

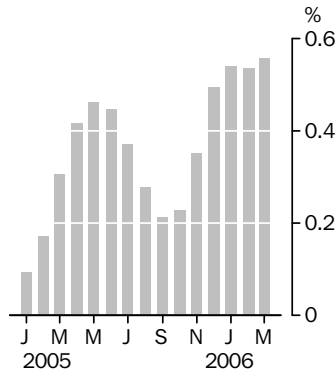
RETAIL TRADE

AUSTRALIA

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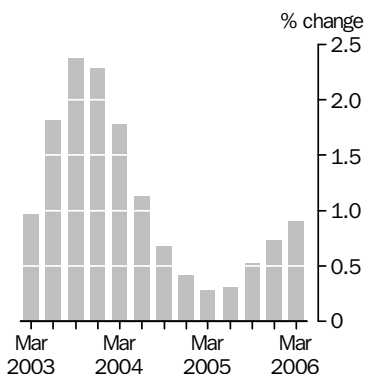
Monthly turnover

Trend estimates
% change



Quarterly turnover

in volume terms
Trend estimates



INQUIRIES

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KEY FIGURES

	Mar 06 \$m	Feb 06 to Mar 06 % change
Turnover at current prices		
Trend estimates	17 650.0	0.6
Seasonally adjusted estimates	17 657.7	0.3

	Mar Qtr 06 \$m	Dec Qtr 05 to Mar Qtr 06 % change
Turnover, in volume terms		
Trend estimates	51 390.5	0.9
Seasonally adjusted estimates	51 608.2	1.7

KEY POINTS

TREND ESTIMATES

- The trend estimate of turnover for the Australian Retail and Hospitality/Services series increased by 0.6% in March 2006. This follows increases of 0.5% in both February and January 2006.
- In March 2006, all states had an increase in the trend estimate. The states with the largest increase were Western Australia (+0.8%), South Australia and Tasmania (both +0.7%).

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES

- The seasonally adjusted estimate of turnover for the Australian Retail and Hospitality/Services series increased by 0.3% in March 2006. This follows an increase of 0.7% in February 2006 and a revised increase of 1.0% for January 2006.
- All states, except South Australia and the Northern Territory, had an increase in the seasonally adjusted estimate. The states with the largest increases were Victoria (+0.7%), Tasmania (+0.4%) and New South Wales (+0.3%).

ORIGINAL ESTIMATES

- In original terms, Australian turnover increased by 11.6% in March 2006 compared with February 2006. Chains and other large retailers (which are completely enumerated) increased by 12.8%, while the estimate for 'smaller' retailers (the sampled units) increased by 10.0%.
- Australian turnover increased by 5.6% in March 2006 compared with March 2005. Chains and other large retailers increased by 4.2%, while 'smaller' retailers increased by 7.4%.

VOLUME MEASURES

- The trend volume measure of turnover increased by 0.9% in the March quarter 2006. This follows a 0.7% increase in the December quarter 2005. In seasonally adjusted terms, the volume measure increased by 1.7% in the March quarter 2006.

NOTES

FORTHCOMING ISSUES

<i>ISSUE</i>	<i>RELEASE DATE</i>
April 2006	30 May 2006
May 2006	3 July 2006
June 2006	2 August 2006
July 2006	30 August 2006
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September 2006	2 November 2006

CHANGES IN THIS ISSUE

Quarterly chain volume data are shown in tables 14 and 15 of this issue.

SAMPLING ERRORS

Standard errors for the Australian estimates (original data) for March 2006 contained in this publication are:

<i>Data Series</i>	<i>Estimate</i>	<i>Standard error</i>
Level of retail turnover (\$m)	17 339.2	134.8
Change from preceding month (\$m)	1 804.4	38.7
% change from preceding month (%)	11.6	0.3

For more information see the Explanatory Notes, paragraphs 32–36.

ABBREVIATIONS

ABN	Australian Business Number
ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
ANZSIC	Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification
ARIMA	autoregressive integrated moving average
ATO	Australian Taxation Office
n.e.c.	not elsewhere classified
PAYGW	pay-as-you-go withholding
RSE	relative standard error
TAU	type of activity unit

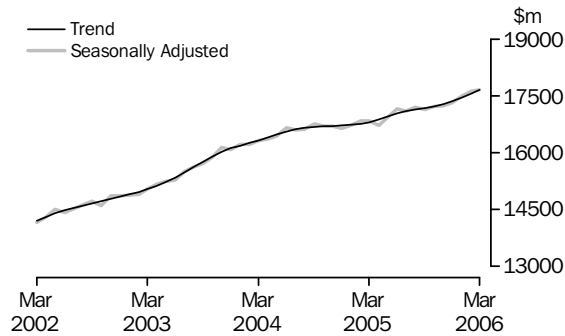
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INDUSTRY TRENDS

MONTHLY SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AND TREND ESTIMATES

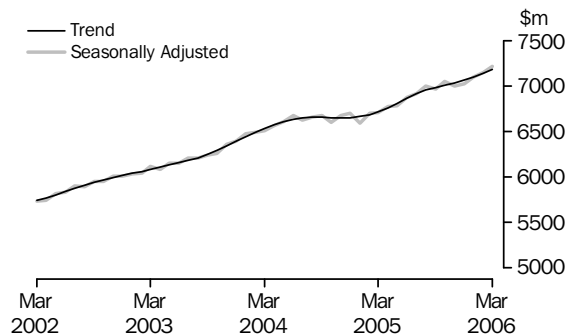
TOTAL RETAIL

There has been moderate trend growth for the last five months. Hospitality and services had moderate growth in March 2006 after five months of strong growth and Other retailing has had five months of strong growth. Food retailing and Department stores have had moderate trend growth over the last three months.



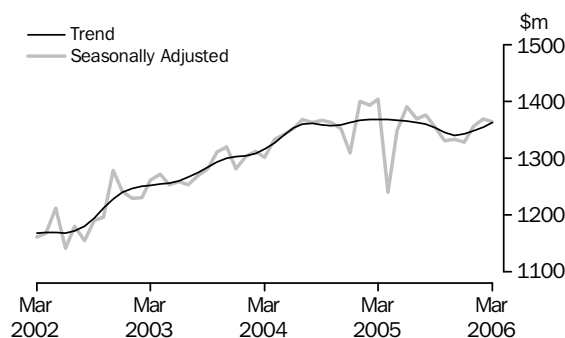
FOOD RETAILING

There has been four months of moderate trend growth. There has been moderate trend growth in Victoria (at least 15 months), New South Wales (seven months), Tasmania (three months) and Western Australia (three months).



DEPARTMENT STORES

There has been moderate trend growth for the last three months. There has been strong growth in Western Australia and Queensland for four and three months respectively, while the Australian Capital Territory had moderate growth in March 2006 after three months of strong growth. All other published states had moderate trend growth in March 2006 after periods of weak or moderate growth.

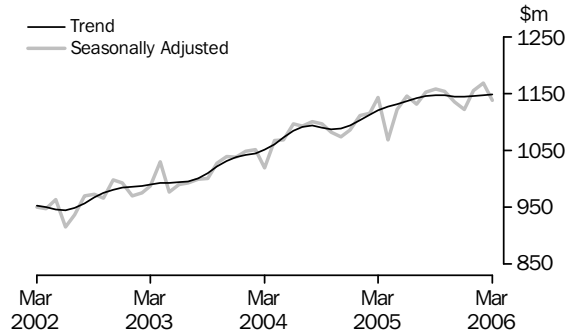


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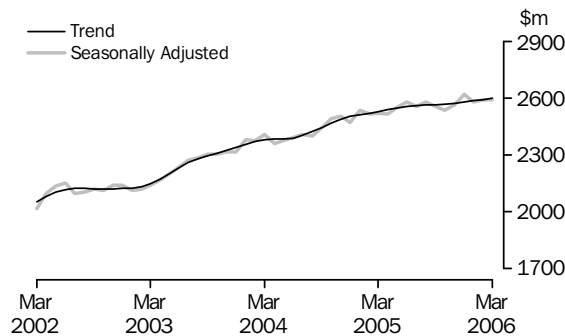
**CLOTHING AND SOFT
GOOD RETAILING**

The trend has been weak for the last three months. New South Wales has had a decline in the trend estimate for seven months. Victoria, Queensland and South Australia had weak trend growth in March 2006, and the Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory had no growth. By contrast, Western Australia and Tasmania have had strong trend growth for at least six months.



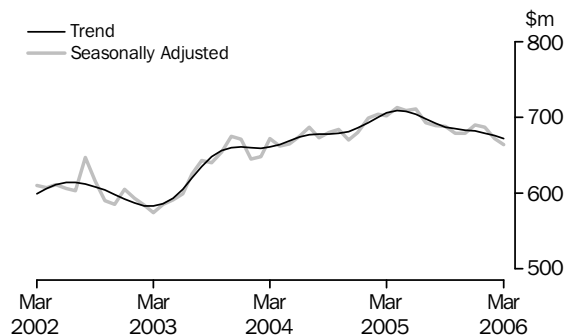
**HOUSEHOLD GOOD
RETAILING**

There has been weak trend growth for ten months. New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia have had weak trend growth or been in decline over this period. The Northern Territory has had strong trend growth for eight months.



**RECREATIONAL GOOD
RETAILING**

The trend has continued to be in decline for 11 months. The Australian Capital Territory was the only state with strong trend growth in March 2006. South Australia has had moderate trend growth in the last four months, while all other states have been flat or in decline for at least four months.

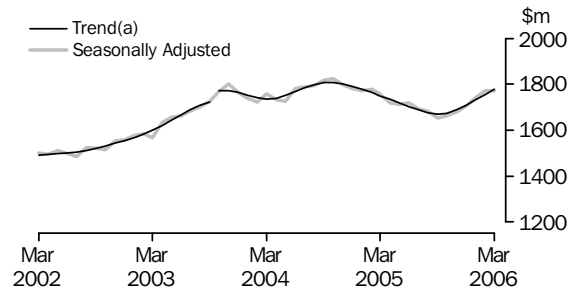


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MONTHLY SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AND TREND ESTIMATES

OTHER RETAILING

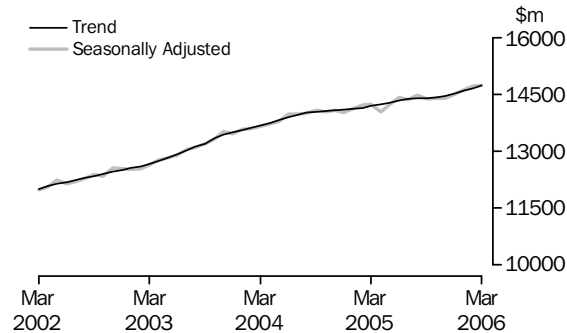
There has been strong growth in the trend for the last five months. All published states, except New South Wales and South Australia, have had strong trend growth for at least four months.



(a) Break in trend series from October 2003.

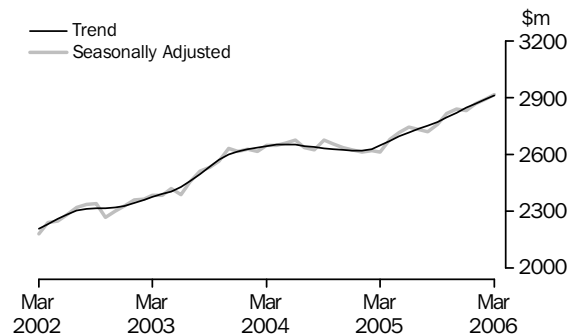
TOTAL RETAIL (EXCLUDING HOSPITALITY AND SERVICES)

Total retail (excluding Hospitality and services) has had moderate trend growth for the last four months. Over the last seven months, the rate of trend growth for Total retail (excluding Hospitality and services) has mostly been slower than Total industries (including Hospitality and services).



HOSPITALITY AND SERVICES

There has been moderate or strong growth in the trend for twelve months. Victoria and South Australia have had strong growth for four and three months respectively. New South Wales and the Northern Territory had weak trend growth in March 2006 following periods of strong trend growth.

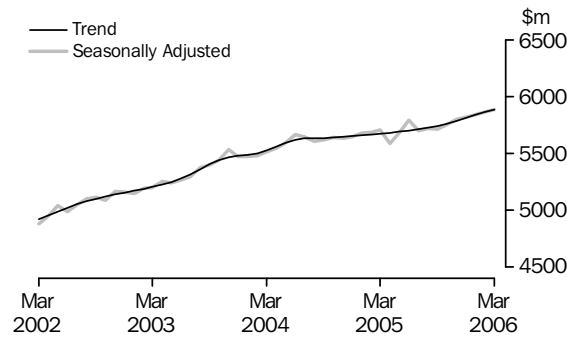


STATE TRENDS

MONTHLY SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AND TREND ESTIMATES

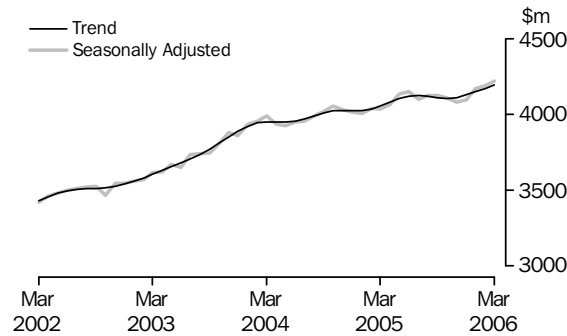
NEW SOUTH WALES

There has been moderate trend growth for five months. Food retailing and Other retailing have had moderate or strong growth for 12 and five months respectively. Department stores have had moderate trend growth for two months. Hospitality and services had weak trend growth in March 2006 after six months of strong or moderate growth. Clothing and soft good retailing has been in decline for seven months.



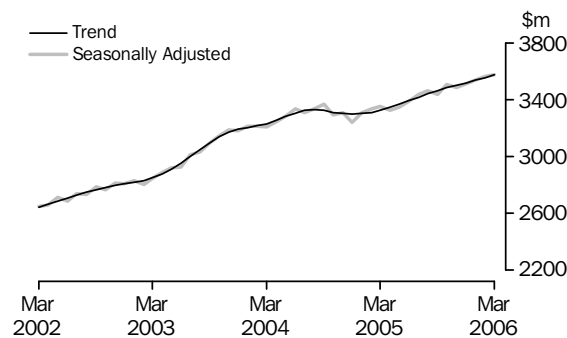
VICTORIA

There has been moderate trend growth for four months. Hospitality and services and Other retailing have had strong trend growth over the last four months, while Food retailing has had moderate trend growth for at least the last 15 months. Clothing and soft good retailing has had weak trend growth over the last three months, while Recreational good retailing has been in decline for the last ten months.



