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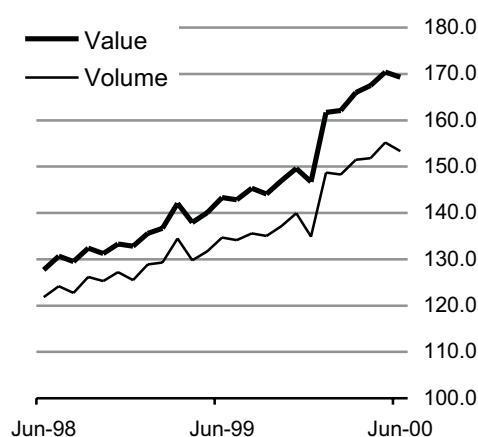
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Retail Sales Index

June 2000 (First Estimates)

Retail Sales Index

Seasonally adjusted



Retail Sales Index – All Businesses

(Base year 1995 = 100)

	Value Index	Volume Index
June 1999	143.1	134.9
June 2000	169.3	153.3
% change	+18.3%	+13.6%

Retail Sales up 18.3%

The *value* of retail sales rose by 18.3% in June 2000 compared to June 1999. The June 2000 index was 0.6% lower than the May 2000 index.

The *volume* of retail sales (i.e. excluding price effects) increased by 13.6% in June 2000 compared to June 1999.

On a three month basis, which gives a more stable indication of recent underlying trends, the April-June 2000 volume figures show a 3.8% increase compared with the three months ending May 2000.

May is the latest month for which final detailed sectoral figures are available. The three month March-May 2000 volume figures show that, compared with the three months ending February 2000:

- ◆ The largest increase in the volume of sales was in the *Motor Trades* (+16.1%) sector.
- ◆ The largest decrease in volume was in the *Electrical Goods* (-5.8%) sector.

All figures provided in this release are seasonally adjusted based on patterns up to December 1999.

Retrospective series

Revised retrospective seasonally adjusted value and volume figures based on trading patterns up to December 1999 are given in tables 3 to 6 of this release. These figures also incorporate the effects of revisions made due to the inclusion of late returns and also any returns corrected by respondents subsequent to publication.

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Table 1 Seasonally Adjusted Indices of Total Retail Sales¹**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		
1998 Year	128.1	9.5	9.5	122.6	7.8	7.8	125.6	120.2
1999 Year	142.8	11.5	11.5	134.3	9.5	9.5	137.6	129.9
1998 1st quarter	123.3	0.2	10.3	119.0	0.0	9.2	119.9	116.4
2nd quarter	127.0	3.0	11.2	121.7	2.3	9.3	123.5	118.6
3rd quarter	129.6	2.0	10.2	123.5	1.5	8.0	126.1	120.4
4th quarter	131.8	1.7	7.2	125.6	1.7	5.5	129.5	123.2
1999 1st quarter	137.8	4.6	11.8	131.2	4.5	10.3	131.5	125.4
2nd quarter	140.1	1.7	10.3	132.3	0.8	8.7	133.5	126.5
3rd quarter	143.6	2.5	10.8	134.9	2.0	9.2	137.8	130.3
4th quarter	148.1	3.1	12.4	137.9	2.2	9.8	143.1	133.9
2000 1st quarter	162.6	9.8	18.0	149.6	8.5	14.0	146.4	136.1
2nd quarter ²	168.8	3.8	20.5	153.4	2.5	15.9	151.9	139.8
1999 May	139.5	1.8	9.4	131.7	1.5	7.8	134.1	127.0
June	143.1	2.6	12.5	134.9	2.4	10.9	135.8	128.5
July	142.1	-0.7	9.1	134.1	-0.6	7.8	136.2	129.3
August	144.5	1.7	12.1	135.6	1.1	10.5	137.4	129.8
September	144.2	-0.2	11.3	135.1	-0.4	9.4	139.3	131.4
October	147.5	2.3	13.3	137.7	1.9	10.8	139.9	131.2
November	148.4	0.6	12.3	138.7	0.7	10.0	143.3	133.8
December	148.3	-0.1	11.7	137.4	-0.9	8.8	145.6	136.1
2000 January	160.4	8.2	19.0	148.5	8.1	15.1	143.9	134.3
February	161.6	0.7	18.6	148.6	0.1	14.7	147.0	136.6
March	165.2	2.2	16.8	151.2	1.7	12.6	148.0	137.2
April	166.5	0.8	21.4	151.7	0.3	17.0	150.2	138.9
May	170.4	2.3	22.2	155.2	2.3	17.8	151.5	139.3
June ²	169.3	-0.6	18.3	153.3	-1.2	13.6	153.6	140.8
12 months ending May 2000	153.3	15.0	15.0	142.2	12.1	12.1	143.1	133.8
12 months ending June 2000 ²	155.8	15.6	15.6	143.9	12.2	12.2	144.8	135.0
3 months ending May 2000	167.2	7.1	19.9	152.6	5.8	15.5	149.8	138.4
3 months ending June 2000 ²	168.8	3.8	20.5	153.4	2.5	15.9	151.9	139.8

¹ Based on Seasonal Values up to December 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**Base Year: 1995 = 100**

