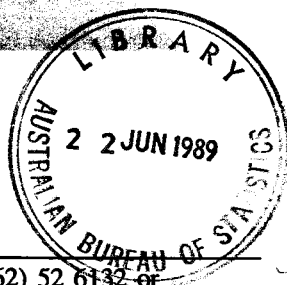


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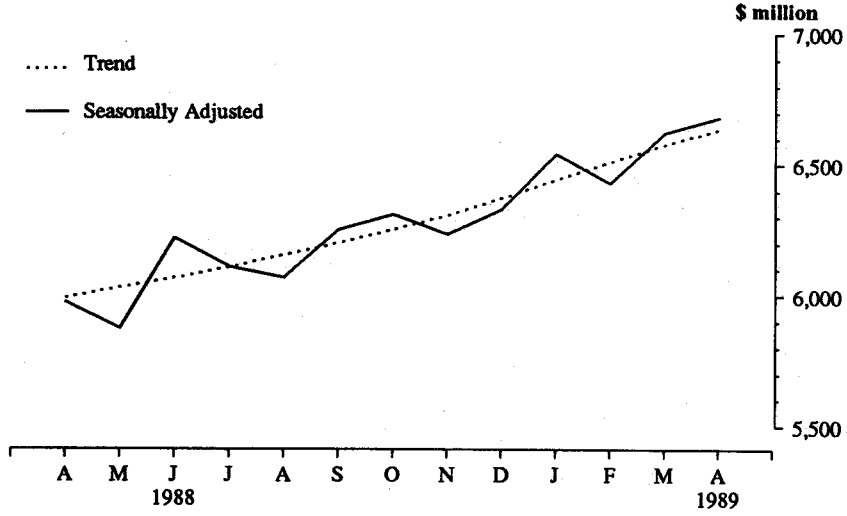
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SUMMARY OF MAIN FINDINGS

NOTE: Trend estimates for the most recent months are provisional and could change as data for further months become available.

TURNOVER OF RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS, AUSTRALIA
CHART 1 : MONTHLY ESTIMATES, CURRENT PRICES



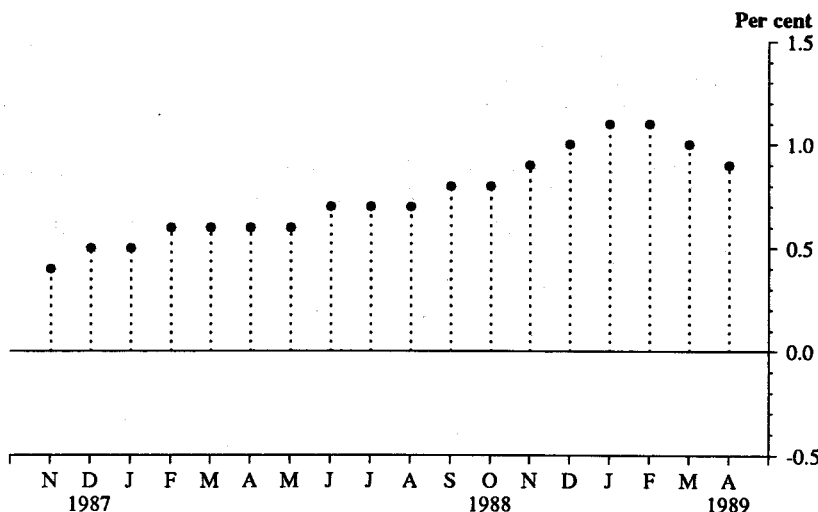
AUSTRALIAN ESTIMATES (see Charts 1 and 2)

The estimated monthly turnover of retail establishments in Australia in original terms (excluding motor vehicles, parts, petrol etc) decreased by 3.6% in April (from \$6,449.0 million to \$6,215.0 million). In seasonally adjusted terms, Retail turnover grew by 0.8% (from \$6,625.9 million to \$6,682.2 million).

With the addition of April data, trend estimates which largely remove seasonal and irregular effects, continue a pattern of relatively strong growth averaging 1.0% per month over the last 6 months. Readers are reminded that trend estimates are subject to revision as subsequent months data become available. Refer to paragraph 24 of the explanatory notes for an explanation of the trend estimation process.

TURNOVER OF RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS, AUSTRALIA

CHART 2 : MONTHLY CHANGES IN TREND, CURRENT PRICES



INDUSTRY ESTIMATES (see Charts 3 to 8)

The trend estimates for most industries continue to show a pattern of moderate to strong growth. The only large industry not to reflect this trend is Department stores with an average trend estimate of -0.6% per month for the past three months.

Grocers, confectioners and tobacconists (the largest industry) continues to strongly influence State and Australian growth, with trend estimates averaging 1.0% per month for the past year and maintaining that over the last three months.

Other industries showing strong trend growth over the last 3 months include: the housing related industries of Domestic hardware stores, jewellers (averaging 2.1% per month), Electrical goods stores (averaging 2.2% per month) and Furniture stores (averaging 1.6% per month); and Other food stores (averaging 1.0% per month), Hotels, liquor stores, licensed clubs (averaging 1.3% per month), Pharmacies (averaging 0.9% per month) and Newsagents (averaging 1.9% per month).

STATE ESTIMATES (see Charts 9 to 14)

New South Wales is showing the strongest trend growth of all States and is currently averaging a very strong 1.4% per month over the last 3 months. This is significantly influencing the Australian trend growth.

Western Australia and Tasmania also continue to show strong trend growth, both averaging 1.0% per month over the last 3 months.

Queensland growth has continued to strengthen following the post Expo downturn and currently shows an average 1.1% trend growth over the past 3 months.

South Australia's growth appears to be moderating (averaging 0.5% per month) and Victoria's continues to show minimal trend growth (averaging 0.2% per month) over the last few months.

Note: Explanatory notes are published at the back of this publication.

**TURNOVER OF RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS
AUSTRALIA**

**TREND ESTIMATES, MONTHLY CHANGES
CURRENT PRICES, SELECTED INDUSTRIES**
Percentage change from preceding month

CHART 3: GROCERS

Per cent

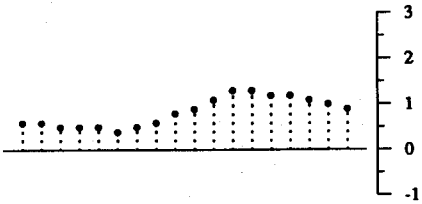


CHART 4: OTHER FOOD STORES

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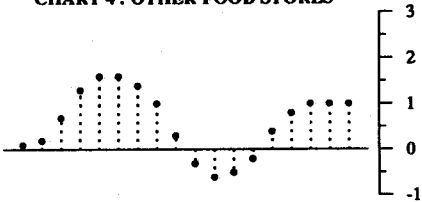


CHART 5: HOTELS, CLUBS etc

Per cent

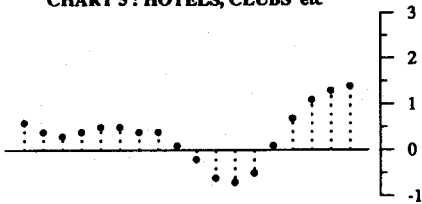


CHART 6: CLOTHING STORES etc

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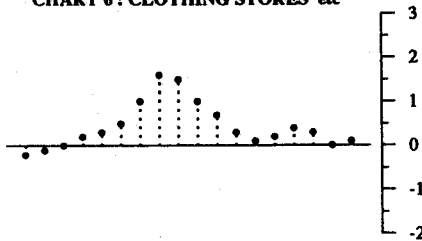


CHART 7: DEPARTMENT STORES

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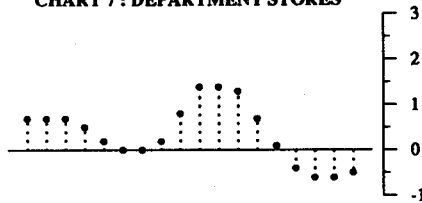
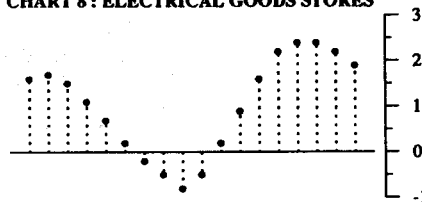


CHART 8: ELECTRICAL GOODS STORES

Per cent



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TURNOVER OF RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS

**TREND ESTIMATES, MONTHLY CHANGES
CURRENT PRICES, STATES**
Percentage change from preceding month

CHART 9: NEW SOUTH WALES

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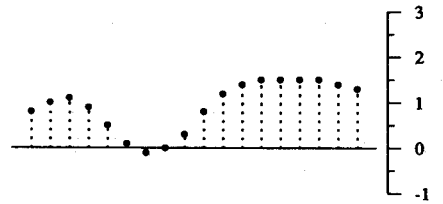


CHART 10: VICTORIA

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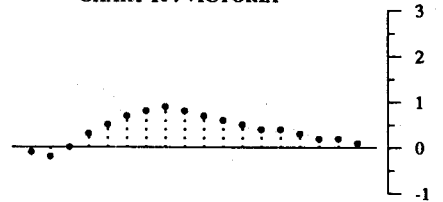


CHART 11: QUEENSLAND

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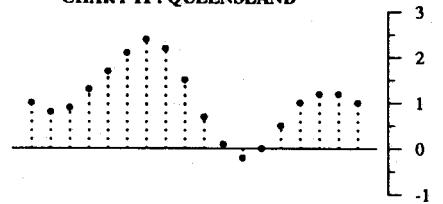


CHART 12: SOUTH AUSTRALIA

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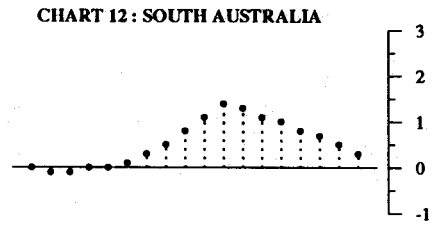


CHART 13: WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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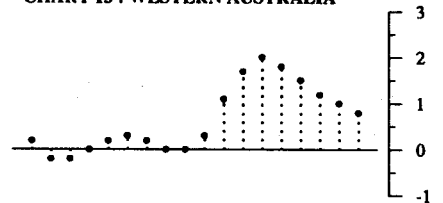
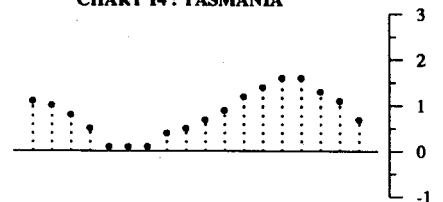


CHART 14: TASMANIA

Per cent



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1987 1988 1989

TABLE 1. TURNOVER OF RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS,
MONTHLY ESTIMATES, AT CURRENT PRICES, AUSTRALIA (a) (b)