QUEENSLAND

There has been moderate trend growth for 13 months. There has been strong trend growth in Department stores (three months) and Other retailing (six months). Hospitality and services has slowed to moderate growth in the last two months following a long period of strong growth.

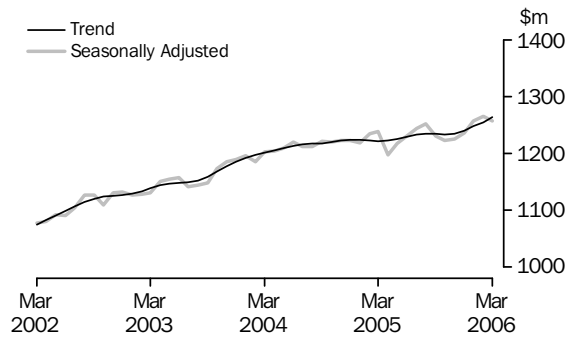


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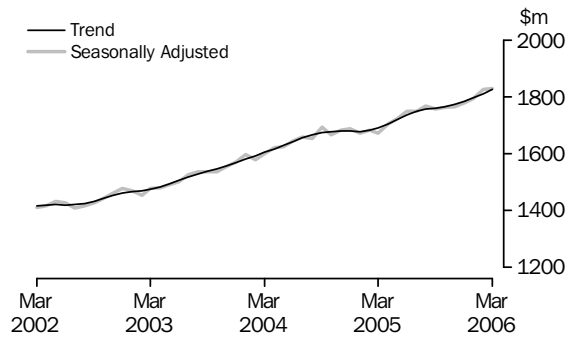
SOUTH AUSTRALIA

There has been moderate growth in the trend estimate for four months. Other retailing had moderate growth in March 2006 after eight months of strong growth. Hospitality and services has had three months of strong trend growth. Clothing and soft good retailing has had weak growth for six months and Household good retailing continues to be in decline.



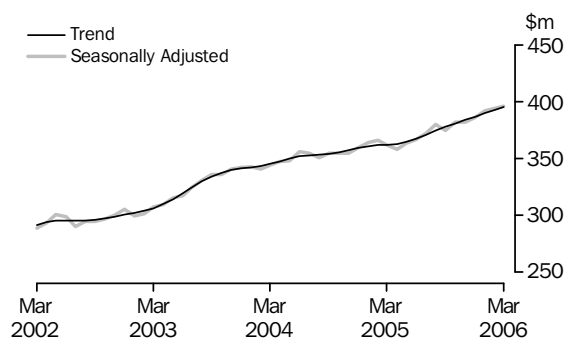
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

There has been strong growth in the trend estimate for three months. Department stores, Clothing and soft good retailing and Other retailing have had strong trend growth for at least the last four months. Hospitality and services had strong growth in March 2006, following three months of moderate growth.



TASMANIA

The trend growth has been strong to moderate for the past 11 months, with moderate growth in February and March 2006. Clothing and soft good retailing has had strong trend growth for over 12 months. Hospitality and services has had moderate trend growth in the last two months after six months of strong growth. Food retailing has had moderate growth in the last three months.



RETAIL TURNOVER, By Industry Group(a)

Month	Food retailing	Department stores	Clothing and soft good retailing	Household good retailing	Recreational good retailing	Other retailing	Hospitality and services	Total
ORIGINAL (\$ million)								
2005								
January	6 648.1	1 224.5	1 086.8	2 496.2	685.4	1 604.5	2 585.1	16 330.6
February	6 188.0	1 015.4	876.7	2 206.4	633.6	1 551.4	2 369.1	14 840.5
March	6 865.0	1 264.3	1 038.5	2 337.4	675.1	1 647.0	2 592.5	16 419.8
April	6 658.5	1 127.0	1 050.6	2 350.4	663.1	1 589.0	2 665.6	16 104.2
May	6 590.6	1 235.2	1 133.1	2 435.6	651.1	1 646.5	2 634.1	16 326.2
June	6 504.7	1 420.1	1 146.3	2 532.8	656.0	1 598.1	2 595.3	16 453.4
July	6 871.7	1 259.0	1 073.5	2 519.9	675.2	1 598.1	2 752.9	16 750.3
August	6 889.3	1 188.6	1 049.5	2 528.7	674.1	1 649.4	2 698.5	16 678.0
September	6 890.8	1 255.4	1 134.0	2 513.0	669.7	1 623.0	2 730.5	16 816.4
October	7 109.7	1 285.5	1 182.3	2 598.9	652.5	1 693.9	2 909.0	17 431.7
November	7 062.3	1 513.0	1 181.7	2 735.1	699.5	1 822.7	2 906.2	17 920.6
December	8 178.8	2 486.3	1 631.4	3 418.8	1 018.3	2 479.5	3 278.1	22 491.3
2006								
January	7 107.9	1 168.7	1 123.0	2 568.7	670.1	1 568.5	2 809.7	17 016.6
February	6 591.7	1 003.3	917.8	2 267.7	603.6	1 546.4	2 604.4	15 534.8
March	7 325.0	1 183.4	1 054.9	2 482.4	650.2	1 693.7	2 949.7	17 339.2
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (\$ million)								
2005								
January	6 593.9	1 399.5	1 110.6	2 536.8	699.1	1 772.5	2 613.8	16 726.1
February	6 701.5	1 393.2	1 115.6	2 516.5	703.5	1 777.1	2 620.9	16 828.4
March	6 708.8	1 403.5	1 143.6	2 518.9	701.5	1 757.7	2 613.8	16 847.8
April	6 775.6	1 239.7	1 068.8	2 516.5	712.4	1 719.6	2 679.7	16 712.3
May	6 785.6	1 349.4	1 121.7	2 552.0	708.6	1 711.8	2 715.7	16 944.8
June	6 870.8	1 390.7	1 146.4	2 580.6	710.9	1 719.7	2 744.9	17 164.1
July	6 916.8	1 369.0	1 131.3	2 555.7	693.1	1 692.3	2 730.0	17 088.1
August	7 000.5	1 375.1	1 152.1	2 578.6	688.9	1 682.4	2 717.9	17 195.5
September	6 962.9	1 352.7	1 157.9	2 557.0	688.1	1 652.1	2 758.9	17 129.6
October	7 046.2	1 330.2	1 154.1	2 535.1	679.3	1 662.5	2 813.8	17 221.2
November	6 998.9	1 333.5	1 135.4	2 562.9	679.0	1 679.5	2 839.1	17 228.2
December	7 026.4	1 327.7	1 121.1	2 620.1	690.1	1 706.1	2 830.0	17 321.6
2006								
January	7 101.8	1 356.2	1 154.5	2 581.4	686.6	1 740.6	2 867.3	17 488.5
February	7 147.3	1 369.8	1 168.4	2 590.5	671.9	1 769.8	2 889.3	17 607.0
March	7 211.7	1 364.2	1 138.4	2 592.7	663.7	1 771.5	2 915.5	17 657.7
TREND ESTIMATES (\$ million)								
2005								
January	6 663.6	1 366.2	1 103.1	2 511.1	692.7	1 778.6	2 621.2	16 729.6
February	6 683.6	1 368.2	1 112.6	2 518.1	700.0	1 763.8	2 629.4	16 758.2
March	6 716.3	1 368.2	1 120.8	2 526.2	705.7	1 749.3	2 646.9	16 809.3
April	6 759.6	1 367.4	1 126.6	2 537.4	708.6	1 735.1	2 670.1	16 879.3
May	6 811.6	1 366.1	1 131.4	2 549.1	707.9	1 719.8	2 694.3	16 957.3
June	6 867.4	1 364.8	1 136.9	2 556.9	703.7	1 703.4	2 715.9	17 033.3
July	6 917.2	1 363.1	1 142.2	2 560.8	697.7	1 687.6	2 734.8	17 096.5
August	6 956.2	1 359.7	1 145.8	2 562.7	691.9	1 675.1	2 752.5	17 143.9
September	6 985.6	1 352.7	1 147.1	2 563.5	687.4	1 669.2	2 771.5	17 180.2
October	7 008.3	1 344.7	1 146.4	2 566.1	684.8	1 673.4	2 794.1	17 219.5
November	7 031.6	1 340.3	1 144.9	2 572.1	683.3	1 687.6	2 820.1	17 279.8
December	7 061.2	1 342.6	1 144.6	2 580.4	681.7	1 708.7	2 845.7	17 364.9
2006								
January	7 097.5	1 348.3	1 145.5	2 587.9	679.0	1 731.6	2 868.9	17 458.6
February	7 136.3	1 354.9	1 146.7	2 593.4	675.6	1 754.0	2 890.9	17 552.2
March	7 179.1	1 362.5	1 148.1	2 598.7	671.7	1 777.3	2 909.3	17 650.0

(a) See paragraph 5 of the Explanatory Notes.

RETAIL TURNOVER PERCENTAGE CHANGE, By Industry Group(a)

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)								
2005								
January	-14.3	-50.1	-30.6	-22.1	-31.7	-38.8	-15.1	-24.6
February	-6.9	-17.1	-19.3	-11.6	-7.6	-3.3	-8.4	-9.1
March	10.9	24.5	18.5	5.9	6.6	6.2	9.4	10.6
April	-3.0	-10.9	1.2	0.6	-1.8	-3.5	2.8	-1.9
May	-1.0	9.6	7.9	3.6	-1.8	3.6	-1.2	1.4
June	-1.3	15.0	1.2	4.0	0.8	-2.9	-1.5	0.8
July	5.6	-11.3	-6.4	-0.5	2.9	0.0	6.1	1.8
August	0.3	-5.6	-2.2	0.3	-0.2	3.2	-2.0	-0.4
September	0.0	5.6	8.1	-0.6	-0.7	-1.6	1.2	0.8
October	3.2	2.4	4.3	3.4	-2.6	4.4	6.5	3.7
November	-0.7	17.7	-0.1	5.2	7.2	7.6	-0.1	2.8
December	15.8	64.3	38.1	25.0	45.6	36.0	12.8	25.5
2006								
January	-13.1	-53.0	-31.2	-24.9	-34.2	-36.7	-14.3	-24.3
February	-7.3	-14.2	-18.3	-11.7	-9.9	-1.4	-7.3	-8.7
March	11.1	17.9	14.9	9.5	7.7	9.5	13.3	11.6
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (% change from preceding month)								
2005								
January	-1.5	6.9	2.3	2.6	2.8	-0.4	-0.4	0.5
February	1.6	-0.4	0.4	-0.8	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.6
March	0.1	0.7	2.5	0.1	-0.3	-1.1	-0.3	0.1
April	1.0	-11.7	-6.5	-0.1	1.6	-2.2	2.5	-0.8
May	0.1	8.8	5.0	1.4	-0.5	-0.5	1.3	1.4
June	1.3	3.1	2.2	1.1	0.3	0.5	1.1	1.3
July	0.7	-1.6	-1.3	-1.0	-2.5	-1.6	-0.5	-0.4
August	1.2	0.4	1.8	0.9	-0.6	-0.6	-0.4	0.6
September	-0.5	-1.6	0.5	-0.8	-0.1	-1.8	1.5	-0.4
October	1.2	-1.7	-0.3	-0.9	-1.3	0.6	2.0	0.5
November	-0.7	0.2	-1.6	1.1	-0.1	1.0	0.9	0.0
December	0.4	-0.4	-1.3	2.2	1.6	1.6	-0.3	0.5
2006								
January	1.1	2.1	3.0	-1.5	-0.5	2.0	1.3	1.0
February	0.6	1.0	1.2	0.3	-2.2	1.7	0.8	0.7
March	0.9	-0.4	-2.6	0.1	-1.2	0.1	0.9	0.3
TREND ESTIMATES (% change from preceding month)								
2005								
January	0.2	0.3	0.8	0.4	1.0	-0.7	0.0	0.1
February	0.3	0.1	0.9	0.3	1.0	-0.8	0.3	0.2
March	0.5	0.0	0.7	0.3	0.8	-0.8	0.7	0.3
April	0.6	-0.1	0.5	0.4	0.4	-0.8	0.9	0.4
May	0.8	-0.1	0.4	0.5	-0.1	-0.9	0.9	0.5
June	0.8	-0.1	0.5	0.3	-0.6	-1.0	0.8	0.4
July	0.7	-0.1	0.5	0.2	-0.8	-0.9	0.7	0.4
August	0.6	-0.2	0.3	0.1	-0.8	-0.7	0.6	0.3
September	0.4	-0.5	0.1	0.0	-0.6	-0.3	0.7	0.2
October	0.3	-0.6	-0.1	0.1	-0.4	0.2	0.8	0.2
November	0.3	-0.3	-0.1	0.2	-0.2	0.9	0.9	0.4
December	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.3	-0.2	1.3	0.9	0.5
2006								
January	0.5	0.4	0.1	0.3	-0.4	1.3	0.8	0.5
February	0.5	0.5	0.1	0.2	-0.5	1.3	0.8	0.5
March	0.6	0.6	0.1	0.2	-0.6	1.3	0.6	0.6

(a) See paragraph 5 of the Explanatory Notes.

