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REAL RETAIL TRADE SALES FOR APRIL 1999 SHOW A SLIGHT DECREASE

The seasonally adjusted real retail trade sales (at constant 1995 prices) for April 1999 reflected a slight decrease of 0,1% compared with March 1999. Thirteen of the twenty merchandise categories

reflected decreases in the seasonally adjusted real retail trade sales over this period.

The largest percentage decrease in the seasonally adjusted real retail trade sales for April 1999 compared with March 1999 was reported for hardware (-8,0%), followed by beverages (-4,8%). Ladies', girls' and infants' clothing and accessories, which is the second largest merchandise category (with a contribution of 10,9% to the total real retail trade sales in April 1999) reflected a slight decrease of 0,1%. The largest percentage increase was reported for household textiles (+9,9%), followed by men's and boys' clothing and accessories (+6,0%). Perishable and processed food products, which is the largest merchandise category (with a contribution of 29,1% to the total real retail trade sales in April 1999) reflected a slight increase of 0,4%.

The real retail trade sales (at constant 1995 prices) for the three months up to April 1999 reflected a decrease of 0,8% compared with the corresponding period of 1998.

Cash sales comprised 73,9% of the total sales for April 1999. This is 0,5 of a percentage point lower than the 74,4% for April 1998. Hire purchases as a percentage of total sales increased by 1,5 percentage points, while other credit sales as a percentage of total sales decreased by 1,0 percentage point during this period.

SUMMARY FOR THREE MONTHS - RETAIL TRADE SALES

Period	Sales		Percentage change of sales	
	R Million		At current prices	At constant 1995 prices
	At current prices	At constant 1995 prices		
Actual values				
Feb. 1999 - April 1999	36 460,4	29 280,3	+4,6	-0,8
Feb. 1998 - April 1998	34 859,4	29 529,1		
Seasonally adjusted values				
Feb. 1999 - April 1999	39 407,2	31 749,4	+1,9	+0,7
Nov. 1998 - Jan. 1999	38 677,5	31 538,0		

EXPLANATORY NOTES

The information in this statistical release is based on a monthly sample survey of retailers in the Republic of South Africa. The results of the sample survey are raised to represent the total of all retailers.

Total retail trade sales by type of merchandise and selected area is shown in Table 4. The survey is conducted on a firm basis and firms are requested to submit their total sales, distributed by type of merchandise and by selected area. The information in Table 4 therefore represents imputations based on the assumption that the merchandise distribution of a firm's sales is the same for each selected area in which it trades.

Retail trade sales at current prices include VAT.

The value of sales at constant 1995 prices is obtained by deflating the sales value at current prices by means of sub-indices of the Consumer Price Index on the base 1995=100.

The fifth edition of the Standard Industrial Classification has been implemented retrospectively, resulting in the businesses 'grocers and other dealers in foodstuff', 'general department stores' and 'general dealers' being reported as general dealers.

In order to improve timeliness, some information for the current month has been estimated due to late response. The information for the latest month is therefore preliminary and subject to revision.

Stats SA is currently redesigning this survey, including the questionnaire. Any inputs regarding the new questionnaire will be appreciated.

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* = revised

1. RETAIL TRADE SALES BY TYPE OF BUSINESS

1.1 AT CURRENT PRICES

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TYPE OF BUSINESS	ACTUAL VALUES						SEASONALLY ADJUSTED VALUES				
	APRIL	MARCH	APRIL	JAN. - APRIL.		APRIL	MARCH	FEB.	JAN.	APRIL	
	1999	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1999	1999	1999	1998	
TOTAL RSA	12 650,7	12 429,6	12 158,1	48 240,2	46 378,8	13 110,8	13 142,5	13 153,9	13 093,3	12 588,0	
BUTCHERS	528,9	570,7	541,5	2 083,3	2 058,0	536,4	558,8	517,6	536,1	547,5	
GENERAL DEALERS 1/ BOTTLE STORES	5 985,5	6 318,1	5 755,1	23 764,6	22 928,8	6 319,5	6 268,3	6 255,4	6 253,4	6 066,9	
DEALERS IN CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND TEXTILES	446,9	505,6	456,6	1 745,2	1 692,8	440,5	481,0	482,2	462,0	449,0	
DEALERS IN FURNITURE AND HOUSEHOLD REQUISITES	2 726,4	2 192,4	2 713,9	9 564,2	9 486,0	2 709,6	2 657,4	2 897,4	2 761,4	2 698,9	
BOOKSTORES AND STATIONERS	1 301,2	1 150,6	1 202,9	4 503,0	4 258,3	1 424,1	1 419,8	1 405,8	1 309,9	1 316,5	
JEWELLERS	203,0	220,7	171,5	909,6	858,9	218,4	194,3	178,5	208,1	184,9	
CHEMISTS	112,1	88,9	107,4	417,5	415,0	126,0	119,4	117,6	116,2	120,9	
DEALERS IN MISCELLANEOUS GOODS	631,2	619,9	490,3	2 380,3	1 989,8	644,2	641,9	595,7	585,1	501,4	
	715,4	762,6	718,8	2 872,4	2 691,2	741,3	786,7	752,8	784,5	747,4	

