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RETAIL SALES OF GOODS : AUSTRALIAFIGURES FOR PERIODS UP TO JUNE QUARTER, 1959

1. Statistics of the total value of goods sold by retail in Australia for periods up to and including June quarter, 1959 have been derived from Censuses of Retail Establishments and from returns of a representative sample of retail traders, and are summarized in this Bulletin.
2. Figures for periods from the year ended 30th June, 1953 to June quarter, 1958 inclusive have been revised, where necessary, to accord with the results of the 1956-57 Census. Figures for the quarterly periods of 1958-59 are derived from a new sample drawn from the 1956-57 Census.
3. The Bulletin contains, for each State and Australia, statistics of the value of retail sales of goods by commodity groups, for periods up to, and including, March quarter, 1959. The Bulletin also includes preliminary figures of total retail sales for June quarter, 1959 (showing separately the motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. group). Separate figures of Sales of Footwear, Newspapers, Books and Stationery and Chemists' Goods have been derived from the new sample and are shown for September and December quarters, 1958 and March quarter, 1959.
4. The statistics herein relate to the value only of retail sales. To assess the movement in the volume of retail sales made, it is necessary to allow for variations in prices. Comparisons as to trend are generally best made by relating complete years or corresponding periods of years. Quarterly totals are affected by seasonal influences. For this reason, where percentage changes are shown in this Bulletin, quarterly figures of retail sales are compared with those of the corresponding quarter of the previous year.
5. The figures relate to retail sales of goods (as distinct from services, repairs, accommodation, entertainments, meals, etc.) by establishments which normally sell goods by retail to the general public from shops, rooms, kiosks and yards. Hotels, garages and service stations are also included in respect of goods sold, but establishments such as clubs and guest houses are entirely excluded. Goods sold from farms direct (e.g. milk and eggs) are also excluded. The tables relate to rather more than 90 per cent. of consumer retail expenditure on goods, but include also some producer expenditure made by retail, mainly in respect of motor vehicles, petrol, etc.
6. More detailed descriptions of the types of retail establishments covered and of the commodity groupings are contained in Bulletins issued in connexion with the Census of Retail Establishments, 1956-57.
7. The returns used in sample survey estimates cover approximately 40 per cent. of all retail sales in Australia. Estimates have been calculated by methods appropriate to a stratified sample.
8. Particulars throughout this Bulletin exclude the Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory, for which total retail sales shown at the Census of Retail Establishments for the year ended 30th June, 1957 were £11.5 million and £7.0 million respectively.
9. Revisions have been made to some of the figures published in the previous S.B. No.733 of 14th September, 1959.

TABLE 1 : TOTAL VALUE OF RETAIL SALES OF GOODS (EXCLUDING MOTOR VEHICLES, PARTS, PETROL, ETC.) : AUSTRALIA (a) - SEPTEMBER QUARTER, 1953 TO JUNE QUARTER, 1959  
(Adjusted on a basis comparable with the 1956-57 Retail Census)

Total Sales and Increase over Corresponding Quarter of Previous Year

Quarter	Retail Sales (A)	Quarter	Retail Sales (B)	Increase (B-A)	
				Amount	Per Cent
	£mill.		£mill.	£mill.	
1953-54 : September	431.4	1954-55 : September	467.8	36.4	8.4
December	510.1	December	551.9	41.8	8.2
March	432.2	March	477.4	45.2	10.5
June	464.4	June	511.8	47.4	10.2
1954-55 : September	467.8	1955-56 : September	509.9	42.1	9.0
December	551.9	December	592.0	40.1	7.3
March	477.4	March	511.6	34.2	7.2
June	511.8	June	537.9	26.1	5.1
1955-56 : September	509.9	1956-57 : September	537.1	27.2	5.3
December	592.0	December	620.6	28.6	4.8
March	511.6	March	533.2	21.6	4.2
June	537.9	June	559.1	21.2	3.9
1956-57 : September	537.1	1957-58 : September (b)	556.7	19.6	3.6
December	620.6	December (b)	646.1	25.5	4.1
March	533.2	March (b)	559.4	26.2	4.9
June	559.1	June (b)	577.7	18.6	3.3
1957-58 : September (b)	556.7	1958-59 : September (b)	583.9	27.2	4.9
December (b)	646.1	December (b)	671.6	25.5	3.9
March (b)	559.4	March (b)	575.5	16.1	2.9
June (b)	577.7	June (b)	606.7	29.0	5.0

- (a) Excludes Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory.  
(b) Subject to revision.

TABLE 2 : VALUE OF RETAIL SALES OF GOODS BY COMMODITY GROUPS  
(EXCLUDING MOTOR VEHICLES, PARTS, PETROL, ETC.) : AUSTRALIA (a).

(Adjusted on a basis comparable with the 1956-57 Retail Census)  
(£ million)

Commodity Group	Year					
	1952-53	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1956-57	1957-58(b)
Groceries	261.4	275.0	302.0	328.7	343.9	359.0
Butchers' Meat	127.4	133.9	146.9	158.7	170.4	170.9
Other Food (c)	206.6	223.5	246.5	269.2	282.7	296.3
Total Food and Groceries	595.4	632.4	695.4	756.6	797.0	826.2
Beer, Wine and Spirits	173.0	186.7	204.3	222.1	237.7	248.3
Clothing, Drapery, Piece-goods and Footwear	355.1	387.6	419.3	433.3	440.2	450.5
Hardware, China and Glassware (d)	112.1	122.9	136.1	144.5	145.1	145.4
Electrical Goods (e)	75.9	91.2	99.2	104.8	113.5	134.3
Furniture and Floor Coverings	72.8	81.0	86.4	91.8	92.6	96.4
Other Goods (f)	314.6	336.3	368.2	398.3	423.9	438.8
Total (Excluding Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, etc.)	1698.9	1838.1	2008.9	2151.4	2250.0	2339.9

- (a) Excludes Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory.  
(b) Subject to revision.  
(c) Includes Fresh Fruit and Vegetables, Confectionery, Soft Drinks, Ice Cream, Cakes, Pastry, Cooked Provisions, Fish, etc., but excludes some delivered Milk and Bread.  
(d) Excludes Basic Building Materials (e.g. Timber, Roofing Tiles, Bricks, etc.)  
(e) Includes Radios, Television and Accessories, Musical Instruments, Domestic Refrigerators, etc.  
(f) Includes Tobacco, Cigarettes, etc., Newspapers, Books and Stationery, Chemists' Goods, Grain and Produce, Jewellery, Office Equipment, etc.

