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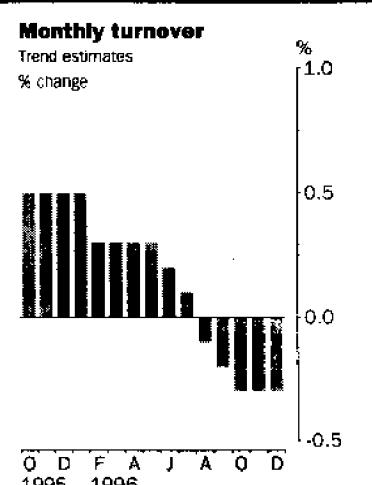
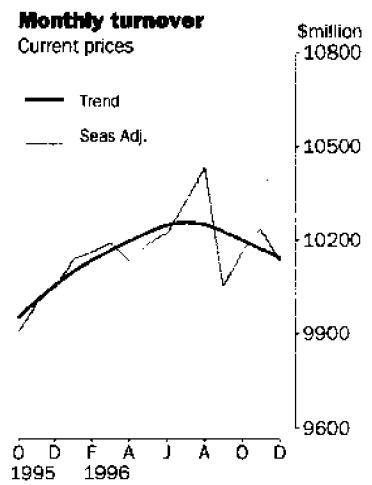
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RETAIL TRADE

AUSTRALIA

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DECEMBER KEY FIGURES



TREND ESTIMATES

Turnover at current prices (in \$ millions)	Nov 96	Dec 96	% change
10 172.6	10 143.5		-0.3
Dec 95	Dec 96	% change	
10 054.8	10 143.5		0.9

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES

Turnover at current prices (in \$ millions)	Nov 96	Dec 96	% change
10 235.1	10 129.6		-1.0
Dec 95	Dec 96	% change	
10 047.4	10 129.6		0.8
Turnover at constant prices (average 1989-90 prices in \$ millions)	Sep 96 qtr	Dec 96 qtr	% change
25 885.6	25 555.4		-1.3

DECEMBER KEY POINTS

TREND ESTIMATES

- The trend estimate of turnover for the Australian Retail and Hospitality/Services series has been in decline for each of the last five months.
- Over the three months to December 1996 the trend series has fallen by \$84.7m. The main contributors to this fall were the Hospitality/Services group (fell by \$51.1m), the Household good retailing group (fell by \$25.2m) and Other retailing (fell by \$14.2m).
- Victoria, Tasmania and the Australian Capital Territory were the only States to record growth in recent months.

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

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES

- The seasonally adjusted estimate for December 1996 fell by 1.0% following increases of 0.7% in November and 1.1% in October.

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 decreased by 0.1% in December 1996 over December 1995.
- Chains and other large retailers recorded growth of 2.9% in the same period while the smaller retailers experienced a fall of 3.9%.

CONSTANT PRICE ESTIMATES

- In seasonally adjusted, constant price terms, the estimate of turnover for the December quarter 1996 fell by 1.3% compared to September quarter 1996.

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	January 1997	4 March 1997
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CHANGES IN THIS ISSUE

Quarterly constant price data are shown in Tables 14 and 15 of this issue. Revisions have been made to the current price series for WA (Recreational good retailing) and for NT (Food retailing, Household good retailing, Recreational good retailing and Hospitality and services).

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SAMPLING ERRORS

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

DATA SERIES	ESTIMATE	STANDARD ERROR
Level of retail turnover (\$m)	13 199.3	115.1
Change from November to December (\$m)	2 591.2	45.7
% change from November to December	24.4	0.4

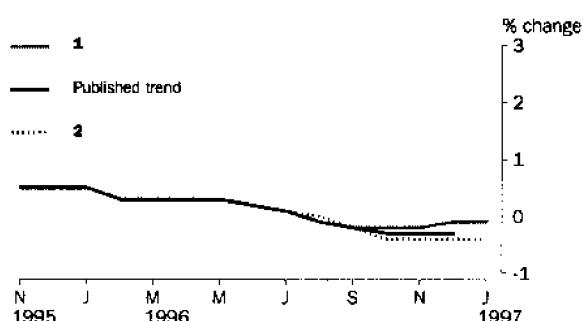
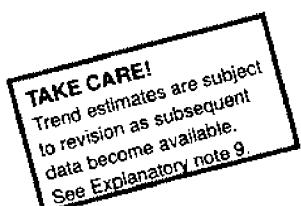
For more information see the Explanatory notes, paragraphs 12–15, or contact Bill Powell on 06 252 6132.

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

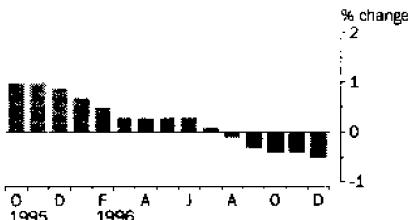


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STATE TRENDS

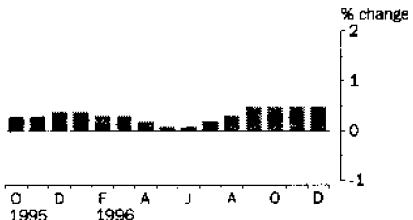
MONTHLY PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN TREND ESTIMATES

NEW SOUTH WALES



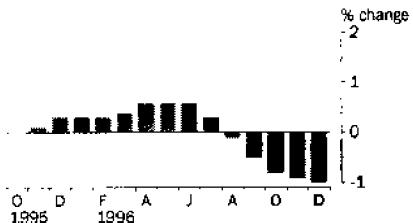
The rate of decline in the trend estimate has accelerated over recent months with December recording a fall of 0.5%. Recreational good retailing was the only group to show growth in recent months.

VICTORIA



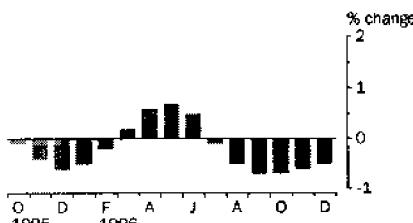
Victoria has recorded growth of 0.5% in each of the last four months. The Recreational good and Other retailing groups have recorded the strongest growth rate over this period.

QUEENSLAND



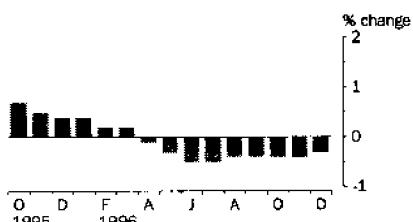
The trend estimate shows an accelerating rate of decline. In August 1996 the trend estimate fell by 0.1%. By December 1996 the monthly decrease in the trend estimate was 1.0%.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA



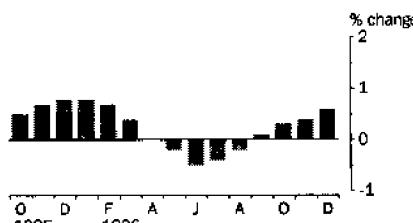
The South Australian trend estimate has been in decline for the last six months, although there has been a slight easing in the rate of decline in the last two months.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA



The monthly rate of decline over the last eight months has been around 0.4%. The Food retailing group was the only group to record growth in December.

TASMANIA

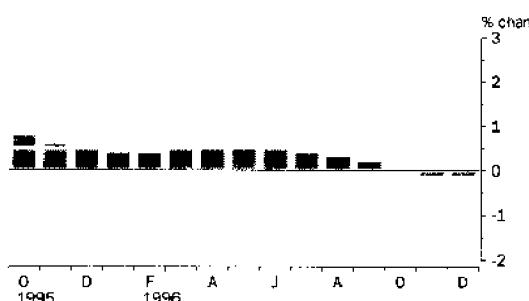


Tasmania has recorded growth in each of the last four months. The Household good retailing group was the main contributor to this growth. The Food retailing group was in decline.

INDUSTRY TRENDS

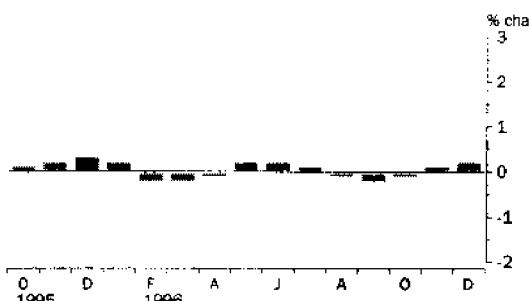
MONTHLY PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN TREND ESTIMATES

FOOD RETAILING



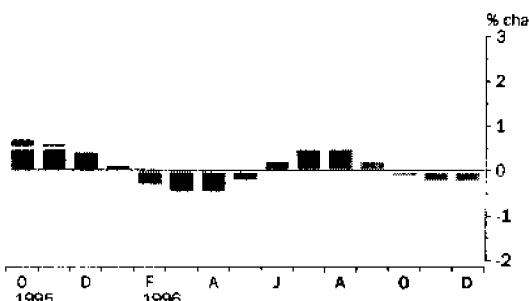
Following a period of easing growth rates the Food retailing trend estimate has recorded a slight fall in both November and December. Victoria and Western Australia were the only States to record growth in recent months.

DEPARTMENT STORES



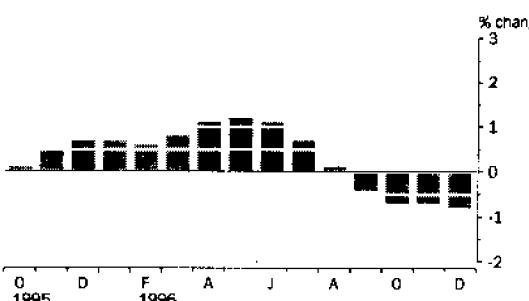
Department stores recorded weak growth in both November and December. Victoria recorded growth in December while the other States recorded no growth or were in decline.

CLOTHING AND SOFT GOOD RETAILING



The trend estimate for the Clothing group has moved back into decline following a short period of growth prior to October 1996. Queensland was the only State to show growth in the trend estimate in December.

HOUSEHOLD GOOD RETAILING

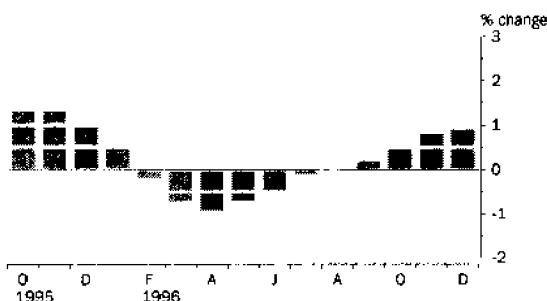


Following a period of strong growth earlier in the year this industry group has been in decline for the last four months. Victoria, Tasmania and the Australian Capital Territory were the only States to record growth in December.

