



**Table 1 Seasonally Adjusted Indices of Total Retail Sales<sup>1</sup>****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	137.5	2.5	7.7	121.4	2.0	6.5	
2nd quarter	140.2	2.0	8.6	122.6	1.0	7.2	
3rd quarter	140.9	0.5	7.8	122.8	0.2	6.1	
4th quarter	142.7	1.3	6.3	123.3	0.4	3.6	
2008 1st quarter	141.6	-0.8	3.0	121.1	-1.8	-0.2	
2nd quarter	138.5	-2.2	-1.2	117.1	-3.3	-4.5	
2007 February	137.0	0.2	7.2	121.1	0.2	6.2	
March	138.5	1.1	8.2	122.1	0.8	7.1	
April	139.4	0.6	7.9	122.4	0.2	6.6	
May	140.8	1.0	10.8	123.1	0.6	9.5	
June	140.3	-0.3	7.4	122.4	-0.5	5.9	
July	141.2	0.6	8.8	123.3	0.7	7.1	
August	140.2	-0.7	6.2	122.4	-0.7	4.8	
September	141.1	0.6	8.1	122.8	0.4	6.4	
October	142.4	1.0	6.5	123.6	0.6	4.3	
November	142.3	-0.1	6.3	122.9	-0.6	3.3	
December	143.3	0.7	6.3	123.5	0.5	3.5	
2008 January	143.4	0.1	4.9	123.2	-0.3	1.9	
February	141.2	-1.5	3.1	120.8	-1.9	-0.2	
March	140.5	-0.5	1.4	119.6	-1.0	-2.0	
April	139.2	-0.9	-0.1	118.3	-1.1	-3.3	
May	138.5	-0.5	-1.6	117.1	-1.0	-4.9	
June	138.0	-0.4	-1.6	116.3	-0.7	-5.0	
July <sup>2</sup>	140.5	1.8	-0.5	119.0	2.3	-3.5	

<sup>1</sup> Based on Seasonal Patterns up to June 2008<sup>2</sup> 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)<sup>1</sup>****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	146.3	1.5	7.9	128.2	1.2	6.3	
2nd quarter	150.1	2.6	7.8	130.7	2.0	6.3	
3rd quarter	151.8	1.1	7.5	131.6	0.7	5.7	
4th quarter	154.0	1.4	6.9	132.0	0.3	4.2	
2008 1st quarter	154.6	0.4	5.7	130.9	-0.8	2.1	
2nd quarter	152.1	-1.6	1.3	127.7	-2.4	-2.3	
2007 February	146.4	0.6	7.6	128.3	0.5	6.3	
March	146.8	0.3	8.3	128.6	0.2	6.9	
April	149.1	1.6	8.2	130.3	1.3	6.7	
May	152.1	2.0	9.6	132.5	1.7	8.2	
June	149.3	-1.9	5.9	129.7	-2.1	4.3	
July	152.2	1.9	8.7	132.1	1.9	6.7	
August	150.8	-0.9	6.2	130.9	-0.9	4.5	
September	152.2	0.9	7.6	131.8	0.6	5.8	
October	153.4	0.8	6.9	132.2	0.3	4.6	
November	154.1	0.4	7.1	131.9	-0.2	4.1	
December	154.3	0.1	6.5	131.9	0.0	3.8	
2008 January	154.4	0.1	6.2	131.5	-0.3	2.9	
February	154.9	0.3	5.8	131.0	-0.3	2.1	
March	154.5	-0.2	5.3	130.3	-0.6	1.3	
April	150.3	-2.7	0.8	126.6	-2.8	-2.8	
May	153.6	2.2	1.0	129.0	1.9	-2.6	
June	152.2	-0.9	2.0	127.5	-1.2	-1.7	
July <sup>2</sup>	149.4	-1.9	-1.9	125.3	-1.7	-5.2	

<sup>1</sup> Based on Seasonal Patterns up to June 2008<sup>2</sup> Provisional value and volume of sales indices based on early returns from sample retailers

