

Table 1 Seasonally Adjusted Indices of Total Retail Sales ¹

Base: year 1995=100

Period	Total Retail Sales for all Businesses Combined						Total Retail Sales excluding Motor Trades	
	Value of Sales			Volume of Sales			Value Index	Volume Index
	Index	% change on previous period	Annual % change	Index	% change on previous period	Annual % change		
1996 Year	107.9	7.9	7.9	105.9	5.9	5.9	106.6	104.7
1997 Year	117.6	9.0	9.0	114.3	7.9	7.9	115.1	112.5
1998 Year	129.0	9.7	9.7	123.4	8.0	8.0	126.4	121.2
1997 Quarter 1	112.5	1.4	7.0	109.7	1.4	5.9	110.9	108.5
Quarter 2	114.3	1.6	6.8	111.4	1.5	5.8	111.9	109.8
Quarter 3	118.6	3.8	10.2	115.5	3.7	9.5	115.9	113.6
Quarter 4	123.5	4.1	11.3	119.3	3.3	10.3	118.4	115.2
1998 Quarter 1	124.3	0.6	10.5	120.1	0.7	9.5	120.8	117.2
Quarter 2	127.1	2.3	11.2	121.7	1.3	9.2	124.0	119.1
Quarter 3	130.7	2.8	10.2	124.7	2.5	8.0	126.4	120.7
Quarter 4	132.6	1.5	7.4	126.2	1.2	5.8	130.9	124.7
1999 Quarter 1	138.9	4.8	11.7	132.3	4.8	10.2	132.2	126.0
Quarter 2	140.2	0.9	10.3	132.3	0.0	8.7	134.0	126.9
Quarter 3	143.8	2.6	10.0	135.2	2.2	8.4	138.3	130.7
1998 September	131.6	1.6	9.8	125.5	1.8	7.6	127.1	121.1
October	131.2	-0.3	8.3	125.0	-0.4	6.4	128.6	122.5
November	133.5	1.8	8.4	127.6	2.1	7.0	133.0	127.0
December	132.9	-0.4	5.7	126.0	-1.3	4.3	131.0	124.6
1999 January	135.8	2.2	11.1	130.1	3.3	9.7	128.5	123.3
February	137.2	1.0	8.9	130.6	0.4	7.4	131.4	125.2
March	142.7	4.0	14.5	135.5	3.8	12.9	135.7	128.8
April	135.7	-4.9	8.5	128.5	-5.2	7.0	131.4	124.9
May	140.4	3.5	9.5	132.4	3.0	7.8	134.4	127.3
June	143.6	2.3	12.3	135.3	2.2	10.7	135.7	128.2
July	143.0	-0.4	9.3	135.3	0.0	8.1	137.0	130.2
August	145.3	1.6	12.2	136.2	0.7	10.5	138.0	130.3
September	143.3	-1.4	8.9	134.3	-1.4	7.0	139.5	131.4
October ²	147.0	2.6	12.0	137.0	2.0	9.6	141.9	132.9
12 months ending Sept. 1999	138.9	9.9	9.9	131.5	8.2	8.2	133.8	127.1
12 months ending Oct. 1999 ²	140.1	10.1	10.1	132.4	8.5	8.5	134.8	127.9
3 months ending Sept. 1999	143.8	2.6	10.0	135.2	2.2	8.4	138.3	130.7
3 months ending Oct 1999 ²	145.1	1.9	10.9	135.7	1.0	8.8	139.8	131.5

¹ Based on Seasonal Patterns up to June 1999² Provisional value and volume of sales indices based on early returns from sample retailers

Table 2 Seasonally Adjusted¹ Value and Volume Indices of Retail Sales for 13 Retail Businesses, September 1999
Base Year: 1995 = 100

Retail Business - NACE REV 1	September 1999						July - September 1999					
	Value of Sales			Volume of Sales			Value of Sales			Volume of Sales		
	Index	% change on previous month	Annual % change	Index	% change on previous month	Annual % change	Index	% change on previous 3 months	Annual % change	Index	% change on previous 3 months	Annual % change
Motor Trades - NACE 50	155.9	-8.6	6.2	142.2	-9.0	2.5	162.4	1.9	12.1	148.9	0.5	8.8
Non-Specialised Stores (excluding Department Stores) - NACE 52.11	135.8	1.9	7.7	120.8	1.6	5.1	133.7	3.8	7.4	119.4	3.3	5.0
Department Stores - NACE 52.12	158.0	-0.9	17.0	168.5	-1.2	20.1	158.7	4.0	16.5	170.0	5.8	19.9
of which:-												
Clothing and Footwear	169.2	0.0	17.1				169.5	3.8	17.2			
Furniture, Soft Furnishing, etc.	171.8	7.2	18.8				165.3	7.8	17.2			
Other Goods and Services	137.3	-1.6	15.6				138.1	2.8	15.1			
Specialised Stores - NACE 52 (remainder)												
Food, Beverages and Tobacco	100.7	-8.0	1.4	93.9	-7.4	-0.4	103.7	-0.8	2.2	97.0	-1.4	0.4
Pharmaceutical, Medical & Cosmetic Articles	165.7	-0.2	22.0	151.0	-0.4	19.5	163.1	4.1	21.3	149.0	3.2	18.5
Textiles and Clothing	136.6	-0.6	7.9	169.6	0.7	16.9	139.5	2.7	9.9	173.2	4.6	19.4
Footwear and Leather	140.4	2.5	5.8	156.9	1.9	9.1	137.8	1.8	7.9	155.6	4.0	11.2
Furniture and Lighting	144.3	11.8	11.0	134.4	11.9	10.3	138.8	3.8	10.2	130.3	4.6	9.5
Electrical Goods	176.7	-5.8	17.3	187.2	-5.4	19.8	183.0	6.4	17.5	193.7	6.8	20.0
Hardware, Paints and Glass	149.5	1.3	14.9	139.8	1.2	12.5	147.3	3.9	14.3	138.2	3.4	12.0
Books, Newspapers and Stationery	137.6	6.5	18.7	122.8	6.1	16.0	132.8	6.8	14.4	119.0	5.5	11.6
Other Retail Sales	148.9	-5.3	9.7	147.1	-4.8	9.7	151.6	2.7	9.9	149.8	2.7	10.1
Bars - NACE 55.4	133.9	2.8	8.7	116.7	2.5	5.0	131.5	-0.4	6.7	114.9	-1.4	3.0
All Businesses excl. Motor Trades	139.5	1.0	9.7	131.4	0.9	8.5	138.3	3.2	9.4	130.7	3.0	8.3
All Businesses	143.3	-1.4	8.9	134.3	-1.4	7.0	143.8	2.6	10.0	135.2	2.2	8.4