INDUSTRY TRENDS (continued)

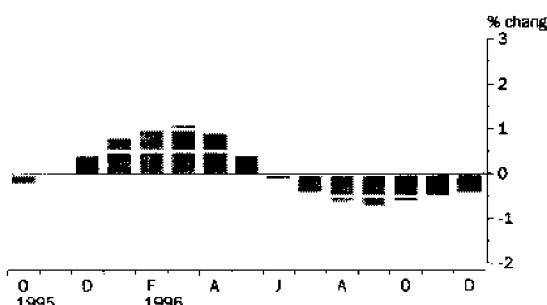
MONTHLY PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN TREND ESTIMATES

RECREATIONAL GOOD RETAILING



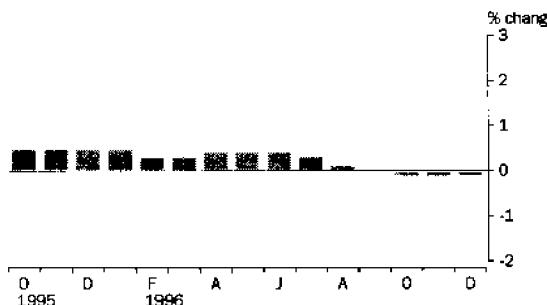
The recreational good retailing group has shown moderate to strong growth over the last three months, following a period of decline. New South Wales, Victoria and the Australian Capital Territory have recorded strong growth.

OTHER RETAILING



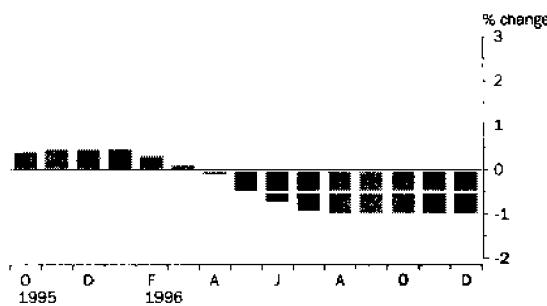
The Other retailing group has been in decline for the last seven months. This decline has been spread across all States, except for Victoria and the Australian Capital Territory.

TOTAL RETAIL (excluding Hospitality and Services)



The trend estimate for Total retail (excluding the Hospitality and services group) has recorded falls of 0.1% in each of the last three months. This compares to falls of 0.3% recorded by Total industries (including the Hospitality and services group).

HOSPITALITY AND SERVICES



All States, apart from Tasmania, have contributed to the decline in the trend estimate of turnover for the Hospitality and services group.



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								
October	3 997.1	920.8	674.1	1 085.1	549.7	929.5	1 774.5	9 930.8
November	4 105.7	1 067.8	705.2	1 129.9	607.6	977.3	1 816.1	10 409.6
December	4 639.0	1 857.5	979.1	1 437.4	856.8	1 339.1	2 109.7	13 218.6
1996								
January	4 035.6	833.2	673.7	1 074.2	602.0	868.9	1 799.2	9 886.8
February	3 957.5	737.2	569.7	1 000.7	551.7	845.0	1 653.5	9 315.3
March	4 109.0	812.2	631.2	1 060.0	558.0	865.6	1 776.3	9 812.3
April	4 005.9	895.3	675.8	1 014.0	532.4	869.9	1 737.5	9 730.8
May	4 157.4	962.8	712.9	1 108.5	550.6	933.1	1 711.9	10 137.2
June	3 935.5	908.7	672.5	1 089.1	531.8	864.3	1 674.8	9 676.7
July	4 091.2	908.2	689.7	1 186.8	550.4	914.1	1 694.5	10 034.9
August	4 231.8	889.1	646.2	1 137.2	559.9	929.1	1 712.4	10 105.7
September	3 999.9	833.9	641.4	1 066.2	540.0	896.8	1 648.0	9 626.2
October	4 301.3	933.8	707.1	1 173.0	568.7	980.1	1 738.7	10 402.7
November	4 277.5	1 081.8	694.6	1 192.9	606.5	1 012.3	1 742.5	10 608.1
December	4 695.1	1 837.9	976.7	1 500.6	861.8	1 361.2	1 960.0	13 199.3
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (\$ million)								
1995								
October	4 002.2	949.5	677.3	1 072.7	560.0	914.5	1 732.2	9 908.2
November	4 063.4	958.9	685.7	1 064.4	562.0	902.0	1 759.7	9 996.2
December	4 013.3	980.9	691.7	1 085.1	609.3	905.8	1 761.4	10 047.4
1996								
January	4 016.5	985.5	699.0	1 100.8	618.7	940.1	1 778.5	10 139.2
February	4 096.8	967.5	696.5	1 095.7	583.3	948.0	1 772.0	10 159.8
March	4 112.3	960.1	699.7	1 117.4	567.4	938.2	1 794.9	10 189.9
April	4 083.6	964.4	671.6	1 105.2	587.3	943.6	1 777.9	10 133.5
May	4 148.3	947.9	678.0	1 111.9	572.5	964.9	1 764.7	10 188.2
June	4 146.5	943.7	669.6	1 143.8	582.0	959.5	1 776.7	10 221.6
July	4 166.3	1 013.5	702.1	1 188.8	562.9	969.2	1 717.8	10 320.7
August	4 222.0	1 024.3	703.8	1 179.1	593.7	958.3	1 750.6	10 431.9
September	4 177.3	901.4	692.1	1 123.1	564.6	901.6	1 690.3	10 050.4
October	4 207.1	931.7	689.2	1 141.9	566.9	944.2	1 682.6	10 163.7
November	4 224.6	989.2	687.2	1 138.5	570.2	942.1	1 683.3	10 235.1
December	4 139.3	990.2	690.0	1 119.6	613.9	927.3	1 649.3	10 129.6
TREND ESTIMATES (\$ million)								
1995								
October	3 995.0	961.8	685.7	1 070.0	575.0	915.2	1 749.0	9 951.7
November	4 018.7	964.0	690.0	1 075.3	582.7	915.6	1 757.3	10 003.5
December	4 038.0	967.2	692.9	1 083.1	588.8	919.5	1 765.3	10 054.8
1996								
January	4 055.4	969.2	693.6	1 090.9	592.0	926.7	1 773.4	10 101.1
February	4 072.6	967.7	691.6	1 097.6	590.9	935.8	1 779.4	10 135.6
March	4 091.8	965.4	688.0	1 106.8	586.6	946.1	1 781.9	10 166.6
April	4 113.0	964.8	684.7	1 119.3	581.2	954.3	1 779.4	10 196.7
May	4 135.1	966.8	683.5	1 133.1	577.0	958.2	1 771.2	10 224.9
June	4 156.9	968.7	685.0	1 146.0	574.4	957.7	1 758.7	10 247.5
July	4 174.6	969.4	688.4	1 154.4	573.8	953.8	1 742.3	10 256.8
August	4 187.9	968.1	691.8	1 156.0	573.6	947.9	1 724.2	10 249.6
September	4 195.5	965.9	693.5	1 151.6	574.5	941.1	1 706.2	10 228.2
October	4 197.1	964.7	693.1	1 143.9	577.4	935.4	1 688.8	10 200.3
November	4 194.5	965.9	691.8	1 135.7	582.1	930.7	1 671.9	10 172.6
December	4 189.3	968.1	690.3	1 126.4	587.4	926.9	1 655.1	10 143.5

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								
October	3.2	7.5	4.0	5.5	1.0	0.7	2.6	3.4
November	2.7	16.0	4.6	4.1	10.5	5.1	2.3	4.8
December	13.0	74.0	38.8	27.2	41.0	37.0	16.2	27.0
1996								
January	-13.0	-55.1	-31.2	-25.3	-29.7	-35.1	-14.7	-25.2
February	-1.9	-11.5	-15.4	-6.8	-8.4	-2.8	-8.1	-5.8
March	3.8	10.2	10.8	5.9	1.1	2.4	7.4	5.3
April	-2.5	10.2	7.1	-4.3	-4.6	0.5	-2.2	-0.8
May	3.8	7.5	5.5	9.3	3.4	7.3	-1.5	4.2
June	-5.3	-5.6	-5.7	-1.8	-3.4	-7.4	-2.2	-4.5
July	4.0	-0.1	2.6	9.0	3.5	5.8	1.2	3.7
August	3.4	-2.1	-6.3	-4.2	1.7	1.6	1.1	0.7
September	-5.5	-6.2	-0.7	-6.2	-3.6	-3.5	-3.8	-4.7
October	7.5	12.0	10.2	10.0	5.3	9.3	5.5	8.1
November	-0.6	15.8	-1.8	1.7	6.6	3.3	0.2	2.0
December	9.8	69.9	40.6	25.8	42.1	34.5	12.8	24.4
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (% change from preceding month)								
1995								
October	1.5	4.0	-1.8	0.1	-1.5	-0.4	-1.1	0.5
November	1.5	1.0	1.2	-0.8	0.4	-1.4	1.6	0.9
December	-1.2	2.3	0.9	1.9	8.4	0.4	0.1	0.5
1996								
January	0.1	0.5	1.1	1.4	1.5	3.8	1.0	0.9
February	2.0	-1.8	-0.4	-0.5	-5.7	0.8	-0.4	0.2
March	0.4	-0.8	0.5	2.0	-2.7	-1.0	1.3	0.3
April	-0.7	0.4	-4.0	-1.1	3.5	0.6	-0.9	-0.6
May	1.6	-1.7	1.0	0.6	-2.5	2.3	-0.7	0.5
June	0.0	-0.4	-1.2	2.9	1.7	-0.6	0.7	0.3
July	0.5	7.4	4.9	3.9	-3.3	1.0	-3.3	1.0
August	1.3	1.1	0.2	-0.8	5.5	-1.1	1.9	1.1
September	-1.1	-12.0	-1.7	-4.7	-4.9	-5.9	-3.4	-3.7
October	0.7	3.4	-0.4	1.7	0.4	4.7	-0.5	1.1
November	0.4	6.2	-0.3	-0.3	0.6	-0.2	0.0	0.7
December	-2.0	0.1	0.4	-1.7	7.7	-1.6	-2.0	-1.0
TREND ESTIMATES (% change from preceding month)								
1995								
October	0.8	0.1	0.7	0.1	1.3	-0.2	0.4	0.5
November	0.6	0.2	0.6	0.5	1.3	0.0	0.5	0.5
December	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.7	1.0	0.4	0.5	0.5
1996								
January	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.7	0.5	0.8	0.5	0.5
February	0.4	-0.2	-0.3	0.6	-0.2	1.0	0.3	0.3
March	0.5	-0.2	-0.5	0.8	-0.7	1.1	0.1	0.3
April	0.5	-0.1	-0.5	1.1	-0.9	0.9	-0.1	0.3
May	0.5	0.2	-0.2	1.2	-0.7	0.4	-0.5	0.3
June	0.5	0.2	0.2	1.1	-0.5	-0.1	-0.7	0.2
July	0.4	0.1	0.5	0.7	-0.1	-0.4	-0.9	0.1
August	0.3	-0.1	0.5	0.1	0.0	-0.6	-1.0	-0.1
September	0.2	-0.2	0.2	-0.4	0.2	-0.7	-1.0	-0.2
October	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	-0.7	0.5	-0.6	-1.0	-0.3
November	-0.1	0.1	-0.2	-0.7	0.8	-0.5	-1.0	-0.3
December	-0.1	0.2	-0.2	-0.8	0.9	-0.4	-1.0	-0.3