Retail Business - NACE REV 1	May 2000						March - May 2000					
	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	227.2	8.2	44.4	200.0	8.6	36.8	215.0	18.0	36.2	189.4	16.1	28.2
Non-Specialised Stores (excluding Department Stores) - NACE 52.11	144.2	1.0	11.1	123.9	0.2	6.4	141.8	2.5	9.7	122.5	1.7	5.3
Department Stores - NACE 52.12	187.2	9.0	23.7	199.5	8.1	25.1	182.3	12.5	19.9	195.2	12.0	21.5
of which:-												
Clothing and Footwear	198.2	7.7	22.9				196.1	13.5	19.9			
Furniture, Soft Furnishing, etc.	210.5	25.4	43.0				189.4	4.7	24.0			
Other Goods and Services	157.5	2.2	17.2				158.1	10.9	18.3			
Specialised Stores - NACE 52 (remainder)												
Food, Beverages and Tobacco	111.3	-4.1	7.1	100.7	-5.1	3.1	110.9	3.8	7.7	101.1	3.1	4.2
Pharmaceutical, Medical & Cosmetic Articles	196.6	4.2	23.1	176.3	4.2	19.8	188.2	1.7	21.3	169.1	0.6	17.9
Textiles and Clothing	167.1	3.4	22.9	213.9	2.7	30.5	160.5	7.6	17.6	206.2	7.7	25.0
Footwear and Leather	156.6	7.8	17.4	176.2	6.8	20.4	147.9	1.1	8.5	167.3	0.2	11.2
Furniture and Lighting	150.7	3.0	18.9	138.1	2.2	16.8	148.0	-1.0	10.0	136.3	-2.0	8.1
Electrical Goods	187.4	21.1	20.8	198.9	20.7	22.1	166.1	-5.6	11.9	176.8	-5.8	13.2
Hardware, Paints and Glass	169.7	7.4	15.6	155.7	7.1	12.5	161.3	9.7	13.4	148.4	8.9	10.5
Books, Newspapers and Stationery	144.4	-4.0	17.0	121.2	-4.7	8.3	144.8	5.7	18.1	122.6	3.4	10.0
Other Retail Sales	180.4	-7.3	23.7	174.6	-7.8	21.2	189.9	7.7	32.7	184.0	6.7	30.0
Bars - NACE 55.4	132.0	-3.6	-1.5	108.9	-5.4	-6.8	135.0	1.7	3.4	113.4	-0.4	-2.0
All Businesses excl. Motor Trades	151.5	0.9	13.0	139.3	0.3	9.7	149.8	3.0	12.8	138.4	2.0	9.7
All Businesses	170.4	2.3	22.2	155.2	2.3	17.8	167.2	7.1	19.9	152.6	5.8	15.5

¹ Based on Seasonal Values up to December 1999, individual series are independently adjusted

TABLE 3: Seasonally Adjusted Value Indices of Retail Sales for 13 Businesses, January 1996-May 2000
Updated on the basis of seasonal patterns up to December 1999

	YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Annual
Motor Trades	1996	105.4	109.7	115.1	113.4	116.5	111.5	110.1	114.0	114.9	118.9	117.6	116.5	112.4
	1997	118.7	117.3	117.3	121.1	121.5	124.3	125.3	125.5	123.7	136.2	144.5	161.8	125.1
	1998	128.2	138.4	133.4	135.2	138.8	139.4	146.0	139.7	138.7	140.0	136.8	141.8	137.2
	1999	150.6	152.3	160.7	154.8	157.3	167.1	161.5	168.8	162.0	173.7	170.1	153.7	159.5
	2000	199.3	200.8	209.3	210.0	227.2								
Non-Specialised Stores (excl. Department Stores)	1996	102.6	103.6	103.9	103.7	104.9	105.3	106.3	105.6	104.7	106.8	106.2	108.0	105.5
	1997	108.3	108.3	112.6	106.1	110.4	112.4	112.9	113.2	114.9	114.4	115.1	117.7	112.8
	1998	116.2	119.0	119.7	121.3	122.3	122.3	122.8	124.5	125.6	126.4	127.9	124.2	122.9
	1999	128.2	128.2	132.3	125.2	129.8	131.0	132.0	133.8	135.4	135.6	137.6	137.2	132.8
	2000	139.4	138.9	139.1	142.8	144.2								
Department Stores of which:-	1996	102.3	103.5	104.3	104.5	104.4	103.9	109.2	112.5	114.3	116.0	116.9	113.6	110.7
	1997	106.0	114.3	115.3	112.5	123.5	118.5	119.0	129.5	123.3	122.2	122.0	124.7	121.2
	1998	129.1	127.0	128.2	135.7	138.1	138.9	136.6	136.2	135.9	141.0	151.0	144.7	138.5
	1999	147.0	147.5	151.7	153.2	151.3	153.1	158.2	159.2	159.1	161.5	163.3	157.2	157.3
	2000	159.4	170.5	186.8	171.8	187.2								
Clothing and Footwear	1996	100.2	103.6	103.9	103.2	102.4	106.8	109.9	111.7	115.2	124.3	119.4	117.0	112.4
	1997	109.7	113.8	117.5	115.4	124.1	122.8	124.8	132.2	129.2	127.8	128.4	131.0	125.7
	1998	135.5	135.9	135.7	144.8	145.1	144.9	144.5	144.1	145.1	152.3	162.5	155.9	147.7
	1999	160.1	159.0	163.7	165.5	161.2	164.0	169.8	168.7	170.2	171.3	170.4	166.0	168.0
	2000	170.4	183.4	204.2	184.0	198.2								
Furniture, Soft Furnishings, etc.	1996	110.1	104.7	102.1	109.2	101.0	99.5	104.5	109.8	113.3	109.2	117.5	118.5	108.6
	1997	116.6	122.1	109.4	126.8	133.9	126.6	129.4	140.9	131.6	131.3	119.1	123.0	125.6
	1998	144.2	129.3	132.8	135.2	149.6	162.8	142.7	139.0	144.3	147.7	149.4	152.1	144.1
	1999	153.7	152.2	155.3	154.8	147.2	163.7	162.9	164.4	171.4	181.4	184.5	187.9	166.1
	2000	172.1	181.1	189.9	167.9	210.5								
Other Goods and Services	1996	103.5	102.6	105.7	103.0	105.2	103.5	108.9	111.4	114.1	110.4	110.5	108.4	109.1
	1997	97.9	111.0	114.7	100.2	115.2	110.9	103.7	116.7	111.6	112.9	111.2	117.4	112.7
	1998	115.4	114.4	115.6	120.8	119.5	122.3	120.7	120.0	119.6	124.2	130.5	128.1	123.0
	1999	128.9	130.7	133.5	132.9	134.4	135.7	137.5	138.9	138.6	141.5	140.0	137.9	138.1
	2000	141.6	149.5	161.7	154.1	157.5								
Specialised Stores - NACE 52 (remainder) Food, Beverages and Tobacco	1996	101.6	101.0	100.8	101.5	100.4	100.4	102.2	99.1	101.5	101.0	98.3	100.1	100.9
	1997	99.9	100.6	100.9	99.2	101.2	99.8	101.3	100.1	102.1	100.5	100.4	101.7	101.0
	1998	100.1	100.5	99.4	103.2	99.8	102.6	101.6	103.5	99.8	100.8	103.1	103.8	101.8
	1999	98.8	102.5	103.4	101.6	103.9	106.2	102.7	107.5	99.6	106.5	107.1	104.2	104.0
	2000	108.5	108.4	106.6	116.0	111.3								
Pharmaceutical, Medical and Cosmetic Articles	1996	101.3	101.2	102.9	104.5	105.1	106.3	104.9	105.8	108.0	109.9	106.1	107.5	105.8
	1997	107.9	110.2	110.6	111.2	109.8	112.7	115.1	115.0	116.4	117.7	119.5	121.4	114.7
	1998	125.1	127.0	116.3	118.7	128.3	130.1	134.3	133.7	136.1	130.0	141.5	156.2	132.9
	1999	143.9	157.8	153.1	152.9	159.7	159.0	159.0	165.0	164.8	167.9	170.6	193.3	164.2
	2000	179.2	180.6	181.1	188.7	196.6								
Textiles and Clothing	1996	103.9	103.8	102.5	107.0	104.6	111.7	99.0	114.5	95.3	112.1	109.6	111.3	107.8
	1997	111.1	106.8	111.8	109.0	110.5	112.6	108.2	117.9	116.3	114.1	114.9	119.0	114.7
	1998	120.5	118.8	119.8	122.3	131.6	122.7	128.0	123.5	127.4	128.2	130.9	128.0	126.1
	1999	125.4	135.9	139.1	133.8	136.0	136.9	141.5	137.8	137.9	139.6	141.5	143.5	139.6
	2000	148.3	157.4	154.4	161.6	167.1								