¹ Based on Seasonal Patterns up to June 1999, individual series are independently adjusted

TABLE 3 Seasonally Adjusted Value Indices of Retail Sales for 13 retail businesses, January 1996-September 1999
Updated on the basis of seasonal patterns up to June 1999

BASE: YEAR 1995 = 100

	YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Motor Trades	1996	105.8	110.0	115.5	114.4	117.0	112.1	110.2	114.6	113.3	118.9	117.7	114.6
	1997	119.3	117.9	117.9	122.1	122.2	125.2	125.6	126.5	130.4	135.3	143.5	158.3
	1998	129.4	139.7	134.5	136.0	139.7	140.4	146.6	140.8	146.8	138.9	135.6	137.5
	1999	152.4	154.5	162.5	149.2	158.5	168.2	162.4	170.5	155.9			
Non-Specialised Stores (excl. Department Stores)	1996	102.7	103.6	103.3	104.5	104.9	105.1	106.3	105.4	104.8	106.8	106.2	107.9
	1997	108.5	108.4	111.9	107.1	110.3	112.2	112.8	113.0	115.1	114.4	115.3	117.5
	1998	116.6	119.1	118.7	122.6	122.0	121.9	122.6	124.4	126.1	126.4	128.3	124.0
	1999	128.6	127.8	130.8	126.5	129.4	130.3	131.6	133.3	135.8			
Department Stores of which:-	1996	102.5	103.6	104.4	104.5	104.4	103.7	109.3	112.6	114.2	115.8	116.6	113.5
	1997	106.4	114.8	115.6	112.5	123.6	118.2	119.4	129.6	122.8	122.0	121.8	124.2
	1998	129.4	128.0	129.0	135.7	138.2	138.5	137.3	136.4	135.1	140.7	150.6	144.0
	1999	147.4	149.1	152.9	153.4	151.4	152.8	159.0	159.4	158.0			
Clothing and Footwear	1996	101.5	103.9	104.0	103.2	102.7	106.6	109.5	112.0	115.1	123.8	118.3	117.0
	1997	111.4	114.5	118.0	115.3	124.3	122.3	124.7	132.5	128.8	127.3	126.9	130.5
	1998	138.1	137.2	136.8	144.9	145.1	144.2	144.7	144.5	144.5	151.6	160.2	155.1
	1999	163.8	161.1	165.3	165.7	161.1	163.2	170.2	169.3	169.2			
Furniture, Soft Furnishings, etc.	1996	109.9	104.8	102.7	108.9	100.1	99.0	103.4	108.4	113.6	109.8	120.3	119.3
	1997	116.4	122.1	110.1	126.2	132.7	125.4	128.1	138.3	131.8	132.8	122.8	124.6
	1998	143.0	129.1	134.8	133.2	147.8	160.9	141.8	135.9	144.6	150.2	155.0	154.5
	1999	151.7	151.3	158.9	151.1	145.4	161.7	162.3	160.2	171.8			
Other Goods and Services	1996	103.8	102.7	105.3	103.0	104.4	103.5	109.0	111.6	114.3	110.5	110.3	108.3
	1997	98.3	111.7	114.4	100.4	114.4	110.8	103.8	117.1	111.3	113.4	111.2	116.7
	1998	116.1	115.8	115.3	121.4	118.6	122.3	120.9	120.6	118.8	124.9	130.6	127.1
	1999	129.6	132.8	133.0	133.8	133.4	135.7	137.6	139.5	137.3			
Specialised Stores Food, Beverages and Tobacco	1996	101.6	101.0	100.8	102.2	100.3	100.4	102.0	99.7	101.4	101.0	98.2	99.3
	1997	100.0	100.7	100.8	100.5	101.0	99.8	100.6	101.2	101.7	100.4	100.6	100.8
	1998	100.1	100.4	99.2	104.5	99.6	102.4	100.8	104.9	99.3	100.4	103.5	103.3
	1999	98.6	102.4	103.2	103.2	103.9	105.9	101.7	109.4	100.7			
Pharmaceutical, Medical and Cosmetic Articles	1996	102.0	101.2	102.9	104.6	105.2	106.3	104.6	105.7	107.8	109.3	105.9	107.6
	1997	109.1	110.2	110.5	111.6	109.9	112.8	114.4	115.1	116.2	116.8	119.1	121.7
	1998	126.8	126.8	116.1	119.2	128.4	130.1	133.5	133.9	135.8	128.7	141.0	156.1
	1999	146.3	147.0	152.0	153.8	158.1	157.8	156.7	166.1	165.7			
Textiles and Clothing	1996	103.4	103.8	102.6	107.1	103.7	112.2	100.6	114.3	94.9	111.7	109.3	111.4
	1997	110.1	107.2	112.1	109.5	109.5	113.0	110.6	117.5	115.6	113.5	114.5	118.7
	1998	118.7	120.5	120.6	123.1	130.4	123.1	131.0	123.3	126.6	127.4	130.5	127.7
	1999	122.8	139.0	140.2	134.9	135.0	137.3	145.2	137.4	136.6			