TABLE 3 : TOTAL VALUE OF RETAIL SALES (EXCLUDING MOTOR VEHICLES, PARTS, PETROL, ETC.) AND PERCENTAGE INCREASE OVER PREVIOUS CORRESPONDING PERIOD : STATES

(Adjusted on a basis comparable with the 1956-57 Retail Census)

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia (a)
YEARS							
<u>Total Value of Retail Sales</u> <u>(Excl. Motor Vehicles, etc.)</u>	£ mill.	£ mill.	£ mill.	£ mill.	£ mill.	£ mill.	£ mill.
1947-48 (b)	335.8	234.6	110.7	67.6	55.2	25.3	829.2
1948-49 (b)	388.5	272.0	128.4	79.5	64.7	29.1	962.2
1949-50 (b)	442.0	315.3	146.1	91.6	76.3	34.1	1,105.4
1950-51 (b)	553.8	389.2	177.9	113.7	94.4	41.8	1,370.8
1951-52 (b)	648.5	454.7	210.2	133.8	117.1	51.3	1,615.6
1952-53	673.2	476.1	224.8	143.5	126.4	54.9	1,698.9
1953-54	726.6	514.5	243.7	155.5	139.1	58.7	1,838.1
1954-55	797.7	560.4	270.0	170.8	146.9	63.1	2,008.9
1955-56	853.8	607.0	286.9	184.0	152.5	67.2	2,151.4
1956-57	885.6	644.4	302.5	191.8	155.8	69.9	2,250.0
1957-58 (c)	931.4	669.7	312.0	193.6	163.2	70.0	2,339.9
1958-59 (c)	958.6	708.3	325.7	205.4	164.2	75.5	2,437.7
<u>Increase over Previous Year:</u>	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
1953-54	7.9	8.1	8.4	8.4	10.1	6.9	8.2
1954-55	9.8	8.9	10.8	9.8	5.6	7.5	9.3
1955-56	7.0	8.3	6.3	7.7	3.8	6.5	7.1
1956-57	3.7	6.2	5.4	4.2	2.2	4.0	4.6
1957-58 (c)	5.2	3.9	3.1	0.9	4.8	0.1	4.0
1958-59 (c)	2.9	5.8	4.4	6.1	0.6	7.9	4.2
QUARTERS							
<u>Total Value of Retail Sales</u> <u>(Excl. Motor Vehicles, etc.)</u>	£ mill.	£ mill.	£ mill.	£ mill.	£ mill.	£ mill.	£ mill.
1954-55 : September	185.3	128.1	64.2	40.3	35.0	14.9	467.8
December	217.8	155.1	75.0	46.9	39.5	17.6	551.9
March	188.1	135.1	62.8	40.5	35.8	15.1	477.4
June	206.5	142.1	68.0	43.1	36.6	15.5	511.8
1955-56 : September	201.8	144.4	69.0	43.5	35.7	15.5	509.9
December	235.2	168.0	78.9	50.2	41.3	18.4	592.0
March	202.1	144.3	66.7	44.3	37.8	16.4	511.6
June	214.7	150.3	72.3	46.0	37.7	16.9	517.9
1956-57 : September	213.4	151.1	73.8	45.8	36.4	16.6	511.1
December	243.0	180.1	83.4	53.1	41.6	19.4	620.6
March	208.5	153.3	70.8	45.5	38.4	16.7	533.2
June	220.7	159.9	74.5	47.4	39.4	17.2	559.1
1957-58 : September (c)	221.6	158.4	76.1	46.2	38.1	16.3	556.7
December (c)	258.1	184.9	85.8	53.5	44.3	19.5	646.1
March (c)	223.1	159.4	73.6	46.2	40.3	16.8	559.4
June (c)	228.6	167.0	76.5	47.7	40.5	17.4	577.7
1958-59 : September (c)	230.6	170.5	78.6	48.1	38.0	18.1	583.9
December (c)	266.8	194.5	88.5	56.4	44.5	20.9	671.6
March (c)	224.9	167.1	77.0	48.7	40.0	17.8	575.5
June (c)	236.3	176.2	81.6	52.2	41.7	18.7	606.7
<u>Increase over Corresponding</u> <u>Quarter of Previous Year -</u>	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
1956-57 : September	5.8	4.6	7.0	5.3	2.0	7.1	5.3
December	3.3	7.2	5.7	5.8	0.7	5.4	4.8
March	3.2	6.2	6.2	2.7	1.6	1.8	4.2
June	2.8	6.4	3.0	3.0	4.5	1.8	3.9
1957-58 : September (c)	3.8	4.8	3.1	0.9	4.7	-1.8	3.6
December (c)	6.2	2.7	2.9	0.8	6.5	0.5	4.1
March (c)	7.0	4.0	4.0	1.5	5.0	0.6	4.9
June (c)	3.6	4.4	2.7	0.6	2.8	1.2	3.3
1958-59 : September (c)	4.1	7.6	3.3	4.1	-0.3	11.0	4.9
December (c)	3.4	5.2	3.2	5.4	0.2	7.2	3.9
March (c)	0.8	4.8	4.6	5.4	-0.7	6.0	2.9
June (c)	3.4	5.5	6.7	9.4	3.0	7.5	5.0

(a) Excludes Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory.

(b) Figures shown for these periods are broadly comparable with those for later periods.

(c) Subject to revision.

NOTE: Minus sign (-) denotes decrease.

TABLE 4A : VALUE OF RETAIL SALES OF GOODS BY COMMODITY GROUPS (EXCLUDING MOTOR VEHICLES, PARTS, PETROL, ETC.) AUSTRALIA (a)(b)

(Adjusted on a basis comparable with the 1956-57 Retail Census)

(£ million.)