TABLE 3: Seasonally Adjusted Value Indices of Retail Sales for 13 Businesses, January 1996-May 2000 (continued)
Updated on the basis of seasonal patterns up to December 1999

	YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Annual
Footwear and Leather	1996	100.2	102.9	98.2	100.4	100.0	109.5	106.7	109.3	104.1	107.3	106.9	105.1	105.2
	1997	106.5	106.3	112.9	115.5	118.2	106.4	114.5	111.4	117.6	117.9	117.6	120.6	115.1
	1998	121.2	119.0	121.7	120.0	136.1	115.4	122.7	128.5	131.8	135.6	139.2	138.0	128.3
	1999	133.2	137.7	139.4	135.3	133.3	136.8	137.8	139.1	138.6	135.6	137.8	141.9	138.6
	2000	145.2	152.9	143.1	145.3	156.6								
Furniture and Lighting	1996	107.9	108.2	106.2	106.4	106.7	110.3	112.1	111.0	108.5	113.8	107.7	112.9	109.7
	1997	104.1	107.7	108.6	114.3	115.7	114.4	113.8	126.3	119.8	117.7	116.3	111.9	114.4
	1998	123.9	120.5	126.2	126.4	127.4	115.0	130.1	120.5	130.1	128.0	139.7	142.4	128.3
	1999	134.1	141.0	141.1	133.9	126.8	139.1	140.3	136.2	142.2	140.4	151.2	149.1	140.7
	2000	148.8	150.7	147.1	146.4	150.7								
Electrical Goods	1996	99.0	98.5	98.1	103.3	104.9	106.1	104.8	105.5	107.8	109.5	103.3	109.2	105.6
	1997	107.6	108.5	108.3	108.9	114.3	120.8	118.2	124.6	126.0	121.7	116.0	143.4	122.3
	1998	126.5	127.2	133.4	138.7	128.9	146.3	141.9	138.4	143.9	142.6	149.2	171.6	145.6
	1999	132.9	143.3	148.4	141.9	155.2	165.3	167.6	161.1	169.2	158.0	163.9	211.3	167.7
	2000	149.9	158.0	158.1	154.7	187.4								
Hardware, Paints and Glass	1996	104.5	104.2	103.7	101.9	105.7	108.0	106.6	107.2	109.2	113.6	111.2	112.7	108.2
	1997	110.8	106.4	112.6	117.4	114.6	120.4	125.3	118.8	115.4	117.0	117.8	120.0	117.3
	1998	122.3	122.9	125.9	122.5	133.9	120.4	128.0	128.2	129.9	131.4	132.3	124.0	126.7
	1999	138.8	136.1	140.1	140.1	146.8	140.1	143.8	147.1	148.7	146.4	152.0	137.9	143.6
	2000	149.1	156.5	157.2	158.1	169.7								
Books, Newspapers and Stationery	1996	98.7	102.0	102.2	100.0	103.4	103.7	102.1	102.6	104.7	106.2	105.4	108.7	104.3
	1997	108.8	107.9	109.4	101.8	112.4	109.9	111.1	112.5	109.6	111.2	115.4	113.8	111.2
	1998	112.9	115.5	113.3	116.6	113.1	116.0	114.1	118.7	115.0	115.7	124.3	117.4	116.7
	1999	121.3	118.7	122.9	121.3	123.5	127.8	128.5	129.2	135.1	145.7	133.5	135.1	129.9
	2000	137.1	139.2	140.8	150.3	144.4								
Other Retail Sales	1996	106.8	111.8	105.9	106.6	108.6	105.2	108.2	109.0	115.3	114.7	112.7	113.6	111.3
	1997	118.9	117.9	111.1	117.1	119.8	120.9	123.7	122.7	122.3	125.8	125.2	128.0	122.8
	1998	125.5	128.3	123.9	137.8	133.3	136.4	138.0	139.4	137.9	136.6	142.8	140.4	136.4
	1999	134.7	138.6	142.6	140.9	145.8	152.9	149.3	156.3	153.4	159.9	167.8	171.2	154.7
	2000	176.0	183.0	193.7	194.5	180.4								
Bars	1996	106.5	101.3	103.6	107.6	104.6	106.2	105.8	106.6	107.7	108.4	109.2	110.1	106.5
	1997	110.7	110.2	112.3	110.8	113.2	113.7	114.8	115.5	116.9	116.1	117.2	119.5	114.8
	1998	120.5	124.2	121.1	120.4	122.4	122.5	123.7	123.5	122.8	125.6	126.3	126.6	123.5
	1999	125.4	128.1	127.9	130.5	134.0	130.7	128.9	130.0	133.3	132.0	133.8	129.5	130.7
	2000	129.8	139.7	136.0	136.9	132.0								
All Businesses excl. Motor Trades	1996	103.3	103.6	103.6	104.4	104.9	106.0	105.8	106.8	106.3	108.9	107.9	108.6	106.5
	1997	109.3	109.0	111.6	108.5	111.9	113.4	114.3	115.4	116.5	115.8	116.5	119.4	114.4
	1998	118.8	120.6	120.2	122.3	124.2	123.8	125.4	125.5	127.1	127.4	131.1	129.8	125.3
	1999	128.5	131.1	134.2	129.9	134.1	135.8	136.2	137.4	139.3	139.9	143.3	145.6	137.6
	2000	143.9	147.0	148.0	150.2	151.5								
