

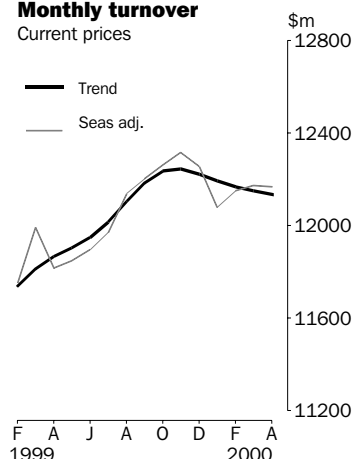
RETAIL TRADE

AUSTRALIA

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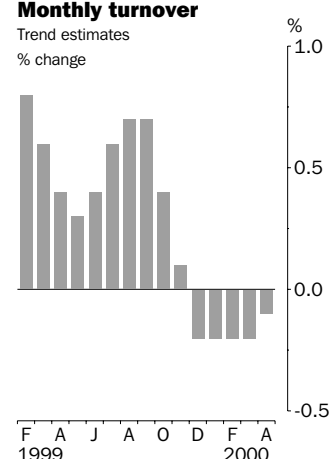
Monthly turnover

Current prices



Monthly turnover

Trend estimates
% change



APRIL KEY FIGURES

TREND ESTIMATES

Turnover at current prices (\$ millions)	Mar 2000	Apr 2000	% change
	12 149.8	12 131.7	-0.1
	Apr 1999	Apr 2000	% change
	11 866.1	12 131.7	2.2

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES

Turnover at current prices (\$ millions)	Mar 2000	Apr 2000	% change
	12 172.1	12 167.0	0.0
	Apr 1999	Apr 2000	% change
	11 815.6	12 167.0	3.0

APRIL KEY POINTS

TREND ESTIMATES

- The trend estimate of turnover for the Australian Retail and Hospitality/Services series recorded a fall of 0.1% for April 2000. This follows four consecutive falls of 0.2%. The decline in the trend follows relatively strong growth throughout most of 1999.
- In April, the largest trend fall was recorded in Victoria, while there was moderate growth in Western Australia and Tasmania. The Australian Capital recorded strong growth.
- Over the three months to April 2000 the trend estimate fell by \$60.7m. The major contributors to this fall were Food retailing (-\$32.7m) and Clothing and soft good retailing (-\$26.8m).

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

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

- Seasonally adjusted and trend estimates in this publication reflect the introduction of concurrent seasonal adjustment which has revised data for previous months. For more details see page 24.
- The monthly movement in the seasonally adjusted estimate for April 2000 was flat following small increases in February (0.6%) and March (0.2%).

ORIGINAL ESTIMATES

- In original terms, Australian turnover increased by 1.5% in April 2000 over April 1999. For this period chains and other large retailers increased by 5.7%, while smaller retailers fell by 3.4%.

- For further information about these and related statistics, contact Graham Phillips on 02 6252 5625. For information about the volume estimates contact Leon Ting on 02 6252 6807.

NOTES

FORTHCOMING ISSUES

ISSUE	RELEASE DATE
May 2000	3 July 2000
June 2000	2 August 2000
July 2000	30 August 2000

CHANGES IN THIS ISSUE

As advised in the March 2000 issue, concurrent seasonal adjustment and changed procedures for maintaining the survey frame have been introduced. The changed frame maintenance procedures have resulted in an increase in the level of Retail turnover for most industries but the increases have been phased in so that current and historical month to month movements have not been perceptibly affected. Refer to paragraphs 7 to 15 and 21 to 23 of the Explanatory Notes for more details.

SAMPLING ERRORS

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

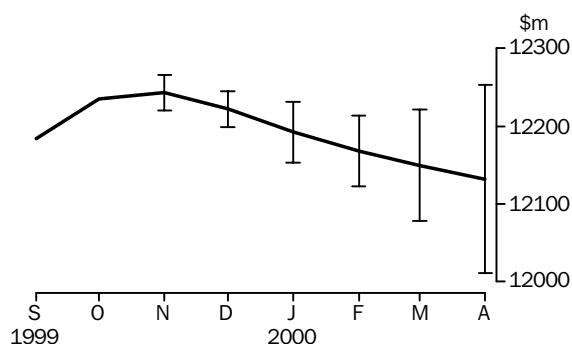
DATA SERIES	ESTIMATE	STANDARD ERROR
Level of retail turnover (\$m)	11 585.8	99.6
Change from March to April (\$m)	-389.7	59.7
% change from March to April	-3.3	0.5

For more information see the Explanatory notes, paragraphs 18-20, or contact Graham Phillips on 02 6252 5625 .

TREND REVISIONS

With the introduction of concurrent seasonal adjustment the trend 'What if?' analysis has been replaced with a trend revisions analysis. Trend estimates can be revised as a result of revisions to the original and seasonally adjusted estimates, and due to the trending methodology itself. The extent of revisions to the trend series that have occurred due to the seasonal adjustment and trending methodologies can be used to assess the likely extent of revisions to the series. The graph below presents the expected range within which, based on past performance of the series, it is expected that the final trend estimates will fall around 90% of the time.

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Trend estimates are subject to revision as subsequent data become available. See Explanatory note 14.

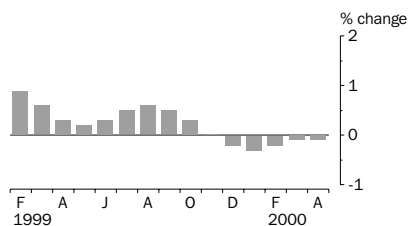


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STATE TRENDS

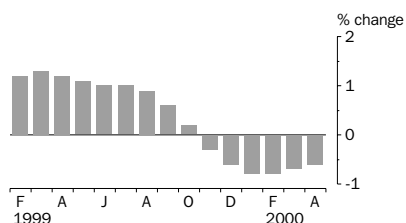
MONTHLY PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN TREND ESTIMATES

NEW SOUTH WALES



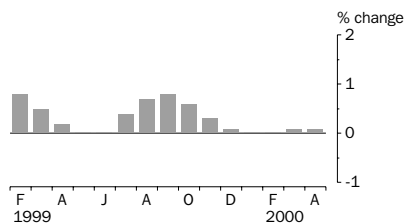
For the last five months this State has been in decline with the Food and Clothing groups the major contributors. Hospitality/services, Recreational and Household good retailing all grew.

VICTORIA



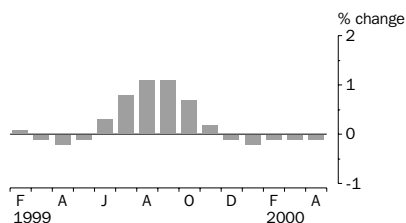
There has been a moderate decline in the trend estimate for the last six months. All industry groups recorded falls in April, except Other retailing which recorded moderate growth.

QUEENSLAND



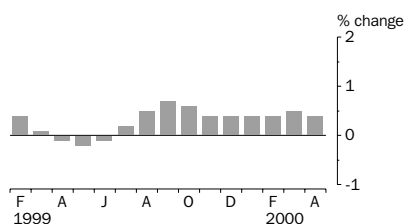
There has been weak growth in the trend estimate over recent months. Household good and Department stores grew strongly in April, while most other groups recorded falls.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA



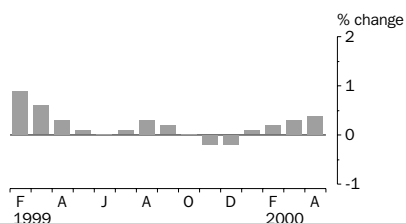
The trend has been in a weak decline over the last five months. The Clothing and Hospitality/services groups had large falls in April. Food and Household good recorded moderate growth.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA



There has been moderate growth in the trend estimate since August 1999. The strongest growth in recent months was in Other retailing, Recreational good and Clothing and soft good retailing.

TASMANIA

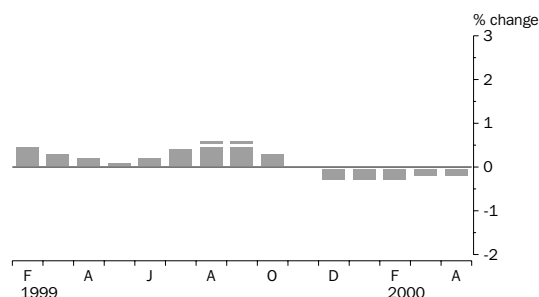


There was moderate growth in the trend estimate in April, following weak growth in the previous three months. The Hospitality/services group has been the main contributor to the growth.

INDUSTRY TRENDS

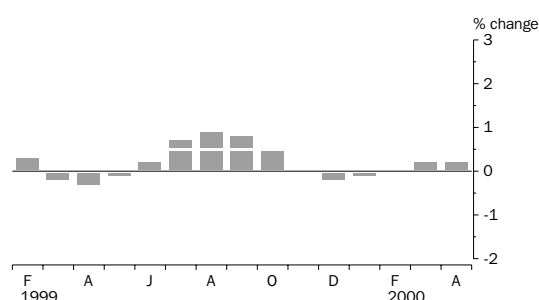
MONTHLY PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN TREND ESTIMATES

FOOD RETAILING



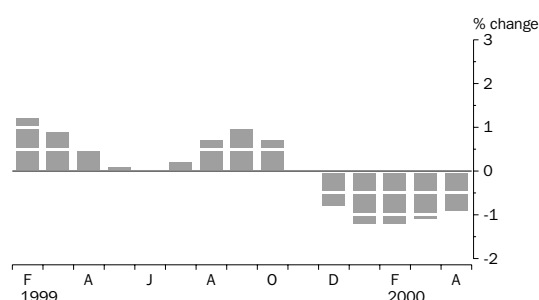
After recording increases from May 1998 the trend estimate for Food retailing has been in decline for six months. New South Wales recorded the largest decrease over the last six months with only the two Territories recording growth for each month in this period.

DEPARTMENT STORES



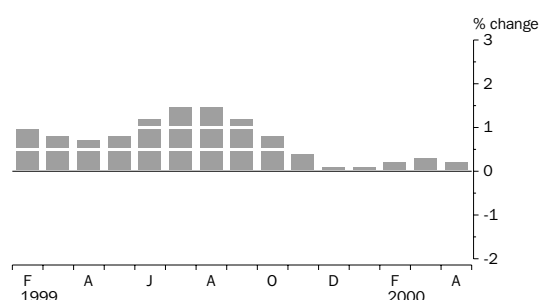
Trend growth for Department stores has increased slightly over the last two months after four months of being flat or in decline. Queensland continued to record strong growth with flat growth in South Australia and Western Australia.

