

CANBERRA, AUSTRALIA

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RETAIL SALES OF GOODS : AUSTRALIAMONTH OF MAY, 1962 (PROVISIONAL)

1. A sample survey of retail establishments in Australia is conducted by the Commonwealth Bureau of Census and Statistics each quarter. Sample estimates derived from that Survey, showing for each State retail sales classified by commodity groups, are published about three months after the end of each quarter.
2. Preliminary figures, in less detail, are compiled on the basis of a large response from that sample and published about seven to eight weeks after the end of each quarter.
3. Provisional monthly figures are based on monthly returns collected from a sub-sample of these establishments and are published about three weeks after the end of each month. Monthly estimates are adjusted in accordance with quarterly estimates when the latter become available.
4. This Bulletin contains a provisional figure for the month of May, 1962. For purposes of comparison, figures for some earlier periods are also included.
5. Information relating to the basis of the figures shown is contained in Statistical Bulletin No. 44 of 9th April, 1962.

VALUE OF RETAIL SALES OF GOODS (EXCLUDING MOTOR VEHICLES, PARTS, PETROL, ETC.)MONTHLY ESTIMATES : AUSTRALIA (a) (b)

(All figures are on a basis comparable with the 1956-57 Retail Census)

(£ million)

Month	Total (excluding Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, etc.)
1961 : April	220.2
May	239.0
June	226.4
July	224.6
August	227.3
September	232.9
October	233.9
November	243.1
December	307.0
1962 : January	(c) 230.9
February	(c) 216.8
March	(c) 233.0
April	(d) 232.3
May	(d) 258.4

- (a) Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.  
 (b) The figures in this table are subject to revision when more precise information is available relating to trading by new businesses.  
 (c) Preliminary estimate (see paragraph 2).  
 (d) Provisional estimate (see paragraph 3).

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