All Businesses	1996	103.5	104.6	106.3	107.5	107.5	106.9	106.7	108.5	108.3	111.1	110.1	110.8	107.9
	1997	111.7	110.6	112.8	112.5	114.0	115.6	116.9	117.8	118.1	120.3	122.3	125.6	117.0
	1998	121.2	124.9	123.6	126.4	127.5	127.2	130.2	128.9	129.6	130.2	132.2	132.8	128.1
	1999	134.8	136.3	141.4	137.1	139.5	143.1	142.1	144.5	144.2	147.5	148.4	148.3	142.8
	2000	160.4	161.6	165.2	166.5	170.4								

TABLE 4: Seasonally Adjusted Volume Indices of Retail Sales for 13 Businesses, January 1996-May 2000
Updated on the basis of seasonal patterns up to December 1999

	YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Annual
Motor Trades - NACE 50	1996	103.8	108.0	113.1	111.2	113.7	108.9	107.5	111.3	111.8	114.6	112.6	111.5	109.7
	1997	113.7	111.9	111.9	115.6	116.3	118.2	119.0	119.1	117.2	129.0	136.8	152.8	119.0
	1998	120.6	131.0	126.2	127.9	131.3	131.8	138.0	132.0	131.8	132.9	129.7	134.6	129.8
	1999	142.3	143.5	151.1	144.8	146.2	155.1	149.4	155.1	148.6	158.6	155.0	139.1	148.0
	2000	177.3	179.2	185.0	184.2	200.0								
Non-Specialised Stores - NACE 52.11 (excl. Department Stores)	1996	101.0	101.8	101.9	101.5	102.5	102.8	103.5	102.5	101.4	103.3	102.6	104.4	102.8
	1997	104.4	104.2	108.4	102.1	106.3	107.7	107.8	108.0	109.2	108.6	108.6	110.7	107.7
	1998	109.2	111.5	111.7	112.4	112.8	112.2	112.2	113.7	114.5	115.2	116.1	112.6	113.0
	1999	116.1	115.6	119.2	112.6	116.4	117.2	118.3	119.2	120.4	119.7	121.4	119.7	118.4
	2000	121.4	120.7	120.5	123.6	123.9								
Department Stores - NACE 52.12 of which:-	1996	100.1	102.5	103.9	104.4	104.1	104.5	107.1	112.4	114.8	116.4	116.9	116.0	110.6
	1997	107.7	115.6	116.9	114.4	125.7	121.5	121.7	134.9	127.7	126.8	125.8	130.3	124.5
	1998	135.5	132.2	133.1	140.7	142.5	143.9	142.8	141.6	141.2	147.3	157.0	152.0	144.2
	1999	155.9	156.0	160.2	162.4	159.5	162.3	170.2	170.3	169.9	172.1	173.9	169.4	167.4
	2000	172.3	182.5	200.3	184.4	199.5								
Clothing and Footwear	1996													
	1997													
	1998													
	1999													
	2000													
Furniture, Soft Furnishings, etc.	1996													
	1997													
	1998													
	1999													
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Other Goods and Services	1996													
	1997													
	1998													
	1999													
	2000													
Specialised Stores - NACE 52 (remainder)														
Food, Beverages and Tobacco	1996	101.2	100.4	99.8	100.3	98.9	99.5	102.2	98.7	101.3	100.9	98.3	99.9	100.4
	1997	99.2	99.9	100.4	98.7	100.8	98.9	100.0	98.7	100.8	99.3	98.4	98.9	99.8
	1998	98.0	98.3	96.8	99.8	96.2	98.1	96.9	98.7	95.4	96.6	98.9	98.6	97.9
	1999	93.9	96.9	97.5	95.7	97.7	99.6	96.7	100.7	93.6	96.3	99.6	95.9	97.3
	2000	99.9	99.1	97.4	106.1	100.7								
Pharmaceutical, Medical and Cosmetic Articles	1996	99.9	99.6	101.3	102.6	103.1	104.0	102.5	103.1	105.3	107.2	103.4	104.6	103.5
	1997	105.1	106.9	107.0	107.2	105.9	108.7	111.0	110.6	112.0	112.8	114.1	115.7	110.4
	1998	119.3	120.0	109.3	110.9	120.9	122.1	125.7	125.4	126.8	121.0	131.6	145.2	124.5
	1999	134.0	146.1	142.0	141.3	147.2	146.3	145.9	150.7	150.4	153.2	155.3	175.9	150.7
	2000	163.2	163.4	163.3	169.3	176.3								
Textiles and Clothing	1996	100.6	103.0	102.8	107.9	104.9	117.2	95.9	112.2	96.6	113.7	111.8	115.1	108.5
	1997	115.8	111.1	116.9	114.7	115.8	123.1	115.9	128.3	127.8	125.9	127.2	131.9	123.6
	1998	137.0	133.9	135.0	138.1	147.6	141.3	147.9	139.9	146.7	148.9	152.7	149.6	144.2
	1999	150.9	164.3	167.8	162.3	164.0	168.8	177.7	170.6	172.2	175.5	178.9	182.5	172.5
	2000	192.8	201.1	198.4	208.3	214.0								