CLOTHING AND SOFT GOOD RETAILING



The trend growth for Clothing retailing has been in strong decline since December 1999. New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, Tasmania and South Australia have all recorded strong declines for each month in this period.

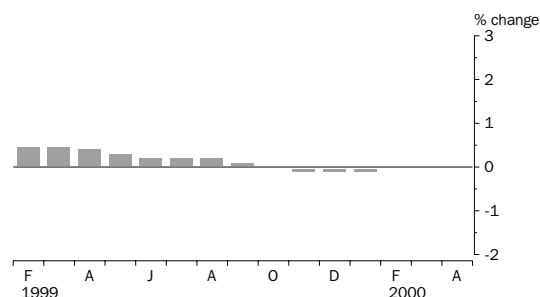
HOUSEHOLD GOOD RETAILING



Following a period of strong growth the trend estimate has remained weak for the past five months. Since December 1999, growth in Queensland and the Australian Capital Territory has been strong while for the same period Victoria recorded a decline.

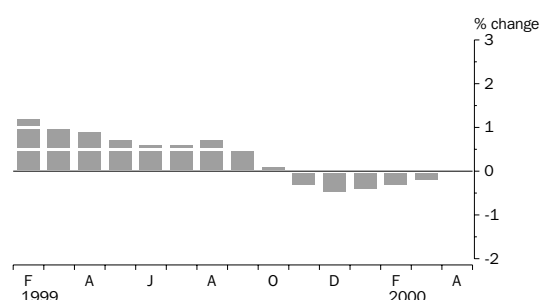
MONTHLY PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN TREND ESTIMATES

RECREATIONAL GOOD RETAILING



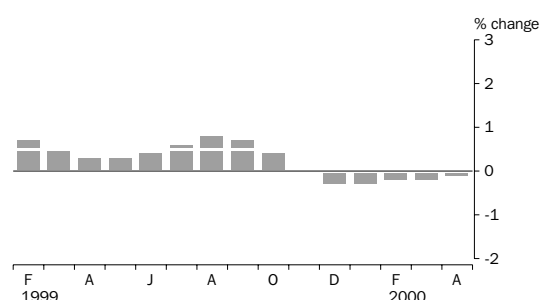
Growth has been flat since September 1999. Since January 2000 both New South Wales and Western Australia have recorded strong growth while growth in all other States has been in decline.

OTHER RETAILING



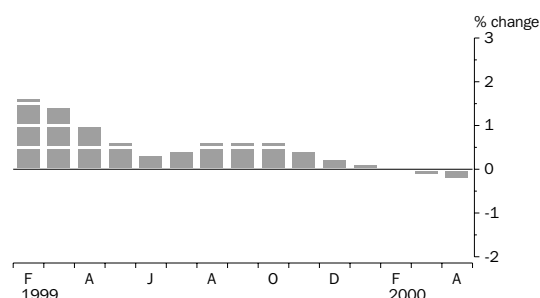
Trend growth has been in decline since November 1999. New South Wales, Queensland and South Australia recorded declines for each of the last three months.

TOTAL RETAIL (excluding Hospitality and Services)



Over the last three months, the fall in the trend estimate for Total retail (excluding the Hospitality and services group) is the same as that recorded for Total industries (including the Hospitality and services group).

HOSPITALITY AND SERVICES



The rate of growth for the Hospitality and services industry has continued to ease since October 1999. Growth in Tasmania and the Australian Capital Territory remains strong while growth in Queensland is easing. The largest decline has been recorded in Victoria.

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)								
1999								
February	4 431.7	738.5	632.3	1 164.7	527.0	1 062.0	1 830.9	10 387.1
March	4 894.7	903.4	760.4	1 259.1	591.0	1 184.8	2 012.9	11 606.3
April	4 706.9	953.4	826.2	1 206.2	546.1	1 169.4	2 001.0	11 409.2
May	4 689.2	1 011.5	827.1	1 283.7	547.7	1 190.4	2 004.9	11 554.4
June	4 565.0	894.6	811.3	1 303.1	553.2	1 176.0	1 929.6	11 232.8
July	4 860.8	1 054.7	808.1	1 322.4	578.2	1 244.3	2 045.8	11 914.3
August	4 746.0	899.7	766.8	1 337.0	573.5	1 255.3	1 983.1	11 561.5
September	4 815.2	1 002.5	810.6	1 372.1	597.8	1 287.6	2 056.9	11 942.7
October	5 024.6	1 043.9	852.3	1 448.5	588.7	1 288.9	2 165.4	12 412.3
November	4 920.0	1 207.5	879.4	1 466.0	639.3	1 373.2	2 119.5	12 604.9
December	5 789.1	2 070.1	1 242.0	1 812.9	893.1	1 865.4	2 484.5	16 157.1
2000								
January	4 890.6	925.1	793.2	1 387.0	576.4	1 144.1	2 101.3	11 817.7
February	4 633.2	798.3	641.4	1 324.0	561.8	1 135.4	2 001.3	11 095.4
March	4 965.2	902.1	753.3	1 398.1	589.8	1 213.2	2 153.8	11 975.5
April	4 776.4	1 024.9	778.4	1 272.6	540.2	1 176.4	2 016.9	11 585.8
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (\$ million)								
1999								
February	4 784.3	1 027.0	809.3	1 308.1	592.4	1 221.3	2 009.8	11 752.1
March	4 896.8	1 081.6	844.7	1 280.8	604.1	1 257.1	2 028.4	11 993.5
April	4 759.6	1 017.8	828.5	1 321.2	601.4	1 246.1	2 041.0	11 815.6
May	4 792.0	1 036.6	816.8	1 318.5	595.3	1 249.5	2 037.6	11 846.3
June	4 817.0	1 028.3	826.3	1 333.6	599.0	1 259.2	2 033.3	11 896.6
July	4 838.6	1 055.9	800.8	1 334.3	600.4	1 272.1	2 067.8	11 969.9
August	4 910.5	1 067.9	839.0	1 390.4	607.2	1 289.0	2 035.3	12 139.2
September	4 892.4	1 059.8	840.0	1 403.2	607.6	1 292.9	2 104.9	12 200.8
October	4 923.8	1 078.6	843.4	1 433.8	602.9	1 276.9	2 103.0	12 262.5
November	4 942.2	1 083.6	862.0	1 411.1	608.9	1 301.9	2 106.8	12 316.4
December	4 962.5	1 073.9	846.8	1 378.1	598.2	1 296.6	2 099.8	12 255.9
2000								
January	4 845.8	1 051.9	837.0	1 420.2	597.4	1 249.3	2 076.4	12 077.9
February	4 852.7	1 071.2	785.4	1 438.2	609.9	1 259.0	2 134.3	12 150.6
March	4 855.0	1 063.3	818.5	1 416.4	604.3	1 276.5	2 138.1	12 172.1
April	4 903.3	1 091.6	804.6	1 427.2	601.0	1 280.4	2 058.8	12 167.0
TREND ESTIMATES (\$ million)								
1999								
February	4 785.7	1 046.2	811.7	1 292.7	593.5	1 226.1	1 983.7	11 738.2
March	4 801.8	1 044.4	819.1	1 303.1	596.4	1 238.0	2 010.9	11 813.0
April	4 811.6	1 041.6	823.1	1 311.6	598.9	1 248.6	2 030.7	11 866.1
May	4 818.8	1 040.2	823.9	1 321.9	600.4	1 257.7	2 042.8	11 905.6
June	4 829.0	1 042.5	823.6	1 337.4	601.4	1 265.3	2 049.7	11 948.9
July	4 849.7	1 049.3	825.2	1 357.9	602.5	1 273.5	2 057.8	12 015.9
August	4 879.4	1 059.1	831.4	1 378.7	603.9	1 282.2	2 069.3	12 104.0
September	4 907.5	1 067.7	839.7	1 395.3	604.7	1 288.2	2 081.2	12 184.2
October	4 923.2	1 072.6	845.8	1 406.4	604.9	1 289.5	2 092.6	12 235.1
November	4 921.2	1 072.6	845.6	1 412.2	604.2	1 285.9	2 101.2	12 242.9
December	4 908.8	1 070.8	839.2	1 414.2	603.4	1 280.0	2 105.7	12 222.0
2000								
January	4 893.2	1 069.6	829.1	1 415.7	603.0	1 274.7	2 107.2	12 192.4
February	4 879.9	1 069.9	818.8	1 418.8	602.9	1 271.1	2 106.6	12 168.2
March	4 870.2	1 071.7	809.9	1 422.4	603.0	1 269.1	2 103.8	12 149.8
April	4 860.5	1 073.3	802.3	1 425.0	603.2	1 268.7	2 100.6	12 131.7

