally adjusted estimate of retail turnover is 1.0% higher than the October estimate.
- 2 The November seasonally adjusted estimate of retail turnover is 1.0% lower than the October estimate.

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

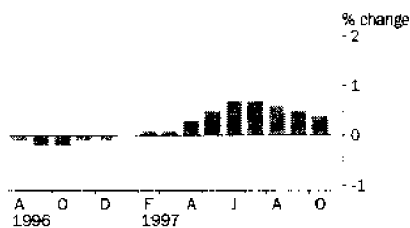


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STATE TRENDS

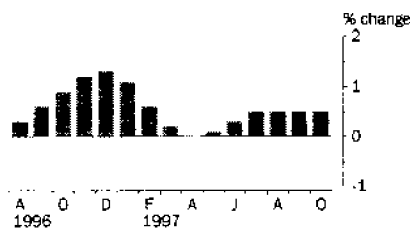
MONTHLY PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN TREND ESTIMATES

NEW SOUTH WALES



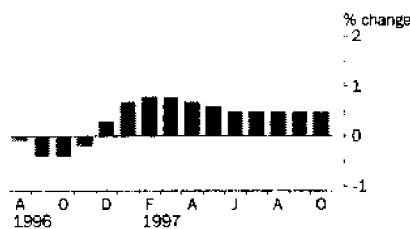
Growth in the trend estimate has eased over the last three months. The Clothing and Household good groups, both currently in decline, have influenced this easing.

VICTORIA



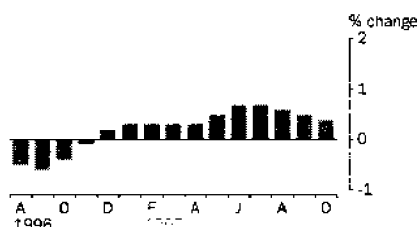
The trend estimate has grown by 0.5% for each of the last four months. The Food retailing group, the largest contributor to the series was, however, in slight decline.

QUEENSLAND



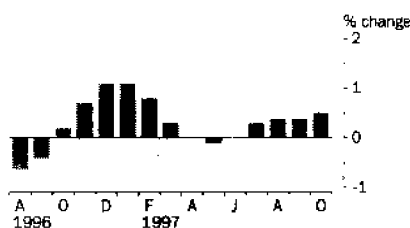
The growth rate has remained steady at 0.5% over the last five months. The Clothing and Recreational good groups have both recorded strong growth.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA



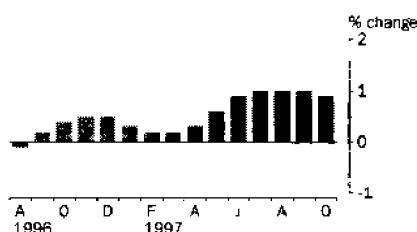
The easing of growth in the trend estimate over the last three months is due mainly to recent easing in the Food retailing industry.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA



The growth rate has continued to strengthen in recent months. Growth was strongest for Department stores and the Food group. For other groups, growth was weak or in decline.

TASMANIA

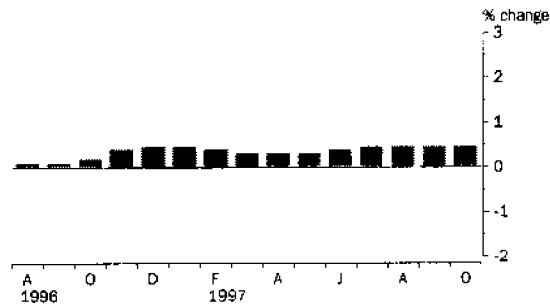


Growth has been around 1.0% for each of the last five months. The Clothing and Food retailing groups have recorded the strongest growth in recent months.

INDUSTRY TRENDS

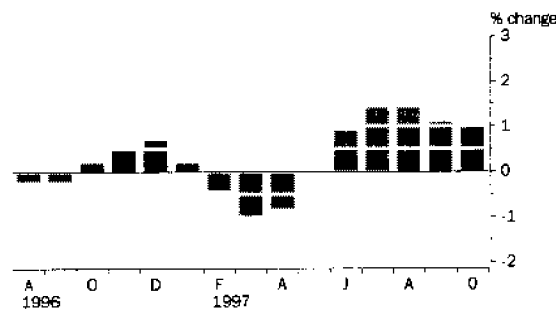
MONTHLY PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN TREND ESTIMATES

FOOD RETAILING



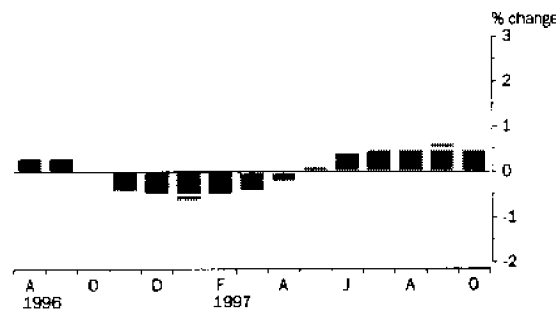
The trend estimate has remained steady at 0.5% over the last four months due mainly to stronger New South Wales and Western Australian results. Victorian Food retailing has continued to ease during 1997 from 0.9% in January 1997 to -0.1% in October 1997.

DEPARTMENT STORES



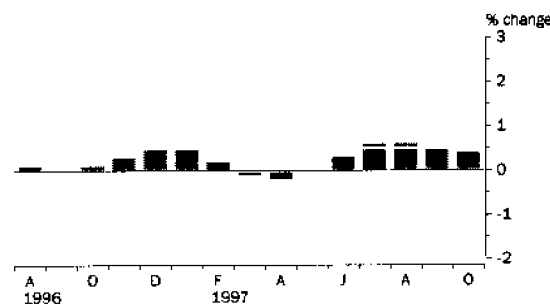
Growth in the trend estimate has been 1.0% or more for each of the last four months. This recent strengthening has been observed in most States, the exception being South Australia which has recently moved into decline.

CLOTHING AND SOFT GOOD RETAILING



The Clothing and soft good group continued a pattern of moderate growth over the last five months. Growth in Victoria, Queensland and Tasmania was strong over this period. However, trend estimates for NSW, Western Australia and the ACT were flat or declining.

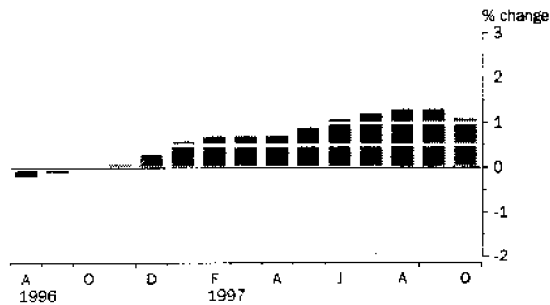
HOUSEHOLD GOOD RETAILING



Trend estimate monthly growth rates have eased in recent months. The easing has occurred across most States apart from Victoria and Queensland, where there has been a recent acceleration observed in the growth rates.

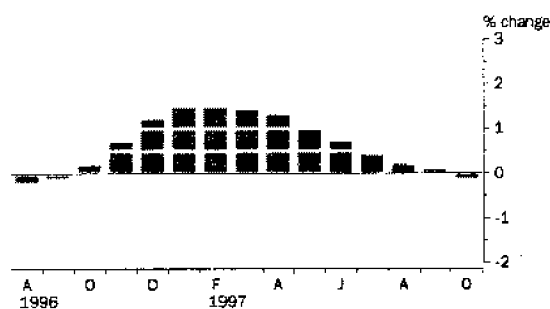
MONTHLY PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN TREND ESTIMATES

RECREATIONAL GOOD RETAILING



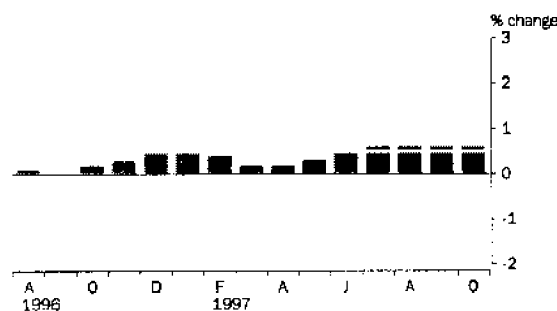
The growth rate has remained above 1.0% in recent months. Growth was strongest in Victoria and Queensland. In contrast Western Australia, Tasmania, the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory were either flat or in decline.

OTHER RETAILING



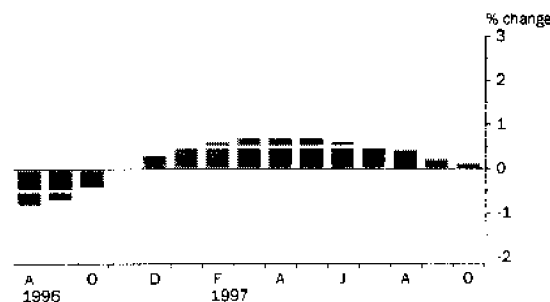
The monthly growth rate has fallen from 1.5% recorded for both January and February 1997 to -0.1% in October 1997. Other retailing performance in Victoria, Queensland and the Australian Capital Territory has contributed most to this result.

TOTAL RETAIL (excluding Hospitality and Services)



In recent months, movement in the trend estimate for Total retail (excluding the Hospitality and services group) has been slightly stronger than that observed for Total industries (including the Hospitality and services group).

HOSPITALITY AND SERVICES



The trend estimate growth rate has eased over recent months to record a weak 0.1% in October 1997. Hospitality and services performance in New South Wales and Western Australia has contributed most to this easing.

