

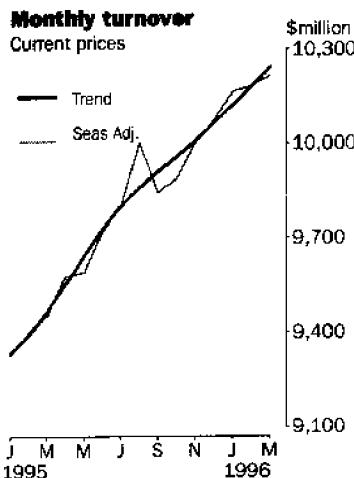


RETAIL TRADE

AUSTRALIA

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MARCH KEY FIGURES



TREND ESTIMATES

Turnover at current prices (in \$ millions)	Feb 96	Mar 96	% change
10 177.0	10 240.7		0.6
Mar 95	Mar 96	% change	9 462.2
	10 240.7		8.2

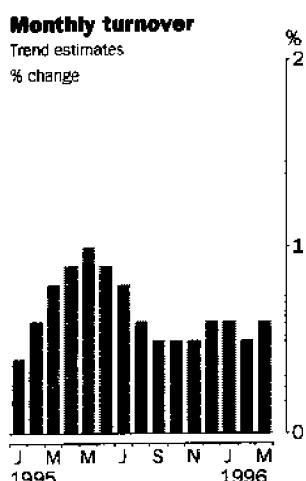
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES

Turnover at current prices (in \$ millions)	Feb 96	Mar 96	% change
10 181.6	10 215.8		0.3
Mar 95	Mar 96	% change	9 453.0
	10 215.8		8.1
Turnover at constant prices (average 1989-90 prices in \$ millions)	Dec 95 qtr	Mar 96 qtr	% change
25 545.5	25 910.9		1.4

MARCH KEY POINTS

TREND ESTIMATES

- The trend estimate for Retail and Hospitality and services industries has shown growth of between 0.5% and 0.6% over each of the last eight months.
- Over the past three months the trend estimate has increased by \$178.2m. Of this amount, \$60.6m was attributable to the Food retailing group, \$36.3m to the Hospitality and services group, \$25.4m to the Household good retailing group and \$22.8m to the Other retailing group.



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

INDUSTRY ANALYSIS

- Growth in the Food retailing group has been moderate over recent months.
- Apart from the Recreational good retailing group, which was in decline, the remaining industry groups have shown moderate to strong growth.

INQUIRIES

- For further information about these and related statistics, contact Bill Powell on 06 252 6132. For information about constant price estimates contact Leon Ting on 06 252 6807.

ORIGINAL ESTIMATES

- In original terms, Australian retail turnover increased by 6.3% in March 1996 compared to March 1995.
- Chains and other large retailers recorded growth of 6.6% for the same period while small retailers grew by 6.0%.

CONSTANT PRICE ESTIMATES

- In seasonally adjusted constant price terms, the estimate for March quarter 1996 rose by 1.4% over the December quarter 1995.

R E T A I L T R A D E N O T E S

FORTHCOMING ISSUES

ISSUE	RELEASE DATE
April 1996	31 May 1996
May 1996	3 July 1996
June 1996	31 July 1996

CHANGES IN THIS ISSUE

Quarterly constant price data are shown in Tables 14 and 15 of this issue. This publication contains a minor change to the procedure of estimating recent trend estimates. It is expected that this change will reduce their overall revision and small bias - refer paragraph 9 of the Explanatory Notes.

SAMPLING ERRORS

Standard errors for the Australian estimates (original data) for March 1996 contained in this publication are:

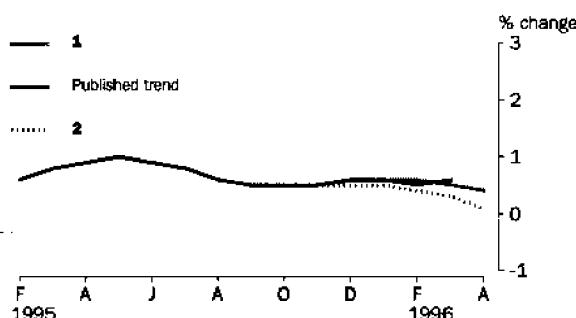
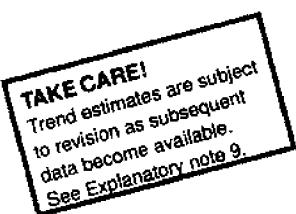
DATA SERIES	ESTIMATE	STANDARD ERROR
Level of retail turnover (\$m)	9 831.9	82.9
Change from February to March (\$m)	491.3	28.9
% change from February to March	5.3	0.3

For more information see the Explanatory notes, paragraphs 12-15, or contact Bill Powell on 06 252 6132.

WHAT IF?

The most recent trend estimates published in this release are likely to be revised when next month's seasonally adjusted estimates become available. To assist readers of this publication in analysing retail trends, the effect of two possible scenarios on the previous trend estimates of the percentage change in retail turnover are presented below.

- 1 The 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.

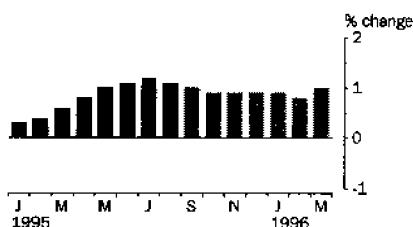


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STATE TRENDS

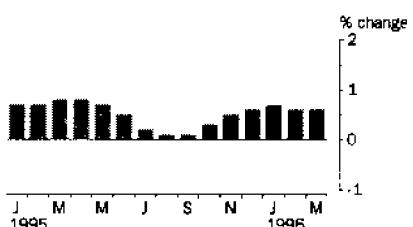
MONTHLY PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN TREND ESTIMATES

NEW SOUTH WALES



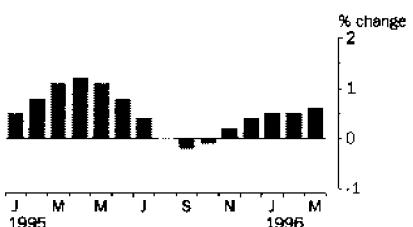
Trend estimates of growth indicated relatively strong growth over the past twelve months. Apart from Recreational good and Other retailing, all groups are showing strong growth.

VICTORIA



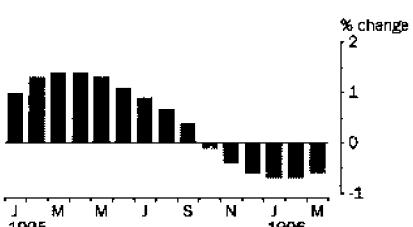
Growth in the Victorian trend estimate has been moderate in recent months. The Food retailing and Hospitality and services groups were the main contributors.

QUEENSLAND



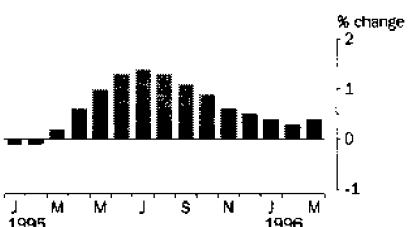
Queensland has shown moderate growth over the last three months. All industry groups, apart from Recreational good retailing, have contributed to the growth.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA



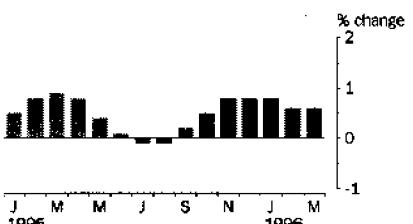
The South Australian trend estimates continued to decline. Department stores and the Household good and Other retailing are the only industry groups to record growth.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA



The Western Australian growth rate has weakened slightly over the last four months. Growth in Food retailing was weak while Household good retailing was in decline.

TASMANIA



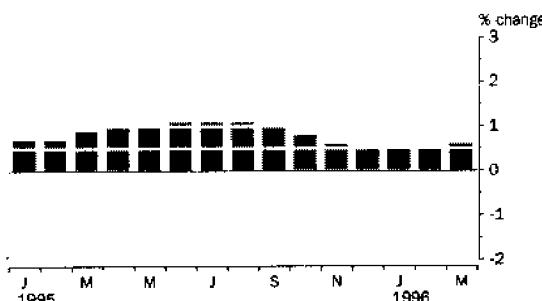
Growth in the trend estimate for Tasmania moderated over February and March 1996. Growth in the Hospitality and services group remained strong.

INDUSTRY TRENDS

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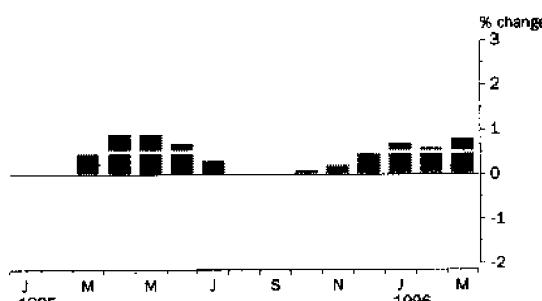
MONTHLY PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN TREND ESTIMATES

FOOD RETAILING



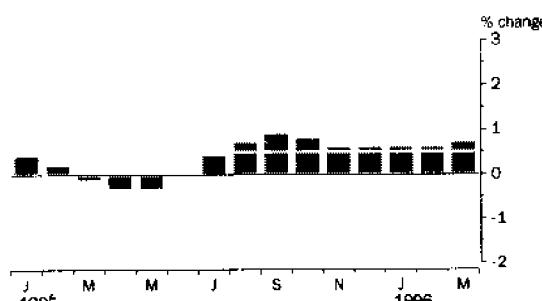
Growth in the Food retailing group has been moderate over the last five months and is similar to the growth rate for the total of all industries. The Western Australian growth rate was weak while South Australia was in decline.

DEPARTMENT STORES



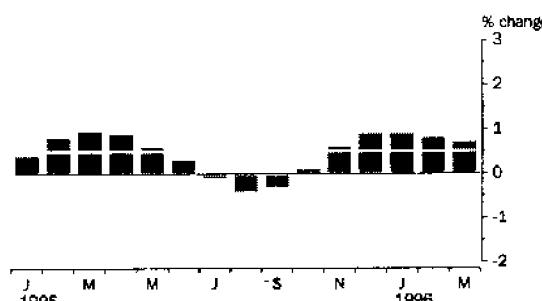
There has been moderate growth over the past four months. New South Wales, Victoria and Queensland have contributed mainly to this growth.

CLOTHING AND SOFT GOOD RETAILING



This industry has recorded stable growth of around 0.7% over each of the last eight months. New South Wales has recorded strong growth, while Victoria and South Australia were in decline.

HOUSEHOLD GOOD RETAILING

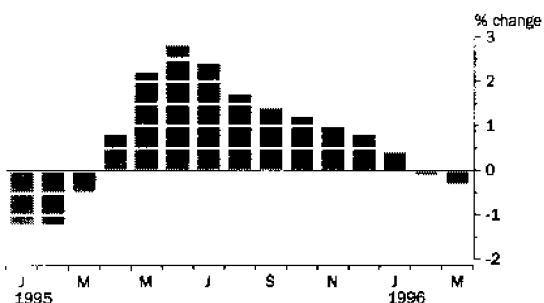


The Household good retailing group has shown signs of an easing growth rate in recent months. New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia and Tasmania have recorded the strongest growth.

INDUSTRY TRENDS (continued)

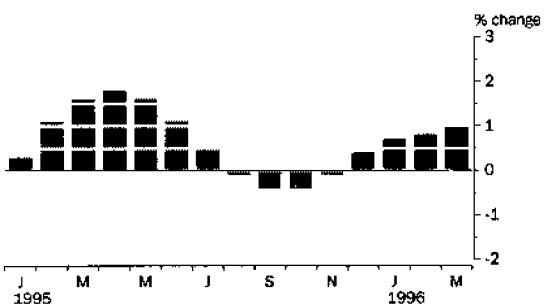
MONTHLY PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN TREND ESTIMATES

RECREATIONAL GOOD
RETAILING



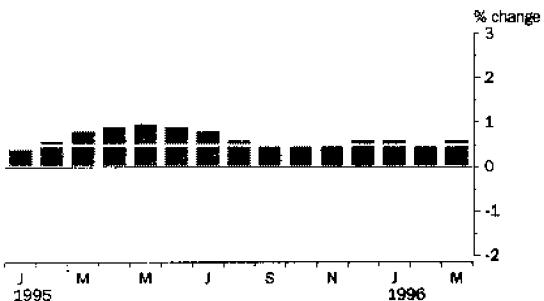
This industry group has been in decline for the last two months following an earlier period of strong growth. Victoria has recorded strong growth. For the remaining States the growth rate was either weak or in decline.