TABLE 4: Seasonally Adjusted Volume Indices of Retail Sales for 13 Businesses, January 1996 - May 2000 (continued)
Updated on the basis of seasonal patterns up to December 1999

	YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Annual
Footwear and Leather	1996	97.7	101.9	98.3	101.1	100.3	111.5	106.0	111.0	106.5	109.8	110.1	109.7	106.6
	1997	111.9	111.6	120.2	123.6	125.6	114.8	124.8	122.6	129.4	129.4	129.2	132.1	124.5
	1998	134.2	130.8	133.7	131.8	147.2	126.0	135.5	141.0	143.5	148.5	152.1	150.9	140.2
	1999	149.9	153.9	154.0	150.1	146.3	152.0	156.8	156.7	155.6	152.2	155.3	160.4	155.0
	2000	168.7	173.6	162.0	165.0	176.2								
Furniture and Lighting	1996	106.1	107.2	105.4	105.1	105.1	108.7	109.7	108.6	106.7	111.2	105.3	110.7	107.8
	1997	101.8	104.4	105.6	111.2	112.2	110.9	110.0	121.5	115.6	113.5	112.0	107.7	110.6
	1998	119.9	115.6	120.5	120.2	120.5	108.7	123.5	112.8	122.2	120.4	131.2	133.5	121.3
	1999	126.7	132.5	132.7	125.7	118.2	130.0	132.2	126.3	132.7	131.0	141.1	138.4	131.5
	2000	139.4	139.8	135.8	135.1	138.1								
Electrical Goods	1996	99.9	99.4	99.2	104.5	105.9	107.1	105.8	106.8	109.1	110.7	104.4	110.4	106.7
	1997	109.7	109.7	109.7	110.2	115.6	122.7	120.8	127.3	128.9	124.8	119.2	147.2	124.9
	1998	131.2	130.8	137.6	142.8	132.4	150.6	146.6	143.3	149.1	148.1	155.3	178.9	150.8
	1999	140.3	150.1	156.3	149.3	162.9	173.5	177.1	170.2	179.1	167.5	174.2	224.6	177.2
	2000	161.1	168.0	168.8	164.8	198.9								
Hardware, Paints and Glass	1996	103.0	103.2	102.4	100.5	104.1	106.3	104.6	105.4	107.2	111.3	109.1	110.0	106.4
	1997	108.9	104.2	110.3	115.0	112.4	118.1	122.3	116.2	112.9	114.3	114.6	116.2	114.6
	1998	118.8	118.8	121.6	118.3	128.9	115.6	122.8	122.8	124.2	125.7	126.5	117.5	121.6
	1999	132.3	129.5	132.7	132.3	138.5	132.1	135.7	138.0	139.4	136.9	141.8	127.5	134.9
	2000	138.3	145.2	145.0	145.4	155.7								
Books, Newspapers and Stationery	1996	96.5	99.5	99.5	97.0	100.1	100.3	98.5	99.1	100.9	102.4	101.4	104.8	100.9
	1997	104.6	103.5	104.8	97.2	107.3	104.6	105.3	106.0	103.3	104.6	108.0	107.0	105.4
	1998	105.6	107.6	105.3	107.5	104.5	106.6	105.0	109.0	105.0	105.7	113.0	107.2	107.3
	1999	110.4	108.0	111.8	110.6	111.9	115.4	115.5	115.6	120.5	129.2	118.2	117.4	116.3
	2000	118.7	119.9	120.0	127.2	121.2								
Other Retail Sales	1996	105.7	110.4	104.4	105.3	106.9	103.4	105.7	106.9	113.7	112.2	110.0	111.2	109.3
	1997	117.7	115.6	109.2	115.8	118.4	119.4	122.8	121.9	121.9	124.9	124.0	126.9	121.6
	1998	125.8	127.2	122.3	136.5	131.4	133.9	136.3	137.2	136.0	134.4	140.3	138.4	134.6
	1999	134.9	137.2	140.9	139.9	144.0	150.6	147.8	153.8	151.3	156.9	164.5	167.3	152.4
	2000	173.6	177.9	187.5	189.3	174.6								
Bars	1996	105.1	99.4	102.0	105.4	102.2	103.5	102.6	102.8	103.7	104.4	105.2	105.6	103.8
	1997	105.9	104.9	107.3	105.6	107.3	108.4	109.5	110.0	111.1	109.0	109.6	111.4	108.8
	1998	112.0	115.0	112.1	111.2	112.0	112.0	112.4	111.9	110.9	113.5	114.6	114.1	112.7
	1999	112.7	114.8	114.7	116.0	116.8	114.8	113.0	113.7	116.3	115.1	117.0	111.7	114.9
	2000	111.4	118.9	115.5	115.2	108.9								
All Businesses excl. Motor Trades	1996	101.7	102.3	102.3	103.0	103.3	104.7	103.6	104.7	104.3	106.6	104.8	106.9	104.6
	1997	107.1	106.7	109.4	106.3	109.8	111.4	112.0	113.2	114.1	113.1	112.5	116.3	111.9
	1998	115.7	117.0	116.4	117.8	119.4	118.6	120.1	119.8	121.1	121.5	124.1	123.9	120.2
	1999	122.7	125.0	127.8	123.5	127.0	128.5	129.3	129.8	131.4	131.2	133.8	136.1	129.9
	2000	134.3	136.6	137.2	138.9	139.3								
All Businesses	1996	102.1	103.3	104.8	105.8	105.7	105.4	104.4	106.2	105.9	108.4	107.3	108.0	105.8
	1997	109.2	107.7	109.8	109.6	111.3	112.7	113.6	114.6	114.7	116.8	118.3	121.2	113.7
	1998	117.4	120.5	119.0	121.2	122.2	121.6	124.4	122.7	123.5	124.3	126.1	126.3	122.6
	1999	129.0	129.6	134.3	129.7	131.7	134.9	134.1	135.6	135.1	137.7	138.7	137.4	134.3
	2000	148.5	148.6	151.2	151.7	155.2								