(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)								
1999								
February	-9.1	-21.6	-17.6	-9.2	-7.7	-5.5	-8.4	-10.2
March	10.4	22.3	20.3	8.1	12.2	11.6	9.9	11.7
April	-3.8	5.5	8.6	-4.2	-7.6	-1.3	-0.6	-1.7
May	-0.4	6.1	0.1	6.4	0.3	1.8	0.2	1.3
June	-2.6	-11.6	-1.9	1.5	1.0	-1.2	-3.8	-2.8
July	6.5	17.9	-0.4	1.5	4.5	5.8	6.0	6.1
August	-2.4	-14.7	-5.1	1.1	-0.8	0.9	-3.1	-3.0
September	1.5	11.4	5.7	2.6	4.2	2.6	3.7	3.3
October	4.3	4.1	5.2	5.6	-1.5	0.1	5.3	3.9
November	-2.1	15.7	3.2	1.2	8.6	6.5	-2.1	1.6
December	17.7	71.4	41.2	23.7	39.7	35.8	17.2	28.2
2000								
January	-15.5	-55.3	-36.1	-23.5	-35.5	-38.7	-15.4	-26.9
February	-5.3	-13.7	-19.1	-4.5	-2.5	-0.8	-4.8	-6.1
March	7.2	13.0	17.4	5.6	5.0	6.9	7.6	7.9
April	-3.8	13.6	3.3	-9.0	-8.4	-3.0	-6.4	-3.3
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (% change from preceding month)								
1999								
February	-0.1	-4.5	2.7	-0.6	-0.4	-0.1	2.9	0.1
March	2.4	5.3	4.4	-2.1	2.0	2.9	0.9	2.1
April	-2.8	-5.9	-1.9	3.2	-0.5	-0.9	0.6	-1.5
May	0.7	1.8	-1.4	-0.2	-1.0	0.3	-0.2	0.3
June	0.5	-0.8	1.2	1.1	0.6	0.8	-0.2	0.4
July	0.4	2.7	-3.1	0.1	0.2	1.0	1.7	0.6
August	1.5	1.1	4.8	4.2	1.1	1.3	-1.6	1.4
September	-0.4	-0.8	0.1	0.9	0.1	0.3	3.4	0.5
October	0.6	1.8	0.4	2.2	-0.8	-1.2	-0.1	0.5
November	0.4	0.5	2.2	-1.6	1.0	2.0	0.2	0.4
December	0.4	-0.9	-1.8	-2.3	-1.7	-0.4	-0.3	-0.5
2000								
January	-2.4	-2.1	-1.2	3.1	-0.1	-3.6	-1.1	-1.5
February	0.1	1.8	-6.2	1.3	2.1	0.8	2.8	0.6
March	0.0	-0.7	4.2	-1.5	-0.9	1.4	0.2	0.2
April	1.0	2.7	-1.7	0.8	-0.5	0.3	-3.7	0.0
TREND ESTIMATES (% change from preceding month)								
1999								
February	0.5	0.3	1.2	1.0	0.5	1.2	1.6	0.8
March	0.3	-0.2	0.9	0.8	0.5	1.0	1.4	0.6
April	0.2	-0.3	0.5	0.7	0.4	0.9	1.0	0.4
May	0.1	-0.1	0.1	0.8	0.3	0.7	0.6	0.3
June	0.2	0.2	0.0	1.2	0.2	0.6	0.3	0.4
July	0.4	0.7	0.2	1.5	0.2	0.6	0.4	0.6
August	0.6	0.9	0.7	1.5	0.2	0.7	0.6	0.7
September	0.6	0.8	1.0	1.2	0.1	0.5	0.6	0.7
October	0.3	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.0	0.1	0.6	0.4
November	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	-0.1	-0.3	0.4	0.1
December	-0.3	-0.2	-0.8	0.1	-0.1	-0.5	0.2	-0.2
2000								
January	-0.3	-0.1	-1.2	0.1	-0.1	-0.4	0.1	-0.2
February	-0.3	0.0	-1.2	0.2	0.0	-0.3	0.0	-0.2
March	-0.2	0.2	-1.1	0.3	0.0	-0.2	-0.1	-0.2
April	-0.2	0.2	-0.9	0.2	0.0	0.0	-0.2	-0.1

(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												
1999												
February	3 132.9	492.7	806.0	4 431.7	738.5	427.8	204.5	632.3	313.5	291.5	559.7	1 164.7
March	3 469.6	539.0	886.1	4 894.7	903.4	521.6	238.8	760.4	359.6	321.6	578.0	1 259.1
April	3 309.3	511.3	886.4	4 706.9	953.4	570.9	255.3	826.2	323.5	303.4	579.2	1 206.2
May	3 323.7	512.0	853.6	4 689.2	1 011.5	576.7	250.4	827.1	372.5	302.2	609.0	1 283.7
June	3 223.4	507.0	834.6	4 565.0	894.6	574.0	237.4	811.3	376.5	302.1	624.5	1 303.1
July	3 437.0	512.3	911.6	4 860.8	1 054.7	548.7	259.4	808.1	398.8	315.0	608.5	1 322.4
August	3 336.3	520.0	889.8	4 746.0	899.7	534.0	232.7	766.8	400.3	327.0	609.7	1 337.0
September	3 384.7	524.8	905.8	4 815.2	1 002.5	570.5	240.1	810.6	415.6	380.6	575.9	1 372.1
October	3 525.6	542.1	956.9	5 024.6	1 043.9	594.9	257.5	852.3	443.1	416.5	588.8	1 448.5
November	3 438.0	542.8	939.3	4 920.0	1 207.5	608.7	270.8	879.4	443.6	412.5	609.9	1 466.0
December	3 973.2	565.2	1 250.7	5 789.1	2 070.1	904.3	337.7	1 242.0	446.3	490.1	876.5	1 812.9
2000												
January	3 492.7	539.5	858.4	4 890.6	925.1	517.6	275.6	793.2	392.0	401.0	594.0	1 387.0
February	3 345.5	474.5	813.2	4 633.2	798.3	429.4	212.0	641.4	371.0	371.6	581.4	1 324.0
March	3 591.3	518.3	855.6	4 965.2	902.1	513.3	240.0	753.3	411.3	383.4	603.4	1 398.1
April	3 448.1	520.3	808.0	4 776.4	1 024.9	541.1	237.3	778.4	365.0	367.5	540.1	1 272.6
% CHANGE FROM PRECEDING MONTH												
1999												
February	-9.4	-11.8	-6.1	-9.1	-21.6	-12.9	-26.1	-17.6	-7.2	-7.9	-10.9	-9.2
March	10.7	9.4	9.9	10.4	22.3	21.9	16.8	20.3	14.7	10.3	3.3	8.1
April	-4.6	-5.1	0.0	-3.8	5.5	9.5	6.9	8.6	-10.0	-5.6	0.2	-4.2
May	0.4	0.1	-3.7	-0.4	6.1	1.0	-1.9	0.1	15.1	-0.4	5.1	6.4
June	-3.0	-1.0	-2.2	-2.6	-11.6	-0.5	-5.2	-1.9	1.1	0.0	2.5	1.5
July	6.6	1.0	9.2	6.5	17.9	-4.4	9.3	-0.4	5.9	4.2	-2.5	1.5
August	-2.9	1.5	-2.4	-2.4	-14.7	-2.7	-10.3	-5.1	0.4	3.8	0.2	1.1
September	1.5	0.9	1.8	1.5	11.4	6.8	3.2	5.7	3.8	16.4	-5.5	2.6
October	4.2	3.3	5.6	4.3	4.1	4.3	7.2	5.2	6.6	9.5	2.2	5.6
November	-2.5	0.1	-1.8	-2.1	15.7	2.3	5.2	3.2	0.1	-1.0	3.6	1.2
December	15.6	4.1	33.1	17.7	71.4	48.6	24.7	41.2	0.6	18.8	43.7	23.7
2000												
January	-12.1	-4.5	-31.4	-15.5	-55.3	-42.8	-18.4	-36.1	-12.2	-18.2	-32.2	-23.5
February	-4.2	-12.1	-5.3	-5.3	-13.7	-17.0	-23.1	-19.1	-5.4	-7.3	-2.1	-4.5
March	7.3	9.2	5.2	7.2	13.0	19.5	13.2	17.4	10.9	3.2	3.8	5.6
April	-4.0	0.4	-5.6	-3.8	13.6	5.4	-1.1	3.3	-11.3	-4.2	-10.5	-9.0
% CHANGE FROM CORRESPONDING MONTH OF PREVIOUS YEAR												
1999												
February	8.3	-9.8	3.9	5.1	3.1	11.1	13.2	11.7	4.0	3.2	4.3	3.9
March	12.4	-6.7	8.6	9.2	9.8	19.4	16.2	18.4	13.8	5.1	-3.0	3.4
April	6.2	-5.5	8.1	5.2	-1.7	14.7	17.5	15.6	7.9	3.5	2.7	4.2
May	5.2	-5.4	3.2	3.6	4.2	4.1	10.6	6.0	10.4	2.3	3.3	5.0
June	7.0	-3.3	5.5	5.5	5.3	12.5	11.3	12.1	8.9	6.6	4.7	6.3
July	6.8	-6.4	9.0	5.6	1.2	2.3	10.4	4.8	11.5	11.7	1.7	6.8
August	5.2	-2.1	9.3	5.1	3.4	8.1	10.9	8.9	19.0	7.4	9.2	11.5
September	7.1	-1.1	7.9	6.3	6.7	10.8	3.1	8.4	23.8	14.9	7.0	13.9
October	2.6	-5.0	9.0	2.8	2.2	8.6	-1.1	5.5	24.2	22.5	1.4	13.4
November	5.9	1.1	10.2	6.1	6.1	13.2	6.4	11.0	22.1	23.5	7.1	15.8
December	7.7	-3.1	11.6	7.4	4.8	12.3	0.7	8.9	22.9	18.9	3.2	11.6
2000												
January	1.0	-3.4	0.0	0.3	-1.8	5.4	-0.4	3.3	16.1	26.8	-5.4	8.2
February	6.8	-3.7	0.9	4.5	8.1	0.4	3.7	1.4	18.3	27.5	3.9	13.7
March	3.5	-3.8	-3.4	1.4	-0.1	-1.6	0.5	-0.9	14.4	19.2	4.4	11.0
April	4.2	1.8	-8.8	1.5	7.5	-5.2	-7.0	-5.8	12.8	21.1	-6.7	5.5