OTHER RETAILING



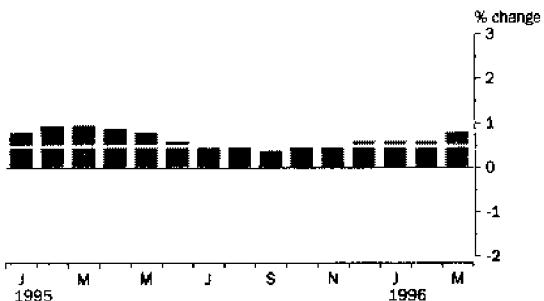
The growth rate strengthened for this industry. The States showing strongest growth were Queensland, South Australia and Western Australia.

TOTAL RETAIL (excluding
Hospitality and Services)



Movements in the trend estimate for Retail (excluding Hospitality and services) has shown a similar pattern to that for Total industries (including Hospitality and services).

HOSPITALITY AND
SERVICES



There has been moderate growth over the last six months with a slight increase in March. Growth is strongest in New South Wales, Victoria, Western Australia, Tasmania and the Australian Capital Territory.

RETAIL TURNOVER, By Industry Group¹: 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)								
1995								
January	3 620.4	752.5	629.4	991.3	502.9	777.1	1 688.4	8 962.0
February	3 439.9	682.5	531.5	920.8	464.7	752.1	1 494.7	8 286.2
March	3 787.3	811.3	616.0	1 021.6	500.8	838.3	1 670.5	9 245.8
April	3 704.8	906.1	682.2	948.8	471.3	817.7	1 663.0	9 193.9
May	3 738.9	927.4	680.9	1 065.9	515.8	870.7	1 649.2	9 448.8
June	3 703.9	906.8	683.3	1 077.9	497.1	833.5	1 620.7	9 323.2
July	3 787.5	880.7	646.0	1 045.9	537.7	855.5	1 695.3	9 448.6
August	3 922.3	874.0	633.7	1 026.9	545.7	907.4	1 694.9	9 604.9
September	3 872.1	856.9	648.2	1 029.9	544.1	922.8	1 729.9	9 603.9
October	3 997.1	920.8	674.1	1 085.1	551.3	929.5	1 775.1	9 933.0
November	4 105.7	1 072.8	705.2	1 129.9	607.6	977.3	1 816.7	10 415.2
December	4 662.6	1 866.5	979.1	1 436.6	856.8	1 339.1	2 110.2	13 250.9
1996								
January	4 041.9	839.8	673.7	1 073.4	602.0	868.9	1 811.2	9 910.9
February	3 956.4	743.4	569.7	1 000.3	551.7	845.0	1 674.1	9 340.6
March	4 107.7	818.7	631.2	1 060.0	558.0	865.6	1 790.7	9 831.9
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (\$ million)								
1995								
January	3 645.9	916.9	668.4	1 041.9	530.2	851.8	1 676.1	9 331.2
February	3 708.6	934.1	683.5	1 044.4	503.7	876.1	1 641.9	9 392.2
March	3 727.9	936.3	677.1	1 046.3	488.7	884.6	1 692.2	9 453.0
April	3 752.0	976.8	682.4	1 061.3	513.3	885.7	1 705.1	9 576.7
May	3 815.5	915.3	643.1	1 074.3	526.1	909.6	1 705.8	9 589.7
June	3 843.1	915.1	667.5	1 112.5	550.3	916.5	1 713.4	9 718.3
July	3 855.6	1 023.6	656.8	1 064.0	564.3	920.1	1 717.3	9 801.8
August	3 981.1	1 013.8	689.6	1 050.7	573.6	944.2	1 752.6	10 005.6
September	3 934.1	902.2	696.4	1 073.3	568.9	922.1	1 748.5	9 845.5
October	4 001.7	945.6	669.7	1 066.6	562.3	909.5	1 732.9	9 888.4
November	4 069.6	957.2	686.7	1 064.8	570.6	892.1	1 761.9	10 003.0
December	4 032.0	989.8	694.0	1 083.8	604.1	905.6	1 764.6	10 073.9
1996								
January	4 013.5	994.0	705.6	1 100.1	622.5	935.2	1 792.5	10 163.3
February	4 102.6	976.0	700.0	1 094.5	584.3	952.3	1 771.9	10 181.6
March	4 105.2	971.2	710.2	1 117.9	559.1	931.4	1 820.8	10 215.8
TREND ESTIMATES (\$ million)								
1995								
January	3 668.3	931.2	670.9	1 037.4	520.9	855.5	1 648.5	9 332.6
February	3 695.7	931.5	672.1	1 046.0	514.6	864.5	1 664.4	9 388.8
March	3 727.8	935.9	671.3	1 056.7	512.0	878.2	1 680.3	9 462.2
April	3 764.1	943.9	669.1	1 066.0	516.2	893.6	1 695.2	9 548.1
May	3 803.0	952.8	667.1	1 072.8	527.5	907.8	1 708.3	9 639.4
June	3 844.4	959.4	667.1	1 075.8	542.1	918.0	1 718.9	9 725.6
July	3 888.4	962.3	669.5	1 074.2	555.0	923.0	1 727.3	9 799.6
August	3 930.8	962.2	674.4	1 070.4	564.3	922.5	1 735.4	9 860.0
September	3 968.6	961.9	680.3	1 067.1	572.0	918.7	1 742.4	9 911.0
October	3 998.5	962.5	685.7	1 067.7	578.6	914.7	1 750.3	9 958.0
November	4 022.0	964.5	689.8	1 073.6	584.4	913.9	1 758.8	10 007.2
December	4 041.9	969.1	693.9	1 082.9	588.9	917.4	1 768.5	10 062.5
1996								
January	4 060.9	975.8	698.4	1 092.2	591.1	923.7	1 779.7	10 121.8
February	4 079.2	981.4	702.7	1 101.0	590.6	930.9	1 791.2	10 177.0
March	4 102.5	988.9	707.3	1 108.3	588.8	940.2	1 804.8	10 240.7

¹ See paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes

RETAIL TURNOVER PERCENTAGE CHANGE, By Industry Group¹: 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)								
1995								
January	-15.4	-58.6	-33.5	-28.4	-35.0	-36.8	-12.5	-27.5
February	-5.0	-9.3	-15.6	-7.1	-7.6	-3.2	-11.5	-7.5
March	10.1	18.9	15.9	10.9	7.8	11.5	11.8	11.6
April	-2.2	11.7	10.7	-7.1	-5.9	-2.5	-0.4	-0.6
May	0.9	2.4	-0.2	12.3	9.4	6.5	-0.8	2.8
June	-0.9	-2.2	0.4	1.1	-3.6	-4.3	-1.7	-1.3
July	2.3	-2.9	-5.5	-3.0	8.2	2.6	4.6	1.3
August	3.6	-0.8	-1.9	-1.8	1.5	6.1	0.0	1.7
September	-1.3	-2.0	2.3	0.3	-0.3	1.7	2.1	0.0
October	3.2	7.5	4.0	5.4	1.3	0.7	2.6	3.4
November	2.7	16.5	4.6	4.1	10.2	5.1	2.3	4.9
December	13.6	74.0	38.8	27.1	41.0	37.0	16.2	27.2
1996								
January	-13.3	-55.0	-31.2	-25.3	-29.7	-35.1	-14.2	-25.2
February	-2.1	-11.5	-15.4	-6.8	-8.4	-2.8	-7.6	-5.8
March	3.8	10.1	10.8	6.0	1.1	2.4	7.0	5.3
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (% change from preceding month)								
1995								
January	-0.2	-2.6	1.9	0.8	-4.6	2.7	4.6	0.6
February	1.7	1.9	2.3	0.2	-5.0	2.9	-2.0	0.7
March	0.5	0.2	-0.9	0.2	-3.0	1.0	3.1	0.6
April	0.6	4.3	0.8	1.4	5.0	0.1	0.8	1.3
May	1.7	-6.3	-5.8	1.2	2.5	2.7	0.0	0.1
June	0.7	0.0	3.8	3.6	4.6	0.8	0.4	1.3
July	0.3	11.9	-1.6	-4.4	2.5	0.4	0.2	0.9
August	3.3	-1.0	5.0	-1.3	1.6	2.6	2.1	2.1
September	-1.2	-11.0	1.0	2.2	-0.8	-2.3	-0.2	-1.6
October	1.7	4.8	-3.8	-0.6	-1.2	-1.4	-0.9	0.4
November	1.7	1.2	2.5	-0.2	1.5	-1.9	1.7	1.2
December	-0.9	3.4	1.1	1.8	5.9	1.5	0.2	0.7
1996								
January	-0.5	0.4	1.7	1.5	3.0	3.3	1.6	0.9
February	2.2	-1.8	-0.8	-0.5	-6.1	1.8	-1.1	0.2
March	0.1	-0.5	1.5	2.1	-4.3	-2.2	2.8	0.3
TREND ESTIMATES (% change from preceding month)								
1995								
January	0.7	0.0	0.4	0.4	-1.2	0.3	0.8	0.4
February	0.7	0.0	0.2	0.8	-1.2	1.1	1.0	0.6
March	0.9	0.5	-0.1	1.0	-0.5	1.6	1.0	0.8
April	1.0	0.9	-0.3	0.9	0.8	1.8	0.9	0.9
May	1.0	0.9	-0.3	0.6	2.2	1.6	0.8	1.0
June	1.1	0.7	0.0	0.3	2.8	1.1	0.6	0.9
July	1.1	0.3	0.4	-0.1	2.4	0.5	0.5	0.8
August	1.1	0.0	0.7	-0.4	1.7	-0.1	0.5	0.6
September	1.0	0.0	0.9	-0.3	1.4	-0.4	0.4	0.5
October	0.8	0.1	0.8	0.1	1.2	-0.4	0.5	0.5
November	0.6	0.2	0.6	0.6	1.0	-0.1	0.5	0.5
December	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.9	0.8	0.4	0.6	0.6
1996								
January	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.9	0.4	0.7	0.6	0.6
February	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.8	-0.1	0.8	0.6	0.5
March	0.6	0.8	0.7	0.7	-0.3	1.0	0.8	0.6