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	Domestic hardware & houseware retailing	Domestic appliance retailing	Total
					Total				Total				Total	
(\$ million)														
1995														
October	2 757.4	577.0	662.7	3 997.1		920.8	483.2	190.9	674.1		297.9	264.9	532.3	1 085.1
November	2 831.6	574.1	700.0	4 105.7		1 067.8	513.9	191.3	705.2		278.5	271.9	579.5	1 129.9
December	3 181.0	605.3	852.7	4 639.0		1 857.5	726.0	253.1	979.1		284.2	344.7	808.5	1 437.4
1996														
January	r 2 771.3	625.4	638.9	r 4 035.6		833.2	478.3	195.4	673.7		r 259.7	258.3	556.2	r 1 074.2
February	r 2 763.0	569.9	624.6	r 3 957.5		737.2	402.0	167.7	569.7		r 244.8	230.4	525.5	r 1 000.7
March	r 2 872.2	599.1	637.7	r 4 109.0		812.2	442.8	188.4	631.2		r 254.9	r 238.7	566.4	1 060.0
April	r 2 758.2	596.8	650.9	r 4 005.9		895.3	487.1	188.7	675.8		r 238.5	r 229.8	545.7	r 1 014.0
May	r 2 916.3	585.4	655.7	r 4 157.4		962.8	513.6	199.3	712.9		r 248.7	r 247.3	612.5	r 1 108.5
June	r 2 741.7	556.6	637.2	r 3 935.5		908.7	472.4	200.1	672.5		254.3	228.6	606.2	1 089.1
July	r 2 844.4	587.1	659.7	r 4 091.2		908.2	488.9	200.8	689.7		286.0	241.6	659.2	1 186.8
August	r 2 972.4	589.6	669.8	r 4 231.8		889.1	452.9	193.3	646.2		278.5	228.1	630.6	1 137.2
September	r 2 796.3	567.4	636.2	r 3 999.9		833.9	444.9	196.5	641.4		259.5	229.0	577.7	1 066.2
October	r 3 030.4	595.3	675.6	r 4 301.3		933.8	485.7	221.4	707.1		292.5	267.8	612.7	1 173.0
November	r 3 015.4	579.6	682.5	r 4 277.5		1 081.8	477.8	216.8	694.6		284.4	274.5	634.0	1 192.9
December	3 244.5	613.9	836.7	4 695.1		1 837.9	685.6	291.1	976.7		275.0	361.3	864.3	1 500.6
(% change from preceding month)														
1995														
October	2.0	7.4	4.7	3.2		7.5	5.7	0.0	4.0		3.5	19.8	0.7	5.5
November	2.7	-0.5	5.6	2.7		16.0	6.4	0.2	4.6		-6.5	6.7	8.9	4.1
December	12.3	5.4	21.8	13.0		74.0	41.3	32.3	38.8		2.0	26.8	39.5	27.2
1996														
January	-12.9	3.3	-25.1	-13.0		-55.1	-34.1	-22.8	-31.2		-8.6	-25.1	-31.2	-25.3
February	-0.3	-8.9	-2.2	-1.9		-11.5	-16.0	-14.2	-15.4		-6.7	-10.8	-5.5	-6.8
March	4.0	5.1	2.1	3.8		10.2	10.1	12.3	10.8		4.1	3.6	7.8	5.9
April	-4.0	-0.4	2.1	-2.5		10.2	10.0	0.2	7.1		-6.4	-3.7	-3.7	-4.3
May	5.7	-1.9	0.7	3.8		7.5	5.4	5.6	5.5		4.3	7.6	12.2	9.3
June	-6.0	-4.9	-2.8	-5.3		-5.6	-8.0	0.4	-5.7		2.3	-7.6	-1.0	-1.8
July	3.7	5.5	3.5	4.0		-0.1	3.5	0.3	2.6		12.5	5.7	8.7	9.0
August	4.5	0.4	1.5	3.4		-2.1	-7.4	-3.7	-6.3		-2.6	-5.6	-4.3	-4.2
September	-5.9	-3.8	-5.0	-5.5		-6.2	-1.8	1.7	-0.7		-6.8	0.4	-8.4	-6.2
October	8.4	4.9	6.2	7.5		12.0	9.2	12.7	10.2		12.7	16.9	6.1	10.0
November	-0.5	-2.6	1.0	-0.6		15.8	-1.6	-2.1	-1.8		-2.8	2.5	3.5	1.7
December	7.6	5.9	22.6	9.8		69.9	43.5	34.3	40.6		-3.3	31.6	36.3	25.8
(% change from corresponding month of previous year)														
1995														
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		6.7	4.4	2.6	3.9		-11.7	22.5	2.7	2.6
December	7.0	14.4	9.9	8.4		2.2	3.0	5.1	3.5		-8.5	22.2	2.1	3.8
1996														
January	11.2	22.9	3.0	11.5		10.7	6.3	8.9	7.0		2.1	30.1	3.5	8.5
February	14.5	26.2	8.5	15.0		8.0	6.0	10.0	7.2		1.9	21.5	9.3	8.7
March	7.9	18.7	2.9	8.5		0.1	0.7	6.9	2.5		-6.9	15.0	5.0	3.8
April	7.0	17.2	5.6	8.1		-1.2	-2.1	2.3	-0.9		0.7	19.2	5.3	7.0
May	10.9	16.4	8.4	11.2		3.8	3.9	6.8	4.7		-11.3	30.7	2.8	4.1
June	4.9	12.7	6.8	6.3		0.2	-3.7	3.8	-1.6		-10.7	19.2	0.9	1.1
July	7.8	10.9	6.7	8.0		3.1	6.5	7.4	6.8		-1.5	24.2	17.7	13.6
August	8.3	9.5	4.6	7.9		1.7	-0.4	8.0	2.0		0.3	9.1	16.9	10.8
September	3.5	5.6	0.6	3.3		-2.7	-2.7	2.9	-1.0		-9.8	7.6	9.3	3.6
October	9.9	3.2	1.9	7.6		1.4	0.5	16.0	4.9		-1.8	5.1	15.1	8.1
November	6.5	1.0	-2.5	4.2		1.3	-7.0	13.3	-1.5		2.1	1.0	9.4	5.6
December	2.0	1.4	-1.9	1.2		-1.1	-5.6	15.0	-0.2		-3.2	4.8	6.9	4.4

¹ See paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes

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

Month	RECREATIONAL GOOD RETAILING.....			OTHER RETAILING.....			HOSPITALITY AND SERVICES.....				<i>Total all industries</i>
	News-paper, book and stationery retailing	Other recreational good retailing	<i>Total</i>	Pharma-ceutical cosmetic & toiletry retailing	Other retailing	<i>Total</i>	Hotels and licensed clubs	Cafes and restaurants	Selected services	<i>Total</i>	
	(\$ million)										
1995											
October	370.5	179.2	549.7	469.5	460.0	929.5	1 088.2	504.4	181.9	1 774.5	9 930.8
November	396.0	211.6	607.6	490.2	487.1	977.3	1 106.6	526.4	183.1	1 816.1	10 409.6
December	489.4	367.4	856.8	577.3	761.8	1 339.1	1 304.5	591.2	214.0	2 109.7	13 218.6
1996											
January	422.0	180.0	602.0	443.8	425.1	868.9	1 082.4	516.4	200.4	1 799.2	9 886.8
February	387.5	164.2	551.7	420.0	425.0	845.0	996.3	483.9	173.3	1 653.5	9 315.3
March	384.2	173.8	558.0	444.4	421.2	865.6	1 087.7	500.4	188.2	1 776.3	9 812.3
April	359.8	172.6	532.4	442.8	427.1	869.9	1 047.0	510.5	180.0	1 737.5	9 730.8
May	373.8	176.8	550.6	474.6	458.5	933.1	1 043.8	491.8	176.3	1 711.9	10 137.2
June	358.6	173.2	531.8	449.3	415.0	864.3	1 021.9	480.2	172.7	1 674.8	9 676.7
July	370.3	180.1	550.4	474.8	439.3	914.1	1 014.3	498.0	182.2	1 694.5	10 034.9
August	384.0	175.9	559.9	474.4	454.7	929.1	1 042.1	494.6	175.7	1 712.4	10 105.7
September	358.8	181.2	540.0	447.6	449.2	896.8	1 003.5	473.4	171.1	1 648.0	9 626.2
October	371.3	197.4	568.7	486.9	493.2	980.1	1 070.7	486.7	181.3	1 738.7	10 402.7
November	380.9	225.6	606.5	488.3	524.0	1 012.3	1 087.0	484.4	171.1	1 742.5	10 608.1
December	487.5	374.3	861.8	575.5	785.7	1 361.2	1 241.2	533.2	191.6	1 966.0	13 199.3
(% change from preceding month)											
1995											
October	-0.5	4.4	1.0	-2.6	4.3	0.7	0.7	4.9	8.3	2.6	3.4
November	6.9	18.1	10.5	4.4	5.9	5.1	1.7	4.4	0.7	2.3	4.8
December	23.6	73.6	41.0	17.8	56.4	37.0	17.9	12.3	16.9	16.2	27.0
1996											
January	-13.8	-51.0	-29.7	-23.1	-44.2	-35.1	-17.0	-12.7	-6.4	-14.7	-25.2
February	-8.2	-8.8	-8.4	-5.4	0.0	-2.8	-8.0	-6.3	-13.5	-8.1	-5.8
March	-0.9	5.8	1.1	5.8	-0.9	2.4	9.2	3.4	8.6	7.4	5.3
April	-6.4	-0.7	-4.6	-0.4	1.4	0.5	-3.7	2.0	-4.4	-2.2	-0.8
May	3.9	2.4	3.4	7.2	7.4	7.3	-0.3	-3.7	-2.1	-1.5	4.2
June	-4.1	-2.0	-3.4	-5.3	-9.5	-7.4	-2.1	-2.4	-2.0	-2.2	-4.5
July	3.3	4.0	3.5	5.7	5.9	5.8	-0.7	3.7	5.5	1.2	3.7
August	3.7	-2.3	1.7	-0.1	3.5	1.6	2.7	-0.7	-3.6	1.1	0.7
September	-6.6	3.0	-3.6	-5.6	-1.2	-3.5	-3.7	-4.3	-2.6	-3.8	-4.7
October	3.5	8.9	5.3	8.8	9.8	9.3	6.7	2.8	6.0	5.5	8.1
November	2.6	14.3	6.6	0.3	6.2	3.3	1.5	-0.5	-5.6	0.2	2.0
December	28.0	65.9	42.1	17.9	49.9	34.5	14.2	10.1	12.0	12.8	24.4
(% change from corresponding month of previous year)											
1995											
October	4.7	16.1	8.1	5.5	-0.1	2.7	5.8	3.3	19.1	6.3	6.5
November	2.5	21.0	8.2	6.8	6.6	6.7	7.2	7.1	19.8	8.3	9.0
December	3.7	21.8	10.8	5.2	11.9	8.9	8.2	8.6	18.8	9.3	6.9
1996											
January	18.3	23.2	19.7	10.8	12.8	11.8	3.2	9.3	20.4	5.6	10.3
February	13.2	34.2	18.7	12.0	12.7	12.4	9.5	10.5	18.4	10.7	12.4
March	6.2	25.1	11.4	2.5	4.1	3.3	5.6	3.0	22.4	6.4	6.1
April	12.5	13.9	13.0	4.8	8.1	6.4	1.5	9.9	8.2	4.5	5.9
May	1.9	18.7	6.7	2.7	12.2	7.2	3.4	3.4	8.4	3.9	7.3
June	3.8	14.2	7.0	-0.3	8.4	3.7	1.2	7.8	5.0	3.4	3.8
July	-1.7	11.9	2.4	4.9	9.1	6.8	-3.3	4.9	6.8	0.0	6.2
August	0.3	8.0	2.6	-1.7	7.0	2.4	-1.6	4.9	7.3	1.1	5.2
September	-3.7	5.5	-0.8	-7.1	1.9	-2.8	-7.1	-1.6	1.8	-4.7	0.2
October	0.2	10.2	3.5	3.7	7.2	5.4	-1.6	-3.5	-0.3	-2.0	4.8
November	-3.8	6.6	-0.2	-0.4	7.6	3.6	-1.8	-8.0	-6.6	-4.1	1.9
December	-0.4	1.9	0.6	-0.3	3.1	1.7	-4.9	-9.8	-10.5	-6.8	-0.1