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

Month	FOOD RETAILING				CLOTHING & SOFT GOOD RETAILING				HOUSEHOLD GOOD RETAILING			
	Super- markets & grocery stores	Take- away food retailing	Other food retailing	Total	Depart- ment stores	Clothing retailing	Foot- wear, fabric & other good retailing	Total	Furniture & floor covering retailing	Domestic hardware & house- ware retailing	Domestic appliance & recorded music retailing	Total
\$ MILLION												
2005												
March	4 924.8	723.1	1 217.1	6 865.0	1 264.3	770.7	267.7	1 038.5	554.8	755.6	1 027.0	2 337.4
April	4 712.7	745.5	1 200.3	6 658.5	1 127.0	773.8	276.8	1 050.6	573.6	724.8	1 052.0	2 350.4
May	4 710.7	738.0	1 141.9	6 590.6	1 235.2	841.1	292.0	1 133.1	607.1	717.2	1 111.3	2 435.6
June	4 634.1	731.7	1 139.0	6 504.7	1 420.1	857.7	288.6	1 146.3	623.5	706.9	1 202.4	2 532.8
July	4 907.7	788.7	1 175.3	6 871.7	1 259.0	783.9	289.5	1 073.5	649.2	712.1	1 158.6	2 519.9
August	4 929.6	761.5	1 198.2	6 889.3	1 188.6	769.2	280.2	1 049.5	630.4	757.7	1 140.6	2 528.7
September	4 916.8	759.5	1 214.5	6 890.8	1 255.4	841.5	292.5	1 134.0	609.5	780.6	1 122.9	2 513.0
October	5 037.2	800.2	1 272.3	7 109.7	1 285.5	861.7	320.6	1 182.3	604.2	861.0	1 133.7	2 598.9
November	4 971.1	782.0	1 309.1	7 062.3	1 513.0	873.4	308.3	1 181.7	610.3	895.7	1 229.1	2 735.1
December	5 634.7	854.9	1 689.2	8 178.8	2 486.3	1 244.8	386.6	1 631.4	647.6	991.6	1 779.6	3 418.8
2006												
January	5 047.9	783.8	1 276.2	7 107.9	1 168.7	803.5	319.4	1 123.0	574.2	781.7	1 212.8	2 568.7
February	4 701.8	688.0	1 201.9	6 591.7	1 003.3	665.2	252.6	917.8	530.6	718.6	1 018.5	2 267.7
March	5 224.5	769.7	1 330.8	7 325.0	1 183.4	757.0	298.0	1 054.9	577.6	786.2	1 118.6	2 482.4
% CHANGE FROM PRECEDING MONTH												
2005												
March	11.1	7.9	12.3	10.9	24.5	23.0	7.1	18.5	2.8	9.7	5.0	5.9
April	-4.3	3.1	-1.4	-3.0	-10.9	0.4	3.4	1.2	3.4	-4.1	2.4	0.6
May	0.0	-1.0	-4.9	-1.0	9.6	8.7	5.5	7.9	5.8	-1.0	5.6	3.6
June	-1.6	-0.9	-0.3	-1.3	15.0	2.0	-1.2	1.2	2.7	-1.4	8.2	4.0
July	5.9	7.8	3.2	5.6	-11.3	-8.6	0.3	-6.4	4.1	0.7	-3.6	-0.5
August	0.4	-3.4	1.9	0.3	-5.6	-1.9	-3.2	-2.2	-2.9	6.4	-1.6	0.3
September	-0.3	-0.3	1.4	0.0	5.6	9.4	4.4	8.1	-3.3	3.0	-1.5	-0.6
October	2.4	5.4	4.8	3.2	2.4	2.4	9.6	4.3	-0.9	10.3	1.0	3.4
November	-1.3	-2.3	2.9	-0.7	17.7	1.4	-3.8	-0.1	1.0	4.0	8.4	5.2
December	13.3	9.3	29.0	15.8	64.3	42.5	25.4	38.1	6.1	10.7	44.8	25.0
2006												
January	-10.4	-8.3	-24.5	-13.1	-53.0	-35.4	-17.4	-31.2	-11.3	-21.2	-31.8	-24.9
February	-6.9	-12.2	-5.8	-7.3	-14.2	-17.2	-20.9	-18.3	-7.6	-8.1	-16.0	-11.7
March	11.1	11.9	10.7	11.1	17.9	13.8	18.0	14.9	8.9	9.4	9.8	9.5
% CHANGE FROM CORRESPONDING MONTH OF PREVIOUS YEAR												
2005												
March	5.4	3.9	9.6	5.9	14.2	11.0	8.0	10.2	-0.4	3.4	0.9	1.4
April	0.8	0.8	5.0	1.5	-9.9	0.3	10.6	2.8	12.4	4.5	11.6	9.5
May	1.4	2.3	5.9	2.3	-1.3	2.2	9.7	4.0	12.4	2.8	10.8	8.7
June	2.7	4.3	5.8	3.4	4.8	4.4	8.2	5.4	9.2	2.7	9.4	7.4
July	2.3	3.3	5.9	3.0	-1.4	1.3	3.0	1.8	10.3	-0.6	6.9	5.5
August	6.0	3.0	9.1	6.2	3.9	6.3	3.7	5.6	13.3	3.1	8.0	7.7
September	4.8	0.1	9.2	5.0	-2.5	5.5	6.8	5.9	6.4	-0.2	10.1	5.8
October	4.3	5.4	7.7	5.0	-3.2	5.1	11.6	6.8	-2.2	-0.5	3.4	0.8
November	4.7	8.5	9.6	6.0	0.4	4.9	8.6	5.8	-3.1	3.7	4.0	2.2
December	4.5	8.4	6.8	5.4	1.4	4.8	2.4	4.2	3.9	2.5	10.3	6.7
2006												
January	6.1	5.0	11.5	6.9	-4.6	2.5	5.5	3.3	-4.5	0.0	9.0	2.9
February	6.1	2.6	10.9	6.5	-1.2	6.1	1.0	4.7	-1.7	4.4	4.1	2.8
March	6.1	6.4	9.3	6.7	-6.4	-1.8	11.3	1.6	4.1	4.0	8.9	6.2

(a) See paragraph 5 of Explanatory Notes.

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

Month	RECREATIONAL GOOD RETAILING			OTHER RETAILING			HOSPITALITY & SERVICES				Total all industries
	News- paper, book & stationery retailing	Other recre- ational goods retailing	Total	Pharma- ceutical, cosmetic & toiletry retailing	Other retailing n.e.c.	Total	Hotels & licensed clubs	Cafes & resta- urants	Selected services	Total	
\$ MILLION											
2005											
March	445.0	230.2	675.1	702.8	944.2	1 647.0	1 472.8	919.8	^ 199.9	2 592.5	16 419.8
April	435.3	227.8	663.1	685.3	903.8	1 589.0	1 529.6	926.3	^ 209.6	2 665.6	16 104.2
May	443.6	207.5	651.1	701.3	945.2	1 646.5	1 516.6	915.8	^ 201.6	2 634.1	16 326.2
June	431.1	224.8	656.0	689.7	908.4	1 598.1	1 488.1	901.6	^ 205.6	2 595.3	16 453.4
July	463.8	211.3	675.2	692.1	906.0	1 598.1	1 584.8	943.6	^ 224.5	2 752.9	16 750.3
August	461.1	213.0	674.1	702.4	946.9	1 649.4	1 571.5	917.7	^ 209.3	2 698.5	16 678.0
September	453.7	216.0	669.7	683.3	939.6	1 623.0	1 557.8	949.9	^ 222.8	2 730.5	16 816.4
October	433.0	219.5	652.5	700.6	993.3	1 693.9	1 643.1	1 029.4	^ 236.5	2 909.0	17 431.7
November	461.2	238.3	699.5	734.1	1 088.7	1 822.7	1 635.6	1 034.0	^ 236.6	2 906.2	17 920.6
December	612.3	406.0	1 018.3	906.5	1 573.0	2 479.5	1 874.6	1 132.8	^ 270.7	3 278.1	22 491.3
2006											
January	440.2	229.9	670.1	666.3	902.2	1 568.5	1 600.1	979.1	^ 230.6	2 809.7	17 016.6
February	413.0	190.5	603.6	657.7	888.7	1 546.4	1 465.5	926.1	212.8	2 604.4	15 534.8
March	430.3	219.9	650.2	739.0	954.7	1 693.7	1 653.6	1 059.1	^ 237.0	2 949.7	17 339.2
% CHANGE FROM PRECEDING MONTH											
2005											
March	0.9	19.6	6.6	9.7	3.7	6.2	11.4	6.6	8.6	9.4	10.6
April	-2.2	-1.0	-1.8	-2.5	-4.3	-3.5	3.9	0.7	4.9	2.8	-1.9
May	1.9	-8.9	-1.8	2.3	4.6	3.6	-0.8	-1.1	-3.8	-1.2	1.4
June	-2.8	8.4	0.8	-1.6	-3.9	-2.9	-1.9	-1.5	2.0	-1.5	0.8
July	7.6	-6.0	2.9	0.3	-0.3	0.0	6.5	4.7	9.2	6.1	1.8
August	-0.6	0.8	-0.2	1.5	4.5	3.2	-0.8	-2.7	-6.8	-2.0	-0.4
September	-1.6	1.4	-0.7	-2.7	-0.8	-1.6	-0.9	3.5	6.5	1.2	0.8
October	-4.5	1.6	-2.6	2.5	5.7	4.4	5.5	8.4	6.1	6.5	3.7
November	6.5	8.6	7.2	4.8	9.6	7.6	-0.5	0.4	0.0	-0.1	2.8
December	32.8	70.4	45.6	23.5	44.5	36.0	14.6	9.6	14.4	12.8	25.5
2006											
January	-28.1	-43.4	-34.2	-26.5	-42.6	-36.7	-14.6	-13.6	-14.8	-14.3	-24.3
February	-6.2	-17.1	-9.9	-1.3	-1.5	-1.4	-8.4	-5.4	-7.7	-7.3	-8.7
March	4.2	15.4	7.7	12.4	7.4	9.5	12.8	14.4	11.4	13.3	11.6
% CHANGE FROM CORRESPONDING MONTH OF PREVIOUS YEAR											
2005											
March	2.3	4.6	3.1	-0.1	-2.2	-1.3	3.9	-10.4	5.1	-1.6	4.0
April	7.6	10.8	8.7	0.0	0.1	0.0	6.5	-6.1	1.9	1.4	1.9
May	5.9	6.7	6.1	-1.9	-0.5	-1.1	7.8	-6.5	-0.6	1.7	2.7
June	5.3	7.0	5.9	-2.9	-2.8	-2.9	6.5	-1.9	4.0	3.2	3.7
July	3.1	-6.4	-0.1	-6.2	-6.1	-6.2	6.8	-2.8	5.6	3.2	1.9
August	4.1	3.7	3.9	-5.8	-3.6	-4.6	9.6	-5.0	6.8	4.0	4.6
September	3.2	-1.7	1.5	-10.4	-9.5	-9.9	10.6	-6.2	10.6	4.1	2.7
October	0.5	-4.5	-1.2	-9.0	-9.0	-9.0	5.9	2.3	7.1	4.7	2.0
November	3.2	-1.0	1.8	-6.4	-4.7	-5.4	9.4	6.1	11.4	8.3	3.8
December	0.0	3.7	1.4	-4.2	-6.1	-5.4	10.4	4.1	5.6	7.7	3.9
2006											
January	-5.3	4.3	-2.2	5.0	-7.0	-2.2	9.3	7.4	10.0	8.7	4.2
February	-6.4	-1.0	-4.7	2.7	-2.4	-0.3	10.9	7.3	15.6	9.9	4.7
March	-3.3	-4.4	-3.7	5.1	1.1	2.8	12.3	15.1	18.6	13.8	5.6

^ estimate has a relative standard error of 10% to less than 25% and should be used with caution

(a) See paragraph 5 of Explanatory Notes.

RETAIL TURNOVER, By state

Month	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Northern Territory	Australian Capital Territory	Australia
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ORIGINAL (\$ million)

2005									
January	5 576.8	3 860.4	3 283.1	1 185.8	1 623.6	359.6	146.8	294.5	16 330.6
February	4 995.2	3 589.0	2 920.5	1 087.5	1 497.3	333.3	143.4	274.2	14 840.5
March	5 523.0	3 967.5	3 228.2	1 223.8	1 648.9	367.6	159.7	301.1	16 419.8
April	5 396.3	3 915.3	3 174.6	1 170.5	1 638.2	349.3	159.4	300.7	16 104.2
May	5 498.1	4 006.3	3 184.3	1 169.4	1 651.1	343.8	165.3	307.9	16 326.2
June	5 521.9	3 978.5	3 264.2	1 181.9	1 676.0	345.8	173.3	311.8	16 453.4
July	5 566.1	3 997.1	3 409.9	1 221.4	1 702.8	357.3	182.7	313.1	16 750.3
August	5 537.0	3 971.1	3 408.6	1 197.8	1 706.3	356.6	187.6	313.0	16 678.0
September	5 616.5	4 016.0	3 418.0	1 201.6	1 709.7	360.1	180.6	313.8	16 816.4
October	5 868.1	4 127.2	3 556.2	1 222.9	1 777.6	379.0	176.8	323.9	17 431.7
November	6 040.0	4 244.6	3 608.2	1 279.5	1 841.8	399.1	168.7	338.6	17 920.6
December	7 547.6	5 361.2	4 509.4	1 605.9	2 340.7	513.0	193.8	419.5	22 491.3
2006									
January	5 690.9	4 028.6	3 493.2	1 220.8	1 732.8	386.4	153.1	310.9	17 016.6
February	5 154.2	3 723.1	3 119.8	1 116.4	1 626.4	359.4	146.3	289.2	15 534.8
March	5 750.3	4 199.5	3 457.5	1 257.3	1 792.5	398.4	164.6	319.1	17 339.2

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (\$ million)

2005									
January	5 680.4	4 002.9	3 310.8	1 219.2	1 672.4	363.8	166.5	310.1	16 726.1
February	5 686.4	4 041.8	3 336.7	1 234.0	1 681.6	365.8	171.5	310.6	16 828.4
March	5 709.7	4 035.0	3 351.1	1 238.7	1 672.0	361.9	169.7	309.8	16 847.8
April	5 585.9	4 063.5	3 325.5	1 197.1	1 703.2	358.3	168.3	310.3	16 712.3
May	5 680.3	4 133.3	3 346.0	1 216.8	1 722.3	363.2	168.4	314.4	16 944.8
June	5 793.7	4 148.0	3 388.3	1 230.8	1 749.6	366.4	169.0	318.4	17 164.1
July	5 701.5	4 100.3	3 438.5	1 244.1	1 747.8	371.8	168.1	315.9	17 088.1
August	5 717.3	4 124.9	3 461.7	1 252.4	1 766.6	380.1	171.6	320.9	17 195.5
September	5 713.2	4 122.6	3 438.4	1 230.2	1 756.3	374.8	171.2	323.0	17 129.6
October	5 750.6	4 108.0	3 505.0	1 222.1	1 762.3	381.7	170.5	321.1	17 221.2
November	5 800.3	4 080.0	3 483.0	1 225.0	1 763.8	382.1	168.3	325.7	17 228.2
December	5 817.9	4 093.6	3 512.5	1 236.0	1 777.3	385.9	172.8	325.5	17 321.6
2006									
January	5 837.3	4 166.4	3 536.8	1 256.7	1 795.3	391.6	174.9	329.4	17 488.5
February	5 866.6	4 188.2	3 564.6	1 264.5	1 826.8	394.0	174.7	327.7	17 607.0
March	5 883.8	4 217.5	3 573.0	1 257.8	1 827.8	395.6	174.0	328.3	17 657.7