¹ See paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes

RETAIL TURNOVER, By Sub-Group¹: Original

Month	FOOD RETAILING.....				CLOTHING AND SOFT GOOD RETAILING.....			HOUSEHOLD GOOD RETAILING...					
	Supermarkets 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	hardware & houseware retailing	Domestic appliance retailing	Total
(\$ million)													
1995													
January	2 491.5	508.7	620.2	3 620.4	752.5	449.9	179.5	629.4	254.4	198.6	538.3	991.3	
February	2 412.6	451.7	575.6	3 439.9	682.5	379.1	152.4	531.5	249.5	189.7	481.6	920.8	
March	2 662.8	504.9	619.5	3 787.3	811.3	439.7	176.3	616.0	273.9	207.5	540.2	1 021.6	
April	2 578.9	509.4	616.5	3 704.8	906.1	497.7	184.5	682.2	236.9	192.8	519.1	948.8	
May	2 630.7	503.1	605.1	3 738.9	927.4	494.3	186.6	680.9	280.5	189.2	596.2	1 065.9	
June	2 613.5	493.7	596.7	3 703.9	906.8	490.6	192.7	683.3	284.8	191.8	601.3	1 077.9	
July	2 639.8	529.4	618.3	3 787.5	880.7	459.1	186.9	646.0	290.3	194.5	561.1	1 045.9	
August	2 743.8	538.4	640.1	3 922.3	874.0	454.8	178.9	633.7	277.6	209.1	540.2	1 026.9	
September	2 702.1	537.3	632.7	3 872.1	856.9	457.3	190.9	648.2	287.7	212.8	529.4	1 029.9	
October	2 757.4	577.0	662.7	3 997.1	920.8	483.2	190.9	674.1	297.9	254.9	532.3	1 085.1	
November	2 831.6	574.1	700.0	4 105.7	1 072.8	513.9	191.3	705.2	278.5	271.9	579.5	1 129.9	
December	3 181.0	628.9	852.7	4 662.6	1 866.5	726.0	253.1	979.1	283.4	344.7	808.5	1 436.6	
1996													
January	2 770.1	632.9	638.9	4 041.9	839.8	478.3	195.4	673.7	258.9	258.3	556.2	1 073.4	
February	2 761.9	569.9	624.6	3 956.4	743.4	402.0	167.7	569.7	244.4	230.4	525.5	1 000.3	
March	2 870.9	599.1	637.7	4 107.7	818.7	442.8	188.4	631.2	254.2	239.4	566.4	1 060.0	
(% change from preceding month)													
1995													
January	-16.2	-3.9	-20.0	-15.4	-58.6	-36.2	-25.5	-33.5	-18.1	-29.6	-32.0	-28.4	
February	-3.2	-11.2	-7.2	-5.0	-9.3	-15.7	-15.1	-15.6	-1.9	-4.5	-10.5	-7.1	
March	10.4	11.8	7.6	10.1	18.9	16.0	15.7	15.9	9.8	9.4	12.2	10.9	
April	-3.2	0.9	-0.5	-2.2	11.7	13.2	4.7	10.7	-13.5	-7.1	-3.9	-7.1	
May	2.0	-1.2	-1.8	0.9	2.4	-0.7	1.1	-0.2	18.4	-1.9	14.9	12.3	
June	-0.7	-1.9	-1.4	-0.9	-2.2	-0.7	3.3	0.4	1.5	1.4	0.9	1.1	
July	1.0	7.2	3.6	2.3	-2.9	-6.4	-3.0	-5.5	1.9	1.4	-6.7	-3.0	
August	3.9	1.7	3.5	3.6	-0.8	-0.9	-4.3	-1.9	-4.4	7.5	-3.7	-1.8	
September	-1.5	-0.2	-1.2	-1.3	-2.0	0.5	6.7	2.3	3.6	1.8	-2.0	0.3	
October	2.0	7.4	4.7	3.2	7.5	5.7	0.0	4.0	3.5	19.8	0.5	5.4	
November	2.7	-0.5	5.6	2.7	16.5	6.4	0.2	4.6	-6.5	6.7	8.9	4.1	
December	12.3	9.5	21.8	13.6	74.0	41.3	32.3	38.8	1.8	26.8	39.5	27.1	
1996													
January	-12.9	0.6	-25.1	-13.3	-55.0	-34.1	-22.8	-31.2	-8.6	-25.1	-31.2	-25.3	
February	-0.3	-10.0	-2.2	-2.1	-11.5	-18.0	-14.2	-15.4	-5.6	-10.8	-5.5	-6.8	
March	3.9	5.1	2.1	3.8	10.1	10.1	12.3	10.8	4.0	3.9	7.8	6.0	
(% change from corresponding month of previous year)													
1995													
January	6.9	6.2	12.6	7.7	0.9	5.5	0.6	4.1	-2.0	2.9	9.7	5.1	
February	7.1	7.2	13.0	8.0	2.7	4.0	7.9	5.1	-5.1	-2.0	7.2	1.7	
March	5.4	5.7	6.5	5.7	-1.3	-1.7	-0.5	-1.3	-3.4	-2.7	7.4	2.2	
April	10.2	18.4	13.9	11.9	8.9	4.2	1.8	3.6	-10.3	1.5	13.0	3.9	
May	11.7	16.2	13.7	12.6	2.1	1.4	0.9	1.3	-1.8	-4.0	15.7	6.8	
June	9.5	14.5	15.5	11.0	-0.7	9.3	3.7	7.7	-4.7	1.9	14.8	6.6	
July	7.1	13.8	15.3	9.3	12.5	2.7	7.5	4.0	-3.1	5.1	9.2	4.7	
August	11.1	17.2	19.4	13.2	9.4	5.2	7.5	5.8	-13.4	7.6	0.0	-2.7	
September	8.2	15.0	14.8	10.1	-3.4	-0.1	8.3	2.2	-6.1	7.7	6.9	3.1	
October	8.6	17.3	11.0	10.2	-1.5	2.1	4.9	2.9	-1.0	20.6	4.4	6.2	
November	12.0	18.4	16.5	13.6	7.2	4.4	2.6	3.9	-11.7	22.5	2.7	2.6	
December	7.0	18.8	9.9	9.0	2.7	3.0	5.1	3.5	-8.8	22.2	2.1	3.8	
1996													
January	11.2	24.4	3.0	11.6	11.6	6.3	8.9	7.0	1.8	30.1	3.3	8.3	
February	14.5	26.2	8.5	15.0	8.9	6.0	10.0	7.2	-2.0	21.5	9.1	8.6	
March	7.8	18.7	2.9	8.5	0.9	0.7	6.9	2.5	-7.2	15.4	4.9	3.8	

¹ See paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes

RETAIL TURNOVER, By Sub-Group¹: Original *continued*

Month	RECREATIONAL GOOD RETAILING.....			OTHER RETAILING.....			HOSPITALITY AND SERVICES.....				Total all industries
	News-paper, book and stationery retailing	Other and recreational good retailing	Total	Pharma-ceutical cosmetic & toiletry retailing	Other retailing	Total	Hotels and licensed clubs	Cafes and restaurants	Selected services	Total	
	(\$ million)										
1995											
January	356.8	146.1	502.9	400.4	376.7	777.1	1 049.0	473.0	166.4	1 688.4	8 962.0
February	342.3	122.4	464.7	375.1	377.0	752.1	910.0	438.3	146.4	1 494.7	8 286.2
March	361.9	138.9	500.8	433.5	404.8	838.3	1 030.2	486.5	153.8	1 670.5	9 245.8
April	319.7	151.6	471.3	422.7	395.0	817.7	1 031.6	465.1	166.3	1 663.0	9 193.9
May	366.8	149.0	515.8	461.9	408.8	870.7	1 009.8	476.7	162.7	1 649.2	9 448.8
June	345.4	151.7	497.1	450.6	382.9	833.5	1 009.9	446.3	164.5	1 620.7	9 323.2
July	376.7	161.0	537.7	452.8	402.7	855.5	1 048.6	476.1	170.6	1 695.3	9 448.6
August	382.8	162.9	545.7	482.4	425.0	907.4	1 058.8	472.4	163.7	1 694.9	9 604.9
September	372.4	171.7	544.1	481.9	440.9	922.8	1 080.3	481.6	168.0	1 729.9	9 603.9
October	372.1	179.2	551.3	469.5	460.0	929.5	1 088.2	505.0	181.9	1 775.1	9 933.0
November	396.0	211.6	607.6	490.2	487.1	977.3	1 106.6	527.0	183.1	1 816.7	10 415.2
December	489.4	367.4	856.8	577.3	761.8	1 339.1	1 304.5	591.7	214.0	2 110.2	13 250.9
1996											
January	422.0	180.0	602.0	443.8	425.1	868.9	1 082.4	528.4	200.4	1 811.2	9 910.9
February	387.5	164.2	551.7	420.0	425.0	845.0	996.3	504.5	173.3	1 674.1	9 340.6
March	384.2	173.8	558.0	444.4	421.2	865.6	1 087.7	514.8	188.2	1 790.7	9 831.9
(% change from preceding month)											
1995											
January	-24.4	-51.6	-35.0	-27.0	-44.7	-36.8	-13.0	-13.1	-7.6	-12.5	-27.5
February	-4.1	-16.2	-7.6	-6.3	0.1	-3.2	-13.3	-7.3	-12.0	-11.5	-7.5
March	5.7	13.5	7.8	15.6	7.4	11.5	13.2	11.0	5.1	11.8	11.6
April	-11.7	9.1	-5.9	-2.5	-2.4	-2.5	0.1	-4.4	8.1	-0.4	-0.6
May	14.7	-1.7	9.4	9.3	3.5	6.5	-2.1	2.5	-2.2	-0.8	2.8
June	-5.8	1.8	-3.6	-2.4	-6.3	-4.3	0.0	-6.4	1.1	-1.7	-1.3
July	9.1	6.1	8.2	0.5	5.2	2.6	3.8	6.7	3.7	4.6	1.3
August	1.6	1.2	1.5	6.5	5.5	6.1	1.0	-0.8	-4.0	0.0	1.7
September	-2.7	5.4	-0.3	-0.1	3.7	1.7	2.0	1.9	2.6	2.1	0.0
October	-0.1	4.4	1.3	-2.6	4.3	0.7	0.7	4.9	8.3	2.6	3.4
November	6.4	18.1	10.2	4.4	5.9	5.1	1.7	4.4	0.7	2.3	4.9
December	23.6	73.6	41.0	17.8	56.4	37.0	17.9	12.3	16.9	16.2	27.2
1996											
January	-13.8	-51.0	-29.7	-23.1	-44.2	-35.1	-17.0	-10.7	-6.4	-14.2	-25.2
February	-8.2	-8.8	-8.4	-5.4	0.0	-2.8	-8.0	-4.5	-13.5	-7.6	-5.8
March	-0.9	5.8	1.1	5.8	-0.9	2.4	9.2	2.0	8.6	7.0	5.3
(% change from corresponding month of previous year)											
1995											
January	13.4	9.4	12.3	3.3	8.1	5.6	11.7	12.2	38.7	14.0	7.7
February	5.7	-3.4	3.2	3.3	9.9	6.5	8.5	11.1	25.9	10.7	6.7
March	-2.6	3.3	-1.0	2.6	11.1	6.5	8.0	8.1	16.8	8.8	4.4
April	2.8	17.9	7.2	3.7	17.7	10.0	8.4	10.6	31.7	11.0	9.5
May	7.0	17.4	9.8	8.5	16.1	12.0	8.8	15.1	29.7	12.4	9.7
June	0.4	12.7	3.9	5.8	13.0	9.0	10.1	10.3	29.6	11.9	8.6
July	4.0	9.5	5.6	2.4	13.7	7.4	8.1	3.1	24.2	8.0	8.1
August	7.6	11.5	8.7	4.1	10.2	6.8	10.3	2.1	23.0	8.9	8.8
September	8.1	16.4	10.6	6.2	5.8	6.0	10.9	2.3	21.1	9.2	6.9
October	5.1	16.1	8.5	5.5	-0.1	2.7	5.8	3.5	19.1	6.3	6.5
November	2.5	21.0	8.2	6.8	6.6	6.7	7.2	7.2	19.8	8.3	9.1
December	3.7	21.8	10.8	5.2	11.9	8.9	8.2	8.7	18.8	9.3	7.2
1996											
January	18.3	23.2	19.7	10.8	12.8	11.8	3.2	11.7	20.4	7.3	10.6
February	13.2	34.2	18.7	12.0	12.7	12.4	9.5	15.1	18.4	12.0	12.7
March	6.2	25.1	11.4	2.5	4.1	3.3	5.6	5.8	22.4	7.2	6.3

