

Table 1 Seasonally Adjusted Indices of Total Retail Sales¹**Base Year: 2000 = 100**

Total Retail Sales for all Businesses Combined						
Period	Value of Sales			Volume of Sales		
	Index	% change on previous period	Annual % change	Index	% change on previous period	Annual % change
2003 Year	109.3	3.2	3.2	100.5	0.5	0.5
2004 Year	114.1	4.4	4.4	103.7	3.2	3.2
2005 Year	121.2	6.2	6.2	109.2	5.3	5.3
2006 Year	130.7	7.8	7.8	116.0	6.2	6.2
2007 Year	140.6	7.6	7.6	122.8	5.9	5.9
2007 1st quarter	138.0	2.6	7.8	121.7	2.2	6.7
2nd quarter	139.6	1.2	8.6	122.4	0.6	7.3
3rd quarter	140.5	0.6	7.6	122.6	0.2	6.1
4th quarter	143.0	1.8	6.3	123.4	0.7	3.6
2008 1st quarter	142.2	-0.5	3.1	121.5	-1.6	-0.2
2006 December	135.3	0.9	8.6	119.6	0.4	7.2
2007 January	137.4	1.6	7.6	121.5	1.6	6.2
February	137.9	0.4	7.3	121.6	0.1	6.4
March	138.5	0.4	8.3	121.9	0.3	7.1
April	139.2	0.5	8.0	122.3	0.3	6.7
May	140.0	0.6	10.7	122.8	0.4	9.6
June	139.6	-0.3	7.3	122.2	-0.5	6.0
July	140.8	0.8	8.6	123.0	0.6	7.0
August	139.9	-0.7	6.1	122.1	-0.7	4.7
September	140.8	0.7	8.0	122.6	0.3	6.3
October	142.5	1.2	6.5	123.4	0.7	4.2
November	142.6	0.1	6.3	123.0	-0.4	3.3
December	143.8	0.9	6.3	123.8	0.7	3.5
2008 January	144.2	0.3	5.0	123.8	0.0	1.9
February	142.4	-1.3	3.2	121.5	-1.8	-0.1
March	140.5	-1.3	1.5	119.5	-1.7	-2.0
April	138.9	-1.1	-0.2	118.2	-1.1	-3.4
May ²	137.8	-0.8	-1.6	116.9	-1.1	-4.8

¹ Based on Seasonal Patterns up to February 2008² Provisional value and volume of sales indices based on early returns from sample retailers

Table 2 Seasonally Adjusted Indices of Total Retail Sales (Excluding Motor Trades)¹**Base Year: 2000 = 100**

Total Retail Sales for all Businesses Combined (Excl Motor Trades)							
Period	Value of Sales			Volume of Sales			
	Index	% change on previous period	Annual % change	Index	% change on previous period	Annual % change	
2003 Year	119.2	3.8	3.8	108.7	1.0	1.0	
2004 Year	123.7	3.8	3.8	111.1	3.1	3.1	
2005 Year	130.5	5.5	5.5	116.8	5.1	5.1	
2006 Year	141.1	8.1	8.1	124.6	6.7	6.7	
2007 Year	151.6	7.4	7.4	131.5	5.5	5.5	
2007 1st quarter	146.6	1.7	8.0	128.5	1.3	6.4	
2nd quarter	149.8	2.2	7.8	130.4	1.5	6.3	
3rd quarter	151.7	1.3	7.4	131.4	0.8	5.5	
4th quarter	154.0	1.5	6.8	132.1	0.5	4.2	
2008 1st quarter	155.0	0.6	5.7	131.2	-0.7	2.1	
2006 December	145.0	0.7	8.8	127.2	0.3	7.1	
2007 January	145.8	0.6	7.4	128.3	0.8	5.7	
February	146.8	0.7	7.7	128.7	0.4	6.4	
March	147.0	0.1	8.4	128.5	-0.2	7.0	
April	149.0	1.4	8.3	130.0	1.2	6.8	
May	152.3	2.2	9.8	132.7	2.1	8.4	
June	148.4	-2.5	5.9	129.0	-2.7	4.3	
July	152.1	2.5	8.6	131.8	2.2	6.6	
August	150.7	-0.9	6.1	130.7	-0.8	4.4	
September	152.1	0.9	7.5	131.7	0.7	5.8	
October	153.4	0.9	6.9	132.2	0.4	4.6	
November	154.1	0.5	7.1	132.0	-0.2	4.1	
December	154.5	0.2	6.6	132.2	0.1	3.9	
2008 January	154.8	0.2	6.2	132.1	-0.1	3.0	
February	155.4	0.4	5.9	131.6	-0.4	2.2	
March	154.8	-0.4	5.3	130.2	-1.0	1.3	
April	150.1	-3.1	0.7	126.2	-3.1	-2.9	
May ²	154.1	2.7	1.2	129.4	2.6	-2.4	