(a) See paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes

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

	RECREATIONAL GOOD RETAILING.....			OTHER RETAILING.....			HOSPITALITY AND SERVICES.....				
	<i>News- paper, book and stationery retailing</i>	<i>Other recreational good retailing</i>		<i>Pharma- ceutical cosmetic & toiletry retailing</i>			<i>Hotels and licensed clubs</i>	<i>Cafes and restau- rants</i>	<i>Selected services</i>		
Month			Total		Other retailing	Total				Total	Total all industries
\$ MILLION											
1999											
February	354.3	172.6	527.0	522.0	539.9	1 062.0	1 096.6	560.8	173.4	1 830.9	10 387.1
March	399.2	191.8	591.0	608.6	576.3	1 184.8	1 194.6	627.5	190.8	2 012.9	11 606.3
April	356.9	189.2	546.1	577.8	591.6	1 169.4	1 171.8	643.6	185.7	2 001.0	11 409.2
May	368.1	179.6	547.7	598.9	591.4	1 190.4	1 136.6	673.7	194.6	2 004.9	11 554.4
June	358.7	194.5	553.2	612.3	563.7	1 176.0	1 114.2	618.3	197.1	1 929.6	11 232.8
July	382.6	195.6	578.2	645.7	598.6	1 244.3	1 228.1	624.6	193.1	2 045.8	11 914.3
August	371.5	202.0	573.5	637.1	618.2	1 255.3	1 179.5	629.3	174.3	1 983.1	11 561.5
September	369.5	228.2	597.8	645.5	642.2	1 287.6	1 230.6	648.8	177.6	2 056.9	11 942.7
October	370.0	218.7	588.7	630.9	658.0	1 288.9	1 288.5	683.6	193.3	2 165.4	12 412.3
November	398.2	241.1	639.3	661.3	711.9	1 373.2	1 242.7	686.1	190.7	2 119.5	12 604.9
December	501.7	391.3	893.1	817.3	1 048.1	1 865.4	1 464.7	788.1	231.7	2 484.5	16 157.1
2000											
January	366.1	210.3	576.4	535.9	608.2	1 144.1	1 231.9	675.3	194.1	2 101.3	11 817.7
February	378.8	183.0	561.8	539.6	595.8	1 135.4	1 167.5	653.4	180.4	2 001.3	11 095.4
March	395.9	193.8	589.8	592.2	621.1	1 213.2	1 243.1	716.8	193.9	2 153.8	11 975.5
April	340.4	199.9	540.2	558.2	618.3	1 176.4	1 183.2	651.8	181.9	2 016.9	11 585.8
% CHANGE FROM PRECEDING MONTH											
1999											
February	-2.6	-16.6	-7.7	-2.4	-8.4	-5.5	-8.6	-7.6	-10.3	-8.4	-10.2
March	12.7	11.1	12.2	16.6	6.7	11.6	8.9	11.9	10.1	9.9	11.7
April	-10.6	-1.4	-7.6	-5.1	2.7	-1.3	-1.9	2.6	-2.7	-0.6	-1.7
May	3.1	-5.1	0.3	3.7	0.0	1.8	-3.0	4.7	4.8	0.2	1.3
June	-2.5	8.3	1.0	2.2	-4.7	-1.2	-2.0	-8.2	1.3	-3.8	-2.8
July	6.7	0.6	4.5	5.5	6.2	5.8	10.2	1.0	-2.0	6.0	6.1
August	-2.9	3.3	-0.8	-1.3	3.3	0.9	-4.0	0.8	-9.7	-3.1	-3.0
September	-0.5	13.0	4.2	1.3	3.9	2.6	4.3	3.1	1.9	3.7	3.3
October	0.1	-4.2	-1.5	-2.3	2.5	0.1	4.7	5.4	8.9	5.3	3.9
November	7.6	10.3	8.6	4.8	8.2	6.5	-3.6	0.4	-1.4	-2.1	1.6
December	26.0	62.3	39.7	23.6	47.2	35.8	17.9	14.9	21.5	17.2	28.2
2000											
January	-27.0	-46.3	-35.5	-34.4	-42.0	-38.7	-15.9	-14.3	-16.2	-15.4	-26.9
February	3.5	-13.0	-2.5	0.7	-2.1	-0.8	-5.2	-3.2	-7.1	-4.8	-6.1
March	4.5	5.9	5.0	9.7	4.2	6.9	6.5	9.7	7.4	7.6	7.9
April	-14.0	3.1	-8.4	-5.7	-0.5	-3.0	-4.8	-9.1	-6.2	-6.4	-3.3
% CHANGE FROM CORRESPONDING MONTH OF PREVIOUS YEAR											
1999											
February	4.6	6.0	5.1	19.6	-3.6	6.6	14.0	26.5	4.5	16.5	7.2
March	11.1	11.2	11.1	25.5	0.7	12.1	12.9	26.4	8.4	16.3	10.7
April	7.3	2.6	5.7	18.7	-3.0	6.6	10.6	28.8	-0.8	14.6	6.8
May	6.2	7.7	6.7	17.1	-1.9	6.8	5.5	26.7	7.6	12.0	5.8
June	5.3	8.4	6.4	21.7	-2.5	8.7	8.0	24.3	11.5	13.1	7.7
July	10.7	-2.5	5.8	22.0	-2.9	8.6	13.0	14.6	1.0	12.3	6.7
August	8.5	-0.8	5.0	20.0	4.4	11.8	5.3	15.6	-2.0	7.6	7.0
September	6.2	-1.1	3.3	19.5	3.5	10.9	13.4	18.5	-2.1	13.4	8.8
October	4.9	-7.1	0.1	11.0	2.0	6.2	9.6	12.0	2.8	9.7	5.5
November	11.0	-2.9	5.3	19.1	3.8	10.6	6.9	16.2	3.2	9.4	8.5
December	11.6	-5.4	3.5	20.6	4.5	11.0	11.7	22.1	10.4	14.6	8.8
2000											
January	0.6	1.6	1.0	0.1	3.2	1.8	2.7	11.3	0.4	5.1	2.2
February	6.9	6.0	6.6	3.4	10.3	6.9	6.5	16.5	4.1	9.3	6.8
March	-0.8	1.0	-0.2	-2.7	7.8	2.4	4.1	14.2	1.6	7.0	3.2
April	-4.6	5.6	-1.1	-3.4	4.5	0.6	1.0	1.3	-2.0	0.8	1.5

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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)									
1999									
February	3 592.8	2 472.3	1 930.3	752.6	1 099.8	246.1	104.0	189.1	10 387.1
March	3 987.7	2 808.7	2 142.5	856.4	1 204.9	271.5	118.1	216.6	11 606.3
April	3 971.6	2 773.1	2 089.8	823.8	1 157.8	263.8	118.5	210.7	11 409.2
May	4 028.5	2 805.4	2 102.7	827.3	1 187.0	258.2	126.7	218.7	11 554.4
June	3 863.1	2 737.7	2 110.7	800.8	1 130.6	253.8	129.2	207.0	11 232.8
July	4 071.7	2 927.2	2 216.0	869.8	1 198.2	264.5	139.3	227.6	11 914.3
August	3 972.4	2 823.5	2 156.5	837.0	1 160.1	259.3	136.3	216.5	11 561.5
September	4 115.1	2 917.9	2 251.4	865.7	1 177.3	263.7	133.2	218.4	11 942.7
October	4 237.8	3 036.6	2 298.7	918.0	1 283.3	272.1	135.3	230.6	12 412.3
November	4 300.0	3 109.6	2 324.1	930.9	1 294.4	279.0	131.3	235.6	12 604.9
December	5 555.0	4 030.0	2 946.4	1 169.5	1 629.6	368.9	152.3	305.3	16 157.1
2000									
January	4 057.1	2 845.5	2 250.1	864.6	1 205.6	260.9	115.7	218.2	11 817.7
February	3 808.9	2 654.2	2 060.7	808.3	1 179.6	257.4	115.3	211.0	11 095.4
March	4 107.8	2 905.5	2 201.3	886.6	1 245.5	272.8	125.2	230.7	11 975.5
April	3 993.3	2 755.3	2 145.2	853.0	1 210.0	269.2	126.9	232.8	11 585.8
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (\$ million)									
1999									
February	4 052.0	2 805.8	2 199.1	862.1	1 222.2	270.1	123.0	217.6	11 752.1
March	4 106.3	2 875.4	2 250.3	888.3	1 244.1	279.1	125.4	224.7	11 993.5
April	4 110.0	2 848.4	2 199.3	845.8	1 201.9	268.1	125.1	217.0	11 815.6
May	4 101.9	2 890.4	2 175.8	851.0	1 213.7	266.9	127.5	219.0	11 846.3
June	4 097.1	2 918.0	2 203.8	851.8	1 208.0	270.0	127.5	220.5	11 896.6
July	4 093.9	2 965.5	2 206.0	868.7	1 212.5	273.4	127.7	222.1	11 969.9
August	4 183.3	2 983.6	2 234.7	881.9	1 225.5	275.4	127.8	227.2	12 139.2
September	4 217.5	2 995.1	2 253.0	889.0	1 218.5	274.2	128.5	225.0	12 200.8
October	4 215.3	3 007.3	2 263.8	897.6	1 250.9	271.4	129.1	227.0	12 262.5
November	4 200.2	3 032.9	2 290.7	904.7	1 254.0	271.9	131.8	230.1	12 316.4
December	4 206.8	2 996.3	2 272.9	890.1	1 248.8	275.5	134.8	230.8	12 255.9
2000									
January	4 145.7	2 925.9	2 260.7	887.1	1 227.0	269.4	130.6	231.5	12 077.9
February	4 163.1	2 927.2	2 272.5	889.7	1 260.6	271.6	131.4	234.6	12 150.6
March	4 175.0	2 919.3	2 268.2	897.9	1 270.3	272.7	132.4	236.2	12 172.1
April	4 174.8	2 884.9	2 289.0	889.2	1 275.3	279.0	134.1	240.7	12 167.0
TREND ESTIMATES (\$ million)									
1999									
February	4 062.2	2 798.6	2 189.2	861.4	1 217.2	268.7	124.1	216.8	11 738.2
March	4 085.6	2 834.0	2 200.6	860.5	1 218.5	270.3	125.0	218.5	11 813.0
April	4 099.3	2 868.2	2 205.6	859.2	1 217.0	271.2	125.9	219.7	11 866.1
May	4 108.2	2 899.4	2 206.2	858.7	1 214.5	271.5	126.6	220.6	11 905.6
June	4 119.2	2 927.9	2 207.2	861.3	1 213.2	271.6	127.1	221.5	11 948.9
July	4 138.7	2 956.0	2 215.1	868.1	1 215.8	272.0	127.6	222.7	12 015.9
August	4 165.4	2 982.3	2 230.8	877.8	1 222.3	272.8	128.4	224.3	12 104.0
September	4 187.8	3 001.3	2 248.8	887.3	1 230.4	273.4	129.2	226.1	12 184.2
October	4 201.1	3 008.2	2 263.4	893.7	1 237.5	273.3	130.2	227.7	12 235.1
November	4 201.2	2 999.9	2 270.7	895.6	1 242.6	272.6	131.0	229.2	12 242.9
December	4 191.4	2 981.2	2 272.9	894.7	1 247.0	272.2	131.7	230.8	12 222.0
2000									
January	4 179.4	2 957.7	2 273.2	893.2	1 251.5	272.3	132.2	232.6	12 192.4
February	4 171.1	2 934.1	2 273.8	892.1	1 257.0	272.9	132.5	234.7	12 168.2
March	4 165.4	2 912.6	2 275.2	891.2	1 263.3	273.8	132.9	236.8	12 149.8
April	4 161.8	2 893.8	2 276.5	890.1	1 268.3	274.9	133.2	238.8	12 131.7