RETAIL TURNOVER, By Industry Group(a): 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								
August	4 315.5	889.1	667.9	1 259.6	574.4	1 016.0	1 784.5	10 507.0
September	4 087.0	833.9	663.1	1 185.6	556.2	988.1	1 723.2	10 037.1
October	4 388.2	933.9	729.5	1 300.5	583.4	1 064.9	1 811.7	10 812.0
November	4 373.7	1 081.8	719.2	1 341.2	623.6	1 102.3	1 822.8	11 064.6
December	4 816.6	1 838.0	1 007.6	1 680.0	882.2	1 477.8	2 070.9	13 773.1
1997								
January	4 457.0	841.1	700.5	1 252.1	580.3	991.9	1 844.4	10 667.2
February	4 043.4	727.6	547.1	1 188.1	539.5	949.6	1 646.4	9 641.7
March	4 414.3	858.0	615.4	1 196.6	574.3	988.6	1 801.1	10 448.2
April	4 218.0	849.1	696.9	1 191.7	577.2	1 029.6	1 773.2	10 335.7
May	4 437.3	995.0	758.2	1 274.9	583.6	1 081.4	1 805.4	10 935.7
June	4 140.5	830.4	667.0	1 249.1	570.8	1 009.4	1 752.9	10 220.2
July	4 406.7	971.3	707.6	1 296.7	600.7	1 095.6	1 813.7	10 892.3
August	4 408.9	836.2	646.9	1 271.9	602.8	1 105.3	1 851.0	10 723.1
September	4 323.0	939.3	679.3	1 267.6	626.7	1 115.9	1 803.7	10 755.5
October	4 643.9	977.1	735.7	1 353.3	640.2	1 175.3	1 907.7	11 433.2
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (\$ million)								
1996								
August	4 275.2	978.0	716.2	1 282.4	602.2	1 031.7	1 805.1	10 690.8
September	4 261.9	944.3	713.1	1 256.0	588.4	991.5	1 775.4	10 530.4
October	4 283.9	931.2	714.8	1 277.4	594.1	1 031.4	1 776.9	10 609.6
November	4 297.1	984.6	705.8	1 265.3	589.2	1 029.5	1 759.1	10 630.6
December	4 269.1	995.9	722.3	1 289.8	602.1	1 039.7	1 771.0	10 689.9
1997								
January	4 380.0	979.8	708.2	1 279.2	598.5	1 057.5	1 800.6	10 803.9
February	4 353.3	992.2	692.5	1 340.6	599.5	1 090.6	1 822.8	10 891.5
March	4 422.1	987.0	688.4	1 288.5	598.4	1 082.0	1 802.8	10 869.1
April	4 334.0	920.9	696.3	1 273.3	629.3	1 105.9	1 817.7	10 777.4
May	4 388.6	966.4	721.4	1 278.1	613.4	1 113.6	1 823.6	10 905.3
June	4 410.8	900.5	682.0	1 284.9	621.1	1 113.1	1 860.4	10 872.8
July	4 441.3	1 059.1	702.5	1 319.3	620.5	1 154.7	1 857.6	11 155.1
August	4 458.9	959.5	709.8	1 317.6	638.3	1 136.1	1 889.8	11 110.0
September	4 474.0	1 048.8	712.3	1 319.4	662.1	1 107.4	1 849.2	11 173.2
October	4 495.7	980.5	722.4	1 311.2	653.3	1 128.1	1 858.0	11 149.4
TREND ESTIMATES (\$ million)								
1996								
August	4 267.0	966.9	713.6	1 275.6	593.5	1 022.8	1 796.0	10 635.2
September	4 272.0	965.3	715.4	1 275.0	592.8	1 021.8	1 783.0	10 625.4
October	4 281.6	967.5	715.4	1 275.9	592.8	1 024.1	1 775.5	10 633.0
November	4 297.2	972.6	712.5	1 279.7	593.7	1 031.3	1 774.8	10 661.8
December	4 317.3	979.0	708.6	1 286.0	595.6	1 043.9	1 780.1	10 710.5
1997								
January	4 338.2	980.7	704.7	1 292.0	598.9	1 059.3	1 789.8	10 763.6
February	4 356.7	976.6	701.1	1 294.4	603.0	1 075.2	1 800.7	10 807.6
March	4 371.5	966.7	698.3	1 292.9	607.2	1 090.4	1 812.7	10 839.7
April	4 383.8	958.5	696.9	1 290.7	611.5	1 104.4	1 825.1	10 870.9
May	4 396.5	958.4	697.8	1 291.1	616.9	1 115.7	1 837.0	10 913.3
June	4 412.0	967.3	700.6	1 295.1	623.5	1 123.0	1 847.6	10 969.0
July	4 432.4	980.5	704.3	1 302.2	631.0	1 127.4	1 856.8	11 034.4
August	4 454.1	993.7	708.0	1 310.1	639.1	1 129.8	1 863.5	11 098.4
September	4 474.3	1 004.5	712.0	1 316.9	647.5	1 130.7	1 868.2	11 155.5
October	4 498.8	1 014.3	715.4	1 321.7	654.6	1 129.3	1 870.1	11 210.5

(a) See paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes

RETAIL TURNOVER PERCENTAGE CHANGE, By Industry Group(a): 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								
August	3.6	-2.1	-5.9	-2.6	2.1	2.9	1.5	1.2
September	-5.3	-6.2	-0.7	-5.9	-3.2	-2.7	-3.4	-4.5
October	7.4	12.0	10.0	9.7	4.9	7.8	5.1	7.7
November	-0.3	15.8	-1.4	3.1	6.9	3.5	0.6	2.3
December	10.1	69.9	40.1	25.3	41.5	34.1	13.6	24.5
1997								
January	-7.5	-54.2	-30.5	-25.5	-34.2	-32.9	-10.9	-22.6
February	-9.3	-13.5	-21.9	-5.1	-7.0	-4.3	-10.7	-9.6
March	9.2	17.9	12.5	0.7	6.4	4.1	9.4	8.4
April	-4.4	-1.0	13.2	-0.4	0.5	4.1	-1.6	-1.1
May	5.2	17.2	8.8	7.0	1.1	5.0	1.8	5.8
June	-6.7	-16.5	-12.0	-2.0	-2.2	-6.7	-2.9	-6.5
July	6.4	17.0	6.1	3.8	5.2	8.5	3.5	6.6
August	0.1	-13.9	-8.6	-1.9	0.3	0.9	2.1	-1.6
September	-1.9	12.3	5.0	-0.3	4.0	1.0	-2.6	0.3
October	7.4	4.0	8.3	6.8	2.2	5.3	5.8	6.3
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (% change from preceding month)								
1996								
August	0.1	-3.4	-0.5	-1.4	2.6	-1.1	-0.1	-0.4
September	-0.3	-3.4	-0.4	-2.1	-2.3	-3.9	-1.6	-1.5
October	0.5	-1.4	0.2	1.7	1.0	4.0	0.1	0.8
November	0.3	5.7	-1.3	-0.9	-0.8	-0.2	-1.0	0.2
December	-0.6	1.1	2.3	1.9	2.2	1.0	0.7	0.6
1997								
January	2.6	-1.6	-2.0	-0.8	-0.6	1.7	1.7	1.1
February	-0.6	1.3	-2.2	4.8	0.2	3.1	1.2	0.8
March	1.6	-0.5	-0.6	-3.9	-0.2	-0.8	-1.1	-0.2
April	-2.0	-6.7	1.1	-1.2	5.2	2.2	0.8	-0.8
May	1.3	4.9	3.6	0.4	-2.5	0.7	0.3	1.2
June	0.5	-6.8	-5.5	0.5	1.3	0.0	2.0	-0.3
July	0.7	17.6	3.0	2.7	-0.1	3.7	-0.1	2.6
August	0.4	-9.4	1.0	-0.1	2.9	-1.6	1.7	-0.4
September	0.3	9.3	0.4	0.1	3.7	-2.5	-2.2	0.6
October	0.5	-6.5	1.4	-0.6	-1.3	1.9	0.5	-0.2
TREND ESTIMATES (% change from preceding month)								
1996								
August	0.1	-0.2	0.3	0.1	-0.2	-0.2	-0.8	-0.1
September	0.1	-0.2	0.3	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	-0.7	-0.1
October	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.2	-0.4	0.1
November	0.4	0.5	-0.4	0.3	0.1	0.7	0.0	0.3
December	0.5	0.7	-0.5	0.5	0.3	1.2	0.3	0.5
1997								
January	0.5	0.2	-0.6	0.5	0.6	1.5	0.5	0.5
February	0.4	-0.4	-0.5	0.2	0.7	1.5	0.6	0.4
March	0.3	-1.0	-0.4	-0.1	0.7	1.4	0.7	0.3
April	0.3	-0.8	-0.2	-0.2	0.7	1.3	0.7	0.3
May	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.9	1.0	0.7	0.4
June	0.4	0.9	0.4	0.3	1.1	0.7	0.6	0.5
July	0.5	1.4	0.5	0.6	1.2	0.4	0.5	0.6
August	0.5	1.4	0.5	0.6	1.3	0.2	0.4	0.6
September	0.5	1.1	0.6	0.5	1.3	0.1	0.2	0.5
October	0.5	1.0	0.5	0.4	1.1	-0.1	0.1	0.5

