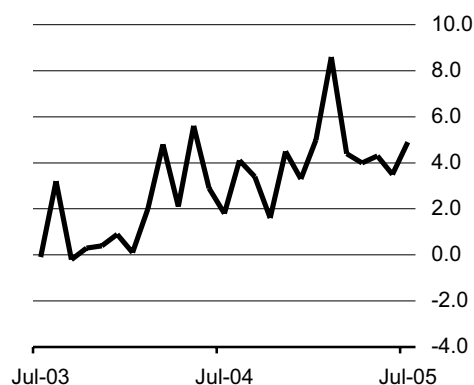




**Retail Sales Index -
Seasonally Adjusted Volume
Annual % Change**



June 2005 (Final Figures)

(Base year 2000 = 100)

	Volume Index	Value Index
July 2004	104.3	112.6
July 2005	109.4	119.8
% change	+4.9%	+6.4%

Retail Sales volume increases by 4.9%

The volume of retail sales (i.e. excluding price effects) increased by 4.9% in July 2005 compared to July 2004. There was a monthly increase of 0.3%. If Motor Trades are excluded the annual increase was 6.2% and the monthly change was -0.9%.

The value of retail sales increased by 6.4% in July 2005 compared to July 2004 and increased by 0.7% in the month. However, if Motor Trades are excluded, the annual increase was 6.9% and the monthly change was -0.8%.

June 2005 is the latest month for which final detailed figures are available. The three-month April 2005 – June 2005 volume figures show that, compared with the three months ending March 2005:

- The largest increase in the volume of sales was in the Books, Newspapers & Stationery (+3.4%) sector.
- The largest decrease in the volume of sales was in the Motor Trades (-5.6%) sector.

All figures in this release are trading day and seasonally adjusted. The seasonal factors are based on unadjusted indices up to December 2004.

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Table 1 Seasonally Adjusted Indices of Total Retail Sales ¹**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
2001 Year	103.3	3.3	3.3	101.5	1.5	1.5
2002 Year	105.9	2.5	2.5	101.7	0.2	0.2
2003 Year	109.3	3.2	3.2	102.6	0.9	0.9
2004 Year	114.1	4.4	4.4	105.7	3.0	3.0
2004 1st quarter	112.1	1.6	3.4	104.9	1.8	2.3
2nd quarter	113.1	0.9	4.7	104.9	0.0	3.3
3rd quarter	114.3	1.1	4.7	105.6	0.7	3.1
4th quarter	115.5	1.0	4.7	106.2	0.6	3.1
2005 1st quarter	119.9	3.8	6.9	111.1	4.6	5.9
2nd quarter	118.9	-0.8	5.1	109.0	-1.9	3.9
2004 February	111.2	0.2	3.0	103.7	-0.8	2.0
March	113.8	2.3	5.5	106.3	2.6	4.8
April	113.3	-0.4	2.8	105.3	-1.0	2.1
May	111.9	-1.2	6.8	104.0	-1.2	5.6
June	113.9	1.7	4.6	105.4	1.4	2.9
July	112.6	-1.1	3.3	104.3	-1.1	1.8
August	115.4	2.5	5.6	106.8	2.4	4.1
September	114.8	-0.5	4.9	105.8	-1.0	3.4
October	114.1	-0.6	3.2	105.0	-0.7	1.6
November	116.5	2.1	6.3	107.0	1.9	4.5
December	115.8	-0.6	4.6	106.5	-0.5	3.3
2005 January	117.7	1.6	6.0	109.7	3.0	5.0
February	121.9	3.6	9.6	112.6	2.6	8.6
March	119.9	-1.6	5.4	111.0	-1.4	4.4
April	119.4	-0.5	5.3	109.5	-1.4	4.0
May	118.3	-0.9	5.7	108.4	-0.9	4.3
June	119.0	0.6	4.5	109.1	0.6	3.5
July ²	119.8	0.7	6.4	109.4	0.3	4.9