MONTH	Original		Seasonally adjusted		Trend estimates (c)			
	\$m	% change from preceding month	% change from corresponding month of previous year	\$m	% change from preceding month	\$m	% change from preceding month of previous year	
1988								
February	5,378.2	-3.0	10.4	5,892.5	0.4	5,925.0	0.6	7.9
March	5,928.6	10.2	13.6	6,071.1	3.0	5,959.8	0.6	7.9
April	5,712.6	-3.6	6.3	5,977.0	-1.5	5,993.8	0.6	7.8
May	5,888.4	3.1	6.4	5,873.8	-1.7	6,030.4	0.6	7.7
June	5,870.0	-0.3	10.8	6,220.2	5.9	6,071.2	0.7	7.5
July	5,847.9	-0.4	3.0	6,111.8	-1.7	6,112.3	0.7	7.3
August	5,877.9	0.5	8.8	6,071.3	-0.7	6,156.8	0.7	7.3
September	6,101.0	3.8	9.2	6,250.4	2.9	6,204.5	0.8	7.4
October	6,186.8	1.4	4.6	6,310.9	1.0	6,254.3	0.8	7.8
November	6,503.8	5.1	10.6	6,235.9	-1.2	6,308.1	0.9	8.1
December	8,786.5	35.1	8.5	6,330.9	1.5	6,373.8	1.0	8.8
1989								
January	6,133.1	-30.2	10.6	6,543.1	3.4	6,445.3	1.1	9.4
February	5,680.1	-7.4	5.6	6,429.2	-1.7	6,515.7	1.1	10.0
March	6,449.0	13.5	8.8	6,625.9	3.1	6,581.1	1.0	10.4
April	6,215.0	-3.6	8.8	6,682.2	0.8	6,639.8	0.9	10.8
Standard error (d) of Latest month Change from previous month	51.6		0.4					

(a) Excludes motor vehicle dealers, petrol stations, etc. (b) Prior to 1988, these series reflect retail sales adjusted to a turnover basis - see paragraph 2 of Explanatory Notes. (c) Subject to revision - see paragraphs 21 to 24 of Explanatory Notes. (d) See paragraphs 8 to 11 of Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 2. TURNOVER OF RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS,
QUARTERLY ESTIMATES, AUSTRALIA (a) (b)

Quarter	Original		Seasonally adjusted			
	\$m	% change from preceding quarter	% change from corresponding quarter of previous year	\$m	% change from preceding quarter	% change from corresponding quarter of previous year
AT CURRENT PRICES						
1988						
March	16,851.5	-15.3	9.5	17,830.7	2.0	8.2
June	17,471.0	3.7	7.8	18,071.0	1.3	7.9
September	17,826.8	2.0	7.0	18,433.5	2.0	6.2
December	21,477.1	20.5	8.0	18,877.7	2.4	7.9
1989						
March	18,274.7	-14.9	8.4	19,611.1	3.9	10.0
AT CONSTANT (AVERAGE 1984-85) PRICES						
1988						
March	13,465.5	-16.3	3.6	14,235.2	0.4	2.4
June	13,622.9	1.2	1.1	14,099.0	-1.0	1.2
September	13,654.2	0.2	-0.2	14,097.7	0.0	-0.6
December	16,251.2	19.0	1.0	14,312.2	1.5	0.9
1989						
March	13,688.2	-15.8	1.7	14,670.6	2.5	3.1

(a) Excludes motor vehicle dealers, petrol stations, etc. (b) Prior to June 1988, these series reflect retail sales adjusted to a turnover basis - see paragraph 2 of Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 3. TURNOVER OF RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS,
MONTHLY ESTIMATES BY INDUSTRY, AT CURRENT PRICES, AUSTRALIA (a) (b)

Month	ORIGINAL \$ million										Total						
	Grocers, confectioners, tobacco-	Butchers	Other food stores	Hotels, liquor stores, licensed clubs	Cafes and rest- aurants	Clothing and fabrics stores	Depart- ment & general stores	Footwear stores	Domestic hardware stores, jewellers	Elec- trical goods stores		Furni- ture stores	Floor cover- ings stores	Pharma- cies	News- agents	Other stores	
1988																	
February	1,545.6	129.7	354.9	780.3	n.p.	419.9	538.5	72.6	174.5	314.6	125.9	53.2	189.8	215.6	n.p.	5,378.2	
March	1,694.1	142.7	379.9	845.3	n.p.	468.3	666.0	77.8	182.1	345.9	135.5	62.3	204.9	222.8	n.p.	5,928.6	
April	1,622.6	132.5	374.5	804.1	n.p.	478.0	702.5	87.3	167.5	313.6	118.5	48.8	195.5	188.8	n.p.	5,712.6	
May	1,594.4	136.2	376.2	773.5	n.p.	527.2	727.4	94.1	179.8	363.1	142.3	57.9	206.1	209.9	n.p.	5,888.4	
June	1,609.1	144.7	378.3	771.7	237.5	512.6	710.3	86.7	174.2	354.5	141.6	61.8	217.7	199.0	270.2	5,870.0	
July	1,610.1	149.3	378.3	784.9	253.4	508.0	672.5	80.3	170.1	345.9	137.5	59.2	218.0	197.9	284.3	5,847.9	
August	1,653.7	153.9	377.8	773.9	248.6	500.0	640.4	70.2	179.2	345.8	139.6	64.5	235.4	212.1	282.7	5,877.9	
September	1,699.9	157.8	398.4	818.4	245.5	531.4	711.4	84.6	184.4	333.6	137.5	63.7	233.4	202.6	298.6	6,101.0	
October	1,706.1	158.1	400.6	843.4	249.1	529.2	717.8	87.7	208.3	327.4	139.0	64.8	235.0	208.4	312.0	6,186.8	
November	1,759.1	153.6	391.3	837.8	253.3	540.9	855.9	79.5	236.5	371.0	149.4	68.7	237.1	228.1	341.7	6,503.8	
December	2,085.0	199.8	431.0	1,063.5	318.1	764.4	1,544.7	102.7	447.3	525.2	165.1	68.3	311.0	286.8	473.8	8,786.5	
1989																	
January	1,725.7	161.1	415.2	856.8	293.1	492.4	621.0	81.3	215.4	347.0	126.9	48.1	230.0	235.5	283.6	6,133.1	
February	1,674.2	148.2	374.5	775.8	262.7	419.5	543.1	64.9	197.9	321.5	122.6	52.8	213.8	235.8	272.7	5,680.1	
March	1,895.4	169.9	401.1	878.2	288.9	470.9	710.0	76.4	210.5	362.8	132.8	53.6	238.4	245.6	314.5	6,449.0	
April	1,762.1	160.8	393.4	847.5	282.1	507.2	686.1	86.2	202.8	360.4	130.5	56.7	228.9	228.1	282.4	6,215.0	
Standard error (c) of																	
Level	24.3	10.0	15.5	23.3	14.1	16.1	0.0	4.0	13.4	9.2	6.0	4.0	8.6	12.2	13.2	51.6	
Change	16.9	2.1	5.6	11.7	7.3	6.2	0.0	1.8	9.8	5.9	2.3	2.9	4.4	3.6	6.0	27.6	

TREND ESTIMATES (d) \$ million

1988																	
February	1,621.2	138.2	371.7	823.7	n.p.	497.8	730.8	84.2	192.8	351.9	134.0	56.2	204.8	209.2	n.p.	5,925.0	
March	1,628.8	138.6	377.6	827.6	n.p.	499.2	731.9	85.1	197.1	354.4	136.9	56.8	206.9	210.6	n.p.	5,959.8	
April	1,635.3	139.6	383.7	831.7	n.p.	501.7	732.0	85.1	202.0	355.1	139.3	57.3	210.3	211.9	n.p.	5,993.8	
May	1,643.1	141.7	389.0	835.3	n.p.	506.7	732.1	84.5	206.2	354.4	140.3	58.1	215.0	212.2	n.p.	6,030.4	
June	1,653.1	144.7	392.7	838.6	n.p.	515.0	733.5	83.9	209.2	352.5	139.8	59.0	220.4	212.1	n.p.	6,071.2	
July	1,665.5	147.9	394.0	839.8	n.p.	522.5	739.1	83.3	210.1	349.8	138.7	60.1	225.8	211.7	n.p.	6,112.3	
August	1,681.2	151.4	392.9	837.9	n.p.	527.9	749.2	83.0	210.1	347.9	137.2	61.2	230.5	212.0	n.p.	6,156.8	
September	1,700.4	155.0	390.6	833.0	n.p.	531.8	760.0	82.6	210.0	348.7	136.0	62.1	233.9	213.8	n.p.	6,204.5	
October	1,722.0	158.3	388.6	826.8	n.p.	533.5	769.6	82.2	210.7	351.7	135.2	62.3	235.8	217.3	n.p.	6,254.3	
November	1,743.6	161.1	388.0	822.6	n.p.	534.3	774.9	82.0	213.3	357.3	135.2	61.8	236.8	222.0	n.p.	6,308.1	
December	1,764.9	163.6	389.6	823.2	n.p.	535.5	775.5	82.1	217.9	365.3	136.3	61.0	237.8	227.8	n.p.	6,373.8	
1989																	
January	1,785.8	165.9	392.6	828.8	n.p.	537.5	772.1	82.3	223.3	374.2	137.9	59.9	239.4	233.4	n.p.	6,445.3	
February	1,806.1	167.9	396.4	838.0	n.p.	539.0	767.3	82.7	228.7	383.1	139.8	58.9	241.5	238.6	n.p.	6,515.7	
March	1,824.4	169.5	400.4	849.0	n.p.	539.2	763.0	83.2	233.6	391.6	142.2	58.1	243.7	243.5	n.p.	6,581.1	
April	1,841.5	170.7	404.6	860.7	n.p.	539.9	759.3	83.8	237.7	399.2	144.7	57.6	245.6	247.0	n.p.	6,639.8	

See footnotes at end of table.

TABLE 3. TURNOVER OF RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS,
MONTHLY ESTIMATES BY INDUSTRY, AT CURRENT PRICES, AUSTRALIA (a) (b)—continued

