

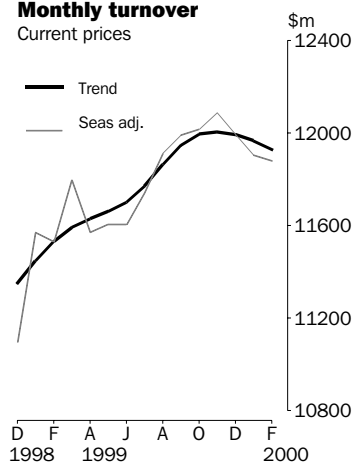


RETAIL TRADE

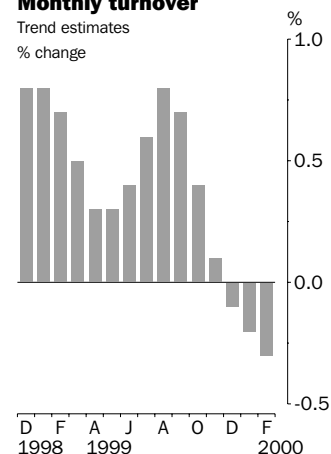
AUSTRALIA

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Monthly turnover
Current prices



Monthly turnover
Trend estimates
% change



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FEBRUARY KEY FIGURES

TREND ESTIMATES

Turnover at current prices (\$ millions)	Jan 2000	Feb 2000	% change
	11 967.7	11 929.6	-0.3
	Feb 1999	Feb 2000	% change
	11 533.0	11 929.6	3.4

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES

Turnover at current prices (\$ millions)	Jan 2000	Feb 2000	% change
	11 905.3	11 877.4	-0.2
	Feb 1999	Feb 2000	% change
	11 530.5	11 877.4	3.0

FEBRUARY KEY POINTS

TREND ESTIMATES

- The trend estimate of turnover for the Australian Retail and Hospitality/Services series recorded a fall of 0.3% for February 2000, following decreases of 0.2% and 0.1% for January and December, respectively. The decline in the trend follows relatively strong growth throughout most of 1999.
- The largest trend falls were recorded in Victoria and New South Wales. South Australia and Tasmania also recorded falls. The Australian Capital Territory recorded continued strong growth.
- Over the three months to February 2000 the trend estimate fell by \$76.0m. The major contributors to this fall were Food retailing (-\$32.7m), Clothing and soft good retailing (-\$28.6m), Other retailing (-\$21.6m) and Department stores (-\$16.5m). Hospitality and services rose by \$17.4m.

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

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

- The seasonally adjusted estimate fell by 0.2% in February 2000. This followed a revised fall of 0.7% in January.
- The seasonal adjustment process accounts for the fact that 2000 is a leap year and February had an additional trading day.

ORIGINAL ESTIMATES

- In original terms, Australian turnover decreased by 6.1% in February over January 2000. However, turnover increased by 6.6% in February 2000 compared with February 1999. For this period chains and other large retailers increased by 10.4% while smaller retailers increased by 2.1%.

NOTES

FORTHCOMING ISSUES

ISSUE	RELEASE DATE
March 2000	8 May 2000
April 2000	1 June 2000
May 2000	3 July 2000

CHANGES IN THIS ISSUE

Revisions have been made to January 2000 data in New South Wales (Food retailing, Other retailing and Hospitality and services), Victoria (Food retailing), Queensland (Food retailing and Hospitality and services), South Australia (Food retailing and Clothing and soft good retailing), Western Australia (Other retailing) and the Northern Territory (Clothing and soft good retailing, Household good retailing and Other retailing).

SAMPLING ERRORS

Standard errors for the Australian estimates (original data) for February 2000 contained in this publication are:

DATA SERIES	ESTIMATE	STANDARD ERROR
Level of retail turnover (\$m)	10 871.2	92.8
Change from January to February (\$m)	-709.9	59.9
% change from January to February	-6.1	0.5

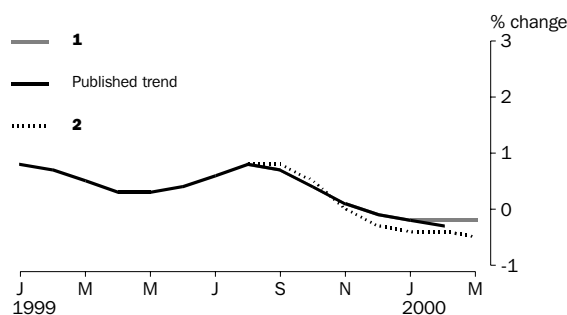
For more information see the Explanatory notes, paragraphs 13–16, or contact Margaret Keenan on 02 6252 5451 .

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

TAKE CARE!
Trend estimates are subject to revision as subsequent data become available.
See Explanatory note 10.

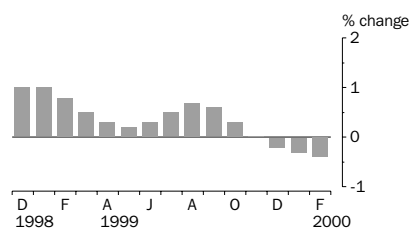


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STATE TRENDS

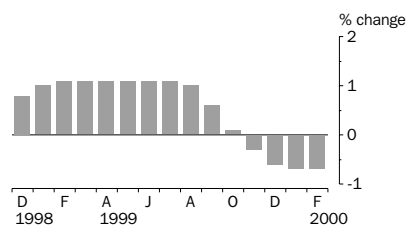
MONTHLY PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN TREND ESTIMATES

NEW SOUTH WALES



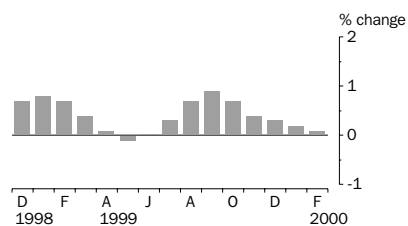
Following a long period of growth the trend estimate has decreased for the last three months. The Food and Clothing and soft goods groups were the major contributors to the decline.

VICTORIA



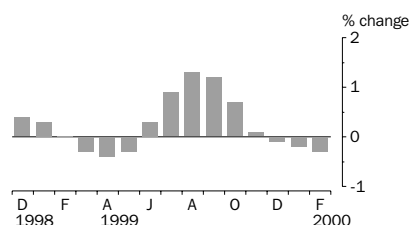
The trend estimate for Victoria has fallen in each of the last four months. All industry groups recorded falls in both January and February 2000.

QUEENSLAND



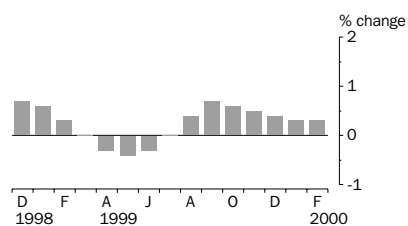
Over each of the last four months the Clothing, Recreational and Other retailing groups recorded falls, while Hospitality/services and Household goods recorded strong growth.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA



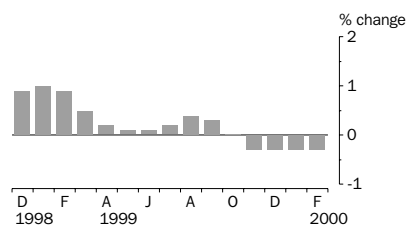
Following an easing in growth since August 1999, the trend estimate has been in decline in the last three months. All groups, except Hospitality/Services and Other retailing recorded falls.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA



Growth in the trend has eased since September 1999. Continued strong growth in Recreational and Other retailing has been partially offset by falls in Food and Household good retailing.

TASMANIA

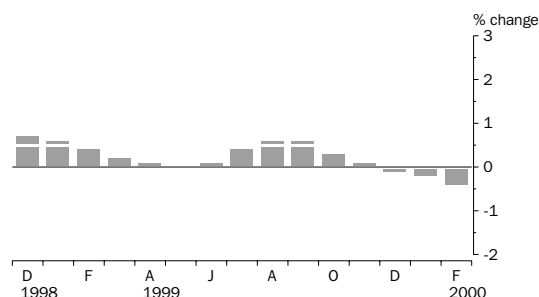


The trend estimate has fallen by 0.3% for each of the last four months. However, growth in the Hospitality/Services group has remained strong.

INDUSTRY TRENDS

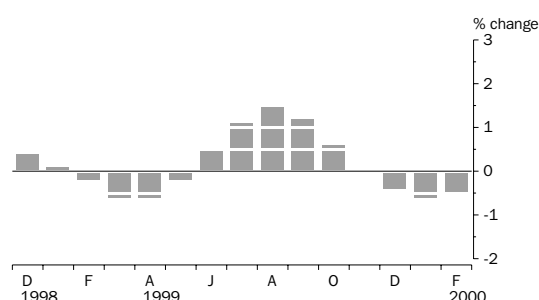
MONTHLY PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN TREND ESTIMATES

FOOD RETAILING



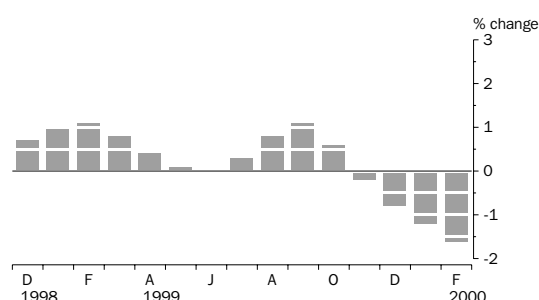
The trend estimate has fallen over the last three months. New South Wales, Victoria and Western Australia recorded moderate falls in February 2000. Growth was weak in the Northern Territory and Queensland and strong in the Australian Capital Territory.

DEPARTMENT STORES



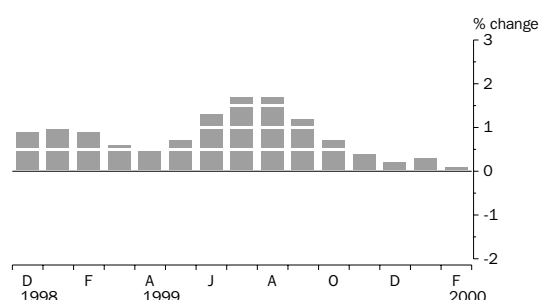
Department stores trend decreased by 0.5% in February, following similar falls in the previous two months. All States recorded falls except Queensland which experienced weak growth and the Australian Capital Territory, where the trend was flat.