(a) See paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes

RETAIL TURNOVER, By Sub-Group(a): 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												
August	2 987.8	620.6	707.1	4 315.5	889.1	471.8	196.1	667.9	294.3	292.7	672.6	1 259.6
September	2 812.8	599.3	674.9	4 087.0	833.9	463.5	199.5	663.1	275.5	290.7	619.4	1 185.6
October	3 046.9	626.1	715.2	4 388.2	933.9	505.4	224.1	729.5	309.1	331.5	659.9	1 300.5
November	3 034.5	613.2	726.1	4 373.7	1 081.8	499.1	220.1	719.2	302.3	349.9	689.0	1 341.2
December	3 269.6	655.4	891.6	4 816.6	1 838.0	712.0	295.7	1 007.6	296.9	439.6	943.4	1 680.0
1997												
January	3 103.9	659.6	693.4	4 457.0	841.1	469.4	231.1	700.5	275.8	313.8	662.4	1 252.1
February	2 820.7	580.7	642.0	4 043.4	727.6	376.2	171.0	547.1	265.5	287.8	634.8	1 188.1
March	3 088.1	631.0	695.2	4 414.3	858.0	419.7	195.7	615.4	260.1	314.5	622.0	1 196.6
April	2 894.2	622.5	701.3	4 218.0	849.1	486.1	210.8	696.9	264.7	297.4	629.6	1 191.7
May	3 079.5	640.8	716.9	4 437.3	995.0	538.4	219.8	758.2	281.5	300.8	692.5	1 274.9
June	2 841.7	615.1	683.7	4 140.5	830.4	467.6	199.4	667.0	286.7	278.2	684.3	1 249.1
July	3 011.6	630.5	764.6	4 406.7	971.3	490.2	217.4	707.6	311.5	277.9	707.3	1 296.7
August	3 025.1	620.9	763.0	4 408.9	836.2	450.2	196.7	646.9	298.7	283.2	690.0	1 271.9
September	2 953.0	623.1	746.9	4 323.0	939.3	477.4	201.9	679.3	292.6	320.0	655.1	1 267.6
October	3 199.1	644.4	800.4	4 643.9	977.1	508.9	228.8	735.7	327.9	327.2	698.1	1 353.3
% CHANGE FROM PRECEDING MONTH												
1996												
August	4.5	0.9	2.1	3.6	-2.1	-6.9	-3.6	-5.9	-1.9	0.1	-4.0	-2.6
September	-5.9	-3.4	-4.6	-5.3	-6.2	-1.8	1.8	-0.7	-6.4	-0.7	-7.9	-5.9
October	8.3	4.5	6.0	7.4	12.0	9.0	12.3	10.0	12.2	14.1	6.5	9.7
November	-0.4	-2.1	1.5	-0.3	15.8	-1.2	-1.8	-1.4	-2.2	5.5	4.4	3.1
December	7.7	6.9	22.8	10.1	69.9	42.6	34.3	40.1	-1.8	25.6	36.9	25.3
1997												
January	-5.1	0.7	-22.2	-7.5	-54.2	-34.1	-21.8	-30.5	-7.1	-28.6	-29.8	-25.5
February	-9.1	-12.0	-7.4	-9.3	-13.5	-19.9	-26.0	-21.9	-3.8	-8.3	-4.2	-5.1
March	9.5	8.7	8.3	9.2	17.9	11.6	14.5	12.5	-2.0	9.3	-2.0	0.7
April	-6.3	-1.3	0.9	-4.4	-1.0	15.8	7.7	13.2	1.8	-5.4	1.2	-0.4
May	6.4	2.9	2.2	5.2	17.2	10.8	4.3	8.8	6.4	1.2	10.0	7.0
June	-7.7	-4.0	-4.6	-6.7	-16.5	-13.2	-9.3	-12.0	1.8	-7.5	-1.2	-2.0
July	6.0	2.5	11.8	6.4	17.0	4.8	9.0	6.1	8.6	-0.1	3.4	3.8
August	0.4	-1.5	-0.2	0.1	-13.9	-8.2	-9.5	-8.6	-4.1	1.9	-2.4	-1.9
September	-2.4	0.4	-2.1	-1.9	12.3	6.0	2.7	5.0	-2.0	13.0	-5.1	-0.3
October	8.3	3.4	7.2	7.4	4.0	6.6	12.3	8.3	12.1	2.3	6.6	6.8
% CHANGE FROM CORRESPONDING MONTH OF PREVIOUS YEAR												
1996												
August	7.7	5.6	1.7	6.4	1.7	-2.0	6.3	0.3	-2.6	7.3	10.7	6.5
September	2.9	2.0	-2.4	1.8	-2.7	-4.9	1.2	-3.2	-12.3	2.0	3.0	-1.2
October	9.4	1.1	0.8	6.7	1.4	-0.3	15.3	4.0	-2.9	4.6	11.7	6.1
November	6.1	-1.1	-3.5	3.3	1.3	-7.7	12.0	-2.4	0.4	4.1	6.0	4.2
December	1.6	-0.8	-2.9	0.4	-1.1	-6.7	13.7	-1.5	-4.4	3.6	4.6	2.7
1997												
January	11.1	-1.0	1.9	7.7	0.9	-6.1	15.9	0.2	-0.2	0.9	9.1	4.8
February	1.3	-4.7	-3.7	-0.4	-1.3	-10.9	-0.6	-7.9	1.3	0.8	10.0	5.7
March	6.6	-1.8	1.6	4.5	5.6	-9.7	1.1	-6.5	-5.0	3.8	-0.5	-0.4
April	4.2	-1.5	1.9	2.9	-5.2	-4.1	9.6	-0.3	4.1	5.3	6.1	5.5
May	4.8	2.6	2.8	4.1	3.3	0.4	8.1	2.5	5.9	-1.7	3.1	2.5
June	2.8	3.1	0.5	2.4	-8.6	-5.5	-2.6	-4.6	5.3	-2.8	2.5	1.9
July	5.4	2.5	10.4	5.8	7.0	-3.2	6.8	-0.3	3.8	-4.9	0.9	0.3
August	1.2	0.0	7.9	2.2	-6.0	-4.6	0.3	-3.1	1.5	-3.2	2.6	1.0
September	5.0	4.0	10.7	5.8	12.6	3.0	1.2	2.5	6.2	10.1	5.8	6.9
October	5.0	2.9	11.9	5.8	4.6	0.7	1.2	0.8	6.1	-1.3	5.8	4.1

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RETAIL TURNOVER, By Sub-Group(a): **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	Pharmaceutical cosmetic & toiletry retailing	Other retailing	Total	Hotels and licensed clubs	Cafes and restaurants	Selected services	Total	
\$ MILLION											
1996											
August	393.9	180.5	574.4	495.1	520.9	1 016.0	1 065.3	534.7	184.5	1 784.5	10 507.0
September	370.1	186.1	556.2	469.5	518.7	988.1	1 026.7	516.0	180.5	1 723.2	10 037.1
October	382.1	201.2	583.4	508.6	556.3	1 064.9	1 095.6	526.0	190.0	1 811.7	10 812.0
November	393.4	230.1	623.6	511.9	590.4	1 102.3	1 114.0	528.0	180.8	1 822.8	11 064.6
December	502.6	379.6	882.2	605.3	872.5	1 477.8	1 277.0	589.6	204.3	2 070.9	13 773.1
1997											
January	397.4	182.9	580.3	439.9	552.0	991.9	1 113.0	537.2	194.2	1 844.4	10 667.2
February	377.8	161.7	539.5	422.0	527.6	949.6	993.8	492.6	159.9	1 646.4	9 641.7
March	389.3	185.0	574.3	451.2	537.4	988.6	1 094.1	535.1	171.9	1 801.1	10 448.2
April	394.0	183.1	577.2	486.6	543.0	1 029.6	1 062.6	535.9	174.7	1 773.2	10 335.7
May	400.5	183.1	583.6	504.6	576.8	1 081.4	1 079.1	545.9	180.4	1 805.4	10 935.7
June	377.1	193.8	570.8	478.8	530.6	1 009.4	1 064.4	513.2	175.3	1 752.9	10 220.2
July	391.1	209.6	600.7	529.1	566.5	1 095.6	1 080.1	549.0	184.6	1 813.7	10 892.3
August	399.8	202.9	602.8	532.3	573.1	1 105.3	1 101.0	569.2	180.9	1 851.0	10 723.1
September	402.1	224.6	626.7	516.2	599.6	1 115.9	1 078.6	547.8	177.2	1 803.7	10 755.5
October	408.2	232.0	640.2	518.5	656.8	1 175.3	1 143.6	577.0	187.1	1 907.7	11 433.2
% CHANGE FROM PRECEDING MONTH											
1996											
August	3.9	-1.7	2.1	0.4	5.4	2.9	2.8	0.6	-3.0	1.5	1.2
September	-6.0	3.2	-3.2	-5.2	-0.4	-2.7	-3.6	-3.5	-2.2	-3.4	-4.5
October	3.3	8.1	4.9	8.3	7.2	7.8	6.7	1.9	5.3	5.1	7.7
November	3.0	14.4	6.9	0.6	6.1	3.5	1.7	0.4	-4.8	0.6	2.3
December	27.7	64.9	41.5	18.2	47.8	34.1	14.6	11.7	13.0	13.6	24.5
1997											
January	-20.9	-51.8	-34.2	-27.3	-36.7	-32.9	-12.8	-8.9	-4.9	-10.9	-22.6
February	-4.9	-11.6	-7.0	-4.1	-4.4	-4.3	-10.7	-8.3	-17.7	-10.7	-9.6
March	3.0	14.4	6.4	6.9	1.9	4.1	10.1	8.6	7.5	9.4	8.4
April	1.2	-1.0	0.5	7.8	1.0	4.1	-2.9	0.2	1.6	-1.6	-1.1
May	1.6	0.0	1.1	3.7	6.2	5.0	1.6	1.9	3.3	1.8	5.8
June	-5.9	5.8	-2.2	-5.1	-8.0	-6.7	-1.4	-6.0	-2.8	-2.9	-6.5
July	3.7	8.2	5.2	10.5	6.8	8.5	1.5	7.0	5.3	3.5	6.6
August	2.2	-3.2	0.3	0.6	1.2	0.9	1.9	3.7	-2.0	2.1	-1.6
September	0.6	10.7	4.0	-3.0	4.6	1.0	-2.0	-3.8	-2.0	-2.6	0.3
October	1.5	3.3	2.2	0.4	9.5	5.3	6.0	5.3	5.6	5.8	6.3
% CHANGE FROM CORRESPONDING MONTH OF PREVIOUS YEAR											
1996											
August	-2.8	5.2	-0.4	-2.5	6.6	1.9	-2.1	1.6	3.7	-0.5	3.6
September	-6.6	2.6	-3.7	-8.0	1.3	-3.3	-7.6	-4.8	-1.6	-6.2	-1.5
October	-1.8	8.0	1.4	3.5	8.2	5.9	-1.6	-5.1	-1.3	-2.6	3.9
November	-5.7	4.4	-2.2	-0.5	8.0	3.9	-1.8	-9.4	-7.4	-4.7	1.2
December	-2.8	-0.5	-1.8	-0.4	2.9	1.5	-4.8	-10.9	-11.0	-7.2	-0.9
1997											
January	-9.1	-0.8	-6.7	-5.1	17.4	6.2	0.5	-3.6	-7.1	-1.6	3.6
February	-6.5	-4.6	-6.0	-4.0	11.5	4.0	-2.6	-6.4	-12.2	-4.8	-0.9
March	-3.4	2.7	-1.5	-3.3	13.8	5.3	-1.8	-2.2	-13.3	-3.2	1.7
April	5.5	2.9	4.7	5.5	16.1	10.8	-0.6	-1.9	-7.4	-1.7	2.3
May	2.8	-0.2	1.8	1.8	14.0	8.0	1.0	2.6	-3.0	1.1	3.5
June	0.4	7.5	2.7	1.7	14.8	8.2	1.7	-1.7	-4.2	0.1	1.0
July	3.2	14.2	6.7	7.3	14.6	11.0	4.3	3.3	-2.9	3.2	4.9
August	1.5	12.5	4.9	7.5	10.0	8.8	3.4	6.4	-2.0	3.7	2.1
September	8.6	20.6	12.7	10.0	15.6	12.9	5.1	6.2	-1.8	4.7	7.2
October	6.8	15.3	9.7	1.9	18.1	10.4	4.4	9.7	-1.5	5.3	5.7