**Table 3 Seasonally Adjusted<sup>1</sup> Value and Volume Indices of Retail Sales for 13 Retail Businesses  
(Preliminary Estimates) Base Year: 2000 = 100**

Retail Business - NACE REV 1	July 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	122.6	12.7	3.1	106.0	13.3	0.7
Non-Specialised Stores (excluding Department Stores) - NACE 52.11	174.0	-0.3	2.8	138.9	-0.6	-2.6
Department Stores - NACE 52.12	129.0	-4.4	-7.6	135.7	-3.5	-7.5
of which:-						
Clothing and Footwear	125.6	-3.8	-9.0			
Furniture, Soft Furnishing, etc.	77.8	-10.0	-21.6			
Other Goods and Services	153.2	-3.8	-1.8			
<u>Specialised Stores - NACE 52 (remainder)</u>						
Food, Beverages and Tobacco	131.9	2.7	3.4	104.7	3.1	-1.4
Pharmaceutical, Medical & Cosmetic Articles	174.9	-2.5	-0.7	147.2	-2.8	-2.3
Textiles and Clothing	143.9	-3.9	-5.1	182.6	-3.4	-0.5
Footwear and Leather	129.0	-1.5	-5.9	177.2	-0.1	-0.1
Furniture and Lighting	105.2	0.1	-17.1	97.1	-3.0	-16.6
Electrical Goods	117.2	-7.6	-13.1	109.5	-7.3	-12.5
Hardware, Paints and Glass	183.7	-1.4	-5.4	145.5	-0.8	-7.1
Books, Newspapers and Stationery	123.9	1.4	-9.8	98.3	1.3	-12.4
Other Retail Sales	135.1	-1.7	-6.1	110.7	-1.9	-10.2
Bars - NACE 55.4	111.2	-0.8	-2.3	83.7	-1.1	-5.8
All Businesses excl. Motor Trades	149.4	-1.9	-1.9	125.3	-1.7	-5.2
<b>All Businesses</b>	140.5	1.8	-0.5	119.0	2.3	-3.5
Of which:-						
<u>Combined Groups</u>						
Clothing & Footwear in specialised stores	142.7	-3.1	-5.2	184.7	-0.6	-0.3
Household Equipment	146.1	-4.9	-9.4	126.0	-5.2	-9.9
Books, Newspapers, Stationery & Other Goods	132.6	-1.4	-6.8	107.6	-1.8	-10.6
Food Businesses	170.0	0.0	2.8	135.8	0.0	-2.5
All Non-Food	143.1	-3.3	-6.6	131.3	-3.3	-7.6
All Businesses excl. Motor Trades & Bars	156.6	-1.3	-1.8	133.0	-2.3	-5.0

<sup>1</sup> Based on Seasonal Patterns up to June 2008, individual series are independently adjusted

**Table 4 Seasonally Adjusted<sup>1</sup> Value and Volume Indices of Retail Sales for 13 Retail Businesses**  
**Base Year: 2000 = 100**