CLOTHING AND SOFT GOOD RETAILING



This industry group has continued the downward trend of the previous three months. This downward trend is now strong or moderate in most States. However, Western Australia had weak growth and growth in the Australian Capital Territory was moderate.

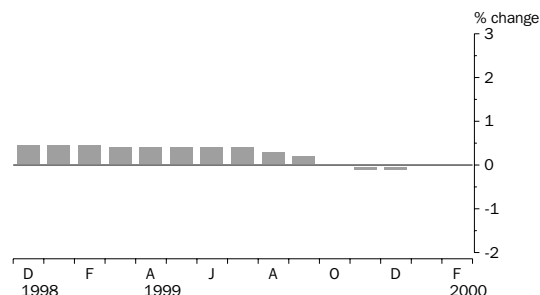
HOUSEHOLD GOOD RETAILING



The growth rate has continued to fall from 1.7% in July 1999 to 0.1% in February 2000. Queensland, the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory recorded strong growth in February, while all other States were flat or in decline.

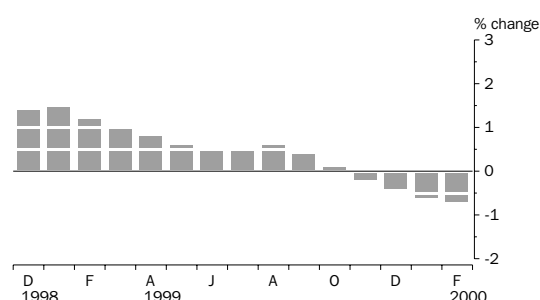
MONTHLY PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN TREND ESTIMATES

RECREATIONAL GOOD RETAILING



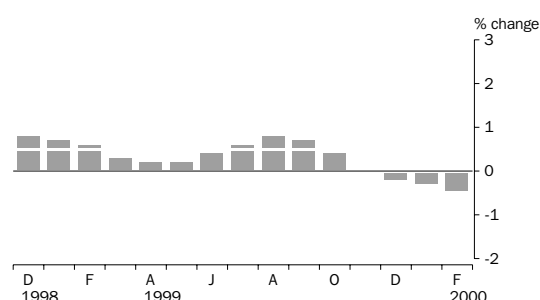
Following a long period of steady growth, the trend estimate has been flat for the past five months. While growth in Western Australia and New South Wales was strong in February, the trend fell in most other States.

OTHER RETAILING



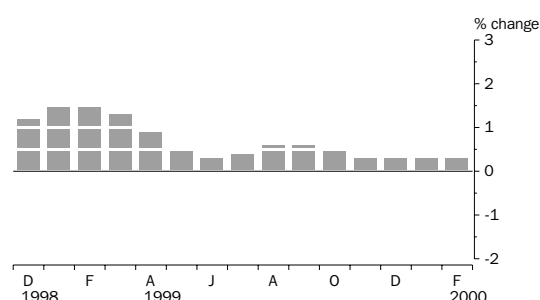
This industry group, which experienced an easing in growth for most of 1999, has been in decline for the last four months. Queensland and Victoria maintained their strong downward trend, however growth in Western Australia remains strong.

TOTAL RETAIL (excluding Hospitality and Services)



In recent months the fall in the trend estimate for Total retail (excluding the Hospitality and services group) is slightly greater than that recorded for Total industries (including the Hospitality and services group).

HOSPITALITY AND SERVICES



The Hospitality and services group has recorded weak growth over the last four months. Over this period Queensland, South Australia and Tasmania recorded strong growth while Victoria was in decline. New South Wales was flat.

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)								
1998								
December	5 305.3	1 976.1	1 101.1	1 587.5	872.6	1 634.5	2 126.5	14 603.7
1999								
January	4 797.3	942.2	738.2	1 251.6	577.3	1 089.6	1 962.3	11 358.5
February	4 357.9	738.5	610.0	1 134.7	533.2	1 029.5	1 795.3	10 199.0
March	4 812.8	903.4	733.0	1 224.6	599.3	1 147.2	1 972.7	11 393.0
April	4 620.1	953.4	795.6	1 175.0	553.7	1 133.0	1 959.3	11 189.9
May	4 605.3	1 011.5	797.1	1 248.9	555.1	1 152.8	1 961.0	11 331.7
June	4 481.0	894.6	782.1	1 266.7	561.1	1 136.1	1 889.1	11 010.6
July	4 768.9	1 054.7	777.0	1 284.6	588.2	1 203.3	2 008.6	11 685.2
August	4 656.1	899.7	737.6	1 298.5	583.3	1 213.5	1 946.3	11 335.1
September	4 724.2	1 002.5	780.3	1 332.8	608.7	1 244.7	2 017.8	11 710.9
October	4 922.2	1 043.9	819.5	1 405.8	598.2	1 247.2	2 121.8	12 158.6
November	4 821.2	1 207.5	844.3	1 421.2	649.7	1 327.6	2 077.1	12 348.7
December	5 665.3	2 070.1	1 194.1	1 763.1	909.6	1 809.1	2 432.7	15 844.1
2000								
January	r 4 803.2	925.1	r 757.9	r 1 347.1	584.9	r 1 103.3	r 2 059.5	r 11 581.1
February	4 549.0	798.3	614.4	1 286.0	570.6	1 094.9	1 958.0	10 871.2
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (\$ million)								
1998								
December	4 584.4	1 013.2	755.8	1 207.3	579.7	1 134.0	1 820.5	11 094.9
1999								
January	4 733.5	1 083.3	754.0	1 289.4	603.4	1 188.5	1 916.6	11 568.6
February	4 698.3	1 020.1	778.8	1 277.6	598.2	1 178.5	1 978.9	11 530.5
March	4 830.0	1 065.6	817.4	1 244.9	611.6	1 230.8	1 999.1	11 799.4
April	4 666.4	1 020.3	795.8	1 280.5	608.1	1 208.2	1 990.8	11 570.1
May	4 705.5	1 030.5	784.8	1 284.2	600.8	1 210.8	1 988.1	11 604.5
June	4 707.3	992.2	793.1	1 286.3	604.7	1 214.0	2 006.0	11 603.6
July	4 742.6	1 068.6	770.7	1 288.0	617.4	1 230.3	2 023.7	11 741.4
August	4 821.9	1 062.6	807.6	1 361.0	618.6	1 251.4	1 990.1	11 913.4
September	4 793.7	1 073.2	812.5	1 387.8	618.6	1 241.5	2 061.7	11 989.0
October	4 819.5	1 097.5	809.5	1 389.3	610.3	1 228.6	2 060.2	12 014.9
November	4 854.7	1 091.0	834.6	1 361.0	621.6	1 262.5	2 061.2	12 086.6
December	4 847.2	1 079.4	816.4	1 329.8	609.0	1 251.8	2 058.7	11 992.2
2000								
January	4 803.4	1 049.1	798.5	1 398.1	609.1	1 215.7	2 031.3	11 905.3
February	4 747.6	1 061.7	748.1	1 397.9	621.5	1 207.5	2 093.2	11 877.4
TREND ESTIMATES (\$ million)								
1998								
December	4 660.6	1 043.6	765.6	1 235.8	595.0	1 159.6	1 890.6	11 351.8
1999								
January	4 690.3	1 045.0	773.2	1 248.2	597.8	1 176.5	1 918.3	11 448.3
February	4 710.9	1 043.4	781.5	1 259.2	600.6	1 190.9	1 947.8	11 533.0
March	4 721.6	1 037.2	787.9	1 267.2	603.2	1 202.2	1 973.6	11 592.2
April	4 725.4	1 031.3	791.4	1 273.4	605.9	1 211.7	1 991.6	11 630.7
May	4 727.3	1 029.3	792.2	1 282.6	608.3	1 219.0	2 002.3	11 660.9
June	4 733.9	1 034.0	792.1	1 298.8	610.5	1 224.6	2 008.1	11 701.9
July	4 751.5	1 045.9	794.1	1 320.6	612.8	1 230.5	2 015.5	11 770.8
August	4 780.3	1 061.8	800.8	1 342.3	614.9	1 237.8	2 026.7	11 864.7
September	4 808.0	1 075.0	809.4	1 358.2	615.9	1 243.4	2 038.4	11 948.2
October	4 824.3	1 081.7	814.5	1 367.8	615.8	1 245.1	2 047.9	11 996.8
November	4 826.9	1 081.2	813.1	1 372.8	614.9	1 242.2	2 054.8	12 005.6
December	4 821.6	1 076.7	806.6	1 376.0	614.3	1 236.7	2 060.4	11 992.2
2000								
January	4 811.2	1 070.2	797.0	1 379.6	614.1	1 229.6	2 065.6	11 967.7
February	4 794.2	1 064.7	784.5	1 380.8	614.3	1 220.6	2 072.2	11 929.6