Month	Grocers, confect- ioners, tobacc- onists	Butchers	Other food stores	Hotels, liquor stores, licensed clubs	Cafes and rest- aurants	Clothing and fabrics stores	Depart- ment & general stores	Footwear stores	Domestic hardware stores, jewellers	Elec- trical goods stores	Furni- ture stores	Floor cover- ings stores	Pharma- cies	News- agents	Other stores	Total
1988																
February	0.5	-0.1	1.3	0.4	n.p.	0.2	0.5	1.9	1.4	1.1	1.8	1.4	0.5	0.2	n.p.	0.6
March	0.5	0.3	1.6	0.5	n.p.	0.3	0.2	1.1	2.2	0.7	2.2	1.1	1.0	0.7	n.p.	0.6
April	0.4	0.7	1.6	0.5	n.p.	0.5	0.0	0.0	2.5	0.2	1.8	0.9	1.6	0.6	n.p.	0.6
May	0.5	1.5	1.4	0.4	n.p.	1.0	0.0	-0.7	2.1	-0.2	0.7	1.4	2.2	0.1	n.p.	0.6
June	0.6	2.1	1.0	0.4	n.p.	1.6	0.2	-0.7	1.5	-0.5	-0.4	1.5	2.5	0.0	n.p.	0.7
July	0.8	2.2	0.3	0.1	n.p.	1.5	0.8	-0.7	0.4	-0.8	-0.8	1.9	2.5	-0.2	n.p.	0.7
August	0.9	2.4	-0.3	-0.2	n.p.	1.0	1.4	-0.4	0.0	-0.5	-1.1	1.8	2.1	0.1	n.p.	0.7
September	1.1	2.4	-0.6	-0.6	n.p.	0.7	1.4	-0.5	0.0	0.2	-0.9	1.5	1.5	0.8	n.p.	0.8
October	1.3	2.1	-0.5	-0.7	n.p.	0.3	1.3	-0.5	0.3	0.9	-0.6	0.3	0.8	1.6	n.p.	0.8
November	1.3	1.8	-0.2	-0.5	n.p.	0.1	0.7	-0.2	1.2	1.6	0.0	-0.8	0.4	2.2	n.p.	0.9
December	1.2	1.6	0.4	0.1	n.p.	0.2	0.1	0.1	2.2	2.2	0.8	-1.3	0.4	2.6	n.p.	1.0
1989																
January	1.2	1.4	0.8	0.7	n.p.	0.4	-0.4	0.2	2.5	2.4	1.2	-1.8	0.7	2.5	n.p.	1.1
February	1.1	1.2	1.0	1.1	n.p.	0.3	-0.6	0.5	2.4	2.4	1.4	-1.7	0.9	2.2	n.p.	1.1
March	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.3	n.p.	0.0	-0.6	0.6	2.1	2.2	1.7	-1.4	0.9	2.1	n.p.	1.0
April	0.9	0.7	1.0	1.4	n.p.	0.1	-0.5	0.7	1.8	1.9	1.8	-0.9	0.8	1.4	n.p.	0.9
1988																
February	5.5	-2.3	10.9	9.4	n.p.	8.4	7.3	12.6	12.2	17.1	4.4	18.6	8.3	4.2	n.p.	7.9
March	5.3	-2.7	11.8	9.3	n.p.	8.1	6.9	13.5	14.4	15.9	8.5	17.4	8.2	3.1	n.p.	7.9
April	5.3	-2.9	12.6	9.1	n.p.	7.4	6.1	12.7	16.4	14.4	11.4	16.0	8.6	1.9	n.p.	7.8
May	5.5	-2.2	12.8	8.7	n.p.	6.6	5.4	11.0	17.2	12.8	11.9	15.3	9.7	0.1	n.p.	7.7
June	6.0	-0.5	12.2	8.1	n.p.	6.1	5.0	9.5	16.4	11.1	9.8	14.8	11.3	-1.3	n.p.	7.5
July	6.7	1.7	10.9	7.0	n.p.	5.8	5.2	8.0	14.2	9.1	7.2	14.9	12.8	-2.4	n.p.	7.3
August	7.2	4.8	9.2	5.5	n.p.	5.9	6.2	7.5	12.2	7.5	4.7	15.9	14.3	-2.5	n.p.	7.3
September	7.9	8.5	7.8	3.7	n.p.	6.5	7.3	6.9	11.1	6.6	3.3	17.2	15.5	-1.1	n.p.	7.4
October	8.6	12.2	7.0	2.1	n.p.	7.0	8.0	5.5	11.1	6.1	2.9	16.9	16.2	1.5	n.p.	7.8
November	9.3	15.3	6.7	1.0	n.p.	7.4	8.0	3.8	12.6	6.1	3.3	14.9	16.4	5.0	n.p.	8.1
December	10.0	17.9	6.9	0.7	n.p.	7.8	7.3	1.7	15.1	6.6	4.4	11.9	16.9	8.7	n.p.	8.8
1989																
January	10.8	20.0	7.0	1.0	n.p.	8.2	6.1	-0.4	17.5	7.6	4.8	8.1	17.5	11.8	n.p.	9.4
February	11.4	21.5	6.6	1.7	n.p.	8.3	5.0	-1.8	18.6	8.9	4.3	4.8	17.9	14.1	n.p.	10.0
March	12.0	22.3	6.0	2.6	n.p.	8.0	4.2	-2.2	18.5	10.5	3.9	2.3	17.8	15.6	n.p.	10.4
April	12.6	22.3	5.4	3.5	n.p.	7.6	3.7	-1.5	17.7	12.4	3.9	0.5	16.8	16.6	n.p.	10.8

(a) Excludes motor vehicle dealers, petrol stations, etc. (b) Prior to June 1988, these series reflect retail sales adjusted to a turnover basis - see paragraph 2 of Explanatory Notes. (c) The standard error of the estimates for the latest month and of the latest month from the preceding month - see paragraphs 8 to 11 of Explanatory Notes. (d) Subject to revision - see paragraphs 21 to 25 of Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 4. TURNOVER OF RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS,
 QUARTERLY ESTIMATES BY INDUSTRY, AT CONSTANT (AVERAGE 1984-85) PRICES, AUSTRALIA (a) (b)

Quarter	Grocers, confect- ioners, tobacc- onists	Butchers	Other food stores	Hotels, liquor stores, and licensed clubs	Cafes and rest- aurants	Clothing and fabrics stores	Depart- ment & general stores	Footwear stores	Domestic hardware stores, jewellers	Elec- trical goods stores	Furn- iture stores	Floor cover- ings stores	Pharma- cies	News- agents	Other stores	Total
	ORIGINAL \$ million															
1988																
March	3,950.8	349.7	861.6	1,922.7	n.p.	995.2	1,440.8	185.5	429.7	843.0	305.4	118.7	474.2	462.9	n.p.	13,465.5
June	3,863.2	343.0	834.9	1,776.2	n.p.	1,134.8	1,654.8	207.4	418.3	891.2	312.2	121.0	488.7	421.7	n.p.	13,622.9
September	3,865.1	372.5	826.9	1,774.9	575.4	1,146.4	1,549.9	180.1	424.9	878.6	319.1	133.8	530.9	418.3	657.5	13,654.2
December	4,259.4	414.3	863.9	2,046.9	622.0	1,327.7	2,344.1	201.3	703.8	1,041.1	345.3	140.3	606.7	490.9	843.5	16,251.2
1989																
March	4,003.0	378.2	826.1	1,851.8	635.3	1,001.0	1,401.6	167.5	497.8	875.8	288.2	106.3	523.2	486.3	646.1	13,688.2
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES \$ million																
1988																
March	3,995.4	362.2	858.7	1,903.2	n.p.	1,162.8	1,723.1	203.5	473.9	922.2	323.7	129.0	497.4	459.2	n.p.	14,235.2
June	3,947.9	351.5	861.2	1,895.8	n.p.	1,128.6	1,722.8	198.4	496.5	919.4	330.2	122.4	505.6	446.1	n.p.	14,099.0
September	3,933.8	373.6	833.8	1,868.8	n.p.	1,192.4	1,688.4	186.5	501.9	897.1	312.0	132.2	535.5	429.3	n.p.	14,097.7
December	4,002.4	383.5	827.0	1,836.2	n.p.	1,120.1	1,788.6	184.0	495.7	900.9	313.3	129.8	549.2	453.5	n.p.	14,312.2
1989																
March	4,102.7	396.5	831.5	1,857.6	n.p.	1,187.6	1,699.9	185.8	553.0	969.5	306.9	117.0	555.7	486.6	n.p.	14,670.6
% change from preceding quarter																
1988																
March	-0.4	-1.0	-1.8	-0.6	n.p.	1.7	-0.4	8.0	3.5	4.2	4.1	6.6	0.6	-2.4	n.p.	0.4
June	-1.2	-3.0	0.3	-0.4	n.p.	-2.9	0.0	-2.5	4.8	-0.3	2.0	-5.1	1.6	-2.9	n.p.	-1.0
September	-0.4	6.3	-3.2	-1.4	n.p.	5.7	-2.0	-6.0	1.1	-2.4	-5.5	8.1	5.9	-3.8	n.p.	0.0
December	1.7	2.6	-0.8	-1.7	n.p.	-6.1	5.9	-1.3	-1.2	0.4	0.4	-1.9	2.6	5.6	n.p.	1.5
1989																
March	2.5	3.4	0.5	1.2	n.p.	6.0	-5.0	1.0	11.6	7.6	-2.1	-9.9	1.2	7.3	n.p.	2.5
% change from corresponding quarter of previous year																
1988																
March	0.5	-4.1	5.0	1.1	n.p.	3.0	1.0	8.7	9.9	13.9	-2.7	8.9	2.7	-2.4	n.p.	2.4
June	-1.6	-9.6	3.4	1.8	n.p.	-1.8	1.1	5.7	14.7	10.2	8.1	3.8	1.8	-9.4	n.p.	1.2
September	-0.9	-2.6	-4.6	-2.3	n.p.	-0.8	-1.3	-3.1	8.1	6.4	-4.9	4.3	7.4	-13.1	n.p.	-0.6
December	-0.2	4.8	-5.4	-4.1	n.p.	-2.0	3.4	-2.4	8.2	1.8	0.7	7.2	11.0	-3.7	n.p.	0.9
1989																
March	2.7	9.5	-3.2	-2.4	n.p.	2.1	-1.3	-8.7	16.7	5.1	-5.2	-9.3	11.7	6.0	n.p.	3.1

(a) Excludes motor vehicle dealers, petrol stations, etc. (b) Prior to June 1988, these series reflect retail sales adjusted to a turnover basis - see paragraph 2 of Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 5. TURNOVER OF RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS,
MONTHLY ESTIMATES, AT CURRENT PRICES, AUSTRALIA, STATES AND TERRITORIES (a) (b)

Month	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Northern Territory	Australian Capital Territory	Australia
	ORIGINAL \$ million								
1988									
February	1,890.1	1,444.7	847.8	430.9	467.9	138.1	n.p.	102.3	5,378.2
March	2,060.5	1,592.8	944.1	489.4	518.9	150.6	n.p.	110.6	5,928.6
April	1,976.7	1,548.1	902.6	456.4	519.5	141.9	n.p.	108.9	5,712.6
May	2,036.7	1,575.1	962.0	475.7	521.2	144.8	n.p.	111.8	5,888.4
June	2,002.0	1,562.8	1,003.8	474.3	512.5	145.1	61.4	108.0	5,870.0
July	2,005.1	1,528.1	1,029.7	474.6	499.0	141.5	61.5	108.4	5,847.9
August	1,991.2	1,565.9	1,026.4	475.9	503.9	145.5	60.6	108.4	5,877.9
September	2,105.9	1,603.2	1,055.6	492.0	522.9	148.2	63.7	109.5	6,101.0
October	2,145.8	1,636.2	1,052.5	495.1	537.3	148.1	62.7	109.1	6,186.8
November	2,305.6	1,732.4	1,030.7	526.9	570.9	162.2	59.8	115.2	6,503.8
December	3,096.2	2,330.3	1,429.1	715.3	764.5	221.2	72.2	157.7	8,786.5
1989									
January	2,153.2	1,582.4	1,039.5	495.2	551.5	152.4	55.5	103.4	6,133.1
February	1,979.0	1,495.8	939.8	452.8	513.3	147.3	53.4	98.7	5,680.1
March	2,266.2	1,678.3	1,067.0	519.4	582.4	164.8	59.9	111.0	6,449.0
April	2,215.1	1,606.4	1,024.3	501.3	549.0	152.6	58.0	108.2	6,215.0
Standard error (c) of Level	37.0	26.0	19.7	10.6	9.2	3.3	1.5	3.6	51.6
Change	24.5	9.8	5.5	4.1	4.3	1.3	0.6	1.1	27.6

TREND ESTIMATES (d)

Month	TREND ESTIMATES (d) \$ million								
	1988								
February	2,077.8	1,574.7	944.5	480.5	524.0	148.5	n.p.	113.1	5,925.0
March	2,088.7	1,582.2	960.9	480.7	525.2	148.7	n.p.	112.6	5,959.8
April	2,090.3	1,592.8	981.5	481.2	526.7	148.8	n.p.	111.8	5,993.8
May	2,087.6	1,605.7	1,005.3	482.5	527.6	149.0	n.p.	110.9	6,030.4
June	2,087.5	1,620.0	1,027.1	485.1	527.7	149.6	n.p.	110.1	6,071.2
July	2,093.9	1,633.2	1,042.4	488.9	527.6	150.3	n.p.	109.6	6,112.3
August	2,110.7	1,644.6	1,049.9	494.5	529.2	151.3	n.p.	109.7	6,156.8
September	2,135.6	1,655.2	1,050.8	501.2	534.8	152.7	n.p.	110.5	6,204.5
October	2,164.6	1,663.9	1,048.5	507.9	544.1	154.5	n.p.	112.0	6,254.3
November	2,196.1	1,670.4	1,048.1	513.5	554.8	156.6	n.p.	113.5	6,308.1
December	2,229.8	1,676.6	1,053.7	518.7	564.9	159.1	n.p.	114.8	6,373.8
1989									
January	2,263.9	1,681.2	1,064.5	523.1	573.2	161.6	n.p.	115.4	6,445.3
February	2,297.7	1,684.7	1,077.1	526.6	579.9	163.7	n.p.	115.5	6,515.7
March	2,329.3	1,688.1	1,089.5	529.4	585.6	165.5	n.p.	115.4	6,581.1
April	2,358.9	1,690.2	1,100.9	531.1	590.0	166.7	n.p.	114.9	6,639.8

See footnotes at end of table.