Commodity Group	September Quarter						December Quarter						March Quarter						June Quarter					
	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957 (c)	1958 (e)	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957 (c)	1958 (e)	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958 (c)	1959 (e)	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958 (c)	1959 (e)
Groceries	67.8	71.5	79.9	85.6	87.0	91.7	72.9	79.8	84.5	89.9	92.9	99.2	65.6	73.2	81.8	82.7	88.3	92.3	68.7	77.5	82.5	85.7	90.8	(d)
Butchers' Meat	33.4	35.9	38.4	42.8	43.5	44.2	33.8	36.7	39.4	43.0	42.0	44.7	32.7	36.1	39.2	41.9	42.1	43.5	34.0	38.2	41.7	42.7	43.3	(d)
Other Food (e)	53.0	58.3	63.7	69.2	70.3	74.2	58.4	64.0	70.0	73.6	77.7	81.8	55.9	62.2	69.1	70.3	75.2	82.1	56.2	62.0	66.4	69.6	73.1	(d)
Total Food and Groceries	154.2	165.7	182.0	197.6	200.8	210.1	165.1	180.5	193.9	206.5	212.6	225.7	154.2	171.5	190.1	194.9	205.6	217.9	158.9	177.7	190.6	198.0	207.2	(d)
Beer, Wine and Spirits	41.9	45.8	49.8	54.0	57.1	56.2	51.9	54.2	59.3	64.9	69.3	67.4	48.3	53.9	57.7	61.3	63.6	64.3	44.6	50.4	55.3	57.5	58.3	(d)
Clothing and Drapery	88.0	96.6	102.2	102.1	106.0	95.7	111.4	119.5	124.3	128.0	132.0	117.3	82.8	89.5	92.2	94.9	94.9	82.3	105.4	113.7	114.6	115.2	117.6	(d)
Footwear																								
Hardware, China and Glassware (f)	29.0	32.9	35.5	35.3	35.5	37.8	34.5	37.5	39.8	40.3	40.9	45.0	28.3	31.9	33.7	34.2	34.7	36.7	31.1	33.8	35.5	35.3	34.3	(d)
Electrical Goods (g)	20.1	23.0	24.8	24.7	29.5	37.7	28.0	30.5	32.6	34.2	38.1	43.9	22.1	23.4	24.2	26.5	34.2	34.3	21.0	22.3	23.2	28.1	32.5	(d)
Furniture and Floor Coverings	19.6	21.6	23.3	23.3	24.0	24.4	22.8	24.4	25.6	26.1	27.1	27.2	18.1	19.2	20.5	20.9	22.1	21.4	20.5	21.2	22.4	22.3	23.2	(d)
Newspapers, Books and Stationery	78.6	82.2	92.3	100.1	103.8	17.2	96.4	105.3	116.5	120.6	126.1	21.3	78.4	88.0	93.2	100.5	104.3	22.3	82.9	92.7	96.3	102.7	104.6	(d)
Chemists' Goods																								
Other Goods (h)	67.7	64.0	64.0	64.0	64.0	64.0	64.0	64.0	64.0	64.0	64.0	64.0	64.0	64.0	64.0	64.0	64.0	64.0	64.0	64.0	64.0	64.0	64.0	(d)
Total (excl. Motor Vehicles, Parts Petrol, etc.)																								
	431.4	467.8	509.9	537.1	556.7	583.5	510.1	551.9	592.0	620.6	646.1	671.6	432.2	477.4	511.6	533.2	559.4	575.5	464.4	511.8	537.9	559.1	577.7	606.7

(a) Excludes Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory.

(b) See following page (Table 4B) for percentage changes calculated from figures shown on this page.

(c) Subject to revision.

(d) Not yet available.

(e) Includes Fresh Fruit and Vegetables, Confectionery, Soft Drinks, Ice Cream, Cakes, Pastry, Cooked Provisions, Fish, etc., but excludes some delivered Milk and Bread.

(f) Excludes Basic Building Materials (e.g. Timber, Building Sheets, Tiles, Joinery, Cement.)

(g) Includes Radios, Television and Accessories, Musical Instruments, Domestic Refrigerators, etc.

(h) Includes Tobacco, Cigarettes, etc., Grain and Produce, Jewellery, Office Equipment, etc.

TABLE 4B : VALUE OF RETAIL SALES BY COMMODITY GROUPS (EXCLUDING MOTOR VEHICLES, PARTS, PETROL, ETC.) : AUSTRALIA (a)

PERCENTAGE INCREASE OVER PREVIOUS CORRESPONDING QUARTER

(Adjusted on a basis comparable with the 1956-57 Retail Census)

(Per cent.)

Commodity Group	September Quarter					December Quarter					March Quarter					June Quarter				
	1954	1955	1956	1957 (b)	1958 (b)	1954	1955	1956	1957 (b)	1958 (b)	1955	1956	1957	1958 (b)	1959 (b)	1955	1956	1957	1958 (b)	1959 (b)
Groceries	5.5	11.8	7.1	1.6	5.4	9.5	5.9	6.4	3.3	6.8	11.6	11.8	1.1	6.8	4.5	12.8	6.5	3.9	6.0	(c)
Butchers' Meat	7.5	7.0	11.5	1.6	1.6	8.6	7.4	9.1	-2.3	6.4	10.4	8.6	6.9	0.5	3.3	12.4	9.2	2.4	1.4	(c)
Other Food (d)	10.0	9.3	8.6	1.6	5.6	9.6	9.4	5.1	5.6	5.3	11.3	11.1	1.7	7.0	9.2	10.3	7.1	4.8	5.0	(c)
Total Food and Groceries	7.5	9.8	8.6	1.6	4.6	9.3	7.4	6.5	3.0	6.2	11.2	10.9	2.5	5.4	6.0	11.8	7.3	3.9	4.7	(c)
Beer, Wine and Spirits	9.3	8.7	8.4	5.7	-1.6	4.4	9.4	9.4	6.8	-2.7	11.6	7.1	6.2	3.8	1.1	13.0	9.7	4.0	1.4	(c)
Clothing, Drapery and Footwear	9.8	5.8	-0.1	3.8	4.3	7.3	4.0	3.0	3.1	3.0	8.1	3.0	2.9	-	1.4	7.9	0.8	0.5	2.1	(c)
Hardware, China and Glassware (e)	13.5	7.9	-0.6	0.6	6.5	8.7	6.1	1.3	1.5	10.0	12.7	5.6	1.5	1.5	5.8	8.7	5.0	-0.6	-2.8	(c)
Electrical Goods (f)	14.4	7.8	-	19.4	27.8	8.9	6.9	4.6	11.4	15.2	5.9	3.4	9.5	29.1	0.3	6.2	4.0	21.1	15.7	(c)
Furniture and Floor Coverings	10.2	7.9	-	3.0	1.7	7.0	4.9	2.0	3.8	0.4	6.1	6.8	2.0	5.7	-3.2	3.4	5.7	-0.5	4.0	(c)
Other Goods (g)	4.6	12.3	8.5	3.7	3.2	9.2	10.6	3.5	4.6	0.2	12.2	5.9	7.8	3.8	0.4	11.8	3.9	6.7	1.9	(c)
Total (excl. Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, etc.)	8.4	9.0	5.3	3.6	4.9	8.2	7.3	4.8	4.1	3.9	10.5	7.2	4.2	4.9	2.9	10.2	5.1	3.9	3.3	5.0

(a) Excludes Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory.

(b) Subject to revision.

(c) Not yet available.

(d) Includes Fresh Fruit and Vegetables, Confectionery, Soft Drinks, Ice Cream, Cakes, Pastry, Cooked Provisions, Fish etc., but excludes some delivered Milk and Bread.

(e) Excludes Basic Building Materials (e.g. Timber, Building Sheets, Tiles, Joinery, Cement).

(f) Includes Radios, Television and Accessories, Musical Instruments, Domestic Refrigerators etc.

(g) Includes Tobacco, Cigarettes, etc., Newspapers, Books and Stationery, Grain and Produce, Jewellery, Office Equipment etc.