(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)								
1998								
December	16.2	73.7	44.1	28.5	42.2	35.6	11.8	27.9
1999								
January	-9.6	-52.3	-33.0	-21.2	-33.8	-33.3	-7.7	-22.2
February	-9.2	-21.6	-17.4	-9.3	-7.6	-5.5	-8.5	-10.2
March	10.4	22.3	20.2	7.9	12.4	11.4	9.9	11.7
April	-4.0	5.5	8.5	-4.1	-7.6	-1.2	-0.7	-1.8
May	-0.3	6.1	0.2	6.3	0.3	1.8	0.1	1.3
June	-2.7	-11.6	-1.9	1.4	1.1	-1.4	-3.7	-2.8
July	6.4	17.9	-0.7	1.4	4.8	5.9	6.3	6.1
August	-2.4	-14.7	-5.1	1.1	-0.8	0.9	-3.1	-3.0
September	1.5	11.4	5.8	2.6	4.4	2.6	3.7	3.3
October	4.2	4.1	5.0	5.5	-1.7	0.2	5.2	3.8
November	-2.1	15.7	3.0	1.1	8.6	6.4	-2.1	1.6
December	17.5	71.4	41.4	24.1	40.0	36.3	17.1	28.3
2000								
January	-15.2	-55.3	-36.5	-23.6	-35.7	-39.0	-15.3	-26.9
February	-5.3	-13.7	-18.9	-4.5	-2.4	-0.8	-4.9	-6.1
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (% change from preceding month)								
1998								
December	-0.9	-4.1	-1.6	0.5	-2.6	-1.9	-3.0	-1.6
1999								
January	3.3	6.9	-0.2	6.8	4.1	4.8	5.3	4.3
February	-0.7	-5.8	3.3	-0.9	-0.9	-0.8	3.3	-0.3
March	2.8	4.5	5.0	-2.6	2.2	4.4	1.0	2.3
April	-3.4	-4.3	-2.6	2.9	-0.6	-1.8	-0.4	-1.9
May	0.8	1.0	-1.4	0.3	-1.2	0.2	-0.1	0.3
June	0.0	-3.7	1.1	0.2	0.7	0.3	0.9	0.0
July	0.8	7.7	-2.8	0.1	2.1	1.3	0.9	1.2
August	1.7	-0.6	4.8	5.7	0.2	1.7	-1.7	1.5
September	-0.6	1.0	0.6	2.0	0.0	-0.8	3.6	0.6
October	0.5	2.3	-0.4	0.1	-1.3	-1.0	-0.1	0.2
November	0.7	-0.6	3.1	-2.0	1.9	2.8	0.0	0.6
December	-0.2	-1.1	-2.2	-2.3	-2.0	-0.8	-0.1	-0.8
2000								
January	-0.9	-2.8	-2.2	5.1	0.0	-2.9	-1.3	-0.7
February	-1.2	1.2	-6.3	0.0	2.0	-0.7	3.0	-0.2
TREND ESTIMATES (% change from preceding month)								
1998								
December	0.7	0.4	0.7	0.9	0.5	1.4	1.2	0.8
1999								
January	0.6	0.1	1.0	1.0	0.5	1.5	1.5	0.8
February	0.4	-0.2	1.1	0.9	0.5	1.2	1.5	0.7
March	0.2	-0.6	0.8	0.6	0.4	1.0	1.3	0.5
April	0.1	-0.6	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.8	0.9	0.3
May	0.0	-0.2	0.1	0.7	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.3
June	0.1	0.5	0.0	1.3	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.4
July	0.4	1.1	0.3	1.7	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.6
August	0.6	1.5	0.8	1.7	0.3	0.6	0.6	0.8
September	0.6	1.2	1.1	1.2	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.7
October	0.3	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.0	0.1	0.5	0.4
November	0.1	0.0	-0.2	0.4	-0.1	-0.2	0.3	0.1
December	-0.1	-0.4	-0.8	0.2	-0.1	-0.4	0.3	-0.1
2000								
January	-0.2	-0.6	-1.2	0.3	0.0	-0.6	0.3	-0.2
February	-0.4	-0.5	-1.6	0.1	0.0	-0.7	0.3	-0.3

(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												
1998												
December	3 673.3	589.1	1 043.0	5 305.3	1 976.1	792.3	308.9	1 101.1	339.6	409.4	838.5	1 587.5
1999												
January	3 444.0	563.8	789.5	4 797.3	942.2	483.5	254.6	738.2	317.1	314.1	620.4	1 251.6
February	3 120.1	496.8	741.0	4 357.9	738.5	421.1	188.8	610.0	293.1	289.3	552.4	1 134.7
March	3 455.2	543.5	814.1	4 812.8	903.4	513.2	219.7	733.0	335.8	319.2	569.6	1 224.6
April	3 295.1	514.9	810.0	4 620.1	953.4	561.2	234.4	795.6	302.1	301.0	571.8	1 175.0
May	3 309.5	515.5	780.3	4 605.3	1 011.5	566.8	230.3	797.1	347.5	300.6	600.7	1 248.9
June	3 209.5	510.2	761.2	4 481.0	894.6	564.1	218.0	782.1	350.9	300.4	615.4	1 266.7
July	3 422.0	515.5	831.4	4 768.9	1 054.7	538.7	238.4	777.0	371.6	313.3	599.7	1 284.6
August	3 321.5	523.6	810.9	4 656.1	899.7	524.2	213.4	737.6	372.7	324.9	600.9	1 298.5
September	3 369.4	529.0	825.8	4 724.2	1 002.5	560.0	220.3	780.3	386.8	378.3	567.7	1 332.8
October	3 509.5	545.8	866.9	4 922.2	1 043.9	583.6	235.9	819.5	411.3	414.0	580.4	1 405.8
November	3 421.8	545.8	853.7	4 821.2	1 207.5	596.8	247.5	844.3	411.4	408.8	601.1	1 421.2
December	3 953.9	567.9	1 143.6	5 665.3	2 070.1	886.3	307.8	1 194.1	413.6	485.5	864.0	1 763.1
2000												
January	r 3 476.2	543.8	r 783.2	r 4 803.2	925.1	r 507.6	r 250.2	r 757.9	r 364.6	397.9	r 584.6	r 1 347.1
February	3 329.2	479.3	740.4	4 549.0	798.3	421.1	193.2	614.4	344.7	368.9	572.4	1 286.0
% CHANGE FROM PRECEDING MONTH												
1998												
December	13.6	8.7	32.2	16.2	73.7	49.7	31.4	44.1	-0.4	23.3	49.2	28.5
1999												
January	-6.2	-4.3	-24.3	-9.6	-52.3	-39.0	-17.6	-33.0	-6.6	-23.3	-26.0	-21.2
February	-9.4	-11.9	-6.1	-9.2	-21.6	-12.9	-25.8	-17.4	-7.6	-7.9	-11.0	-9.3
March	10.7	9.4	9.9	10.4	22.3	21.9	16.4	20.2	14.6	10.3	3.1	7.9
April	-4.6	-5.3	-0.5	-4.0	5.5	9.3	6.7	8.5	-10.0	-5.7	0.4	-4.1
May	0.4	0.1	-3.7	-0.3	6.1	1.0	-1.7	0.2	15.0	-0.1	5.1	6.3
June	-3.0	-1.0	-2.5	-2.7	-11.6	-0.5	-5.4	-1.9	1.0	-0.1	2.5	1.4
July	6.6	1.0	9.2	6.4	17.9	-4.5	9.4	-0.7	5.9	4.3	-2.6	1.4
August	-2.9	1.6	-2.5	-2.4	-14.7	-2.7	-10.5	-5.1	0.3	3.7	0.2	1.1
September	1.4	1.0	1.8	1.5	11.4	6.8	3.2	5.8	3.8	16.4	-5.5	2.6
October	4.2	3.2	5.0	4.2	4.1	4.2	7.1	5.0	6.3	9.4	2.2	5.5
November	-2.5	0.0	-1.5	-2.1	15.7	2.3	4.9	3.0	0.0	-1.3	3.6	1.1
December	15.5	4.1	34.0	17.5	71.4	48.5	24.4	41.4	0.5	18.8	43.8	24.1
2000												
January	-12.1	-4.2	-31.5	-15.2	-55.3	-42.7	-18.7	-36.5	-11.8	-18.1	-32.3	-23.6
February	-4.2	-11.8	-5.5	-5.3	-13.7	-17.0	-22.8	-18.9	-5.5	-7.3	-2.1	-4.5
% CHANGE FROM CORRESPONDING MONTH OF PREVIOUS YEAR												
1998												
December	7.6	-7.8	8.8	5.9	5.1	12.5	7.5	11.0	6.9	-7.9	-10.4	-6.5
1999												
January	6.9	-8.1	-0.4	3.6	2.7	7.1	13.5	9.2	6.5	-0.3	0.5	1.7
February	8.2	-9.8	2.7	4.8	3.1	10.7	11.4	10.9	2.6	2.8	4.0	3.3
March	12.3	-6.7	7.2	8.9	9.8	19.1	14.0	17.5	12.3	4.6	-3.5	2.5
April	6.1	-5.6	6.3	4.7	-1.7	14.3	15.3	14.6	6.5	3.2	2.4	3.6
May	5.1	-5.5	1.6	3.2	4.2	3.8	9.0	5.3	9.1	2.2	3.0	4.4
June	6.9	-3.5	3.9	5.1	5.3	12.2	9.4	11.4	7.6	6.5	4.3	5.7
July	6.7	-6.7	7.5	5.2	1.2	1.9	8.9	3.9	10.1	11.7	1.4	6.2
August	5.1	-2.2	7.8	4.7	3.4	7.7	9.2	8.1	17.6	7.3	8.9	10.8
September	7.0	-1.1	6.4	5.9	6.7	10.3	1.9	7.8	22.7	14.7	6.7	13.2
October	2.5	-5.1	6.9	2.3	2.2	8.2	-2.2	5.0	23.0	22.5	1.2	12.8
November	5.8	0.7	8.2	5.6	6.1	12.7	5.3	10.5	20.7	23.1	6.9	15.1
December	7.6	-3.6	9.6	6.8	4.8	11.9	-0.3	8.4	21.8	18.6	3.0	11.1
2000												
January	0.9	-3.5	-0.8	0.1	-1.8	5.0	-1.7	2.7	15.0	26.7	-5.8	7.6
February	6.7	-3.5	-0.1	4.4	8.1	0.0	2.3	0.7	17.6	27.5	3.6	13.3

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RETAIL TURNOVER, By Sub-Group(a): **Original** *continued*