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									
October	3 552.3	2 227.5	1 810.6	774.0	1 024.2	236.0	119.8	186.4	19 930.8
November	3 732.1	2 345.7	1 889.1	814.7	1 066.4	251.6	119.1	190.9	20 409.6
December	4 724.9	3 067.2	2 358.1	1 024.4	1 343.8	320.5	134.2	245.5	21 218.6
1996									
January	3 566.1	2 238.9	1 817.7	724.5	1 019.5	240.5	106.2	173.4	19 886.8
February	3 373.5	2 097.1	1 684.2	691.4	962.1	233.5	106.0	167.5	19 315.3
March	3 553.0	2 229.3	1 760.1	737.3	992.7	241.3	114.1	184.5	19 812.3
April	3 512.3	2 233.5	1 719.3	738.4	990.0	237.8	112.6	186.9	19 730.8
May	3 644.7	2 298.5	1 831.0	768.1	1 032.6	250.3	119.0	193.0	20 137.2
June	3 494.2	2 183.9	1 768.7	727.9	968.0	230.6	119.2	184.2	19 676.7
July	3 632.9	2 239.9	1 872.4	746.7	999.0	229.1	126.3	188.6	20 034.9
August	3 640.8	2 267.7	1 881.7	756.5	1 004.5	238.2	125.7	190.6	20 105.7
September	3 493.1	2 147.1	1 808.1	716.6	934.9	222.5	116.1	187.8	19 626.2
October	3 716.1	2 398.6	1 894.6	770.6	1 058.0	249.1	119.6	196.1	20 402.7
November	3 807.4	2 468.0	1 913.0	787.5	1 057.4	257.9	113.2	203.7	20 608.1
December	4 731.8	3 157.9	2 313.1	1 000.0	1 287.4	324.3	125.2	259.6	21 199.3
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (\$ million)									
1995									
October	3 547.3	2 227.8	1 797.8	768.7	1 028.5	239.3	115.6	183.3	19 908.2
November	3 571.1	2 273.1	1 815.2	775.1	1 017.0	242.9	116.7	185.0	19 996.2
December	3 603.2	2 283.7	1 820.8	770.8	1 024.7	241.1	117.4	185.7	20 047.4
1996									
January	3 657.2	2 306.4	1 830.9	750.7	1 040.1	246.7	119.8	187.5	20 139.2
February	3 673.2	2 287.0	1 851.3	755.7	1 039.5	245.9	120.3	186.9	20 159.8
March	3 682.9	2 309.0	1 845.1	757.8	1 040.8	245.7	120.9	187.8	20 189.9
April	3 648.4	2 300.6	1 833.6	761.0	1 034.5	246.3	120.5	188.7	20 133.5
May	3 662.6	2 309.8	1 850.9	775.6	1 037.7	251.1	119.2	191.3	20 188.2
June	3 685.6	2 303.7	1 864.9	778.9	1 026.3	247.3	120.1	194.7	20 221.6
July	3 750.0	2 319.8	1 910.0	773.0	1 018.0	239.9	115.5	194.5	20 320.7
August	3 767.5	2 354.5	1 914.4	786.8	1 049.7	244.8	117.2	196.9	20 431.9
September	3 641.7	2 277.3	1 856.3	754.2	969.3	239.5	114.6	197.4	20 050.4
October	3 646.4	2 353.1	1 833.3	747.1	1 035.0	246.6	113.2	188.9	20 163.7
November	3 667.4	2 385.3	1 853.5	755.5	1 017.1	248.2	111.8	196.3	20 235.1
December	3 647.0	2 376.5	1 798.8	757.4	994.5	248.0	109.4	198.0	20 129.6
TREND ESTIMATES (\$ million)									
1995									
October	3 542.9	2 261.5	1 815.0	771.9	1 020.5	239.0	116.3	184.6	19 951.7
November	3 578.9	2 269.4	1 817.7	769.0	1 026.0	240.7	117.1	184.8	20 003.5
December	3 611.8	2 279.1	1 822.9	764.4	1 030.5	242.6	118.0	185.3	20 054.8
1996									
January	3 637.9	2 289.3	1 828.9	760.5	1 034.6	244.6	119.1	186.2	20 101.1
February	3 654.8	2 296.9	1 834.6	758.7	1 037.0	246.2	120.0	187.3	20 135.6
March	3 666.4	2 302.8	1 842.1	760.5	1 038.8	247.2	120.5	188.4	20 166.6
April	3 677.4	2 306.3	1 852.4	765.3	1 037.7	247.3	120.4	190.0	20 196.7
May	3 689.3	2 308.1	1 864.2	770.9	1 034.2	246.7	119.7	191.8	20 224.9
June	3 699.5	2 310.7	1 875.8	774.5	1 029.3	245.5	118.8	193.4	20 247.5
July	3 704.5	2 315.7	1 882.0	773.9	1 024.4	244.4	117.5	194.4	20 256.8
August	3 701.5	2 323.6	1 880.0	769.7	1 019.9	243.8	116.1	194.9	20 249.6
September	3 690.5	2 334.3	1 869.7	764.2	1 015.8	244.0	114.6	195.1	20 228.2
October	3 675.0	2 346.9	1 854.5	758.8	1 011.9	244.8	113.2	195.2	20 200.3
November	3 659.7	2 359.8	1 837.7	754.2	1 008.1	245.9	111.7	195.4	20 172.6
December	3 643.0	2 372.5	1 819.4	750.3	1 005.1	247.3	110.2	195.7	20 143.5



RETAIL TURNOVER PERCENTAGE CHANGE, By State: All Series

Month	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Northern Territory	Australian Capital Territory	Australia
ORIGINAL (% change from preceding month)									
1995									
October	5.5	2.3	0.3	3.5	3.7	6.2	2.6	4.1	3.4
November	5.1	5.3	4.3	5.3	4.1	6.6	-0.6	2.4	4.8
December	26.6	30.8	24.8	25.7	26.0	27.4	12.7	28.6	27.0
1996									
January	-24.5	-27.0	-22.9	-29.3	-24.1	-25.0	-20.9	-29.4	-25.2
February	-5.4	-6.3	-7.3	-4.6	-5.6	-2.9	-0.2	-3.4	-5.8
March	5.3	6.3	4.5	6.6	3.2	3.3	7.6	10.1	5.3
April	-1.1	0.2	-2.3	0.1	-0.3	-1.5	-1.3	1.3	-0.8
May	3.8	2.9	6.5	4.0	4.3	5.3	5.7	3.3	4.2
June	-4.1	-5.0	-3.4	-5.2	-6.3	-7.9	0.2	-4.6	-4.5
July	4.0	2.6	5.9	2.6	3.2	-0.7	6.0	2.4	3.7
August	0.2	1.2	0.5	1.3	0.6	4.0	-0.5	1.1	0.7
September	-4.1	-5.3	-3.9	-5.3	-6.9	-6.6	-7.6	-1.5	-4.7
October	6.4	11.7	4.8	7.5	13.2	12.0	3.0	4.4	8.1
November	2.5	2.9	1.0	2.2	-0.1	3.5	-5.4	3.9	2.0
December	24.3	28.0	20.9	27.0	21.8	25.7	10.6	27.4	24.4
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (% change from preceding month)									
1995									
October	2.2	-1.3	-1.2	-0.7	2.3	2.7	1.2	0.1	0.5
November	0.7	2.0	1.0	0.8	-1.1	1.5	1.0	0.9	0.9
December	0.9	0.5	0.3	-0.6	0.8	-0.7	0.6	0.4	0.5
1996									
January	1.5	1.0	0.6	-2.6	1.5	2.3	2.0	1.0	0.9
February	0.4	-0.8	1.1	0.7	-0.1	-0.3	0.4	-0.3	0.2
March	0.3	1.0	-0.3	0.3	0.1	-0.1	0.5	0.5	0.3
April	-0.9	-0.4	-0.6	0.4	-0.6	0.2	-0.3	0.5	-0.6
May	0.1	0.4	0.9	1.9	0.3	1.9	-1.1	1.4	0.5
June	0.9	-0.3	0.8	0.4	-1.1	-1.5	0.8	1.8	0.3
July	1.7	0.7	2.4	-0.8	-0.8	-3.0	-3.8	-0.1	1.0
August	0.5	1.5	0.2	1.8	3.1	2.0	1.5	1.2	1.1
September	-3.3	-3.3	-3.0	-4.1	-7.7	-2.2	-2.2	0.3	-3.7
October	0.1	3.3	-1.2	-0.9	6.8	3.0	-1.2	-4.3	1.1
November	0.6	1.4	1.1	1.1	-1.7	0.6	-1.2	3.9	0.7
December	-0.6	-0.4	-3.0	0.3	-2.2	-0.1	-2.1	0.9	-1.0
TREND ESTIMATES (% change from preceding month)									
1995									
October	1.0	0.3	0.0	-0.1	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.1	0.5
November	1.0	0.3	0.1	-0.4	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.1	0.5
December	0.9	0.4	0.3	-0.6	0.4	0.8	0.8	0.3	0.5
1996									
January	0.7	0.4	0.3	-0.5	0.4	0.8	0.9	0.5	0.5
February	0.5	0.3	0.3	-0.2	0.2	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.3
March	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.3
April	0.3	0.2	0.6	0.6	-0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.8	0.3
May	0.3	0.1	0.6	0.7	-0.3	-0.2	-0.6	0.9	0.3
June	0.3	0.1	0.6	0.5	-0.5	-0.5	-0.8	0.8	0.2
July	0.1	0.2	0.3	-0.1	-0.5	-0.4	-1.1	0.5	0.1
August	-0.1	0.3	-0.1	-0.5	-0.4	-0.2	-1.2	0.3	-0.1
September	-0.3	0.5	-0.5	-0.7	-0.4	0.1	-1.3	0.1	-0.2
October	-0.4	0.5	-0.8	-0.7	-0.4	0.3	-1.2	0.1	-0.3
November	-0.4	0.5	-0.9	-0.6	-0.4	0.4	-1.3	0.1	-0.3
December	-0.5	0.5	-1.0	-0.5	-0.3	0.6	-1.3	0.2	-0.3