TABLE 5. TURNOVER OF RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS,
MONTHLY ESTIMATES, AT CURRENT PRICES, AUSTRALIA, STATES AND TERRITORIES (a) (b)—continued

Month	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Northern Territory	Australian Capital Territory	Australia
	TREND ESTIMATES (d) % change from preceding month								
1988									
February	0.9	0.3	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.5	n.p.	-0.1	0.6
March	0.5	0.5	1.7	0.0	0.2	0.1	n.p.	-0.4	0.6
April	0.1	0.7	2.1	0.1	0.3	0.1	n.p.	-0.7	0.6
May	-0.1	0.8	2.4	0.3	0.2	0.1	n.p.	-0.8	0.6
June	0.0	0.9	2.2	0.5	0.0	0.4	n.p.	-0.7	0.7
July	0.3	0.8	1.5	0.8	0.0	0.5	n.p.	-0.5	0.7
August	0.8	0.7	0.7	1.1	0.3	0.7	n.p.	0.1	0.7
September	1.2	0.6	0.1	1.4	1.1	0.9	n.p.	0.7	0.8
October	1.4	0.5	-0.2	1.3	1.7	1.2	n.p.	1.4	0.8
November	1.5	0.4	0.0	1.1	2.0	1.4	n.p.	1.3	0.9
December	1.5	0.4	0.5	1.0	1.8	1.6	n.p.	1.1	1.0
1989									
January	1.5	0.3	1.0	0.8	1.5	1.6	n.p.	0.5	1.1
February	1.5	0.2	1.2	0.7	1.2	1.3	n.p.	0.1	1.1
March	1.4	0.2	1.2	0.5	1.0	1.1	n.p.	-0.1	1.0
April	1.3	0.1	1.0	0.3	0.8	0.7	n.p.	-0.4	0.9
1988									
February	9.9	5.3	10.1	4.4	5.7	10.8	n.p.	9.0	7.9
March	9.7	5.4	11.8	4.0	5.0	9.4	n.p.	7.3	7.9
April	8.9	5.3	14.1	3.5	4.5	8.1	n.p.	5.9	7.8
May	7.9	5.2	16.6	3.0	3.9	7.0	n.p.	4.5	7.7
June	6.9	5.0	18.4	2.8	3.3	6.6	n.p.	3.3	7.5
July	6.4	4.8	18.9	2.7	2.6	6.7	n.p.	2.2	7.3
August	6.6	4.8	18.3	3.2	2.1	7.0	n.p.	1.4	7.3
September	7.4	5.1	17.0	4.2	2.4	7.4	n.p.	1.0	7.4
October	8.2	5.7	15.5	5.5	3.7	7.7	n.p.	1.1	7.8
November	8.9	6.2	14.3	6.6	5.5	7.9	n.p.	1.3	8.1
December	9.4	6.8	14.0	7.8	7.6	8.5	n.p.	1.8	8.8
1989									
January	10.0	7.0	14.1	8.8	9.4	9.3	n.p.	1.9	9.4
February	10.6	7.0	14.0	9.6	10.7	10.2	n.p.	2.1	10.0
March	11.5	6.7	13.4	10.1	11.5	11.3	n.p.	2.5	10.4
April	12.8	6.1	12.2	10.4	12.0	12.0	n.p.	2.8	10.8

(a) Excludes motor vehicle dealers, petrol stations, etc. (b) Prior to June 1988, these series reflect retail sales adjusted to a turnover basis - see paragraph 2 of Explanatory Notes. (c) The standard error of the estimates for the latest month and of the latest month from the preceding month - see paragraphs 8 to 11 of Explanatory Notes. (d) Subject to revision - see paragraphs 21 to 25 of Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 6. TURNOVER OF RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS, QUARTERLY ESTIMATES, AT CONSTANT (AVERAGE 1984-85) PRICES, AUSTRALIA, STATES AND TERRITORIES (a) (b)

Quarter	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Northern Territory	Australian Capital Territory	Australia
1988									
March	4,746.7	3,562.2	2,152.9	1,099.1	1,171.7	336.6	n.p.	252.8	13,465.5
June	4,734.1	3,614.8	2,234.4	1,100.7	1,201.9	334.5	n.p.	261.1	13,622.9
September	4,717.8	3,562.2	2,381.6	1,107.3	1,157.1	331.7	141.2	255.4	13,634.2
December	5,767.2	4,269.6	2,654.3	1,316.2	1,402.0	399.3	146.7	296.0	16,251.2
1989									
March	4,847.9	3,542.0	2,270.2	1,101.5	1,216.3	344.5	126.0	239.9	13,688.2
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES \$ million									
1988									
March	5,061.3	3,731.5	2,272.8	1,164.4	1,221.0	353.4	n.p.	275.9	14,235.2
June	4,912.3	3,730.2	2,331.9	1,123.3	1,244.7	345.4	n.p.	265.1	14,099.0
September	4,879.6	3,719.0	2,412.9	1,137.3	1,186.3	346.9	n.p.	255.3	14,097.7
December	5,027.1	3,762.7	2,366.5	1,174.0	1,257.0	350.0	n.p.	265.4	14,312.2
1989									
March	5,231.1	3,750.0	2,416.7	1,178.8	1,279.2	366.6	n.p.	264.1	14,670.6
% change from preceding quarter									
1988									
March	3.2	-2.0	1.8	-0.4	-5.2	1.5	n.p.	-0.7	0.4
June	-2.9	0.0	2.6	-3.5	1.9	-2.2	n.p.	-3.9	-1.0
September	-0.7	-0.3	3.5	1.2	-4.7	0.4	n.p.	-3.7	0.0
December	3.0	1.2	-1.9	3.2	6.0	0.9	n.p.	3.9	1.5
1989									
March	4.1	-0.3	2.1	0.4	1.8	4.8	n.p.	-0.5	2.5
% change from corresponding quarter of previous year									
1988									
March	5.2	-0.8	4.3	0.3	-1.7	6.3	n.p.	2.2	2.4
June	1.5	-1.0	8.6	-3.7	-2.1	-1.4	n.p.	-1.4	1.2
September	-0.4	-3.9	10.1	-4.8	-6.1	0.3	n.p.	-6.1	-0.6
December	2.5	-1.2	6.0	0.4	-2.4	0.5	n.p.	-4.5	0.9
1989									
March	3.4	0.5	6.3	1.2	4.8	3.8	n.p.	-4.3	3.1

(a) Excludes motor vehicle dealers, petrol stations, etc. (b) Prior to June 1988, these series reflect retail sales adjusted to a turnover basis - see paragraph 2 of Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 7. TURNOVER OF RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS, MONTHLY ESTIMATES, AT CURRENT PRICES, BY INDUSTRY, STATES AND ACT (a) (b)

Month	NEW SOUTH WALES										Total					
	Grocers, confectioners, tobacconists	Butchers	Other food stores	Hotels, liquor stores, licensed clubs	Cafes and restaurants	Clothing and fabrics stores	Departmental general stores	Footwear stores	Domestic hardware stores, jewellers	Electrical goods stores		Furniture stores	Floor coverings stores	Pharmacies	Newsagents	Other stores
1988	ORIGINAL \$ million															
February	457.6	49.4	132.5	335.9	n.p.	130.1	210.3	20.8	65.3	102.7	40.0	17.8	72.2	93.2	n.p.	1,890.1
March	496.4	53.1	143.0	363.9	n.p.	147.1	246.6	22.1	67.9	115.8	42.9	20.9	74.8	94.8	n.p.	2,060.5
April	480.0	48.7	136.8	351.5	n.p.	151.9	253.9	24.3	59.2	107.0	36.8	14.0	75.2	77.3	n.p.	1,976.7
May	476.4	49.4	138.3	335.0	n.p.	163.4	265.4	25.0	65.5	123.9	44.7	15.7	77.6	85.0	n.p.	2,036.7
June	478.4	52.3	135.8	332.9	88.1	155.8	248.7	22.7	59.5	113.9	42.4	19.9	84.6	80.1	86.9	2,002.0
July	474.4	56.1	137.1	334.1	99.6	148.1	253.3	22.5	56.0	110.1	40.1	19.3	85.8	78.7	89.7	2,005.1
August	489.4	56.1	135.7	323.3	94.2	143.8	235.0	18.7	61.1	111.5	37.9	22.9	94.8	81.2	85.7	1,991.2
September	503.8	63.2	134.1	345.2	95.1	166.5	262.8	26.1	64.5	105.9	42.5	22.2	97.2	81.1	95.8	2,105.9
October	503.2	65.1	137.9	361.6	98.8	165.3	264.8	27.7	75.3	98.8	43.6	20.1	96.3	86.0	101.2	2,145.8
November	529.4	61.6	137.1	361.9	114.9	174.8	314.3	23.5	98.8	118.4	46.6	20.6	94.7	96.4	112.6	2,305.6
December	620.1	83.8	149.9	436.7	130.8	252.5	574.1	29.9	184.9	166.8	53.3	21.5	121.2	107.7	163.1	3,096.2
1989	TREND ESTIMATES (d)															
January	501.7	69.1	147.5	362.9	129.5	159.4	229.1	25.1	90.0	107.8	40.0	12.9	96.5	86.7	95.0	2,153.2
February	497.4	62.3	130.3	328.1	107.4	129.1	191.2	19.4	82.5	99.6	37.5	14.8	90.5	100.6	88.3	1,979.0
March	568.2	69.6	136.4	381.1	112.1	155.8	262.3	24.3	83.6	111.7	42.7	14.4	97.1	99.3	107.6	2,266.2
April	540.4	64.9	133.4	387.8	107.9	171.4	250.2	27.3	83.9	108.5	42.8	16.1	90.7	93.7	96.1	2,215.1
Level	18.2	6.7	10.0	18.4	8.6	8.4	0.0	2.7	12.2	7.3	4.2	1.9	5.9	8.0	9.1	37.0
Change	16.5	1.4	2.6	10.2	5.9	4.5	0.0	1.5	9.6	5.5	1.8	1.1	3.3	2.1	3.9	24.5
1988	% change from preceding month															
November	514.0	66.3	134.9	344.6	n.p.	168.2	284.8	24.3	82.5	110.1	42.5	18.8	97.2	88.5	n.p.	2,196.1
December	521.8	68.4	135.5	346.3	n.p.	171.3	284.0	24.6	87.0	112.3	43.3	18.2	97.6	91.0	n.p.	2,229.8
1989	% change from preceding month															
January	530.5	69.8	136.5	352.0	n.p.	174.5	282.7	25.1	91.3	115.1	43.7	17.7	98.1	93.4	n.p.	2,263.9
February	540.1	70.7	137.4	360.5	n.p.	177.5	281.6	25.7	95.0	118.0	44.2	17.4	98.6	95.8	n.p.	2,297.7
March	549.6	71.0	138.0	370.2	n.p.	180.0	281.1	26.4	97.9	120.8	44.8	17.2	99.0	98.3	n.p.	2,329.3
April	559.0	71.1	138.4	381.1	n.p.	182.7	281.7	27.0	100.1	123.4	45.5	17.2	99.3	100.3	n.p.	2,358.9
1988	% change from preceding month															
November	1.3	4.4	-0.2	-0.7	n.p.	2.0	0.4	0.8	4.8	0.8	1.9	-3.6	0.7	2.4	n.p.	1.5
December	1.5	3.2	0.4	0.5	n.p.	1.8	-0.3	1.2	5.5	2.0	1.9	-3.2	0.4	2.8	n.p.	1.5
1989	% change from preceding month															
January	1.7	2.0	0.7	1.6	n.p.	1.9	-0.5	2.0	4.9	2.5	0.9	-2.7	0.5	2.6	n.p.	1.5
February	1.8	1.3	0.7	2.4	n.p.	1.7	-0.4	2.4	4.1	2.5	1.1	-1.7	0.5	2.6	n.p.	1.5
March	1.8	0.4	0.4	2.7	n.p.	1.4	-0.2	2.7	3.1	2.4	1.4	-1.1	0.4	2.6	n.p.	1.4
April	1.7	0.1	0.3	2.9	n.p.	1.5	0.2	2.3	2.2	2.2	1.6	0.0	0.3	2.0	n.p.	1.3