	RECREATIONAL GOOD RETAILING.....			OTHER RETAILING.....			HOSPITALITY AND SERVICES.....				
	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	Total all industries
Month											
\$ MILLION											
1998											
December	454.3	418.3	872.6	653.4	981.1	1 634.5	1 291.7	630.8	204.1	2 126.5	14 603.7
1999											
January	367.9	209.4	577.3	515.9	573.7	1 089.6	1 182.7	591.5	188.1	1 962.3	11 358.5
February	358.8	174.4	533.2	502.8	526.6	1 029.5	1 080.7	545.9	168.7	1 795.3	10 199.0
March	405.0	194.3	599.3	586.3	561.0	1 147.2	1 176.7	610.6	185.4	1 972.7	11 393.0
April	362.1	191.5	553.7	556.5	576.4	1 133.0	1 153.3	625.4	180.5	1 959.3	11 189.9
May	373.2	181.9	555.1	576.7	576.1	1 152.8	1 118.2	653.8	189.1	1 961.0	11 331.7
June	364.1	197.0	561.1	588.8	547.3	1 136.1	1 096.3	601.2	191.6	1 889.1	11 010.6
July	389.5	198.7	588.2	620.7	582.6	1 203.3	1 209.1	611.6	187.9	2 008.6	11 685.2
August	378.5	204.8	583.3	611.9	601.6	1 213.5	1 161.1	615.9	169.3	1 946.3	11 335.1
September	376.9	231.8	608.7	619.4	625.2	1 244.7	1 210.8	634.9	172.1	2 017.8	11 710.9
October	375.7	222.5	598.2	605.3	641.8	1 247.2	1 265.2	669.1	187.5	2 121.8	12 158.6
November	403.9	245.8	649.7	634.0	693.6	1 327.6	1 220.6	671.7	184.9	2 077.1	12 348.7
December	508.9	400.7	909.6	782.9	1 026.2	1 809.1	1 437.4	770.6	224.7	2 432.7	15 844.1
2000											
January	370.5	214.4	584.9	r 513.3	r 590.0	r 1 103.3	r 1 211.1	659.5	r 189.0	r 2 059.5	r 11 581.1
February	384.2	186.4	570.6	516.9	578.0	1 094.9	1 145.1	637.8	175.2	1 958.0	10 871.2
% CHANGE FROM PRECEDING MONTH											
1998											
December	25.1	67.0	42.2	22.0	46.5	35.6	12.7	9.5	13.5	11.8	27.9
1999											
January	-19.0	-49.9	-33.8	-21.0	-41.5	-33.3	-8.4	-6.2	-7.8	-7.7	-22.2
February	-2.5	-16.7	-7.6	-2.5	-8.2	-5.5	-8.6	-7.7	-10.3	-8.5	-10.2
March	12.9	11.4	12.4	16.6	6.5	11.4	8.9	11.8	9.9	9.9	11.7
April	-10.6	-1.4	-7.6	-5.1	2.8	-1.2	-2.0	2.4	-2.6	-0.7	-1.8
May	3.1	-5.1	0.3	3.6	-0.1	1.8	-3.0	4.5	4.7	0.1	1.3
June	-2.4	8.3	1.1	2.1	-5.0	-1.4	-2.0	-8.0	1.3	-3.7	-2.8
July	7.0	0.8	4.8	5.4	6.5	5.9	10.3	1.7	-2.0	6.3	6.1
August	-2.8	3.1	-0.8	-1.4	3.3	0.9	-4.0	0.7	-9.9	-3.1	-3.0
September	-0.4	13.2	4.4	1.2	3.9	2.6	4.3	3.1	1.7	3.7	3.3
October	-0.3	-4.0	-1.7	-2.3	2.7	0.2	4.5	5.4	9.0	5.2	3.8
November	7.5	10.5	8.6	4.7	8.1	6.4	-3.5	0.4	-1.4	-2.1	1.6
December	26.0	63.0	40.0	23.5	48.0	36.3	17.8	14.7	21.5	17.1	28.3
2000											
January	-27.2	-46.5	-35.7	-34.4	-42.5	-39.0	-15.7	-14.4	-15.9	-15.3	-26.9
February	3.7	-13.1	-2.4	0.7	-2.0	-0.8	-5.5	-3.3	-7.3	-4.9	-6.1
% CHANGE FROM CORRESPONDING MONTH OF PREVIOUS YEAR											
1998											
December	-2.2	9.3	3.0	9.0	-0.7	3.0	5.6	7.9	-1.8	5.5	4.1
1999											
January	2.4	4.8	3.3	13.1	-1.4	5.0	9.7	18.7	9.0	12.2	5.2
February	4.7	6.6	5.3	18.8	-4.1	5.9	13.6	25.5	4.2	16.0	6.8
March	11.2	12.2	11.5	24.7	0.1	11.3	12.5	25.3	8.0	15.7	10.3
April	7.6	3.4	6.1	18.1	-3.6	6.0	10.2	27.5	-1.2	13.9	6.4
May	6.3	8.5	7.0	16.6	-2.4	6.3	5.1	25.5	7.1	11.3	5.4
June	5.5	9.2	6.7	21.1	-3.3	8.0	7.6	23.4	11.0	12.5	7.2
July	11.3	-1.6	6.6	21.3	-3.5	7.9	12.8	14.7	1.1	12.1	6.3
August	9.2	-0.1	5.7	19.3	3.7	11.0	5.0	15.6	-2.2	7.4	6.6
September	6.9	-0.2	4.1	18.8	3.0	10.3	13.2	18.5	-2.5	13.3	8.5
October	5.4	-6.0	0.8	10.3	2.0	5.8	9.2	12.2	2.5	9.5	5.1
November	11.3	-1.8	5.9	18.4	3.6	10.2	6.5	16.6	2.8	9.2	8.1
December	12.0	-4.2	4.2	19.8	4.6	10.7	11.3	22.2	10.1	14.4	8.5
2000											
January	0.7	2.4	1.3	-0.5	2.8	1.3	2.4	11.5	0.4	5.0	2.0
February	7.1	6.9	7.0	2.8	9.8	6.4	6.0	16.8	3.8	9.1	6.6

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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)									
1998									
December	5 060.6	3 517.9	2 660.3	1 101.4	1 508.6	340.7	135.8	278.3	14 603.7
1999									
January	4 005.8	2 635.3	2 161.2	835.9	1 144.4	262.2	110.2	203.3	11 358.5
February	3 560.8	2 408.2	1 899.3	740.9	1 054.1	243.4	102.8	189.6	10 199.0
March	3 951.9	2 734.2	2 108.0	842.4	1 154.2	268.7	116.6	216.9	11 393.0
April	3 930.2	2 697.2	2 055.9	808.6	1 108.6	261.2	116.9	211.3	11 189.9
May	3 986.4	2 729.2	2 067.3	811.4	1 137.8	255.5	124.9	219.2	11 331.7
June	3 824.1	2 661.4	2 073.7	784.6	1 081.3	251.0	127.2	207.3	11 010.6
July	4 036.3	2 844.6	2 178.4	853.0	1 145.9	261.8	137.6	227.6	11 685.2
August	3 937.5	2 742.6	2 117.2	820.9	1 108.8	256.6	134.7	216.8	11 335.1
September	4 079.2	2 835.6	2 210.9	847.8	1 125.8	260.8	131.7	219.0	11 710.9
October	4 199.5	2 948.1	2 260.0	897.9	1 219.3	268.9	133.7	231.1	12 158.6
November	4 260.6	3 020.6	2 282.1	911.0	1 232.4	276.1	129.7	236.2	12 348.7
December	5 502.5	3 925.6	2 893.7	1 144.2	1 557.0	364.9	150.4	305.7	15 844.1
2000									
January	r 4 021.4	r 2 761.1	r 2 210.7	r 847.3	r 1 149	258.2	r 114.4	219.1	r 11 581.1
February	3 776.8	2 575.6	2 024.5	791.0	1 123.9	254.3	113.6	211.5	10 871.2
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (\$ million)									
1998									
December	3 852.5	2 634.7	2 056.5	819.6	1 148.8	253.8	118.8	210.2	11 094.9
1999									
January	4 077.2	2 694.4	2 172.6	857.4	1 161.0	265.4	124.2	216.5	11 568.6
February	4 011.9	2 724.0	2 164.4	848.5	1 175.1	267.2	121.3	218.2	11 530.5
March	4 077.0	2 804.3	2 212.4	880.2	1 201.1	276.4	123.9	224.2	11 799.4
April	4 068.0	2 760.6	2 158.9	827.0	1 150.3	264.7	123.5	217.1	11 570.1
May	4 057.7	2 801.2	2 142.9	831.3	1 161.2	264.9	126.0	219.3	11 604.5
June	4 043.3	2 819.4	2 153.6	824.6	1 153.4	265.1	125.2	218.9	11 603.6
July	4 057.4	2 896.7	2 161.6	851.3	1 154.0	269.1	126.4	225.1	11 741.4
August	4 127.4	2 913.7	2 198.1	871.7	1 173.5	274.0	125.9	229.0	11 913.4
September	4 209.2	2 920.4	2 213.1	871.1	1 150.7	273.4	127.3	223.8	11 989.0
October	4 173.9	2 920.2	2 218.2	885.0	1 194.1	268.5	127.5	227.4	12 014.9
November	4 152.3	2 952.3	2 255.9	893.0	1 203.9	267.7	131.0	230.5	12 086.6
December	4 178.8	2 915.5	2 224.5	854.4	1 184.7	272.8	132.2	229.2	11 992.2
2000									
January	4 113.7	2 851.2	2 251.5	881.9	1 173.2	268.0	130.1	235.6	11 905.3
February	4 110.8	2 824.1	2 230.9	871.4	1 208.8	266.9	128.8	235.7	11 877.4
TREND ESTIMATES (\$ million)									
1998									
December	3 953.4	2 670.0	2 125.7	846.3	1 160.9	261.0	121.1	213.3	11 351.8
1999									
January	3 992.7	2 695.6	2 142.9	848.7	1 167.7	263.7	121.7	215.4	11 448.3
February	4 025.7	2 724.5	2 157.4	848.4	1 171.1	266.0	122.5	217.3	11 533.0
March	4 046.0	2 754.1	2 165.8	845.8	1 170.9	267.4	123.4	218.8	11 592.2
April	4 057.0	2 784.3	2 167.5	842.4	1 167.4	268.0	124.2	219.9	11 630.7
May	4 064.5	2 814.4	2 165.4	840.2	1 162.3	268.2	124.9	220.9	11 660.9
June	4 075.6	2 844.4	2 165.2	842.4	1 158.5	268.4	125.4	221.9	11 701.9
July	4 096.5	2 874.9	2 172.3	849.8	1 159.1	269.0	126.0	223.2	11 770.8
August	4 125.8	2 903.9	2 188.2	860.9	1 164.2	270.0	126.8	224.8	11 864.7
September	4 150.5	2 922.6	2 206.8	871.2	1 172.2	270.9	127.7	226.5	11 948.2
October	4 164.2	2 925.8	2 222.5	877.0	1 179.7	270.9	128.7	228.1	11 996.8
November	4 164.2	2 915.8	2 232.4	878.2	1 185.6	270.2	129.5	229.7	12 005.6
December	4 155.4	2 899.1	2 239.0	877.5	1 190.3	269.4	130.2	231.4	11 992.2
2000									
January	4 143.2	2 878.9	2 243.6	876.0	1 194.3	268.6	130.6	233.2	11 967.7
February	4 124.8	2 858.7	2 245.1	873.6	1 197.5	267.8	130.9	235.1	11 929.6