TREND ESTIMATES (\$ million)

2005									
January	5 662.0	4 024.9	3 301.2	1 224.6	1 678.1	361.0	167.6	310.2	16 729.6
February	5 667.7	4 034.7	3 310.9	1 223.0	1 681.2	361.7	168.5	310.4	16 758.2
March	5 674.2	4 054.0	3 327.5	1 221.8	1 689.8	362.1	169.0	311.0	16 809.3
April	5 682.7	4 078.7	3 347.2	1 222.6	1 703.8	362.9	169.2	312.2	16 879.3
May	5 692.2	4 102.7	3 368.6	1 225.7	1 720.4	364.6	169.2	313.9	16 957.3
June	5 702.4	4 119.3	3 392.4	1 229.9	1 736.8	367.3	169.2	315.9	17 033.3
July	5 713.8	4 124.5	3 417.4	1 233.2	1 749.3	370.9	169.4	318.0	17 096.5
August	5 726.8	4 119.4	3 442.5	1 234.5	1 756.5	374.6	169.7	319.9	17 143.9
September	5 741.3	4 109.8	3 464.6	1 234.2	1 760.3	378.0	170.2	321.7	17 180.2
October	5 759.3	4 104.6	3 482.6	1 233.5	1 764.5	380.9	170.8	323.3	17 219.5
November	5 783.1	4 110.7	3 498.8	1 234.9	1 772.3	383.8	171.4	324.8	17 279.8
December	5 812.5	4 126.8	3 516.6	1 240.0	1 783.8	386.8	172.3	326.2	17 364.9
2006									
January	5 839.7	4 148.0	3 535.8	1 247.2	1 797.4	389.9	173.2	327.3	17 458.6
February	5 864.2	4 170.8	3 554.8	1 254.6	1 811.4	392.8	174.0	328.3	17 552.2
March	5 887.7	4 193.3	3 574.2	1 263.3	1 826.4	395.4	174.9	329.2	17 650.0

RETAIL TURNOVER PERCENTAGE CHANGE, By state

Month	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Northern Territory	Australian Capital Territory	Australia
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ORIGINAL (% change from preceding month)

2005									
January	-23.9	-27.2	-21.1	-25.5	-26.4	-24.4	-20.9	-26.3	-24.6
February	-10.4	-7.0	-11.0	-8.3	-7.8	-7.3	-2.3	-6.9	-9.1
March	10.6	10.5	10.5	12.5	10.1	10.3	11.4	9.8	10.6
April	-2.3	-1.3	-1.7	-4.4	-0.6	-5.0	-0.2	-0.1	-1.9
May	1.9	2.3	0.3	-0.1	0.8	-1.6	3.7	2.4	1.4
June	0.4	-0.7	2.5	1.1	1.5	0.6	4.8	1.3	0.8
July	0.8	0.5	4.5	3.3	1.6	3.3	5.4	0.4	1.8
August	-0.5	-0.6	0.0	-1.9	0.2	-0.2	2.7	0.0	-0.4
September	1.4	1.1	0.3	0.3	0.2	1.0	-3.7	0.3	0.8
October	4.5	2.8	4.0	1.8	4.0	5.3	-2.1	3.2	3.7
November	2.9	2.8	1.5	4.6	3.6	5.3	-4.6	4.6	2.8
December	25.0	26.3	25.0	25.5	27.1	28.5	14.9	23.9	25.5
2006									
January	-24.6	-24.9	-22.5	-24.0	-26.0	-24.7	-21.0	-25.9	-24.3
February	-9.4	-7.6	-10.7	-8.6	-6.1	-7.0	-4.5	-7.0	-8.7
March	11.6	12.8	10.8	12.6	10.2	10.8	12.5	10.4	11.6

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (% change from preceding month)

2005									
January	0.6	-0.3	2.2	-0.3	-0.9	1.2	0.4	-0.7	0.5
February	0.1	1.0	0.8	1.2	0.6	0.5	3.0	0.2	0.6
March	0.4	-0.2	0.4	0.4	-0.6	-1.1	-1.0	-0.2	0.1
April	-2.2	0.7	-0.8	-3.4	1.9	-1.0	-0.8	0.2	-0.8
May	1.7	1.7	0.6	1.6	1.1	1.4	0.1	1.3	1.4
June	2.0	0.4	1.3	1.1	1.6	0.9	0.3	1.3	1.3
July	-1.6	-1.1	1.5	1.1	-0.1	1.5	-0.5	-0.8	-0.4
August	0.3	0.6	0.7	0.7	1.1	2.2	2.1	1.6	0.6
September	-0.1	-0.1	-0.7	-1.8	-0.6	-1.4	-0.2	0.6	-0.4
October	0.7	-0.4	1.9	-0.7	0.3	1.8	-0.4	-0.6	0.5
November	0.9	-0.7	-0.6	0.2	0.1	0.1	-1.3	1.5	0.0
December	0.3	0.3	0.8	0.9	0.8	1.0	2.7	-0.1	0.5
2006									
January	0.3	1.8	0.7	1.7	1.0	1.5	1.2	1.2	1.0
February	0.5	0.5	0.8	0.6	1.8	0.6	-0.1	-0.5	0.7
March	0.3	0.7	0.2	-0.5	0.1	0.4	-0.4	0.2	0.3

TREND ESTIMATES (% change from preceding month)

2005									
January	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.7	0.0	0.1
February	0.1	0.2	0.3	-0.1	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.1	0.2
March	0.1	0.5	0.5	-0.1	0.5	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.3
April	0.2	0.6	0.6	0.1	0.8	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.4
May	0.2	0.6	0.6	0.3	1.0	0.5	0.0	0.5	0.5
June	0.2	0.4	0.7	0.3	1.0	0.8	0.0	0.6	0.4
July	0.2	0.1	0.7	0.3	0.7	1.0	0.1	0.7	0.4
August	0.2	-0.1	0.7	0.1	0.4	1.0	0.2	0.6	0.3
September	0.3	-0.2	0.6	0.0	0.2	0.9	0.3	0.6	0.2
October	0.3	-0.1	0.5	-0.1	0.2	0.8	0.3	0.5	0.2
November	0.4	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.4	0.7	0.4	0.5	0.4
December	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.7	0.8	0.5	0.4	0.5
2006									
January	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.5	0.4	0.5
February	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.8	0.7	0.5	0.3	0.5
March	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.5	0.3	0.6

RETAIL TURNOVER, By Industry Group(a)—New South Wales

Month	Food retailing	Department stores	Clothing and soft good retailing	Household good retailing	Recreational good retailing	Other retailing	Hospitality and services	Total
ORIGINAL (\$ million)								
2005								
January	2 194.9	417.5	393.1	776.0	216.6	515.8	1 062.7	5 576.8
February	2 029.1	342.9	301.4	686.1	200.0	486.6	949.1	4 995.2
March	2 224.2	435.3	375.5	718.0	209.6	515.8	1 044.7	5 523.0
April	2 143.7	377.9	355.8	727.7	198.0	502.1	1 091.1	5 396.3
May	2 123.3	421.1	397.3	766.0	197.1	503.5	1 089.9	5 498.1
June	2 099.0	480.2	394.1	785.8	197.3	498.1	1 067.5	5 521.9
July	2 232.9	415.3	360.4	781.1	207.1	481.3	1 087.9	5 566.1
August	2 234.0	400.6	346.4	786.3	202.2	501.6	1 065.9	5 537.0
September	2 231.9	428.3	377.3	786.4	201.2	505.3	1 086.1	5 616.5
October	2 353.9	435.4	395.1	793.1	198.1	513.9	1 178.6	5 868.1
November	2 334.2	516.2	403.8	849.0	209.7	557.8	1 169.3	6 040.0
December	2 715.7	838.8	555.4	1 078.1	297.2	756.9	1 305.4	7 547.6
2006								
January	2 355.3	393.4	383.6	788.8	194.2	476.6	1 098.9	5 690.9
February	2 173.6	330.2	302.4	686.3	180.3	454.5	1 026.8	5 154.2
March	2 398.0	387.3	348.9	751.2	201.0	502.2	1 161.5	5 750.3
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (\$ million)								
2005								
January	2 154.6	479.2	391.9	792.9	225.0	565.1	1 071.7	5 680.4
February	2 191.5	476.5	385.3	789.4	221.2	561.2	1 061.4	5 686.4
March	2 195.1	493.6	400.5	775.8	214.6	556.8	1 073.4	5 709.7
April	2 179.6	407.6	372.6	790.7	213.5	543.2	1 078.8	5 585.9
May	2 190.4	447.8	386.6	801.2	214.7	523.8	1 115.9	5 680.3
June	2 234.8	481.4	399.1	808.6	214.3	538.9	1 116.5	5 793.7
July	2 260.5	461.3	386.5	788.8	207.4	513.6	1 083.4	5 701.5
August	2 281.7	463.6	391.5	798.3	202.3	512.7	1 067.1	5 717.3
September	2 263.8	457.2	393.3	796.9	205.6	505.7	1 090.8	5 713.2
October	2 300.0	448.0	391.5	772.4	205.1	505.7	1 128.0	5 750.6
November	2 308.7	449.7	382.9	793.5	203.6	513.7	1 148.1	5 800.3
December	2 317.0	447.3	372.4	811.9	209.0	518.0	1 142.3	5 817.9
2006								
January	2 334.7	453.9	383.9	800.6	204.4	525.8	1 133.9	5 837.3
February	2 352.0	458.5	387.0	791.3	200.5	524.2	1 153.0	5 866.6
March	2 366.4	459.6	379.1	790.0	199.5	528.8	1 160.3	5 883.8
TREND ESTIMATES (\$ million)								
2005								
January	2 175.2	471.7	386.2	780.8	220.6	554.4	1 077.1	5 662.0
February	2 178.4	474.4	387.5	785.7	220.0	552.8	1 077.8	5 667.7
March	2 184.7	475.2	388.1	789.5	218.4	549.8	1 081.6	5 674.2
April	2 194.9	473.8	388.3	793.4	215.9	544.5	1 086.6	5 682.7
May	2 209.6	470.6	388.7	796.5	213.1	536.3	1 090.4	5 692.2
June	2 228.3	466.7	389.9	797.3	210.4	526.5	1 092.2	5 702.4
July	2 248.0	462.9	391.1	796.2	208.1	517.9	1 093.7	5 713.8
August	2 266.2	459.4	391.2	794.4	206.4	512.2	1 096.9	5 726.8
September	2 282.4	455.9	389.9	792.9	205.4	509.5	1 103.7	5 741.3
October	2 295.6	453.0	387.4	792.7	205.0	510.0	1 114.7	5 759.3
November	2 307.8	451.0	384.7	794.1	204.9	512.9	1 127.9	5 783.1
December	2 321.3	451.4	382.8	795.9	204.6	517.3	1 139.6	5 812.5
2006								
January	2 335.4	452.9	381.5	796.8	203.8	521.5	1 147.8	5 839.7
February	2 348.4	454.8	380.7	796.5	202.7	525.2	1 154.0	5 864.2
March	2 360.3	457.1	380.3	796.1	201.4	528.5	1 157.2	5 887.7

(a) See paragraph 5 of the Explanatory Notes.