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TABLE 7. TURNOVER OF RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS,
MONTHLY ESTIMATES, AT CURRENT PRICES, BY INDUSTRY, STATES AND ACT (a) (b)—continued

Month	Grocers, confectioners, tobacconists		Hotels, liquor stores, licensed clubs		Cafes and restaurants		Clothing and fabrics stores		Department general stores		Domestic hardware stores, jewellers		Electrical goods stores		Furniture stores		Floor coverings stores		Pharmacies		Newsagents		Other stores		Total	
	Butchers	Other food stores	Other food stores	Other food stores	Other food stores	Other food stores	Other food stores	Other food stores	Other food stores	Other food stores	Other food stores	Other food stores	Other food stores	Other food stores	Other food stores	Other food stores	Other food stores	Other food stores	Other food stores	Other food stores	Other food stores	Other food stores	Other food stores	Other food stores		
VICTORIA																										
ORIGINAL \$ million																										
1988																										
February	442.7	35.0	91.3	169.2	n.p.	145.1	120.6	67.5	70.4	36.9	15.3	49.7	n.p.	1,444.7												
March	484.5	38.6	97.1	177.3	n.p.	159.5	159.6	69.0	74.5	37.1	18.2	56.5	n.p.	1,592.8												
April	456.5	37.9	99.9	169.9	n.p.	165.8	170.1	63.7	72.4	34.6	16.2	50.8	n.p.	1,548.1												
May	445.6	38.9	92.4	158.5	n.p.	185.2	175.2	67.2	82.5	42.2	18.7	53.2	n.p.	1,575.1												
June	451.2	40.9	94.6	157.2	62.1	177.7	175.6	63.9	80.6	40.1	18.1	54.8	47.2	1,562.8												
July	452.5	39.2	89.0	165.8	64.9	173.0	151.5	65.6	79.1	37.6	14.8	52.4	44.6	1,528.1												
August	469.0	40.9	94.4	165.8	64.6	178.4	148.2	66.8	78.4	42.8	15.8	58.7	48.9	1,565.9												
September	486.8	39.2	103.8	182.8	63.9	168.8	162.9	63.3	81.6	36.3	16.3	53.1	44.8	1,603.2												
October	487.7	38.3	104.0	179.3	65.2	173.5	165.3	74.4	82.0	36.8	18.0	57.1	45.8	1,636.2												
November	506.6	37.0	109.6	174.4	67.5	174.8	202.0	76.3	90.1	37.7	19.9	58.3	51.7	1,732.4												
December	597.1	42.7	115.1	228.9	74.9	234.7	383.0	140.9	135.3	41.6	20.8	82.6	65.4	2,330.3												
1989																										
January	497.3	34.5	101.8	185.6	68.3	146.4	140.2	68.3	85.1	34.6	12.4	56.1	54.6	1,582.4												
February	478.7	32.2	101.8	165.7	68.3	135.5	128.8	61.0	78.3	34.2	14.1	51.0	49.2	1,495.8												
March	547.2	40.0	103.0	173.7	76.0	137.9	167.1	67.8	92.6	38.5	15.3	58.6	55.3	1,678.3												
April	497.0	39.2	104.8	158.0	78.4	147.4	159.0	64.5	95.7	37.3	17.8	55.3	51.0	1,606.4												
Standard error (c) of Level Change	12.9	5.4	8.9	8.2	8.1	9.9	0.0	2.4	3.5	3.5	2.9	3.7	7.3	260												
	2.6	1.0	4.5	4.2	3.6	3.3	0.0	0.8	1.3	1.0	2.6	1.1	2.4	9.8												
TREND ESTIMATES (d)																										
\$ million																										
1988																										
November	500.5	37.4	102.7	177.5	n.p.	172.0	184.5	71.9	89.8	34.2	16.8	57.8	49.0	1,670.4												
December	505.5	36.9	103.2	174.3	n.p.	168.1	185.4	71.3	92.4	34.8	16.7	58.1	49.9	1,676.6												
1989																										
January	510.0	36.8	103.5	171.9	n.p.	164.6	183.6	71.2	94.7	36.2	16.5	58.5	51.1	1,681.2												
February	514.0	37.2	103.9	170.0	n.p.	161.3	180.7	71.4	96.9	38.1	16.4	59.1	52.4	1,684.7												
March	517.0	37.9	104.6	168.2	n.p.	157.8	177.8	71.7	99.0	40.2	16.4	59.6	53.8	1,688.1												
April	519.9	38.6	105.3	167.2	n.p.	154.5	175.1	72.2	101.0	42.1	16.6	59.9	54.9	1,690.2												
% change from preceding month																										
1988																										
November	1.2	-2.6	1.0	-1.6	n.p.	-2.4	1.6	-1.6	3.3	-2.3	0.0	0.3	0.6	0.4												
December	1.0	-1.3	0.5	-1.8	n.p.	-2.3	0.5	-0.8	2.9	1.8	-0.6	0.5	1.8	0.4												
1989																										
January	0.9	-0.3	0.3	-1.4	n.p.	-2.1	-1.0	-0.1	2.5	4.0	-1.2	0.7	2.4	0.3												
February	0.8	1.1	0.4	-1.1	n.p.	-2.0	-1.6	0.3	2.3	5.2	-0.6	1.0	2.5	0.2												
March	0.6	1.9	0.7	-1.1	n.p.	-2.2	-1.6	0.4	2.2	5.5	0.0	0.8	2.7	0.2												
April	0.6	1.8	0.7	-0.6	n.p.	-2.1	-1.5	0.7	2.0	4.7	1.2	0.5	2.0	0.1												

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TABLE 7. TURNOVER OF RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS, MONTHLY ESTIMATES, AT CURRENT PRICES, BY INDUSTRY, STATES AND ACT (a) (b)—continued

Month	QUEENSLAND										Total				
	Grocers, confectioners, tobacconists	Butchers	Other food stores	Hotels, liquor stores, licensed clubs	Cafes and restaurants	Clothing and fabrics stores	Department & general stores	Footwear stores	Domestic hardware stores, jewellers	Electrical goods stores		Furniture stores	Floor coverings stores	Pharmacies	Newsagents
ORIGINAL \$ million															
1988															
February	249.0	24.2	55.5	118.3	n.p.	69.6	73.5	12.8	17.3	61.8	20.3	7.8	27.4	34.4	847.8
March	271.1	28.4	59.4	132.2	n.p.	77.9	95.8	15.3	19.0	71.1	21.8	9.7	30.7	33.5	944.1
April	264.3	25.0	58.0	123.8	n.p.	74.1	104.4	16.0	18.1	55.8	19.2	7.4	27.6	29.8	902.6
May	260.3	26.8	65.4	132.0	n.p.	83.0	105.0	17.8	20.6	63.5	20.6	10.0	31.3	34.2	962.0
June	265.5	29.3	67.9	131.8	41.8	90.2	113.0	19.3	24.4	68.9	23.2	10.3	31.8	32.7	1,003.8
July	277.4	31.1	70.1	134.4	45.1	101.2	101.4	16.6	24.8	65.1	23.3	11.2	31.2	36.8	1,029.7
August	276.6	33.1	66.4	134.9	45.4	95.9	100.3	16.2	25.9	65.9	23.9	10.6	31.7	42.0	1,026.4
September	278.4	32.1	78.2	132.1	38.1	109.3	113.9	18.2	26.6	63.9	23.3	10.5	32.9	38.0	1,055.6
October	279.6	31.1	76.9	137.4	37.8	105.6	113.2	17.4	28.0	63.4	22.0	11.8	31.3	37.7	1,052.5
November	282.8	31.1	63.0	132.6	20.6	102.4	124.8	15.4	27.1	69.4	25.2	12.6	31.8	38.3	1,030.7
December	341.3	43.1	74.8	175.9	33.8	144.9	234.1	19.3	57.6	96.5	27.0	10.8	40.8	58.4	1,429.1
1989															
January	295.0	33.3	81.4	130.7	36.1	96.9	97.2	17.7	28.6	66.3	19.0	8.5	29.9	50.7	1,039.5
February	281.5	30.1	64.0	121.2	31.5	78.0	88.3	11.9	27.0	61.6	18.1	9.9	27.3	45.6	939.8
March	316.9	33.8	72.1	136.4	35.7	88.0	108.6	13.8	29.9	67.0	19.4	8.6	34.7	50.0	1,067.0
April	301.6	30.8	70.2	128.4	34.6	90.0	99.8	15.4	27.3	66.1	19.5	8.4	36.7	48.3	1,024.3
Standard error (c) of Level	8.1	4.3	5.7	9.2	4.8	7.9	0.0	1.5	3.5	2.9	1.8	1.5	4.4	5.4	19.7
Change	2.0	1.1	1.7	1.6	0.9	2.3	0.0	0.1	1.0	1.2	0.2	0.6	2.5	0.7	5.5
TREND ESTIMATES (d)															
\$ million															
1988															
November	287.9	32.7	70.1	132.8	n.p.	102.0	118.4	16.5	27.9	66.9	22.1	11.0	30.7	41.8	1,048.1
December	292.4	33.3	69.3	133.4	n.p.	102.2	119.0	16.4	28.3	67.6	21.9	10.6	31.3	43.8	1,053.7
1989															
January	297.6	33.8	69.4	134.4	n.p.	102.7	119.0	16.3	29.4	68.8	21.7	10.1	32.4	46.2	1,064.5
February	302.6	34.2	70.1	135.5	n.p.	103.0	118.7	16.2	30.7	70.3	21.6	9.7	33.9	48.7	1,077.1
March	307.0	34.3	71.1	136.7	n.p.	102.9	118.2	16.1	31.9	71.9	21.5	9.2	35.5	51.0	1,089.5
April	311.1	34.4	72.6	137.5	n.p.	102.8	117.2	16.1	32.9	73.6	21.4	8.8	37.2	52.9	1,100.9
% change from preceding month															
1988															
November	1.2	1.9	-2.0	-0.4	n.p.	0.2	0.8	-1.2	-1.1	0.3	-0.5	-2.7	-0.3	3.2	0.0
December	1.6	1.8	-1.1	0.5	n.p.	0.2	0.5	-0.6	1.4	1.0	-0.9	-3.6	2.0	4.8	0.5
1989															
January	1.8	1.5	0.1	0.7	n.p.	0.5	0.0	-0.6	3.9	1.8	-0.9	-4.7	3.5	5.5	1.0
February	1.7	1.2	1.0	0.8	n.p.	0.3	-0.3	-0.6	4.4	2.2	-0.5	-4.0	4.6	5.4	1.2
March	1.5	0.3	1.4	0.9	n.p.	-0.1	-0.4	-0.6	3.9	2.3	-0.5	-5.2	4.7	4.7	1.2
April	1.3	0.3	2.1	0.6	n.p.	-0.1	-0.8	0.0	3.1	2.4	-0.5	-4.3	4.8	3.7	1.0