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)									
1998									
December	26.8	30.4	26.1	29.0	28.5	29.1	15.8	30.2	27.9
1999									
January	-20.8	-25.1	-18.8	-24.1	-24.1	-23.1	-18.8	-26.9	-22.2
February	-11.1	-8.6	-12.1	-11.4	-7.9	-7.1	-6.7	-6.7	-10.2
March	11.0	13.5	11.0	13.7	9.5	10.4	13.4	14.4	11.7
April	-0.5	-1.4	-2.5	-4.0	-4.0	-2.8	0.3	-2.6	-1.8
May	1.4	1.2	0.6	0.4	2.6	-2.2	6.8	3.8	1.3
June	-4.1	-2.5	0.3	-3.3	-5.0	-1.7	1.9	-5.4	-2.8
July	5.5	6.9	5.0	8.7	6.0	4.3	8.1	9.8	6.1
August	-2.4	-3.6	-2.8	-3.8	-3.2	-2.0	-2.1	-4.8	-3.0
September	3.6	3.4	4.4	3.3	1.5	1.6	-2.2	1.0	3.3
October	2.9	4.0	2.2	5.9	8.3	3.1	1.5	5.5	3.8
November	1.5	2.5	1.0	1.5	1.1	2.7	-3.0	2.2	1.6
December	29.1	30.0	26.8	25.6	26.3	32.1	16.0	29.5	28.3
2000									
January	-26.9	-29.7	-23.6	-25.9	-26.2	-29.3	-24.0	-28.3	-26.9
February	-6.1	-6.7	-8.4	-6.6	-2.2	-1.5	-0.7	-3.5	-6.1
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (% change from preceding month)									
1998									
December	-1.7	-0.9	-2.4	-3.0	-1.1	-2.0	-0.8	0.3	-1.6
1999									
January	5.8	2.3	5.6	4.6	1.1	4.6	4.5	3.0	4.3
February	-1.6	1.1	-0.4	-1.0	1.2	0.7	-2.3	0.8	-0.3
March	1.6	2.9	2.2	3.7	2.2	3.4	2.1	2.8	2.3
April	-0.2	-1.6	-2.4	-6.0	-4.2	-4.2	-0.3	-3.2	-1.9
May	-0.3	1.5	-0.7	0.5	0.9	0.1	2.0	1.0	0.3
June	-0.4	0.6	0.5	-0.8	-0.7	0.1	-0.6	-0.2	0.0
July	0.3	2.7	0.4	3.2	0.0	1.5	0.9	2.8	1.2
August	1.7	0.6	1.7	2.4	1.7	1.8	-0.3	1.7	1.5
September	2.0	0.2	0.7	-0.1	-1.9	-0.2	1.1	-2.3	0.6
October	-0.8	0.0	0.2	1.6	3.8	-1.8	0.2	1.6	0.2
November	-0.5	1.1	1.7	0.9	0.8	-0.3	2.7	1.3	0.6
December	0.6	-1.2	-1.4	-4.3	-1.6	1.9	0.9	-0.6	-0.8
2000									
January	-1.6	-2.2	1.2	3.2	-1.0	-1.8	-1.5	2.8	-0.7
February	-0.1	-0.9	-0.9	-1.2	3.0	-0.4	-1.0	0.0	-0.2
TREND ESTIMATES (% change from preceding month)									
1998									
December	1.0	0.8	0.7	0.4	0.7	0.9	0.5	0.8	0.8
1999									
January	1.0	1.0	0.8	0.3	0.6	1.0	0.5	1.0	0.8
February	0.8	1.1	0.7	0.0	0.3	0.9	0.6	0.9	0.7
March	0.5	1.1	0.4	-0.3	0.0	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.5
April	0.3	1.1	0.1	-0.4	-0.3	0.2	0.7	0.5	0.3
May	0.2	1.1	-0.1	-0.3	-0.4	0.1	0.6	0.4	0.3
June	0.3	1.1	0.0	0.3	-0.3	0.1	0.4	0.5	0.4
July	0.5	1.1	0.3	0.9	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.6
August	0.7	1.0	0.7	1.3	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.8
September	0.6	0.6	0.9	1.2	0.7	0.3	0.7	0.8	0.7
October	0.3	0.1	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.0	0.8	0.7	0.4
November	0.0	-0.3	0.4	0.1	0.5	-0.3	0.7	0.7	0.1
December	-0.2	-0.6	0.3	-0.1	0.4	-0.3	0.5	0.8	-0.1
2000									
January	-0.3	-0.7	0.2	-0.2	0.3	-0.3	0.3	0.8	-0.2
February	-0.4	-0.7	0.1	-0.3	0.3	-0.3	0.2	0.8	-0.3

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)								
1998								
December	1 743.7	691.3	425.0	489.2	276.0	559.3	876.1	5 060.6
1999								
January	1 567.3	338.7	286.4	385.3	184.5	372.7	870.9	4 005.8
February	1 420.3	252.2	224.2	339.1	177.9	350.3	796.8	3 560.8
March	1 565.4	303.0	257.0	370.6	209.2	367.5	879.2	3 951.9
April	1 495.1	339.1	295.8	356.1	188.3	391.8	864.1	3 930.2
May	1 505.0	349.0	289.2	386.6	184.8	405.1	866.7	3 986.4
June	1 464.4	298.6	275.0	394.5	190.2	373.7	827.7	3 824.1
July	1 532.1	367.8	285.0	404.7	207.4	400.5	838.8	4 036.3
August	1 510.2	309.0	276.1	418.0	201.9	407.5	814.7	3 937.5
September	1 540.3	342.7	283.7	441.9	211.9	424.0	834.7	4 079.2
October	1 602.5	361.2	297.5	460.1	193.0	431.8	853.5	4 199.5
November	1 568.0	418.6	314.2	443.9	210.8	462.3	842.8	4 260.6
December	1 843.4	733.3	458.4	549.3	283.2	647.5	987.2	5 502.5
2000								
January	r 1 543.1	323.6	278.8	417.1	198.4	r 391.2	r 869.1	r 4 021.4
February	1 467.4	276.6	221.8	427.6	196.4	387.1	799.8	3 776.8
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (\$ million)								
1998								
December	1 503.3	344.4	284.2	371.5	192.8	386.6	769.7	3 852.5
1999								
January	1 548.0	387.7	291.7	408.0	202.2	399.5	840.2	4 077.2
February	1 527.5	355.9	283.3	380.6	196.4	401.0	867.2	4 011.9
March	1 568.6	364.2	287.5	375.7	210.3	390.0	880.6	4 077.0
April	1 518.6	360.1	296.9	389.5	208.6	417.7	876.6	4 068.0
May	1 526.4	353.6	282.2	387.3	198.4	425.8	884.0	4 057.7
June	1 537.4	343.3	285.2	390.3	203.0	409.0	875.2	4 043.3
July	1 536.0	364.4	278.6	406.1	216.4	409.9	846.0	4 057.4
August	1 557.2	370.3	303.0	436.7	207.6	426.2	826.5	4 127.4
September	1 582.3	364.8	298.2	456.1	211.6	426.3	869.9	4 209.2
October	1 565.2	380.5	304.8	466.6	202.2	421.0	833.5	4 173.9
November	1 567.6	381.3	311.3	432.0	196.1	437.4	826.5	4 152.3
December	1 582.3	374.0	304.0	418.8	199.9	445.4	854.4	4 178.8
2000								
January	1 536.7	367.3	289.2	439.7	216.7	419.2	844.9	4 113.7
February	1 524.1	374.8	268.4	461.5	209.2	430.8	842.0	4 110.8
TREND ESTIMATES (\$ million)								
1998								
December	1 524.8	361.7	290.6	384.3	197.0	388.1	806.5	3 953.4
1999								
January	1 532.3	363.7	289.5	383.9	198.6	393.9	830.1	3 992.7
February	1 535.9	363.7	288.1	383.5	200.4	399.6	851.9	4 025.7
March	1 536.1	361.2	287.0	383.1	202.0	404.8	868.4	4 046.0
April	1 535.5	358.1	286.4	384.1	203.7	409.5	879.2	4 057.0
May	1 535.9	355.9	286.3	389.7	205.6	413.1	885.7	4 064.5
June	1 538.5	356.3	287.2	401.3	207.2	415.7	889.2	4 075.6
July	1 545.7	359.8	290.3	416.4	207.8	418.5	(b) 835.9	4 096.5
August	1 556.4	365.5	295.4	430.5	207.4	421.7	839.4	4 125.8
September	1 565.5	370.5	300.4	439.6	206.2	425.1	842.0	4 150.5
October	1 569.0	374.0	303.0	443.5	205.0	428.4	843.1	4 164.2
November	1 566.3	375.4	301.9	443.8	204.3	431.1	843.1	4 164.2
December	1 559.9	375.3	297.8	443.0	204.8	432.3	843.1	4 155.4
2000								
January	1 551.7	374.6	292.2	442.9	206.0	432.6	843.1	4 143.2
February	1 542.0	373.8	285.1	442.5	207.9	431.6	843.9	4 124.8