NOTE:- Minus sign (-) denotes decrease.

TABLE 5 : VALUE OF RETAIL SALES OF GOODS BY COMMODITY GROUPS (EXCLUDING MOTOR VEHICLES, PARTS, PETROL, ETC.): NEW SOUTH WALES

(Adjusted on a basis comparable with the 1956-57 Retail Census)

(£ million.)

Commodity Group	September Quarter						December Quarter						March Quarter						June Quarter					
	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957 (a)	1958 (a)	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957 (a)	1958 (a)	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958 (a)	1959 (a)	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958 (a)	1959 (a)
Groceries	27.0	26.8	31.1	34.7	34.6	36.2	28.7	30.2	32.7	34.7	37.0	38.9	26.0	27.9	31.9	31.9	36.2	35.7	27.3	30.9	32.5	34.0	36.7	(b)
Butchers' Meat	12.9	13.8	15.2	16.7	17.0	16.6	13.3	14.0	15.8	16.7	16.1	17.1	12.9	14.1	15.6	16.7	16.8	16.5	13.1	14.9	16.7	17.1	16.7	(b)
Other Food (c)	20.9	23.1	25.1	27.3	27.6	28.6	23.0	25.0	27.9	28.3	30.7	32.9	21.7	25.3	27.0	27.0	29.3	32.8	22.3	25.3	26.3	26.8	27.9	(b)
Total Food and Groceries	60.8	63.7	71.4	78.7	79.2	81.4	65.0	69.2	76.4	79.7	83.8	88.9	60.6	67.3	74.5	75.6	82.3	85.0	62.7	71.1	75.5	77.9	81.3	(b)
Beer, Wine and Spirits	17.3	18.7	20.7	22.5	24.0	22.8	20.8	22.1	24.3	26.5	29.0	27.1	19.0	21.8	23.2	24.8	25.9	25.0	18.5	21.3	24.0	24.1	23.5	(b)
Clothing and Drapery	34.1	38.1	41.1	40.0	41.6	37.1	43.7	48.0	49.7	50.1	52.4	45.8	31.8	36.1	37.7	37.5	36.5	31.6	41.2	46.9	45.4	44.7	45.4	(b)
Footwear																								
Hardware, China and Glassware (d)	11.8	13.8	15.0	15.0	14.6	15.4	13.9	15.5	16.6	16.4	16.8	18.7	11.5	12.9	13.7	13.7	13.9	14.9	12.8	14.1	15.0	14.3	14.2	(b)
Electrical Goods (e)	7.7	8.8	9.1	9.4	11.3	16.0	11.1	11.8	12.0	12.3	14.9	17.5	9.8	9.0	8.8	10.1	14.7	14.1	8.6	8.5	8.6	10.5	13.7	(b)
Furniture and Floor Coverings	7.0	8.1	8.5	8.7	9.1	9.5	8.4	9.3	9.8	9.8	10.0	10.9	6.8	7.3	7.8	7.7	8.2	8.4	7.6	8.2	8.5	8.4	8.7	(b)
Newspapers, Books and Stationery	31.7	34.1	36.0	39.7	41.8	7.0	38.8	41.9	46.4	48.2	51.2	8.7	30.9	33.7	36.4	39.1	41.6	7.3	32.7	36.4	37.7	40.8	41.8	(b)
Chemists' Goods																								
Other Goods (f)					26.4							31.7					24.1							(b)
Total (excl. Motor Vehicles, Parts Petrol, etc.)	170.4	185.3	201.8	213.4	221.6	230.6	201.7	217.8	235.2	243.0	258.1	266.8	170.4	188.1	202.1	208.5	223.1	224.9	184.1	206.5	214.7	220.7	228.6	236.3

(a) Subject to revision.

(b) Not yet available.

(c) Includes Fresh Fruit and Vegetables, Confectionery, Soft Drinks, Ice Cream, Cakes, Pastry, Cooked Provisions, Fish etc., but excludes some delivered Milk and Bread.

(d) Excludes Basic Building Materials (e.g. Timber, Building Sheets, Tiles, Joinery, Cement).

(e) Includes Radios, Television and Accessories, Musical Instruments, Domestic Refrigerators, etc.

(f) Includes Tobacco, Cigarettes, etc., Grain and Produce, Jewellery, Office Equipment, etc.

TABLE 6 : VALUE OF RETAIL SALES OF GOODS BY COMMODITY GROUPS (EXCLUDING MOTOR VEHICLES, PARTS, PETROL, ETC.): VICTORIA\*

(Adjusted on a basis comparable with the 1956-57 Retail Census)

(£ million.)

Commodity Group	September Quarter					December Quarter					March Quarter					June Quarter								
	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957 (a)	1958 (a)	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957 (a)	1958 (a)	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958 (a)	1959 (a)	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958 (a)	1959 (a)
Groceries	16.5	18.6	21.3	21.9	22.7	24.2	18.1	21.8	22.2	24.0	24.1	26.5	15.9	19.5	21.6	22.1	22.1	25.1	16.5	19.7	21.2	22.0	23.4	24.4
Butchers' Meat	10.0	10.5	11.2	12.8	12.8	13.6	9.7	10.8	11.4	13.0	12.4	13.5	9.5	10.7	11.4	12.3	12.3	13.1	9.9	11.4	12.1	12.4	12.8	13.1
Other Food (c)	15.1	17.2	18.7	20.3	21.0	22.9	17.4	19.4	20.7	22.8	23.7	24.8	17.0	18.4	20.6	21.8	23.2	24.0	16.7	18.0	19.8	21.3	22.8	24.0
Total Food and Groceries	42.6	46.3	51.2	55.0	56.5	60.7	45.2	51.8	54.3	59.6	60.2	64.8	42.4	48.6	53.6	56.2	57.6	62.2	43.1	49.1	53.1	55.7	59.0	62.4
Beer, Wine and Spirits	10.8	11.8	13.4	14.0	14.9	15.3	14.2	13.9	16.0	17.7	18.0	18.1	13.4	14.7	15.7	16.6	17.1	18.4	11.7	13.4	13.9	15.2	15.7	16.1
Clothing and Drapery	25.4	27.2	28.4	29.0	30.9	28.5	32.6	33.1	35.4	37.2	38.8	35.2	24.2	24.7	25.4	27.3	28.6	24.5	30.3	31.5	32.6	33.6	35.0	35.9
Footwear						4.5					5.9							4.5						
Hardware, China and Glassware (d)	7.6	8.9	9.5	9.6	9.8	10.5	9.6	10.2	11.0	11.2	11.7	12.7	7.7	8.8	9.4	9.7	9.9	10.2	8.2	9.1	9.2	9.8	9.4	10.1
Electrical Goods (e)	5.5	6.2	7.1	6.9	9.5	12.3	7.3	8.1	9.3	11.1	11.6	13.9	5.5	6.4	6.8	8.0	10.1	10.7	5.6	6.1	6.8	9.3	10.2	11.1
Furniture and Floor Coverings	6.2	6.6	7.2	7.2	7.4	7.4	7.0	7.5	7.1	7.8	8.5	8.1	5.5	5.7	6.4	6.4	7.1	6.4	6.3	6.0	6.9	6.9	7.3	7.3
Newspapers, Books and Stationery	22.2	21.1	27.6	29.4	29.4	5.1	27.6	30.5	34.3	35.5	36.1	6.4	23.0	26.2	27.0	29.1	29.0	5.4	23.8	26.9	27.8	29.4	29.5	30.0
Chemists' Goods						6.0					6.9							6.0						
Other Goods (f)						20.0					23.5							18.8						
Total (excl. Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, etc.)	120.3	128.1	144.4	151.1	158.4	170.5	143.5	155.1	168.0	180.1	184.9	194.5	121.7	135.1	144.3	153.3	159.4	167.1	129.0	142.1	150.3	159.9	167.0	176.2