¹ See paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes

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)									
1995									
January	3 146.5	2 056.9	1 693.2	682.8	910.9	220.9	93.5	157.3	8 962.0
February	2 889.0	1 937.4	1 519.2	639.8	839.8	211.8	91.4	157.8	8 286.2
March	3 238.2	2 153.8	1 692.6	722.3	922.0	232.7	104.0	180.2	9 245.8
April	3 235.0	2 141.1	1 665.3	722.8	919.1	229.7	102.4	178.5	9 193.9
May	3 312.4	2 180.6	1 743.5	735.4	955.9	229.0	112.1	179.9	9 448.8
June	3 225.8	2 160.4	1 773.2	717.3	928.2	226.6	116.3	175.4	9 323.2
July	3 338.0	2 148.9	1 742.6	729.6	959.0	225.3	122.8	182.4	9 448.6
August	3 373.5	2 173.7	1 797.7	744.8	978.6	230.5	129.5	176.6	9 604.9
September	3 368.2	2 176.8	1 804.3	747.5	987.5	222.3	118.3	179.0	9 603.9
October	3 552.3	2 227.5	1 810.6	774.0	1 024.2	236.0	122.0	186.4	9 933.0
November	3 732.1	2 345.7	1 894.1	814.7	1 066.4	251.6	119.7	190.9	10 415.2
December	4 724.9	3 067.2	2 367.1	1 024.4	1 367.4	320.5	133.9	245.5	13 250.9
1996									
January	3 566.1	2 251.3	1 824.3	724.5	1 027.0	240.5	103.8	173.4	9 910.9
February	3 373.5	2 118.3	1 690.4	691.4	962.1	233.5	103.9	167.5	9 340.6
March	3 553.0	2 244.4	1 766.6	737.3	992.7	241.3	112.1	184.5	9 831.9
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (\$ million)									
1995									
January	3 279.0	2 151.5	1 736.2	707.0	952.4	226.4	106.3	172.3	9 331.2
February	3 263.6	2 193.5	1 739.0	726.3	945.7	233.0	108.4	182.8	9 392.2
March	3 319.7	2 200.3	1 728.7	729.5	949.2	235.1	109.1	181.4	9 453.0
April	3 344.9	2 216.9	1 789.7	742.7	953.1	236.7	110.8	182.0	9 576.7
May	3 328.2	2 218.8	1 795.3	752.4	966.1	237.0	112.2	179.7	9 589.7
June	3 368.7	2 247.0	1 834.4	758.8	974.2	238.1	113.4	183.7	9 718.3
July	3 454.3	2 246.7	1 811.3	762.8	984.8	238.9	112.8	190.2	9 801.8
August	3 555.7	2 282.5	1 827.6	773.1	1 026.8	236.8	120.7	182.5	10 005.6
September	3 452.8	2 254.1	1 824.7	777.5	1 006.7	231.9	115.3	182.6	9 845.5
October	3 548.5	2 209.0	1 788.2	767.6	1 034.0	239.4	118.8	182.9	9 888.4
November	3 571.1	2 273.9	1 815.2	779.4	1 015.6	244.0	119.0	184.8	10 003.0
December	3 607.0	2 282.6	1 823.8	775.2	1 041.8	239.9	117.3	186.2	10 073.9
1996									
January	3 653.3	2 327.5	1 839.9	742.4	1 051.2	245.5	116.2	187.4	10 163.3
February	3 673.2	2 306.0	1 856.8	752.5	1 041.4	246.5	118.3	186.8	10 181.6
March	3 692.7	2 323.9	1 849.3	755.9	1 040.3	246.4	119.6	187.6	10 215.8
TREND ESTIMATES (\$ million)									
1995									
January	3 266.4	2 164.9	1 724.5	712.4	949.6	230.1	107.0	177.7	9 332.6
February	3 280.8	2 180.8	1 738.3	721.4	948.8	232.0	108.0	178.8	9 388.8
March	3 301.8	2 198.1	1 756.7	731.4	950.6	234.2	109.2	180.3	9 462.2
April	3 328.3	2 215.8	1 777.8	741.7	956.1	236.1	110.5	181.9	9 548.1
May	3 361.4	2 231.2	1 797.6	751.0	965.8	237.1	112.1	183.2	9 639.4
June	3 399.3	2 242.2	1 811.8	758.9	978.5	237.3	113.7	183.9	9 725.6
July	3 438.5	2 247.7	1 819.0	765.9	992.0	237.1	115.2	184.2	9 799.6
August	3 476.7	2 250.2	1 819.3	771.3	1 004.8	236.9	116.6	184.2	9 860.0
September	3 512.4	2 253.0	1 816.1	774.2	1 016.1	237.4	117.5	184.2	9 911.0
October	3 545.6	2 258.7	1 814.6	773.5	1 024.8	238.6	117.9	184.3	9 958.0
November	3 575.9	2 268.9	1 818.1	770.1	1 031.2	240.4	117.9	184.7	10 007.2
December	3 606.7	2 283.2	1 825.7	765.1	1 036.1	242.4	117.9	185.5	10 062.5
1996									
January	3 639.1	2 298.8	1 835.0	759.9	1 040.5	244.3	117.9	186.4	10 121.8
February	3 669.7	2 312.9	1 844.3	754.9	1 044.0	245.8	118.0	187.4	10 177.0
March	3 705.8	2 327.0	1 854.9	750.5	1 048.5	247.3	118.6	188.1	10 240.7

RETAIL TURNOVER PERCENTAGE CHANGE, By State: All Series

<i>Month</i>	<i>New South Wales</i>	<i>Victoria</i>	<i>Queensland</i>	<i>South Australia</i>	<i>Western Australia</i>	<i>Tasmania</i>	<i>Northern Territory</i>	<i>Australian Capital Territory</i>	<i>Australia</i>
***** ORIGINAL (% change from preceding month) *****									
1995									
January	-26.7	-29.9	-24.9	-27.5	-28.1	-29.2	-22.9	-33.6	-27.5
February	-8.2	-5.8	-10.3	-6.3	-7.8	-4.1	-2.2	0.3	-7.5
March	12.1	11.2	11.4	12.9	9.8	9.9	13.8	14.2	11.6
April	-0.1	-0.6	-1.6	0.1	-0.3	-1.3	-1.5	-0.9	-0.6
May	2.4	1.8	4.7	1.7	4.0	-0.3	9.5	0.8	2.8
June	-2.6	-0.9	1.7	-2.5	-2.9	-1.0	3.7	-2.5	-1.3
July	3.5	-0.5	-1.7	1.7	3.3	-0.6	5.6	4.0	1.3
August	1.1	1.2	3.2	2.1	2.0	2.3	5.5	-3.2	1.7
September	-0.2	0.1	0.4	0.4	0.9	-3.6	-8.6	1.4	0.0
October	5.5	2.3	0.3	3.5	3.7	6.2	3.1	4.1	3.4
November	5.1	5.3	4.6	5.3	4.1	6.6	-1.9	2.4	4.9
December	26.6	30.8	25.0	25.7	28.2	27.4	11.9	28.6	27.2
1996									
January	-24.5	-26.6	-22.9	-29.3	-24.9	-25.0	-22.5	-29.4	-25.2
February	-5.4	-5.9	-7.3	-4.6	-6.3	-2.9	0.1	-3.4	-5.8
March	5.3	6.0	4.5	6.6	3.2	3.3	7.9	10.1	5.3
***** SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (% change from preceding month) *****									
1995									
January	1.0	0.1	1.6	0.5	0.2	-2.0	1.5	-2.7	0.6
February	-0.5	2.0	0.2	2.7	-0.7	2.9	2.0	6.1	0.7
March	1.7	0.3	-0.6	0.4	0.4	0.9	0.6	-0.8	0.6
April	0.8	0.8	3.5	1.8	0.4	0.7	1.6	0.3	1.3
May	-0.5	0.1	0.3	1.3	1.4	0.1	1.3	-1.3	0.1
June	1.2	1.3	2.2	0.9	0.8	0.5	1.1	2.2	1.3
July	2.5	0.0	-1.3	0.5	1.1	0.3	-0.5	3.5	0.9
August	2.9	1.6	0.9	1.4	4.3	-0.9	7.0	-4.0	2.1
September	-2.9	-1.2	-0.2	0.6	-2.0	-2.1	-4.5	0.1	-1.6
October	2.8	-2.0	-2.0	-1.3	2.7	3.2	3.0	0.2	0.4
November	0.6	2.9	1.5	1.5	-1.8	1.9	0.2	1.0	1.2
December	1.0	0.4	0.5	-0.5	2.6	-1.7	-1.4	0.8	0.7
1996									
January	1.3	2.0	0.9	-4.2	0.9	2.3	-0.9	0.6	0.9
February	0.5	-0.9	0.9	1.4	-0.9	0.4	1.8	-0.3	0.2
March	0.5	0.8	-0.4	0.5	-0.1	0.0	1.1	0.4	0.3
***** TREND ESTIMATES (% change from preceding month) *****									
1995									
January	0.3	0.7	0.5	1.0	-0.1	0.5	0.8	0.4	0.4
February	0.4	0.7	0.8	1.3	-0.1	0.8	0.9	0.6	0.6
March	0.6	0.8	1.1	1.4	0.2	0.9	1.1	0.8	0.8
April	0.8	0.8	1.2	1.4	0.6	0.8	1.2	0.9	0.9
May	1.0	0.7	1.1	1.3	1.0	0.4	1.4	0.7	1.0
June	1.1	0.5	0.8	1.1	1.3	0.1	1.4	0.4	0.9
July	1.2	0.2	0.4	0.9	1.4	-0.1	1.3	0.2	0.8
August	1.1	0.1	0.0	0.7	1.3	-0.1	1.2	0.0	0.6
September	1.0	0.1	-0.2	0.4	1.1	0.2	0.8	0.0	0.5
October	0.9	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	0.9	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.5
November	0.9	0.5	0.2	-0.4	0.6	0.8	0.0	0.2	0.5
December	0.9	0.6	0.4	-0.6	0.5	0.8	0.0	0.4	0.6
1996									
January	0.9	0.7	0.5	-0.7	0.4	0.8	0.0	0.5	0.6
February	0.8	0.6	0.5	-0.7	0.3	0.6	0.1	0.5	0.5
March	1.0	0.6	0.6	-0.6	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.6

RETAIL TURNOVER, By Industry Group¹—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)								
1995								
January	1 194.0	261.3	226.6	342.0	141.3	281.0	700.3	3 146.5
February	1 121.5	236.8	191.9	325.5	136.8	261.6	614.9	2 889.0
March	1 231.5	282.4	223.4	359.9	155.7	290.1	695.2	3 238.2
April	1 220.5	308.9	253.2	331.0	133.1	290.2	698.1	3 235.0
May	1 217.0	317.0	252.3	375.8	152.6	297.7	700.0	3 312.4
June	1 204.6	306.8	249.1	360.9	141.0	290.4	673.0	3 225.8
July	1 239.7	314.4	245.2	360.7	162.5	307.4	708.1	3 338.0
August	1 289.8	299.4	235.4	352.4	169.2	320.7	706.6	3 373.5
September	1 254.8	292.9	238.3	355.9	165.5	334.3	726.5	3 368.2
October	1 344.9	321.6	248.5	375.1	176.1	330.8	755.3	3 552.3
November	1 383.2	370.0	262.0	401.2	201.5	355.9	758.3	3 732.1
December	1 582.9	663.3	377.3	498.9	259.3	477.9	865.3	4 724.9
1996								
January	1 361.2	290.8	258.4	384.7	175.1	314.3	781.6	3 566.1
February	1 329.1	255.0	227.9	359.5	180.5	307.8	713.7	3 373.5
March	1 383.2	284.0	247.1	386.2	187.2	301.3	764.0	3 553.0
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (\$ million)								
1995								
January	1 186.2	320.7	236.6	365.0	156.9	303.8	710.0	3 279.0
February	1 205.3	326.6	245.4	366.5	149.2	298.6	672.0	3 263.6
March	1 225.5	326.4	246.7	367.6	145.1	306.1	702.1	3 319.7
April	1 226.0	338.3	259.2	368.8	142.4	314.0	696.2	3 344.9
May	1 242.3	313.2	231.5	374.9	149.9	311.6	704.8	3 328.2
June	1 253.8	315.5	240.5	377.6	149.6	320.4	711.3	3 368.7
July	1 259.8	357.5	251.8	371.9	169.1	326.5	717.8	3 454.3
August	1 327.2	350.3	266.6	366.7	179.3	331.3	734.4	3 555.7
September	1 286.3	312.2	257.1	363.1	172.2	328.9	733.0	3 452.8
October	1 337.6	331.3	247.6	374.6	177.7	324.3	755.4	3 548.5
November	1 368.5	329.4	249.9	371.0	187.3	325.9	739.0	3 571.1
December	1 359.7	342.6	270.2	373.6	200.1	332.9	727.8	3 607.0
1996								
January	1 336.2	348.1	263.3	399.4	190.7	335.2	780.3	3 653.3
February	1 382.4	334.9	277.5	388.9	191.1	337.4	761.0	3 673.2
March	1 394.8	336.3	281.9	406.3	181.6	320.5	771.3	3 692.7
TREND ESTIMATES (\$ million)								
1995								
January	1 198.2	324.2	240.3	368.3	157.1	300.2	678.0	3 266.4
February	1 206.0	324.3	242.6	368.7	151.5	301.9	685.8	3 280.8
March	1 216.3	325.3	244.2	369.9	147.4	305.5	693.2	3 301.8
April	1 228.3	327.2	245.4	370.6	146.7	310.5	699.6	3 328.3
May	1 241.7	329.6	246.8	371.6	149.7	316.0	706.0	3 361.4
June	1 257.3	331.7	248.4	372.0	155.6	320.7	713.5	3 399.3
July	1 275.9	332.9	250.3	370.8	163.0	324.3	721.3	3 438.5
August	1 295.7	333.4	252.2	369.2	170.6	326.6	728.9	3 476.7
September	1 315.0	333.8	254.1	368.6	177.7	328.1	735.1	3 512.4
October	1 331.6	334.1	256.3	370.3	183.3	329.3	740.8	3 545.6
November	1 344.7	334.6	258.8	374.8	187.1	330.0	745.9	3 575.9
December	1 355.7	336.9	262.5	381.0	189.4	330.6	751.5	3 606.7
1996								
January	1 366.1	338.1	267.6	387.8	190.7	331.1	757.6	3 639.1
February	1 376.0	340.0	273.0	394.5	191.0	331.2	764.0	3 669.7
March	1 389.0	342.9	279.1	401.2	191.1	331.6	771.0	3 705.8