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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									
August	3 813.6	2 341.5	1 939.2	778.6	1 059.7	246.8	128.8	198.8	10 507.0
September	3 667.5	2 222.5	1 869.8	739.8	991.0	231.4	119.4	195.6	10 037.1
October	3 887.4	2 476.5	1 953.1	792.5	1 117.9	258.4	122.3	203.8	10 812.0
November	3 996.5	2 556.6	1 980.3	812.0	1 121.6	268.1	116.4	213.2	11 064.6
December	4 969.5	3 266.6	2 398.7	1 032.7	1 368.6	337.5	129.0	270.4	13 773.1
1997									
January	3 776.0	2 493.1	1 957.8	774.0	1 113.8	256.6	102.8	193.0	10 667.2
February	3 453.2	2 256.9	1 724.9	694.5	1 003.5	233.8	98.0	176.9	9 641.7
March	3 741.9	2 459.1	1 867.3	762.4	1 067.4	252.1	105.1	192.9	10 448.2
April	3 644.1	2 465.2	1 846.3	762.1	1 060.1	254.6	108.5	194.9	10 335.7
May	3 892.6	2 543.5	1 985.6	798.9	1 126.2	263.7	114.6	210.7	10 935.7
June	3 670.7	2 367.9	1 869.6	741.8	1 019.4	244.1	113.8	192.9	10 220.2
July	3 883.5	2 490.5	2 015.3	804.6	1 097.2	259.4	128.4	213.6	10 892.3
August	3 823.8	2 472.6	1 983.6	777.6	1 080.3	255.2	125.8	204.1	10 723.1
September	3 844.9	2 482.6	1 979.9	776.9	1 091.2	255.7	121.9	202.4	10 755.5
October	4 029.7	2 660.7	2 116.2	840.2	1 164.2	278.1	125.9	218.3	11 433.2
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (\$ million)									
1996									
August	3 887.6	2 402.4	1 940.9	796.9	1 087.8	253.0	118.4	203.7	10 690.8
September	3 839.7	2 370.8	1 924.0	782.5	1 038.7	252.0	119.0	203.8	10 530.4
October	3 836.4	2 438.1	1 908.7	772.2	1 083.1	255.7	116.4	199.0	10 609.6
November	3 833.3	2 455.3	1 909.0	775.3	1 079.5	257.8	115.5	204.9	10 630.6
December	3 861.8	2 501.5	1 886.0	793.9	1 064.3	259.8	114.9	207.7	10 689.9
1997									
January	3 836.4	2 524.8	1 947.6	791.4	1 125.8	257.0	114.4	206.5	10 803.9
February	3 885.9	2 545.9	1 968.9	789.8	1 125.0	257.2	115.0	203.9	10 891.5
March	3 855.4	2 560.2	1 974.1	791.2	1 119.1	260.7	112.6	195.7	10 869.1
April	3 807.8	2 534.7	1 969.1	785.4	1 104.7	261.2	114.4	200.1	10 777.4
May	3 892.4	2 528.3	1 992.6	794.7	1 115.6	259.4	114.0	208.3	10 905.3
June	3 887.2	2 529.2	1 971.9	799.2	1 104.6	263.7	114.1	202.8	10 872.8
July	3 999.2	2 572.5	2 044.6	822.7	1 111.3	267.2	117.4	220.2	11 155.1
August	3 947.3	2 588.3	2 029.3	811.0	1 136.7	267.1	117.2	213.1	11 110.0
September	4 012.4	2 604.7	2 012.7	812.3	1 126.5	275.1	119.9	209.7	11 173.2
October	3 953.4	2 595.9	2 044.4	817.9	1 130.8	275.7	120.3	211.0	11 149.4
TREND ESTIMATES (\$ million)									
1996									
August	3 867.7	2 395.7	1 932.6	790.5	1 073.6	253.7	119.2	202.4	10 635.2
September	3 859.9	2 409.6	1 925.3	785.9	1 069.6	254.1	117.9	203.1	10 625.4
October	3 852.7	2 432.2	1 917.5	783.1	1 071.6	255.1	116.8	204.0	10 633.0
November	3 847.3	2 461.6	1 914.3	782.7	1 079.4	256.4	115.8	204.4	10 661.8
December	3 845.3	2 492.8	1 920.2	784.2	1 091.1	257.6	115.0	204.3	10 710.5
1997									
January	3 845.4	2 519.0	1 933.3	786.4	1 103.2	258.3	114.4	203.5	10 763.6
February	3 847.6	2 535.3	1 949.4	788.5	1 111.6	258.8	113.9	202.4	10 807.6
March	3 852.1	2 541.3	1 965.3	790.6	1 115.1	259.3	113.7	202.1	10 839.7
April	3 864.0	2 542.4	1 979.3	793.3	1 114.9	260.2	113.8	203.0	10 870.9
May	3 885.0	2 544.9	1 990.8	797.3	1 114.1	261.7	114.3	205.2	10 913.3
June	3 912.2	2 551.9	2 000.8	802.6	1 114.3	264.0	115.3	208.1	10 969.0
July	3 939.7	2 563.9	2 011.6	808.1	1 117.6	266.6	116.5	210.6	11 034.4
August	3 963.6	2 577.9	2 022.4	812.7	1 122.4	269.4	117.7	212.3	11 098.4
September	3 983.3	2 590.9	2 032.2	816.6	1 127.3	272.1	119.0	213.3	11 155.5
October	4 000.8	2 603.1	2 041.4	820.2	1 132.5	274.5	120.1	213.6	11 210.5

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									
August	0.8	1.6	0.8	1.6	1.1	4.3	-0.2	1.9	1.2
September	-3.8	-5.1	-3.6	-5.0	-6.5	-6.2	-7.4	-1.6	-4.5
October	6.0	11.4	4.5	7.1	12.8	11.7	2.5	4.2	7.7
November	2.8	3.2	1.4	2.5	0.3	3.7	-4.9	4.6	2.3
December	24.3	27.8	21.1	27.2	22.0	25.9	10.8	26.9	24.5
1997									
January	-24.0	-23.7	-18.4	-25.1	-18.6	-24.0	-20.3	-28.6	-22.6
February	-8.6	-9.5	-11.9	-10.3	-9.9	-8.9	-4.6	-8.3	-9.5
March	8.4	9.0	8.3	9.8	6.4	7.8	7.1	9.1	8.4
April	-2.6	0.2	-1.1	0.0	-0.7	1.0	3.3	1.0	-1.1
May	6.8	3.2	7.5	4.8	6.2	3.6	5.6	8.1	5.8
June	-5.7	-6.9	-5.8	-7.1	-9.5	-7.4	-0.7	-8.4	-6.5
July	5.8	5.2	7.8	8.5	7.6	6.3	12.8	10.7	6.6
August	-1.5	-0.7	-1.6	-3.3	-1.5	-1.6	-2.0	-4.4	-1.6
September	0.6	0.4	-0.2	-0.1	1.0	0.2	-3.1	-0.8	0.3
October	4.8	7.2	6.9	8.1	6.7	8.8	3.3	7.9	6.3
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (% change from preceding month)									
1996									
August	-0.7	0.0	-1.4	-0.2	0.4	0.5	-1.3	1.1	-0.4
September	-1.2	-1.3	-0.9	-1.8	-4.5	-0.4	0.5	0.0	-1.5
October	-0.1	2.8	-0.8	-1.3	4.3	1.5	-2.2	-2.3	0.8
November	-0.1	0.7	0.0	0.4	-0.3	0.9	-0.8	2.9	0.2
December	0.7	1.9	-1.2	2.4	-1.4	0.8	-0.5	1.4	0.6
1997									
January	-0.7	0.9	3.3	-0.3	5.8	-1.1	-0.4	-0.6	1.1
February	1.3	0.8	1.1	-0.2	-0.1	0.1	0.5	-1.2	0.8
March	-0.8	0.6	0.3	0.2	-0.5	1.4	-2.1	-4.0	-0.2
April	-1.2	-1.0	-0.3	-0.7	-1.3	0.2	1.6	2.2	-0.8
May	2.2	-0.3	1.2	1.2	1.0	-0.7	-0.3	4.1	1.2
June	-0.1	0.0	-1.0	0.6	-1.0	1.7	0.1	-2.7	-0.3
July	2.9	1.7	3.7	2.9	0.6	1.3	2.9	8.6	2.6
August	-1.3	0.6	-0.8	-1.4	2.3	0.0	-0.2	-3.2	-0.4
September	1.6	0.6	-0.8	0.2	-0.9	3.0	2.3	-1.6	0.6
October	-1.5	-0.3	1.6	0.7	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.7	-0.2
TREND ESTIMATES (% change from preceding month)									
1996									
August	-0.1	0.3	-0.1	-0.5	-0.6	-0.1	-1.2	0.3	-0.1
September	-0.2	0.6	-0.4	-0.6	-0.4	0.2	-1.1	0.3	-0.1
October	-0.2	0.9	-0.4	-0.4	0.2	0.4	-1.0	0.4	0.1
November	-0.1	1.2	-0.2	-0.1	0.7	0.5	-0.8	0.2	0.3
December	-0.1	1.3	0.3	0.2	1.1	0.5	-0.7	0.0	0.5
1997									
January	0.0	1.1	0.7	0.3	1.1	0.3	-0.5	-0.4	0.5
February	0.1	0.6	0.8	0.3	0.8	0.2	-0.4	-0.5	0.4
March	0.1	0.2	0.8	0.3	0.3	0.2	-0.2	-0.2	0.3
April	0.3	0.0	0.7	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.5	0.3
May	0.5	0.1	0.6	0.5	-0.1	0.6	0.5	1.1	0.4
June	0.7	0.3	0.5	0.7	0.0	0.9	0.8	1.4	0.5
July	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.3	1.0	1.0	1.2	0.6
August	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.4	1.0	1.1	0.8	0.6
September	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4	1.0	1.1	0.5	0.5
October	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.9	1.0	0.1	0.5