TABLE 5: Seasonally Unadjusted Value Indices of Retail Sales for 13 Businesses, January 1996-May 2000

	YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Annual
Motor Trades	1996	133.8	132.1	136.1	124.8	128.6	113.0	113.7	100.6	101.0	110.4	96.9	66.5	112.4
	1997	151.6	141.6	139.5	131.9	133.8	127.1	129.5	111.1	108.1	125.6	118.2	91.9	125.1
	1998	165.2	167.8	159.4	145.5	152.9	143.5	151.1	123.1	121.0	128.8	111.7	79.9	137.2
	1999	195.4	185.5	192.5	164.9	173.2	172.9	167.3	148.4	141.1	159.3	138.6	86.3	159.5
	2000	259.6	245.0	250.8	222.5	250.2								
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	105.5
	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	112.8
	1998	107.7	113.8	116.5	122.1	121.9	121.2	124.0	123.0	122.3	123.9	127.2	149.5	122.9
	1999	118.8	122.4	128.8	126.1	129.3	129.8	133.2	132.1	132.0	132.9	137.0	165.2	132.8
	2000	129.1	132.5	135.2	143.9	143.6								
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	110.7
	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	121.2
	1998	130.5	91.1	103.7	122.2	119.0	141.0	135.8	115.8	120.3	143.6	158.2	272.4	138.5
	1999	148.9	106.0	123.0	138.1	130.8	155.5	157.3	135.4	140.5	164.6	171.1	295.1	157.3
	2000	161.6	122.5	151.5	155.0	162.1								
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	112.4
	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	125.7
	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	147.7
	1999	154.1	103.5	125.6	148.7	148.0	174.1	163.0	138.6	149.6	179.3	186.4	321.1	168.0
	2000	164.5	119.3	156.7	165.7	182.1								
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	108.6
	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	125.6
	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	144.1
	1999	184.9	125.4	143.9	150.7	115.0	162.1	195.4	160.1	153.8	194.4	181.7	221.6	166.1
	2000	206.0	148.7	176.7	162.2	164.9								
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	109.1
	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	112.7
	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	123.0
	1999	126.4	101.4	110.5	117.4	112.5	125.8	133.1	120.6	121.9	130.9	144.7	288.3	138.1
	2000	138.9	116.3	133.6	136.5	131.9								
Specialised Stores - NACE 52 (remainder) 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	100.9
	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	101.0
	1998	90.9	96.0	91.1	102.7	97.7	101.6	105.4	104.7	97.0	99.4	101.3	131.8	101.8
	1999	89.4	97.8	94.5	101.3	101.5	105.6	106.3	109.0	96.7	104.9	105.3	132.5	104.0
	2000	98.1	103.3	97.2	115.6	108.7								
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	105.8
	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	114.7
	1998	121.0	125.5	109.0	115.2	125.9	131.7	134.3	129.0	132.4	123.5	138.2	200.1	132.9
	1999	139.8	155.6	143.0	148.5	156.6	160.9	158.9	159.1	160.3	159.4	166.4	247.8	164.2
	2000	174.5	178.0	169.0	183.2	192.7								
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	107.8
	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	114.7
	1998	109.4	82.2	93.3	106.1	123.3	118.1	130.3	125.9	122.4	124.0	139.2	233.8	126.1
	1999	113.0	94.8	109.0	115.9	127.5	131.8	144.0	140.6	132.6	134.8	150.4	261.5	139.6
	2000	133.2	110.2	121.4	139.8	156.8								