¹ See paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes

RETAIL TURNOVER, By Industry Group¹—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)								
1995								
January	885.5	165.1	154.2	258.2	119.1	179.5	295.3	2 056.9
February	851.0	152.0	127.1	238.4	112.2	185.0	271.7	1 937.4
March	922.8	188.2	145.7	265.4	118.1	208.9	304.7	2 153.8
April	902.1	215.7	166.5	241.9	115.1	207.4	292.4	2 141.1
May	905.9	211.6	153.2	268.7	129.1	219.5	292.6	2 180.6
June	897.6	209.9	151.5	276.1	128.7	203.8	292.8	2 160.4
July	914.0	197.2	150.2	270.2	131.2	199.7	286.4	2 148.9
August	944.3	197.8	138.9	263.1	132.4	214.2	283.0	2 173.7
September	942.5	195.3	138.2	264.2	129.8	212.6	294.2	2 176.8
October	959.3	203.0	151.8	280.4	128.8	217.0	287.2	2 227.5
November	982.0	246.8	157.9	288.1	136.4	225.3	309.2	2 345.7
December	1 130.6	436.7	224.1	384.2	212.8	327.3	351.5	3 067.2
1996								
January	975.5	187.4	147.8	274.7	165.7	183.9	316.3	2 251.3
February	965.4	169.2	118.8	252.2	137.5	183.1	292.1	2 118.3
March	1 004.2	189.4	139.0	271.9	131.4	193.0	315.5	2 244.4
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (\$ million)								
1995								
January	892.8	208.3	168.0	266.1	119.5	199.1	297.7	2 151.5
February	910.4	211.3	161.8	273.4	120.8	217.7	298.0	2 193.5
March	899.0	217.0	159.4	275.9	121.2	220.8	307.0	2 200.3
April	913.8	220.2	158.4	267.9	128.9	225.5	302.1	2 216.9
May	925.8	208.0	144.4	270.9	133.7	229.4	306.6	2 218.8
June	922.3	212.0	151.7	282.9	143.9	224.6	309.6	2 247.0
July	942.9	225.4	152.0	275.4	144.1	214.9	292.0	2 246.7
August	972.1	235.4	153.1	267.1	140.4	221.2	293.1	2 282.5
September	961.4	207.1	153.4	281.0	136.9	221.0	293.3	2 254.1
October	957.3	207.9	151.0	271.9	128.1	207.4	285.4	2 209.0
November	980.4	225.5	159.7	277.3	127.2	204.8	299.0	2 273.9
December	968.7	226.8	152.2	287.2	144.5	219.4	283.9	2 282.6
1996								
January	975.6	231.1	161.5	277.5	161.1	202.6	318.0	2 327.5
February	990.2	228.4	144.8	278.0	145.2	208.7	310.7	2 306.0
March	992.2	221.5	152.6	292.4	139.9	208.2	317.2	2 323.9
TREND ESTIMATES (\$ million)								
1995								
January	897.6	212.5	161.4	263.9	122.6	209.0	297.9	2 164.9
February	902.0	212.3	160.7	268.2	123.4	214.3	299.9	2 180.8
March	907.0	213.2	158.6	271.8	125.8	219.3	302.3	2 198.1
April	913.8	215.0	155.8	274.0	129.8	223.2	304.2	2 215.8
May	922.7	216.8	152.9	274.7	134.7	225.2	304.2	2 231.2
June	933.4	218.0	151.2	274.7	138.4	224.4	302.0	2 242.2
July	944.5	218.5	150.8	274.6	139.4	221.9	298.0	2 247.7
August	954.3	218.5	151.9	275.0	138.1	218.6	293.9	2 250.2
September	961.9	218.9	153.3	275.6	136.6	215.5	291.2	2 253.0
October	967.1	220.0	154.6	276.4	136.4	212.8	291.3	2 258.7
November	971.2	221.5	154.9	277.8	138.1	211.0	294.3	2 268.9
December	975.1	223.5	154.6	279.8	141.3	209.5	299.4	2 283.2
1996								
January	979.7	225.7	153.9	281.8	144.4	208.4	304.9	2 298.8
February	984.4	227.2	153.0	283.8	146.7	207.6	310.2	2 312.9
March	989.8	229.2	152.2	285.2	148.4	207.3	315.1	2 327.0

¹ See paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes

RETAIL TURNOVER, By Industry Group¹—Queensland: All Series

<i>Month</i>	<i>Food retailing</i>	<i>Department stores</i>	<i>Clothing and soft good retailing</i>	<i>Household good retailing</i>	<i>Recreational good retailing</i>	<i>Other retailing</i>	<i>Hospitality and services</i>	<i>Total</i>
ORIGINAL (\$ million)								
1995								
January	658.8	132.9	124.7	166.4	135.3	157.2	317.9	1 693.2
February	617.2	118.8	102.1	156.6	117.1	151.7	255.7	1 519.2
March	693.9	134.0	117.1	172.0	120.6	167.3	287.7	1 692.6
April	673.9	147.9	119.2	160.5	118.1	151.8	293.9	1 665.3
May	696.4	154.6	126.0	178.4	125.3	172.0	290.8	1 743.5
June	689.2	163.5	138.0	197.3	124.2	168.2	292.8	1 773.2
July	703.2	141.7	112.6	176.9	127.8	172.3	308.1	1 742.6
August	719.5	155.1	121.5	177.1	126.4	180.2	317.9	1 797.7
September	710.7	155.5	135.0	178.9	132.7	180.3	311.2	1 804.3
October	712.7	160.3	127.7	174.8	124.9	184.2	326.0	1 810.6
November	720.2	187.2	132.6	180.0	138.9	191.5	343.7	1 894.1
December	785.9	311.7	169.6	227.0	197.6	245.5	429.8	2 367.1
1996								
January	722.0	153.7	129.1	177.9	138.8	175.2	327.6	1 824.3
February	705.5	130.7	104.2	165.0	118.5	166.0	300.5	1 690.4
March	722.5	137.2	114.3	174.4	121.0	176.5	320.7	1 766.6
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (\$ million)								
1995								
January	659.1	157.7	127.7	171.0	135.7	169.5	315.6	1 736.2
February	673.0	162.3	132.1	172.8	124.8	180.0	293.9	1 739.0
March	678.1	158.8	129.8	172.5	118.4	176.8	294.3	1 728.7
April	695.3	163.6	130.6	183.6	133.7	173.1	309.7	1 789.7
May	706.8	161.1	125.8	186.2	131.1	177.7	306.6	1 795.3
June	710.9	163.0	135.6	203.5	134.1	180.8	306.5	1 834.4
July	703.9	164.2	116.9	190.0	136.1	189.3	310.8	1 811.3
August	713.3	172.2	128.0	189.4	130.2	179.2	315.2	1 827.6
September	717.2	154.6	129.0	185.5	142.4	184.6	311.2	1 824.7
October	701.0	161.8	125.0	172.7	129.9	179.9	317.8	1 788.2
November	711.6	166.9	129.6	165.3	131.3	178.1	332.3	1 815.2
December	713.9	167.4	120.1	169.0	138.3	166.7	348.4	1 823.8
1996								
January	708.8	178.1	129.2	178.5	136.3	184.4	324.4	1 839.9
February	740.2	171.8	129.4	174.6	123.1	187.2	330.4	1 856.8
March	721.7	164.5	130.4	180.3	125.2	193.8	333.4	1 849.3
TREND ESTIMATES (\$ million)								
1995								
January	664.1	159.8	128.8	171.2	128.8	170.5	301.3	1 724.5
February	673.5	160.0	128.9	173.1	128.8	171.8	302.1	1 738.3
March	683.3	160.8	129.2	177.6	128.5	174.5	302.8	1 756.7
April	692.9	162.0	129.2	183.3	129.1	177.4	303.9	1 777.8
May	701.3	163.0	128.7	188.6	130.8	179.8	305.4	1 797.6
June	707.2	163.5	127.8	191.9	132.8	181.6	307.0	1 811.8
July	710.4	163.4	126.8	191.7	134.3	182.6	309.7	1 819.0
August	710.8	163.2	126.3	187.9	135.2	182.4	313.5	1 819.3
September	710.1	163.6	126.0	182.1	135.3	181.0	318.1	1 816.1
October	710.1	164.7	126.0	176.5	135.0	179.1	323.2	1 814.6
November	711.7	166.4	126.3	173.2	134.3	178.2	327.9	1 818.1
December	714.7	168.3	126.8	172.4	133.0	179.1	331.3	1 825.7
1996								
January	718.5	170.0	127.5	173.1	131.3	181.4	333.4	1 835.0
February	722.4	170.9	128.1	174.5	129.4	184.5	334.5	1 844.3
March	726.8	172.1	129.2	176.6	127.2	187.7	335.4	1 854.9

¹ See paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes

RETAIL TURNOVER, By Industry Group¹—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)								
1995								
January	275.2	74.0	40.1	72.0	28.9	55.5	137.1	682.8
February	263.4	68.6	34.7	63.5	27.3	54.6	127.7	639.8
March	292.2	85.7	43.1	71.7	29.9	62.0	137.7	722.3
April	282.8	91.0	47.6	70.2	29.5	60.9	140.8	722.8
May	286.6	94.8	46.4	78.4	30.6	64.7	133.9	735.4
June	282.3	86.8	43.4	80.1	28.3	64.4	132.0	717.3
July	282.2	92.0	41.9	80.2	29.4	65.0	138.9	729.6
August	297.8	86.9	42.7	78.6	30.2	69.9	138.7	744.8
September	301.0	84.0	40.8	72.4	31.0	72.9	145.4	747.5
October	305.4	92.0	45.4	81.4	32.3	70.1	147.4	774.0
November	322.2	105.0	48.0	80.7	36.1	72.0	150.7	814.7
December	360.9	174.5	67.9	100.3	51.4	92.4	177.0	1 024.4
1996								
January	289.6	80.2	44.7	77.9	34.4	66.2	131.5	724.5
February	288.2	73.2	37.7	71.1	32.7	65.8	122.7	691.4
March	306.7	80.8	40.0	79.1	34.1	68.4	128.2	737.3
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (\$ million)								
1995								
January	279.7	88.3	44.6	73.9	30.0	60.2	130.3	707.0
February	287.5	92.0	45.5	72.5	29.8	63.3	135.6	726.3
March	283.4	99.1	45.7	73.5	29.2	64.5	134.3	729.5
April	285.6	96.3	44.9	78.3	30.5	64.6	142.5	742.7
May	291.9	93.1	43.1	78.7	32.5	67.6	145.5	752.4
June	293.9	92.6	43.8	82.9	31.2	66.9	147.5	758.8
July	287.8	101.0	41.9	82.8	31.0	68.6	149.8	762.8
August	303.4	95.2	45.7	78.8	31.9	71.8	146.4	773.1
September	312.1	90.9	41.6	76.2	31.8	73.2	151.6	777.5
October	303.7	94.8	44.2	79.1	34.0	70.0	141.9	767.6
November	319.2	91.8	48.1	75.6	36.4	67.3	141.0	779.4
December	303.6	96.9	51.2	76.9	35.0	67.2	144.5	775.2
1996								
January	292.8	92.5	48.9	77.9	35.3	70.3	124.6	742.4
February	300.7	93.8	48.0	78.0	34.1	73.0	124.8	752.5
March	300.7	95.8	42.8	83.8	33.9	73.6	125.4	755.9
TREND ESTIMATES (\$ million)								
1995								
January	281.0	93.0	45.6	72.0	30.2	60.7	129.8	712.4
February	283.2	93.5	45.6	73.3	30.3	62.1	133.5	721.4
March	285.1	94.3	45.2	75.3	30.4	63.6	137.6	731.4
April	287.1	95.2	44.6	77.5	30.5	65.2	141.6	741.7
May	289.4	95.7	43.9	79.4	30.8	66.8	144.9	751.0
June	292.6	95.8	43.3	80.5	31.1	68.4	147.2	758.9
July	297.2	95.4	43.1	80.6	31.6	69.6	148.6	765.9
August	302.1	94.8	43.4	79.8	32.2	70.2	148.9	771.3
September	306.0	94.3	44.4	78.5	33.0	70.2	147.7	774.2
October	307.7	94.0	45.9	77.4	33.9	69.9	144.8	773.5
November	307.2	93.7	47.1	77.0	34.6	69.6	140.8	770.1
December	305.2	93.8	47.9	77.4	34.9	69.7	136.3	765.1
1996								
January	302.6	94.1	48.0	78.2	35.0	70.2	131.8	759.9
February	300.0	94.4	47.7	79.2	34.9	71.0	127.7	754.9
March	297.8	94.8	47.2	80.3	34.6	71.9	124.0	750.5