TABLE 3 Seasonally Adjusted Value Indices of Retail Sales for 13 retail businesses, January 1996-September 1999 - continued
Updated on the basis of seasonal patterns up to June 1999

BASE: YEAR 1995 = 100

	YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Footwear and Leather	1996	100.4	103.1	98.3	100.4	100.5	108.9	106.2	109.3	104.2	107.0	106.7	105.2
	1997	107.3	106.7	113.1	115.6	118.6	105.8	113.3	111.2	118.0	117.1	117.7	121.2
	1998	122.4	119.7	121.9	120.0	136.2	114.6	121.3	127.8	132.7	134.6	139.5	139.0
	1999	133.1	139.0	140.2	135.3	133.5	136.9	135.4	137.0	140.4			
Furniture and Lighting	1996	108.6	108.5	106.5	106.4	106.7	110.7	112.7	108.4	108.4	112.7	107.8	113.5
	1997	105.0	108.3	108.9	114.6	115.9	114.4	114.6	122.1	119.7	116.2	117.1	112.8
	1998	124.9	121.7	126.4	126.4	127.6	115.0	131.2	115.6	130.1	126.6	141.0	143.5
	1999	135.3	143.2	141.4	133.6	127.1	139.1	141.5	129.1	144.3			
Electrical Goods	1996	98.0	97.6	97.1	102.2	102.3	102.7	102.7	104.4	105.5	107.8	103.8	117.9
	1997	125.9	127.0	123.5	127.7	127.7	132.6	135.9	144.2	142.0	144.3	139.9	139.2
	1998	147.3	149.9	153.9	156.7	145.4	162.6	163.9	160.7	150.7	169.8	181.7	170.4
	1999	153.5	169.5	178.1	169.9	174.1	172.0	186.4	187.6	176.7			
Hardware, Paints and Glass	1996	104.6	104.9	103.8	102.0	105.7	107.9	106.3	107.2	109.3	113.5	111.2	112.3
	1997	110.9	107.3	113.0	117.5	114.5	120.0	125.0	119.0	115.6	116.7	117.9	119.0
	1998	122.2	124.4	126.5	123.0	133.8	119.9	127.8	128.6	130.1	130.8	132.5	122.2
	1999	138.4	138.5	141.1	140.8	145.9	139.4	144.2	147.5	149.5			
Books, Newspapers and Stationery	1996	98.5	101.7	101.8	100.3	103.1	103.3	102.2	102.4	105.0	106.9	105.0	109.2
	1997	108.5	107.7	109.1	102.3	112.1	109.3	111.0	112.2	110.3	111.9	114.9	114.3
	1998	112.8	114.9	113.0	117.3	112.6	115.4	114.0	118.6	115.9	116.3	124.0	117.8
	1999	121.0	117.1	122.8	121.4	123.2	127.8	130.3	129.2	137.6			
Other Retail Sales	1996	105.6	111.3	109.0	106.9	108.5	104.7	107.9	109.0	114.8	114.6	113.5	113.0
	1997	116.8	117.7	114.2	118.2	119.8	120.3	123.5	123.3	120.9	126.1	126.7	126.9
	1998	122.2	127.7	127.6	139.7	133.4	135.7	137.9	140.6	135.8	137.3	146.2	139.2
	1999	129.8	137.6	146.7	143.6	145.9	152.2	149.5	157.2	148.9			
Bars	1996	106.4	101.3	104.0	106.8	104.6	106.3	105.8	106.8	107.9	108.4	109.2	110.0
	1997	110.7	110.2	113.0	110.1	113.2	113.8	114.5	115.4	117.1	116.2	117.5	119.4
	1998	120.3	124.2	121.7	119.9	122.4	122.7	123.4	123.2	123.2	125.8	126.8	126.4
	1999	124.9	127.8	128.0	130.1	134.4	131.7	129.9	130.3	133.9			
All Businesses excl. Motor Trades	1996	103.0	103.4	103.9	104.6	104.7	105.7	105.5	106.6	106.1	108.8	107.8	109.4
	1997	109.8	109.7	112.7	109.6	112.2	113.6	114.8	115.8	116.9	116.7	117.7	119.3
	1998	119.2	121.4	121.6	123.4	124.5	124.1	126.1	126.1	127.1	128.6	133.0	129.8
	1999	128.5	131.4	135.7	131.4	134.5	135.7	137.0	138.0	139.5			
All Businesses	1996	103.6	104.7	106.5	107.5	107.7	107.0	106.6	108.6	107.7	111.3	110.0	111.0
	1997	112.5	111.4	113.6	112.9	114.6	116.2	117.3	118.4	119.9	121.2	123.1	124.9
	1998	122.2	126.0	124.6	126.5	128.2	127.9	131.0	129.5	131.6	131.2	133.6	131.9
	1999	135.8	137.2	142.7	135.7	140.4	143.6	143.0	145.3	143.3			

TABLE 4 Seasonally Adjusted Volume Indices of Retail Sales for 13 retail businesses, January 1996-September 1999
Updated on the basis of seasonal patterns up to June 1999