(a) Subject to revision.

(b) Not yet available.

(c) Includes Fresh Fruit and Vegetables, Confectionery, Soft Drinks, Ice Cream, Cakes, Pastry, Cooked Provisions, Fish, etc., but excludes some delivered Milk and Bread.

(d) Excludes Basic Building Materials (e.g. Timber, Building Sheets, Tiles, Joinery, Cement).

(e) Includes Radios, Television and Accessories, Musical Instruments, Domestic Refrigerators, etc.

(f) Includes Tobacco, Cigarettes, etc., Grain and Produce, Jewellery, Office Equipment, etc.

TABLE 7 : VALUE OF RETAIL SALES OF GOODS BY COMMODITY GROUPS (EXCLUDING MOTOR VEHICLES, PARTS, PETROL, ETC.): QUEENSLAND

(Adjusted on a basis comparable with the 1956-57 Retail Census)

(£ million.)

Commodity Group	September Quarter						December Quarter						March Quarter						June Quarter					
	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957 (a)	1958 (a)	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957 (a)	1958 (a)	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958 (a)	1959 (a)	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958 (a)	1959 (a)
Groceries	11.2	11.9	12.3	13.5	13.3	14.0	12.0	12.7	13.5	14.2	14.1	15.0	11.1	11.6	12.8	12.8	13.4	14.1	11.5	12.2	12.8	13.3	13.7	(b)
Butchers' Meat	4.3	4.9	4.8	5.4	5.8	6.1	4.4	5.1	5.1	5.4	5.7	6.1	4.3	4.7	5.0	5.3	5.4	6.1	4.5	4.8	5.2	5.3	5.9	(b)
Other Food (c)	6.7	7.5	8.2	9.1	9.0	9.5	7.6	8.2	8.8	9.2	9.5	10.2	7.2	7.7	8.4	8.6	9.1	10.2	7.3	8.2	8.4	8.8	9.3	(b)
Total Food and Groceries	22.2	24.3	25.3	28.0	28.1	29.6	24.0	26.0	27.4	28.8	29.3	31.3	22.6	24.0	26.2	26.7	27.9	30.4	23.3	25.2	26.4	27.4	28.9	(b)
Beer, Wine and Spirits	5.7	6.4	6.8	7.6	8.1	8.0	6.8	7.5	7.9	8.5	9.5	9.7	5.7	6.8	7.3	7.9	8.2	8.7	5.8	6.6	7.6	7.8	8.4	(b)
Clothing and Drapery	11.2	12.1	12.8	13.2	13.6	12.1	13.7	15.2	15.5	16.5	16.1	14.5	10.5	11.3	11.2	12.1	11.9	10.8	13.2	13.8	14.3	14.6	14.3	(b)
Footwear						1.8						2.1						1.6						(b)
Hardware, China and Glassware (d)	4.0	4.2	4.9	4.7	4.9	5.6	4.4	5.1	5.1	5.4	5.1	5.9	3.6	4.5	4.5	4.8	4.9	5.1	4.1	4.6	5.0	4.8	4.7	(b)
Electrical Goods (e)	2.8	3.6	3.9	3.9	3.9	4.1	3.8	4.6	4.9	4.7	5.0	5.2	2.7	3.3	3.5	3.6	4.1	4.1	3.1	3.6	3.5	3.6	3.8	(b)
Furniture and Floor Coverings	2.1	2.4	2.7	2.6	2.8	2.7	2.6	2.7	2.9	3.2	3.3	3.0	2.0	2.0	2.2	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.4	2.6	2.6	2.5	(b)
Newspapers, Books and Stationery	9.9	11.2	12.6	13.8	14.7	2.4	11.7	13.9	15.2	16.3	17.5	2.8	9.5	10.9	11.8	13.2	14.2	2.6	10.4	11.8	12.9	13.7	13.9	(b)
Chemists' Goods						3.1						3.4						3.0						(b)
Other Goods (f)						9.2						10.6						8.3						(b)
Total (excl. Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, etc.)	57.9	64.2	69.0	73.8	76.1	78.6	67.0	75.0	78.9	83.4	85.8	88.5	56.6	62.8	66.7	70.8	73.6	77.0	62.2	68.0	72.3	74.5	76.5	81.6

(a) Subject to revision.

(b) Not yet available.

(c) Includes Fresh Fruit and Vegetables, Confectionery, Soft Drinks, Ice Cream, Cakes, Pastry, Cooked Provisions, Fish etc., but excludes some delivered Milk and Bread.

(d) Excludes Basic Building Materials (e.g. Timber, Building Sheets, Tiles, Joinery, Cement).

(e) Includes Radios, Television and Accessories, Musical Instruments, Domestic Refrigerators, etc.

(f) Includes Tobacco, Cigarettes, etc., Grain and Produce, Jewellery, Office Equipment, etc.

TABLE 8 : VALUE OF RETAIL SALES OF GOODS BY COMMODITY GROUPS (EXCLUDING MOTOR VEHICLES, PARTS, PETROL, ETC.): SOUTH AUSTRALIA

(Adjusted on a basis comparable with the 1956-57 Retail Census)

(£ million.)