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TABLE 7. TURNOVER OF RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS,
MONTHLY ESTIMATES, AT CURRENT PRICES, BY INDUSTRY, STATES AND ACT (a) (b)—continued

Month	Grocers, confect- ioners, tobacco- onists	Butchers	Other food stores	Hotels, liquor stores, licensed clubs	Cafes and rest- aurants	Clothing and fabrics stores	Depart- ment & general stores	Footwear stores	Domestic hardware stores, jewellers	Elec- trical goods stores	Furni- ture stores	Floor cover- ings stores	Pharma- cies	News- agents	Other stores	Total	
																	SOUTH AUSTRALIA
ORIGINAL \$ million																	
1988																	
February	132.7	8.4	30.3	55.6	n.p.	23.8	56.7	5.2	8.3	32.4	10.9	4.2	13.4	10.8	n.p.	430.9	
March	152.8	9.4	34.0	61.5	n.p.	28.2	70.6	6.6	8.5	35.9	11.8	4.5	13.9	12.3	n.p.	489.4	
April	141.9	8.3	33.5	55.4	n.p.	27.8	71.0	7.1	7.9	29.1	9.9	4.0	13.6	9.6	n.p.	456.4	
May	142.1	8.7	33.4	53.2	n.p.	30.4	76.2	7.7	8.9	35.0	13.1	4.4	14.1	10.5	n.p.	475.7	
June	144.8	9.4	34.3	54.0	17.9	29.4	71.0	7.3	8.7	34.6	14.1	4.3	15.3	10.4	18.8	474.3	
July	143.8	9.8	35.6	53.4	17.2	28.7	71.1	6.7	8.0	37.2	13.4	3.8	15.0	10.8	20.0	474.6	
August	148.9	10.5	34.4	52.4	17.2	26.9	67.3	6.0	9.4	36.3	13.7	4.2	16.6	11.0	21.1	475.9	
September	154.4	11.5	35.0	55.2	19.0	32.6	71.5	6.7	10.6	30.3	14.4	4.1	16.1	11.2	19.4	492.0	
October	155.5	12.1	33.4	57.4	17.8	31.2	71.4	6.8	11.7	31.2	14.7	3.8	16.1	11.8	20.2	495.1	
November	156.7	12.7	33.6	60.6	19.5	29.7	90.8	6.1	12.8	34.5	15.9	4.1	17.7	12.5	19.8	526.9	
December	183.9	15.6	37.2	83.9	37.1	45.2	141.4	8.0	21.3	48.3	18.4	4.6	21.6	16.2	32.6	715.3	
1989																	
January	149.4	12.5	35.9	64.1	22.2	33.5	64.3	6.2	11.0	33.5	13.1	4.0	15.7	11.3	18.4	495.2	
February	144.0	12.0	31.8	56.3	20.2	26.1	55.4	5.2	9.5	31.6	12.7	3.8	15.2	11.4	17.6	452.8	
March	158.3	12.7	38.0	66.6	24.1	30.0	70.4	6.2	11.0	32.2	14.0	4.5	16.2	12.5	22.6	519.4	
April	143.6	12.7	37.7	62.5	24.0	32.9	74.6	7.2	10.1	31.4	12.9	5.0	15.9	11.0	19.9	501.3	
Standard error (c) of																	
Level	3.0	2.2	4.1	5.5	4.6	4.0	0.0	0.6	0.8	1.9	1.3	0.5	1.2	0.6	2.4	10.6	
Change	0.7	0.3	0.8	2.9	0.5	1.0	0.0	0.2	0.7	0.3	1.0	0.3	0.2	0.2	2.0	4.1	

TREND ESTIMATES (d)

Month	TREND ESTIMATES (d)																
	\$ million																
% change from preceding month																	
1988																	
November	157.3	12.7	32.3	59.4	n.p.	32.0	78.2	6.6	11.5	33.9	15.3	3.9	16.7	12.5	n.p.	513.5	
December	157.5	12.9	32.8	60.2	n.p.	32.6	78.8	6.5	11.7	34.3	15.4	4.1	16.9	12.7	n.p.	518.7	
1989																	
January	156.6	12.9	34.1	61.1	n.p.	33.0	79.0	6.5	11.8	34.8	15.3	4.3	16.9	12.6	n.p.	523.1	
February	155.2	12.9	35.7	62.0	n.p.	33.3	79.0	6.5	12.0	35.2	15.0	4.5	17.0	12.4	n.p.	526.6	
March	153.5	13.0	37.5	62.8	n.p.	33.5	79.0	6.5	12.2	35.4	14.8	4.7	17.0	12.2	n.p.	529.4	
April	151.7	13.0	39.2	63.5	n.p.	33.7	78.9	6.5	12.4	35.5	14.5	4.9	17.1	11.9	n.p.	531.1	
1988																	
November	0.8	3.3	-1.2	1.2	n.p.	2.2	1.4	-1.5	1.8	0.0	2.0	2.6	1.2	3.3	n.p.	1.1	
December	0.1	1.6	1.5	1.3	n.p.	1.9	0.8	-1.5	1.7	1.2	0.7	5.1	1.2	1.6	n.p.	1.0	
1989																	
January	-0.6	0.0	4.0	1.5	n.p.	1.2	0.3	0.0	0.9	1.5	-0.6	4.9	0.0	-0.8	n.p.	0.8	
February	-0.9	0.0	4.7	1.5	n.p.	0.9	0.0	0.0	1.7	1.1	-2.0	4.7	0.6	-1.6	n.p.	0.7	
March	-1.1	0.8	5.0	1.3	n.p.	0.6	0.0	0.0	1.7	0.6	-1.3	4.4	0.0	-1.6	n.p.	0.5	
April	-1.2	0.0	4.5	1.1	n.p.	0.6	-0.1	0.0	1.6	0.3	-2.0	4.3	0.6	-2.5	n.p.	0.3	

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TABLE 7. TURNOVER OF RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS,
MONTHLY ESTIMATES, AT CURRENT PRICES, BY INDUSTRY, STATES AND ACT (a) (b)—continued

Month	Grocers,		Hotels,		Cafes		Clothing		Depart-		Domestic		Elec-		Furni-		Pharma-		News-		Total
	confect- ioners, tobacco- onists	Butchers	Other food stores	liquor stores, licensed clubs	and res- taurants	fabrics and general	ment & stores	Footwear stores	hardware stores, jewellers	goods stores	store stores	cover- ings stores	Pharma- stores	agents stores	Other stores						
WESTERN AUSTRALIA																					
ORIGINAL \$ million																					
1988																					
February	167.7	6.1	29.3	60.6	n.p.	28.3	45.4	5.8	11.6	32.0	9.8	5.2	18.2	15.3	n.p.	467.9					
March	186.8	7.2	30.0	65.2	n.p.	32.6	57.3	5.8	12.8	32.7	10.2	5.8	19.5	16.1	n.p.	518.9					
April	180.5	6.4	30.1	62.4	n.p.	34.7	64.7	7.6	13.7	33.0	10.2	5.5	19.1	14.2	n.p.	519.5					
May	171.3	6.7	29.7	55.1	n.p.	39.8	67.0	8.3	11.9	38.8	12.3	6.8	20.1	17.1	n.p.	521.2					
June	169.8	6.8	29.2	55.8	14.1	37.4	65.0	7.3	11.6	37.2	13.2	6.3	20.5	16.2	22.0	512.5					
July	162.8	6.9	28.1	56.7	13.2	34.7	60.9	7.8	9.7	36.1	13.1	7.4	22.6	14.9	24.1	499.0					
August	169.9	6.9	29.4	58.2	12.7	32.6	56.7	7.1	9.8	35.5	13.1	7.8	22.8	16.0	25.3	503.9					
September	174.6	5.4	29.9	62.0	15.0	32.8	64.7	7.9	11.1	34.1	13.2	7.7	22.9	14.4	27.2	522.9					
October	177.5	5.2	30.5	65.5	15.2	33.6	67.9	8.8	11.0	34.9	14.1	8.1	23.3	14.7	27.0	537.3					
November	181.1	5.1	30.5	66.8	16.3	36.4	80.1	8.2	13.1	40.0	14.9	8.4	23.2	15.8	31.2	570.9					
December	222.7	6.5	33.4	85.4	21.2	53.2	135.6	10.1	23.7	53.3	14.6	7.8	31.1	21.6	44.3	764.5					
1989																					
January	182.6	5.6	30.3	70.8	20.6	33.7	59.9	7.1	10.2	39.0	12.6	8.0	21.5	21.0	28.7	551.5					
February	175.4	5.5	29.9	66.3	20.3	30.3	51.2	6.0	10.7	35.0	12.2	7.7	20.0	17.0	25.8	513.3					
March	195.6	6.6	33.8	76.9	25.3	35.6	66.3	6.9	11.7	41.2	9.2	7.9	20.7	16.0	28.6	582.4					
April	177.4	6.5	30.2	69.5	23.5	40.9	67.5	7.1	10.8	40.7	9.9	6.7	19.4	12.6	26.3	549.0					
Standard error (c) of																					
Level	3.7	1.3	2.9	4.4	3.7	2.2	0.0	0.3	1.4	2.3	1.3	1.0	1.9	0.9	3.0	9.2					
Change	1.1	0.2	0.9	1.8	1.9	1.3	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.9	0.5	0.4	0.5	1.4	2.1	4.3					
TREND ESTIMATES (d)																					
\$ million																					
1988																					
November	183.7	5.5	30.1	65.4	n.p.	35.0	71.6	8.0	11.3	38.1	13.5	7.9	23.2	16.6	n.p.	554.8					
December	186.0	5.7	30.6	66.4	n.p.	36.6	71.9	7.9	11.8	39.6	13.2	8.1	23.0	17.2	n.p.	564.9					
1989																					
January	186.9	6.0	30.9	67.6	n.p.	38.3	71.8	7.8	12.4	41.2	12.8	8.2	22.7	17.4	n.p.	573.2					
February	186.9	6.3	31.3	69.0	n.p.	40.1	71.5	7.7	12.8	42.7	12.2	8.3	22.2	17.3	n.p.	579.9					
March	186.3	6.5	31.7	70.5	n.p.	41.7	71.4	7.6	13.2	44.1	11.6	8.3	21.7	16.9	n.p.	585.6					
April	185.4	6.7	31.9	71.7	n.p.	43.2	71.3	7.5	13.5	45.4	11.2	8.3	21.3	16.4	n.p.	590.0					
% change from preceding month																					
1988																					
November	1.9	-1.8	1.3	1.4	n.p.	2.9	1.0	0.0	3.7	3.5	-0.7	2.6	0.0	4.4	n.p.	2.0					
December	1.3	3.6	1.7	1.5	n.p.	4.6	0.4	-1.3	4.4	3.9	-2.2	2.5	-0.9	3.6	n.p.	1.8					
1989																					
January	0.5	5.3	1.0	1.8	n.p.	4.6	-0.1	-1.3	5.1	4.0	-3.0	1.2	-1.3	1.2	n.p.	1.5					
February	0.0	5.0	1.3	2.1	n.p.	4.7	-0.4	-1.3	3.2	3.6	-4.7	1.2	-2.2	-0.6	n.p.	1.2					
March	-0.3	3.2	1.3	2.2	n.p.	4.0	-0.1	-1.3	3.1	3.3	-4.9	0.0	-2.3	-2.3	n.p.	1.0					
April	-0.5	3.1	0.6	1.7	n.p.	3.6	-0.1	-1.3	2.3	2.9	-3.4	0.0	-1.8	-3.0	n.p.	0.8					