Retail Business - NACE REV 1	June 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	108.8	-1.5	-10.7	93.6	-2.1	-13.4
Non-Specialised Stores (excluding Department Stores) - NACE 52.11	174.6	0.8	6.3	139.6	0.5	0.6
Department Stores - NACE 52.12	134.8	-6.4	-1.8	140.6	-6.8	-2.6
of which:-						
Clothing and Footwear	130.5	-3.6	-2.6			
Furniture, Soft Furnishings, etc.	86.4	0.7	-6.8			
Other Goods and Services	159.2	-3.4	0.4			
<b>Specialised Stores - NACE 52 (remainder)</b>						
Food, Beverages and Tobacco	128.4	2.7	5.3	101.6	1.9	0.5
Pharmaceutical, Medical & Cosmetic Articles	179.4	3.9	7.1	151.4	4.0	5.4
Textiles and Clothing	149.8	-1.0	1.3	189.1	-0.3	4.0
Footwear and Leather	131.0	-6.1	2.0	177.5	-5.8	6.2
Furniture and Lighting	105.1	-9.7	-18.6	100.1	-6.9	-18.2
Electrical Goods	126.7	3.7	-11.2	118.1	3.8	-10.9
Hardware, Paints and Glass	186.2	-4.7	1.2	146.7	-5.6	-0.7
Books, Newspapers and Stationery	122.2	-0.6	-6.9	97.1	-1.0	-10.3
Other Retail Sales	137.3	-2.3	-3.5	112.8	-3.0	-7.7
Bars - NACE 55.4	112.1	-1.3	-2.7	84.7	-1.3	-6.2
All Businesses excl. Motor Trades	152.2	-0.9	2.0	127.5	-1.2	-1.7
<b>All Businesses</b>	138.0	-0.4	-1.6	116.3	-0.7	-5.0
Of which:-						
<u>Combined Groups</u>						
Clothing & Footwear in specialised stores	147.2	-1.5	1.3	185.8	-1.6	4.1
Household Equipment	153.6	-1.2	-4.9	132.8	-1.0	-5.6
Books, Newspapers, Stationery & Other Goods	134.5	-2.1	-4.3	109.6	-2.8	-8.2
Food Businesses	170.0	0.8	6.3	135.7	0.5	0.6
All Non-Food	148.0	-1.1	-1.4	135.7	-1.3	-3.1
All Businesses excl. Motor Trades & Bars	158.6	-0.6	2.6	136.2	-0.3	-1.1

<sup>1</sup> Based on Seasonal Patterns up to June 2008, individual series are independently adjusted

**Table 5 Seasonally Adjusted<sup>1</sup> Value and Volume Indices of Retail Sales for 13 Retail Businesses**  
**Base Year: 2000 = 100**

Retail Business - NACE REV 1	April - June 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	111.2	-5.4	-7.2	96.0	-5.9	-9.8
Non-Specialised Stores (excluding Department Stores) - NACE 52.11	172.8	-1.1	5.8	138.6	-1.8	0.0
Department Stores - NACE 52.12	139.1	-4.4	-0.7	145.1	-4.4	-1.7
of which:-						
Clothing and Footwear	131.9	-2.9	-4.2			
Furniture, Soft Furnishings, etc.	87.3	-6.0	-11.3			
Other Goods and Services	162.0	-2.8	4.0			
<u>Specialised Stores - NACE 52 (remainder)</u>						
Food, Beverages and Tobacco	126.6	-1.0	1.4	100.7	-2.6	-3.6
Pharmaceutical, Medical & Cosmetic Articles	176.9	-0.1	3.7	149.2	-0.7	2.0
Textiles and Clothing	148.8	-1.2	-4.5	186.6	-0.1	-2.1
Footwear and Leather	130.7	-4.6	-7.5	176.4	-3.4	-3.6
Furniture and Lighting	115.4	-6.3	-11.4	108.5	-5.1	-11.0
Electrical Goods	126.3	-4.5	-11.1	117.7	-4.4	-10.8
Hardware, Paints and Glass	189.3	-3.0	-3.4	149.9	-4.0	-5.4
Books, Newspapers and Stationery	123.3	-2.0	-4.9	98.3	-2.8	-8.1
Other Retail Sales	140.5	-3.0	0.4	116.2	-4.0	-3.5
Bars - NACE 55.4	112.6	-0.4	-1.6	85.2	-1.3	-5.1
All Businesses excl. Motor Trades	152.1	-1.6	1.3	127.7	-2.4	-2.3
<b>All Businesses</b>	138.5	-2.2	-1.2	117.1	-3.3	-4.5
Of which:-						
<u>Combined Groups</u>						
Clothing & Footwear in specialised stores	146.1	-1.8	-4.9	184.3	-1.1	-2.4
Household Equipment	155.1	-2.6	-6.5	133.8	-2.7	-7.3
Books, Newspapers Stationery & Other Goods	137.4	-2.8	-0.7	112.7	-3.9	-4.3
Food Businesses	168.3	-1.1	5.5	134.8	-1.9	-0.2
All Non-Food	149.0	-2.2	-2.7	136.8	-2.8	-4.1
All Businesses excl. Motor Trades & Bars	158.4	-1.9	1.7	135.9	-2.4	-2.0