RETAIL TURNOVER, By Industry Group(a)—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								
August	1 450.7	303.5	267.3	442.9	215.4	375.6	758.1	3 813.6
September	1 382.0	288.5	262.7	434.7	212.2	368.8	718.7	3 667.5
October	1 475.6	320.2	279.9	465.3	205.8	388.9	751.7	3 887.4
November	1 482.0	370.4	282.7	472.5	227.5	403.1	758.4	3 996.5
December	1 631.1	645.9	408.3	597.4	309.6	537.1	840.0	4 969.5
1997								
January	1 484.7	284.9	281.1	419.1	200.1	353.4	752.8	3 776.0
February	1 352.8	249.4	223.7	420.5	199.7	331.9	675.1	3 453.2
March	1 487.1	285.0	242.7	430.0	212.1	349.1	735.9	3 741.9
April	1 417.1	281.7	268.3	402.1	201.1	351.7	722.1	3 644.1
May	1 485.9	337.5	300.7	455.7	211.1	362.7	739.0	3 892.6
June	1 386.3	287.2	267.5	442.9	209.8	352.3	724.9	3 670.7
July	1 480.2	341.4	278.4	468.9	214.7	372.2	727.8	3 883.5
August	1 497.7	281.5	250.8	448.0	211.4	374.1	760.2	3 823.8
September	1 469.0	320.6	260.5	450.6	222.9	382.0	739.3	3 844.9
October	1 568.5	332.0	272.9	446.3	216.9	417.3	775.8	4 029.7
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (\$ million)								
1996								
August	1 439.4	338.1	286.1	464.3	216.8	381.0	761.9	3 887.6
September	1 441.0	324.7	284.3	456.3	217.0	368.6	747.8	3 839.7
October	1 442.7	321.2	279.9	456.9	212.2	381.4	742.2	3 836.4
November	1 455.3	337.5	277.8	441.3	215.0	374.8	731.6	3 833.3
December	1 437.5	339.6	288.1	452.2	224.4	376.7	743.4	3 861.8
1997								
January	1 450.0	334.7	285.5	439.8	220.1	371.2	735.1	3 836.4
February	1 458.0	342.2	277.9	474.6	219.2	374.2	739.9	3 885.9
March	1 487.8	329.5	267.4	445.2	214.8	378.0	732.7	3 855.4
April	1 455.1	314.7	271.6	440.6	219.6	378.3	727.8	3 807.8
May	1 481.5	327.9	283.2	452.9	221.2	384.7	741.0	3 892.4
June	1 464.5	314.2	274.8	455.6	223.7	389.0	765.4	3 887.2
July	1 512.4	364.6	279.9	479.1	214.1	400.8	748.4	3 999.2
August	1 505.0	328.0	276.3	477.3	211.4	385.4	763.9	3 947.3
September	1 537.5	358.4	275.1	464.8	229.6	382.0	765.1	4 012.4
October	1 516.8	336.6	272.7	438.1	225.2	403.7	760.3	3 953.4
TREND ESTIMATES (\$ million)								
1996								
August	1 443.9	333.5	283.5	465.9	211.7	377.8	751.4	3 867.7
September	1 443.3	332.2	284.6	460.1	214.4	377.8	747.4	3 859.9
October	1 443.4	332.4	284.7	454.8	216.7	376.8	743.9	3 852.7
November	1 445.1	333.6	283.4	451.2	218.1	375.5	740.5	3 847.3
December	1 449.1	334.9	281.5	449.6	218.7	374.4	737.0	3 845.3
1997								
January	1 454.0	334.5	279.5	449.4	219.1	374.1	734.8	3 845.4
February	1 459.0	332.4	277.8	449.5	219.5	375.1	734.2	3 847.6
March	1 463.8	329.0	276.3	450.2	219.5	377.7	735.6	3 852.1
April	1 469.7	326.9	275.6	453.0	219.0	381.0	738.8	3 864.0
May	1 477.5	327.7	275.7	457.0	218.5	384.6	743.8	3 885.0
June	1 487.0	331.6	276.5	461.1	218.7	387.6	749.8	3 912.2
July	1 497.7	336.7	277.0	464.1	219.3	389.8	755.5	3 939.7
August	1 508.8	341.4	276.7	465.0	220.3	391.6	760.0	3 963.6
September	1 518.5	345.0	276.0	464.0	221.6	393.1	763.3	3 983.3
October	1 527.8	347.8	274.8	461.1	222.8	394.5	765.6	4 000.8

(a) See paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes

RETAIL TURNOVER, By Industry Group(a)—Victoria: All series

Month	Food retailing	Department stores	Clothing and soft goods retailing	Household goods retailing	Recreational goods retailing	Other retailing	Hospitality and services	Total
ORIGINAL (\$ million)								
1996								
August	1 029.9	199.7	137.6	327.8	134.3	221.5	290.9	2 341.5
September	966.8	186.2	136.4	297.9	128.5	210.7	296.0	2 222.5
October	1 061.6	203.9	163.2	341.1	150.2	245.2	311.4	2 476.5
November	1 063.5	250.8	154.3	351.3	159.7	261.0	316.0	2 556.6
December	1 185.9	442.4	218.4	446.1	246.7	363.9	363.3	3 266.6
1997								
January	1 108.7	197.4	153.2	347.3	144.8	220.6	321.1	2 493.1
February	1 009.1	171.9	118.2	320.1	132.2	220.5	284.9	2 256.9
March	1 084.0	214.3	143.1	319.9	142.2	229.8	326.0	2 459.1
April	1 053.7	212.6	173.4	325.2	147.0	242.5	310.7	2 465.2
May	1 104.6	241.0	169.8	327.6	141.1	254.6	304.8	2 543.5
June	1 028.5	200.4	147.1	333.1	134.8	235.7	288.4	2 367.9
July	1 069.4	226.3	164.2	331.4	139.6	254.6	305.0	2 490.5
August	1 069.6	198.2	148.1	336.4	143.9	268.9	307.4	2 472.6
September	1 047.4	226.6	154.5	325.1	151.6	272.7	304.8	2 482.6
October	1 124.7	232.6	168.7	372.2	162.6	271.5	328.4	2 660.7
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (\$ million)								
1996								
August	1 025.7	223.1	152.1	334.5	142.2	224.7	300.2	2 402.4
September	1 018.1	207.0	155.5	319.5	142.5	225.6	302.6	2 370.8
October	1 037.0	212.9	160.0	336.0	149.9	231.9	310.5	2 438.1
November	1 048.9	231.7	153.8	335.6	146.8	235.8	302.6	2 455.3
December	1 052.1	238.1	152.7	343.5	162.8	244.4	308.0	2 501.5
1997								
January	1 083.4	235.1	156.3	342.2	144.5	247.4	315.9	2 524.8
February	1 073.8	238.2	152.4	360.9	146.5	256.7	317.5	2 545.9
March	1 081.5	240.1	160.1	348.5	154.1	252.5	323.5	2 560.2
April	1 074.2	220.9	158.7	344.5	162.2	258.9	315.3	2 534.7
May	1 084.7	233.8	157.8	336.2	148.6	259.0	308.2	2 528.3
June	1 104.1	211.7	155.6	339.4	150.9	264.3	303.2	2 529.2
July	1 090.4	253.3	161.7	336.1	147.5	269.5	314.1	2 572.5
August	1 093.0	229.3	168.2	345.8	155.6	274.0	322.4	2 588.3
September	1 089.3	252.5	168.9	340.6	162.0	285.7	305.7	2 604.7
October	1 086.4	241.1	168.7	356.2	164.3	253.5	325.6	2 595.9
TREND ESTIMATES (\$ million)								
1996								
August	1 022.7	219.1	155.0	328.0	141.7	223.7	306.2	2 395.7
September	1 028.1	219.3	155.2	330.2	143.9	227.7	304.5	2 409.6
October	1 036.9	222.0	155.1	333.5	145.6	232.4	304.8	2 432.2
November	1 047.7	226.6	155.0	338.0	147.0	237.5	307.1	2 461.6
December	1 058.4	231.7	155.1	342.8	148.3	242.8	310.9	2 492.8
1997								
January	1 067.7	235.0	155.3	346.8	149.6	247.7	314.3	2 519.0
February	1 075.1	235.6	155.6	348.6	150.9	251.9	315.9	2 535.3
March	1 080.6	233.4	156.2	347.8	151.7	255.1	315.9	2 541.3
April	1 084.8	230.6	157.1	344.8	152.1	258.5	314.5	2 542.4
May	1 088.0	229.7	158.5	341.8	152.3	262.2	312.7	2 544.9
June	1 090.3	231.3	160.2	340.0	152.7	265.8	311.6	2 551.9
July	1 091.9	234.6	162.5	340.3	153.7	268.9	312.1	2 563.9
August	1 092.3	238.5	164.9	342.2	155.5	270.8	313.7	2 577.9
September	1 091.7	242.0	167.1	344.9	157.9	271.6	315.6	2 590.9
October	1 091.0	245.6	169.2	347.8	160.3	271.1	318.1	2 603.1