(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)—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)								
1998								
December	1 298.4	498.8	286.1	421.4	232.0	402.0	379.2	3 517.9
1999								
January	1 160.7	224.5	171.0	320.9	148.9	260.0	349.2	2 635.3
February	1 058.0	185.9	151.8	291.5	130.9	256.8	333.4	2 408.2
March	1 166.9	233.5	194.9	308.0	145.3	313.4	372.3	2 734.2
April	1 121.6	236.6	205.5	311.4	139.3	296.2	386.6	2 697.2
May	1 130.3	253.5	207.1	324.0	138.5	288.0	387.9	2 729.2
June	1 089.6	220.4	208.8	319.1	142.0	299.6	382.0	2 661.4
July	1 170.3	263.2	209.4	320.8	135.3	318.3	427.2	2 844.6
August	1 138.2	221.3	200.9	321.3	138.3	310.9	411.6	2 742.6
September	1 146.6	248.5	213.6	330.6	148.6	320.2	427.6	2 835.6
October	1 200.5	259.3	224.0	359.8	147.8	319.9	436.7	2 948.1
November	1 190.1	304.1	232.1	372.7	157.7	334.1	429.8	3 020.6
December	1 411.2	528.1	325.7	477.2	235.8	436.5	511.1	3 925.6
2000								
January	r 1 179.4	228.0	210.3	341.8	136.9	263.9	400.8	r 2 761.1
February	1 116.3	195.9	173.6	311.9	119.5	264.3	394.1	2 575.6
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (\$ million)								
1998								
December	1 121.1	252.4	193.1	324.0	147.3	270.4	326.4	2 634.7
1999								
January	1 141.4	265.0	179.9	317.1	152.5	295.1	343.3	2 694.4
February	1 127.7	255.6	197.8	328.5	147.0	298.7	368.7	2 724.0
March	1 164.8	265.9	206.5	319.2	152.4	327.5	367.9	2 804.3
April	1 130.4	245.3	198.2	334.3	157.7	310.0	384.7	2 760.6
May	1 151.9	253.7	200.7	340.7	151.0	309.8	393.3	2 801.2
June	1 149.9	249.2	209.5	329.2	154.1	323.9	403.6	2 819.4
July	1 168.3	275.5	211.3	327.1	147.1	332.3	435.1	2 896.7
August	1 190.4	268.3	223.9	335.6	150.0	318.3	427.1	2 913.7
September	1 163.5	266.2	230.0	346.3	154.2	329.4	430.7	2 920.4
October	1 183.1	278.6	227.4	344.4	149.1	308.6	429.0	2 920.2
November	1 202.7	276.7	227.3	359.7	146.3	310.4	429.2	2 952.3
December	1 195.9	270.4	222.9	355.6	147.1	288.9	434.7	2 915.5
2000								
January	1 169.8	261.3	225.5	346.2	143.0	308.2	397.3	2 851.2
February	1 156.3	261.6	214.7	341.3	131.8	293.5	425.0	2 824.1
TREND ESTIMATES (\$ million)								
1998								
December	1 129.0	259.3	188.7	318.5	149.8	287.8	337.6	2 670.0
1999								
January	1 134.3	258.9	191.6	320.9	150.2	294.1	346.1	2 695.6
February	1 138.3	257.6	194.8	324.0	151.2	301.5	357.2	2 724.5
March	1 142.0	255.8	197.7	327.2	152.2	308.7	370.3	2 754.1
April	1 146.5	254.9	200.9	329.8	152.6	315.1	384.3	2 784.3
May	1 151.6	255.8	204.9	331.2	152.7	320.1	398.1	2 814.4
June	1 157.7	258.6	210.0	332.4	152.3	323.3	410.1	2 844.4
July	1 165.3	263.2	215.4	334.8	151.6	324.1	420.5	2 874.9
August	1 174.3	268.4	220.7	338.5	151.1	322.9	428.0	2 903.9
September	1 181.8	272.0	224.9	343.1	150.3	319.3	431.0	2 922.6
October	1 185.8	273.0	226.7	347.3	149.2	313.9	429.9	2 925.8
November	1 185.8	271.8	226.3	350.2	147.1	307.8	426.8	2 915.8
December	1 183.2	269.6	224.8	351.1	144.4	302.5	423.4	2 899.1
2000								
January	1 178.7	266.9	223.0	350.6	141.5	298.2	419.9	2 878.9
February	1 173.0	264.8	220.4	349.0	138.4	295.4	417.6	2 858.7

(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)								
1998								
December	946.0	319.5	201.0	268.7	181.4	308.2	435.6	2 660.3
1999								
January	901.3	156.9	149.9	235.3	132.6	213.3	372.0	2 161.2
February	811.5	120.2	123.1	214.4	114.1	192.7	323.1	1 899.3
March	904.5	143.4	145.9	230.3	123.6	211.6	348.7	2 108.0
April	880.6	152.9	148.4	211.4	114.8	206.2	341.5	2 055.9
May	856.8	158.9	149.4	217.7	118.4	217.0	349.1	2 067.3
June	849.3	156.7	155.9	230.2	117.4	225.0	339.1	2 073.7
July	906.9	174.4	133.7	222.0	134.3	233.2	373.9	2 178.4
August	881.9	153.5	127.3	219.9	134.1	239.1	361.4	2 117.2
September	893.7	173.6	143.8	227.7	137.9	242.1	392.0	2 210.9
October	921.4	173.1	149.4	224.6	137.3	229.3	425.1	2 260.0
November	889.4	195.7	142.6	236.5	147.0	250.7	420.1	2 282.1
December	1 027.4	332.2	197.1	293.4	207.8	338.2	497.6	2 893.7
2000								
January	r 931.9	155.1	134.0	246.9	129.9	196.3	r 416.5	r 2 210.7
February	851.3	134.3	100.1	219.7	135.1	191.2	392.9	2 024.5
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (\$ million)								
1998								
December	846.9	163.8	142.4	203.9	123.1	219.9	356.5	2 056.5
1999								
January	890.5	175.2	147.0	238.8	125.6	230.9	364.6	2 172.6
February	885.8	169.2	153.2	234.2	128.9	223.8	369.3	2 164.4
March	908.2	175.8	165.7	236.5	134.4	226.8	364.9	2 212.4
April	885.8	170.4	159.4	237.0	124.5	225.1	356.5	2 158.9
May	871.6	170.7	157.2	230.9	127.7	223.2	361.7	2 142.9
June	876.8	169.0	159.6	236.7	123.3	232.5	355.8	2 153.6
July	886.6	175.9	137.4	220.6	140.2	233.4	367.3	2 161.6
August	899.1	176.8	138.1	231.0	143.0	241.1	369.0	2 198.1
September	894.8	176.5	135.5	227.7	140.1	242.3	396.2	2 213.1
October	907.8	178.4	141.6	222.3	137.0	226.1	405.0	2 218.2
November	901.7	176.2	139.5	227.3	146.5	245.5	419.3	2 255.9
December	911.2	170.2	136.2	221.0	140.7	240.6	404.7	2 224.5
2000								
January	934.0	173.7	135.8	255.6	127.0	215.2	410.2	2 251.5
February	897.1	182.4	120.3	232.0	146.4	214.3	438.4	2 230.9
TREND ESTIMATES (\$ million)								
1998								
December	869.6	170.4	146.9	217.9	128.3	223.2	369.4	2 125.7
1999								
January	878.1	170.8	149.7	224.9	128.0	224.7	366.2	2 142.9
February	884.4	171.2	153.2	231.3	127.3	225.2	363.4	2 157.4
March	887.5	171.4	156.6	235.3	127.1	225.5	361.0	2 165.8
April	887.3	171.6	159.3	236.2	127.9	226.5	359.3	2 167.5
May	885.5	171.9	161.1	234.5	129.5	228.4	359.1	2 165.4
June	884.5	172.8	162.5	231.8	131.7	230.9	361.9	2 165.2
July	885.8	174.1	(b) 135.8	228.6	134.9	234.1	368.5	2 172.3
August	890.9	175.3	137.3	226.5	138.1	237.3	378.3	2 188.2
September	897.7	175.9	138.6	225.7	140.3	238.8	389.2	2 206.8
October	904.1	176.0	138.7	226.7	140.8	237.9	399.3	2 222.5
November	908.4	175.7	137.5	228.9	140.3	234.8	407.9	2 232.4
December	911.5	175.6	135.3	231.9	139.5	230.5	415.1	2 239.0
2000								
January	913.5	175.9	132.5	235.0	138.9	225.8	421.2	2 243.6
February	914.2	176.4	129.7	237.3	138.7	220.8	426.3	2 245.1

(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)								
1998								
December	454.4	170.9	62.1	108.3	47.3	108.1	150.3	1 101.4
1999								
January	404.1	78.0	41.3	88.0	26.8	73.1	124.7	835.9
February	362.1	65.5	34.9	71.8	25.0	69.8	111.9	740.9
March	399.3	83.4	47.5	78.9	28.2	78.7	126.3	842.4
April	372.5	83.4	51.3	75.4	24.6	76.0	125.4	808.6
May	368.8	88.6	50.5	79.3	24.5	76.8	122.8	811.4
June	354.2	81.4	49.1	79.4	24.6	76.2	119.8	784.6
July	386.7	92.5	52.2	86.5	26.2	80.6	128.3	853.0
August	376.7	80.6	46.3	88.4	25.9	82.1	121.0	820.9
September	383.0	87.3	49.4	86.5	29.4	83.4	128.6	847.8
October	395.9	88.9	51.8	97.9	26.5	84.9	152.0	897.9
November	389.2	107.3	51.5	99.2	32.2	91.3	140.5	911.0
December	450.9	166.9	72.1	116.3	47.2	125.9	165.0	1 144.2
2000								
January	r 382.6	80.2	r 44.2	93.3	24.1	80.2	142.8	r 847.3
February	365.6	67.6	35.4	83.3	25.2	80.5	133.5	791.0
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (\$ million)								
1998								
December	381.8	88.3	43.9	79.6	29.7	77.0	119.3	819.6
1999								
January	399.4	93.5	43.0	91.3	27.9	78.7	123.5	857.4
February	396.9	89.9	46.8	81.8	28.4	79.9	124.8	848.5
March	406.6	96.1	50.4	81.6	29.1	82.6	133.8	880.2
April	375.8	88.7	48.6	82.5	27.0	78.9	125.5	827.0
May	379.0	90.1	48.0	81.7	27.1	78.3	127.1	831.3
June	370.8	90.1	48.4	82.1	26.5	77.3	129.4	824.6
July	380.7	90.5	50.6	87.2	27.6	82.6	132.1	851.3
August	394.3	93.9	52.7	89.5	28.3	87.4	125.5	871.7
September	386.5	94.9	52.6	92.7	31.0	82.6	130.8	871.1
October	386.6	93.6	51.9	95.2	26.8	85.7	145.3	885.0
November	392.7	96.4	51.7	94.1	30.2	90.6	137.4	893.0
December	378.9	88.4	51.9	85.8	31.5	90.5	127.5	854.4
2000								
January	384.4	94.1	46.2	97.4	25.7	87.7	146.3	881.9
February	384.9	89.4	45.8	90.5	26.7	89.1	144.9	871.4
TREND ESTIMATES (\$ million)								
1998								
December	392.5	91.3	45.5	83.5	31.8	78.6	124.6	846.3
1999								
January	395.0	91.5	45.8	83.6	(b) 27.3	79.3	124.4	848.7
February	395.5	91.6	46.5	83.3	27.6	79.5	125.3	848.4
March	394.3	91.3	47.3	82.7	27.6	79.5	126.7	845.8
April	(b) 382.3	91.0	48.3	82.3	27.6	79.5	127.8	842.4
May	380.5	90.8	49.2	82.7	27.5	79.7	128.4	840.2
June	380.3	91.1	49.9	84.3	27.4	80.4	128.9	842.4
July	381.8	91.8	50.7	86.7	27.7	81.6	129.9	849.8
August	384.6	92.8	51.6	89.4	28.3	83.4	131.3	860.9
September	386.9	93.6	52.1	91.3	28.9	85.4	133.1	871.2
October	387.7	93.8	51.9	92.4	29.2	87.0	135.1	877.0
November	386.9	93.4	51.1	92.7	29.1	88.1	137.1	878.2
December	385.8	92.7	49.9	92.7	28.7	88.9	139.0	877.5
2000								
January	384.6	91.9	48.5	92.5	28.1	89.4	140.9	876.0
February	383.3	91.0	47.2	92.2	27.5	89.6	142.9	873.6