RETAIL TURNOVER, By Industry Group(a)—Victoria

Month	Food retailing	Department stores	Clothing and soft good retailing	Household good retailing	Recreational good retailing	Other retailing	Hospitality and services	Total
ORIGINAL (\$ million)								
2005								
January	1 630.0	294.3	257.7	636.8	137.8	402.4	501.4	3 860.4
February	1 524.7	254.4	236.9	569.5	126.5	414.1	462.8	3 589.0
March	1 694.3	311.3	272.5	603.2	^ 139.6	442.5	504.1	3 967.5
April	1 661.3	280.0	275.9	622.4	^ 137.9	422.4	515.4	3 915.3
May	1 631.2	311.0	308.7	657.1	^ 135.0	465.4	497.9	4 006.3
June	1 583.5	350.6	296.1	682.7	^ 139.4	436.2	490.0	3 978.5
July	1 669.0	311.6	273.2	629.1	^ 136.5	437.3	540.3	3 997.1
August	1 666.6	284.1	266.9	631.6	141.2	449.8	531.0	3 971.1
September	1 673.4	300.8	290.2	637.8	139.1	438.2	536.4	4 016.0
October	1 733.6	310.4	297.4	645.2	140.4	460.9	539.5	4 127.2
November	1 726.6	358.1	292.2	677.6	154.0	490.9	545.2	4 244.6
December	2 014.2	605.9	392.8	835.9	236.1	675.6	600.7	5 361.2
2006								
January	1 732.3	278.7	268.4	642.7	^ 142.0	416.9	547.6	4 028.6
February	1 617.8	242.2	238.9	566.4	^ 121.6	419.9	516.3	3 723.1
March	1 803.6	288.1	281.4	623.7	^ 135.1	470.1	597.6	4 199.5
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (\$ million)								
2005								
January	1 618.7	342.9	283.1	646.6	140.5	464.8	506.3	4 002.9
February	1 638.2	350.0	294.7	637.6	146.8	469.8	504.7	4 041.8
March	1 654.0	342.1	298.9	642.1	147.6	463.1	487.2	4 035.0
April	1 688.0	301.7	260.2	663.7	149.6	473.9	526.6	4 063.5
May	1 672.8	330.3	292.9	675.0	148.3	491.6	522.4	4 133.3
June	1 677.9	338.1	294.6	686.4	151.7	475.2	524.2	4 148.0
July	1 684.8	336.2	288.2	652.8	146.4	469.2	522.7	4 100.3
August	1 703.1	337.9	289.1	655.1	146.6	463.7	529.4	4 124.9
September	1 698.9	331.5	306.3	648.6	144.0	447.6	545.7	4 122.6
October	1 725.5	324.4	292.3	639.9	146.0	446.0	534.0	4 108.0
November	1 709.9	321.9	283.2	642.0	147.2	444.2	531.5	4 080.0
December	1 723.9	321.7	281.4	642.0	146.4	450.4	527.7	4 093.6
2006								
January	1 726.1	327.6	295.1	641.8	145.7	472.2	558.1	4 166.4
February	1 740.9	331.9	296.4	636.3	140.5	477.0	565.2	4 188.2
March	1 762.2	328.4	291.8	647.2	139.7	479.1	569.1	4 217.5
TREND ESTIMATES (\$ million)								
2005								
January	1 640.5	336.5	284.0	644.1	142.8	469.2	513.4	4 024.9
February	1 647.9	336.9	287.1	647.6	144.3	470.0	508.6	4 034.7
March	1 656.9	336.3	289.2	653.7	146.6	472.4	507.7	4 054.0
April	1 666.3	335.2	290.0	660.8	148.5	475.3	511.0	4 078.7
May	1 675.4	334.2	290.6	666.3	149.2	476.6	517.0	4 102.7
June	1 683.6	333.7	291.4	667.5	148.8	474.6	523.8	4 119.3
July	1 690.8	333.5	292.5	664.1	147.8	468.8	528.8	4 124.5
August	1 697.6	332.7	293.1	657.5	146.9	460.5	531.2	4 119.4
September	1 704.1	330.7	292.7	649.9	146.4	452.9	532.3	4 109.8
October	1 711.0	327.8	291.5	644.2	146.1	449.4	534.1	4 104.6
November	1 717.9	325.6	290.3	641.7	145.7	451.4	538.1	4 110.7
December	1 725.0	325.2	290.0	641.1	145.1	456.9	543.6	4 126.8
2006								
January	1 732.9	325.9	290.3	640.9	144.0	463.8	550.3	4 148.0
February	1 740.9	327.0	291.0	640.9	142.8	470.7	557.5	4 170.8
March	1 748.6	328.5	291.5	641.7	141.6	477.6	563.8	4 193.3

^ estimate has a relative standard error of 10% to less than 25% and should be used with caution

(a) See paragraph 5 of the Explanatory Notes.

RETAIL TURNOVER, By Industry Group(a)—Queensland

Month	Food retailing	Department stores	Clothing and soft good retailing	Household good retailing	Recreational good retailing	Other retailing	Hospitality and services	Total
ORIGINAL (\$ million)								
2005								
January	1 296.9	226.4	256.3	474.2	^ 159.1	340.3	529.7	3 283.1
February	1 186.4	178.3	180.4	414.8	144.2	330.8	485.7	2 920.5
March	1 325.3	223.6	210.5	435.9	^ 154.5	346.5	531.8	3 228.2
April	1 297.4	195.7	223.6	424.7	^ 156.5	328.2	548.4	3 174.6
May	1 272.6	217.2	229.3	434.8	^ 155.0	328.8	546.6	3 184.3
June	1 275.0	250.9	245.3	461.1	^ 153.3	327.5	551.2	3 264.2
July	1 343.5	232.5	247.7	497.1	^ 150.6	342.2	596.3	3 409.9
August	1 345.2	224.3	253.6	495.6	^ 154.5	349.1	586.3	3 408.6
September	1 336.9	239.4	276.2	488.2	^ 154.3	333.8	589.3	3 418.0
October	1 359.2	239.5	277.0	517.7	^ 144.4	364.8	653.6	3 556.2
November	1 336.2	275.3	263.9	540.3	^ 150.1	387.9	654.5	3 608.2
December	1 503.8	455.6	385.3	652.8	207.9	529.7	774.4	4 509.4
2006								
January	1 361.8	220.1	270.3	512.3	^ 152.8	334.2	641.5	3 493.2
February	1 247.6	184.6	196.1	458.2	^ 135.3	331.2	566.8	3 119.8
March	1 386.6	218.6	224.2	499.9	^ 138.3	350.6	639.2	3 457.5
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (\$ million)								
2005								
January	1 280.3	251.8	240.7	474.5	159.5	372.1	532.0	3 310.8
February	1 300.1	247.0	238.2	469.0	159.0	381.3	542.1	3 336.7
March	1 305.4	248.0	246.6	467.7	163.6	371.8	548.1	3 351.1
April	1 310.6	226.4	244.1	466.2	174.2	348.4	555.7	3 325.5
May	1 309.1	245.8	247.4	459.1	166.5	347.6	570.4	3 346.0
June	1 321.2	251.4	254.3	472.3	162.0	345.4	581.7	3 388.3
July	1 333.2	249.8	254.6	495.1	156.7	359.2	590.0	3 438.5
August	1 346.0	252.2	268.3	495.9	156.1	351.4	591.8	3 461.7
September	1 340.9	245.1	261.0	489.7	154.9	350.6	596.1	3 438.4
October	1 354.4	244.3	259.6	505.2	148.0	362.2	631.3	3 505.0
November	1 345.8	242.1	255.9	505.9	146.4	355.5	631.5	3 483.0
December	1 332.1	244.0	261.5	518.0	146.7	363.0	647.3	3 512.5
2006								
January	1 351.8	249.1	259.3	510.8	150.6	365.4	649.9	3 536.8
February	1 366.2	254.8	260.0	518.7	150.2	381.3	633.4	3 564.6
March	1 360.4	257.5	260.1	520.3	145.8	376.2	652.6	3 573.0
TREND ESTIMATES (\$ million)								
2005								
January	1 290.3	244.9	236.5	470.0	156.5	375.0	527.4	3 301.2
February	1 293.9	243.6	239.2	466.9	160.2	369.5	536.2	3 310.9
March	1 300.2	242.9	242.4	465.4	162.7	363.9	547.8	3 327.5
April	1 307.7	243.3	246.1	466.6	163.9	358.1	559.1	3 347.2
May	1 315.8	244.6	250.2	470.4	163.6	353.1	568.8	3 368.6
June	1 324.5	246.3	254.1	476.2	161.9	350.3	577.6	3 392.4
July	1 332.5	247.7	257.4	483.2	159.0	350.0	586.8	3 417.4
August	1 338.8	248.1	259.9	491.0	155.7	351.5	597.6	3 442.5
September	1 343.1	247.0	261.0	497.9	152.5	354.0	609.4	3 464.6
October	1 345.3	245.5	260.9	503.4	150.2	356.9	620.7	3 482.6
November	1 346.6	245.2	260.1	507.5	148.9	360.1	630.8	3 498.8
December	1 348.5	246.6	259.5	511.3	148.3	364.2	638.7	3 516.6
2006								
January	1 351.6	249.0	259.4	514.9	147.9	368.6	644.4	3 535.8
February	1 355.2	251.6	259.4	518.1	147.7	373.0	648.4	3 554.8
March	1 358.9	254.6	259.9	520.7	147.7	376.7	650.7	3 574.2

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(a) See paragraph 5 of the Explanatory Notes.

RETAIL TURNOVER, By Industry Group(a)—South Australia

Month	Food retailing	Department stores	Clothing and soft good retailing	Household good retailing	Recreational good retailing	Other retailing	Hospitality and services	Total
ORIGINAL (\$ million)								
2005								
January	495.1	105.9	53.8	184.9	^ 37.4	116.8	192.1	1 185.8
February	473.7	86.6	47.7	159.6	^ 36.8	107.2	176.0	1 087.5
March	535.9	104.4	54.6	174.8	^ 41.5	113.7	198.9	1 223.8
April	501.1	94.1	56.2	172.7	^ 35.5	113.0	197.9	1 170.5
May	502.7	101.8	59.1	168.6	^ 33.9	115.6	187.7	1 169.4
June	496.8	118.3	61.8	175.9	^ 35.2	109.7	184.1	1 181.9
July	521.5	108.1	58.6	172.0	^ 40.5	114.2	206.6	1 221.4
August	527.1	98.4	54.6	165.2	^ 37.4	118.4	196.6	1 197.8
September	529.7	101.0	58.1	161.9	^ 36.7	116.6	197.5	1 201.6
October	529.0	103.8	65.4	167.6	^ 37.3	121.8	198.0	1 222.9
November	535.4	124.5	66.6	176.3	^ 41.0	137.7	198.2	1 279.5
December	627.5	198.4	84.9	225.3	^ 64.8	176.4	228.7	1 605.9
2006								
January	540.4	95.8	59.4	167.6	^ 37.9	117.7	202.0	1 220.8
February	502.6	83.8	51.8	140.9	^ 37.7	112.7	186.7	1 116.4
March	565.1	97.3	59.3	155.4	^ 41.9	^ 123.5	214.8	1 257.3
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (\$ million)								
2005								
January	497.1	120.0	56.6	185.9	40.2	126.7	192.7	1 219.2
February	515.7	118.0	61.2	183.3	40.7	123.0	192.2	1 234.0
March	511.5	117.0	60.6	194.5	40.6	120.8	193.7	1 238.7
April	514.6	99.8	52.0	176.6	38.4	116.3	199.4	1 197.1
May	516.7	110.7	59.2	175.4	37.5	119.1	198.3	1 216.8
June	521.2	114.3	60.6	180.1	38.4	115.6	200.6	1 230.8
July	527.3	113.2	61.1	174.3	42.2	120.4	205.6	1 244.1
August	538.8	113.8	63.3	171.2	40.8	121.6	202.9	1 252.4
September	535.0	111.8	62.2	167.0	39.0	120.7	194.5	1 230.2
October	526.9	108.1	62.1	167.8	40.0	122.8	194.3	1 222.1
November	530.0	109.4	61.8	163.9	39.5	125.6	194.8	1 225.0
December	535.5	108.8	60.5	171.1	40.1	125.5	194.4	1 236.0
2006								
January	546.1	111.2	63.2	163.7	40.5	129.2	202.8	1 256.7
February	547.0	113.4	66.4	162.3	41.7	129.4	204.3	1 264.5
March	552.7	109.5	60.3	161.4	39.8	128.3	205.7	1 257.8
TREND ESTIMATES (\$ million)								
2005								
January	508.7	113.5	58.1	186.4	40.7	124.9	193.1	1 224.6
February	510.1	113.1	58.2	185.8	40.6	123.1	193.5	1 223.0
March	511.8	112.4	58.5	184.3	40.8	121.0	195.1	1 221.8
April	514.8	111.8	58.9	182.2	(b) 38.0	119.1	197.4	1 222.6
May	519.1	111.4	59.5	179.5	38.6	118.0	199.7	1 225.7
June	523.7	111.3	60.3	176.5	39.3	118.0	201.1	1 229.9
July	527.5	111.7	61.1	173.5	39.8	118.9	201.1	1 233.2
August	530.0	111.9	61.7	171.1	40.1	120.2	199.7	1 234.5
September	531.7	111.5	62.1	169.3	40.1	121.7	197.7	1 234.2
October	532.9	110.6	62.2	167.9	40.1	123.4	196.4	1 233.5
November	534.8	110.0	62.3	166.6	40.0	124.9	196.4	1 234.9
December	537.8	110.0	62.4	165.7	40.1	126.4	197.7	1 240.0
2006								
January	541.7	110.4	62.6	164.6	40.3	127.7	199.9	1 247.2
February	545.8	110.7	62.8	163.5	40.6	128.7	202.3	1 254.6
March	549.9	111.1	62.9	162.6	40.7	129.6	204.7	1 263.3

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(b) Break in series. See the 'Trend Estimates' section of the Explanatory Notes.

(a) See paragraph 5 of the Explanatory Notes.

Month	Food retailing	Department stores	Clothing and soft good retailing	Household good retailing	Recreational good retailing	Other retailing	Hospitality and services	Total
ORIGINAL (\$ million)								
2005								
January	686.3	119.9	84.0	288.3	^ 96.4	154.4	194.3	1 623.6
February	648.2	101.9	73.6	255.3	^ 85.2	140.4	192.7	1 497.3
March	725.8	126.0	82.2	272.2	^ 90.3	152.7	199.7	1 648.9
April	706.3	121.9	93.7	273.4	^ 94.3	149.5	199.0	1 638.2
May	711.7	121.8	93.2	277.4	^ 90.1	156.9	200.0	1 651.1
June	703.3	149.2	100.8	288.1	^ 91.2	151.7	191.8	1 676.0
July	745.2	127.1	89.4	298.3	^ 95.3	141.4	206.1	1 702.8
August	755.2	121.1	85.4	303.2	^ 94.9	142.9	203.7	1 706.3
September	760.6	123.4	85.7	293.0	^ 95.5	144.4	207.2	1 709.7
October	769.3	133.1	100.2	315.8	^ 91.1	147.7	220.3	1 777.6
November	768.7	160.2	105.4	325.6	^ 102.8	158.6	220.6	1 841.8
December	910.6	264.1	144.8	419.7	^ 151.7	216.0	233.9	2 340.7
2006								
January	763.2	119.0	96.2	302.4	^ 104.0	138.6	209.3	1 732.8
February	721.4	109.0	85.1	278.5	^ 88.1	145.3	199.1	1 626.4
March	806.3	130.4	91.1	300.3	^ 91.9	154.1	218.5	1 792.5
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (\$ million)								
2005								
January	693.9	137.7	88.3	289.4	92.6	170.1	200.5	1 672.4
February	705.9	136.9	91.2	290.9	91.7	158.6	206.5	1 681.6
March	702.0	136.2	91.2	290.9	95.5	160.2	196.0	1 672.0
April	721.3	133.0	94.6	294.0	98.2	160.0	202.1	1 703.2
May	732.7	133.0	91.4	297.3	98.1	161.7	208.0	1 722.3
June	742.6	146.4	100.4	287.5	98.9	163.8	210.0	1 749.6
July	755.0	138.2	93.8	302.3	97.5	151.8	209.2	1 747.8
August	766.0	140.6	93.9	312.7	96.2	148.3	208.9	1 766.6
September	770.7	137.6	92.4	302.8	100.3	146.4	206.1	1 756.3
October	771.6	136.3	97.9	302.3	98.2	146.0	210.0	1 762.3
November	763.4	139.6	99.8	302.5	100.4	147.0	211.0	1 763.8
December	759.7	142.2	98.3	320.8	106.2	148.6	201.6	1 777.3
2006								
January	777.1	140.7	101.2	308.3	101.2	152.4	214.4	1 795.3
February	786.1	145.8	105.1	317.6	95.4	164.1	212.6	1 826.8
March	790.3	148.2	101.2	315.5	95.2	161.5	215.9	1 827.8
TREND ESTIMATES (\$ million)								
2005								
January	704.5	135.1	90.0	288.3	91.1	168.8	197.0	1 678.1
February	705.5	135.2	90.8	289.9	93.2	165.2	198.4	1 681.2
March	710.4	135.7	92.1	291.3	95.2	162.4	200.7	1 689.8
April	719.1	136.7	93.3	293.0	96.8	160.7	203.4	1 703.8
May	730.7	137.6	94.2	295.2	97.7	159.0	205.8	1 720.4
June	743.6	138.5	94.7	297.6	98.0	156.9	207.9	1 736.8
July	754.6	139.1	94.9	300.1	98.1	154.0	208.8	1 749.3
August	761.9	139.2	95.0	302.5	98.4	150.4	208.9	1 756.5
September	765.8	139.0	95.5	304.7	99.3	147.5	208.6	1 760.3
October	767.5	138.9	96.6	306.7	100.2	146.5	208.2	1 764.5
November	768.9	139.5	98.1	308.7	100.8	148.0	208.5	1 772.3
December	771.5	141.0	99.8	310.6	100.7	150.9	209.5	1 783.8
2006								
January	775.4	142.8	101.3	312.8	100.0	154.3	210.9	1 797.4
February	780.0	144.6	102.4	314.8	98.9	157.7	212.3	1 811.4
March	784.5	146.4	103.2	316.9	97.5	160.8	213.9	1 826.4

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(a) See paragraph 5 of the Explanatory Notes.