(a) See paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes

RETAIL TURNOVER, By Industry Group(a)—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								
August	799.8	156.5	128.1	190.5	106.4	205.8	352.1	1 939.2
September	761.2	152.1	136.7	180.4	100.6	204.7	334.2	1 869.8
October	794.6	164.5	142.2	180.8	103.2	207.6	360.3	1 953.1
November	783.0	187.3	138.8	196.9	110.7	210.6	353.1	1 980.3
December	832.6	305.4	184.4	244.3	149.8	275.5	406.7	2 398.7
1997								
January	792.6	148.5	131.2	179.8	116.8	211.4	377.5	1 957.8
February	709.9	120.3	99.0	168.9	99.3	199.6	327.8	1 724.9
March	780.1	139.5	106.5	165.1	107.4	206.5	362.2	1 867.3
April	750.6	135.4	115.0	167.7	104.2	213.0	360.4	1 846.3
May	795.2	161.5	139.2	180.1	105.4	228.6	375.5	1 985.6
June	751.1	136.5	125.0	174.9	107.9	211.3	362.9	1 869.6
July	801.6	158.2	132.2	180.0	117.7	233.2	392.3	2 015.3
August	794.4	142.8	129.9	171.9	124.1	227.1	393.4	1 983.6
September	773.4	163.3	147.7	173.2	125.5	221.2	375.6	1 979.9
October	833.6	164.0	159.6	189.7	129.2	229.7	410.4	2 116.2
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (\$ million)								
1996								
August	782.4	165.6	133.5	194.8	115.0	203.8	345.8	1 940.9
September	783.7	162.4	133.8	187.7	111.0	203.5	342.0	1 924.0
October	772.0	159.5	135.1	182.4	108.0	199.0	352.7	1 908.7
November	775.0	167.7	132.8	184.5	104.9	201.0	343.2	1 909.0
December	769.6	167.7	136.4	184.6	94.8	201.1	331.9	1 886.0
1997								
January	772.6	164.8	127.3	182.5	111.7	225.2	363.4	1 947.6
February	774.2	164.6	126.3	187.3	111.0	231.7	373.7	1 968.9
March	786.0	169.2	122.6	181.1	118.5	220.6	376.0	1 974.1
April	772.8	155.6	123.7	182.4	113.9	239.2	381.6	1 969.1
May	779.4	160.1	137.6	182.1	112.9	233.3	387.2	1 992.6
June	788.3	144.2	128.8	180.1	116.4	226.4	387.7	1 971.9
July	792.5	180.1	135.5	183.1	123.4	240.0	390.0	2 044.6
August	799.4	158.2	137.2	179.8	133.5	230.4	390.8	2 029.3
September	784.8	171.7	142.3	178.1	137.0	215.1	383.7	2 012.7
October	799.6	158.4	148.9	187.5	133.9	217.2	398.9	2 044.4
TREND ESTIMATES (\$ million)								
1996								
August	778.0	167.3	132.1	191.5	115.9	203.7	345.4	1 932.6
September	778.8	166.6	133.6	189.8	110.6	202.9	344.4	1 925.3
October	777.6	165.7	134.2	187.3	106.6	201.7	344.1	1 917.5
November	775.9	165.2	133.3	185.0	104.8	200.2	345.8	1 914.3
December	774.3	165.5	131.4	183.8	105.2	199.5	350.4	1 920.2
1997								
January	773.1	165.4	129.0	183.4	107.2	(b)227.8	357.8	1 933.3
February	772.0	164.4	127.2	183.4	109.7	228.5	366.5	1 949.4
March	771.1	162.3	126.5	183.2	112.1	229.9	375.1	1 965.3
April	(b)786.0	160.4	127.1	182.5	114.4	231.7	381.9	1 979.3
May	786.0	159.9	129.2	181.7	117.1	232.7	385.9	1 990.8
June	787.1	160.6	132.3	181.2	120.3	232.2	387.5	2 000.8
July	789.2	162.0	135.7	181.1	124.4	230.2	388.8	2 011.6
August	791.8	163.5	139.0	181.3	128.9	227.1	390.2	2 022.4
September	794.0	164.5	142.2	181.9	132.9	223.7	391.6	2 032.2
October	797.0	165.6	144.9	182.5	136.5	219.5	392.7	2 041.4

(a) See paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes

(b) Possible break in series. See paragraph 10 of the Explanatory Notes.



RETAIL TURNOVER, By Industry Group(a)—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								
August	335.3	86.8	35.2	84.3	34.7	67.7	134.6	778.6
September	317.2	80.4	33.4	77.1	33.7	63.0	135.1	739.8
October	350.2	93.0	37.0	77.6	37.4	64.0	133.3	792.5
November	343.5	105.6	37.4	80.0	39.3	64.9	141.2	812.0
December	382.2	170.4	51.9	101.8	56.6	91.1	178.7	1 032.7
1997								
January	351.1	79.3	37.1	70.3	33.4	60.5	142.1	774.0
February	317.3	69.7	28.1	67.0	28.7	56.5	127.1	694.5
March	350.0	82.7	34.9	70.1	32.0	60.7	131.9	762.4
April	331.2	86.2	45.3	73.3	32.6	65.0	128.4	762.1
May	344.6	96.2	45.3	77.2	32.0	71.3	132.4	798.9
June	320.2	80.0	40.7	74.9	29.6	63.9	132.5	741.8
July	355.0	97.9	45.8	83.1	31.6	67.5	123.7	804.6
August	349.6	80.5	38.7	83.5	32.0	66.0	127.4	777.6
September	348.9	84.8	38.8	84.3	33.1	65.8	121.1	776.9
October	370.4	92.0	46.3	94.3	34.6	76.1	126.5	840.2
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (\$ million)								
1996								
August	333.9	94.7	38.2	85.1	37.4	67.3	140.3	796.9
September	333.8	91.7	37.0	80.6	36.8	64.2	138.3	782.5
October	337.0	91.9	35.9	75.8	37.3	62.7	131.6	772.2
November	334.5	95.5	36.9	76.7	37.1	62.5	132.2	775.3
December	333.0	95.2	37.8	77.5	37.8	70.9	141.7	793.9
1997								
January	352.5	93.2	38.6	73.2	33.9	63.5	136.6	791.4
February	347.1	94.6	36.6	77.6	32.4	64.6	137.0	789.8
March	349.1	93.8	39.3	75.8	33.1	65.5	134.7	791.2
April	339.9	91.0	40.7	75.6	34.4	68.5	135.3	785.4
May	338.8	94.1	42.1	79.7	33.8	69.4	136.8	794.7
June	344.8	89.4	41.7	76.1	34.0	68.2	145.0	799.2
July	355.5	101.5	46.8	84.0	33.2	69.3	132.4	822.7
August	356.4	91.3	43.3	84.8	35.3	66.9	133.0	811.0
September	362.9	94.6	42.2	87.1	35.1	66.3	124.1	812.3
October	355.5	92.4	45.5	92.5	34.8	74.5	122.6	817.9
TREND ESTIMATES (\$ million)								
1996								
August	332.5	93.7	38.8	81.6	37.0	66.7	140.2	790.5
September	333.9	93.7	37.9	80.2	37.2	64.8	137.7	785.9
October	335.7	93.8	37.1	78.6	36.9	63.4	136.1	783.1
November	338.2	93.9	36.8	77.1	36.2	62.7	135.6	782.7
December	341.0	94.1	37.0	76.0	35.3	62.9	135.7	784.2
1997								
January	343.2	94.0	37.5	75.4	34.4	63.7	136.1	786.4
February	344.4	93.7	38.3	75.5	33.8	64.9	136.6	788.5
March	344.5	93.3	39.4	75.9	33.4	66.3	137.3	790.6
April	344.5	93.1	40.6	76.6	33.4	67.4	137.8	793.3
May	345.4	93.3	41.8	77.9	33.6	68.0	137.6	797.3
June	347.6	93.7	42.8	79.9	34.0	68.3	136.5	802.6
July	351.1	94.0	43.5	82.3	34.3	68.5	134.3	808.1
August	354.8	94.2	44.0	84.9	34.5	68.9	131.4	812.7
September	357.9	94.1	44.3	87.5	34.8	69.4	128.2	816.6
October	360.6	94.0	44.5	89.8	34.9	69.9	125.1	820.2