See footnotes at end of table.

TABLE 7. TURNOVER OF RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS,
MONTHLY ESTIMATES, AT CURRENT PRICES, BY INDUSTRY, STATES AND ACT (a) (b)—continued

Month	TASMANIA										Total				
	Grocers, confectioners, tobacco- onists	Butchers	Other food stores	Hôtels, liquor stores, licensed clubs	Cafés and rest- aurants	Clothing and fabrics stores	Depart- ment & general stores	Footwear stores	Domestic hardware stores, jewellers	Elec- trical goods stores		Furni- ture stores	Floor cover- ings stores	Pharma- cies	News- agents
	ORIGINAL \$ million														
1988															
February	45.4	3.3	7.0	18.1	n.p.	11.8	13.3	3.3	2.4	8.0	2.6	1.4	5.1	5.0	138.1
March	49.7	3.7	7.6	21.2	n.p.	10.5	16.1	2.7	2.5	8.6	3.1	1.6	5.8	5.6	150.6
April	46.8	3.2	7.1	19.3	n.p.	10.3	16.9	3.1	2.5	7.4	2.6	1.1	5.2	4.9	141.9
May	46.0	3.3	7.1	18.2	n.p.	11.4	16.6	3.3	2.6	9.5	3.0	1.4	5.8	5.0	144.8
June	46.1	3.6	7.0	18.1	2.5	11.1	17.2	2.8	2.5	9.9	3.3	1.2	5.8	5.2	145.1
July	46.5	3.7	7.8	18.1	2.2	10.6	14.3	2.6	2.5	9.5	3.3	1.1	6.1	4.9	141.5
August	47.3	3.9	7.6	18.0	2.4	11.3	14.8	2.3	2.6	9.4	2.7	1.2	5.9	5.3	145.5
September	47.6	3.9	7.6	18.4	2.6	11.3	16.1	2.3	3.6	8.9	3.7	1.5	6.0	5.8	148.2
October	49.0	3.9	7.8	19.2	2.8	10.8	15.9	2.3	3.2	8.0	3.6	1.5	5.8	5.2	148.1
November	50.6	3.6	7.8	20.0	3.2	12.9	21.2	2.6	3.2	9.1	3.8	1.5	6.1	5.7	162.2
December	60.2	5.3	10.2	29.8	6.2	19.2	34.8	3.4	6.6	11.0	4.9	1.3	7.7	7.6	221.2
1989															
January	48.7	3.9	8.9	24.1	5.0	11.1	14.0	2.0	2.8	7.0	3.4	0.9	5.9	4.9	152.4
February	47.0	3.7	8.2	21.6	4.5	11.2	14.0	2.4	2.6	6.4	3.6	1.2	5.6	5.3	147.3
March	53.8	4.3	8.7	24.8	4.9	11.7	16.1	2.2	2.7	8.1	4.1	1.4	6.2	5.6	164.8
April	49.5	3.8	7.5	21.9	4.3	11.8	16.3	2.5	2.5	8.6	3.6	1.3	6.0	4.8	152.6
Standard error (c) of Level	1.5	0.3	0.9	2.0	1.1	1.0	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.5	0.5	3.3
Change	0.3	0.2	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.3	1.3
	TREND ESTIMATES(d) \$ million														
1988															
November	49.4	4.0	8.2	20.5	n.p.	12.6	18.1	2.5	3.3	8.2	3.8	1.3	6.0	5.7	156.6
December	50.1	4.0	8.4	21.5	n.p.	12.6	18.2	2.5	3.2	8.1	3.9	1.2	6.0	5.5	159.1
1989															
January	50.8	4.1	8.6	22.4	n.p.	12.5	18.0	2.4	3.1	8.2	4.0	1.3	6.1	5.4	161.6
February	51.4	4.1	8.6	23.1	n.p.	12.5	17.8	2.4	3.1	8.4	4.1	1.3	6.2	5.3	163.7
March	51.8	4.1	8.5	23.6	n.p.	12.4	17.6	2.4	3.0	8.7	4.1	1.3	6.3	5.2	165.5
April	52.2	4.1	8.4	23.9	n.p.	12.3	17.4	2.3	3.0	9.1	4.2	1.4	6.4	5.1	166.7
	% change from preceding month														
1988															
November	1.4	2.6	2.5	3.5	n.p.	0.8	1.1	-3.8	0.0	-4.7	5.6	0.0	0.0	-1.7	1.4
December	1.4	0.0	2.4	4.9	n.p.	0.0	0.6	0.0	-3.0	-1.2	2.6	-7.7	0.0	-3.5	1.6
1989															
January	1.4	2.5	2.4	4.2	n.p.	-0.8	-1.1	-4.0	-3.1	1.2	2.6	8.3	1.7	-1.8	1.6
February	1.2	0.0	0.0	3.1	n.p.	0.0	-1.1	0.0	0.0	2.4	2.5	0.0	1.6	-1.9	1.3
March	0.8	0.0	-1.2	2.2	n.p.	-0.8	-1.1	0.0	-3.2	3.6	0.0	0.0	1.6	-1.9	1.1
April	0.8	0.0	-1.2	1.3	n.p.	-0.8	-1.1	-4.2	0.0	4.6	2.4	7.7	1.6	-1.9	0.7

See footnotes at end of table.

TABLE 7. TURNOVER OF RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS,
MONTHLY ESTIMATES, AT CURRENT PRICES, BY INDUSTRY, STATES AND ACT (a) (b)—continued

Month	AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY											Total				
	Grocers, confect- ioners, tobacc- onists	Butchers	Other food stores	Hotels, liquor stores, licensed clubs	Cafes and rest- aurants	Clothing and fabrics stores	Depart- ment & general stores	Footwear stores	Domestic hardware stores, jewellers	Elec- trical goods stores	Furni- ture stores		Floor cover- ings stores	Pharma- cies	News- agents	Other stores
	ORIGINAL \$ million															
1988																
February	25.3	1.5	5.8	13.4	n.p.	9.0	13.4	0.9	3.1	5.8	3.0	1.1	2.6	4.7	n.p.	102.3
March	26.5	1.5	6.1	13.7	n.p.	9.0	14.7	0.9	3.4	6.1	3.7	1.1	3.0	6.6	n.p.	110.6
April	26.5	1.6	6.1	12.7	n.p.	9.1	16.5	1.1	3.2	6.1	3.0	1.1	2.9	5.0	n.p.	108.9
May	26.0	1.5	6.6	12.4	n.p.	10.1	16.8	1.1	3.4	7.0	3.5	1.4	3.1	5.6	n.p.	111.8
June	26.1	1.7	5.8	12.4	8.2	9.1	15.1	1.0	2.9	7.4	3.6	1.4	3.1	4.9	5.4	108.0
July	26.4	1.7	6.9	12.5	8.3	9.5	15.1	0.9	2.9	6.6	3.4	1.3	3.0	4.8	5.1	108.4
August	26.6	1.8	6.5	11.8	9.3	9.0	13.5	0.8	2.9	6.3	3.9	1.6	3.2	5.2	5.7	108.4
September	26.8	1.8	5.9	12.4	9.4	8.1	14.8	1.1	3.9	6.3	2.9	1.2	3.5	4.8	6.7	109.5
October	27.1	1.8	6.1	12.7	8.9	7.0	14.5	1.1	3.9	6.3	3.1	1.2	3.5	4.8	7.0	109.1
November	26.5	1.8	5.7	13.4	9.2	7.8	17.4	1.1	4.3	7.1	3.8	1.3	3.7	5.5	6.7	115.2
December	31.1	2.1	6.7	15.1	9.5	11.7	33.4	1.6	10.2	10.0	3.8	1.3	4.2	7.3	9.7	157.7
1989																
January	25.8	1.7	6.2	11.6	7.6	9.6	12.4	1.1	3.8	5.7	2.9	1.1	3.4	4.4	6.1	103.4
February	25.6	1.8	5.4	10.1	6.8	7.5	10.6	1.2	3.7	6.7	3.1	1.1	3.2	4.8	6.9	98.7
March	27.1	2.0	5.7	12.1	7.5	10.3	14.9	1.5	2.8	6.9	3.4	1.3	3.5	5.0	7.0	111.0
April	26.2	2.1	5.7	11.7	6.5	11.2	14.6	1.5	3.0	6.7	3.0	1.4	3.7	4.6	6.3	108.2
Standard error (c) of Level Change	0.9 0.2	0.3 0.1	0.7 0.4	0.8 0.4	1.2 0.8	2.6 0.4	0.0 0.0	0.0 0.0	0.2 0.1	0.9 0.2	0.3 0.1	0.1 0.1	0.6 0.4	0.6 0.2	0.8 0.3	3.6 1.1
	TREND ESTIMATES(d) \$ million															
1988																
November	27.1	1.8	5.8	12.6	n.p.	8.7	16.2	1.2	4.1	7.1	3.8	1.3	3.4	5.2	n.p.	113.5
December	27.1	1.9	5.9	12.4	n.p.	9.3	16.1	1.3	4.2	7.3	3.9	1.3	3.5	5.3	n.p.	114.8
1989																
January	27.1	1.9	6.1	12.2	n.p.	9.9	16.0	1.3	4.2	7.4	4.0	1.3	3.6	5.2	n.p.	115.4
February	27.1	2.0	6.2	12.0	n.p.	10.5	15.8	1.4	4.1	7.5	4.1	1.3	3.7	5.1	n.p.	115.5
March	27.1	2.0	6.2	11.8	n.p.	10.9	15.6	1.4	4.0	7.5	4.1	1.3	3.8	5.0	n.p.	115.4
April	27.0	2.1	6.3	11.7	n.p.	11.3	15.5	1.4	3.9	7.5	4.2	1.3	3.8	4.9	n.p.	114.9
	% change from preceding month															
1988																
November	0.4	0.0	1.8	0.0	n.p.	4.8	0.6	9.1	2.5	2.9	5.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	n.p.	1.3
December	0.0	5.6	1.7	-1.6	n.p.	6.9	-0.6	8.3	2.4	2.8	2.6	0.0	2.9	1.9	n.p.	1.1
1989																
January	0.0	0.0	3.4	-1.6	n.p.	6.5	-0.6	0.0	0.0	1.4	2.6	0.0	2.9	-1.9	n.p.	0.5
February	0.0	5.3	1.6	-1.6	n.p.	6.1	-1.3	7.7	-2.4	1.4	2.5	0.0	2.8	-1.9	n.p.	0.1
March	0.0	0.0	0.0	-1.7	n.p.	3.8	-1.3	0.0	-2.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.7	-2.0	n.p.	-0.1
April	-0.4	5.0	1.6	-0.8	n.p.	3.7	-0.6	0.0	-2.5	0.0	2.4	0.0	0.0	-2.0	n.p.	-0.4