¹ Based on Seasonal Patterns up to December 2004² 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
2001 Year	110.1	10.1	10.1	107.1	7.1	7.1
2002 Year	114.8	4.3	4.3	108.9	1.7	1.7
2003 Year	119.2	3.8	3.8	110.6	1.6	1.6
2004 Year	123.7	3.8	3.8	114.0	3.1	3.1
2004 1st quarter	120.9	0.9	3.2	112.0	1.3	2.5
2nd quarter	122.1	1.0	3.4	112.9	0.8	2.8
3rd quarter	123.1	0.8	4.0	113.4	0.4	3.4
4th quarter	125.1	1.6	4.4	114.8	1.2	3.8
2005 1st quarter	126.6	1.2	4.7	116.8	1.7	4.3
2nd quarter	128.3	1.3	5.0	118.0	1.0	4.5
2004 February	120.2	-0.3	2.1	111.3	-0.4	1.4
March	121.7	1.2	3.9	112.8	1.3	3.4
April	121.9	0.1	1.0	112.7	0.0	0.7
May	120.8	-0.9	5.1	112.1	-0.6	4.7
June	123.3	2.0	4.2	113.8	1.5	3.1
July	121.4	-1.5	3.1	112.3	-1.3	2.4
August	123.7	1.9	5.2	113.8	1.4	4.6
September	124.1	0.3	3.9	114.0	0.2	3.2
October	124.2	0.1	3.5	114.1	0.1	2.8
November	125.9	1.3	5.6	115.5	1.3	4.9
December	125.1	-0.6	4.1	114.8	-0.6	3.6
2005 January	124.5	-0.5	3.2	114.7	-0.1	2.7
February	128.1	2.9	6.6	118.2	3.1	6.3
March	127.2	-0.8	4.5	117.4	-0.7	4.1
April	125.5	-1.3	3.0	115.4	-1.7	2.4
May	127.7	1.7	5.6	117.6	1.9	5.0
June	130.9	2.6	6.2	120.3	2.3	5.8
July ²	129.9	-0.8	6.9	119.2	-0.9	6.2

¹ Based on Seasonal Patterns up to December 2004² 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	July 2005					
	Value of Sales			Volume of Sales		
	Index	% change on previous month	Annual % change	Index	% change on previous month	Annual % change
Motor Trades - NACE 50	98.4	3.2	4.9	89.6	2.7	2.7
Non-Specialised Stores (excluding Department Stores) - NACE 52.11	140.0	1.9	10.9	124.3	1.6	11.0
Department Stores - NACE 52.12	118.0	-3.2	-0.9	122.9	-3.4	0.4
of which:-						
Clothing and Footwear	151.5	13.3	19.0			
Furniture, Soft Furnishing, etc.	122.4	29.9	16.3			
Other Goods and Services	75.9	-33.2	-33.6			
<u>Specialised Stores - NACE 52 (remainder)</u>						
Food, Beverages and Tobacco	115.0	-5.6	-0.1	99.0	-5.0	-0.1
Pharmaceutical, Medical & Cosmetic Articles	148.6	-3.9	7.7	128.2	-3.7	6.3
Textiles and Clothing	128.2	-3.3	7.9	152.8	-1.7	10.1
Footwear and Leather	116.8	-9.2	1.0	142.3	-8.9	5.4
Furniture and Lighting	102.5	-8.0	-13.2	95.0	-8.5	-13.5
Electrical Goods	111.2	-7.0	-10.5	104.6	-7.5	-10.3
Hardware, Paints and Glass	158.0	-0.9	18.4	134.2	-1.4	16.0
Books, Newspapers and Stationery	114.2	-9.4	-1.1	98.9	-6.1	-1.6
Other Retail Sales	125.0	2.2	4.4	109.9	1.4	1.7
Bars - NACE 55.4	113.1	1.1	7.0	92.1	1.1	5.8
All Businesses excl. Motor Trades	129.9	-0.8	6.9	119.2	-0.9	6.2
All Businesses	119.8	0.7	6.4	109.4	0.3	4.9
Of which:-						
<u>Combined Groups</u>						
Clothing & Footwear in specialised stores	126.8	-3.9	6.9	151.2	-3.2	9.8
Household Equipment	132.3	-4.3	3.0	118.1	-4.3	1.9
Books, Newspapers, Stationery & Other Goods	123.5	1.2	3.4	107.8	1.0	1.6
Food Businesses	137.7	1.2	9.9	120.7	0.9	9.9
All Non-Food	128.8	-2.8	4.1	118.0	-3.8	2.6
All Businesses excl. Motor Trades & Bars	132.8	-1.2	6.9	123.8	-1.8	6.2