(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)—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)								
1998								
December	584.9	195.2	74.8	216.2	83.5	169.7	184.3	1 508.6
1999								
January	517.5	92.7	56.0	160.1	50.8	110.5	156.9	1 144.4
February	474.0	75.0	45.6	158.1	50.5	102.2	148.7	1 054.1
March	518.6	92.3	53.3	170.2	54.9	111.7	153.3	1 154.2
April	505.2	90.5	56.0	158.6	49.1	100.1	149.1	1 108.6
May	491.1	110.4	64.2	176.8	51.0	99.9	144.5	1 137.8
June	474.0	91.3	57.5	175.9	50.0	97.0	135.6	1 081.3
July	506.9	102.0	59.7	179.9	47.3	99.2	150.9	1 145.9
August	489.3	88.2	52.5	181.9	46.5	102.9	147.5	1 108.8
September	499.0	99.1	55.6	176.1	43.5	105.7	146.8	1 125.8
October	532.5	108.6	62.0	187.4	54.4	111.9	162.6	1 219.3
November	523.5	120.9	68.4	193.0	59.3	117.1	150.2	1 232.4
December	629.7	204.7	89.1	230.7	75.8	159.5	167.5	1 557.0
2000								
January	507.9	91.2	56.8	177.6	58.8	r 116.2	140.4	r 1 149.0
February	494.7	81.5	53.5	174.0	57.1	114.8	148.3	1 123.9
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (\$ million)								
1998								
December	496.4	103.0	53.8	165.0	54.9	116.2	159.5	1 148.8
1999								
January	504.8	109.3	56.6	164.1	52.7	117.4	156.1	1 161.0
February	507.2	103.2	57.1	172.6	56.4	116.9	161.5	1 175.1
March	519.3	107.8	57.8	182.5	59.0	120.0	154.7	1 201.1
April	509.9	95.2	57.5	169.3	53.2	111.2	153.9	1 150.3
May	503.2	107.5	60.5	182.8	52.9	106.1	148.3	1 161.2
June	508.5	101.8	57.9	179.3	54.3	104.8	146.8	1 153.4
July	505.2	104.7	60.6	184.3	48.6	101.6	148.9	1 154.0
August	508.7	102.0	58.8	193.0	51.2	111.1	148.8	1 173.5
September	503.6	109.9	58.9	183.8	44.8	104.8	144.9	1 150.7
October	524.2	109.2	60.0	180.8	55.0	107.5	157.4	1 194.1
November	530.7	110.0	67.0	178.1	59.4	109.1	149.6	1 203.9
December	528.8	108.8	63.5	180.8	49.9	107.3	145.7	1 184.7
2000								
January	503.1	105.6	57.5	181.5	61.5	125.3	138.7	1 173.2
February	512.3	109.1	64.9	180.5	61.4	124.6	156.1	1 208.8
TREND ESTIMATES (\$ million)								
1998								
December	503.8	105.7	55.1	164.6	55.0	116.3	162.0	1 160.9
1999								
January	505.7	105.4	55.9	168.0	55.4	117.8	(b) 157.6	1 167.7
February	507.8	104.8	56.9	171.2	55.6	117.2	156.6	1 171.1
March	509.4	103.8	57.7	174.3	55.5	114.9	155.0	1 170.9
April	509.5	103.0	58.4	177.3	54.8	111.8	152.8	1 167.4
May	508.1	102.7	58.8	180.4	53.4	108.7	150.5	1 162.3
June	506.6	103.0	58.9	182.9	51.8	106.5	148.8	1 158.5
July	507.0	104.2	59.3	184.5	50.6	105.1	148.4	1 159.1
August	510.0	105.8	59.9	185.0	50.1	104.8	148.7	1 164.2
September	514.3	107.2	60.6	184.4	50.8	105.8	149.1	1 172.2
October	518.0	108.1	61.3	183.0	52.4	108.0	149.1	1 179.7
November	519.7	108.6	62.0	181.5	54.4	110.8	148.7	1 185.6
December	519.7	108.7	62.5	180.5	56.5	114.2	148.2	1 190.3
2000								
January	518.4	108.6	62.8	179.8	58.6	117.8	147.9	1 194.3
February	516.3	108.5	63.0	179.3	60.2	120.9	148.0	1 197.5

(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)								
1998								
December	129.0	n.p.	23.0	35.3	26.2	n.p.	42.0	340.7
1999								
January	113.8	n.p.	14.8	24.9	16.7	n.p.	40.1	262.2
February	105.5	n.p.	13.7	24.7	17.2	n.p.	35.4	243.4
March	116.7	n.p.	15.3	27.0	17.4	n.p.	39.0	268.7
April	111.6	n.p.	17.3	25.1	16.5	n.p.	36.6	261.2
May	110.0	n.p.	15.5	25.1	15.8	n.p.	34.2	255.5
June	107.6	n.p.	15.1	27.6	16.1	n.p.	31.2	251.0
July	113.3	n.p.	15.1	26.2	16.6	n.p.	34.8	261.8
August	111.3	n.p.	13.3	27.6	15.5	n.p.	35.4	256.6
September	113.8	n.p.	14.0	27.5	16.7	n.p.	34.3	260.8
October	119.2	n.p.	13.0	27.9	16.8	n.p.	38.4	268.9
November	116.2	n.p.	14.4	28.2	18.4	n.p.	40.7	276.1
December	139.2	n.p.	21.0	36.9	27.6	n.p.	49.5	364.9
2000								
January	115.9	n.p.	12.9	24.2	18.3	n.p.	42.8	258.2
February	113.4	n.p.	12.6	23.8	18.7	n.p.	42.6	254.3
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (\$ million)								
1998								
December	111.9	n.p.	15.3	24.4	16.5	n.p.	33.8	253.8
1999								
January	111.3	n.p.	15.9	29.2	16.7	n.p.	37.4	265.4
February	113.2	n.p.	16.2	29.4	17.1	n.p.	36.0	267.2
March	118.6	n.p.	15.9	28.7	17.5	n.p.	38.7	276.4
April	112.0	n.p.	15.9	26.4	17.3	n.p.	35.5	264.7
May	111.9	n.p.	15.8	26.1	17.6	n.p.	36.1	264.9
June	112.9	n.p.	15.5	26.9	17.3	n.p.	33.9	265.1
July	111.8	n.p.	15.6	26.7	18.1	n.p.	37.5	269.1
August	116.4	n.p.	14.6	28.8	16.9	n.p.	39.5	274.0
September	115.9	n.p.	15.8	28.5	18.4	n.p.	37.3	273.4
October	117.8	n.p.	14.0	26.8	18.2	n.p.	37.3	268.5
November	115.9	n.p.	13.6	26.3	17.7	n.p.	39.8	267.7
December	120.0	n.p.	14.0	25.8	17.9	n.p.	39.0	272.8
2000								
January	115.3	n.p.	14.4	29.4	19.0	n.p.	41.8	268.0
February	118.5	n.p.	13.8	26.8	17.2	n.p.	41.6	266.9
TREND ESTIMATES (\$ million)								
1998								
December	111.7	n.p.	15.9	26.3	16.8	n.p.	35.9	261.0
1999								
January	112.7	n.p.	15.9	27.3	16.9	n.p.	36.3	263.7
February	113.5	n.p.	15.9	27.8	17.1	n.p.	36.4	266.0
March	113.9	n.p.	15.9	27.9	17.2	n.p.	36.4	267.4
April	113.9	n.p.	15.8	27.6	17.4	n.p.	36.3	268.0
May	113.7	n.p.	15.8	27.3	17.5	n.p.	36.3	268.2
June	113.6	n.p.	15.6	27.1	17.6	n.p.	36.4	268.4
July	114.0	n.p.	15.4	27.2	17.6	n.p.	36.7	269.0
August	114.8	n.p.	15.1	27.4	17.7	n.p.	37.2	270.0
September	115.8	n.p.	14.8	27.4	17.9	n.p.	37.9	270.9
October	116.7	n.p.	14.5	27.3	18.0	n.p.	38.6	270.9
November	117.3	n.p.	14.2	27.2	18.1	n.p.	39.2	270.2
December	117.6	n.p.	14.0	27.1	18.1	n.p.	39.9	269.4
2000								
January	117.8	n.p.	13.9	27.2	18.0	n.p.	40.6	268.6
February	117.8	n.p.	13.8	27.2	18.0	n.p.	41.2	267.8