BASE: YEAR 1995 = 100

	YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Motor Trades - NACE 50	1996	104.3	108.4	113.5	112.2	114.1	109.4	107.6	111.8	109.7	114.6	113.4	109.7
	1997	114.5	112.6	112.4	116.5	116.9	119.0	119.2	119.9	122.8	128.1	136.8	149.6
	1998	122.1	132.3	127.2	128.6	132.0	132.7	138.5	132.8	138.7	131.7	129.6	130.6
	1999	144.6	145.7	152.8	139.2	147.2	156.0	150.0	156.3	126.9			
Non-Specialised Stores - NACE 52.11 (excl. Department Stores)	1996	101.0	101.8	101.1	102.3	102.4	102.7	103.6	102.5	101.5	103.3	102.7	104.2
	1997	104.5	104.3	107.4	103.2	106.1	107.4	107.7	108.1	109.5	108.6	108.9	110.3
	1998	109.5	111.4	110.6	113.8	112.4	111.7	112.2	113.7	115.0	115.1	116.7	112.2
	1999	116.5	115.3	117.6	114.0	115.9	116.6	118.1	119.0	120.8			
Department Stores - NACE 52.12 of which:-	1996	101.8	102.8	104.0	104.5	103.5	104.2	107.3	112.5	114.7	116.2	116.1	115.5
	1997	109.7	116.4	117.3	114.4	124.9	120.8	122.5	135.1	127.1	126.6	125.0	129.2
	1998	138.5	133.5	133.9	140.7	141.5	143.0	143.8	141.8	140.3	147.0	155.8	150.6
	1999	159.9	157.9	161.4	162.3	158.2	161.3	171.5	170.5	168.5			
Clothing and Footwear	1996												
	1997												
	1998												
	1999												
Furniture, Soft Furnishings, etc.	1996												
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Other Goods and Services	1996												
	1997												
	1998												
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Specialised Stores - NACE 52 (remainder) Food, Beverages and Tobacco	1996	101.1	100.4	99.8	101.1	99.0	99.6	102.6	98.7	100.8	100.7	98.4	99.2
	1997	99.2	100.0	100.3	100.0	100.8	99.1	100.1	99.0	99.8	98.7	98.7	98.3
	1998	98.0	98.3	96.8	101.3	96.2	98.2	97.0	99.1	94.2	95.7	99.4	98.2
	1999	93.9	96.9	97.6	97.5	97.9	99.6	96.6	101.4	93.9			
Pharmaceutical, Medical and Cosmetic Articles	1996	100.7	99.7	101.3	102.8	103.2	104.1	102.1	103.0	105.1	106.5	103.2	104.6
	1997	106.3	107.1	106.9	107.6	106.0	108.8	110.3	110.6	111.8	111.9	113.7	115.9
	1998	120.9	120.1	109.1	111.5	121.0	122.0	124.9	125.5	126.4	119.8	131.1	145.0
	1999	136.2	136.4	141.0	142.3	145.8	145.0	143.8	151.6	151.0			
Textiles and Clothing	1996	100.8	103.2	103.0	108.2	104.8	117.0	96.9	111.7	95.9	113.1	111.3	115.1
	1997	116.6	111.4	117.1	115.2	115.8	122.9	118.1	127.3	126.5	125.0	126.3	131.1
	1998	138.0	135.6	135.8	138.9	147.6	141.0	151.4	138.5	145.1	147.5	151.6	148.4
	1999	152.3	167.7	168.8	163.5	164.3	168.3	182.7	168.3	169.6			

TABLE 4 Seasonally Adjusted Volume Indices of Retail Sales for 13 retail businesses, January 1996-September 1999 - continued
Updated on the basis of seasonal patterns up to June 1999

BASE: YEAR 1995 = 100

	YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Footwear and Leather	1996	97.9	102.3	98.4	101.1	101.1	110.8	105.9	110.5	106.3	109.4	109.9	109.9
	1997	112.8	112.2	120.4	123.6	126.7	113.6	124.5	121.9	129.5	128.4	129.3	132.6
	1998	135.9	131.9	133.9	131.4	148.2	124.6	135.1	139.9	143.8	147.1	152.3	151.8
	1999	150.7	155.6	154.7	149.6	147.6	151.1	155.6	154.0	156.9			
Furniture and Lighting	1996	106.3	107.3	105.8	105.0	105.0	108.7	111.3	106.2	106.5	110.4	105.3	111.0
	1997	102.4	104.9	105.9	111.4	112.3	110.5	112.0	117.6	115.3	112.3	112.6	108.2
	1998	120.8	116.8	120.5	120.0	120.6	108.1	126.2	108.4	121.8	119.2	132.2	133.9
	1999	128.2	134.5	132.7	125.2	118.4	129.2	135.4	120.1	134.4			
Electrical Goods	1996	98.3	98.4	98.2	103.4	103.6	103.7	103.9	105.7	106.8	109.0	104.8	119.3
	1997	127.6	128.4	124.9	129.4	129.8	134.9	139.1	147.5	145.4	148.1	143.6	142.9
	1998	151.9	154.2	158.4	161.4	149.9	168.0	169.6	166.5	156.2	176.3	189.2	177.5
	1999	161.1	177.5	187.1	179.0	183.5	181.3	197.3	198.1	187.2			
Hardware, Paints and Glass	1996	103.2	103.7	102.6	100.6	104.1	106.0	104.4	105.4	107.3	111.2	109.1	109.9
	1997	109.0	105.0	110.7	115.1	112.3	117.5	122.2	116.3	112.9	113.8	114.8	115.8
	1998	118.7	120.1	122.2	118.8	128.7	114.9	122.8	123.1	124.2	124.9	126.7	116.3
	1999	132.0	131.5	133.7	132.9	137.4	131.1	136.4	138.2	139.8			
Books, Newspapers and Stationery	1996	96.4	99.4	99.2	97.2	100.2	100.1	98.7	98.8	101.2	103.0	101.0	104.9
	1997	104.5	103.5	104.6	97.5	107.1	104.1	105.4	105.7	104.0	105.2	107.6	106.9
	1998	105.7	107.2	105.1	108.0	104.1	106.0	105.1	109.0	105.9	106.2	112.7	107.1
	1999	110.2	106.6	111.7	110.7	111.7	115.4	117.3	115.8	122.8			
Other Retail Sales	1996	104.0	109.8	107.6	105.4	106.8	103.3	105.5	106.9	113.2	112.2	110.8	110.7
	1997	115.2	115.3	112.2	116.6	118.5	119.3	122.7	122.5	120.6	125.3	125.6	125.8
	1998	122.2	126.6	125.9	137.9	131.5	133.7	136.5	138.3	134.1	135.1	143.8	137.2
	1999	129.8	136.3	144.9	142.0	144.1	150.4	148.4	154.6	147.1			
Bars	1996	104.9	99.6	101.9	105.6	102.2	103.5	102.4	103.1	103.7	104.2	105.0	105.4
	1997	105.8	105.1	107.5	105.8	107.4	108.5	109.0	109.9	111.2	109.0	109.6	111.2
	1998	111.7	115.2	112.3	111.5	112.1	112.2	111.8	111.6	111.2	113.7	114.6	114.0
	1999	112.3	114.7	114.4	116.5	117.4	115.7	113.5	113.9	116.7			
All Businesses excl. Motor Trades	1996	101.5	102.1	102.4	103.1	103.2	104.3	103.4	104.5	104.0	106.4	105.6	107.3
	1997	107.8	107.3	110.1	107.4	110.1	111.4	112.5	113.6	114.4	113.9	114.6	115.9
	1998	116.4	117.8	117.4	118.9	119.7	118.7	120.9	120.3	121.1	122.5	127.0	123.5
	1999	123.3	125.2	128.8	124.9	127.3	128.2	130.2	130.3	131.4			
All Businesses	1996	102.2	103.3	104.9	105.8	105.8	105.4	104.5	106.3	105.6	108.6	107.4	107.8
	1997	110.0	108.5	110.6	110.0	111.8	113.2	114.3	115.2	116.6	117.5	119.3	120.0
	1998	118.6	121.6	120.0	121.4	112.8	122.2	125.4	123.4	125.5	125.0	127.6	125.0
	1999	130.2	130.6	135.5	128.5	132.4	135.3	135.3	136.2	134.3			