Commodity Group	September Quarter						December Quarter						March Quarter						June Quarter					
	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957 (a)	1958 (a)	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957 (a)	1958 (a)	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958 (a)	1959 (a)	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958 (a)	1959 (a)
Groceries	5.4	5.7	6.3	6.7	7.0	7.3	5.8	6.2	6.7	7.2	7.3	7.9	5.1	5.6	6.4	6.7	7.0	7.3	5.3	6.0	6.5	6.9	7.2	(b)
Butchers' Meat	2.7	3.0	3.3	3.6	3.5	3.6	2.8	3.1	3.2	3.7	3.4	3.7	2.6	3.1	3.2	3.6	3.3	3.6	2.8	3.3	3.5	3.6	3.5	(b)
Other Food (c)	4.3	4.9	5.7	6.2	6.2	6.6	4.9	5.6	6.0	6.8	6.8	7.7	4.7	5.2	6.3	6.3	6.6	7.8	4.6	5.3	5.9	6.2	6.3	(b)
Total Food and Groceries	12.4	13.6	15.3	16.5	16.7	17.5	13.5	14.9	15.9	17.7	17.5	19.3	12.4	13.9	15.9	16.6	16.9	18.7	12.7	14.6	15.9	16.7	17.0	(b)
Beer, Wine and Spirits	3.5	3.8	4.0	4.4	4.4	4.3	4.5	4.8	5.0	5.6	5.6	5.3	4.3	4.7	5.1	5.3	5.3	5.3	3.7	3.9	4.4	4.6	4.4 (b)	
Clothing and Drapery	8.3	9.4	9.9	9.8	9.9	8.8	9.9	11.3	11.5	11.6	11.9	10.5	7.8	8.5	8.9	8.7	8.7	7.4	9.9	10.5	11.1	11.0	10.7	
Footwear																								1.4
Hardware, China and Glassware (d)	2.4	2.6	2.7	2.5	2.6	2.5	2.8	2.8	3.2	3.3	3.1	3.2	2.4	2.4	2.8	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.7	2.6 (b)	
Electrical Goods (e)	2.0	2.0	2.3	2.2	2.3	2.6	2.9	2.6	2.8	2.8	3.1	3.4	1.8	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.6	2.7	1.7	2.0	2.0	2.2	2.5 (b)	
Furniture and Floor Coverings	2.1	2.2	2.5	2.5	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.4	2.6	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.0	2.2	2.0	2.1	2.2	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.3 (b)	
Newspapers, Books and Stationery	5.9	6.7	6.8	7.9	8.0	1.1	7.2	8.1	9.2	9.4	9.7	1.5	5.9	6.6	7.4	8.0	7.9	1.3	6.2	7.2	7.6	8.0	8.2	
Chemists' Goods																								1.8
Other Goods (f)	5.7																	5.3						
Total (excl. Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, etc.)																								36.6

(a) Subject to revision.

(b) Not yet available.

(c) Includes Fresh Fruit and Vegetables, Confectionery, Soft Drinks, Ice Cream, Cakes, Pastry, Cooked Provisions, Fish etc., but excludes some delivered Milk and Bread.

(d) Excludes Basic Building Materials (e.g. Timber, Building Sheets, Tiles, Joinery, Cement).

(e) Includes Radios, Television and Accessories, Musical Instruments, Domestic Refrigerators, etc.

(f) Includes Tobacco, Cigarettes, etc., Grain and Produce, Jewellery, Office Equipment, etc.

TABLE 9 : VALUE OF RETAIL SALES OF GOODS BY COMMODITY GROUPS (EXCLUDING MOTOR VEHICLES, PARTS, PETROL, ETC.): WESTERN AUSTRALIA

(Adjusted on a basis comparable with the 1956-57 Retail Census)

(£ million.)

Commodity Group	September Quarter						December Quarter						March Quarter						June Quarter					
	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957 (a)	1958 (a)	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957 (a)	1958 (a)	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958 (a)	1959 (a)	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958 (a)	1959 (a)
Groceries	5.4	6.1	6.4	6.6	6.6	6.9	5.8	6.5	6.6	6.7	7.2	7.6	5.3	6.1	6.4	6.3	6.6	7.0	5.8	6.2	6.7	6.6	6.8	(b)
Butchers' Meat	2.2	2.4	2.6	2.9	3.0	2.8	2.2	2.4	2.6	2.8	3.0	2.7	2.2	2.3	2.6	2.7	2.9	2.7	2.4	2.5	2.8	2.9	3.0	(b)
Other Food (c)	3.5	4.0	4.3	4.4	4.6	4.6	3.8	4.1	4.6	4.8	5.0	5.0	3.7	4.0	4.8	4.7	5.0	5.2	3.7	3.7	4.3	4.7	4.9	(b)
Total Food and Groceries	11.1	12.5	13.3	13.9	14.2	14.3	11.8	13.0	13.8	14.3	15.2	15.3	11.2	12.4	13.8	13.7	14.5	14.9	11.9	12.4	13.8	14.2	14.7	(b)
Beer, Wine and Spirits	3.3	3.7	3.4	3.8	4.2	4.0	4.2	4.2	4.4	4.7	5.3	5.2	4.4	4.3	4.6	4.9	5.3	5.1	3.6	3.7	3.7	4.2	4.6	(b)
Clothing and Drapery	6.1	6.5	6.7	6.6	6.7	6.0	7.6	7.7	8.0	8.2	8.5	7.2	5.6	5.9	5.8	6.0	6.1	5.1	7.2	7.4	7.3	7.3	7.5	(b)
Footwear						1.0						1.2					0.9							(b)
Hardware, China and Glassware (d)	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.9	3.1	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.6	2.6	2.4	2.5	2.6	2.3	(b)
Electrical Goods (e)	1.5	1.7	1.8	1.6	1.9	1.9	2.1	2.4	2.6	2.3	2.6	2.9	1.6	1.8	2.1	1.8	2.0	2.0	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.8	1.7	(b)
Furniture and Floor Coverings	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.8	1.7	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.4	1.5	1.6	(b)
Newspapers, Books and Stationery	6.6	6.6	6.5	6.6	7.0	1.1	8.2	7.7	8.1	7.8	8.0	1.3	6.4	7.6	7.8	8.1	8.5	1.2	7.2	7.6	7.5	7.8	8.1	(b)
Chemists' Goods						1.3						1.5						1.3						(b)
Other Goods (f)						4.3						5.1						5.5						(b)
Total (excl. Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, etc.)	32.5	35.0	35.7	36.4	38.1	38.0	38.3	39.5	41.3	41.6	44.3	44.5	32.9	35.8	37.8	38.4	40.3	40.0	35.4	36.6	37.7	39.4	40.5	41.7

(a) Subject to revision.

(b) Not yet available.

(c) Includes Fresh Fruit and Vegetables, Confectionery, Soft Drinks, Ice Cream, Cakes, Pastry, Cooked Provisions, Fish etc., but excludes some delivered Milk and Bread.

(d) Excludes Basic Building Materials (e.g. Timber, Building Sheets, Tiles, Joinery, Cement).

(e) Includes Radios, Television and Accessories, Musical Instruments, Domestic Refrigerators, etc.