¹ Based on Seasonal Patterns up to February 2008² Provisional value and volume of sales indices based on early returns from sample retailers

**Table 3 Seasonally Adjusted¹ Value and Volume Indices of Retail Sales for 13 Retail Businesses
(Preliminary Estimates) Base Year: 2000 = 100**

Retail Business - NACE REV 1	May 2008					
	Value of Sales			Volume of Sales		
	Index	% change on previous month	Annual % change	Index	% change on previous month	Annual % change
Motor Trades - NACE 50	109.1	-6.1	-7.9	94.4	-6.5	-10.3
Non-Specialised Stores (excluding Department Stores) - NACE 52.11	173.2	2.2	5.4	138.6	1.9	-0.4
Department Stores - NACE 52.12	144.9	5.7	3.3	151.7	6.5	2.5
of which:-						
Clothing and Footwear	139.4	14.9	2.1			
Furniture, Soft Furnishing, etc.	83.6	-7.2	-15.3			
Other Goods and Services	165.6	2.5	7.4			
<u>Specialised Stores - NACE 52 (remainder)</u>						
Food, Beverages and Tobacco	124.0	0.3	-1.5	98.7	0.1	-6.5
Pharmaceutical, Medical & Cosmetic Articles	171.1	-4.0	-0.1	144.0	-4.0	-1.7
Textiles and Clothing	152.3	7.1	-2.2	190.2	7.8	0.7
Footwear and Leather	140.5	18.4	-0.7	188.5	16.8	3.7
Furniture and Lighting	117.2	-10.8	-11.4	109.0	-10.8	-11.1
Electrical Goods	121.2	-6.7	-14.0	113.0	-6.7	-13.9
Hardware, Paints and Glass	199.2	8.9	0.6	157.9	8.7	-1.6
Books, Newspapers and Stationery	124.4	-0.6	-4.9	99.0	-0.8	-8.2
Other Retail Sales	139.2	-6.1	-1.3	114.5	-6.8	-5.2
Bars - NACE 55.4	114.9	3.1	-1.9	86.3	2.5	-5.5
All Businesses excl. Motor Trades	154.1	2.7	1.2	129.4	2.6	-2.4
All Businesses	137.8	-0.8	-1.6	116.9	-1.1	-4.8
Of which:-						
<u>Combined Groups</u>						
Clothing & Footwear in specialised stores	150.9	8.3	-2.0	191.3	9.0	1.1
Household Equipment	156.7	2.4	-5.3	135.2	2.4	-6.2
Books, Newspapers Stationery & Other Goods	136.5	-5.5	-2.0	111.9	-6.3	-5.8
Food Businesses	168.7	2.1	4.9	134.9	1.8	-0.9
All Non-Food	150.4	1.3	-2.3	138.3	1.5	-3.7
All Businesses excl. Motor Trades & Bars	160.3	2.5	1.5	137.2	2.3	-2.1

¹ Based on Seasonal Patterns up to February 2008 individual series are independently adjusted

Table 4 Seasonally Adjusted¹ Value and Volume Indices of Retail Sales for 13 Retail Businesses
Base Year: 2000 = 100