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)									
1999									
February	-11.2	-8.5	-12.1	-11.4	-7.8	-7.0	-6.7	-6.7	-10.2
March	11.0	13.6	11.0	13.8	9.6	10.3	13.6	14.6	11.7
April	-0.4	-1.3	-2.5	-3.8	-3.9	-2.8	0.3	-2.7	-1.7
May	1.4	1.2	0.6	0.4	2.5	-2.1	6.9	3.8	1.3
June	-4.1	-2.4	0.4	-3.2	-4.8	-1.7	2.0	-5.3	-2.8
July	5.4	6.9	5.0	8.6	6.0	4.2	7.8	9.9	6.1
August	-2.4	-3.5	-2.7	-3.8	-3.2	-2.0	-2.1	-4.9	-3.0
September	3.6	3.3	4.4	3.4	1.5	1.7	-2.3	0.9	3.3
October	3.0	4.1	2.1	6.0	9.0	3.2	1.6	5.6	3.9
November	1.5	2.4	1.1	1.4	0.9	2.5	-2.9	2.2	1.6
December	29.2	29.6	26.8	25.6	25.9	32.2	16.0	29.6	28.2
2000									
January	-27.0	-29.4	-23.6	-26.1	-26.0	-29.3	-24.0	-28.6	-26.9
February	-6.1	-6.7	-8.4	-6.5	-2.2	-1.4	-0.3	-3.3	-6.1
March	7.8	9.5	6.8	9.7	5.6	6.0	8.6	9.3	7.9
April	-2.8	-5.2	-2.5	-3.8	-2.8	-1.3	1.3	0.9	-3.3
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (% change from preceding month)									
1999									
February	-1.6	1.9	0.4	0.2	1.3	1.1	-1.9	1.8	0.1
March	1.3	2.5	2.3	3.0	1.8	3.3	1.9	3.2	2.1
April	0.1	-0.9	-2.3	-4.8	-3.4	-4.0	-0.2	-3.4	-1.5
May	-0.2	1.5	-1.1	0.6	1.0	-0.4	2.0	0.9	0.3
June	-0.1	1.0	1.3	0.1	-0.5	1.2	-0.1	0.7	0.4
July	-0.1	1.6	0.1	2.0	0.4	1.2	0.2	0.7	0.6
August	2.2	0.6	1.3	1.5	1.1	0.7	0.1	2.3	1.4
September	0.8	0.4	0.8	0.8	-0.6	-0.4	0.5	-0.9	0.5
October	-0.1	0.4	0.5	1.0	2.7	-1.0	0.5	0.9	0.5
November	-0.4	0.9	1.2	0.8	0.2	0.2	2.1	1.4	0.4
December	0.2	-1.2	-0.8	-1.6	-0.4	1.3	2.2	0.3	-0.5
2000									
January	-1.5	-2.3	-0.5	-0.3	-1.7	-2.2	-3.1	0.3	-1.5
February	0.4	0.0	0.5	0.3	2.7	0.8	0.6	1.4	0.6
March	0.3	-0.3	-0.2	0.9	0.8	0.4	0.8	0.7	0.2
April	0.0	-1.2	0.9	-1.0	0.4	2.3	1.3	1.9	0.0
TREND ESTIMATES (% change from preceding month)									
1999									
February	0.9	1.2	0.8	0.1	0.4	0.9	0.6	0.9	0.8
March	0.6	1.3	0.5	-0.1	0.1	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.6
April	0.3	1.2	0.2	-0.2	-0.1	0.3	0.7	0.6	0.4
May	0.2	1.1	0.0	-0.1	-0.2	0.1	0.6	0.4	0.3
June	0.3	1.0	0.0	0.3	-0.1	0.0	0.4	0.4	0.4
July	0.5	1.0	0.4	0.8	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.5	0.6
August	0.6	0.9	0.7	1.1	0.5	0.3	0.6	0.7	0.7
September	0.5	0.6	0.8	1.1	0.7	0.2	0.7	0.8	0.7
October	0.3	0.2	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.0	0.7	0.7	0.4
November	0.0	-0.3	0.3	0.2	0.4	-0.2	0.7	0.6	0.1
December	-0.2	-0.6	0.1	-0.1	0.4	-0.2	0.5	0.7	-0.2
2000									
January	-0.3	-0.8	0.0	-0.2	0.4	0.1	0.4	0.8	-0.2
February	-0.2	-0.8	0.0	-0.1	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.9	-0.2
March	-0.1	-0.7	0.1	-0.1	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.9	-0.2
April	-0.1	-0.6	0.1	-0.1	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.8	-0.1

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)								
1999								
February	1 438.0	252.2	240.7	338.4	166.1	350.3	807.2	3 592.8
March	1 583.9	303.0	276.0	370.4	195.1	368.1	891.1	3 987.7
April	1 515.3	339.1	317.5	355.5	175.6	391.5	877.3	3 971.6
May	1 524.0	349.0	309.7	386.7	172.1	404.8	882.2	4 028.5
June	1 483.6	298.6	294.9	394.6	177.0	374.2	840.2	3 863.1
July	1 553.3	367.8	306.0	404.9	192.8	400.7	846.3	4 071.7
August	1 530.7	309.0	296.1	418.6	187.4	407.3	823.3	3 972.4
September	1 561.3	342.7	304.4	442.4	196.7	423.8	843.9	4 115.1
October	1 623.7	361.2	319.1	460.2	178.9	431.6	863.0	4 237.8
November	1 588.8	418.6	337.3	444.4	195.6	462.2	853.0	4 300.0
December	1 872.2	733.3	490.7	547.9	263.1	647.9	999.9	5 555.0
2000								
January	1 559.4	323.6	302.9	416.8	183.3	390.8	880.3	4 057.1
February	1 484.4	276.6	240.8	428.0	180.9	386.9	811.4	3 808.9
March	1 574.5	315.1	289.0	442.8	196.2	411.1	879.2	4 107.8
April	1 528.1	351.1	286.7	398.6	182.5	392.2	854.2	3 993.3
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (\$ million)								
1999								
February	1 548.3	357.9	304.6	376.7	184.4	400.5	879.7	4 052.0
March	1 584.4	365.1	309.3	378.6	195.3	385.4	888.1	4 106.3
April	1 539.7	359.1	322.5	390.3	194.7	413.6	890.1	4 110.0
May	1 542.9	355.5	303.6	391.4	183.2	429.2	896.2	4 101.9
June	1 564.3	346.0	307.7	396.5	190.2	408.0	884.6	4 097.1
July	1 556.3	360.0	304.3	404.4	199.2	412.7	857.0	4 093.9
August	1 592.7	373.5	321.4	430.5	195.3	426.6	843.4	4 183.3
September	1 593.7	362.4	319.0	450.3	193.1	428.1	870.8	4 217.5
October	1 588.5	378.7	323.7	459.7	189.3	424.6	850.9	4 215.3
November	1 591.0	375.2	329.5	436.6	185.7	436.5	845.8	4 200.2
December	1 607.0	372.2	322.6	420.6	184.1	443.3	856.9	4 206.8
2000								
January	1 541.9	374.2	315.7	439.9	197.0	422.7	854.3	4 145.7
February	1 547.7	378.4	292.6	458.4	195.5	429.3	861.1	4 163.1
March	1 544.8	370.5	319.7	451.2	198.3	424.8	865.7	4 175.0
April	1 557.5	374.6	300.9	447.7	203.8	423.4	866.8	4 174.8
TREND ESTIMATES (\$ million)								
1999								
February	1 553.1	365.6	309.7	383.8	187.1	398.0	862.1	4 062.2
March	1 554.5	363.2	309.6	384.4	188.2	403.2	879.0	4 085.6
April	1 555.3	359.6	309.6	386.2	189.5	408.2	890.6	4 099.3
May	1 557.3	356.8	309.6	391.7	191.0	412.5	897.9	4 108.2
June	1 561.1	356.7	310.2	402.1	192.4	416.1	902.4	4 119.2
July	1 569.3	359.5	312.3	415.5	193.0	419.7	(b)845.6	4 138.7
August	1 580.3	364.3	316.3	428.0	192.8	423.4	850.1	4 165.4
September	1 589.3	368.8	320.2	436.6	191.7	426.9	853.4	4 187.8
October	1 592.4	372.5	322.8	441.5	190.2	430.1	854.7	4 201.1
November	1 587.5	374.5	322.5	442.8	189.3	432.4	854.9	4 201.2
December	1 577.9	374.8	319.3	442.4	190.0	432.4	855.2	4 191.4
2000								
January	1 566.9	374.7	314.9	442.8	192.3	430.8	857.1	4 179.4
February	1 557.3	374.6	310.6	444.8	195.3	428.7	859.8	4 171.1
March	1 549.9	374.5	307.0	447.3	198.3	426.6	862.5	4 165.4
April	1 544.6	373.6	303.8	449.8	201.2	424.6	866.1	4 161.8

(a) See paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes

(b) Possible break in series. See paragraph 14 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)								
1999								
February	1 089.2	185.9	157.5	303.9	132.7	259.3	343.7	2 472.3
March	1 202.9	233.5	202.7	322.0	147.1	316.8	383.6	2 808.7
April	1 159.1	236.6	213.5	324.7	141.1	300.0	398.2	2 773.1
May	1 167.0	253.5	215.8	338.6	140.1	291.6	398.7	2 805.4
June	1 126.2	220.4	217.2	333.9	143.7	303.8	392.7	2 737.7
July	1 210.5	263.2	219.0	336.4	136.5	322.8	438.8	2 927.2
August	1 177.9	221.3	209.5	337.6	139.8	315.1	422.3	2 823.5
September	1 186.2	248.5	222.6	347.8	149.5	324.5	438.8	2 917.9
October	1 242.0	259.3	234.5	379.3	148.5	324.2	448.9	3 036.6
November	1 231.9	304.1	243.3	392.3	157.8	338.4	441.7	3 109.6
December	1 463.8	528.1	339.8	498.2	233.8	439.8	526.4	4 030.0
2000								
January	1 219.9	228.0	221.5	358.1	138.2	267.6	412.3	2 845.5
February	1 155.2	195.9	181.7	326.1	120.7	268.1	406.6	2 654.2
March	1 244.7	224.2	217.4	342.8	132.1	292.6	451.7	2 905.5
April	1 163.1	260.6	224.2	309.6	117.4	291.9	388.4	2 755.3
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (\$ million)								
1999								
February	1 169.1	258.2	204.7	341.7	149.3	305.2	377.7	2 805.8
March	1 193.7	274.1	213.4	332.5	154.0	330.9	376.8	2 875.4
April	1 172.2	240.3	209.7	350.8	159.0	316.1	400.3	2 848.4
May	1 195.2	257.8	210.3	356.3	153.6	309.1	408.1	2 890.4
June	1 193.9	256.6	220.2	344.3	156.5	329.0	417.4	2 918.0
July	1 205.8	269.8	221.6	347.8	149.1	330.1	441.4	2 965.5
August	1 224.1	267.9	229.6	353.3	150.8	322.6	435.5	2 983.6
September	1 211.0	266.0	236.5	360.7	151.7	329.9	439.2	2 995.1
October	1 227.6	273.6	238.5	363.6	149.1	313.5	441.6	3 007.3
November	1 239.9	273.1	236.5	375.8	148.6	314.5	444.6	3 032.9
December	1 232.4	269.2	231.9	373.5	146.8	300.0	442.6	2 996.3
2000								
January	1 205.8	262.0	239.0	358.4	141.1	306.1	413.6	2 925.9
February	1 207.8	264.4	224.4	355.5	134.0	303.0	438.0	2 927.2
March	1 203.4	259.0	226.7	351.5	139.4	303.6	435.7	2 919.3
April	1 206.9	267.4	220.4	340.1	135.6	318.4	396.1	2 884.9
TREND ESTIMATES (\$ million)								
1999								
February	1 172.8	259.0	202.9	336.6	152.6	306.2	368.6	2 798.6
March	1 178.8	258.1	206.6	341.0	153.9	312.9	382.5	2 834.0
April	1 185.2	257.6	210.3	344.8	154.7	318.6	396.8	2 868.2
May	1 191.7	258.0	214.6	347.4	154.7	322.7	410.2	2 899.4
June	1 198.5	259.9	219.4	349.4	154.0	325.2	421.5	2 927.9
July	1 206.6	263.2	224.4	352.3	152.9	325.8	431.0	2 956.0
August	1 215.3	267.0	229.2	356.2	151.8	324.9	437.9	2 982.3
September	1 222.8	269.9	233.6	361.0	150.6	322.2	441.2	3 001.3
October	1 227.0	270.9	236.3	365.4	149.1	317.4	441.9	3 008.2
November	1 226.7	269.8	236.6	367.7	147.2	311.8	440.3	2 999.9
December	1 223.0	267.9	234.9	366.4	144.6	307.6	436.8	2 981.2
2000								
January	1 217.5	266.0	232.1	362.3	141.8	305.7	432.4	2 957.7
February	1 211.9	264.4	229.1	357.0	139.2	305.4	427.2	2 934.1
March	1 207.1	263.2	226.1	351.5	137.0	306.2	421.6	2 912.6
April	1 202.3	262.2	223.4	346.2	135.4	308.4	416.0	2 893.8