<sup>1</sup> Based on Seasonal Patterns up to June 2008, individual series are independently adjusted

**Table 6**  
**Volume of retail trade in the euro-zone, the EU27 and Member States<sup>1</sup>**  
**Annual % change compared with the same month of the previous year**

	Jan-08	Feb-08	Mar-08	Apr-08	May-08	Jun-08 <sup>2</sup>
Austria	0.2	3.7	0.9	-3.1	3.8	-2.7
Belgium	0.5	4.7	-3.8	1.6	6.4	-1.3
Finland	4.3	7.5	2.0	7.7	4.7	3.2
France	2.3	4.7	-3.3	1.1	2.4	-3.1
Germany	1.5	0.4	-2.3	-3.8	1.1	-1.6
Greece	3.8	-4.1	0.5	2.3	1.4	0.7
<b>Ireland</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>-2.8</b>	<b>-2.2</b>	<b>-1.2</b>
Italy	-2.6	-1.0	-5.4	-4.7	-4.5	-6.2
Luxembourg	12.5	12.5	10.5	6.0	11.2	-2.6
Netherlands	1.4	2.7	-0.7	-1.9	2.4	-0.5
Portugal	2.1	3.9	0.4	-0.9	2.2	-1.6
Slovenia	6.5	14.6	-1.6	7.0	6.6	4.4
Spain	-2.4	-2.5	-5.4	-3.3	-5.1	-7.8
Cyprus	10.8	17.3	6.4	12.5	13.5	c
Malta	:	:	:	:	:	:
<b>EA15</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>-2.9</b>	<b>-1.7</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>-3.2</b>
Denmark	0.0	1.8	-3.8	0.8	2.3	-6.6
Sweden	3.4	4.7	3.9	0.4	1.3	3.0
United Kingdom	6.6	7.0	5.2	2.3	7.2	2.8
Czech Republic	3.7	3.7	-1.0	2.1	2.4	3.2
Estonia	0.2	5.7	-4.6	-0.8	-4.1	-7.0
Latvia	-0.4	-0.8	-3.1	0.4	-5.0	-8.4
Lithuania	13.8	15.0	9.1	14.2	7.0	3.5
Hungary	-2.9	-2.5	-3.4	-1.3	-1.6	-2.0
Poland	11.7	9.7	4.1	9.9	8.4	6.3
Slovakia	15.6	16.6	10.4	7.1	6.7	3.2
Bulgaria	11.4	11.9	8.3	10.1	6.3	5.2
Romania	15.4	22.5	14.3	18.8	7.7	23.3
<b>EU27</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>-0.6</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>-1.2</b>

: Data not available,

<sup>1</sup> Data NACE 52 : All Business excluding Motor Trades & Bars

<sup>2</sup> Data for Ireland is Provisional June 2008 data

Source: Eurostat

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## Background Notes

<b>Retail Sales Index</b>	<p><b>Introduction of updated series with base year 2000 = 100.</b></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>
<b>Reference Period</b>	<p>The June 2008 period covers the 5 weeks from 25/05/08 to 28/06/08 and the July 2008 period covers the 4 weeks from 29/06/08 to 26/07/08.</p>
<b>New Base Year</b>	<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>
<b>Scope and Coverage</b>	<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>
<b>Methodology</b>	<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) ranges<sup>1</sup>.</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 (<a href="http://www.cso.ie">www.cso.ie</a>).</p>
<b>Seasonal Adjustment</b>	<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 June 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 (<a href="http://www.cso.ie">www.cso.ie</a>).</p>
<b>References</b>	<p>A detailed description of the Retail Sales Index is available on the cso website <a href="http://www.cso.ie">www.cso.ie</a>. 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>

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