Retail Business - NACE REV 1	April 2008					
	Value of Sales			Volume of Sales		
	Index	% change on previous month	Annual % change	Index	% change on previous month	Annual % change
Motor Trades - NACE 50	116.2	2.5	-2.1	100.9	2.7	-4.4
Non-Specialised Stores (excluding Department Stores) - NACE 52.11	169.5	-3.6	5.7	136.0	-3.1	-0.3
Department Stores - NACE 52.12	137.2	-6.2	-3.5	142.5	-6.4	-4.9
of which:-						
Clothing and Footwear	121.3	-10.8	-11.8			
Furniture, Soft Furnishings, etc.	90.1	-4.0	-12.7			
Other Goods and Services	161.6	-2.4	5.3			
<u>Specialised Stores - NACE 52 (remainder)</u>						
Food, Beverages and Tobacco	123.6	-4.0	-0.7	98.6	-4.4	-5.9
Pharmaceutical, Medical & Cosmetic Articles	178.3	-0.5	3.0	149.9	-1.2	1.2
Textiles and Clothing	142.3	-4.7	-12.9	176.4	-4.7	-11.3
Footwear and Leather	118.6	-14.0	-23.1	161.5	-11.6	-20.0
Furniture and Lighting	131.4	13.9	-0.8	122.3	14.1	-0.5
Electrical Goods	129.9	2.1	-6.4	121.1	2.4	-6.2
Hardware, Paints and Glass	182.9	-7.2	-11.7	145.3	-7.5	-13.6
Books, Newspapers and Stationery	125.1	3.2	-0.6	99.8	3.1	-3.9
Other Retail Sales	148.3	4.2	7.3	122.9	3.6	4.1
Bars - NACE 55.4	111.4	-1.6	-0.3	84.1	-2.1	-4.0
All Businesses excl. Motor Trades	150.1	-3.1	0.7	126.2	-3.1	-2.9
All Businesses	138.9	-1.1	-0.2	118.2	-1.1	-3.4
Of which:-						
<u>Combined Groups</u>						
Clothing & Footwear in specialised stores	139.3	-5.7	-14.2	175.6	-5.8	-12.4
Household Equipment	153.0	-3.2	-8.7	132.1	-3.0	-9.5
Books, Newspapers, Stationery & Other Goods	144.5	4.1	6.0	119.4	4.0	2.8
Food Businesses	165.3	-3.4	5.3	132.5	-3.0	-0.6
All Non-Food	148.4	-2.2	-4.0	136.3	-2.6	-5.2
All Businesses excl. Motor Trades & Bars	156.5	-3.4	0.8	134.2	-3.3	-2.8

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Table 5 Seasonally Adjusted¹ Value and Volume Indices of Retail Sales for 13 Retail Businesses
Base Year: 2000 = 100

Retail Business - NACE REV 1	February - April 2008					
	Value of Sales			Volume of Sales		
	Index	% change on previous period	Annual % change	Index	% change on previous period	Annual % change
Motor Trades - NACE 50	115.8	-4.6	-3.5	100.5	-4.8	-6.0
Non-Specialised Stores (excluding Department Stores) - NACE 52.11	174.1	0.9	9.8	140.1	-1.0	3.3
Department Stores - NACE 52.12	143.1	-2.1	1.5	149.2	-3.2	0.3
of which:-						
Clothing and Footwear	131.0	-5.8	-4.4			
Furniture, Soft Furnishings, etc.	93.6	-1.3	-6.0			
Other Goods and Services	165.0	-2.7	7.5			
<u>Specialised Stores - NACE 52 (remainder)</u>						
Food, Beverages and Tobacco	126.6	-1.8	2.9	101.7	-3.6	-2.2
Pharmaceutical, Medical & Cosmetic Articles	177.3	0.2	3.2	150.0	-0.5	2.4
Textiles and Clothing	147.6	-3.4	-4.2	182.7	-4.0	-1.9
Footwear and Leather	130.4	-3.2	-9.7	173.9	-3.1	-6.4
Furniture and Lighting	124.0	-1.3	-5.5	115.1	-1.3	-5.3
Electrical Goods	129.5	-8.4	-8.0	120.4	-8.6	-8.0
Hardware, Paints and Glass	193.2	0.5	-0.1	153.8	0.0	-2.3
Books, Newspapers and Stationery	124.4	-2.4	0.2	99.7	-3.3	-2.8
Other Retail Sales	144.9	-0.5	3.5	120.6	-1.8	0.6
Bars - NACE 55.4	112.6	-1.8	0.0	85.6	-3.3	-3.7
All Businesses excl. Motor Trades	153.5	-0.6	4.0	129.4	-2.0	0.3
All Businesses	140.6	-2.1	1.5	119.7	-3.2	-1.8
Of which:-						
<u>Combined Groups</u>						
Clothing & Footwear in specialised stores	145.2	-3.5	-4.9	182.7	-3.3	-2.4
Household Equipment	157.5	-2.2	-3.4	135.9	-2.7	-4.4
Books, Newspapers, Stationery & Other Goods	141.4	-0.8	3.0	117.1	-1.5	0.0
Food Businesses	169.6	0.7	9.3	136.3	-1.2	2.9
All Non-Food	151.0	-1.8	-0.7	139.1	-2.3	-1.7
All Businesses excl. Motor Trades & Bars	160.4	-0.2	4.6	137.8	-1.5	0.8