(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)								
1999								
February	817.8	120.2	123.0	220.3	113.8	212.5	322.7	1 930.3
March	911.5	143.4	145.7	236.7	123.3	233.7	348.2	2 142.5
April	887.3	152.9	148.3	217.3	114.5	228.4	341.0	2 089.8
May	863.6	158.9	149.3	223.8	118.2	240.4	348.6	2 102.7
June	856.2	156.7	155.8	236.9	117.0	249.5	338.6	2 110.7
July	914.2	174.4	133.5	228.3	133.9	258.4	373.3	2 216.0
August	889.6	153.5	127.1	226.2	133.8	265.5	360.8	2 156.5
September	902.0	173.6	143.6	234.3	137.5	269.0	391.4	2 251.4
October	929.4	173.1	149.2	231.2	136.9	254.6	424.3	2 298.7
November	897.4	195.7	142.4	243.6	146.6	279.0	419.4	2 324.1
December	1 035.6	332.2	196.9	303.0	207.2	374.6	496.8	2 946.4
2000								
January	941.0	155.1	133.8	254.6	129.5	220.3	415.8	2 250.1
February	858.4	134.3	99.9	226.8	134.7	214.5	392.2	2 060.7
March	923.2	144.0	111.1	249.1	129.5	224.1	420.3	2 201.3
April	901.1	168.7	118.9	227.3	114.6	224.7	390.0	2 145.2
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (\$ million)								
1999								
February	891.3	169.1	153.6	241.7	129.5	249.3	364.8	2 199.1
March	915.4	177.7	169.3	241.2	132.9	251.3	362.5	2 250.3
April	893.8	169.7	159.8	244.7	125.7	250.0	355.6	2 199.3
May	877.4	170.6	153.6	234.0	132.0	245.8	362.4	2 175.8
June	885.1	171.3	161.7	242.3	124.6	260.0	358.9	2 203.8
July	900.8	175.0	135.3	228.9	137.8	259.1	369.2	2 206.0
August	909.9	177.1	137.7	238.5	140.0	265.4	366.1	2 234.7
September	900.2	175.2	135.9	235.8	137.8	266.3	401.9	2 253.0
October	918.0	177.6	140.6	232.8	138.1	253.4	403.3	2 263.8
November	914.4	175.9	138.6	236.7	142.6	272.0	410.5	2 290.7
December	918.4	171.8	138.1	231.0	140.6	268.1	404.8	2 272.9
2000								
January	930.3	173.0	132.9	251.3	126.4	235.7	411.0	2 260.7
February	905.1	181.5	120.6	242.8	147.8	244.1	430.5	2 272.5
March	908.4	175.5	124.2	249.7	137.7	241.5	431.2	2 268.2
April	922.1	189.9	133.5	257.5	129.3	249.1	407.5	2 289.0
TREND ESTIMATES (\$ million)								
1999								
February	888.4	171.4	153.9	236.1	127.8	248.9	361.4	2 189.2
March	892.6	171.8	157.2	240.2	128.2	249.7	359.6	2 200.6
April	894.1	172.1	159.6	241.3	129.1	251.3	358.6	2 205.6
May	893.8	172.5	161.0	240.2	130.4	253.5	359.4	2 206.2
June	893.9	173.2	162.0	238.0	132.0	256.0	363.0	2 207.2
July	896.0	174.2	(b)135.1	235.8	134.4	259.4	369.9	2 215.1
August	901.3	175.1	136.7	234.6	136.8	262.8	379.1	2 230.8
September	908.1	175.6	138.3	234.1	138.5	264.7	389.0	2 248.8
October	913.7	175.5	138.6	234.6	139.5	264.0	398.8	2 263.4
November	916.5	175.0	137.1	236.2	139.4	260.7	406.9	2 270.7
December	917.1	175.1	134.5	239.0	138.8	256.0	412.8	2 272.9
2000								
January	917.0	176.2	131.6	242.5	138.0	251.2	416.8	2 273.2
February	916.5	178.0	129.2	246.3	137.2	247.1	419.5	2 273.8
March	916.0	180.2	127.4	250.1	136.2	243.9	421.1	2 275.2
April	914.9	182.5	126.1	253.6	135.0	242.1	422.1	2 276.5

(a) See paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes

(b) Possible break in series. See paragraph 14 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)								
1999								
February	355.0	65.5	35.8	72.0	26.8	72.9	124.6	752.6
March	391.4	83.4	49.1	79.1	30.3	82.2	140.9	856.4
April	365.6	83.4	53.2	75.7	26.6	79.4	140.0	823.8
May	362.0	88.6	52.3	79.6	26.6	80.4	137.7	827.3
June	347.5	81.4	51.0	79.7	26.7	79.9	134.7	800.8
July	379.3	92.5	54.0	86.8	28.3	84.8	144.1	869.8
August	369.3	80.6	47.8	88.7	28.1	86.3	136.3	837.0
September	375.3	87.3	51.1	86.8	32.1	87.8	145.3	865.7
October	387.9	88.9	53.7	98.2	28.8	89.3	171.2	918.0
November	381.4	107.3	53.3	99.4	34.8	95.8	158.8	930.9
December	441.8	166.9	75.0	116.5	51.1	131.4	186.8	1 169.5
2000								
January	373.6	80.2	45.5	93.6	26.3	84.6	160.9	864.6
February	357.5	67.6	36.5	83.5	27.4	84.8	151.0	808.3
March	389.8	81.0	45.6	91.0	30.1	93.5	155.6	886.6
April	383.8	87.0	47.4	83.0	23.9	84.4	143.5	853.0
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (\$ million)								
1999								
February	388.5	90.6	48.9	82.1	30.8	83.3	138.0	862.1
March	394.7	96.1	51.7	82.2	30.5	85.4	147.6	888.3
April	369.1	89.7	50.3	83.9	29.3	82.3	141.2	845.8
May	373.4	90.2	50.0	81.9	29.8	82.6	143.2	851.0
June	368.1	91.0	50.5	84.6	29.1	82.7	145.8	851.8
July	375.4	90.9	51.8	87.3	30.2	86.2	146.9	868.7
August	382.1	92.9	53.9	89.9	30.4	90.2	142.4	881.9
September	378.9	93.7	53.7	91.8	33.2	88.6	149.2	889.0
October	378.9	93.1	53.3	93.8	29.3	90.3	159.0	897.6
November	381.9	94.5	53.1	94.3	32.2	93.8	155.0	904.7
December	378.5	91.4	54.5	87.9	33.8	94.7	149.4	890.1
2000								
January	369.2	91.8	48.4	93.4	27.9	91.7	164.6	887.1
February	376.0	90.1	48.4	91.3	29.4	93.7	160.8	889.7
March	382.4	92.8	46.3	95.0	30.1	93.2	158.0	897.9
April	392.6	92.4	45.4	93.7	27.2	90.7	147.2	889.2
TREND ESTIMATES (\$ million)								
1999								
February	387.0	91.8	48.2	83.4	29.6	82.6	139.4	861.4
March	386.3	91.7	49.1	83.2	29.8	82.8	141.2	860.5
April	(b)375.1	91.5	50.1	83.2	29.9	83.1	142.8	859.2
May	374.1	91.3	50.9	83.7	29.9	83.7	143.8	858.7
June	373.9	91.3	51.5	85.2	29.9	84.6	144.8	861.3
July	375.2	91.7	52.2	87.3	30.2	86.0	146.0	868.1
August	377.3	92.4	52.9	89.5	30.8	87.8	147.6	877.8
September	378.9	93.0	53.6	91.1	31.3	89.7	149.9	887.3
October	379.1	93.2	53.7	92.1	31.6	91.4	152.8	893.7
November	378.0	92.9	53.0	92.3	31.5	92.5	155.4	895.6
December	377.2	92.4	51.7	92.3	31.0	93.0	157.2	894.7
2000								
January	377.5	92.0	50.1	92.3	30.4	93.1	157.8	893.2
February	379.0	91.8	48.5	92.6	29.6	93.0	157.5	892.1
March	381.3	91.7	47.0	93.0	28.9	92.8	156.5	891.2
April	383.9	91.7	45.8	93.4	28.4	92.3	154.9	890.1