TABLE 5 Seasonally Unadjusted Value Indices of Retail Sales for 13 retail businesses, January 1996-September 1999

BASE: YEAR 1995 = 100

	YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Motor Trades	1996	133.8	132.1	136.1	127.2	128.6	113.0	113.7	100.6	101.0	110.4	96.9	66.5
	1997	151.6	141.6	139.5	134.4	133.8	127.1	129.5	111.1	116.3	125.6	118.2	91.9
	1998	165.2	167.8	159.4	148.2	152.9	143.5	151.1	123.1	130.9	129.0	111.7	79.6
	1999	195.4	185.6	192.6	161.6	173.3	172.7	167.2	148.8	139.0			
Non-Specialised Stores (excluding Department Stores)	1996	95.0	99.2	101.1	104.3	104.8	104.3	107.5	104.4	101.6	104.7	105.4	130.0
	1997	100.3	103.7	109.7	106.8	110.2	111.3	114.1	111.9	111.7	112.2	114.5	141.6
	1998	107.7	113.8	116.5	122.1	121.9	121.2	124.0	123.0	122.3	123.9	127.2	149.6
	1999	118.8	122.1	128.5	125.9	129.2	129.6	133.3	131.8	131.7			
Department Stores of which:-	1996	102.8	74.1	83.9	94.0	89.4	105.7	108.3	95.6	101.9	118.0	122.4	215.7
	1997	106.9	81.9	93.0	101.4	105.9	120.5	118.2	110.0	109.4	124.3	127.8	236.0
	1998	130.5	91.1	103.7	122.2	119.0	141.0	135.9	115.8	120.3	143.7	158.2	272.4
	1999	148.9	106.0	123.0	138.1	130.8	155.5	157.3	135.4	140.5			
Clothing and Footwear	1996	94.3	67.4	78.8	92.3	93.7	114.4	105.1	91.7	102.0	130.3	130.9	228.8
	1997	104.1	74.0	89.5	103.5	113.4	131.1	119.6	108.4	114.2	133.9	140.3	255.1
	1998	129.6	88.4	103.9	130.1	133.0	154.2	138.7	118.3	127.8	159.6	177.9	302.2
	1999	154.1	103.5	125.6	148.7	148.0	174.1	163.0	138.6	149.6			
Furniture, Soft Furnishings, etc.	1996	134.8	88.6	92.3	109.6	78.1	98.1	125.8	108.1	101.1	115.2	113.5	138.7
	1997	142.2	102.4	99.6	126.3	103.3	125.6	155.8	137.8	117.4	139.2	115.8	144.9
	1998	174.6	107.6	122.0	133.2	116.2	161.1	171.3	135.6	129.3	157.6	146.6	179.4
	1999	184.9	125.4	143.9	150.7	115.0	162.1	195.4	160.1	153.8			
Other Goods and Services	1996	101.7	77.8	87.9	89.9	87.9	96.2	105.6	95.9	101.9	101.6	113.8	229.0
	1997	96.2	84.8	95.3	87.9	96.2	103.0	100.5	100.7	99.2	104.2	114.7	246.5
	1998	113.3	88.2	95.9	106.4	100.0	113.5	116.9	104.0	105.6	114.8	134.8	268.2
	1999	126.4	101.4	110.5	117.4	112.5	125.8	133.1	120.6	121.9			
Specialised Stores													
Food, Beverages and Tobacco	1996	92.5	96.7	93.1	100.8	98.6	98.4	106.5	99.5	98.9	100.0	96.1	126.8
	1997	90.9	96.2	92.9	98.8	99.2	98.4	105.1	100.9	99.2	99.4	98.6	128.8
	1998	90.9	96.0	91.1	102.7	97.7	101.6	105.4	104.7	97.0	99.3	101.3	132.0
	1999	89.4	97.8	94.6	101.3	101.8	105.4	106.3	109.1	98.3			
Pharmaceutical, Medical and Cosmetic Articles	1996	96.9	100.4	96.6	101.1	103.0	107.7	105.3	101.9	105.0	104.8	104.0	137.2
	1997	103.9	109.1	103.7	107.7	107.7	114.0	115.1	111.0	113.2	112.0	117.0	155.2
	1998	121.0	125.5	109.0	115.2	125.9	131.7	134.3	128.9	132.4	123.4	138.2	199.3
	1999	139.8	145.4	142.6	148.5	154.9	159.6	157.7	159.8	161.5			
Textile and Clothing	1996	95.7	70.6	78.3	93.1	97.7	107.6	100.3	116.7	91.6	108.5	116.9	204.3
	1997	101.7	73.2	86.1	94.7	103.2	108.3	110.3	119.9	111.7	110.3	122.4	217.7
	1998	109.4	82.2	93.3	106.1	123.3	118.1	130.3	125.9	122.4	124.0	139.3	234.0
	1999	113.0	94.8	109.0	116.0	127.8	131.6	144.3	140.4	132.0			