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								
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
April	1 346.8	301.9	262.3	377.0	173.7	313.2	737.4	3 512.3
May	1 396.1	336.3	274.6	407.3	181.0	326.4	723.0	3 644.7
June	1 341.2	314.2	256.0	404.1	182.1	302.9	693.7	3 494.2
July	1 367.6	315.0	280.0	439.9	194.6	326.7	709.1	3 632.9
August	1 416.3	303.5	257.1	396.3	206.0	334.6	727.0	3 640.8
September	1 347.0	288.5	252.8	390.7	202.5	325.5	686.1	3 493.1
October	1 439.6	320.2	269.7	422.4	196.7	348.0	719.5	3 716.1
November	1 443.3	370.4	271.5	420.8	217.6	360.1	723.7	3 807.4
December	1 583.5	645.9	393.7	533.5	296.1	482.7	796.4	4 731.8
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (\$ million)								
1995								
October	1 334.1	333.0	251.9	375.8	177.3	324.1	751.0	3 547.3
November	1 363.0	331.5	252.9	371.9	184.1	326.6	741.0	3 571.1
December	1 355.2	339.7	267.2	371.8	196.7	334.1	738.6	3 603.2
1996								
January	1 347.3	347.0	266.2	401.3	189.8	333.4	772.2	3 657.2
February	1 382.5	336.0	274.7	390.0	189.2	336.0	764.7	3 673.2
March	1 394.5	334.7	274.3	405.1	184.9	326.6	762.8	3 682.9
April	1 372.2	331.5	261.7	413.0	186.6	336.3	747.1	3 648.4
May	1 408.2	329.4	257.9	405.6	183.7	340.9	727.0	3 652.6
June	1 406.4	332.8	253.8	430.1	198.3	338.2	726.1	3 685.6
July	1 393.0	358.2	286.1	447.8	194.9	351.4	718.6	3 750.0
August	1 428.8	344.6	281.9	415.8	216.2	341.8	738.4	3 767.5
September	1 393.3	316.9	273.7	406.5	212.5	327.7	711.2	3 641.7
October	1 410.5	317.6	267.6	413.6	194.0	335.0	708.2	3 646.4
November	1 433.1	335.7	267.1	396.7	204.1	331.1	699.6	3 667.4
December	1 372.5	339.0	277.2	395.2	225.9	337.8	699.4	3 647.0
TREND ESTIMATES (\$ million)								
1995								
October	1 329.1	333.6	257.1	370.6	181.4	329.3	741.7	3 542.9
November	1 344.4	334.7	260.5	374.8	185.8	329.9	748.9	3 578.9
December	1 356.6	336.1	264.0	381.0	188.3	330.6	755.2	3 611.8
1996								
January	1 366.8	337.1	266.6	387.7	189.1	331.5	759.1	3 637.9
February	1 375.1	337.0	267.6	395.3	188.5	332.7	758.7	3 654.8
March	1 383.1	336.1	267.0	403.8	187.4	334.6	754.5	3 666.4
April	1 390.6	338.0	266.2	412.4	187.9	337.0	747.3	3 677.4
May	1 397.3	338.9	266.5	419.8	190.7	339.3	738.8	3 689.3
June	1 403.1	337.4	268.1	424.4	195.0	340.8	730.7	3 699.5
July	1 406.9	337.0	270.7	425.0	199.5	340.8	724.5	3 704.5
August	1 409.1	335.3	273.0	421.6	203.3	339.3	719.9	3 701.5
September	1 409.7	332.8	274.1	415.5	206.2	337.0	715.2	3 690.5
October	1 408.2	330.8	273.9	408.6	208.7	335.0	709.9	3 675.0
November	1 405.1	329.9	273.3	402.2	211.1	333.5	704.7	3 659.7
December	1 401.1	329.3	272.4	395.3	212.9	332.5	699.5	3 643.0

¹ See paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes



RETAIL TURNOVER, By Industry Group¹—Victoria: All Series

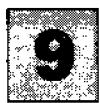
Month	Food retailing	Department stores	Clothing and soft good retailing	Household good retailing	Recreational good retailing	Other retailing	Hospitality and services	Total
ORIGINAL (\$ million)								
1995								
October	959.3	203.0	151.8	280.4	128.8	217.0	287.2	2 227.5
November	982.0	246.8	157.9	288.1	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	303.9	2 238.9
February	965.4	169.2	118.8	252.2	137.5	183.1	270.9	2 097.1
March	1 004.2	189.4	139.0	271.9	131.4	193.0	300.4	2 229.3
April	976.6	220.1	157.9	266.5	124.5	187.0	300.9	2 233.5
May	1 003.4	224.2	157.5	289.0	129.4	200.4	294.6	2 298.5
June	940.2	213.3	146.4	284.5	122.8	182.8	293.9	2 183.9
July	970.7	203.4	147.0	302.6	127.4	201.1	287.7	2 239.9
August	1 014.0	199.7	133.2	299.5	134.0	207.9	279.4	2 267.7
September	950.3	186.2	132.0	270.2	127.3	196.6	284.5	2 147.1
October	1 045.7	203.9	158.3	309.4	149.5	232.2	299.6	2 398.6
November	1 045.2	250.8	149.0	314.8	158.4	246.8	303.0	2 468.0
December	1 161.8	442.4	213.3	403.5	247.3	343.0	346.6	3 157.9
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (\$ million)								
1995								
October	956.9	213.0	153.3	274.2	132.3	209.8	288.3	2 227.8
November	983.7	225.3	158.1	277.6	125.5	205.9	296.9	2 273.1
December	966.1	227.1	150.9	287.5	145.6	217.5	289.1	2 283.7
1996								
January	977.3	222.7	159.2	277.6	158.4	207.1	304.0	2 306.4
February	991.3	225.7	144.6	278.4	146.1	208.6	292.2	2 287.0
March	993.8	220.8	151.3	290.4	142.8	207.2	302.5	2 309.0
April	991.1	225.9	148.2	287.5	139.0	201.9	307.0	2 300.6
May	1 004.2	216.8	150.0	293.1	135.4	205.0	305.3	2 309.8
June	993.8	222.6	149.0	294.3	136.7	202.5	304.7	2 303.7
July	994.5	242.7	148.3	298.7	131.2	210.3	294.0	2 319.8
August	1 022.8	226.0	147.6	312.7	142.4	216.6	286.4	2 354.5
September	995.8	208.8	150.1	288.8	137.1	207.7	289.0	2 277.3
October	1 024.3	205.0	158.5	295.7	149.7	219.7	300.3	2 353.1
November	1 041.2	228.9	148.0	308.5	145.8	225.6	287.3	2 385.3
December	1 011.2	235.7	143.4	300.4	170.2	225.2	290.5	2 376.5
TREND ESTIMATES (\$ million)								
1995								
October	966.5	220.5	154.8	277.3	136.6	213.6	292.2	2 261.5
November	971.4	221.1	154.8	278.4	138.9	212.1	292.7	2 269.4
December	976.0	222.2	153.9	279.9	142.1	210.6	294.4	2 279.1
1996								
January	981.1	223.2	152.6	281.6	144.9	209.0	296.9	2 289.3
February	986.0	223.7	151.3	283.3	145.7	207.1	299.8	2 296.9
March	990.8	223.7	150.0	285.8	144.2	205.8	302.4	2 302.8
April	994.3	224.4	148.9	289.4	140.9	204.9	303.4	2 306.3
May	996.8	225.2	148.4	293.0	137.4	204.8	302.5	2 308.1
June	999.5	225.1	148.8	296.2	135.2	205.9	300.1	2 310.7
July	1 003.1	223.9	149.5	298.3	135.6	208.4	296.9	2 315.7
August	1 008.1	222.1	150.2	299.4	138.3	211.6	293.9	2 323.6
September	1 013.5	220.8	150.4	300.1	142.4	215.2	291.9	2 334.3
October	1 018.5	220.6	150.2	300.6	147.3	218.7	290.9	2 346.9
November	1 022.5	221.8	149.6	301.1	152.6	221.9	290.3	2 359.8
December	1 026.2	223.3	148.8	301.6	157.7	224.8	290.1	2 372.5

¹ See paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes

RETAIL TURNOVER, By Industry Group¹—Queensland: All Series

Month	Food retailing	Department stores	Clothing and soft good retailing	Household good retailing	Recreational good retailing	Other retailing	Hospitality and services	Total
ORIGINAL (\$ million)								
1995								
October	712.7	160.3	127.7	174.8	124.9	184.2	326.0	1 810.6
November	720.2	182.2	132.6	180.0	138.9	191.5	343.7	1 889.1
December	785.9	302.7	169.6	227.0	197.6	245.5	429.8	2 358.1
1996								
January	722.0	147.1	129.1	177.9	138.8	175.2	327.6	1 817.7
February	705.5	124.5	104.2	165.0	118.5	166.0	300.5	1 684.2
March	722.5	130.7	114.3	174.4	121.0	176.5	320.7	1 760.1
April	718.8	141.8	111.3	147.5	115.6	170.0	314.3	1 719.3
May	747.7	159.9	129.6	176.8	119.4	186.0	311.6	1 831.0
June	712.4	153.8	122.5	170.8	117.3	176.0	315.9	1 768.7
July	766.0	158.2	120.0	188.9	112.4	191.5	335.4	1 872.4
August	784.0	156.5	124.8	182.2	105.2	190.1	338.9	1 881.7
September	744.3	152.1	133.3	171.3	99.0	188.4	319.7	1 808.1
October	777.5	164.5	138.9	171.6	101.6	192.9	347.6	1 894.6
November	764.3	187.3	135.0	184.3	108.7	194.9	338.5	1 913.0
December	809.4	305.4	179.1	229.9	148.2	255.2	385.9	2 313.1
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (\$ million)								
1995								
October	705.9	162.3	126.7	175.1	131.1	178.1	318.5	1 797.8
November	712.5	162.7	128.6	168.1	131.9	178.7	332.8	1 815.2
December	715.9	163.1	122.1	172.0	131.6	167.0	349.0	1 820.8
1996								
January	712.1	171.1	129.1	180.4	131.3	185.6	321.3	1 830.9
February	740.8	163.0	128.4	176.1	125.8	187.0	330.2	1 851.3
March	723.5	157.9	129.3	177.0	130.0	194.1	333.2	1 845.1
April	739.1	159.9	118.5	164.1	128.6	191.4	332.0	1 833.6
May	741.5	159.8	127.7	181.0	126.4	190.0	324.5	1 850.9
June	744.0	155.6	125.0	178.8	130.9	194.5	336.1	1 864.9
July	758.8	184.1	121.5	194.1	115.5	200.8	335.3	1 910.0
August	778.9	170.8	131.6	194.0	113.2	191.0	334.9	1 914.4
September	765.9	157.8	130.7	179.6	106.5	191.6	324.2	1 856.3
October	750.0	160.9	134.4	167.7	104.5	180.4	335.4	1 833.3
November	760.4	165.4	132.0	174.0	103.7	188.3	329.6	1 853.5
December	744.2	171.7	129.6	171.6	94.7	174.0	312.9	1 798.8
TREND ESTIMATES (\$ million)								
1995								
October	711.5	163.2	126.5	177.5	134.4	178.2	323.5	1 815.0
November	713.2	163.5	126.9	174.8	133.1	177.6	328.6	1 817.7
December	716.2	163.9	127.1	173.6	131.4	178.9	331.8	1 822.9
1996								
January	720.4	163.4	127.1	173.4	130.1	181.7	332.8	1 828.9
February	725.2	162.3	126.5	173.4	129.5	185.4	332.3	1 834.6
March	730.7	161.4	125.7	174.4	129.3	189.2	331.4	1 842.1
April	737.2	161.5	125.0	176.6	128.6	192.6	330.9	1 852.4
May	744.5	162.9	124.6	179.8	126.7	194.5	331.3	1 864.2
June	752.1	164.6	125.1	182.9	123.5	195.1	332.5	1 875.8
July	758.2	166.1	126.6	184.7	119.1	194.2	333.1	1 882.0
August	761.7	166.7	128.5	184.3	113.9	192.3	332.5	1 880.0
September	762.0	166.4	130.3	181.5	109.0	189.5	331.0	1 869.7
October	760.1	165.9	131.5	177.7	104.5	186.2	328.6	1 854.5
November	756.9	165.7	132.1	173.8	100.6	182.8	325.8	1 837.7
December	752.3	165.7	132.5	170.5	97.2	179.2	321.9	1 819.4