(a) See paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes

RETAIL TURNOVER, By Industry Group(a)--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								
August	436.6	94.2	62.8	158.4	54.1	94.3	159.2	1 059.7
September	412.6	82.2	58.0	139.1	53.3	91.9	153.9	991.0
October	450.6	101.3	70.5	171.4	57.5	105.1	161.5	1 117.9
November	448.5	109.6	69.3	172.9	55.1	105.0	161.1	1 121.6
December	509.6	176.8	91.3	207.2	71.2	133.5	179.0	1 368.6
1997								
January	475.0	86.4	64.4	178.7	53.0	93.1	163.1	1 113.8
February	428.7	76.2	50.3	157.2	49.1	91.7	150.4	1 003.5
March	467.0	89.1	56.7	157.1	50.1	87.4	160.0	1 067.4
April	426.1	88.5	59.0	165.0	58.2	101.4	161.8	1 060.1
May	454.4	107.0	65.2	174.2	59.1	103.2	163.1	1 126.2
June	417.5	81.2	53.2	163.1	55.3	91.2	157.9	1 019.4
July	445.1	95.3	50.2	167.8	59.6	105.9	173.4	1 097.2
August	445.8	87.5	45.2	170.0	56.3	103.8	171.7	1 080.3
September	437.8	94.7	44.3	173.3	57.6	111.7	171.8	1 091.2
October	478.5	104.8	53.8	182.4	60.4	113.2	171.1	1 164.2
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (\$ million)								
1996								
August	435.3	102.6	66.7	164.9	56.0	98.6	163.8	1 087.8
September	429.7	95.7	62.1	147.7	55.5	93.1	154.8	1 038.7
October	444.6	98.2	67.2	162.8	57.1	98.8	154.5	1 083.1
November	441.8	99.3	66.5	164.1	53.1	99.1	155.5	1 079.5
December	442.6	98.9	66.2	158.1	48.6	94.5	155.3	1 064.3
1997								
January	466.2	100.0	67.7	177.4	54.9	98.7	160.8	1 125.8
February	458.8	102.3	64.0	175.3	55.5	106.7	162.4	1 125.0
March	467.3	99.8	65.1	175.7	54.5	99.0	157.8	1 119.1
April	434.9	97.2	60.6	179.5	60.5	105.3	166.6	1 104.7
May	449.7	98.9	60.0	171.8	62.3	104.7	168.2	1 115.6
June	452.3	89.5	53.6	171.5	62.8	103.3	171.7	1 104.6
July	446.2	104.8	49.4	166.2	61.4	107.1	176.1	1 111.3
August	455.1	98.8	49.7	184.2	59.6	110.5	178.8	1 136.7
September	451.0	108.1	45.8	180.0	60.2	109.8	171.5	1 126.5
October	471.6	102.6	52.6	173.7	60.1	105.8	164.5	1 130.8
TREND ESTIMATES (\$ million)								
1996								
August	434.7	100.0	66.4	154.1	56.6	100.1	158.6	1 073.6
September	435.8	99.8	66.0	157.5	55.1	97.8	157.3	1 069.6
October	439.5	99.5	66.0	160.4	54.0	96.6	156.4	1 071.6
November	444.9	99.2	66.2	163.4	53.2	96.8	156.1	1 079.4
December	450.4	99.5	66.4	167.0	53.0	98.1	156.6	1 091.1
1997								
January	455.0	99.8	66.3	171.0	53.5	99.7	158.0	1 103.2
February	457.7	99.8	65.5	174.0	54.9	101.1	160.0	1 111.6
March	458.6	98.9	63.7	175.3	57.0	102.4	162.7	1 115.1
April	(b)448.9	97.9	60.9	175.1	59.2	103.6	165.9	1 114.9
May	448.1	97.5	57.7	174.5	60.7	104.8	169.1	1 114.1
June	448.5	98.1	54.5	174.1	61.3	105.9	171.7	1 114.3
July	450.7	99.4	51.9	174.5	61.3	106.9	173.2	1 117.6
August	453.9	101.2	49.9	175.4	61.0	107.8	173.5	1 122.4
September	457.4	102.9	48.5	176.4	60.7	108.5	173.0	1 127.3
October	461.7	104.4	47.9	177.1	60.0	108.6	171.5	1 132.5

(a) See paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes

(b) Possible break in series. See paragraph 10 of the Explanatory Notes.

RETAIL TURNOVER, By Industry Group(a)—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								
August	110.7	n.p.	15.2	25.1	13.4	n.p.	37.1	246.8
September	103.4	n.p.	14.0	25.0	12.7	n.p.	35.5	231.4
October	109.5	n.p.	15.4	31.8	13.8	n.p.	40.5	258.4
November	110.8	n.p.	17.0	32.7	14.8	n.p.	41.9	268.1
December	123.2	n.p.	24.0	41.3	21.9	n.p.	50.1	337.5
1997								
January	114.7	n.p.	14.7	23.8	15.7	n.p.	41.5	256.6
February	103.3	n.p.	12.4	23.6	15.9	n.p.	36.6	233.8
March	113.3	n.p.	14.4	23.1	13.6	n.p.	38.7	252.1
April	109.9	n.p.	15.0	26.5	16.2	n.p.	40.1	254.6
May	115.9	n.p.	15.3	26.2	15.4	n.p.	38.6	263.7
June	107.1	n.p.	13.3	26.6	14.5	n.p.	36.3	244.1
July	114.8	n.p.	15.0	26.4	17.6	n.p.	34.8	259.4
August	112.4	n.p.	14.1	25.2	15.7	n.p.	36.5	255.2
September	109.9	n.p.	14.2	25.1	16.5	n.p.	37.5	255.7
October	123.5	n.p.	15.2	28.1	17.3	n.p.	39.9	278.1
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (\$ million)								
1996								
August	109.6	n.p.	15.9	25.3	14.2	n.p.	38.5	253.0
September	109.8	n.p.	16.8	26.3	14.2	n.p.	39.3	252.0
October	107.6	n.p.	16.3	30.9	14.1	n.p.	39.6	255.7
November	108.2	n.p.	16.4	31.5	14.3	n.p.	39.9	257.8
December	109.7	n.p.	16.6	30.5	14.5	n.p.	40.8	259.8
1997								
January	112.1	n.p.	15.7	27.0	15.5	n.p.	39.0	257.0
February	110.4	n.p.	14.8	28.1	16.0	n.p.	37.1	257.2
March	113.6	n.p.	15.2	25.5	15.0	n.p.	38.8	260.7
April	112.4	n.p.	14.2	27.0	16.9	n.p.	41.2	261.2
May	113.6	n.p.	14.2	25.1	16.1	n.p.	39.4	259.4
June	115.5	n.p.	13.9	26.5	16.7	n.p.	39.9	263.7
July	113.7	n.p.	15.2	26.9	18.8	n.p.	38.0	267.2
August	113.9	n.p.	15.1	26.2	16.5	n.p.	38.3	267.1
September	115.1	n.p.	16.2	26.1	18.4	n.p.	40.8	275.1
October	121.7	n.p.	16.4	27.5	17.5	n.p.	38.7	275.7
TREND ESTIMATES (\$ million)								
1996								
August	109.0	n.p.	16.3	26.6	14.1	n.p.	39.9	253.7
September	108.7	n.p.	16.4	26.9	14.1	n.p.	39.5	254.1
October	108.8	n.p.	16.5	30.2	14.2	n.p.	39.4	255.1
November	109.2	n.p.	16.4	30.1	14.4	n.p.	39.4	256.4
December	109.8	n.p.	16.1	29.6	14.8	n.p.	39.4	257.6
1997								
January	110.6	n.p.	15.7	28.6	15.1	n.p.	39.3	258.3
February	111.6	n.p.	15.2	27.5	15.5	n.p.	39.2	258.8
March	112.5	n.p.	14.7	26.7	15.9	n.p.	39.2	259.3
April	113.1	n.p.	14.4	26.2	16.3	n.p.	39.3	260.2
May	113.5	n.p.	14.3	26.0	16.7	n.p.	39.4	261.7
June	113.9	n.p.	14.5	26.2	17.0	n.p.	39.4	264.0
July	114.6	n.p.	14.9	26.3	17.3	n.p.	39.3	266.6
August	115.6	n.p.	15.3	26.5	17.6	n.p.	39.1	269.4
September	116.6	n.p.	15.7	26.7	17.8	n.p.	39.1	272.1
October	117.8	n.p.	16.2	26.8	17.8	n.p.	39.0	274.5

(a) See paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes

RETAIL TURNOVER, By Industry Group(a)—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								
August	68.4	n.p.	7.5	10.6	6.5	n.p.	20.3	128.8
September	64.4	n.p.	6.9	10.2	5.8	n.p.	18.0	119.4
October	63.9	n.p.	6.3	10.9	6.3	n.p.	19.5	122.3
November	59.2	n.p.	5.6	10.5	5.4	n.p.	18.0	116.4
December	62.0	n.p.	8.0	10.8	6.2	n.p.	18.6	129.0
1997								
January	54.5	n.p.	4.8	8.9	4.9	n.p.	16.4	102.8
February	51.3	n.p.	4.1	9.3	4.5	n.p.	16.3	98.0
March	55.8	n.p.	4.5	9.4	4.7	n.p.	17.5	105.1
April	56.3	n.p.	5.4	9.6	6.2	n.p.	18.2	108.5
May	58.1	n.p.	5.9	10.2	6.5	n.p.	19.4	114.6
June	57.2	n.p.	5.9	9.4	7.0	n.p.	20.2	113.8
July	63.3	n.p.	6.3	12.2	7.3	n.p.	22.7	128.4
August	60.9	n.p.	6.0	11.9	7.5	n.p.	21.5	125.8
September	60.0	n.p.	5.8	11.1	7.3	n.p.	20.0	121.9
October	61.0	n.p.	5.5	12.5	7.4	n.p.	21.3	125.9
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (\$ million)								
1996								
August	63.2	n.p.	6.8	10.1	5.8	n.p.	18.1	118.4
September	64.5	n.p.	6.7	10.6	5.7	n.p.	17.2	119.0
October	61.4	n.p.	6.1	10.2	5.7	n.p.	18.1	116.4
November	59.3	n.p.	5.9	10.1	5.4	n.p.	18.0	115.5
December	59.6	n.p.	5.9	9.6	5.7	n.p.	18.2	114.9
1997								
January	58.3	n.p.	5.6	9.9	5.9	n.p.	18.9	114.4
February	57.9	n.p.	5.6	10.6	5.6	n.p.	19.5	115.0
March	57.9	n.p.	5.5	10.0	5.6	n.p.	18.5	112.6
April	58.3	n.p.	5.9	10.0	6.2	n.p.	19.3	114.4
May	57.8	n.p.	6.1	10.0	6.5	n.p.	19.2	114.0
June	57.6	n.p.	5.6	9.4	6.8	n.p.	20.1	114.1
July	57.6	n.p.	5.3	11.5	6.4	n.p.	20.5	117.4
August	56.9	n.p.	5.2	11.8	6.8	n.p.	19.5	117.2
September	59.7	n.p.	5.8	10.8	6.9	n.p.	18.5	119.9
October	58.8	n.p.	5.3	12.1	6.9	n.p.	19.9	120.3
TREND ESTIMATES (\$ million)								
1996								
August	63.5	n.p.	6.6	10.2	5.9	n.p.	18.2	119.2
September	62.6	n.p.	6.4	10.2	5.8	n.p.	18.0	117.9
October	61.6	n.p.	6.2	10.1	5.7	n.p.	18.0	116.8
November	60.4	n.p.	6.0	10.1	5.6	n.p.	18.1	115.8
December	59.4	n.p.	5.8	10.1	5.6	n.p.	18.3	115.0
1997								
January	58.6	n.p.	5.7	10.0	5.6	n.p.	18.6	114.4
February	58.1	n.p.	5.7	10.0	5.7	n.p.	18.9	113.9
March	57.9	n.p.	5.7	10.0	5.9	n.p.	19.1	113.7
April	57.8	n.p.	5.7	10.0	6.1	n.p.	19.4	113.8
May	57.7	n.p.	5.7	10.2	6.3	n.p.	19.6	114.3
June	57.7	n.p.	5.6	10.4	6.5	n.p.	19.7	115.3
July	57.9	n.p.	5.6	10.8	6.7	n.p.	19.7	116.5
August	58.1	n.p.	5.5	11.1	6.8	n.p.	19.6	117.7
September	58.3	n.p.	5.4	11.5	6.9	n.p.	19.6	119.0
October	58.6	n.p.	5.4	11.8	6.9	n.p.	19.4	120.1