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Table 6**Volume of retail trade in the euro-zone, the EU27 and Member States¹
Annual % change compared with the same month of the previous year**

	Nov-07	Dec-07	Jan-08	Feb-08	Mar-08	Apr-08 ²
Austria	1.0	-1.1	0.2	3.7	0.9	-3.1
Belgium	-1.6	-1.6	0.5	4.6	-3.8	1.6
Finland	5.4	3.2	4.2	7.6	2.1	6.3
France	0.8	3.6	2.5	3.4	-0.7	-2.4
Germany	-3.0	-7.3	1.5	0.6	-2.3	-4.8
Greece	1.9	0.0	3.8	-4.1	0.5	2.3
Ireland	4.6	4.1	3.8	3.3	1.6	-2.8
Italy	-2.9	-3.1	-2.4	-1.0	-5.4	-4.7
Luxembourg	29.6	33.3	-3.5	4.1	-4.2	-2.5
Netherlands	1.4	3.6	1.1	2.5	-0.9	-1.9
Portugal	0.0	-1.7	2.1	3.9	0.4	-0.8
Slovenia	4.5	4.3	6.5	14.7	-1.6	6.7
Spain	0.5	-2.1	-2.4	-2.5	-5.4	-3.4
Cyprus	10.8	14.9	10.8	16.4	6.8	11.6
Malta	:	:	:	:	:	:
EA15	-0.5	-1.3	0.8	1.4	-2.3	-3.0
Denmark	-0.8	-0.6	-0.8	0.9	-2.3	-0.8
Sweden	4.0	2.9	3.4	4.7	3.9	0.4
United Kingdom	4.5	2.7	6.5	7.0	5.4	2.4
Czech Republic	3.2	4.0	3.6	3.7	-1.0	2.1
Estonia	3.5	0.7	0.2	5.7	-4.5	-1.5
Latvia	11.0	1.0	-0.4	-0.9	-3.1	0.4
Lithuania	9.5	7.6	13.8	15.0	9.1	14.2
Hungary	-4.3	-4.0	-2.9	-2.7	-3.7	-1.4
Poland	13.6	7.7	11.7	9.7	4.1	8.4
Slovakia	5.0	7.9	15.6	16.6	10.4	7.1
Bulgaria	10.1	12.0	11.4	11.9	8.3	10.1
Romania	18.1	20.4	15.4	22.5	14.3	24.0
EU27	1.3	0.3	2.5	3.2	-0.1	-0.9

: Data not available,

¹ Data NACE 52 : All Business excluding Motor Trades & Bars² Data for Ireland is Provisional April 2008 data

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Source: Eurostat

Background Notes

Retail Sales Index	<p>Introduction of updated series with base year 2000 = 100.</p> <p>An updated Retail Sales Index (RSI) was introduced in the November 2003 release. 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 updates.</p>
Reference Period	<p>The April 2008 period covers the 4 weeks from 30/03/08 to 26/04/08 and the May 2008 period covers the 4 weeks from 27/0/08 to 24/05/08.</p>
New Base Year	<p>The set of new monthly retail sales indices has been compiled with reference to base year 2000 = 100. The underlying structural weighting system is mainly based on the 2000 Annual Services Inquiry. Weights are updated from year to year using ratios of average weekly turnover by size class within business type.</p>
Scope and Coverage	<p>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).</p>
Methodology	<p>The business categories are 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 2000 Annual Services Inquiry classified by 13 retail business categories and four turnover (excluding VAT) ranges¹.</p> <p>The value indices are calculated by updating the aggregate 2000 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 2000 onwards.</p> <p>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). A copy of the Retail Sales Index methodology is available on our website (www.cso.ie).</p>
Seasonal Adjustment	<p>The seasonally adjusted series are updated twice yearly 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 1999 to February 2008. The duration is just sufficient for seasonal adjustment; the process will improve as the series is extended. The adjustments are completed by applying the X-11 Variant of the US Bureau of the Census Method 11 Seasonal Adjustment program based on individually selected multiplicative models. The unadjusted series, from which trading day variations have been eliminated, are available on our website (www.cso.ie).</p>
References	<p>A detailed description of the Retail Sales Index is available on the cso website www.cso.ie. 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.</p>

¹ The Department Stores business category is not classified by annual turnover but is sub-divided into three retail activity categories.