(a) See paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes

(b) Possible break in series. See paragraph 14 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)								
1999								
February	500.0	75.0	45.4	166.3	53.3	110.0	149.7	1 099.8
March	547.4	92.3	53.1	179.5	57.9	120.3	154.2	1 204.9
April	534.9	90.5	55.8	166.9	51.6	108.2	149.9	1 157.8
May	519.7	110.4	64.0	186.3	53.6	107.7	145.2	1 187.0
June	502.7	91.3	57.3	185.6	52.6	104.9	136.3	1 130.6
July	537.9	102.0	59.5	190.3	49.5	107.3	151.7	1 198.2
August	519.5	88.2	52.3	191.9	48.6	111.2	148.3	1 160.1
September	529.3	99.1	55.4	186.2	45.4	114.5	147.4	1 177.3
October	572.8	108.6	61.8	198.9	57.0	120.8	163.4	1 283.3
November	560.0	120.9	68.1	205.3	62.6	126.7	150.8	1 294.4
December	673.4	204.7	88.9	244.0	79.5	170.7	168.4	1 629.6
2000								
January	538.8	91.2	56.6	188.6	63.1	126.4	140.8	1 205.6
February	524.7	81.5	53.2	185.1	61.4	125.0	148.7	1 179.6
March	561.6	90.6	58.0	191.2	63.9	131.7	148.6	1 245.5
April	541.2	103.8	66.6	173.3	66.5	124.4	134.3	1 210.0
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (\$ million)								
1999								
February	535.7	103.1	56.5	182.1	58.8	125.3	160.7	1 222.2
March	547.1	108.8	57.4	187.7	60.8	126.4	156.0	1 244.1
April	539.8	94.8	57.3	178.6	56.2	120.6	154.6	1 201.9
May	533.3	107.9	60.2	192.9	55.3	114.6	149.6	1 213.7
June	539.8	102.4	57.4	189.6	55.9	114.0	148.7	1 208.0
July	538.4	105.0	59.9	195.7	52.0	111.6	149.9	1 212.5
August	541.1	104.4	59.2	200.4	53.0	118.0	149.4	1 225.5
September	540.5	109.0	60.7	195.7	48.0	116.1	148.5	1 218.5
October	561.1	107.9	60.7	193.3	57.0	116.6	154.4	1 250.9
November	562.5	108.7	66.0	189.7	61.0	116.7	149.3	1 254.0
December	566.0	108.3	63.1	192.8	53.8	117.7	147.1	1 248.8
2000								
January	532.9	106.3	56.6	191.6	66.2	132.3	141.1	1 227.0
February	544.1	109.6	63.6	192.5	64.4	133.2	153.0	1 260.6
March	547.3	105.7	62.2	197.9	66.7	140.2	150.2	1 270.3
April	553.9	109.3	69.2	190.6	71.8	142.0	138.4	1 275.3
TREND ESTIMATES (\$ million)								
1999								
February	535.3	104.9	56.3	179.5	58.1	124.9	157.1	1 217.2
March	538.0	104.1	57.1	182.6	58.0	122.8	155.7	1 218.5
April	539.0	103.5	57.9	186.0	57.2	120.0	153.7	1 217.0
May	538.7	103.3	58.4	189.5	55.8	117.4	151.7	1 214.5
June	538.2	103.7	58.8	192.6	54.2	115.5	150.2	1 213.2
July	539.9	104.7	59.4	194.7	53.0	114.3	149.7	1 215.8
August	544.1	106.0	60.2	195.7	52.5	114.1	149.7	1 222.3
September	549.2	107.1	61.0	195.4	53.1	114.7	149.7	1 230.4
October	553.1	107.9	61.5	194.3	54.6	116.4	149.6	1 237.5
November	554.3	108.1	61.8	193.1	57.0	119.2	149.2	1 242.6
December	553.2	108.1	61.9	192.4	59.7	123.2	148.5	1 247.0
2000								
January	550.8	108.0	62.2	192.5	62.5	128.0	147.7	1 251.5
February	548.5	107.8	62.9	192.9	65.2	133.0	146.7	1 257.0
March	547.1	107.8	63.8	193.3	67.6	137.7	145.7	1 263.3
April	545.7	107.9	64.8	193.6	69.3	141.6	144.5	1 268.3

(a) See paragraph 3 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)								
1999								
February	106.3	n.p.	13.4	27.0	17.1	n.p.	35.9	246.1
March	117.6	n.p.	14.9	29.4	17.2	n.p.	39.4	271.5
April	112.4	n.p.	16.9	27.3	16.4	n.p.	37.1	263.8
May	110.9	n.p.	15.1	27.3	15.7	n.p.	34.7	258.2
June	108.4	n.p.	14.7	30.2	15.9	n.p.	31.7	253.8
July	114.2	n.p.	14.7	28.8	16.6	n.p.	35.2	264.5
August	112.2	n.p.	12.9	30.3	15.4	n.p.	35.7	259.3
September	114.7	n.p.	13.6	30.2	16.5	n.p.	34.7	263.7
October	120.2	n.p.	12.6	30.4	16.7	n.p.	39.2	272.1
November	117.2	n.p.	14.0	30.8	18.2	n.p.	41.0	279.0
December	140.4	n.p.	20.4	40.7	26.9	n.p.	50.0	368.9
2000								
January	116.9	n.p.	12.5	26.5	18.2	n.p.	43.2	260.9
February	114.3	n.p.	12.2	26.2	18.5	n.p.	43.3	257.4
March	122.2	n.p.	12.4	28.2	17.0	n.p.	46.3	272.8
April	110.8	n.p.	12.4	31.0	16.1	n.p.	51.1	269.2
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (\$ million)								
1999								
February	113.4	n.p.	15.6	32.0	17.0	n.p.	36.4	270.1
March	118.1	n.p.	15.7	31.6	17.5	n.p.	38.9	279.1
April	113.9	n.p.	15.6	28.9	17.3	n.p.	35.8	268.1
May	112.7	n.p.	15.2	28.2	17.3	n.p.	36.8	266.9
June	114.2	n.p.	15.2	29.7	17.3	n.p.	35.2	270.0
July	114.5	n.p.	15.1	29.8	17.7	n.p.	38.0	273.4
August	116.6	n.p.	14.5	31.2	17.1	n.p.	39.2	275.4
September	116.6	n.p.	14.8	31.0	17.9	n.p.	38.0	274.2
October	118.3	n.p.	13.8	29.4	18.1	n.p.	37.7	271.4
November	118.1	n.p.	13.6	29.2	17.8	n.p.	39.6	271.9
December	120.4	n.p.	13.4	28.6	17.7	n.p.	40.0	275.5
2000								
January	115.8	n.p.	13.6	31.4	18.2	n.p.	41.6	269.4
February	119.3	n.p.	13.4	29.5	17.4	n.p.	42.4	271.6
March	118.6	n.p.	12.7	30.4	17.1	n.p.	44.3	272.7
April	114.7	n.p.	12.2	32.1	17.5	n.p.	51.3	279.0
TREND ESTIMATES (\$ million)								
1999								
February	113.9	n.p.	15.5	30.2	16.9	n.p.	36.8	268.7
March	114.4	n.p.	15.5	30.4	17.1	n.p.	36.8	270.3
April	114.7	n.p.	15.5	30.2	17.3	n.p.	36.8	271.2
May	114.8	n.p.	15.4	29.9	17.4	n.p.	36.9	271.5
June	114.9	n.p.	15.2	29.8	17.4	n.p.	37.0	271.6
July	115.3	n.p.	15.0	29.8	17.5	n.p.	37.3	272.0
August	116.0	n.p.	14.7	30.0	17.6	n.p.	37.7	272.8
September	116.9	n.p.	14.4	30.1	17.7	n.p.	38.2	273.4
October	117.8	n.p.	14.1	29.9	17.8	n.p.	38.6	273.3
November	118.3	n.p.	13.8	29.7	17.9	n.p.	39.2	272.6
December	118.5	n.p.	13.6	29.7	17.8	n.p.	40.2	272.2
2000								
January	118.3	n.p.	13.4	29.9	17.7	n.p.	41.7	272.3
February	117.9	n.p.	13.1	30.3	17.6	n.p.	43.6	272.9
March	117.4	n.p.	12.8	30.7	17.5	n.p.	45.5	273.8
April	116.9	n.p.	12.6	31.2	17.4	n.p.	47.3	274.9

(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)								
1999								
February	50.5	n.p.	4.3	11.6	4.6	n.p.	16.9	104.0
March	57.4	n.p.	4.9	12.6	4.9	n.p.	20.6	118.1
April	57.7	n.p.	4.8	11.7	5.6	n.p.	21.9	118.5
May	62.0	n.p.	5.4	12.6	5.7	n.p.	22.8	126.7
June	63.8	n.p.	5.6	13.3	5.8	n.p.	23.3	129.2
July	70.5	n.p.	6.2	12.9	5.5	n.p.	22.4	139.3
August	67.7	n.p.	5.9	13.1	5.7	n.p.	21.9	136.3
September	66.3	n.p.	5.8	13.1	5.8	n.p.	20.9	133.2
October	66.1	n.p.	6.8	13.6	6.1	n.p.	21.3	135.3
November	62.1	n.p.	6.5	15.1	5.9	n.p.	20.1	131.3
December	67.3	n.p.	7.8	19.4	6.9	n.p.	20.9	152.3
2000								
January	57.8	n.p.	5.0	14.1	4.5	n.p.	16.4	115.7
February	57.6	n.p.	4.7	14.4	4.6	n.p.	17.2	115.3
March	63.8	n.p.	5.2	15.6	5.0	n.p.	17.5	125.2
April	62.9	n.p.	5.5	15.9	4.7	n.p.	18.9	126.9
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (\$ million)								
1999								
February	58.6	n.p.	5.9	12.9	5.5	n.p.	20.4	123.0
March	59.4	n.p.	5.7	12.4	5.3	n.p.	22.7	125.4
April	60.0	n.p.	5.4	12.3	5.5	n.p.	23.2	125.1
May	61.7	n.p.	5.5	12.4	5.7	n.p.	22.8	127.5
June	62.7	n.p.	5.5	12.8	5.5	n.p.	21.8	127.5
July	63.6	n.p.	5.6	13.1	5.3	n.p.	19.5	127.7
August	64.1	n.p.	5.3	13.3	5.3	n.p.	19.8	127.8
September	63.5	n.p.	5.6	13.4	5.6	n.p.	19.9	128.5
October	63.7	n.p.	6.5	12.9	5.8	n.p.	19.8	129.1
November	63.8	n.p.	6.2	14.8	6.1	n.p.	20.3	131.8
December	63.9	n.p.	5.9	17.1	6.2	n.p.	20.4	134.8
2000								
January	63.7	n.p.	5.9	15.7	5.3	n.p.	19.5	130.6
February	64.7	n.p.	6.2	15.3	5.3	n.p.	19.9	131.4
March	65.9	n.p.	6.2	15.5	5.3	n.p.	19.5	132.4
April	65.4	n.p.	6.2	16.6	4.8	n.p.	20.0	134.1
TREND ESTIMATES (\$ million)								
1999								
February	58.3	n.p.	5.6	12.6	5.5	n.p.	22.4	124.1
March	59.4	n.p.	5.6	12.5	5.5	n.p.	22.3	125.0
April	60.5	n.p.	5.6	12.5	5.5	n.p.	22.2	125.9
May	61.6	n.p.	5.5	12.6	5.5	n.p.	21.9	126.6
June	62.6	n.p.	5.5	12.6	5.4	n.p.	21.4	127.1
July	63.2	n.p.	5.5	12.8	5.5	n.p.	20.8	127.6
August	63.6	n.p.	5.6	13.1	5.5	n.p.	20.2	128.4
September	63.8	n.p.	5.8	13.6	5.7	n.p.	19.9	129.2
October	63.8	n.p.	5.9	14.2	5.8	n.p.	19.8	130.2
November	63.8	n.p.	6.0	14.7	5.8	n.p.	19.9	131.0
December	64.0	n.p.	6.1	15.3	5.8	n.p.	20.0	131.7
2000								
January	64.3	n.p.	6.1	15.6	5.6	n.p.	19.9	132.2
February	64.7	n.p.	6.1	15.9	5.4	n.p.	19.8	132.5
March	65.1	n.p.	6.2	16.1	5.2	n.p.	19.8	132.9
April	65.4	n.p.	6.2	16.2	5.0	n.p.	19.7	133.2