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								
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
April	300.2	90.6	42.5	73.5	32.6	64.4	134.6	738.4
May	321.5	91.9	42.4	76.1	32.1	72.4	131.7	768.1
June	300.3	87.5	41.0	73.3	30.7	65.6	129.5	727.9
July	316.7	90.6	40.6	78.8	33.9	60.7	125.4	746.7
August	329.4	86.8	34.8	79.6	33.7	63.5	128.7	756.5
September	310.7	80.4	32.9	72.5	32.6	58.5	129.0	716.6
October	344.1	93.0	36.5	73.1	36.2	60.3	127.4	770.6
November	336.4	105.6	36.8	75.1	37.9	60.9	134.8	787.5
December	372.8	170.4	51.1	95.2	54.8	85.8	169.9	1 000.0
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (\$ million)								
1995								
October	303.9	94.8	44.9	79.1	33.7	70.0	142.1	768.7
November	316.8	92.3	47.6	75.9	35.3	67.3	140.0	775.1
December	302.8	96.1	48.3	77.7	34.9	68.7	142.3	770.8
1996								
January	295.7	94.1	48.2	78.9	34.8	70.7	128.2	750.7
February	301.1	94.4	47.7	79.3	34.4	72.8	125.9	755.7
March	301.1	94.6	43.1	83.2	34.2	73.3	128.3	757.8
April	306.1	95.4	39.7	79.1	34.3	68.8	137.6	761.0
May	320.7	90.6	41.0	78.1	33.1	72.7	139.3	775.6
June	317.9	93.8	41.7	77.0	34.4	69.7	144.4	778.9
July	322.3	99.5	41.0	77.7	36.2	62.8	133.5	773.0
August	335.0	95.7	37.8	81.6	35.5	64.1	137.1	786.8
September	324.5	89.6	35.0	77.0	35.0	58.5	134.7	754.2
October	336.1	91.1	35.5	69.1	36.9	58.4	120.1	747.1
November	331.9	94.5	35.7	71.5	37.1	58.0	126.7	755.5
December	314.2	94.9	36.6	71.9	37.6	65.0	137.3	757.4
TREND ESTIMATES (\$ million)								
1995								
October	306.9	94.1	45.7	77.7	33.7	69.8	144.0	771.9
November	306.4	93.9	46.8	77.6	34.3	69.8	140.0	769.0
December	304.3	94.1	47.3	78.2	34.7	70.1	135.7	764.4
1996								
January	302.3	94.3	47.0	79.0	34.8	70.7	132.6	760.5
February	301.7	94.3	45.9	79.6	34.5	71.4	131.4	758.7
March	303.8	94.3	44.3	79.7	34.2	71.9	132.2	760.5
April	308.2	94.4	42.7	79.7	34.1	71.6	134.6	765.3
May	313.9	94.5	41.3	79.5	34.2	70.2	137.2	770.9
June	320.1	94.5	40.1	79.0	34.5	67.8	138.3	774.5
July	325.1	94.4	39.1	78.1	35.0	65.1	137.3	773.9
August	328.1	94.0	38.0	76.9	35.5	62.7	134.5	769.7
September	329.3	93.6	37.0	75.4	36.0	61.0	131.8	764.2
October	329.1	93.3	36.1	73.8	36.5	60.0	130.0	758.8
November	327.8	93.2	35.5	72.3	36.9	59.5	129.0	754.2
December	326.0	92.9	35.1	70.9	37.2	59.7	128.5	750.3

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								
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	509.3	182.0	86.3	163.4	88.6	123.0	191.2	1 343.8
1996								
January	451.4	83.3	59.3	111.5	55.5	84.8	173.7	1 019.5
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
April	423.7	91.6	62.5	102.1	55.9	89.6	164.6	990.0
May	436.6	99.9	69.6	108.3	57.5	98.4	162.3	1 032.6
June	400.6	90.3	67.5	108.0	50.5	92.6	158.5	968.0
July	420.5	93.6	64.7	127.7	53.4	88.5	150.6	999.0
August	431.1	94.2	60.7	130.6	52.1	84.0	151.8	1 004.5
September	406.6	82.2	55.9	111.5	51.2	81.0	146.5	934.9
October	445.0	101.3	68.4	138.8	55.6	94.6	154.3	1 058.0
November	442.0	109.6	67.0	138.2	53.0	94.3	153.3	1 057.4
December	501.1	176.8	88.1	163.7	68.2	121.1	168.4	1 287.4
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (\$ million)								
1995								
October	445.7	95.1	63.7	120.6	54.4	78.1	170.8	1 028.5
November	442.0	96.9	64.0	121.6	55.3	74.9	162.3	1 017.0
December	432.6	99.5	60.8	127.3	58.3	82.2	164.2	1 024.7
1996								
January	449.7	96.6	61.9	114.4	57.4	92.3	167.8	1 040.1
February	448.7	97.3	59.1	117.7	54.0	90.9	171.8	1 039.5
March	445.6	95.4	65.8	110.5	57.1	91.2	175.1	1 040.8
April	433.9	95.5	65.2	110.4	60.5	99.3	169.6	1 034.5
May	436.8	94.7	65.6	107.9	61.1	101.4	170.2	1 037.7
June	424.1	93.8	67.1	107.9	56.4	102.7	174.3	1 026.3
July	425.5	105.7	65.2	125.9	52.7	90.2	152.8	1 018.0
August	436.8	110.1	64.8	140.7	54.2	85.5	157.6	1 049.7
September	419.7	92.3	59.1	117.4	53.4	80.5	146.9	969.3
October	442.6	100.1	65.2	134.8	55.1	89.6	147.7	1 035.0
November	435.1	98.8	65.7	133.0	50.8	88.5	145.2	1 017.1
December	432.5	99.1	61.7	124.1	46.2	84.1	146.8	994.5
TREND ESTIMATES (\$ million)								
1995								
October	440.4	97.3	62.9	118.8	55.5	78.0	167.6	1 020.5
November	442.6	97.1	62.5	120.6	55.9	80.3	167.0	1 026.0
December	444.2	97.0	62.1	120.7	56.2	83.3	167.0	1 030.5
1996								
January	444.8	96.7	62.1	118.7	56.8	87.1	168.4	1 034.6
February	443.9	96.1	62.6	114.9	57.5	91.6	170.4	1 037.0
March	441.7	95.8	63.7	111.8	58.1	95.7	172.0	1 038.8
April	438.0	96.0	64.8	110.7	58.2	98.0	171.9	1 037.7
May	433.7	97.2	65.5	112.2	57.8	98.0	169.8	1 034.2
June	430.2	98.8	65.6	116.2	57.1	95.9	165.6	1 029.3
July	428.7	100.1	65.0	121.3	55.9	92.8	160.5	1 024.4
August	429.5	100.8	64.3	125.8	54.6	89.6	155.4	1 019.9
September	431.2	100.7	63.7	128.8	53.2	87.1	151.1	1 015.8
October	432.8	100.1	63.4	130.3	52.0	85.6	147.8	1 011.9
November	434.0	99.3	63.2	130.8	50.7	84.8	145.3	1 008.1
December	435.3	98.6	63.0	130.5	49.6	84.5	143.6	1 005.1