TABLE 5 Seasonally Unadjusted Value Indices of Retail Sales for 13 retail businesses, January 1996-September 1999 - continued

BASE: YEAR 1995 = 100

	YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Footwear and Textiles	1996	86.5	68.2	72.4	95.5	101.8	109.7	112.2	137.8	109.7	102.5	99.4	159.5
	1997	91.8	70.6	83.9	109.5	119.8	106.5	119.7	140.1	124.3	112.2	109.7	183.8
	1998	104.3	79.0	91.3	113.5	138.2	115.0	127.2	160.8	139.8	129.2	130.6	211.4
	1999	113.0	91.5	105.4	127.7	135.8	136.8	141.7	172.1	148.0			
Furniture and Lighting	1996	106.6	97.2	98.3	96.6	98.2	104.0	126.6	105.9	104.8	108.5	122.7	143.9
	1997	102.3	97.4	101.1	103.6	106.1	107.8	128.8	119.4	115.8	111.9	133.2	142.9
	1998	120.7	109.9	118.1	114.5	116.9	108.1	147.7	112.7	125.8	121.2	160.6	182.6
	1999	130.0	129.5	132.4	121.0	116.3	130.4	159.5	125.8	139.6			
Electrical Goods	1996	109.4	93.3	77.2	87.8	79.8	82.6	94.9	90.6	92.0	109.9	119.4	218.6
	1997	140.4	121.2	98.9	109.5	99.5	106.8	125.4	125.1	123.8	147.1	161.0	258.0
	1998	164.2	143.4	123.5	134.6	112.8	131.6	151.2	139.7	131.1	173.6	208.5	314.6
	1999	171.2	162.5	143.3	146.1	134.7	139.4	172.0	163.1	153.5			
Hardware, Paints and Glass	1996	84.7	88.6	91.3	101.9	107.5	113.0	112.5	107.3	102.3	110.2	119.2	153.0
	1997	89.9	90.5	99.7	117.0	117.2	125.3	132.2	119.0	108.2	113.2	126.3	162.1
	1998	99.2	104.5	112.0	122.0	137.4	125.6	135.2	128.7	121.4	127.1	141.6	166.2
	1999	112.5	116.5	125.3	139.4	150.1	146.0	152.6	147.5	139.2			
Books, Newspapers and Stationery	1996	90.8	95.2	93.5	94.3	94.2	94.7	100.6	114.2	105.1	99.3	102.2	158.5
	1997	100.3	100.3	100.4	96.0	102.1	100.6	109.3	125.0	110.4	104.0	111.8	165.9
	1998	104.4	106.5	104.3	110.1	102.7	106.6	111.7	132.3	115.7	108.0	120.8	171.4
	1999	112.0	108.3	113.4	113.8	112.2	118.2	127.4	144.3	137.0			
Other Retail Sales	1996	100.3	101.2	96.0	92.6	96.8	88.8	97.6	101.5	109.3	112.3	129.3	198.1
	1997	110.4	106.6	100.7	102.2	106.7	102.6	111.6	114.9	115.2	123.6	144.4	222.5
	1998	115.0	115.8	112.2	120.7	118.9	116.0	124.8	131.2	129.0	135.0	166.7	243.9
	1999	121.9	124.8	128.8	124.0	130.0	130.4	135.4	146.7	141.3			
Bars	1996	94.6	91.2	97.5	104.2	105.3	109.9	113.6	119.1	110.1	107.7	102.1	123.4
	1997	98.2	99.3	105.9	107.3	114.0	117.7	123.0	128.6	119.5	115.4	109.9	133.9
	1998	106.7	111.9	114.4	116.6	123.5	127.0	132.3	137.0	125.6	124.8	118.7	142.0
	1999	110.7	115.1	120.5	126.3	135.5	136.3	139.1	144.9	136.5			
All Businesses excl. Motor Trades	1996	95.8	93.5	95.0	100.4	101.4	103.3	106.6	107.1	102.5	106.7	109.3	150.3
	1997	101.9	99.2	103.0	105.1	108.8	111.0	116.0	116.4	113.0	114.4	119.3	163.9
	1998	110.6	109.8	111.1	118.3	120.8	121.3	127.4	126.6	122.8	126.0	134.8	178.4
	1999	119.3	118.8	124.0	125.9	130.4	132.5	138.4	138.6	134.7			
All Businesses	1996	104.8	102.6	104.7	106.7	107.9	105.6	108.3	105.6	102.2	107.5	106.4	130.5
	1997	113.7	109.2	111.6	112.0	114.7	114.8	119.2	115.1	113.8	117.0	119.1	146.8
	1998	123.5	123.5	122.6	125.4	128.4	126.5	133.0	125.8	124.8	126.7	129.3	155.0
	1999	137.3	134.6	140.2	134.4	140.6	142.0	145.2	141.0	135.7			