Month	Food retailing	Department stores	Clothing and soft good retailing	Household good retailing	Recreational good retailing	Other retailing	Hospitality and services	Total
ORIGINAL (\$ million)								
2005								
January	154.5	np	16.0	57.9	^ 19.9	np	43.7	359.6
February	139.6	np	^ 15.6	53.2	^ 20.5	np	43.3	333.3
March	153.0	np	17.5	59.5	^ 19.7	np	47.9	367.6
April	146.4	np	19.4	58.1	^ 20.0	np	42.7	349.3
May	142.2	np	18.2	59.1	^ 19.3	np	40.5	343.8
June	140.9	np	18.9	61.3	^ 18.9	np	39.4	345.8
July	148.5	np	^ 17.8	62.4	^ 21.1	np	40.1	357.3
August	147.2	np	17.4	65.0	^ 21.1	np	39.8	356.6
September	149.5	np	^ 18.7	65.0	^ 21.2	np	40.1	360.1
October	154.9	np	18.1	71.7	^ 21.8	np	44.3	379.0
November	156.5	np	21.2	72.9	^ 23.1	np	46.3	399.1
December	180.4	np	29.1	92.6	^ 34.3	np	57.5	513.0
2006								
January	158.5	np	19.8	66.1	^ 22.5	np	47.1	386.4
February	145.8	np	^ 20.7	59.9	^ 21.3	np	44.8	359.4
March	161.7	np	22.7	67.6	^ 22.5	np	48.4	398.4

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (\$ million)

2005								
January	150.0	np	17.1	61.3	20.0	np	42.8	363.8
February	148.9	np	17.9	61.8	20.2	np	44.9	365.8
March	146.1	np	17.6	61.7	19.8	np	44.5	361.9
April	148.3	np	18.1	61.5	21.4	np	42.1	358.3
May	149.8	np	18.3	63.1	20.6	np	42.0	363.2
June	148.5	np	18.5	62.3	21.0	np	43.3	366.4
July	152.1	np	19.3	64.7	22.1	np	42.7	371.8
August	153.8	np	19.6	65.8	22.5	np	44.4	380.1
September	152.6	np	20.1	66.8	22.2	np	42.8	374.8
October	154.0	np	20.5	68.7	23.0	np	44.9	381.7
November	153.6	np	20.8	68.1	23.2	np	44.8	382.1
December	153.2	np	19.7	68.8	24.7	np	45.6	385.9
2006								
January	155.0	np	21.3	70.4	22.4	np	45.2	391.6
February	155.4	np	23.6	69.4	20.8	np	46.2	394.0
March	157.5	np	22.4	69.4	22.7	np	46.0	395.6

TREND ESTIMATES (\$ million)

2005								
January	147.9	np	16.7	61.0	20.0	np	43.3	361.0
February	148.3	np	17.2	61.4	20.0	np	43.5	361.7
March	148.4	np	17.7	61.7	20.2	np	43.4	362.1
April	148.6	np	18.1	62.1	20.6	np	43.2	362.9
May	149.1	np	18.4	62.6	21.0	np	43.0	364.6
June	150.1	np	18.8	63.4	21.4	np	42.9	367.3
July	151.4	np	19.2	64.5	21.8	np	43.0	370.9
August	152.4	np	19.6	65.7	22.3	np	43.4	374.6
September	153.1	np	19.9	66.9	22.8	np	43.9	378.0
October	153.5	np	20.2	67.8	23.1	np	44.4	380.9
November	153.8	np	20.6	68.6	23.1	np	44.8	383.8
December	154.3	np	21.0	69.0	23.0	np	45.2	386.8
2006								
January	154.9	np	21.5	69.4	22.7	np	45.6	389.9
February	155.5	np	22.1	69.7	22.5	np	45.9	392.8
March	156.2	np	22.5	69.8	22.2	np	46.2	395.4

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Month	Food retailing	Department stores	Clothing and soft good retailing	Household good retailing	Recreational good retailing	Other retailing	Hospitality and services	Total
ORIGINAL (\$ million)								
2005								
January	67.6	np	7.1	20.3	^ 5.3	np	^ 24.8	146.8
February	68.9	np	6.2	18.6	^ 5.1	np	^ 24.1	143.4
March	77.3	np	7.0	20.9	^ 5.8	np	^ 27.7	159.7
April	75.6	np	7.1	20.1	^ 6.0	np	^ 30.3	159.4
May	79.0	np	7.8	19.9	^ 5.8	np	^ 31.0	165.3
June	81.6	np	8.6	21.9	^ 6.2	np	^ 31.5	173.3
July	85.2	np	8.9	21.0	^ 6.1	np	34.7	182.7
August	85.6	np	8.9	22.4	^ 6.3	np	^ 35.8	187.6
September	81.5	np	8.6	21.4	^ 5.8	np	^ 35.3	180.6
October	79.0	np	8.4	22.3	^ 5.8	np	^ 34.6	176.8
November	74.0	np	7.7	23.1	^ 5.0	np	32.2	168.7
December	78.5	np	10.5	27.9	^ 6.5	np	35.1	193.8
2006								
January	69.5	np	7.0	20.9	^ 3.8	np	29.7	153.1
February	67.1	np	6.2	19.9	^ 3.8	np	28.1	146.3
March	75.5	np	6.9	22.6	^ 4.4	np	30.3	164.6
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (\$ million)								
2005								
January	75.6	np	8.2	21.6	6.4	np	29.1	166.5
February	80.0	np	8.2	21.4	6.2	np	29.9	171.5
March	78.2	np	8.3	22.4	6.2	np	30.5	169.7
April	77.4	np	8.1	20.9	6.3	np	32.2	168.3
May	78.8	np	8.1	20.5	6.1	np	31.2	168.4
June	78.6	np	8.1	21.0	6.0	np	30.7	169.0
July	78.5	np	7.9	21.2	5.7	np	29.7	168.1
August	78.9	np	8.0	21.5	5.6	np	32.1	171.6
September	77.9	np	8.1	21.3	5.4	np	32.6	171.2
October	77.7	np	8.0	21.3	5.6	np	33.0	170.5
November	76.1	np	7.8	22.2	5.2	np	31.9	168.3
December	76.5	np	8.1	23.5	5.2	np	33.8	172.8
2006								
January	78.2	np	8.3	22.8	4.7	np	34.1	174.9
February	77.5	np	8.2	22.9	4.7	np	34.6	174.7
March	76.5	np	8.1	23.3	4.8	np	33.0	174.0
TREND ESTIMATES (\$ million)								
2005								
January	77.6	np	8.1	20.9	6.2	np	29.0	167.6
February	77.9	np	8.2	21.0	6.2	np	29.8	168.5
March	78.2	np	8.2	21.0	6.3	np	30.5	169.0
April	78.4	np	8.2	20.9	6.2	np	30.9	169.2
May	78.6	np	8.1	20.9	6.1	np	31.1	169.2
June	78.6	np	8.0	20.9	5.9	np	31.1	169.2
July	78.5	np	8.0	21.0	5.8	np	31.3	169.4
August	78.2	np	8.0	21.2	5.7	np	31.5	169.7
September	77.9	np	8.0	21.5	5.5	np	32.0	170.2
October	77.5	np	8.0	21.9	5.4	np	32.6	170.8
November	77.2	np	8.1	22.3	5.2	np	33.1	171.4
December	77.1	np	8.1	22.6	5.1	np	33.4	172.3
2006								
January	77.1	np	8.1	22.9	4.9	np	33.7	173.2
February	77.1	np	8.2	23.2	4.8	np	33.9	174.0
March	77.1	np	8.2	23.4	4.7	np	34.0	174.9

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Month	Food retailing	Department stores	Clothing and soft good retailing	Household good retailing	Recreational good retailing	Other retailing	Hospitality and services	Total
ORIGINAL (\$ million)								
2005								
January	122.9	25.2	18.7	57.8	^ 12.8	20.7	^ 36.4	294.5
February	117.4	21.2	14.8	49.4	15.2	20.9	^ 35.3	274.2
March	129.4	26.4	18.7	53.0	^ 14.1	22.0	37.7	301.1
April	126.6	24.8	18.9	51.4	^ 14.9	23.4	^ 40.7	300.7
May	128.0	27.9	19.6	52.6	^ 15.0	^ 24.4	^ 40.5	307.9
June	124.7	32.3	20.7	56.0	^ 14.5	^ 23.5	^ 40.0	311.8
July	126.0	25.1	17.5	58.9	17.9	^ 26.8	^ 40.9	313.1
August	128.2	24.7	16.3	59.5	^ 16.7	^ 28.3	39.4	313.0
September	127.4	25.4	19.2	59.3	^ 15.7	^ 28.3	38.6	313.8
October	130.8	26.2	20.8	65.4	^ 13.7	^ 26.8	40.3	323.9
November	130.7	34.1	20.9	70.3	13.9	^ 28.9	39.9	338.6
December	148.2	53.5	28.8	86.4	^ 19.8	^ 40.4	42.4	419.5
2006								
January	127.0	26.8	18.2	67.7	^ 12.8	^ 24.9	33.6	310.9
February	115.8	22.4	16.6	57.6	^ 15.3	^ 25.7	^ 35.8	289.2
March	128.2	26.2	20.4	61.6	^ 15.2	^ 28.3	^ 39.3	319.1
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (\$ million)								
2005								
January	124.9	28.5	20.4	56.6	14.7	23.8	41.1	310.1
February	127.1	28.8	18.4	56.5	15.6	24.4	39.6	310.6
March	128.3	28.9	19.6	56.1	14.8	23.8	38.2	309.8
April	129.4	25.9	18.2	54.9	15.8	24.8	41.2	310.3
May	129.7	28.6	18.8	55.5	16.0	25.4	40.3	314.4
June	130.2	31.2	19.5	57.4	15.2	26.0	38.9	318.4
July	126.0	28.9	18.8	60.0	16.3	27.4	38.5	315.9
August	129.6	29.0	18.2	61.2	16.2	27.9	38.8	320.9
September	129.1	28.9	20.5	62.4	16.0	27.6	38.4	323.0
October	128.2	27.3	20.9	64.0	14.6	27.6	38.4	321.1
November	128.8	30.0	20.4	65.7	14.6	27.3	38.9	325.7
December	129.2	29.2	20.2	65.8	14.3	27.4	39.6	325.5
2006								
January	130.1	31.0	20.3	66.6	15.0	28.2	38.2	329.4
February	125.2	30.3	20.6	65.9	15.9	29.9	39.9	327.7
March	127.8	30.0	20.8	64.3	15.5	29.9	39.8	328.3
TREND ESTIMATES (\$ million)								
2005								
January	126.0	28.3	19.3	56.5	14.9	24.5	40.6	310.2
February	127.1	28.2	19.2	56.0	15.1	24.3	40.1	310.4
March	128.1	28.3	19.1	55.8	15.3	24.4	39.8	311.0
April	128.8	28.5	18.9	55.9	15.6	24.8	39.6	312.2
May	129.1	28.7	18.8	56.5	15.8	25.5	39.4	313.9
June	129.1	29.0	18.9	57.6	15.9	26.3	39.2	315.9
July	128.8	29.0	19.1	59.2	15.9	26.9	39.0	318.0
August	128.7	29.0	19.5	61.0	15.8	27.3	38.7	319.9
September	128.7	28.9	19.8	62.7	15.5	27.5	38.6	321.7
October	128.8	29.0	20.1	64.1	15.1	27.6	38.6	323.3
November	128.8	29.2	20.4	65.0	14.9	27.7	38.8	324.8
December	128.6	29.6	20.5	65.6	14.9	28.0	39.0	326.2
2006								
January	128.3	30.0	20.5	65.9	15.0	28.5	39.2	327.3
February	127.8	30.3	20.6	66.0	15.1	29.0	39.4	328.3
March	127.5	30.5	20.6	65.9	15.4	29.5	39.6	329.2

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(a) See paragraph 5 of the Explanatory Notes.