¹ See paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes

RETAIL TURNOVER, By Industry Group¹—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)								
1995								
January	398.9	76.3	55.8	106.4	48.9	68.0	156.6	910.9
February	381.2	68.5	48.6	93.2	41.0	63.1	144.2	839.8
March	418.6	76.2	54.5	101.9	44.4	69.0	157.4	922.0
April	404.9	91.9	58.7	96.6	45.2	66.4	155.4	919.1
May	407.6	99.7	67.8	111.7	46.5	73.4	149.2	955.9
June	403.5	91.5	63.6	111.3	43.6	65.3	149.4	928.2
July	414.4	85.9	60.9	106.3	53.0	70.6	167.9	959.0
August	431.2	89.0	59.1	105.2	53.1	77.4	163.6	978.6
September	430.0	84.7	61.1	109.4	52.5	79.9	169.9	987.5
October	436.2	93.2	64.3	122.3	54.2	79.3	174.7	1 024.2
November	452.7	107.4	66.5	129.8	58.9	80.7	170.4	1 066.4
December	532.9	182.0	86.3	163.4	88.6	123.0	191.2	1 367.4
1996								
January	458.9	83.3	59.3	111.5	55.5	84.8	173.7	1 027.0
February	433.9	74.8	49.5	109.8	50.3	79.6	164.2	962.1
March	445.0	82.5	55.4	101.0	53.0	80.5	175.3	992.7
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (\$ million)								
1995								
January	405.6	90.2	59.8	111.9	53.2	76.4	155.5	952.4
February	408.2	92.9	61.3	106.6	43.9	75.1	157.6	945.7
March	414.0	87.5	63.9	107.0	47.0	74.2	155.5	949.2
April	408.1	94.1	62.1	105.9	49.1	73.0	160.7	953.1
May	413.8	95.2	63.8	110.3	49.1	76.3	157.5	966.1
June	422.3	95.4	62.6	111.5	48.0	72.5	161.9	974.2
July	418.8	98.2	61.3	105.2	56.0	72.4	172.8	984.8
August	440.7	104.9	61.4	111.0	56.3	78.9	173.7	1 026.8
September	436.8	92.9	63.5	112.2	53.9	79.8	167.6	1 006.7
October	450.5	94.3	64.5	121.2	54.5	78.7	170.2	1 034.0
November	442.9	96.8	65.0	121.3	55.1	73.5	160.9	1 015.6
December	451.0	99.3	59.9	129.8	58.7	82.2	160.8	1 041.8
1996								
January	457.4	96.1	62.4	114.5	59.2	92.5	169.0	1 051.2
February	448.3	97.7	59.1	120.4	51.8	90.6	173.5	1 041.4
March	447.0	95.9	66.6	109.0	57.1	89.1	175.8	1 040.3
TREND ESTIMATES (\$ million)								
1995								
January	405.9	91.8	61.7	108.4	49.5	75.7	156.6	949.6
February	407.5	91.3	61.8	108.6	48.5	74.8	156.3	948.8
March	409.5	91.7	62.1	108.5	47.9	74.1	156.9	950.6
April	411.9	93.0	62.4	108.0	48.1	73.9	158.7	956.1
May	415.5	94.8	62.5	107.7	49.3	74.0	161.8	965.8
June	420.5	96.5	62.6	108.1	51.0	74.5	165.2	978.5
July	426.4	97.6	62.6	109.6	52.7	75.1	167.8	992.0
August	433.0	97.8	62.8	112.1	54.2	75.8	169.0	1 004.8
September	439.5	97.6	63.0	115.4	55.2	76.9	168.5	1 016.1
October	444.6	97.1	62.9	118.5	55.9	78.5	167.2	1 024.8
November	447.9	96.8	62.8	120.6	56.2	80.8	166.2	1 031.2
December	449.8	96.7	62.5	121.0	56.3	83.5	166.4	1 036.1
1996								
January	450.9	96.8	62.3	120.0	56.4	86.2	167.9	1 040.5
February	451.2	96.9	62.4	118.2	56.4	88.8	170.0	1 044.0
March	451.9	97.5	62.6	116.2	56.5	91.1	172.7	1 048.5

¹ See paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes

RETAIL TURNOVER, By Industry Group¹—Tasmania: All Series

<i>Month</i>	<i>Food retailing</i>	<i>Department stores</i>	<i>Clothing and soft good retailing</i>	<i>Household good retailing</i>	<i>Recreational good retailing</i>	<i>Other retailing</i>	<i>Hospitality and services</i>	<i>Total</i>
ORIGINAL (\$ million)								
1995								
January	92.5	n.p.	12.0	21.4	13.7	n.p.	43.4	220.9
February	89.7	n.p.	12.5	20.2	14.7	n.p.	40.9	211.8
March	99.2	n.p.	14.6	23.5	14.8	n.p.	41.5	232.7
April	95.6	n.p.	16.9	25.2	13.0	n.p.	37.4	229.7
May	94.7	n.p.	14.9	27.4	14.0	n.p.	35.6	229.0
June	95.9	n.p.	15.6	26.4	13.4	n.p.	35.5	226.6
July	100.2	n.p.	13.6	25.2	13.6	n.p.	34.7	225.3
August	101.3	n.p.	14.7	25.2	14.9	n.p.	35.2	230.5
September	99.7	n.p.	13.4	23.9	13.5	n.p.	34.8	222.3
October	102.1	n.p.	14.4	26.2	14.7	n.p.	35.5	236.0
November	106.9	n.p.	16.0	25.2	15.7	n.p.	38.2	251.6
December	119.4	n.p.	21.2	32.4	21.9	n.p.	46.5	320.5
1996								
January	104.9	n.p.	14.3	23.1	16.9	n.p.	39.3	240.5
February	102.6	n.p.	13.7	21.9	16.3	n.p.	40.1	233.5
March	105.2	n.p.	14.9	24.3	14.7	n.p.	40.4	241.3
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (\$ million)								
1995								
January	93.5	n.p.	12.8	24.1	14.7	n.p.	39.9	226.4
February	94.8	n.p.	14.4	23.5	15.0	n.p.	42.9	233.0
March	98.4	n.p.	15.3	24.7	14.6	n.p.	40.8	235.1
April	97.1	n.p.	16.4	27.8	14.2	n.p.	38.8	236.7
May	99.1	n.p.	14.2	26.5	14.6	n.p.	39.1	237.0
June	100.4	n.p.	14.9	26.6	14.4	n.p.	38.2	238.1
July	103.3	n.p.	14.4	25.4	15.4	n.p.	37.7	238.9
August	102.4	n.p.	16.0	24.1	15.7	n.p.	36.6	236.8
September	100.7	n.p.	15.9	25.0	14.4	n.p.	36.3	231.9
October	101.6	n.p.	15.9	27.3	15.4	n.p.	34.6	239.4
November	105.6	n.p.	16.1	23.4	15.3	n.p.	38.0	244.0
December	101.2	n.p.	14.3	24.3	14.3	n.p.	37.4	239.9
1996								
January	105.3	n.p.	15.2	25.3	17.8	n.p.	36.4	245.5
February	104.8	n.p.	15.1	24.0	15.9	n.p.	40.4	246.5
March	104.3	n.p.	16.0	26.9	14.9	n.p.	39.2	246.4
TREND ESTIMATES (\$ million)								
1995								
January	95.1	n.p.	14.4	23.2	14.8	n.p.	41.1	230.1
February	95.8	n.p.	14.4	24.3	14.6	n.p.	41.0	232.0
March	96.8	n.p.	14.7	25.4	14.5	n.p.	40.6	234.2
April	98.1	n.p.	14.9	26.1	14.5	n.p.	39.9	236.1
May	99.4	n.p.	15.0	26.3	14.6	n.p.	39.0	237.1
June	100.6	n.p.	15.1	26.2	14.8	n.p.	38.1	237.3
July	101.4	n.p.	15.3	25.9	14.9	n.p.	37.3	237.1
August	101.9	n.p.	15.4	25.5	15.0	n.p.	36.6	236.9
September	102.3	n.p.	15.6	25.1	15.1	n.p.	36.3	237.4
October	102.7	n.p.	15.6	24.9	15.3	n.p.	36.3	238.6
November	103.0	n.p.	15.5	24.8	15.4	n.p.	36.7	240.4
December	103.5	n.p.	15.4	24.9	15.6	n.p.	37.3	242.4
1996								
January	104.0	n.p.	15.3	24.9	15.8	n.p.	38.0	244.3
February	104.5	n.p.	15.2	25.1	15.9	n.p.	38.7	245.8
March	104.9	n.p.	15.3	25.3	15.9	n.p.	39.3	247.3