(f) Includes Tobacco, Cigarettes, etc., Grain and Produce, Jewellery, Office Equipment, etc.

TABLE 10: VALUE OF RETAIL SALES OF GOODS BY COMMODITY GROUPS (EXCLUDING MOTOR VEHICLES, PARTS, PETROL, ETC.); TASMANIA

(Adjusted on a basis comparable with the 1956-57 Retail Census)

(£ million.)

Commodity Group	September Quarter						December Quarter						March Quarter					June Quarter							
	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957 (a)	1958 (a)	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957 (a)	1958 (a)	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958 (a)	1959 (a)	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958 (a)	1959 (a)	
Groceries	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.8	2.8	3.1	2.5	2.6	2.8	3.1	3.2	3.3	2.2	2.5	2.7	2.9	3.0	3.1	2.3	2.5	2.8	2.9	3.0	(b)	
Butchers' Meat	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.6	1.2	1.2	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.4	(b)	
Other Food (c)	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.9	1.9	2.0	1.7	1.7	2.0	1.9	2.0	2.2	1.6	1.6	2.0	1.9	2.0	2.1	1.6	1.5	1.7	1.8	1.9	(b)	
Total Food and Groceries	5.1	5.3	5.5	6.1	6.1	6.6	5.6	5.6	6.1	6.4	6.6	7.1	5.0	5.3	6.1	6.1	6.4	6.7	5.2	5.3	5.9	6.1	6.3	(b)	
Beer, Wine and Spirits	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.7	1.5	1.8	1.4	1.7	1.7	1.9	1.9	2.0	1.5	1.6	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.3	1.5	1.7	1.6	1.7	(b)	
Clothing and Drapery	2.9	3.3	3.3	3.5	3.3	3.2	3.9	4.2	4.2	4.4	4.3	4.1	2.9	3.0	3.2	3.3	3.1	2.9	3.6	3.6	3.9	4.0	3.8	3.8	(b)
Footwear																									
Hardware, China and Glassware (d)	0.8	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.4	0.7	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.2	0.8	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.1	(b)	
Electrical Goods (e)	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.8	0.8	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.9	1.0	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.7	0.6	(b)	
Furniture and Floor Coverings	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8	(b)	
Newspapers, Books and Stationery	2.3	2.5	2.8	2.7	2.9	0.5	2.9	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.6	0.6	2.7	3.0	2.8	3.0	3.1	0.6	2.6	2.8	2.8	3.0	3.1	3.1	(b)
Chemists' Goods																									
Other Goods (f)	13.7	14.9	15.5	16.6	16.3	18.1	16.3	17.6	18.4	19.4	19.5	20.9	14.0	15.1	16.4	16.7	16.8	17.8	14.7	15.5	16.9	17.2	17.4	18.7	(b)
Total (excl. Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, etc.)																									

(a) Subject to revision.

(b) Not yet available.

(c) Includes Fresh Fruit and Vegetables, Confectionery, Soft Drinks, Ice Cream, Cakes, Pastry, Cooked Provisions, Fish etc., but excludes some delivered Milk and Bread.

(d) Excludes Basic Building Materials (e.g. Timber, Building Sheets, Tiles, Joinery, Cement).

(e) Includes Radios, Television and Accessories, Musical Instruments, Domestic Refrigerators, etc.

(f) Includes Tobacco, Cigarettes, etc., Grain and Produce, Jewellery, Office Equipment, etc.

TABLE 11 : VALUE OF RETAIL SALES (EXCLUDING MOTOR VEHICLES, PARTS, PETROL, ETC.)

## PROPORTION OF SALES IN EACH COMMODITY GROUP TO TOTAL SALES, AUSTRALIA (a)

(Adjusted on a basis comparable with the 1956-57 Retail Census)

(Per cent.)

Commodity Group	Year					
	1952-53	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1956-57	1957-58(b)
Groceries .. ..	15.4	15.0	15.0	15.3	15.3	15.3
Butchers' Meat .. ..	7.5	7.3	7.3	7.4	7.6	7.3
Other Food (c) .. ..	12.1	12.1	12.3	12.5	12.5	12.7
<b>Total Food and Groceries:</b>	<b>35.0</b>	<b>34.4</b>	<b>34.6</b>	<b>35.2</b>	<b>35.4</b>	<b>35.3</b>
Beer, Wine and Spirits .. ..	10.2	10.2	10.2	10.3	10.6	10.6
Clothing, Drapery and Footwear .. ..	20.9	21.1	20.9	20.1	19.6	19.3
Hardware, China and Glassware (d) .. ..	6.6	6.7	6.8	6.7	6.4	6.2
Electrical Goods (e) .. ..	4.5	4.9	4.9	4.9	5.0	5.7
Furniture and Floor Coverings .. ..	4.3	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.1	4.1
Other Goods (f) .. ..	18.5	18.3	18.3	18.5	18.9	18.8
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(a) Excludes Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory.

(b) Subject to revision.

(c) Includes Fresh Fruit and Vegetables, Confectionery, Soft Drinks, Ice Cream, Cakes, Pastry, Cooked Provisions, Fish, etc., but excludes some delivered Milk and Bread.

(d) Excludes Basic Building Materials (e.g. Timber, Roofing Tiles, Bricks, etc.)

(e) Includes Radios, Television and Accessories, Musical Instruments, Domestic Refrigerators, etc.

(f) Includes Tobacco, Cigarettes, etc., Newspapers, Books and Stationery, Chemists' Goods, Grain and Produce, Jewellery, Office Equipment, etc.

TABLE 12 : VALUE OF RETAIL SALES (EXCLUDING MOTOR VEHICLES, PARTS, PETROL, ETC.)

## PROPORTION OF SALES IN EACH COMMODITY GROUP TO TOTAL SALES, AUSTRALIA (a)

(Adjusted on a basis comparable with the 1956-57 Retail Census)

(Per cent.)

Commodity Group	Quarter						
	Sept., 1957	Dec., 1957	March, 1958	June, 1958	Sept., 1958	Dec., 1958	March, 1959
	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
Groceries .. ..	15.6	14.4	15.8	15.7	15.7	14.8	16.0
Butchers' Meat .. ..	7.8	6.5	7.5	7.5	7.6	6.6	7.6
Other Food (c) .. ..	12.7	12.0	13.5	12.7	12.7	12.2	14.3
<b>Total Food and Groceries:</b>	<b>36.1</b>	<b>32.9</b>	<b>36.8</b>	<b>35.9</b>	<b>36.0</b>	<b>33.6</b>	<b>37.9</b>
Beer, Wine and Spirits .. ..	10.3	10.7	11.4	10.1	9.6	10.0	11.2
Clothing and Drapery .. ..	19.0	20.5	16.9	20.4	16.4	17.5	14.3
Footwear .. ..					2.5	2.8	2.4
Hardware, China and Glassware (d) .. ..	6.4	6.3	6.2	5.9	6.5	6.7	6.4
Electrical Goods (e) .. ..	5.3	5.9	6.1	5.6	6.5	6.5	5.9
Furniture and Floor Coverings .. ..	4.3	4.2	4.0	4.0	4.2	4.1	3.7
Newspapers, Books and Stationery .. ..	18.6	19.5	18.6	18.1	2.9	3.2	3.2
Chemists' Goods .. ..					3.8	3.7	3.9
Other Goods (f) .. ..	11.6	11.9	11.1	11.1	11.6	11.9	11.1
<b>TOTAL:</b>					<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(a) Excludes Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory.