(a) Excludes motor vehicle dealers, petrol stations, etc. (b) Prior to June 1988, these series reflect retail sales adjusted to a turnover basis - see paragraph 2 of Explanatory Notes. (c) The standard error of the estimates for the latest month and of the latest month from the preceding month - see paragraphs 8 to 11 of Explanatory Notes. (d) Subject to revision - see paragraphs 21 to 25 of Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 8. TURNOVER OF RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS,
MONTHLY ESTIMATES AT CURRENT PRICES, NORTHERN TERRITORY (a)

Month	Food stores, liquor stores, and licensed clubs (b)		All other stores		Total	
	\$ million	% change from preceding month	\$ million	% change from preceding month	\$ million	% change from preceding month
1988						
June	43.9		17.4		61.4	
July	43.3	-1.4	18.1	4.0	61.5	0.2
August	42.3	-2.3	18.2	0.6	60.6	-1.5
September	44.7	5.7	18.9	3.8	63.7	5.1
October	44.1	-1.3	18.4	-2.6	62.7	-1.6
November	40.1	-9.1	19.7	7.1	59.8	-4.6
December	45.6	13.7	26.8	36.0	72.2	20.7
1989						
January	39.6	-13.2	15.8	-41.0	55.5	-23.1
February	38.4	-3.0	15.0	-5.1	53.4	-3.8
March	42.5	10.7	17.3	15.3	59.9	12.2
April	41.0	-3.5	17.1	-1.2	58.0	-3.2
Standard error (c) of						
Level	1.4		0.6		1.5	
Change	0.5		0.4		0.6	

Note: Series is not long enough to provide sufficient information to allow reliable seasonal adjustment estimates. (a) Excludes motor vehicle dealers, petrol stations, etc. (b) Includes Grocers, confectioners and tobacconists, Butchers, Other food stores, Hotels, liquor stores, licensed clubs, Cafes and restaurants. (c) The standard error of the estimates for the latest month and of the latest month from the preceding month - see paragraphs 8 to 11 of Explanatory Notes.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

This publication presents monthly retail trade series based on estimates of the value of turnover of retail establishments classified by industry, and by State. These series replace the statistics based on the value of retail sales published up to June 1988.

2. From June 1988 the series in this publication are based on turnover data obtained from a sample of retail establishments. For the period until June 1988 the series have been adjusted to a turnover basis using movements in the previous retail sales series. Linked historical data are available on AUSSTATS, or can be provided by the ABS. More information on the survey methodology and the procedures used to link statistics for the new series with those for months prior to June 1988 are contained in the Information Paper: 'Introduction of Improved Monthly Retail Trade Statistics', (Catalogue no. 8511.0).

Scope and coverage

3. The estimates of turnover are derived from a survey covering all States and the two Territories. It includes in its scope all retail trade establishments classified to ASIC subdivision 48, *except* motor vehicle dealers, service stations, etc (ASIC classes 4861-4868); milk and bread vendors (4878-4879); shoe repairers (4846); and electrical appliance repairers n.e.c. (4857). *Also included* are cafes and restaurants (9231); hotels, etc. (mainly drinking places) (9232); licensed clubs (9241-9243); and hairdressers (9351-9352).

4. Retail establishments which do not have employees are excluded from the coverage of the survey.

Definition of Turnover

5. 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).

Industry Detail

6. The names of the industries for which statistics are published in this bulletin align with the titles given in ASIC, except for the following groupings:

Other food stores: ASIC classes 4883, 4885, 4886

Hotels, liquor stores, licensed clubs: ASIC classes 9232, 4884, 9241, 9242, 9243

Clothing and fabrics stores: ASIC classes 4843, 4844, 4847

Electrical goods stores: ASIC classes 4855, 4856

Other stores: ASIC classes 4892, 4893, 4895, 4896, 4897, 9351, 9352

Constant Price Statistics

7. To enable analysis of the movement of retail activity in 'real' terms, estimates of retail turnover at constant (average 1984-85) prices are compiled 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.

Reliability of Estimates

8. Retail trade statistics may be subject to error from various sources, which are usually classified as either sample or non-sample error.

Sample error

9. Since retail turnover is estimated from a survey which includes a sampled component, the estimates are subject to sampling error. That is, they may differ from figures that would have resulted if all enterprises with retail establishments were included in the survey. One measure of the likely difference is given by the standard error. There are about two chances in three that a sample estimate will differ by less than one standard error from the figure that would have been obtained if all in-scope units had been included, and about nineteen chances in twenty that the difference will be less than two standard errors.

10. Standard errors of estimates for the latest month and of estimates of change since the preceding month are shown in the tables. An example of the use of these standard errors is given below:

The *estimated change* of -\$234.0 million (-3.6 per cent) in the total value of turnover between March 1989 and April 1989 has a standard error of about \$27.6 million (0.4 per cent). Therefore, there are two chances in three that the change which would have been obtained if all units had been included in the survey would be within the range -\$261.6 million to -\$206.4 million (-4.0 per cent to -3.2 per cent) and nineteen chances in twenty that the change would be within -\$289.2 million to -\$178.8 million (-4.4 per cent to -2.8 per cent).

11. The standard errors for some industries in some States are relatively high and users are advised to exercise caution in interpreting movements for such series. Some users may wish to combine such industries to obtain an estimate of the combined group which is more accurate than the components. 1

1 The standard error of level of any such combination of industries may be calculated by squaring the standard error for each of the component industries, adding the squared standard errors together, and taking the square root of that sum. For example, suppose the standard error of level for Industry A is \$1.5 million and the standard error for Industry B is \$2.0 million. Then the standard error for the combination of Industries A and B is $\sqrt{(1.5)^2 + (2.0)^2} = \2.5 million.

12. Standard errors of estimates of change between non-consecutive months are not shown in publication tables. These standard errors are generally much higher than the standard errors of change between consecutive months. For example, the standard error of change between the latest month and the corresponding month of the previous year is, on average, approximately 1.4 times the standard error of level of the latest month.

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 percentage of the estimate as for the unadjusted series. For trend estimates, the standard errors are generally not larger than for the seasonally adjusted estimates and 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.

Non-sample error

14. This category includes a number of possible errors that arise in any type of collection, whether or not sampling of units is undertaken. The most significant of these errors are: misreporting of data items; deficiencies in coverage; non-response; and processing errors. In some cases the presence of these errors would, at least in part, be reflected in the size of the standard error.

15. *Reporting error.* Such error may arise because of poor form design, inability by survey respondents to provide requested data, or simply because of clerical error. Every effort is made to minimise reporting error by the careful design and testing of forms, and by examining inconsistencies both between different respondents and between the reports in successive months for each respondent.

16. Turnover is a relatively simple data item to collect accurately because it corresponds closely to total takings by respondents. While some reporting errors will be random and thus cancel out, others may be consistently in one direction and lead to bias in the results.

17. *Under coverage.* Because of limited sources available to identify enterprises with no employees, only enterprises with employees are included in the new survey. Non-employed units are estimated to account for approximately 6% of total turnover but their significance varies substantially from industry to industry. While the exclusion of such units will therefore lead to consistent underestimation of the level of turnover, their exclusion is considered to have a negligible effect on short term movements in Retail Trade.

18. Some error may also arise because of lags in the identification of new businesses. Studies undertaken by the ABS suggest that these lags also have a negligible impact on short term movements but lead to a small consistent underestimation of the level of turnover each month.

19. *Non-response.* The survey of Retail Trade is a monthly survey conducted to tight timetables so that not all forms are received in time for publication. Extensive telephone follow up is undertaken each month to obtain details for respondents who have not returned forms by the due date. Despite this, it is necessary to impute responses for approximately 5% of selected units (which are, in the main, small retailers). The consequences of this imputation for data quality are also reflected, in part, in the size of the standard error.

20. *Processing errors.* Such errors may arise at any stage of processing. Editing procedures should detect significant errors at data entry stage, while all processing systems are thoroughly tested. Published tables are produced directly from 'camera-ready' computer output to avoid the possibility of clerical transcription errors at the tabulation stage.

Seasonally Adjusted and Trend Estimates

21. 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.

22. 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). For total turnover for Australia, adjustment has also been made for the effects of change in the date of Easter and Australia Day holidays. Seasonal adjustment does not remove from the series the effect of irregular influences (e.g. abnormal weather, industrial disputes) and the seasonally adjusted estimates still reflect the sampling and non-sampling errors to which the original estimates are subject.

23. The smoothing of seasonally adjusted series to create trend estimates is a means of reducing the impact of the irregular component of the series. The trend estimates are derived by applying a 13-term Henderson-weighted moving average to the respective seasonally adjusted series. These trend series are used to analyse the underlying behaviour of the series over time.

24. While this smoothing technique enables estimates of trend to be produced for the latest month, it does result in revisions to the estimates for the most recent months as data for subsequent months become available. Generally, subsequent revisions become smaller and after 3 months have a negligible impact on the series. To illustrate the effect of the seasonally adjusted results on the trend series movement, if the May seasonally adjusted result shows a +1.0% movement, then the trend movement would be +0.9% for May, +1.1% for April and +1.1% for March. A -1.0% seasonally adjusted result would return trend movements of +0.7%, +0.8% and +0.9% respectively.

25. Users may wish to refer to the ABS Information Papers *A Guide to Smoothing Time Series - Estimates of 'Trend'* (1316.0) and *Time Series Decomposition - An*

Overview (1317.0) for more detailed information on smoothing seasonally adjusted time series data.

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