¹ See paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes

RETAIL TURNOVER, By Industry Group¹—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)								
1995								
January	48.6	n.p.	4.9	8.2	5.6	n.p.	14.7	93.5
February	48.3	n.p.	4.4	8.0	5.6	n.p.	13.3	91.4
March	55.1	n.p.	5.2	9.8	6.0	n.p.	15.0	104.0
April	54.2	n.p.	5.8	7.6	6.0	n.p.	15.3	102.4
May	57.6	n.p.	6.8	9.2	6.5	n.p.	17.1	112.1
June	59.4	n.p.	7.9	9.7	7.0	n.p.	17.5	116.3
July	62.0	n.p.	8.3	9.3	7.1	n.p.	20.5	122.8
August	63.8	n.p.	9.2	9.3	7.7	n.p.	21.4	129.5
September	60.0	n.p.	7.6	9.4	6.8	n.p.	19.1	118.3
October	61.1	n.p.	8.3	8.4	8.9	n.p.	18.8	122.0
November	62.6	n.p.	8.2	7.9	6.9	n.p.	17.0	119.7
December	65.0	n.p.	11.3	8.4	7.5	n.p.	18.3	133.9
1996								
January	56.4	n.p.	6.3	6.6	5.4	n.p.	15.4	103.8
February	57.2	n.p.	5.8	6.7	5.6	n.p.	14.9	103.9
March	61.3	n.p.	6.6	7.6	5.3	n.p.	16.7	112.1
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (\$ million)								
1995								
January	52.3	n.p.	5.9	9.6	7.0	n.p.	17.0	106.3
February	54.3	n.p.	6.1	9.2	6.8	n.p.	16.4	108.4
March	56.4	n.p.	6.4	9.6	6.6	n.p.	15.3	109.1
April	57.3	n.p.	6.9	8.6	6.5	n.p.	16.5	110.8
May	58.0	n.p.	6.7	9.2	6.6	n.p.	16.9	112.2
June	58.6	n.p.	7.1	9.0	6.8	n.p.	16.7	113.4
July	56.9	n.p.	6.6	9.3	6.6	n.p.	18.6	112.8
August	59.5	n.p.	8.2	9.3	6.7	n.p.	20.1	120.7
September	59.1	n.p.	7.6	9.3	6.5	n.p.	17.7	115.3
October	59.9	n.p.	8.1	8.3	8.3	n.p.	17.5	118.8
November	62.7	n.p.	8.4	7.7	6.6	n.p.	17.2	119.0
December	62.2	n.p.	8.8	6.7	6.5	n.p.	17.5	117.3
1996								
January	59.6	n.p.	7.4	7.6	6.8	n.p.	17.6	116.2
February	61.7	n.p.	7.7	7.3	6.5	n.p.	17.7	118.3
March	63.7	n.p.	8.4	7.6	5.9	n.p.	17.1	119.6
TREND ESTIMATES (\$ million)								
1995								
January	54.7	n.p.	5.8	8.8	6.7	n.p.	16.3	107.0
February	55.1	n.p.	6.1	9.0	6.8	n.p.	16.2	108.0
March	55.8	n.p.	6.4	9.1	6.7	n.p.	16.2	109.2
April	56.6	n.p.	6.6	9.2	6.6	n.p.	16.5	110.5
May	57.4	n.p.	6.8	9.2	6.6	n.p.	17.0	112.1
June	58.0	n.p.	7.0	9.2	6.6	n.p.	17.6	113.7
July	58.5	n.p.	7.3	9.2	6.7	n.p.	18.1	115.2
August	59.0	n.p.	7.6	9.1	6.9	n.p.	18.3	116.6
September	59.7	n.p.	7.9	8.8	7.0	n.p.	18.3	117.5
October	60.3	n.p.	8.1	8.3	7.0	n.p.	18.0	117.9
November	60.9	n.p.	8.1	7.9	7.0	n.p.	17.7	117.9
December	61.4	n.p.	8.1	7.6	6.8	n.p.	17.5	117.9
1996								
January	61.8	n.p.	8.1	7.4	6.6	n.p.	17.4	117.9
February	62.1	n.p.	8.0	7.2	6.4	n.p.	17.3	118.0
March	62.5	n.p.	8.0	7.2	6.2	n.p.	17.4	118.6

¹ See paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes

RETAIL TURNOVER, By Industry Group¹—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)								
1995								
January	66.9	18.6	11.1	16.7	10.1	10.8	23.1	157.3
February	67.6	17.2	10.2	15.4	10.0	11.1	26.3	157.8
March	74.0	21.3	12.4	17.4	11.3	12.5	31.3	180.2
April	70.8	23.8	14.3	15.8	11.3	12.8	29.7	178.5
May	73.1	22.7	13.5	16.3	11.2	13.1	30.0	179.9
June	71.4	22.7	14.2	16.1	10.9	12.4	27.7	175.4
July	71.8	25.0	13.3	17.1	13.1	11.4	30.7	182.4
August	74.6	19.9	12.2	16.0	11.8	13.6	28.5	176.6
September	73.4	20.5	13.8	15.8	12.3	14.4	28.8	179.0
October	75.4	23.2	13.7	16.5	11.4	16.0	30.2	186.4
November	75.9	25.3	14.0	17.0	13.2	16.3	29.2	190.9
December	85.0	46.7	21.4	22.0	17.7	22.1	30.6	245.5
1996								
January	73.4	19.7	13.8	17.0	10.2	13.5	25.8	173.4
February	74.5	17.8	12.1	14.1	10.3	12.8	25.9	167.5
March	79.6	20.1	13.9	15.5	11.3	14.2	29.9	184.5
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (\$ million)								
1995								
January	70.2	23.0	12.1	17.8	11.1	12.2	25.9	172.3
February	72.9	23.6	12.7	17.8	11.0	13.8	31.0	182.8
March	72.4	23.6	12.6	17.8	10.9	13.3	30.7	181.4
April	70.9	25.2	13.7	16.7	12.3	13.4	29.7	182.0
May	73.3	21.5	12.8	16.1	11.8	14.0	30.2	179.7
June	75.5	23.2	13.6	16.6	11.9	14.2	28.8	183.7
July	73.8	26.8	13.8	17.4	14.3	13.0	31.2	190.2
August	75.8	23.7	14.0	15.4	11.7	13.8	28.3	182.5
September	73.6	22.6	15.1	16.6	12.4	14.1	28.3	182.6
October	74.3	23.9	13.8	16.5	11.5	14.8	28.1	182.9
November	74.4	23.8	14.5	16.8	13.1	14.9	27.3	184.8
December	74.4	25.2	14.9	17.0	12.4	14.4	27.9	186.2
1996								
January	75.6	23.5	15.2	17.7	11.3	15.3	28.8	187.4
February	77.6	23.2	14.2	15.8	11.0	15.3	29.8	186.8
March	78.6	23.0	14.4	16.4	10.9	15.2	29.2	187.6
TREND ESTIMATES (\$ million)								
1995								
January	70.4	23.5	12.3	17.8	11.3	13.9	28.5	177.7
February	71.2	23.5	12.5	17.6	11.4	13.5	29.2	178.8
March	72.0	23.6	12.8	17.3	11.5	13.4	29.8	180.3
April	72.8	23.7	13.1	17.0	11.8	13.4	30.1	181.9
May	73.5	23.8	13.3	16.7	12.1	13.6	30.1	183.2
June	74.0	23.9	13.6	16.5	12.4	13.7	29.9	183.9
July	74.4	23.9	13.8	16.4	12.5	13.8	29.4	184.2
August	74.5	23.9	14.1	16.4	12.6	13.9	28.8	184.2
September	74.4	24.0	14.3	16.5	12.5	14.1	28.4	184.2
October	74.4	24.0	14.5	16.6	12.3	14.4	28.1	184.3
November	74.6	23.9	14.6	16.8	12.1	14.7	28.0	184.7
December	75.2	23.8	14.6	16.8	11.9	14.9	28.2	185.5
1996								
January	76.0	23.8	14.7	16.8	11.6	15.1	28.6	186.4
February	76.8	23.6	14.7	16.7	11.3	15.2	29.0	187.4
March	77.8	23.5	14.6	16.5	11.1	15.3	29.4	188.1

¹ See paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes



QUARTERLY TURNOVER AT CONSTANT¹ PRICES, By Industry Group²: All series

Quarter	Food retailing	Department stores	Clothing & soft good retailing	Household good retailing	Recreational good retailing	Other retailing	Hospitality and services	Total
ORIGINAL (\$ million)								
1994								
December	9 938.2	3 460.4	2 138.6	3 379.8	1 528.2	2 660.5	4 469.0	27 574.7
1995								
March	9 175.2	2 075.5	1 676.7	2 837.9	1 194.3	2 053.9	4 071.2	23 084.7
June	9 325.4	2 513.4	1 911.9	3 002.5	1 213.2	2 164.0	4 075.0	24 205.4
September	9 516.2	2 391.0	1 805.9	3 004.7	1 325.5	2 289.8	4 176.4	24 509.5
December	10 415.3	3 530.7	2 198.6	3 548.7	1 647.3	2 753.7	4 612.1	28 706.4
1996								
March	9 830.3	2 196.0	1 752.3	3 053.9	1 367.3	2 185.4	4 222.4	24 607.6
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (\$ million)								
1994								
December	9 372.0	2 575.3	1 854.9	2 971.4	1 313.7	2 222.3	4 111.4	24 421.0
1995								
March	9 385.6	2 567.8	1 909.2	3 024.6	1 243.1	2 261.4	4 202.2	24 594.0
June	9 540.5	2 584.8	1 869.2	3 154.4	1 305.8	2 333.2	4 234.5	25 022.4
September	9 656.7	2 687.9	1 909.0	3 083.6	1 396.0	2 374.7	4 254.3	25 362.2
December	9 886.6	2 652.3	1 916.8	3 131.5	1 401.2	2 299.3	4 257.8	25 545.5
1996								
March	9 930.9	2 679.0	1 971.0	3 221.4	1 417.1	2 382.3	4 309.3	25 910.9
TREND ESTIMATES (\$ million)								
1994								
December	9 312.4	2 560.4	1 862.6	3 003.8	1 284.7	2 247.3	4 135.8	24 407.2
1995								
March	9 430.5	2 579.5	1 883.3	3 046.4	1 286.5	2 282.4	4 194.1	24 702.8
June	9 536.5	2 609.4	1 890.1	3 087.9	1 313.5	2 316.2	4 228.7	24 982.3
September	9 685.4	2 645.3	1 903.3	3 121.0	1 365.3	2 342.0	4 253.4	25 312.8
December	9 834.1	2 670.2	1 927.2	3 149.6	1 405.8	2 349.1	4 272.6	25 607.5
1996								
March	9 940.1	2 680.9	1 956.5	3 181.2	1 423.1	2 353.1	4 293.0	25 848.1
ORIGINAL (% change from preceding quarter)								
1994								
December	9.5	51.7	22.6	14.9	23.3	21.2	11.5	17.4
1995								
March	-7.7	-40.0	-21.6	-16.0	-21.8	-22.8	-8.9	-16.3
June	1.6	21.1	14.0	5.8	1.6	5.4	0.1	4.9
September	2.0	-4.9	-5.5	0.1	9.3	5.8	2.5	1.3
December	9.4	47.7	21.7	18.1	24.3	20.3	10.4	17.1
1996								
March	-5.6	-37.8	-20.3	-13.9	-17.0	-20.6	-8.4	-14.3
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (% change from preceding quarter)								
1994								
December	1.8	0.6	0.6	-1.3	0.8	-2.4	0.4	0.5
1995								
March	0.1	-0.3	2.9	1.8	-5.4	1.8	2.2	0.7
June	1.7	0.7	-2.1	4.3	5.0	3.2	0.8	1.7
September	1.2	4.0	2.1	-2.2	6.9	1.8	0.5	1.4
December	2.4	-1.3	0.4	1.6	0.4	-3.2	0.1	0.7
1996								
March	0.4	1.0	2.8	-	2.9	1.1	3.6	1.2
TREND ESTIMATES (% change from preceding quarter)								
1994								
December	1.6	0.2	1.2	0.7	0.3	1.2	2.0	1.3
1995								
March	1.3	0.7	1.1	1.4	0.1	1.6	1.4	1.2
June	1.1	1.2	0.4	1.4	2.1	1.5	0.8	1.1
September	1.6	1.4	0.7	1.1	3.9	1.1	0.6	1.3
December	1.5	0.9	1.3	0.9	3.0	0.3	0.5	1.2
1996								
March	1.1	0.4	1.5	1.0	1.2	0.2	0.5	0.9

¹ See paragraph 11 of the Explanatory Notes.

² See paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes.