(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)								
1998								
December	59.8	n.p.	6.6	13.3	6.8	n.p.	22.0	135.8
1999								
January	52.1	n.p.	5.1	11.1	5.2	n.p.	17.7	110.2
February	50.6	n.p.	4.3	11.0	4.9	n.p.	15.8	102.8
March	57.4	n.p.	4.9	11.9	5.3	n.p.	19.1	116.6
April	57.7	n.p.	4.9	11.1	6.0	n.p.	20.2	116.9
May	62.0	n.p.	5.5	11.9	6.1	n.p.	20.9	124.9
June	63.8	n.p.	5.7	12.5	6.2	n.p.	21.3	127.2
July	70.6	n.p.	6.3	12.1	5.9	n.p.	20.6	137.6
August	67.8	n.p.	5.9	12.3	6.2	n.p.	20.2	134.7
September	66.3	n.p.	5.8	12.3	6.2	n.p.	19.3	131.7
October	66.2	n.p.	6.9	12.7	6.6	n.p.	19.6	133.7
November	62.1	n.p.	6.6	14.1	6.4	n.p.	18.4	129.7
December	67.4	n.p.	7.9	18.1	7.4	n.p.	19.2	150.4
2000								
January	57.9	n.p.	r 5.1	r 13.1	4.8	n.p.	15.2	r 114.4
February	57.7	n.p.	4.8	13.4	5.0	n.p.	15.7	113.6
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (\$ million)								
1998								
December	55.6	n.p.	4.7	11.8	6.1	n.p.	21.4	118.8
1999								
January	57.1	n.p.	6.0	12.4	6.0	n.p.	20.9	124.2
February	58.3	n.p.	6.0	12.2	5.9	n.p.	19.0	121.3
March	59.6	n.p.	5.9	11.6	5.9	n.p.	21.0	123.9
April	59.8	n.p.	5.4	11.6	5.9	n.p.	21.7	123.5
May	62.0	n.p.	5.6	11.8	6.0	n.p.	20.9	126.0
June	62.5	n.p.	5.4	11.8	5.9	n.p.	20.6	125.2
July	64.1	n.p.	5.7	12.2	5.6	n.p.	17.5	126.4
August	64.9	n.p.	5.2	12.2	5.6	n.p.	17.9	125.9
September	63.7	n.p.	5.6	12.5	5.9	n.p.	18.2	127.3
October	63.5	n.p.	6.7	12.0	6.3	n.p.	18.2	127.5
November	64.1	n.p.	6.5	13.9	6.6	n.p.	18.9	131.0
December	63.1	n.p.	5.7	16.0	6.9	n.p.	18.7	132.2
2000								
January	63.9	n.p.	6.2	15.1	5.7	n.p.	17.9	130.1
February	64.4	n.p.	6.3	14.2	5.6	n.p.	18.2	128.8
TREND ESTIMATES (\$ million)								
1998								
December	56.4	n.p.	5.7	12.1	5.9	n.p.	21.3	121.1
1999								
January	57.2	n.p.	5.7	12.1	5.9	n.p.	21.0	121.7
February	58.1	n.p.	5.7	12.0	6.0	n.p.	20.8	122.5
March	59.3	n.p.	5.7	11.9	6.0	n.p.	20.8	123.4
April	60.5	n.p.	5.6	11.8	5.9	n.p.	20.6	124.2
May	61.8	n.p.	5.5	11.8	5.9	n.p.	20.3	124.9
June	62.8	n.p.	5.5	11.8	5.8	n.p.	19.7	125.4
July	63.6	n.p.	5.5	11.9	5.8	n.p.	19.0	126.0
August	64.0	n.p.	5.7	12.2	5.9	n.p.	18.5	126.8
September	64.0	n.p.	5.9	12.6	6.1	n.p.	18.2	127.7
October	63.9	n.p.	6.0	13.2	6.2	n.p.	18.2	128.7
November	63.8	n.p.	6.2	13.8	6.3	n.p.	18.3	129.5
December	63.8	n.p.	6.2	14.4	6.3	n.p.	18.4	130.2
2000								
January	63.8	n.p.	6.3	14.8	6.2	n.p.	18.4	130.6
February	63.9	n.p.	6.3	15.2	6.0	n.p.	18.3	130.9

(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)								
1998								
December	89.0	46.8	22.6	35.1	19.3	28.5	37.0	278.3
1999								
January	80.6	24.6	13.7	26.1	11.7	15.9	30.8	203.3
February	75.9	17.0	12.3	24.2	12.8	17.2	30.2	189.6
March	83.9	21.3	14.2	27.8	15.4	19.4	34.8	216.9
April	75.8	23.8	16.5	25.9	15.0	18.5	35.7	211.3
May	81.3	23.6	15.7	27.5	15.9	20.2	34.9	219.2
June	78.1	19.8	15.1	27.5	14.7	19.9	32.3	207.3
July	82.2	25.8	15.5	32.3	15.2	22.6	34.1	227.6
August	80.6	20.3	15.3	29.3	14.8	21.9	34.6	216.8
September	81.5	22.2	14.2	30.1	14.6	22.0	34.5	219.0
October	84.0	24.0	15.0	35.4	15.9	23.0	34.0	231.1
November	82.7	27.8	14.5	33.7	18.0	24.8	34.6	236.2
December	96.2	49.9	22.8	41.3	24.8	35.2	35.6	305.7
2000								
January	84.6	22.1	15.6	33.1	13.6	18.0	32.1	219.1
February	82.6	19.2	12.6	32.3	13.8	19.7	31.1	211.5
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (\$ million)								
1998								
December	78.9	24.2	15.1	25.5	12.7	19.4	34.5	210.2
1999								
January	81.1	28.0	15.2	26.6	13.5	18.0	33.9	216.5
February	81.6	23.2	15.8	27.4	14.6	21.4	34.3	218.2
March	83.2	25.1	15.7	28.9	15.6	20.6	35.0	224.2
April	78.4	23.7	15.7	28.5	16.1	20.0	34.7	217.1
May	81.2	23.1	14.9	28.8	16.2	20.8	34.4	219.3
June	81.6	21.5	14.8	29.8	15.6	21.8	33.7	218.9
July	80.5	25.9	14.9	32.4	14.7	24.6	32.1	225.1
August	82.2	25.3	17.1	31.5	15.8	22.1	34.9	229.0
September	82.9	24.7	14.7	30.7	15.2	21.8	33.8	223.8
October	81.8	25.1	15.5	34.2	16.9	21.8	32.2	227.4
November	82.9	26.5	15.3	32.1	17.2	22.5	34.1	230.5
December	84.2	26.5	15.2	30.1	16.7	23.6	33.0	229.2
2000								
January	86.4	24.8	17.9	34.3	15.9	20.4	35.9	235.6
February	86.2	25.3	15.6	35.9	15.2	23.7	33.9	235.7
TREND ESTIMATES (\$ million)								
1998								
December	79.7	25.1	15.3	26.2	13.1	19.7	34.7	213.3
1999								
January	80.3	25.1	15.4	26.6	13.8	19.6	(b) 34.4	215.4
February	80.8	24.8	15.5	27.2	14.6	19.8	34.5	217.3
March	81.0	24.3	15.5	28.0	15.3	20.2	34.5	218.8
April	81.1	23.8	15.4	28.8	15.7	20.9	34.4	219.9
May	81.0	23.6	15.3	29.5	15.8	21.5	34.2	220.9
June	81.1	23.6	15.3	30.3	15.7	22.0	33.9	221.9
July	81.2	24.1	15.3	31.0	15.6	22.3	33.6	223.2
August	81.6	24.7	15.4	31.5	15.7	22.5	33.4	224.8
September	82.1	25.2	15.4	31.9	16.0	22.5	33.4	226.5
October	82.8	25.6	15.6	32.1	16.3	22.4	33.5	228.1
November	83.5	25.7	15.7	32.4	16.4	22.3	33.7	229.7
December	84.4	25.7	15.9	32.9	16.4	22.3	34.0	231.4
2000								
January	85.2	25.6	16.1	33.5	16.3	22.4	34.2	233.2
February	85.9	25.6	16.2	34.1	16.0	22.6	34.3	235.1

(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)

EXPLANATORY NOTES

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).

4 The Retail Trade survey, like most ABS economic surveys, takes its frame from the ABS Business Register which is primarily based on registrations to the Australian Taxation Office's Group Employer scheme. The frame is updated quarterly to take account of new businesses, cessations, non-remitting businesses and other general business changes. The estimates include an allowance for the time it takes a newly registered business to get on to the survey frame.

DEFINITION OF TURNOVER

5 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

6 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.

7 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). In the seasonal adjustment process, both the seasonal and trading day factors evolve over time to reflect changes in spending and trading patterns. Examples of this evolution include the change in seasonality seen in the slow move in spending from December to January; and, increased trading activity on weekends and public holidays. The seasonally adjusted estimates still reflect the sampling and non-sampling errors to which the original estimates are subject.

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

9 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

10 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.

11 For further information, see *A Guide to Interpreting Time Series—Monitoring 'Trends': an Overview* (Cat. no. 1348.0) or contact the Assistant Director, Time Series Analysis on (02) 6252 6345.

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CHAIN VOLUME MEASURES 12 The chain volume measures of retail turnover appearing in the quarterly issue of this publication are annually reweighted chain Laspeyres indexes referenced to current price values in a chosen reference year (currently 1997–1998). The reference year will be updated in the June quarter publication each year. Each year's data in the Retail chain volume series are based on the prices of the previous year, except for the quarters of the latest incomplete year (i.e. for the 1999–2000 financial year) which are based upon the 1997–1998 financial year. Comparability with previous years is achieved by linking (or chaining) the series together to form a continuous time series.

RELIABILITY OF ESTIMATES

13 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

14 Seasonally adjusted and trend estimates and chain volume measures 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 chain volume measures, 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.

15 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).

16 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	n.p.	B	C	C	n.p.	C	B
NT	B	n.p.	B	C	C	n.p.	C	B
ACT	B	A	B	C	C	C	C	A
Australia	A	A	A	B	B	B	B	A

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IMPROVEMENTS TO COVERAGE

17 While the ABS has been using the Australian Taxation Office's Group employer scheme as a source of information about new businesses for many years, the scheme, for timing and definitional reasons, has not been a suitable source for directly identifying businesses that have ceased operations. To date these businesses have mainly been identified as a by-product of processing new businesses. Following upgrades to Australian Taxation Office procedures, the ABS has recently re-evaluated the use of the Group Employer scheme and has now decided to use this source to remove from survey frames those businesses which have cancelled their Group Employer registration or who have not remitted to the Australian Taxation Office for five quarters or more.

18 The focus of using Group Employer information to remove businesses from survey frames was introduced into the Retail Trade series from the July 1999 reference month. This resulted in a large backlog of mainly non-operating businesses being deleted from the Retail Trade frame. The process is now ongoing, and the number of deletions in future quarters will be relatively small.

19 As a result of this improvement in coverage, ABS business surveys now more accurately and efficiently cover employing businesses. The removal of cancelled and non-remitting businesses resulted in a reduction in the level of Retail turnover estimates published for most industries prior to July 1999 because of the elimination of some non-employing live businesses. However, there was little change to the month to month movements as estimates back to April 1988 were adjusted in such a way as to phase in the impact over this period. Before this period the impact is considered to be negligible.

UNPUBLISHED DATA

20 The Retail Survey Special Data Service provides additional retail trade statistics which include further State industry dissections through to 'top ten' industry reports. For more information, contact the Retail Trade Special Data Services manager on (02) 6252 5220.

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