TABLE 5: Seasonally Unadjusted Value Indices of Retail Sales for 13 Businesses, January 1996-May 2000 (continued)

	YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Annual
Footwear and Leather	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	105.2
	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	115.1
	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	128.3
	1999	114.5	91.5	105.1	127.3	135.5	135.9	142.1	173.4	147.3	129.2	129.7	218.3	138.6
	2000	124.7	101.5	108.1	136.2	159.2								
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	109.7
	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	114.4
	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	128.3
	1999	130.0	129.5	132.4	121.0	116.3	130.4	159.5	126.6	137.6	132.5	174.2	191.5	140.7
	2000	144.1	138.7	138.4	132.0	138.2								
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	105.6
	1997	117.9	102.8	86.0	92.6	86.4	93.7	107.3	106.9	106.4	121.7	134.8	289.9	122.3
	1998	137.1	120.6	106.6	117.7	96.4	114.1	128.6	119.1	120.4	142.7	172.6	350.2	145.6
	1999	142.6	135.8	119.5	120.4	115.3	129.0	151.8	138.9	140.8	158.1	189.4	432.8	167.7
	2000	160.2	149.6	127.9	131.0	138.8								
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	108.2
	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	117.3
	1998	99.2	104.7	112.0	122.0	137.4	125.6	135.2	128.7	121.4	127.1	141.6	166.9	126.7
	1999	112.5	116.2	125.2	139.4	151.0	146.2	152.0	147.7	138.7	141.4	162.5	185.1	143.6
	2000	120.8	133.8	140.7	157.3	174.8								
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	104.3
	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	111.2
	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	116.7
	1999	112.3	108.9	113.3	114.7	111.9	117.6	125.6	144.3	135.7	135.7	130.0	197.2	129.9
	2000	127.0	127.2	129.7	142.4	130.8								
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	111.3
	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	122.8
	1998	115.0	115.8	112.2	120.7	118.9	116.0	124.8	131.2	129.0	135.0	165.5	243.9	136.4
	1999	121.9	124.8	128.9	124.0	130.0	130.4	135.3	147.5	142.8	158.3	195.2	297.4	154.7
	2000	158.1	164.4	175.2	171.5	160.8								
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	106.5
	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	114.8
	1998	106.6	111.9	114.4	116.6	123.5	127.0	132.3	137.0	125.6	124.8	118.7	142.1	123.5
	1999	110.7	115.4	121.0	126.2	135.1	135.7	137.8	143.9	136.3	131.2	125.9	145.4	130.7
	2000	114.5	125.8	128.7	132.3	133.2								
All Businesses excl. Motor Trades	1996	95.7	93.5	94.9	100.4	101.4	103.3	106.6	107.1	102.5	106.6	109.3	150.3	106.5
	1997	101.0	98.5	102.4	104.4	108.2	110.5	115.2	115.7	112.3	113.4	118.3	165.1	114.4
	1998	109.5	108.9	110.4	117.7	120.1	120.6	126.5	125.8	122.4	124.8	133.2	179.8	125.3
	1999	118.1	118.3	123.3	125.0	129.7	132.2	137.3	137.7	134.3	137.0	145.8	201.7	137.6
	2000	132.1	132.7	135.9	144.5	146.6								
All Businesses	1996	104.7	102.6	104.7	106.1	107.8	105.6	108.3	105.6	102.2	107.5	106.4	130.5	107.9
	1997	113.0	108.7	111.2	110.9	114.3	114.4	118.6	114.6	111.3	116.3	118.3	147.8	117.0
	1998	122.7	122.8	122.0	124.2	127.9	126.0	132.3	125.2	122.1	125.7	128.1	156.2	128.1
	1999	136.4	134.2	139.7	134.4	140.0	141.8	144.4	140.3	135.9	142.3	144.1	174.4	142.8
	2000	162.3	159.3	163.1	163.0	171.1								

TABLE 6: Seasonally Unadjusted Volume Indices of Retail Sales for 13 Businesses, January 1996-May 2000

	YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Annual
Motor Trades - NACE 50	1996	132.3	130.3	133.8	122.2	125.4	110.3	111.0	98.3	98.0	106.3	92.6	63.7	109.7
	1997	146.0	135.5	133.2	125.5	127.9	120.7	123.0	105.4	102.0	118.8	111.7	86.7	119.0
	1998	156.5	159.2	150.9	137.2	144.5	135.6	142.7	116.3	114.4	122.0	105.8	75.8	129.8
	1999	186.1	175.3	181.2	153.5	160.8	160.3	154.6	136.3	128.8	145.2	126.2	78.0	148.0
	2000	233.0	219.3	221.9	194.2	220.0								
Non-Specialised Stores - NACE 52 (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	102.8
	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	107.7
	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	113.0
	1999	108.1	110.7	116.2	113.3	115.6	115.3	118.9	117.5	117.4	117.5	121.5	144.3	118.4
	2000	113.1	115.4	117.2	124.3	122.9								
Department Stores - NACE 52.12 of which:-	1996	102.6	74.1	83.8	93.6	88.8	105.4	108.5	96.1	102.1	117.9	121.8	216.6	110.6
	1997	111.3	83.7	94.4	102.7	107.3	122.3	123.7	115.4	113.1	128.4	131.1	242.0	124.5
	1998	141.1	95.8	107.7	126.1	122.3	144.5	145.0	121.3	124.6	149.2	163.7	281.1	144.2
	1999	163.5	113.2	129.7	145.3	137.2	162.8	172.8	145.9	149.5	174.3	181.3	312.4	167.4
	2000	181.3	132.5	162.1	165.2	171.9								
Clothing and Footwear	1996													
	1997													
	1998													
	1999													
	2000													
Furniture, Soft Furnishings, etc.	1996													
	1997													
	1998													
	1999													
	2000													
Other Goods and Services	1996													
	1997													
	1998													
	1999													
	2000													
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	100.4
	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	99.8
	1998	89.2	94.4	89.0	99.2	93.7	96.5	99.7	99.5	92.5	95.4	97.7	125.9	97.9
	1999	85.3	92.9	89.5	95.4	95.0	98.3	99.4	101.7	90.7	94.8	98.5	122.7	97.3
	2000	90.7	95.1	89.3	105.9	97.9								
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	103.5
	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	110.4
	1998	115.4	118.9	102.3	107.6	118.4	123.5	125.7	121.1	123.3	114.9	128.5	185.9	124.5
	1999	130.2	144.5	132.5	137.3	144.0	147.9	145.9	145.5	146.2	145.2	151.5	225.5	150.7
	2000	158.9	161.5	152.2	164.5	172.5								
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	108.5
	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	123.6
	1998	131.3	93.9	104.5	118.2	137.0	131.3	158.0	146.9	139.9	142.1	158.3	265.8	144.2
	1999	145.4	116.2	130.5	138.7	152.3	157.3	190.1	178.9	164.1	167.2	185.0	323.0	172.5
	2000	186.2	143.1	154.7	177.5	198.7								