¹ See paragraph 3 of the Explanatory Notes



RETAIL TURNOVER, By Industry Group¹—Tasmania: All Series

Month	Food retailing	Department stores	Clothing and soft good retailing	Household good retailing	Recreational good retailing	Other retailing	Hospitality and services	Total
ORIGINAL (\$ million)								
1995								
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
April	102.6	n.p.	16.2	24.0	13.6	n.p.	39.3	237.8
May	107.4	n.p.	15.9	26.8	13.9	n.p.	41.4	250.3
June	99.6	n.p.	16.0	24.5	12.1	n.p.	36.7	230.6
July	102.9	n.p.	14.8	23.1	12.5	n.p.	34.2	229.1
August	107.0	n.p.	14.6	23.1	12.9	n.p.	35.8	238.2
September	99.7	n.p.	13.3	23.0	12.3	n.p.	34.1	222.5
October	105.7	n.p.	14.7	29.6	13.3	n.p.	39.1	249.1
November	106.7	n.p.	16.2	30.3	14.3	n.p.	40.2	257.9
December	118.1	n.p.	23.0	38.2	21.1	n.p.	48.0	324.3
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (\$ million)								
1995								
October	102.2	n.p.	15.6	26.9	15.3	n.p.	35.1	239.3
November	105.1	n.p.	15.8	24.0	15.2	n.p.	37.3	242.9
December	102.1	n.p.	14.7	24.6	14.6	n.p.	37.2	241.1
1996								
January	105.7	n.p.	15.4	25.5	17.6	n.p.	37.2	246.7
February	104.9	n.p.	15.2	24.7	15.6	n.p.	39.7	245.9
March	104.0	n.p.	15.6	26.3	15.1	n.p.	39.4	245.7
April	106.1	n.p.	15.2	25.0	14.9	n.p.	40.7	246.3
May	108.6	n.p.	14.9	25.1	14.4	n.p.	44.2	251.1
June	105.3	n.p.	16.2	25.6	13.6	n.p.	40.2	247.3
July	104.5	n.p.	15.2	23.1	13.6	n.p.	37.5	239.9
August	106.7	n.p.	15.8	23.0	13.8	n.p.	36.5	244.8
September	104.8	n.p.	15.9	24.2	13.4	n.p.	37.0	239.5
October	104.0	n.p.	15.6	29.0	13.4	n.p.	38.5	246.6
November	103.7	n.p.	15.9	29.6	13.9	n.p.	38.4	248.2
December	103.3	n.p.	15.8	28.8	14.2	n.p.	39.1	248.0
TREND ESTIMATES (\$ million)								
1995								
October	102.9	n.p.	15.5	25.1	15.2	n.p.	36.4	239.0
November	103.3	n.p.	15.5	25.1	15.4	n.p.	36.5	240.7
December	103.8	n.p.	15.4	25.1	15.7	n.p.	37.1	242.6
1996								
January	104.4	n.p.	15.3	25.2	15.8	n.p.	38.1	244.6
February	105.0	n.p.	15.2	25.3	15.7	n.p.	39.3	246.2
March	105.6	n.p.	15.3	25.4	15.4	n.p.	40.3	247.2
April	106.0	n.p.	15.3	25.2	14.9	n.p.	40.8	247.3
May	106.2	n.p.	15.4	24.7	14.4	n.p.	40.7	246.7
June	106.2	n.p.	15.5	24.3	13.9	n.p.	39.9	245.5
July	105.9	n.p.	15.6	24.2	13.7	n.p.	38.9	244.4
August	105.4	n.p.	15.7	24.7	13.6	n.p.	38.1	243.8
September	104.8	n.p.	15.8	25.7	13.6	n.p.	37.7	244.0
October	104.3	n.p.	15.8	26.9	13.7	n.p.	37.7	244.8
November	103.8	n.p.	15.8	28.1	13.8	n.p.	37.9	245.9
December	103.6	n.p.	15.8	29.2	13.9	n.p.	38.4	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								
October	61.1	n.p.	8.3	8.4	7.3	n.p.	18.2	119.8
November	62.6	n.p.	8.2	7.9	6.9	n.p.	16.4	119.1
December	65.0	n.p.	11.3	9.2	7.5	n.p.	17.8	134.2
1996								
January	57.6	n.p.	6.3	7.4	5.4	n.p.	15.8	106.2
February	58.3	n.p.	5.8	7.1	5.6	n.p.	15.5	106.0
March	62.6	n.p.	6.6	7.6	5.3	n.p.	17.4	114.1
April	61.4	n.p.	6.6	7.0	6.3	n.p.	17.1	112.6
May	63.4	n.p.	6.9	8.1	6.4	n.p.	17.9	119.0
June	64.6	n.p.	7.3	7.9	6.4	n.p.	18.7	119.2
July	67.8	n.p.	7.2	8.4	7.1	n.p.	21.1	126.3
August	68.0	n.p.	7.2	8.5	6.6	n.p.	20.1	125.7
September	63.9	n.p.	6.6	8.4	5.9	n.p.	17.7	116.1
October	63.4	n.p.	6.0	9.0	6.7	n.p.	19.3	119.6
November	58.5	n.p.	5.3	8.6	5.7	n.p.	17.6	113.2
December	61.0	n.p.	7.5	9.2	6.3	n.p.	18.3	125.2
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (\$ million)								
1995								
October	59.6	n.p.	7.9	8.3	6.8	n.p.	16.8	115.6
November	61.6	n.p.	8.1	7.5	6.6	n.p.	16.7	116.7
December	61.6	n.p.	8.7	7.6	6.7	n.p.	16.7	117.4
1996								
January	62.0	n.p.	7.4	8.5	6.6	n.p.	18.1	119.8
February	62.9	n.p.	7.7	7.8	6.6	n.p.	18.3	120.3
March	64.8	n.p.	8.0	7.4	6.0	n.p.	18.0	120.9
April	64.5	n.p.	7.5	8.0	6.6	n.p.	18.2	120.5
May	63.3	n.p.	7.1	8.2	6.5	n.p.	18.0	119.2
June	65.6	n.p.	7.0	7.5	6.3	n.p.	18.6	120.1
July	62.0	n.p.	5.8	8.2	6.4	n.p.	19.0	115.5
August	63.4	n.p.	6.5	8.4	6.0	n.p.	18.5	117.2
September	63.9	n.p.	6.5	8.7	5.4	n.p.	16.7	114.6
October	60.4	n.p.	5.6	8.7	6.1	n.p.	17.7	113.2
November	58.3	n.p.	5.4	8.1	5.7	n.p.	17.7	111.8
December	57.8	n.p.	5.8	7.7	5.5	n.p.	17.2	109.4
TREND ESTIMATES (\$ million)								
1995								
October	60.1	n.p.	8.0	8.1	6.7	n.p.	17.3	116.3
November	60.9	n.p.	8.1	8.0	6.6	n.p.	17.2	117.1
December	61.7	n.p.	8.1	7.9	6.6	n.p.	17.3	118.0
1996								
January	62.5	n.p.	8.0	7.9	6.5	n.p.	17.5	119.1
February	63.3	n.p.	7.9	7.8	6.5	n.p.	17.8	120.0
March	63.8	n.p.	7.7	7.8	6.5	n.p.	18.1	120.5
April	64.2	n.p.	7.4	7.8	6.5	n.p.	18.3	120.4
May	64.3	n.p.	7.1	7.9	6.4	n.p.	18.4	119.7
June	64.2	n.p.	6.8	8.0	6.3	n.p.	18.4	118.8
July	63.8	n.p.	6.5	8.2	6.2	n.p.	18.3	117.5
August	62.9	n.p.	6.3	8.3	6.1	n.p.	18.1	116.1
September	61.9	n.p.	6.0	8.4	5.9	n.p.	17.9	114.6
October	60.8	n.p.	5.9	8.4	5.8	n.p.	17.6	113.2
November	59.5	n.p.	5.7	8.3	5.7	n.p.	17.4	111.7
December	58.3	n.p.	5.6	8.2	5.6	n.p.	17.2	110.2

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								
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
April	75.8	23.6	16.5	16.4	10.2	15.1	29.3	186.9
May	81.3	23.6	16.4	16.1	10.9	15.3	29.4	193.0
June	76.6	23.6	15.8	16.0	9.9	14.4	27.9	184.2
July	79.0	22.2	15.4	17.4	9.1	14.5	31.0	188.6
August	82.0	20.8	13.8	17.4	9.4	16.5	30.7	190.6
September	77.4	20.3	14.6	18.6	9.2	17.3	30.4	187.8
October	80.3	22.8	14.6	19.1	9.1	18.3	31.9	196.1
November	81.1	25.2	13.8	20.8	10.9	20.5	31.4	203.7
December	87.4	45.3	20.9	27.4	19.8	26.3	32.5	259.6
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (\$ million)								
1995								
October	74.1	23.8	14.1	16.5	11.6	14.6	28.6	183.3
November	74.5	23.9	14.6	16.7	12.8	14.7	27.7	185.0
December	74.5	25.0	14.6	16.8	12.4	14.4	27.9	185.7
1996								
January	75.4	23.8	15.1	17.4	11.4	15.3	29.1	187.5
February	77.5	23.4	14.2	15.9	11.1	15.4	29.4	186.9
March	78.5	23.1	14.6	16.3	11.0	15.4	28.8	187.8
April	77.4	23.9	15.2	17.0	11.0	15.4	28.8	188.7
May	80.2	22.5	15.6	16.2	11.5	16.0	29.4	191.3
June	80.5	24.6	15.9	16.9	11.0	16.7	29.1	194.7
July	81.5	23.6	16.1	17.0	9.7	16.4	30.3	194.5
August	82.3	24.9	15.7	17.3	9.5	16.6	30.6	196.9
September	80.1	23.4	15.6	20.3	9.4	17.6	31.0	197.4
October	77.6	22.3	15.0	18.7	9.0	16.5	29.9	188.9
November	79.2	24.1	14.5	20.7	10.1	18.1	29.6	196.3
December	78.1	24.6	14.1	20.5	13.7	17.4	29.7	198.0
TREND ESTIMATES (\$ million)								
1995								
October	74.4	24.1	14.5	16.6	12.3	14.3	28.3	184.6
November	74.6	24.0	14.5	16.7	12.1	14.6	28.3	184.8
December	75.0	23.9	14.6	16.7	11.9	14.9	28.4	185.3
1996								
January	75.8	23.8	14.6	16.7	11.7	15.1	28.6	186.2
February	76.7	23.7	14.7	16.6	11.5	15.3	28.8	187.3
March	77.8	23.5	14.9	16.5	11.3	15.5	28.9	188.4
April	78.9	23.5	15.2	16.4	11.1	15.7	29.1	190.0
May	79.9	23.6	15.5	16.5	10.8	16.0	29.4	191.8
June	80.7	23.7	15.8	16.8	10.4	16.3	29.7	193.4
July	80.9	23.8	15.8	17.4	10.0	16.6	30.0	194.4
August	80.7	23.8	15.7	18.1	9.7	16.8	30.2	194.9
September	80.1	23.7	15.4	18.8	9.7	17.0	30.3	195.1
October	79.4	23.7	15.1	19.5	10.0	17.2	30.2	195.2
November	78.8	23.8	14.7	20.2	10.6	17.4	30.0	195.4
December	78.2	23.8	14.4	20.6	11.2	17.6	29.9	195.7