QUARTERLY TURNOVER AT CONSTANT¹ PRICES, By State: All Series

Quarter	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Northern Territory	Australian Capital Territory	Australia
ORIGINAL (\$ million)									
1994									
December	9 639.0	6 496.9	5 045.9	2 061.4	2 837.0	671.9	291.9	530.7	27 574.7
1995									
March	8 085.7	5 425.9	4 240.8	1 759.9	2 321.3	572.3	247.6	431.2	23 084.7
June	8 425.1	5 695.4	4 461.5	1 871.4	2 419.6	589.5	281.9	461.0	24 205.4
September	8 569.6	5 632.7	4 562.9	1 886.3	2 507.0	577.2	313.4	460.4	24 509.5
December	10 206.9	6 597.8	5 172.8	2 216.0	2 976.1	687.3	316.2	533.3	28 706.4
1996									
March	8 838.4	5 670.4	4 445.3	1 812.5	2 530.6	600.2	265.9	444.3	24 607.6
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (\$ million)									
1994									
December	8 555.5	5 704.9	4 487.2	1 818.3	2 515.3	597.9	274.0	467.8	24 421.0
1995									
March	8 612.2	5 780.5	4 516.1	1 864.9	2 476.7	598.4	277.7	467.6	24 594.0
June	8 663.0	5 882.5	4 672.6	1 939.6	2 495.3	610.9	287.4	471.1	25 022.4
September	8 895.8	5 880.6	4 656.7	1 965.5	2 590.3	603.2	294.6	475.6	25 362.2
December	9 097.6	5 828.0	4 613.9	1 964.7	2 655.6	614.1	298.4	473.1	25 545.5
1996									
March	9 300.0	5 972.6	4 684.6	1 899.0	2 663.2	621.0	294.6	475.7	25 910.9
TREND ESTIMATES (\$ million)									
1994									
December	8 570.3	5 700.1	4 493.1	1 818.5	2 489.9	600.2	269.4	465.7	24 407.2
1995									
March	8 615.3	5 802.7	4 563.3	1 877.2	2 493.6	601.3	280.1	469.3	24 702.8
June	8 701.2	5 848.7	4 619.3	1 931.0	2 518.7	604.1	287.9	471.4	24 982.3
September	8 886.4	5 870.0	4 648.2	1 955.8	2 577.5	608.6	293.3	473.4	25 312.8
December	9 091.2	5 890.3	4 655.0	1 949.5	2 636.9	613.4	296.5	474.7	25 607.5
1996									
March	9 279.3	5 916.5	4 654.4	1 925.8	2 679.6	618.3	297.3	475.3	25 848.1
ORIGINAL (% change from previous quarter)									
1994									
December	16.3	20.6	14.9	20.2	18.0	15.6	7.2	18.0	17.4
1995									
March	-16.1	-16.5	-16.0	-14.6	-18.2	-14.8	-15.2	-18.7	-16.3
June	4.2	5.0	5.2	6.3	4.2	3.0	13.9	6.9	4.9
September	1.7	-1.1	2.3	0.8	3.6	-2.1	11.2	-0.1	1.3
December	19.1	17.1	13.4	17.5	18.7	19.1	0.9	15.8	17.1
1996									
March	-13.4	-14.1	-14.1	-18.2	-15.0	-12.7	-15.9	-16.7	-14.3
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (% change from previous quarter)									
1994									
December	-0.7	1.6	0.6	1.8	1.0	-1.3	6.8	0.8	0.5
1995									
March	0.7	1.3	0.6	2.6	-1.5	0.1	1.3	-0.1	0.7
June	0.6	1.8	3.5	4.0	0.8	2.1	3.5	0.8	1.7
September	2.7	0.0	-0.3	1.3	3.8	-1.3	2.5	1.0	1.4
December	2.3	-0.9	-0.9	0.0	2.5	1.8	1.3	-0.5	0.7
1996									
March	2.2	2.5	1.5	-3.3	0.3	1.1	-1.3	0.6	1.4
TREND ESTIMATES (% change from previous quarter)									
1994									
December	0.6	2.2	1.5	2.6	0.4	-0.4	4.9	0.6	1.3
1995									
March	0.5	1.8	1.6	3.2	0.1	0.2	4.0	0.8	1.2
June	1.0	0.8	1.2	2.9	1.0	0.5	2.8	0.4	1.1
September	2.1	0.4	0.6	1.3	2.3	0.7	1.9	0.4	1.3
December	2.3	0.3	0.1	-0.3	2.3	0.8	1.1	0.3	1.2
1996									
March	2.1	0.4	0.0	-1.2	1.6	0.8	0.3	0.1	0.9

¹ See paragraph 11 of the Explanatory Notes.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

INTRODUCTION

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

2 Estimates of turnover contained in this publication are based on a survey of about 7,000 retail and selected service businesses (covering 20,000 outlets). All 'large' businesses are included in the survey, while a sample of about 4,400 'smaller' businesses is selected. The 'large' business' contribution of approximately 54 per cent 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)

SCOPE AND COVERAGE (continued)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Hospitality and Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hotels and licensed clubs Pubs, taverns and bars (5720) Clubs (Hospitality) (5740) Cafes and restaurants (5730) Selected services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Video hire outlets (9511) Hairdressing and beauty salons (9526)
DEFINITION OF TURNOVER	<p>4 Turnover includes retail sales; wholesale sales; takings from repairs, meals and hiring of goods (except for rent, leasing and hiring of land and buildings); and commissions from agency activity (e.g. commissions received from collecting dry cleaning, selling lottery tickets, etc.) and net takings from gaming machines etc.</p>
SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT	<p>5 Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation from the series so that the effects of other influences can be more clearly recognised.</p> <p>6 In the seasonal adjustment of the turnover estimates, account has been taken of both normal seasonal factors and 'trading-day' effects (arising from the varying length of each month and the varying numbers of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, etc. in the month). There is some evidence suggesting possible changes in retail trading patterns, including increased activity on weekends and public holidays. The impact of these changes on the seasonal pattern and trading day component of the data is being investigated and can only be confirmed once sufficient data becomes available. While these changes may impact on the unadjusted and seasonally adjusted data, the trend estimate is less likely to be affected. Further, the seasonal adjustment does not remove from the series the effect of irregular influences (e.g. abnormal weather, industrial disputes). The seasonally adjusted estimates still reflect the sampling and non-sampling errors to which the original estimates are subject.</p> <p>7 The State component series have been seasonally adjusted independently. Therefore, the adjusted components may not add to the Australian Group totals.</p> <p>8 As happens with all seasonally adjusted series, the seasonal factors are reviewed annually to take account of each additional year's data. For Retail Trade, the results of the latest review are shown in the July issue each year.</p>
TREND ESTIMATES	<p>9 Most monthly trend estimates in this publication have been obtained by smoothing the seasonally adjusted series using a centred 13-term Henderson weighted moving average (7-term for quarterly series). However, to estimate the last six monthly trend values (or the last three quarters) a set of asymmetric moving averages have been designed to reduce a small bias associated with estimating these recent values when the trend growth is increasing or decreasing. Overall, revision to the estimates should be reduced, however, there may be a greater revision to the estimates whenever there are large irregular movements in the seasonally adjusted series.</p> <p>10 For further information, see <i>A Guide to Interpreting Time Series — Monitoring 'Trends': an Overview</i> (1348.0) or contact the Assistant Director, Time Series Analysis on (06) 252 6345.</p>
CONSTANT PRICE STATISTICS	<p>11 To enable analysis of the movement of retail activity in 'real' terms, estimates of retail turnover at constant (average 1989-90) prices are compiled and published each quarter. Constant price retail turnover series are derived by deflating the original current price series of retail turnover by specially compiled indexes of price change.</p>

RELIABILITY OF ESTIMATES

12 There are two types of error possible in estimates of retail turnover:

Sampling error which occurs because a sample, rather than the entire population, is surveyed. One measure of the likely difference resulting from not including all establishments in the survey is given by the standard error, see below.

Non sampling error which arises from inaccuracies in collecting, recording and processing the data. The most significant of these errors are: misreporting of data items; deficiencies in coverage; non-response; and processing errors. Every effort is made to minimise reporting error by the careful design of questionnaires, intensive training and supervision of interviewers, and efficient data processing procedures.

STANDARD ERRORS

13 Seasonally adjusted, trend and constant price estimates are also subject to sampling variability. For seasonally adjusted estimates, the standard errors are approximately the same as for the original estimates. For trend estimates, the standard errors are likely to be smaller. For constant price estimates, the standard errors may be up to 10 per cent higher than those for the corresponding current price estimates because of the sampling variability contained in the prices data used to deflate the current price estimates.

14 To assist users in assessing the reliability of estimates, each data series has been given a grading of A to D. Where:

- A represents a relative standard error on level of less than 2 per cent. The published estimates are highly reliable for movement analysis;
- B represents a relative standard error on level between 2 and 5 per cent, meaning the estimate is reliable for movement analysis purposes;
- C represents a relative standard error on level between 5 and 10 per cent, 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 per cent (mainly affects unpublished state by industry series).

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

	<i>Food retailing</i>	<i>Department stores</i>	<i>Clothing and soft good retailing</i>	<i>Household good retailing</i>	<i>Recreational good retailing</i>	<i>Other retailing</i>	<i>Hospitality and services</i>	<i>Total</i>
NSW	B	A	B	C	C	C	C	A
Vic	B	A	B	C	C	C	C	A
Qld	B	A	B	C	C	C	C	A
SA	B	A	B	C	C	C	C	A
WA	B	A	B	C	C	C	C	A
Tas	B	—	B	C	C	—	C	B
NT	B	—	B	C	C	—	C	B
ACT	B	A	B	C	C	C	C	A
Australia	A	A	A	B	B	B	B	A

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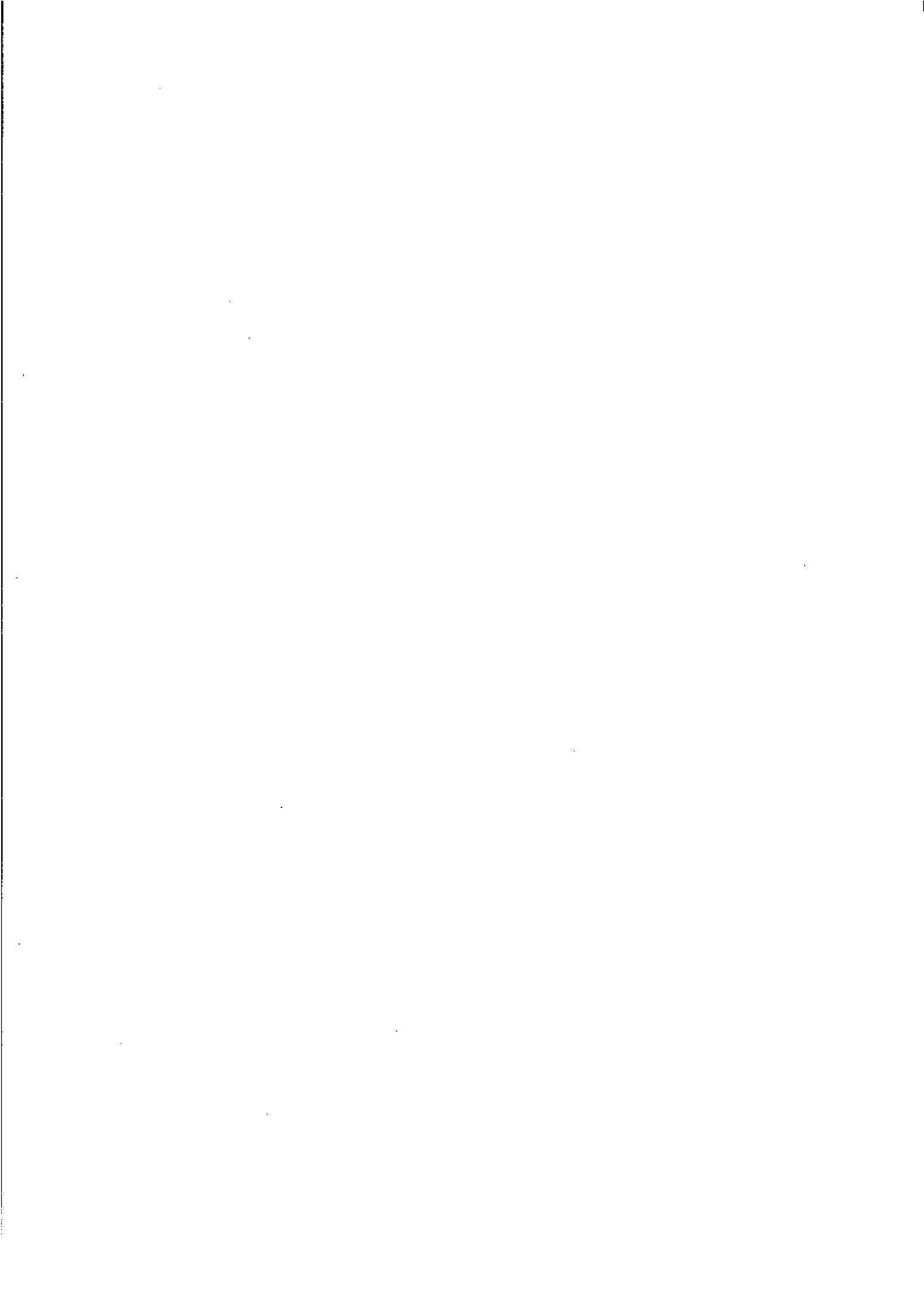
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