TABLE 6 Seasonally Unadjusted Volume Indices of Retail Sales for 13 retail businesses, January 1996-September 1999

BASE: YEAR 1995 = 100

	YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Motor Trades - NACE 50	1996	132.3	130.3	133.8	124.5	125.4	110.3	111.0	98.3	98.0	106.3	92.6	63.7
	1997	146.0	135.5	133.2	127.9	127.9	120.7	123.0	105.4	109.8	118.8	111.7	86.7
	1998	156.5	159.2	150.9	139.8	144.5	135.6	142.7	116.3	123.8	122.2	105.8	75.5
	1999	186.2	175.3	181.3	150.5	160.9	160.1	154.5	136.6	126.9			
Non-Specialised Stores - NACE 52.11 (excl. Department Stores)	1996	93.9	97.7	99.2	101.9	102.0	101.4	104.3	101.2	98.5	101.5	102.2	125.9
	1997	97.1	100.1	105.6	102.6	105.7	106.1	108.5	106.6	106.2	106.7	108.5	133.3
	1998	101.7	106.8	108.9	113.1	112.0	110.4	113.0	112.1	111.5	113.1	116.1	135.7
	1999	108.1	110.4	115.9	113.1	115.4	115.2	119.0	117.2	117.2			
Department Stores - NACE 52.12 of which:-	1996	102.6	74.1	83.8	93.6	88.9	105.5	108.5	96.1	102.1	117.9	121.8	216.6
	1997	111.3	83.7	94.4	102.7	107.3	122.3	123.7	115.4	113.1	128.4	131.2	242.0
	1998	141.2	95.8	107.7	126.1	122.3	144.5	145.0	121.3	124.6	149.2	163.7	281.1
	1999	163.5	113.2	129.7	145.3	137.2	162.8	172.8	145.9	149.5			
Clothing and Footwear	1996												
	1997												
	1998												
	1999												
Furniture, Soft Furnishings, etc.	1996												
	1997												
	1998												
	1999												
Other Goods and Services	1996												
	1997												
	1998												
	1999												
Specialised Stores - NACE 52 (remainder) Food, Beverages and Tobacco	1996	92.4	96.3	92.2	99.3	96.5	96.9	105.5	99.1	98.9	100.4	96.8	127.3
	1997	90.5	95.9	92.5	98.0	98.3	96.9	102.9	99.4	97.9	98.4	97.1	126.1
	1998	89.2	94.4	89.0	99.2	93.7	96.5	99.7	99.5	92.5	95.2	97.7	126.1
	1999	85.4	93.0	89.6	95.4	95.3	98.2	99.4	101.8	92.2			
Pharmaceutical, Medical and Cosmetic Articles	1996	95.7	99.0	95.0	99.2	100.8	105.3	102.8	99.5	102.4	102.2	101.3	133.6
	1997	101.2	106.1	100.3	103.9	103.7	110.0	111.0	106.9	108.9	107.3	111.7	148.0
	1998	115.4	118.9	102.3	107.6	118.4	123.5	125.7	121.0	123.3	114.9	128.5	185.2
	1999	130.2	134.9	132.1	137.3	142.5	146.6	144.7	146.1	147.3			
Textiles and Clothing	1996	95.8	70.8	78.4	93.0	97.4	108.0	101.3	118.5	92.6	109.0	116.7	207.2
	1997	110.6	77.1	89.7	98.6	107.6	113.6	123.4	135.0	122.0	120.4	132.5	235.9
	1998	131.3	93.9	104.5	118.2	137.0	131.3	158.0	146.9	139.9	142.1	158.4	266.1
	1999	145.4	116.2	130.5	138.7	152.6	157.2	190.4	178.6	163.4			

TABLE 6 Seasonally Unadjusted Volume Indices of Retail Sales for 13 retail businesses, January 1996-September 1999 - continued