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)								
1995								
September	9 516.2	2 391.0	1 805.9	3 001.8	1 325.5	2 289.8	4 174.2	24 504.4
December	10 395.2	3 518.0	2 198.6	3 549.4	1 646.0	2 753.7	4 610.7	28 671.6
1996								
March	9 826.9	2 177.7	1 752.3	3 052.2	1 367.3	2 185.4	4 182.2	24 544.0
June	9 731.8	2 516.4	1 914.6	3 132.4	1 282.3	2 257.5	4 065.3	24 900.3
September	9 815.0	2 394.7	1 841.9	3 318.2	1 312.2	2 302.1	4 000.2	24 984.3
December	10 486.4	3 501.3	2 203.1	3 808.1	1 633.6	2 808.6	4 285.3	28 726.4
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (\$ million)								
1995								
September	9 670.7	2 659.8	1 911.5	3 097.8	1 383.4	2 360.7	4 254.5	25 338.5
December	9 863.2	2 646.0	1 919.6	3 132.7	1 400.9	2 312.3	4 250.9	25 525.6
1996								
March	9 933.3	2 655.5	1 952.5	3 222.3	1 419.9	2 391.7	4 275.5	25 850.8
June	9 939.9	2 600.4	1 880.0	3 275.8	1 388.5	2 427.3	4 216.4	25 728.2
September	10 004.1	2 675.6	1 951.9	3 420.5	1 373.0	2 376.5	4 084.0	25 885.6
December	9 944.0	2 646.4	1 918.1	3 350.3	1 387.3	2 360.9	3 948.5	25 555.4
TREND ESTIMATES (\$ million)								
1995								
September	9 689.0	2 641.1	1 910.5	3 119.5	1 365.2	2 336.5	4 255.8	25 317.6
December	9 832.2	2 650.3	1 921.9	3 147.0	1 406.1	2 356.2	4 268.3	25 582.1
1996								
March	9 926.0	2 641.7	1 925.5	3 213.5	1 408.5	2 381.8	4 260.2	25 757.2
June	9 961.7	2 638.0	1 922.3	3 299.1	1 394.4	2 397.3	4 192.6	25 804.8
September	9 970.5	2 645.4	1 922.8	3 359.5	1 383.2	2 391.1	4 088.5	25 761.0
December	9 970.0	2 653.5	1 924.5	3 389.8	1 377.2	2 369.9	3 984.9	25 663.6
ORIGINAL (% change from preceding quarter)								
1995								
September	2.0	-4.9	-5.5	0.1	9.3	5.8	2.5	1.3
December	9.2	47.1	21.7	18.2	24.2	20.3	10.5	17.0
1996								
March	-5.5	-38.1	-20.3	-14.0	-16.9	-20.6	-9.3	-14.4
June	-1.0	15.6	9.3	2.6	-6.2	3.3	-2.8	1.5
September	0.9	-4.8	-3.8	5.9	2.3	2.0	-1.6	0.3
December	6.8	46.2	19.6	14.8	24.5	22.0	7.1	15.0
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (% change from preceding quarter)								
1995								
September	1.4	2.3	1.8	-1.3	5.5	1.5	0.6	1.3
December	2.0	-0.5	0.4	1.1	1.3	-2.0	-0.1	0.7
1996								
March	0.7	0.4	1.7	2.9	1.4	3.4	0.6	1.3
June	0.1	-2.1	-3.7	1.7	-2.2	1.5	-1.4	-0.5
September	0.6	2.9	3.8	4.4	-1.1	-2.1	-3.1	0.6
December	-0.6	-1.1	-1.7	-2.1	1.0	-0.7	-3.3	-1.3
TREND ESTIMATES (% change from preceding quarter)								
1995								
September	1.6	1.2	1.0	1.2	3.9	1.0	0.6	1.4
December	1.5	0.3	0.6	0.9	3.0	0.8	0.3	1.0
1996								
March	1.0	-0.3	0.2	2.1	0.2	1.1	-0.2	0.7
June	0.4	-0.1	-0.2	2.7	-1.0	0.7	-1.6	0.2
September	0.1	0.3	0.0	1.8	-0.8	-0.3	-2.5	-0.2
December	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.9	-0.4	-0.9	-2.5	-0.4

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)									
1995									
September	8 569.6	5 632.7	4 562.9	1 886.3	2 507.0	577.2	308.3	460.4	24 504.4
December	10 206.9	6 597.8	5 160.1	2 216.0	2 956.0	687.3	314.2	533.3	28 671.6
1996									
March	8 836.4	5 627.8	4 427.8	1 812.5	2 523.9	600.2	271.1	444.3	24 544.0
June	8 925.9	5 743.1	4 450.8	1 878.2	2 534.0	603.7	288.6	476.0	24 900.3
September	9 012.5	5 647.7	4 640.0	1 857.8	2 470.3	575.5	301.7	478.8	24 984.3
December	10 246.2	6 820.6	5 104.9	2 132.7	2 871.8	695.5	295.4	559.3	28 726.4
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (\$ million)									
1995									
September	8 881.0	5 877.0	4 656.7	1 963.1	2 588.6	604.6	290.7	476.8	25 338.5
December	9 090.5	5 845.1	4 616.6	1 958.6	2 634.2	613.7	293.9	472.9	25 525.6
1996									
March	9 291.2	5 924.5	4 671.1	1 910.2	2 655.5	621.7	300.1	476.4	25 850.8
June	9 206.4	5 912.2	4 640.0	1 943.4	2 622.1	623.5	296.1	484.5	25 728.2
September	9 348.3	5 907.5	4 743.4	1 939.0	2 559.3	605.3	284.8	498.0	25 885.6
December	9 135.6	6 024.1	4 569.5	1 878.5	2 560.4	619.6	275.0	492.7	25 555.4
TREND ESTIMATES (\$ million)									
1995									
September	8 894.7	5 869.8	4 648.0	1 956.3	2 577.0	608.5	290.3	473.1	25 317.6
December	9 084.8	5 883.2	4 646.4	1 949.7	2 632.4	615.0	296.1	474.3	25 582.1
1996									
March	9 231.0	5 891.2	4 656.1	1 939.2	2 644.4	618.8	298.1	478.5	25 757.2
June	9 273.1	5 914.2	4 672.9	1 931.4	2 615.8	618.2	293.9	485.5	25 804.8
September	9 255.1	5 946.2	4 665.3	1 920.4	2 580.6	615.3	285.9	492.4	25 761.0
December	9 207.4	5 979.2	4 633.1	1 904.2	2 550.4	613.5	277.0	496.8	25 663.6
ORIGINAL (% change from previous quarter)									
1995									
September	1.7	-1.1	2.3	0.8	3.6	-2.1	11.1	-0.1	1.3
December	19.1	17.1	13.1	17.5	17.9	19.1	1.9	15.8	17.0
1996									
March	-13.4	-14.7	-14.2	-18.2	-14.6	-12.7	-13.7	-16.7	-14.4
June	1.0	2.0	0.5	3.6	0.4	0.6	6.5	7.1	1.5
September	1.0	-1.7	4.3	-1.1	-2.5	-4.7	4.5	0.6	0.3
December	13.7	20.8	10.0	14.8	16.3	20.9	-2.1	16.8	15.0
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (% change from previous quarter)									
1995									
September	2.2	0.1	0.0	1.3	3.4	-0.7	2.1	1.5	1.3
December	2.4	-0.5	-0.9	-0.2	1.8	1.5	1.1	-0.8	0.7
1996									
March	2.2	1.4	1.2	-2.5	0.8	1.3	2.1	0.7	1.3
June	-0.9	-0.2	-0.7	1.7	-1.3	0.3	-1.3	1.7	-0.5
September	1.5	-0.1	2.2	-0.2	-2.4	-2.9	-3.8	2.8	0.6
December	-2.3	2.0	-3.7	-3.1	0.0	2.4	-3.5	-1.1	-1.3
TREND ESTIMATES (% change from previous quarter)									
1995									
September	2.2	0.4	0.7	1.3	2.3	0.8	2.3	0.4	1.4
December	2.1	0.2	0.0	-0.3	2.2	1.1	2.0	0.3	1.0
1996									
March	1.6	0.1	0.2	-0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.9	0.7
June	0.5	0.4	0.4	-0.4	-1.1	-0.1	-1.4	1.5	0.2
September	-0.2	0.5	-0.2	-0.6	-1.3	-0.5	-2.7	1.4	-0.2
December	-0.5	0.6	-0.7	-0.8	-1.2	-0.3	-3.1	0.9	-0.4

¹ See paragraph 11 of the Explanatory Notes.

E X P L A N A T O R Y N O T E S

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">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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16 The Retail Survey Special Data Service provides additional retail trade statistics which include further State industry dissections through to 'top ten' industry reports. For more information, contact the Retail Trade Special Data Services manager on (06) 252 5220.

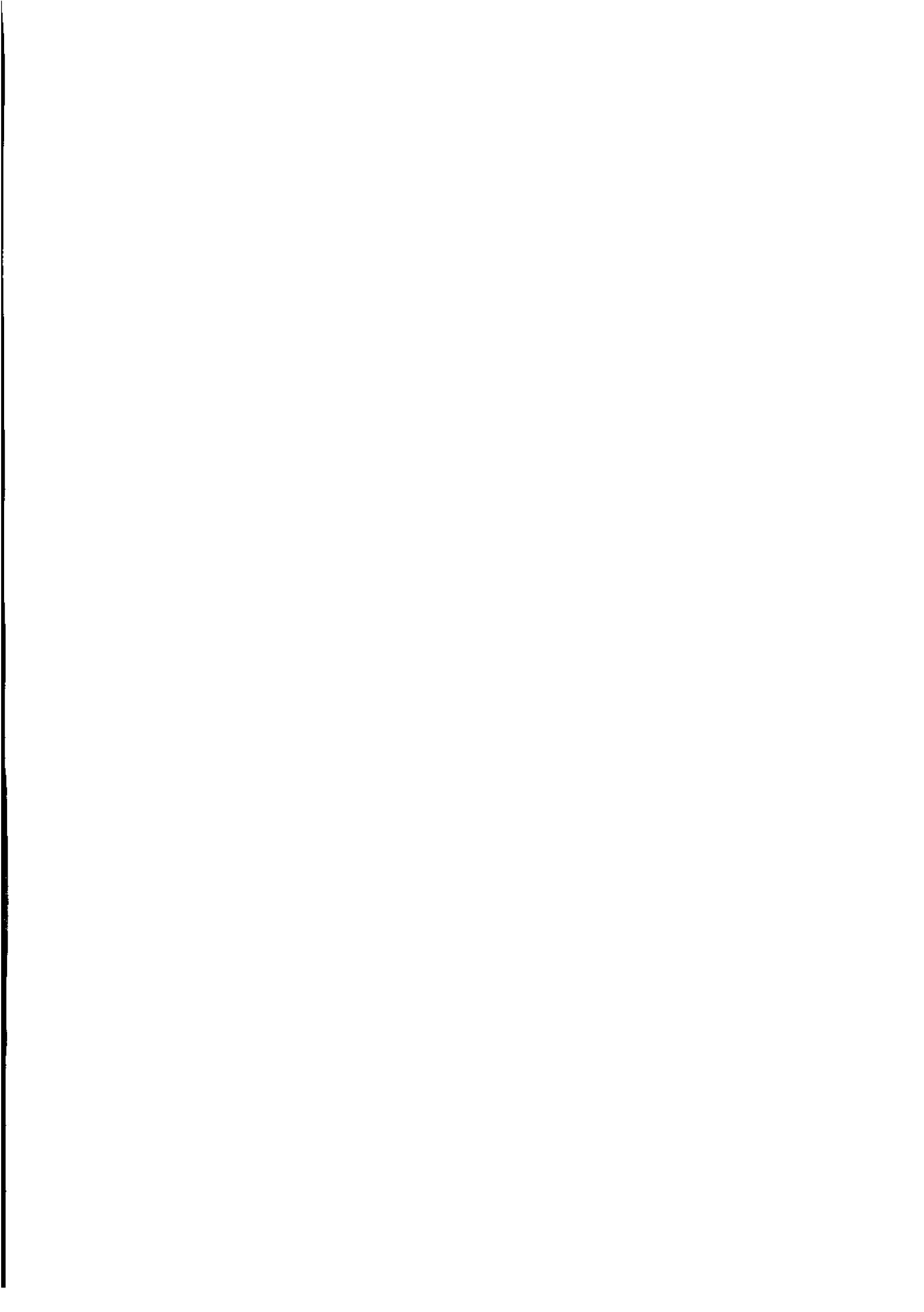
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