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RETAIL SALES OF GOODS : AUSTRALIAMONTH OF DECEMBER AND DECEMBER QUARTER, 1961 (PROVISIONAL)

The table below contains a provisional estimate of the total value of retail sales of goods (excluding Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, etc.) in Australia for the month of December, 1961 and the December quarter, 1961. For purposes of comparison, figures for some earlier periods are also shown.

Information relating to the basis of the figures shown in this table, and more detailed figures for earlier periods are contained in Statistical Bulletin No. 1042 of 8th January, 1962.

VALUE OF RETAIL SALES AND PERCENTAGE INCREASE OVERPREVIOUS CORRESPONDING PERIOD - AUSTRALIA (a)

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

Period	Total Value of Retail Sales of Goods (excluding Motor Vehicles, Parts Petrol, etc.)	Percentage Increase over Corresponding Period of Previous Year
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QUARTERS:

	£ million	Per cent.
1958-59 : September	585.1	5.0
December	675.1	4.3
March	579.7	3.6
June	613.6	6.1
1959-60 : September	627.5	7.2
December	735.2	8.9
March	645.7	11.4
June	(b) 683.1	(b) 11.3
1960-61 : September	(b) 685.8	(b) 9.3
December	(b) 785.2	(b) 6.8
March	(b) 668.2	(b) 3.5
June	(b) 687.5	(b) 0.6
1961-62 : September	(b) 687.4	(b) 0.2
December	(c) 792.4	(b) 0.9

MONTHS:

	£ million	Per cent.
1960-61 : April	(b) 220.8	(e)
May	(b) 239.7	(e)
June	(b) 227.0	(e)
1961-62 : July	(b) 225.5	(e)
August	(b) 228.1	(e)
September	(b) 233.8	(e)
October	(d) 236.4	(e)
November	(d) 245.5	(e)
December	(d) 310.5	(e)

(a) Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (b) Subject to revision. (c) Provisional quarterly estimate (i.e. sum of provisional monthly estimates), subject to revision. (d) Provisional monthly estimate, subject to revision. (e) Not available.