QUARTERLY TURNOVER, Chain Volume Measures(a)—by Industry Group(b)

Quarter	Food retailing	Department stores	Clothing and soft good retailing	Household good retailing	Recreational good retailing	Other retailing	Hospitality and services	Total
ORIGINAL (\$ million)								
2004								
March	19 127.8	3 244.4	2 835.9	6 878.6	1 886.7	4 796.9	7 676.7	46 429.3
June	19 175.6	3 873.6	3 207.9	6 915.5	1 841.0	4 885.6	7 629.2	47 528.0
September	19 650.5	3 725.4	3 133.3	7 290.5	1 986.5	5 236.0	7 721.1	48 743.4
December	20 882.8	5 318.4	3 850.7	8 681.8	2 354.9	6 424.5	8 254.0	55 767.1
2005								
March	19 264.2	3 552.8	3 095.0	7 365.2	1 984.4	4 810.0	7 265.1	47 336.7
June	19 282.4	3 804.3	3 402.8	7 635.3	1 961.7	4 790.5	7 561.6	48 438.5
September	19 995.0	3 717.7	3 330.8	7 879.8	2 000.9	4 800.8	7 752.0	49 477.1
December	21 355.3	5 320.4	4 094.4	9 205.6	2 364.6	5 916.6	8 559.2	56 816.0
2006								
March	19 838.8	3 407.1	3 241.3	7 752.3	1 917.8	4 771.3	7 794.6	48 723.2
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (\$ million)								
2004								
March	19 314.5	3 921.9	3 126.5	7 212.6	1 974.4	5 233.7	7 862.0	48 750.4
June	19 756.7	4 060.2	3 259.2	7 328.4	2 009.7	5 246.1	7 891.9	49 509.0
September	19 859.9	4 111.2	3 305.0	7 432.0	2 040.9	5 417.9	7 767.2	49 934.0
December	19 684.6	4 043.2	3 297.8	7 665.5	2 024.3	5 409.2	7 681.9	49 806.4
2005								
March	19 621.4	4 245.9	3 464.9	7 906.4	2 100.8	5 324.7	7 567.2	50 231.2
June	19 913.4	4 000.9	3 414.3	7 969.5	2 121.5	5 109.3	7 785.2	50 314.0
September	20 152.5	4 097.9	3 513.6	7 993.5	2 045.5	4 960.8	7 758.8	50 522.6
December	20 148.3	4 015.1	3 500.1	8 117.8	2 027.4	4 973.1	7 985.7	50 767.6
2006								
March	20 299.3	4 140.9	3 611.7	8 199.2	2 022.3	5 246.9	8 088.1	51 608.2
TREND ESTIMATES (\$ million)								
2004								
March	19 408.4	3 968.0	3 162.8	7 164.0	2 003.7	5 283.2	7 890.3	48 907.7
June	19 670.4	4 030.4	3 231.4	7 323.9	2 009.9	5 310.8	7 867.7	49 459.6
September	19 773.8	4 090.8	3 293.1	7 484.4	2 023.6	5 370.3	7 765.7	49 795.9
December	19 729.4	4 125.2	3 350.9	7 673.0	2 058.2	5 396.4	7 676.5	50 001.0
2005								
March	19 732.0	4 122.3	3 404.4	7 853.0	2 087.3	5 295.6	7 644.2	50 141.3
June	19 878.7	4 090.0	3 451.3	7 967.0	2 092.4	5 112.3	7 702.4	50 294.1
September	20 068.7	4 060.4	3 489.4	8 031.3	2 066.5	5 019.0	7 824.7	50 559.1
December	20 202.1	4 062.7	3 532.0	8 104.8	2 033.6	5 038.9	7 955.4	50 929.4
2006								
March	20 289.6	4 097.2	3 582.7	8 188.7	2 015.6	5 132.6	8 065.1	51 390.5

(a) Reference year for chain volume measures is 2003–04. See paragraph 31 of the Explanatory Notes.

(b) See paragraph 5 of the Explanatory Notes.

QUARTERLY TURNOVER, Chain Volume Measures(a)—by Industry Group(b) *continued*

Quarter	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 quarter)								
2004								
March	-5.0	-37.4	-21.8	-11.4	-19.0	-24.4	-8.3	-13.7
June	0.3	19.4	13.1	0.5	-2.4	1.8	-0.6	2.4
September	2.5	-3.8	-2.3	5.4	7.9	7.2	1.2	2.6
December	6.3	42.8	22.9	19.1	18.5	22.7	6.9	14.4
2005								
March	-7.8	-33.2	-19.6	-15.2	-15.7	-25.1	-12.0	-15.1
June	0.1	7.1	9.9	3.7	-1.1	-0.4	4.1	2.3
September	3.7	-2.3	-2.1	3.2	2.0	0.2	2.5	2.1
December	6.8	43.1	22.9	16.8	18.2	23.2	10.4	14.8
2006								
March	-7.1	-36.0	-20.8	-15.8	-18.9	-19.4	-8.9	-14.2
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (% change from preceding quarter)								
2004								
March	1.1	0.0	0.4	4.4	-1.7	-2.3	0.0	1.0
June	2.3	3.5	4.2	1.6	1.8	0.2	0.4	1.6
September	0.5	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.6	3.3	-1.6	0.9
December	-0.9	-1.7	-0.2	3.1	-0.8	-0.2	-1.1	-0.3
2005								
March	-0.3	5.0	5.1	3.1	3.8	-1.6	-1.5	0.9
June	1.5	-5.8	-1.5	0.8	1.0	-4.0	2.9	0.2
September	1.2	2.4	2.9	0.3	-3.6	-2.9	-0.3	0.4
December	0.0	-2.0	-0.4	1.6	-0.9	0.2	2.9	0.5
2006								
March	0.7	3.1	3.2	1.0	-0.3	5.5	1.3	1.7
TREND ESTIMATES (% change from preceding quarter)								
2004								
March	1.5	2.2	2.6	3.2	1.8	0.5	1.1	1.8
June	1.3	1.6	2.2	2.2	0.3	0.5	-0.3	1.1
September	0.5	1.5	1.9	2.2	0.7	1.1	-1.3	0.7
December	-0.2	0.8	1.8	2.5	1.7	0.5	-1.1	0.4
2005								
March	0.0	-0.1	1.6	2.3	1.4	-1.9	-0.4	0.3
June	0.7	-0.8	1.4	1.5	0.2	-3.5	0.8	0.3
September	1.0	-0.7	1.1	0.8	-1.2	-1.8	1.6	0.5
December	0.7	0.1	1.2	0.9	-1.6	0.4	1.7	0.7
2006								
March	0.4	0.8	1.4	1.0	-0.9	1.9	1.4	0.9

(a) Reference year for chain volume measures is 2003-04. See paragraph 31 of the Explanatory Notes.

(b) See paragraph 5 of the Explanatory Notes.

Quarter	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Northern Territory	Australian Capital Territory	Australia
ORIGINAL (\$ million)									
2004									
March	15 608.7	11 330.0	9 169.5	3 430.2	4 598.4	1 007.5	416.5	867.4	46 429.3
June	16 126.5	11 391.9	9 437.5	3 498.0	4 692.6	1 005.4	479.2	896.8	47 528.0
September	16 410.0	11 637.4	9 875.2	3 537.7	4 845.8	1 008.9	527.4	901.1	48 743.4
December	18 864.4	13 572.5	10 885.1	4 081.6	5 624.1	1 190.6	518.0	1 030.8	55 767.1
2005									
March	15 959.5	11 410.4	9 375.2	3 480.5	4 747.8	1 050.4	445.3	867.5	47 336.7
June	16 252.7	11 861.1	9 523.2	3 490.0	4 879.3	1 026.6	490.5	915.1	48 438.5
September	16 407.9	11 863.9	10 136.5	3 551.5	4 995.3	1 055.6	538.4	928.0	49 477.1
December	19 071.2	13 553.2	11 480.9	4 020.6	5 834.0	1 266.3	525.8	1 064.0	56 816.0
2006									
March	16 169.8	11 746.4	9 840.7	3 482.8	5 018.6	1 116.6	448.0	900.2	48 723.2
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (\$ million)									
2004									
March	16 416.9	11 869.2	9 654.2	3 591.2	4 798.3	1 030.8	466.1	920.3	48 750.4
June	16 804.9	11 853.6	9 877.8	3 633.1	4 899.3	1 052.7	488.5	921.2	49 509.0
September	16 821.0	12 023.7	9 981.5	3 647.3	4 991.0	1 058.3	489.3	921.9	49 934.0
December	16 814.7	12 075.7	9 779.5	3 646.7	5 011.1	1 059.8	490.6	928.3	49 806.4
2005									
March	16 965.4	12 096.6	9 966.1	3 684.8	5 004.9	1 082.5	502.7	928.2	50 231.2
June	16 885.5	12 285.2	9 931.8	3 611.2	5 089.9	1 075.9	498.5	936.0	50 314.0
September	16 771.3	12 204.9	10 207.3	3 648.3	5 141.2	1 104.9	498.7	946.0	50 522.6
December	16 998.5	12 107.5	10 295.2	3 599.5	5 188.8	1 125.6	497.4	955.1	50 767.6
2006									
March	17 166.6	12 378.6	10 456.6	3 671.1	5 310.3	1 154.1	505.7	965.1	51 608.2
TREND ESTIMATES (\$ million)									
2004									
March	16 573.3	11 789.5	9 724.2	3 594.1	4 797.7	1 037.6	474.0	920.0	48 907.7
June	16 705.9	11 925.9	9 854.4	3 629.8	4 902.1	1 048.3	482.1	920.5	49 459.6
September	16 814.5	11 995.7	9 900.2	3 648.8	4 972.2	1 058.0	489.6	923.2	49 795.9
December	16 890.3	12 070.4	9 890.5	3 658.3	5 006.3	1 065.6	495.1	925.9	50 001.0
2005									
March	16 885.3	12 161.6	9 902.1	3 655.7	5 034.3	1 073.0	498.0	930.0	50 141.3
June	16 865.2	12 193.4	10 001.4	3 639.4	5 074.1	1 084.8	499.4	936.4	50 294.1
September	16 884.5	12 204.0	10 157.2	3 627.4	5 139.1	1 103.6	499.0	945.5	50 559.1
December	16 973.7	12 224.8	10 307.3	3 630.7	5 211.8	1 126.5	499.9	955.3	50 929.4
2006									
March	17 107.5	12 264.8	10 458.7	3 648.2	5 279.2	1 148.2	502.9	963.8	51 390.5

(a) Reference year for chain volume measures is 2003–04. See paragraph 31 of the Explanatory Notes.

Quarter	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Northern Territory	Australian Capital Territory	Australia
ORIGINAL (% change from preceding quarter)									
2004									
March	-15.2	-12.5	-13.4	-13.6	-12.1	-11.7	-15.6	-14.8	-13.7
June	3.3	0.5	2.9	2.0	2.0	-0.2	15.0	3.4	2.4
September	1.8	2.2	4.6	1.1	3.3	0.4	10.1	0.5	2.6
December	15.0	16.6	10.2	15.4	16.1	18.0	-1.8	14.4	14.4
2005									
March	-15.4	-15.9	-13.9	-14.7	-15.6	-11.8	-14.0	-15.8	-15.1
June	1.8	4.0	1.6	0.3	2.8	-2.3	10.2	5.5	2.3
September	1.0	0.0	6.4	1.8	2.4	2.8	9.8	1.4	2.1
December	16.2	14.2	13.3	13.2	16.8	20.0	-2.3	14.7	14.8
2006									
March	-15.2	-13.3	-14.3	-13.4	-14.0	-11.8	-14.8	-15.4	-14.2
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (% change from preceding quarter)									
2004									
March	-0.5	2.6	1.2	0.7	2.6	0.9	-0.6	0.1	1.0
June	2.4	-0.1	2.3	1.2	2.1	2.1	4.8	0.1	1.6
September	0.1	1.4	1.0	0.4	1.9	0.5	0.2	0.1	0.9
December	0.0	0.4	-2.0	0.0	0.4	0.1	0.3	0.7	-0.3
2005									
March	0.9	0.2	1.9	1.0	-0.1	2.1	2.5	0.0	0.9
June	-0.5	1.6	-0.3	-2.0	1.7	-0.6	-0.8	0.8	0.2
September	-0.7	-0.7	2.8	1.0	1.0	2.7	0.0	1.1	0.4
December	1.4	-0.8	0.9	-1.3	0.9	1.9	-0.3	1.0	0.5
2006									
March	1.0	2.2	1.6	2.0	2.3	2.5	1.7	1.1	1.7
TREND ESTIMATES (% change from preceding quarter)									
2004									
March	1.1	2.0	2.7	1.5	2.4	2.0	2.0	-0.5	1.8
June	0.8	1.2	1.3	1.0	2.2	1.0	1.7	0.1	1.1
September	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.5	1.4	0.9	1.6	0.3	0.7
December	0.5	0.6	-0.1	0.3	0.7	0.7	1.1	0.3	0.4
2005									
March	0.0	0.8	0.1	-0.1	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.3
June	-0.1	0.3	1.0	-0.4	0.8	1.1	0.3	0.7	0.3
September	0.1	0.1	1.6	-0.3	1.3	1.7	-0.1	1.0	0.5
December	0.5	0.2	1.5	0.1	1.4	2.1	0.2	1.0	0.7
2006									
March	0.8	0.3	1.5	0.5	1.3	1.9	0.6	0.9	0.9

(a) Reference year for chain volume measures is 2003–04. See paragraph 31 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 and territory. The principal objective of the series is to show month to month movement of turnover.

2 Estimates of turnover contained in this publication are compiled from the Retail Business survey. Following a new sample design introduced in the July 2004 issue, the survey includes about 4,350 retail and selected service businesses. All 'large' businesses are included in the survey, while a sample of about 3,500 'smaller' businesses is selected. The 'large' business' contribution of approximately 55% of the total estimate ensures a highly reliable Australian total turnover estimate.

SCOPE AND COVERAGE

3 The scope of the Retail Business survey is all employing businesses with at least one retail outlet. Like most Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) economic surveys, the frame used for the Retail Business survey is taken from the ABS Business Register which includes registrations to the Australian Taxation Office's (ATO) pay-as-you-go withholding (PAYGW) scheme. Each statistical unit (as defined below) included on the ABS Business Register is classified to the Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC) industry in which it mainly operates. The frame is supplemented with information about businesses which are classified as non-retail but which have significant retail activity.