¹ Based on Seasonal Patterns up to December 2004, 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	June 2005					
	Value of Sales			Volume of Sales		
	Index	% change on previous month	Annual % change	Index	% change on previous month	Annual % change
Motor Trades - NACE 50	95.4	-4.8	0.2	87.2	-5.1	-1.4
Non-Specialised Stores (excluding Department Stores) - NACE 52.11	137.4	2.2	8.3	122.3	2.1	8.9
Department Stores - NACE 52.12	121.9	-0.8	-0.8	127.2	-0.6	1.1
of which:-						
Clothing and Footwear	133.8	7.6	2.3			
Furniture, Soft Furnishings, etc.	94.3	-19.3	-13.1			
Other Goods and Services	113.5	-6.1	-1.9			
<u>Specialised Stores - NACE 52 (remainder)</u>						
Food, Beverages and Tobacco	121.8	1.0	1.5	104.1	0.6	1.5
Pharmaceutical, Medical & Cosmetic Articles	154.6	4.9	9.6	133.1	4.5	7.8
Textiles and Clothing	132.5	4.3	8.1	155.4	4.9	11.5
Footwear and Leather	128.6	12.1	6.3	156.2	13.2	11.4
Furniture and Lighting	111.4	1.5	-0.9	103.9	2.2	-0.9
Electrical Goods	119.7	-5.1	-1.0	113.1	-4.8	-0.5
Hardware, Paints and Glass	159.5	6.0	15.2	136.1	5.7	12.8
Books, Newspapers and Stationery	126.0	5.1	0.9	105.3	2.1	0.0
Other Retail Sales	122.3	-2.5	2.4	108.4	-2.5	0.6
Bars - NACE 55.4	111.9	2.9	3.1	91.0	1.5	1.4
All Businesses excl. Motor Trades	130.9	2.6	6.2	120.3	2.3	5.8
All Businesses	119.0	0.6	4.5	109.1	0.6	3.5
Of which:-						
<u>Combined Groups</u>						
Clothing & Footwear in specialised stores	132.0	5.4	7.9	156.3	6.2	11.5
Household Equipment	138.2	3.9	7.9	123.3	3.5	6.9
Books, Newspapers, Stationery & Other Goods	122.0	-2.2	2.1	106.8	-2.5	0.8
Food Businesses	136.1	2.4	7.7	119.6	2.1	8.0
All Non-Food	132.6	2.6	5.7	122.7	2.9	4.6
All Businesses excl. Motor Trades & Bars	134.5	2.6	6.7	126.0	3.2	6.5

¹ Based on Seasonal Patterns up to December 2004, individual series are independently adjusted