TABLE 6: Seasonally Unadjusted Volume Indices of Retail Sales for 13 Businesses, January 1996-May 2000 (continued)

	YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Annual
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	106.6
	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	124.5
	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	140.2
	1999	134.8	103.4	115.6	139.7	148.6	149.0	166.6	197.0	164.3	143.8	143.6	241.6	155.0
	2000	152.2	116.4	121.8	152.9	178.9								
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	107.8
	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	110.6
	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	121.3
	1999	125.7	121.5	123.7	113.1	108.3	121.3	151.8	118.4	127.8	123.5	161.5	176.2	131.5
	2000	138.4	128.4	126.8	121.2	126.4								
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	106.7
	1997	120.3	104.3	87.0	93.8	87.6	95.5	109.7	109.2	108.7	124.5	138.1	297.4	124.9
	1998	142.3	124.4	109.8	121.2	99.3	117.8	133.1	123.2	124.5	147.7	179.4	364.7	150.8
	1999	150.7	142.7	125.5	126.8	121.5	136.0	160.7	146.4	148.7	167.2	200.8	459.7	177.2
	2000	172.4	159.5	136.2	139.7	147.8								
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	106.4
	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	114.6
	1998	97.2	101.3	108.2	117.8	132.0	120.5	130.0	122.9	115.7	121.2	135.0	158.8	121.6
	1999	108.2	110.6	118.5	131.4	142.0	137.7	143.9	138.2	129.5	131.7	151.2	171.9	134.9
	2000	113.2	124.1	129.9	144.5	159.9								
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	100.9
	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	105.4
	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	107.3
	1999	102.1	98.7	102.6	104.5	101.5	106.1	113.2	129.4	121.3	120.7	115.5	170.9	116.3
	2000	109.9	109.3	110.1	120.3	109.8								
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	109.3
	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	121.6
	1998	116.0	115.3	110.9	119.0	116.8	113.9	124.4	129.7	126.7	132.5	162.1	239.4	134.6
	1999	123.1	124.2	127.6	122.4	128.0	128.3	135.3	145.8	140.3	155.0	190.7	289.1	152.4
	2000	157.5	160.7	169.8	165.8	155.2								
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	103.8
	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	108.8
	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	112.7
	1999	99.5	103.7	108.5	112.3	118.8	118.9	120.5	125.8	119.0	114.4	109.5	125.4	114.9
	2000	98.3	107.4	109.2	111.5	110.9								
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	104.6
	1997	99.9	96.7	100.3	102.1	105.7	107.7	113.2	113.7	109.9	110.7	114.9	160.0	111.9
	1998	107.8	106.0	106.8	113.1	115.0	114.7	121.5	120.3	116.6	119.0	126.9	170.7	120.2
	1999	114.1	113.1	117.3	118.5	122.3	124.2	130.8	130.2	126.5	128.4	136.9	187.6	129.9
	2000	124.8	123.7	125.8	133.3	134.1								
All Businesses	1996	103.8	101.6	103.3	104.3	105.7	103.5	106.2	103.6	100.0	104.9	103.5	127.1	105.8
	1997	111.1	106.1	108.4	107.9	111.1	110.9	115.6	111.7	108.0	112.7	114.2	142.4	113.7
	1998	119.7	118.9	117.6	119.1	122.1	119.8	126.7	119.4	116.2	119.8	122.0	148.4	122.6
	1999	131.5	128.1	132.7	127.1	131.6	132.9	136.7	131.8	127.1	132.5	134.4	161.2	134.3
	2000	151.4	147.1	149.4	148.5	155.1								

Background Notes

Retail Sales Index	Introduction of updated series with a new business classification and with base year 1995 = 100. An updated Retail Sales Index (RSI) was introduced in the December 1999 release. A detailed description of the new series was published in the March 2000 issue of the <i>Statistical Bulletin</i>. 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 datings.
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 December 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 is provided in the March 2000 issue of the <i>Statistical Bulletin</i>. Retrospective details covering three years are provided for all series on both a seasonally adjusted and an unadjusted basis in each issue of the <i>Statistical Bulletin</i>. * The Department Stores business category is not classified by annual turnover but is sub-divided into three retail activity categories.