BASE: YEAR 1995 = 100

	YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Footwear and Leather	1996	86.3	68.2	72.5	95.6	102.0	110.6	113.8	140.6	111.7	104.2	101.0	164.4
	1997	99.4	74.9	89.1	116.3	127.4	113.4	133.7	155.1	136.1	122.3	118.8	198.3
	1998	119.9	87.9	99.9	123.4	149.4	123.9	144.5	177.8	151.2	140.3	140.4	227.1
	1999	133.0	103.4	115.9	140.2	148.8	149.9	166.0	195.6	165.1			
Furniture and Lighting	1996	105.8	96.3	97.1	95.2	96.4	102.3	124.6	104.3	102.8	106.0	119.4	140.4
	1997	101.4	94.5	97.8	100.5	102.7	104.1	125.4	115.6	111.4	107.8	127.5	136.8
	1998	119.0	105.4	112.0	108.4	110.3	101.7	141.5	106.3	117.6	113.8	149.9	169.9
	1999	125.7	121.5	123.7	113.1	108.3	121.3	151.8	117.7	129.7			
Electrical Goods	1996	110.4	94.5	78.2	88.8	80.7	83.5	95.9	91.6	92.9	110.9	120.4	221.0
	1997	143.3	123.0	100.1	110.8	100.9	108.8	128.3	127.8	126.5	150.6	164.9	264.6
	1998	170.4	148.0	127.2	138.6	116.1	135.9	156.5	144.4	135.5	179.7	216.6	327.6
	1999	180.9	170.6	150.5	153.9	141.9	146.8	182.1	171.9	162.2			
Hardware, Paints and Glass	1996	84.1	87.8	90.3	100.5	105.7	111.1	110.5	105.4	100.3	107.8	116.4	149.8
	1997	89.0	88.8	97.8	114.6	114.7	122.8	129.3	116.2	105.6	110.3	122.5	157.7
	1998	97.2	101.3	108.2	117.8	132.0	120.5	130.0	122.9	115.7	121.2	135.0	158.1
	1999	108.2	110.9	118.6	131.5	141.1	137.5	144.4	138.1	130.0			
Books, Newspapers and Stationery	1996	88.8	92.6	90.7	91.3	91.1	91.6	97.3	110.4	101.6	95.9	98.6	152.4
	1997	96.4	95.9	95.9	91.6	97.3	95.8	103.9	118.1	104.4	98.0	105.1	155.3
	1998	97.6	99.0	96.6	101.3	94.8	97.9	103.1	121.9	105.8	98.8	110.2	156.0
	1999	101.9	98.2	102.8	103.7	101.7	106.7	114.9	129.5	122.5			
Other Retail Sales	1996	99.5	100.3	94.9	91.2	95.1	87.3	96.0	100.0	107.3	109.7	125.8	193.2
	1997	109.7	104.9	99.1	100.7	105.2	101.4	111.7	114.7	114.3	122.5	142.6	219.8
	1998	116.0	115.3	110.9	119.0	116.8	113.9	124.4	129.7	126.7	132.5	163.4	239.4
	1999	123.0	124.2	127.5	122.4	128.0	128.3	135.4	145.0	138.8			
Bars	1996	93.4	89.8	95.9	102.3	103.3	107.1	110.0	114.7	105.9	103.5	98.0	118.1
	1997	93.9	94.8	101.1	102.4	108.7	112.1	117.1	122.3	113.5	108.3	102.3	124.6
	1998	99.1	103.9	106.0	107.7	113.8	115.9	119.9	124.0	113.5	112.7	107.1	127.9
	1999	99.6	103.4	108.1	112.4	119.2	119.5	121.6	126.6	119.1			
All Businesses excl. Motor Trades	1996	95.0	92.6	93.7	98.8	99.5	101.4	104.7	105.2	100.5	104.4	106.8	147.1
	1997	100.8	97.4	100.8	102.8	106.2	108.2	113.9	114.4	110.6	111.7	116.0	158.8
	1998	108.8	106.9	107.5	113.8	115.6	115.4	122.4	121.0	117.0	120.1	128.4	169.3
	1999	115.2	113.6	118.0	119.4	122.9	124.6	131.8	131.1	126.9			
All Businesses	1996	103.8	101.6	103.3	104.9	105.7	103.5	106.2	103.6	100.0	104.9	103.5	127.1
	1997	111.8	106.7	108.7	109.0	111.5	111.3	116.2	112.3	110.4	113.5	115.0	141.5
	1998	120.5	119.6	118.1	120.2	122.6	120.3	127.3	120.0	118.8	120.7	123.2	147.3
	1999	132.3	128.4	133.3	127.1	132.2	133.2	135.3	132.5	127.0			

Background Notes

Retail Sales Index Introduction of updated series with a new business classification and with base year 1995 = 100.

A detailed description of the new series will be published in the March 2000 issue of the *Statistical Bulletin*. The underlying methodology remains unchanged. The index is primarily intended to measure short-term trends. For long term analysis allowance must be made for the fact that the series does not reflect changes in retail structures between updatings.

New Business Classification Commencing with October 1999 the set of monthly indices of retail sales have been compiled according to the Statistical Classification of Economic Activities in the European Community (NACE Rev. 1). The business categories are based mainly on the classification of enterprises in the 1995 Annual Services Inquiry (ASI). There are some fairly substantial discontinuities in the classification of enterprises compared with the former series.

New Base Year The set of new monthly retail sales indices has been compiled with reference to base year 1995 = 100. The underlying structural weighting system is mainly based on the 1995 Annual Services Inquiry. Weights are updated from year to year using ratios of average weekly turnover by size class within business type.

Scope and Coverage The Retail Sales Index covers, on a sample basis, the retail sales of retail businesses, wholesale businesses with sizeable retailing activity and the separate sales establishments of non-distribution enterprises. Excluded from the index coverage are the direct retail sales from non-distribution establishments together with the incidental retail sales of wholesale businesses. Also excluded are sales by hawkers, street stalls and other retailing activities not conducted from permanent business premises. The statistical unit used for reporting sales figures in this inquiry is the enterprise (i.e. Complete business covering all branches).

Methodology The business categories and the underlying structural weighting of the Retail Sales Index is based mainly on the Statistical Classification of Economic Activities in the European Community (NACE Rev. 1). The index system is structured on the retailing enterprises covered in the 1995 Annual Services Inquiry classified by 13 retail business categories and four turnover (excluding VAT) ranges*.

The value indices are calculated by updating the aggregate 1995 retail turnover (including VAT) of these enterprises in these fifty one cells using the monthly retail sales data provided by the enterprise respondent panel from 1995 onwards.

The compilation of the index for a current month is based on the percentage change in average weekly sales in these cells over the corresponding monthly period of the previous year. The monthly volume indices are calculated by deflating the seasonally unadjusted value indices by specially constructed retail price indices derived from the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

Seasonal Adjustment The seasonally adjusted series are updated twice yearly, in the January and July index compilations, using patterns up to and including the preceding month. The present seasonally adjusted monthly value and volume series are based on seasonal patterns from January 1995 to June 1999. This duration is just sufficient for seasonal adjustment; the process will improve as the series is extended. The adjustment is completed by applying the X-11 Variant of the US Bureau of the Census Method 11 Seasonal Adjustment program based on a multiplicative model. The unadjusted series, from which trading day variations have been eliminated, are available on request.

References A detailed description of the Retail Sales Index will be provided in the March 2000 issue of the *Statistical Bulletin*. Retrospective details covering three years are provided for all series on both a seasonally adjusted and an unadjusted basis in each issue of the *Statistical Bulletin*.

* The Department Stores business category is not classified by annual turnover but is sub-divided into three retail activity categories.