(a) See paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes

RETAIL TURNOVER, By Industry Group(a)—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								
August	84.0	20.8	14.2	20.1	9.7	17.8	32.1	198.8
September	79.4	20.3	15.0	21.1	9.4	18.6	31.8	195.6
October	82.2	22.8	15.0	21.7	9.2	19.5	33.4	203.8
November	83.4	25.2	14.2	24.3	11.1	21.9	33.1	213.2
December	90.0	45.3	21.4	30.9	20.2	28.1	34.5	270.4
1997								
January	75.7	20.1	13.9	24.1	11.5	17.9	29.8	193.0
February	70.9	18.1	11.4	21.5	10.1	16.7	28.2	176.9
March	77.0	21.3	12.5	21.8	12.0	19.4	28.9	192.9
April	73.1	20.6	15.4	22.2	11.6	20.7	31.3	194.9
May	78.6	24.5	16.9	23.7	12.8	21.7	32.5	210.7
June	72.7	20.0	14.5	24.3	12.0	19.5	29.9	192.9
July	77.3	25.6	15.5	27.0	12.7	21.5	34.0	213.6
August	78.5	19.2	14.0	25.1	11.8	22.6	32.9	204.1
September	76.7	21.3	13.5	24.9	12.0	20.4	33.5	202.4
October	83.6	23.2	13.7	27.9	11.8	23.8	34.4	218.3
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (\$ million)								
1996								
August	82.8	24.3	16.4	20.6	10.1	18.1	31.5	203.7
September	81.9	23.4	15.8	22.0	9.8	18.5	32.4	203.8
October	80.3	22.8	15.1	21.6	9.7	17.8	31.7	199.0
November	81.6	24.2	15.1	23.2	10.1	19.4	31.3	204.9
December	81.0	24.2	14.9	23.4	13.1	19.1	32.0	207.7
1997								
January	76.8	24.4	14.9	24.5	12.7	20.0	33.1	206.5
February	76.0	24.8	14.0	24.3	11.6	20.9	32.4	203.9
March	75.1	23.7	13.4	22.2	12.2	21.1	28.2	195.7
April	75.8	20.8	14.2	23.9	12.6	21.7	31.2	200.1
May	76.9	23.4	16.0	24.9	13.1	22.4	31.6	208.3
June	75.9	21.3	14.3	24.6	13.0	22.0	31.7	202.8
July	79.4	27.0	15.7	28.2	13.4	23.7	32.8	220.2
August	78.6	23.4	16.4	26.2	12.3	23.4	32.8	213.1
September	79.4	24.0	14.2	25.9	12.6	20.1	33.4	209.7
October	80.0	23.6	13.8	26.7	12.5	21.8	32.6	211.0
TREND ESTIMATES (\$ million)								
1996								
August	82.5	23.8	15.9	20.7	10.2	17.8	31.4	202.4
September	82.1	23.7	15.8	21.4	10.0	18.1	31.7	203.1
October	81.6	23.8	15.5	22.2	9.9	18.5	32.0	204.0
November	81.1	24.0	15.1	22.9	9.8	18.9	32.1	204.4
December	80.7	24.1	14.7	23.4	(b)12.7	19.5	31.9	204.3
1997								
January	76.3	24.0	14.4	23.6	12.5	20.0	31.6	203.5
February	76.0	23.7	14.2	23.7	12.4	20.6	31.3	202.4
March	75.9	23.3	14.2	23.8	12.4	21.2	31.0	202.1
April	76.0	23.0	14.5	24.2	12.6	21.8	31.0	203.0
May	76.5	23.0	14.8	24.8	12.7	22.3	31.3	205.2
June	77.2	23.3	15.1	25.4	12.9	22.5	31.8	208.1
July	78.0	23.7	15.2	26.0	12.9	22.5	32.3	210.6
August	78.8	24.0	15.2	26.4	12.8	22.3	32.8	212.3
September	79.4	24.2	15.0	26.7	12.7	22.1	33.1	213.3
October	79.9	24.4	14.6	26.8	12.5	21.8	33.1	213.6

(a) See paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes

(b) Possible break in series. See paragraph 10 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% 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*

- Hospitality and Services
 - Hotels and licensed clubs
 - Pubs, taverns and bars (5720)
 - Clubs (Hospitality) (5740)
 - Cafes and restaurants (5730)
 - Selected services
 - 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

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.

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.

7 The State component series have been seasonally adjusted independently. Therefore, the adjusted components may not add to the Australian Group totals.

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.

TREND ESTIMATES

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.

10 For further information, see *A Guide to Interpreting Time Series — Monitoring 'Trends': an Overview* (1348.0) or contact the Assistant Director, Time Series Analysis on (06) 252 6345.

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% 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%. The published estimates are highly reliable for movement analysis;
- B represents a relative standard error on level between 2 and 5%, meaning the estimate is reliable for movement analysis purposes;
- C represents a relative standard error on level between 5 and 10%, meaning users are advised to exercise some caution in interpreting movements for such series; and
- D represents a relative standard error on level greater than 10% (mainly affects unpublished state by industry series).

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

	<i>Food retailing</i>	<i>Department stores</i>	<i>Clothing and soft good retailing</i>	<i>Household good retailing</i>	<i>Recreational good retailing</i>	<i>Other retailing</i>	<i>Hospitality and services</i>	<i>Total</i>
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

EXPLANATORY NOTES

IMPROVEMENTS TO COVERAGE

16 The Retail Trade survey, like most ABS economic surveys, takes its frame (i.e. the retail business population) from the ABS Business Register. The frame is updated quarterly to take account of new businesses, cessations and other general business changes. The Business Register primarily sources its information about new businesses from those businesses applying for group employer (GE) registration with the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

17 Over the past few years, the ABS has been working on improving the coverage of the Business Register. Investigations have revealed that a significant number of businesses were not recorded on the business Register but should have been. These were mainly small businesses. Procedures have been developed to account for the impact of the missing or omitted businesses over the period affected and these have been incorporated into survey estimates as from the July 1997 publication release.

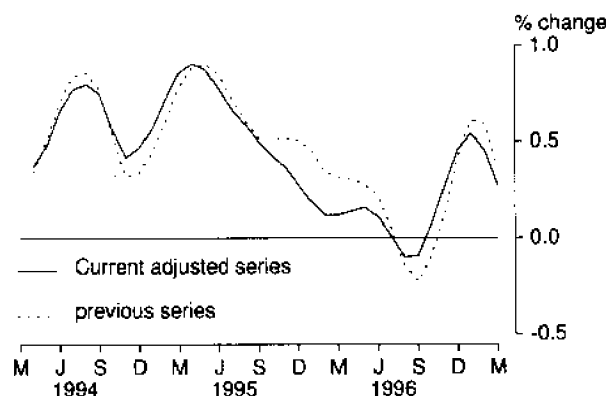
18 In addition the ABS Business Register should ideally record all businesses as soon as they commence operations. However, the ability to achieve this coverage is limited by the time it takes to obtain and process information from the ATO and other sources. The ABS will in future be adjusting for this time lag associated with the time it takes for newly registered businesses to get on to survey frames. Hence from the July 1997 reference month publication, in addition to the missing businesses referred to above, each monthly survey estimate will contain a 'new business provision' to account for the delay in loading new businesses to the survey frame.

IMPACT ON THE ESTIMATES

19 The omission of these small businesses and the delays in loading new businesses have had an impact on survey level estimates but have had very little effect on overall month to month trend estimate movements which have remained essentially the same as previously published. The levels of reported Retail turnover have been understated by small amounts which reached a peak of just of 5% of total Australian turnover in mid 1995. The adjustments have been applied back to 1982.

20 The charts below illustrate the impact on the month to month movement in the trend series (Chart 1) and the absolute trend level estimates (Chart 2). The series shown represent the current adjusted series (from July 1997) and the previous series (to June 1997) for the period April 1994 (commencement of the current survey design) to March 1997 (when the analysis was undertaken). The two series utilise the same seasonal factors to isolate the effect of the adjustments.

CHART 1 — PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN TREND TURNOVER

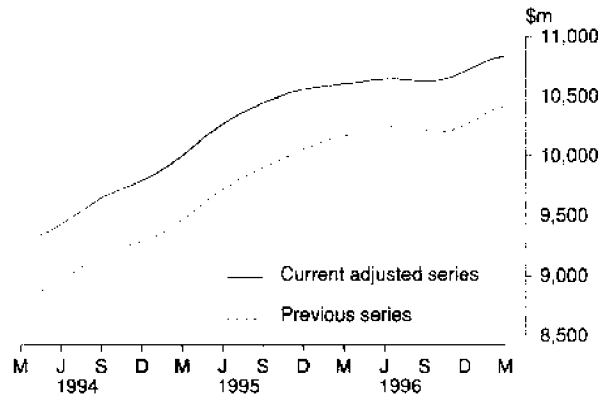


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IMPACT ON THE ESTIMATES

continued

CHART 2 — TREND TURNOVER



BACKCASTING OF SERIES

21 The series have been backcast to the introduction of the adjustments in 1982. The backcast series prior to periods shown in the publication are available. Standard charges apply.

FURTHER INFORMATION

22 For more information on these adjustments, please refer to the *ABS Information Paper—Improvements to ABS Economic Statistics 1997* (1357.0) which was released on 22 August 1997.

UNPUBLISHED DATA

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