(b) Subject to revision.

(c) Includes Fresh Fruit and Vegetables, Confectionery, Soft Drinks, Ice Cream, Cakes, Pastry, Cooked Provisions, Fish, etc., but excludes some delivered Milk and Bread.

(d) Excludes Basic Building Materials (e.g. Timber, Roofing Tiles, Bricks, etc.)

(e) Includes Radios, Television and Accessories, Musical Instruments, Domestic Refrigerators, etc.

(f) Includes Tobacco, Cigarettes, etc., Grain and Produce, Jewellery, Office Equipment, etc.

**TABLE 13 : TOTAL VALUE OF RETAIL SALES OF NEW AND USED MOTOR VEHICLES, PARTS, PETROL ETC. AND PERCENTAGE INCREASE OVER PREVIOUS CORRESPONDING PERIOD (a) : STATES**

(Adjusted on a basis comparable with the 1956-57 Retail Census)

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia (b)
<b>YEARS</b>							
<b>Total Value of Retail Sales of Motor Vehicles, etc.</b>	£ mill.	£ mill.	£ mill.	£ mill.	£ mill.	£ mill.	£ mill.
1947-48 (c)	42.7	33.0	17.8	11.5	8.9	3.8	117.7
1948-49 (c)	61.5	45.1	23.4	16.9	13.7	5.5	166.1
1949-50 (c)	96.2	77.3	30.8	30.8	22.7	7.5	273.3
1950-51 (c)	140.1	103.2	56.0	39.6	31.5	11.6	382.0
1951-52 (c)	152.5	117.0	60.4	51.6	38.1	13.7	433.3
1952-53	151.3	108.7	62.9	45.3	37.3	13.7	419.2
1953-54	180.8	124.5	76.0	52.1	43.5	17.2	494.1
1954-55	205.7	146.0	88.1	60.9	50.7	20.3	571.7
1955-56	221.2	164.3	89.6	65.7	51.0	21.7	613.5
1956-57	227.1	167.2	99.5	66.8	49.3	22.6	632.5
1957-58 (d)	243.1	186.9	107.6	67.1	56.0	23.7	684.4
1958-59 (d)	266.4	196.7	113.1	71.9	54.6	24.9	727.6
<b>Increase over Previous Year:</b>	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
1953-54	19.5	14.5	20.8	15.0	16.6	25.6	17.9
1954-55	13.8	17.3	15.9	16.9	16.6	18.0	15.7
1955-56	7.5	12.5	1.7	7.9	0.6	6.9	7.3
1956-57	2.7	1.8	11.1	1.7	- 3.3	4.1	3.1
1957-58 (d)	7.1	11.8	8.1	0.5	13.6	4.9	8.2
1958-59 (d)	9.6	5.2	5.1	7.2	-2.5	5.1	6.3
<b>QUARTERS</b>							
<b>Total Value of Retail Sales of Motor Vehicles, etc.</b>	£ mill.	£ mill.	£ mill.	£ mill.	£ mill.	£ mill.	£ mill.
1954-55 : September	50.0	35.0	22.2	14.8	13.2	4.7	139.9
December	52.4	38.0	22.2	15.5	12.8	5.4	146.3
March	49.5	33.6	20.7	14.4	11.9	4.7	134.8
June	53.8	39.4	23.0	16.2	12.8	5.5	150.7
1955-56: September	57.3	41.0	23.3	16.8	13.4	5.2	157.0
December	57.0	43.0	23.5	16.9	13.8	5.7	159.9
March	53.0	39.8	20.2	16.2	12.7	5.1	147.0
June	53.9	40.5	22.6	15.8	11.1	5.7	149.6
1956-57: September	55.0	41.5	24.9	16.0	11.5	5.5	154.4
December	58.5	43.8	25.9	17.3	12.5	6.0	164.0
March	55.9	39.1	23.2	16.5	12.1	5.4	152.2
June	57.7	42.8	25.5	17.0	13.2	5.7	161.9
1957-58: September (d)	59.0	42.9	27.5	16.8	13.5	5.7	165.4
December (d)	63.0	49.7	28.6	17.4	14.7	6.3	179.7
March (d)	59.0	46.3	24.8	16.7	14.0	5.8	166.6
June (d)	62.1	48.0	26.7	16.2	13.8	5.9	172.7
1958-59: September (d)	65.4	47.9	28.4	17.0	12.8	6.2	177.7
December (d)	70.4	52.6	29.4	18.7	13.9	6.7	191.7
March (d)	62.9	46.9	26.0	17.8	13.6	5.5	172.7
June (d)	67.7	49.3	29.3	18.4	14.3	6.5	185.5
<b>Increase over Corresponding Quarter of Previous Year -</b>	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
1956-57: September	- 4.0	1.2	6.9	- 4.8	-14.2	5.8	- 1.7
December	2.6	1.9	10.2	2.4	- 9.4	5.3	2.6
March	5.5	- 1.8	14.9	1.9	- 4.7	5.9	3.5
June	7.1	5.7	12.8	7.6	18.9	-	8.2
1957-58: September (d)	7.3	3.4	10.4	5.0	17.4	3.6	7.1
December (d)	7.7	13.5	10.4	0.6	17.6	5.0	9.6
March (d)	5.5	18.4	6.9	1.2	15.7	7.4	9.5
June (d)	7.6	12.2	4.7	- 4.7	4.6	3.5	6.7
1958-59: September (d)	10.9	11.7	3.3	1.2	- 5.2	8.8	7.4
December (d)	11.8	5.8	2.8	7.5	- 5.4	6.4	6.7
March (d)	6.6	1.3	4.8	6.6	- 2.9	- 5.2	3.7
June (d)	9.0	2.7	9.7	13.6	3.6	1.0	7.4

(a) Excludes Farm Machinery and Implements, Earth-moving Equipment, etc., and most sales of Used Motor Vehicles made on a commission basis through auctioneers, etc.

(b) Excludes Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory.

(c) Figures shown for these periods are broadly comparable with those for later periods.

(d) Subject to revision. NOTE: Minus sign (-) denotes decrease.