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

Retail Business - NACE REV 1	April - June 2005					
	Value of Sales			Volume of Sales		
	Index	% change on previous period	Annual % change	Index	% change on previous period	Annual % change
Motor Trades - NACE 50	100.3	-5.0	5.1	92.0	-5.6	3.3
Non-Specialised Stores (excluding Department Stores) - NACE 52.11	134.4	1.7	6.8	119.7	2.3	7.1
Department Stores - NACE 52.12	122.3	1.2	-0.2	127.3	1.8	1.4
of which:-						
Clothing and Footwear	129.0	1.7	3.0			
Furniture, Soft Furnishings, etc.	104.1	-3.1	-3.5			
Other Goods and Services	117.5	0.0	-2.9			
<u>Specialised Stores - NACE 52 (remainder)</u>						
Food, Beverages and Tobacco	119.0	-2.3	1.4	102.1	-1.6	1.2
Pharmaceutical, Medical & Cosmetic Articles	148.6	0.2	5.7	128.3	-0.5	4.1
Textiles and Clothing	128.9	0.4	5.7	150.4	0.5	8.4
Footwear and Leather	120.0	-0.1	1.1	144.8	-0.4	5.3
Furniture and Lighting	113.8	-0.2	-0.8	105.7	-0.1	-0.8
Electrical Goods	119.1	0.6	0.8	112.2	0.6	1.3
Hardware, Paints and Glass	154.4	1.4	11.1	131.8	0.7	8.8
Books, Newspapers and Stationery	122.3	4.7	2.5	104.5	3.4	1.3
Other Retail Sales	124.6	2.2	6.0	110.6	0.8	3.9
Bars - NACE 55.4	107.7	0.6	0.8	88.4	0.6	-0.7
All Businesses excl. Motor Trades	128.3	1.3	5.0	118.0	1.0	4.5
All Businesses	118.9	-0.8	5.1	109.0	-1.9	3.9
Of which:-						
<u>Combined Groups</u>						
Clothing & Footwear in specialised stores	127.7	0.2	5.0	150.3	0.3	8.1
Household Equipment	134.8	1.7	6.1	120.5	1.3	5.1
Books, Newspapers, Stationery & Other Goods	124.0	2.5	5.4	108.9	1.5	3.5
Food Businesses	133.0	1.4	6.3	117.0	2.1	6.5
All Non-Food	130.8	1.6	5.1	120.8	1.0	3.8
All Businesses excl. Motor Trades & Bars	131.9	1.5	5.7	123.1	1.3	5.2

¹ Based on Seasonal Patterns up to December 2004, individual series are independently adjusted

Table 6

Volume of retail trade in the euro-zone, the EU25, and Member States¹
Annual % change compared with the same month of the previous year

	Dec-04	Jan-05	Feb-05	Mar-05	Apr-05	May-05
Belgium	4.6	-5.0	-1.7	3.0	2.3	3.1
Germany	1.7	4.4	1.5	0.7	-1.0	4.5
Greece	2.0	-2.9	4.7	6.7	3.6	4.9
Spain	2.5	2.1	2.6	2.0	3.1	2.0
France	2.6	-0.8	0.9	0.7	-0.5	1.0
Ireland	4.7	3.9	7.6	5.7	3.5	5.3
Italy	-1.5	-3.0	-0.8	1.2	-4.5	-0.3
Luxembourg	1.7	1.1	-0.9	1.7	-3.1	-3.5
Netherlands	-0.5	-1.7	-1.9	0.4	-3.0	-2.2
Austria	0.6	0.3	0.8	4.8	-3.7	3.8
Portugal	4.3	5.1	3.4	5.1	-6.2	2.8
Finland	4.8	3.9	5.2	2.5	6.3	6.3
Euro-zone	1.6	0.7	1.0	1.4	-0.8	2.1
Denmark	9.4	8.5	10.3	8.2	9.6	10.3
Sweden	4.5	6.9	4.3	8.1	3.5	4.7
United Kingdom	4.1	3.5	3.3	3.2	0.4	0.7
Czech Republic	2.0	4.4	1.6	4.4	0.7	4.6
Estonia	11.4	12.6	10.5	15.0	9.6	12.5
Cyprus	1.0	3.4	5.6	6.8	12.7	2.6
Latvia	11.0	27.8	21.5	20.1	19.4	15.8
Lithuania	7.4	9.4	8.5	4.1	6.2	12.7
Hungary	2.5	3.1	2.9	3.9	7.2	5.8
Malta	:	:	:	:	:	:
Poland	2.6	1.2	-2.4	-8.3	-9.2	1.2
Slovenia	3.3	4.7	9.5	7.7	4.5	6.5
Slovakia	2.7	8.1	12.5	8.1	7.0	9.3
EU25	2.5	1.7	1.8	2.0	-0.3	2.1

: Data not available

¹ Data NACE 52 : All Business excluding Motor Trades & Bars

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 updatings.</p>
Reference Period	<p>The June period covers the 5 weeks from 29/05/05 to 02/07/05 and the July period covers the 4 weeks from 03/07/05 to 30/07/05.</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 December 2004. 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.