(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)								
1999								
February	74.7	17.0	12.2	25.3	12.5	17.2	30.2	189.1
March	82.6	21.3	14.0	29.3	15.2	19.4	34.9	216.6
April	74.7	23.8	16.3	27.0	14.8	18.5	35.7	210.7
May	80.0	23.6	15.5	28.8	15.7	20.3	34.9	218.7
June	76.8	19.8	14.9	29.0	14.5	19.9	32.2	207.0
July	80.9	25.8	15.3	33.9	15.0	22.7	34.1	227.6
August	79.2	20.3	15.1	30.6	14.6	22.0	34.6	216.5
September	80.1	22.2	14.0	31.3	14.3	22.0	34.5	218.4
October	82.5	24.0	14.8	36.7	15.7	23.0	34.0	230.6
November	81.2	27.8	14.3	35.0	17.8	24.6	34.7	235.6
December	94.5	49.9	22.5	43.2	24.5	35.2	35.5	305.3
2000								
January	83.1	22.1	15.4	34.7	13.3	17.7	31.8	218.2
February	81.1	19.2	12.5	33.9	13.6	19.7	31.0	211.0
March	85.5	21.8	14.7	37.4	16.0	20.8	34.6	230.7
April	85.4	25.8	16.8	33.9	14.5	20.0	36.4	232.8
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (\$ million)								
1999								
February	80.1	23.3	15.6	28.5	14.5	21.3	34.2	217.6
March	82.8	25.1	15.6	30.4	15.1	20.9	34.9	224.7
April	76.9	23.9	15.7	29.8	15.9	20.1	34.7	217.0
May	79.8	23.4	14.7	30.4	15.7	21.0	34.1	219.0
June	80.4	22.9	14.8	31.7	15.1	22.0	33.6	220.5
July	78.9	24.6	14.5	32.8	14.8	23.4	33.0	222.1
August	81.1	25.2	16.5	32.3	15.8	22.1	34.3	227.2
September	81.4	24.7	14.8	32.8	15.4	22.1	33.9	225.0
October	80.4	25.1	15.1	35.7	16.4	21.9	32.5	227.0
November	81.8	26.1	15.1	33.5	16.9	22.9	33.9	230.1
December	83.7	26.4	15.2	31.8	16.6	23.3	34.0	230.8
2000								
January	83.5	25.2	17.3	35.2	15.6	20.0	34.6	231.5
February	84.2	25.4	15.4	37.3	15.2	23.6	33.6	234.6
March	83.9	25.2	16.3	38.8	15.7	22.1	34.3	236.2
April	87.8	25.3	15.9	37.5	15.9	22.5	35.8	240.7
TREND ESTIMATES (\$ million)								
1999								
February	79.5	24.9	15.3	28.5	14.3	19.8	34.4	216.8
March	79.8	24.5	15.3	29.3	14.9	20.3	34.4	218.5
April	79.9	24.1	15.3	30.1	15.3	20.9	34.3	219.7
May	79.8	23.8	15.2	30.9	15.4	21.5	34.1	220.6
June	79.8	23.8	15.1	31.6	15.4	21.9	33.9	221.5
July	79.9	24.1	15.1	32.3	15.5	22.2	33.7	222.7
August	80.3	24.6	15.1	32.8	15.6	22.4	33.5	224.3
September	80.9	25.1	15.2	33.2	15.9	22.5	33.5	226.1
October	81.4	25.5	15.3	33.4	16.1	22.4	33.6	227.7
November	82.0	25.7	15.5	33.8	16.2	22.3	33.7	229.2
December	82.8	25.7	15.7	34.4	16.2	22.2	33.8	230.8
2000								
January	83.5	25.6	15.9	35.3	16.0	22.3	34.1	232.6
February	84.4	25.5	16.0	36.3	15.8	22.3	34.3	234.7
March	85.2	25.4	16.2	37.2	15.7	22.3	34.6	236.8
April	86.0	25.2	16.2	38.0	15.5	22.4	35.0	238.8

(a) See paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes

EXPLANATORY NOTES

INTRODUCTION

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

2 Estimates of turnover contained in this publication are based on a survey of about 6,600 retail and selected service businesses (covering 20,000 outlets). All 'large' businesses are included in the survey, while a sample of about 3,800 'smaller' businesses is selected. The 'large' business' contribution of approximately 56% 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).

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, changes in employment levels, changes in industry and other general business changes. Cessations include businesses which have cancelled their Group Employer registration or have not remitted to the Australian Taxation Office for five quarters or more. The estimates include an allowance for the time it takes a newly registered business to get on to the survey frame.

5 The use of Group Employer information to remove businesses from the Retail survey frame was introduced from the July 1999 reference month. Updating the frame to take account of changes in employment levels and industry was introduced from the April 2000 reference month. Both of these changes resulted in a shift in the level of the Retail series. However, in both cases historic data were revised to progressively phase in this shift of level. As a result of this process, month to month movements were not perceptibly affected.

DEFINITION OF TURNOVER

6 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

7 Seasonally adjusted estimates are derived by estimating and removing systematic calendar related effects from the original series. In the Retail trade series, these calendar related effects are known as seasonal (eg increased spending in December as a result of Christmas) and trading day influences (arising from the varying length of each month and the varying number of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, etc in each month). Each influence is estimated by separate seasonal and trading day factors which, when combined, are referred to as the combined adjustment factors.

8 The Retail series uses a concurrent seasonal adjustment methodology to derive the combined adjustment factors. This means that data from the current month are used in estimating seasonal and trading day factors for the current and previous months. Concurrent seasonal adjustment replaced the forward factor methodology from the April 2000 reference month. For more information see the information paper *Introduction of Concurrent Seasonal Adjustment into the Retail Trade Series* (Cat. no.8514.0).

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SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT *continued*

9 Concurrent adjustment can result in revisions each month to estimates for earlier periods. However, in most instances, the only noticeable revisions will be to the combined adjustment factors for the current month, the previous month and the same month a year ago. The following table shows how the combined adjustment factor for these months, at the total Australian Retail, hospitality and services level, evolved under the concurrent seasonal adjustment methodology. The table presents two different estimates of the combined adjustment factors. The first row gives the combined adjustment factors estimated following the last annual reanalysis in July 1999 using data up to and including the June 1999 reference month. The second row gives the most recent combined adjustment factors estimated and used in this month's calculation of the concurrent seasonally adjusted series.

	COMBINED ADJUSTMENT FACTORS		
	<i>Apr 1999</i>	<i>Mar 2000</i>	<i>Apr 2000</i>
Factors as estimated at last reanalysis (June 1999 reference month)	0.96714	0.98138	0.95518
Factors as estimated with current month's data (April 2000 reference month)	0.96561	0.98385	0.95223

10 The seasonal adjustment methodology, is able to produce combined adjustment factors for future months. The latest factors for some future months are shown in the following table. While these factors represent the best current estimate, the actual factors used for estimating the seasonally adjusted estimates in these months will differ because they will incorporate subsequent month's data as it becomes available.

	COMBINED ADJUSTMENT FACTORS		
	<i>May 2000</i>	<i>Jun 2000</i>	<i>Jul 2000</i>
Factors as estimated with current month's data (April 2000 reference month)	0.97857	0.95370	0.97200

11 The seasonal and trading day factors are reviewed annually at a more detailed level than possible in the monthly processing cycle. The annual reanalysis will not normally result in significant changes. For Retail Trade, the results of the latest review are shown in the July issue each year.

12 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 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.

13 As a result of the different treatment of Australian and State totals in the seasonal adjustment process, the Australian total for an industry group may not necessarily equal the sum of the State totals for that industry group.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

TREND ESTIMATES

14 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 is used that have been tailored to reduce a small bias associated with estimating these recent values when the trend growth is increasing or decreasing.

15 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.

CHAIN VOLUME MEASURES

16 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

17 There are two types of error possible in estimates of retail turnover original series and these errors are also present in the seasonally adjusted, trend and chain volume measure series:

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

18 The standard errors shown below estimate the sampling error in the original series. 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.

19 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).

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20 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

CHANGES IN THIS ISSUE

21 Concurrent seasonal adjustment has been introduced from this reference month and it is briefly explained in paragraphs 7 to 13 above. It has been demonstrated that concurrent seasonal adjustment will, in most cases, produce a more accurate initial seasonally adjusted estimate than the forward factor methodology that was previously used. The concurrent adjustment methodology uses the most recent data every month whereas the forward factor approach only used it once a year.

22 Changes to procedures for maintaining the survey frame have also been introduced. Previously, changes to employment (a benchmark in estimation and a stratification variable) and industry (a stratification variable) were only made to the Retail frame following regular censuses of all retail locations. As it is unlikely that there will be another Retail census, these variables are now being updated on a quarterly basis. The introduction of these practices resulted in an increase in the level of Retail turnover estimates published for most industries for April 2000. However, data from April 1994 onwards have been revised to progressively phase in this shift of level. As a result of this process current and historic month to month movements are not perceptibly affected.

23 The introduction of these changes has resulted in some significant changes to previously published seasonally adjusted estimates for earlier periods eg the movement in the seasonally adjusted estimate of total turnover for the Australian Retail and Hospitality and services series for January decreased from -0.7% to -1.5%, February increased from -0.2% to 0.6% and March decreased from 0.6% to 0.2%. It should be noted that concurrent adjustment will result in the most significant changes where moving seasonality is occurring and this has been observed in the December, January and February period. Also, the concurrent adjustment estimates are closer to the estimates that would have been produced by the forward factor methodology at the time of the next annual reanalysis in July 2000.

UNPUBLISHED DATA

24 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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