4 The frame is updated quarterly to take account of new businesses, businesses which have ceased employing, changes in industry 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. Businesses which have ceased employing are identified when the ATO cancels their Australian Business Number (ABN) and/or PAYGW registration. In addition, businesses with less than 50 employees, and which do not remit under the PAYGW scheme in each of the previous five quarters are removed from the frame.

5 The following industries included in the survey are as defined in ANZSIC:

■ Food Retailing

Supermarkets and grocery stores (5110) and non-petrol sales of convenience stores of selected 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)

Footwear, fabric and other soft good retailing

Footwear retailing (5222)

Fabric and other soft good retailing (5223)

■ Household Good Retailing

Furniture and floor covering retailing

Furniture retailing (5231)

Floor covering retailing (5232)

Domestic hardware and houseware retailing (5233)

Domestic appliance and recorded music retailing

Domestic appliance retailing (5234)

Recorded music retailing (5235)

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SCOPE AND COVERAGE

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- Recreational Good Retailing
 - Newspaper, book and stationery retailing (5243)
 - Other recreational goods 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 n.e.c.
 - Antique and used good retailing (5252)
 - Garden supplies retailing (5253)
 - Flower retailing (5254)
 - Watch and jewellery retailing (5255)
 - Retailing n.e.c. (5259)
- 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).

STATISTICAL UNITS DEFINED ON THE ABS BUSINESS REGISTER

6 The ABS uses an economic statistics units model on the ABS Business Register to describe the characteristics of businesses, and the structural relationships between related businesses. The units model is also used to break groups of related businesses into relatively homogeneous components that can provide data to the ABS.

7 In mid-2002, to better use the information available as a result of The New Tax System, the ABS changed its economic statistics units model. The new units model allocates businesses to one of two sub-populations. The vast majority of businesses are in what is called the ATO Maintained Population, while the remaining businesses are in the ABS Maintained Population. Together, these two sub-populations make up the ABS Business Register population.

ATO Maintained Population

8 Most businesses and organisations in Australia need to obtain an ABN, and are then included on the ATO Australian Business Register. Most of these businesses have simple structures; therefore the unit registered for an ABN will satisfy ABS statistical requirements. For these businesses, the ABS has aligned its statistical units structure with the ABN unit. The businesses with simple structures constitute the ATO Maintained Population, and the ABN unit is used as the statistical unit for all economic collections.

ABS Maintained Population

9 For the population of businesses where the ABN unit is not suitable for ABS statistical requirements, the ABS maintains its own units structure through direct contact with each business. These businesses constitute the ABS Maintained Population. This population consists typically of large, complex and diverse businesses. The new statistical units model described below has been introduced to cover such businesses.

Enterprise Group: This is a unit covering all the operations in Australia of one or more legal entities under common ownership and/or control. It covers all the operations in Australia of legal entities which are related in terms of the current Corporations Law (as amended by the *Corporations Legislation Amendment Act 1991*), including legal entities such as companies, trusts, and partnerships. Majority ownership is not required for control to be exercised.

EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

ABS Maintained Population *continued*

Enterprise: The enterprise is an institutional unit comprising (i) a single legal entity or business entity, or (ii) more than one legal entity or business entity within the same Enterprise Group and in the same institutional subsector (i.e. they are all classified to a single Standard Institutional Sector Classification of Australia subsector).

Type of Activity Unit (TAU): The TAU is comprised of one or more business entities, sub-entities or branches of a business entity within an Enterprise Group that can report production and employment data for similar economic activities. When a minimum set of data items are available, a TAU is created which covers all the operations within an industry subdivision (and the TAU is classified to the relevant subdivision of the ANZSIC). Where a business cannot supply adequate data for each industry, a TAU is formed which contains activity in more than one industry subdivision.

10 For more information on the impacts of the introduction of the new economic statistics units model, refer to *Information Paper: Improvements in ABS Economic Statistics [Arising from the New Tax System]* (cat. no. 1372.0).

11 Prior to the July 2002 reference month, the Retail Business survey used the management unit as the statistical unit. From the July 2002 reference month onwards, the statistical unit is the ABN unit for businesses with simple structures, and the TAU for businesses with complex structures. In most cases, ABN/TAU units concord with the management units previously used.

SURVEY METHODOLOGY

12 The survey is conducted monthly by both telephone interview and a questionnaire mailed to businesses. The businesses included in the survey are selected by random sample from a frame stratified by state, industry and business size. Following the new sample design introduced in the July 2004 issue, the survey uses annualised turnover as the measure of business size. For the ATO Maintained Population, the annualised turnover is based on the ATO's Business Activity Statement item Total sales and for the ABS Maintained Population a modelled annualised turnover is used. For stratification purposes the annualised turnover allocated to each business is not updated each quarter as to do so would result in increased volatility in the estimates.

13 The July 2004 issue also saw the introduction of the generalised regression estimation methodology which replaced ratio estimation. For estimation purposes the annualised turnover allocated to each business is updated each quarter. The introduction of the new sample design and new estimation methodology resulted in changes to the level of the Retail Trade series. However, to facilitate comparisons over time, the historical series were revised to make the time series of estimates as continuous as possible. For more information about the changes introduced in the July 2004 issue refer to *Information Paper: Changes to the Retail Trade Series* (cat. no. 8501.0.55.002) which is available from the ABS web site <<http://www.abs.gov.au>>.

14 In the first month of each quarter, some businesses in the sample are replaced, at random, by other businesses so that the reporting load can be spread across smaller retailers.

15 Most businesses can provide turnover on a calendar month basis and this is how the data are presented. When businesses cannot provide turnover on a calendar month basis, the reported data and the period they relate to are used to estimate turnover for the calendar month.

16 Most retailers operate in a single state/territory. For this reason, estimates of turnover by state/territory are only collected from the larger retailers which are included in the survey each month. These retailers are asked to provide turnover for sales from each state/territory in which the business operates. Turnover for the smaller businesses is allocated to the state of their head office or main outlet.

EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

DEFINITION OF TURNOVER

17 Turnover includes retail sales; wholesale sales; takings from repairs, meals and hiring of goods (except for rent, leasing and hiring of land and buildings); commissions from agency activity (e.g. commissions received from collecting dry cleaning, selling lottery tickets, etc.); and net takings from gaming machines etc. From July 2000, turnover includes the Goods and Service Tax.

18 Turnover presented in the Retail Trade series includes net proceeds from licensed gambling activities undertaken in the Hotels and licensed clubs industry. The impact of net proceeds from gambling on movements in the Retail Trade series was discussed in *Feature article: Contribution of gambling to retail estimates* included in the December 2002 issue of this publication. The article concluded that net proceeds from gambling had not had a significant impact on quarterly movements for the series but net proceeds from gambling had increased over time and users should be aware of this when interpreting the series. An electronic release, *Contribution of Gambling to Retail Estimates* (cat. no. 8501.0.55.003), will provide updated quarterly information and will be available free of charge from the ABS web site. It will be released approximately a week after the release of the March, June, September and December issues of this publication.

SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT

19 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 (e.g. 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.

20 The seasonally adjusted estimates also have an allowance for an Easter proximity effect, which is caused when Easter falls late in March or early in April. This effect, when present, is combined with the seasonal and trading day factors to form the combined adjustment factors. There is also a similar allowance for the variable timing of Father's Day. See the Appendix of the July 2001 and August 2002 issues respectively of this publication for more information.

21 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. For more information see *Information Paper: Introduction of Concurrent Seasonal Adjustment into the Retail Trade Series* (cat. no. 8514.0).

EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT *continued*

22 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 and Hospitality/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 August 2005 using data up to and including the June 2005 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>Mar</i> 2005	<i>Feb</i> 2006	<i>Mar</i> 2006
Factors as estimated at last reanalysis (June 2005 reference month)	0.97564	0.88031	0.98201
Factors as estimated with current month's data (March 2006 reference month)	0.97460	0.88231	0.98196

23 The revision properties of the seasonally adjusted and trend estimates can be improved by the use of Autoregressive Integrated Moving Average (ARIMA) modelling. ARIMA modelling relies on the characteristics of the series being analysed to project future period data. The projected values are temporary, intermediate values, that are only used internally to improve the estimation of the seasonal factors. The projected data do not affect the original estimates and are discarded at the end of the seasonal adjustment process. The retail collection uses ARIMA modelling where appropriate for individual time series. The ARIMA model is assessed as part of the annual reanalysis and following the 2005 annual reanalysis 94% of Retail series use an ARIMA model. For more information on the details of ARIMA modelling see *Feature article: Use of ARIMA modelling to reduce revisions* in the October 2004 issue of *Australian Economic Indicators* (cat. no. 1350.0).

24 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 months' data as they become available.

COMBINED ADJUSTMENT FACTORS

	<i>Apr</i> 2006	<i>May</i> 2006	<i>Jun</i> 2006
Factors as estimated with current month's data (March 2006 reference month)	0.94990	0.97233	0.96308

25 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 2005 issue.

EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT

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26 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.

27 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.

TREND ESTIMATES

28 The monthly trend estimates are derived by applying a 13-term Henderson moving average to the seasonally adjusted estimates (7-term for quarterly series). The Henderson moving average is symmetric, but as the end of a time series is approached, asymmetric forms of the moving average have to be applied. The asymmetric moving averages have been tailored to suit the particular characteristics of individual series and enable trend estimates for recent periods to be produced. Estimates of the trend will be improved at the current end of the time series as additional observations become available. This improvement is due to the combined effect of the concurrent seasonal adjustment methodology and the application of different asymmetric moving averages for the most recent six months (or three quarters). As a result of the improvement, most revisions to the trend estimates will be observed for the most recent six months (or three quarters).

29 Trend estimates are used to analyse the underlying behaviour of the series over time. As a result of the introduction of The New Tax System, a break in the monthly trend series has been inserted between June and July 2000. Care should therefore be taken if comparisons span this period. For more details refer to the Appendix in the December 2000 issue of this publication.

30 For further information on trend estimates, see *Information Paper: A Guide to Interpreting Time Series — Monitoring Trends, 2003* (cat. no. 1349.0) or contact the Assistant Director, Time Series Analysis on Canberra (02) 6252 6345 or by email at <timeseries@abs.gov.au>.

CHAIN VOLUME MEASURES

31 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. The reference year is advanced in each June issue and is currently 2003–04. 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. Data for the 2005–06 financial year will initially be based upon price data for the 2003–04 financial year. Comparability with previous years is achieved by linking (or chaining) the series together to form a continuous time series. While current price estimates reflect both price and volume changes, chain volume estimates measure changes in value after the direct effects of price changes have been eliminated and hence only reflect volume changes. Further information on the nature and concepts of chain volume measures is contained in the ABS publication *Information Paper: Introduction of Chain Volume Measures in the Australian National Accounts* (cat. no. 5248.0).

RELIABILITY OF ESTIMATES

32 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. Sampling error may be larger for the first month of each quarter, when some of the businesses in the sample are replaced by other businesses so that the reporting load can be spread across retailers.

EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

RELIABILITY OF ESTIMATES

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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

33 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.

34 Estimates, in original terms, that have an estimated relative standard error (RSE) between 10% and 25% are annotated with the symbol '^'. These estimates should be used with caution as they are subject to sampling variability too high for some purposes. Estimates with an RSE between 25% and 50% are annotated with the symbol '*', indicating that the estimates should be used with caution as they are subject to sampling variability too high for most practical purposes. Estimates with an RSE greater than 50% are annotated with the symbol '**' indicating that the sampling variability causes the estimates to be considered too unreliable for general use.

35 To further assist users in assessing the reliability of estimates, key data series has been given a grading of A to E. 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.
- D represents a relative standard error on level between 10% and 15% meaning users are advised to exercise caution in interpreting movements for such series.
- E represents a relative standard error on level greater than 15% (mainly affects unpublished state by industry series).

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

	<i>Food retailing</i>	<i>Depart- ment Stores</i>	<i>Clothing & soft good retailing</i>	<i>House -hold good retailing</i>	<i>Recrea- -tional good retailing</i>	<i>Other retailing</i>	<i>Hospit- -ality & services</i>	<i>Total</i>
NSW	A	A	C	B	C	C	B	A
Vic.	B	A	C	B	C	C	C	A
Qld	B	A	C	B	D	C	C	A
SA	B	A	D	C	D	C	C	A
WA	B	A	C	C	D	C	C	A
Tas.	B	np	C	C	D	np	C	A
NT	B	np	C	B	E	np	D	B
ACT	B	A	B	C	D	D	E	B
Aust.	A	A	B	A	B	B	B	A

np not available for publication but included in totals where applicable, unless otherwise indicated

EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

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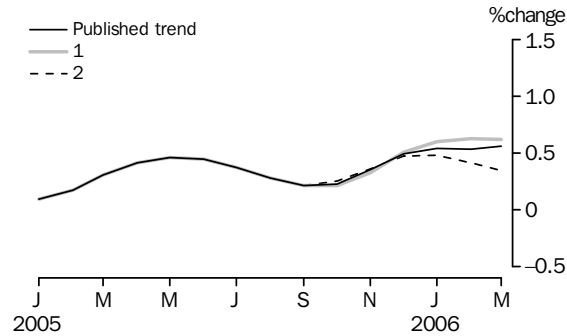
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TECHNICAL NOTE REVISIONS TO TREND ESTIMATES

EFFECT OF NEW SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES ON TREND ESTIMATES

1 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 approximate effect of the two possible scenarios on the previous trend estimates of the percentage change in total retail turnover for Australia are presented below. For more information see the trend estimates section of the Explanatory Notes.

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



2 Under concurrent seasonal adjustment, the most recent seasonally adjusted and trend estimates are likely to be revised when original estimates for subsequent months become available. The trend revision is a combined result of the revision of the seasonally adjusted estimates and the revision derived from the use of asymmetric moving averages as future data become available (for more information, refer to paragraph 28 in the Explanatory Notes). ABS research shows that about 75% of the total revision to the trend estimate at the current end of the time series is due to the use of different asymmetric moving averages when the original estimate for the next time period becomes available. To assess the reliability of the trend estimate at the current end, the 'what-if' chart presents trend estimates under two different scenarios of the next time period. The chart shows only the impact due to the changes of the asymmetric moving averages and does not include the unknown impact of revision to seasonal factor estimates that would arise when the original estimate for the next time period becomes available.

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