1.2 AT CONSTANT 1995 PRICES

R MILLION

	ACTUAL VALUES	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED VALUES
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TYPE OF BUSINESS	APRIL		MARCH		APRIL		JAN. - APRIL		APRIL		MARCH		FEB.		JAN.		APRIL			
	1999		1999		1998		1999		1999		1999		1999		1999		1998			
TOTAL RSA	10	157,2	9	961,6	10	235,5	38	798,5	39	399,7	10	565,6	10	574,4	10	609,4	10	603,7	10	632,4
BUTCHERS		447,6		479,1		462,0		1 743,2		1 753,3		454,4		473,6		437,8		453,5		467,2
GENERAL DEALERS 1/ BOTTLE STORES	4	605,2	4	885,1	4	674,5	18	381,9	18	905,4	4	884,5	4	848,9	4	841,6	4	875,1	4	950,5
DEALERS IN CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND TEXTILES	2	428,6	1	957,4	2	469,2	8	519,4	8	670,3	2	419,5	2	384,8	2	571,6	2	460,2	2	461,5
DEALERS IN FURNITURE AND HOUSEHOLD REQUISITES	1	116,4		986,4	1	072,0	3	870,8	3	810,0	1	223,0	1	222,4	1	210,4	1	133,2	1	174,8
BOOKSTORES AND STATIONERS		140,5		163,0		128,7		662,3		685,7		155,3		139,9		129,8		151,5		142,6
JEWELLERS		100,2		79,6		99,7		374,6		387,2		111,5		108,0		104,7		104,9		111,2
CHEMISTS		426,0		429,4		363,3		1 642,5		1 519,7		439,5		449,7		416,8		415,6		375,8
DEALERS IN MISCELLANEOUS GOODS		575,3		618,5		611,9		2 330,8		2 319,2		597,8		637,3		611,5		641,0		637,2

1/ General dealers include grocers and other dealers in foodstuffs and general department stores

2. RETAIL TRADE SALES BY SELECTED AREAS AT CURRENT PRICES

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SELECTED AREAS	ACTUAL VALUES									
	APRIL		MARCH		APRIL		JAN. - APRIL			
	1999		1999		1998		1999			
TOTAL RSA	12	650,7	12	429,6	12	158,1	48	240,2	46	378,8
TOTAL WESTERN CAPE	2	436,9	2	419,6	2	348,0	9	383,6	8	903,4
CAPE PENINSULA (CAPE, WYNBERG, SIMON'S TOWN, GOODWOOD AND BELLVILLE)	1	513,7	1	513,4	1	448,4	5	860,1	5	484,5
STELLENBOSCH, KUILS RIVER, SOMERSET WEST, STRAND, PAARL, WORCESTER, WELLINGTON AND MALMESBURY		488,0		480,3		459,7		1 855,6		1 778,6
REST OF WESTERN CAPE		435,3		425,9		439,9		1 668,0		1 640,4
TOTAL EASTERN CAPE	1	048,2	1	016,4	1	017,9	3	981,3	3	807,2
PORT ELIZABETH AND UITENHAGE		379,7		380,3		370,5		1 458,3		1 435,9
EAST LONDON, KING WILLIAM'S TOWN, MDANTSANE AND ZWELITSHA		272,1		264,7		258,1		1 034,4		947,0
REST OF EASTERN CAPE		396,4		371,3		389,2		1 488,6		1 424,3
TOTAL NORTHERN CAPE		354,5		337,7		339,9		1 312,0		1 253,5
KIMBERLEY		93,4		93,9		94,7		352,0		366,2
REST OF NORTHERN CAPE		261,1		243,7		245,3		960,0		887,3
TOTAL FREE STATE		674,3		642,0		639,7		2 472,5		2 420,6
BLOEMFONTEIN AND BOTSHABELO		243,9		221,2		223,7		851,6		843,7
ODENDAALSRSUS, WELKOM, VIRGINIA AND KROONSTAD		170,1		169,3		157,3		646,9		606,2
REST OF FREE STATE (INCL. SASOLBURG)		260,4		251,5		258,7		974,0		970,7
TOTAL KWAZULU-NATAL	2	044,3	2	058,4	2	003,2	7	951,3	7	660,2

ACCESSORIES	766,9	618,9	744,2	2 692,4	2 623,2	767,4	716,2	779,5	797,7	745,1
LADIES', GIRLS' AND INFANTS' CLOTHING AND ACCESSORIES	1 223,7	1 033,5	1 340,3	4 284,6	4 719,8	1 222,1	1 224,8	1 240,4	1 249,3	1 338,4
TEXTILES (BLANKETS, SHEETS, MATERIALS, ETC.) AND HABERDASHERY (BUTTONS, SEWING YARN, ETC.)	313,6	263,6	276,7	1 086,2	1 022,7	320,1	299,6	317,6	300,7	282,5
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE	681,6	613,0	627,5	2 384,4	2 268,4	753,4	747,4	737,0	729,9	693,3
DOMESTIC APPLIANCES (REFRIGERATORS, STOVES, ETC.)	326,9	305,1	325,8	1 179,0	1 182,1	345,7	359,8	354,6	322,1	344,6
AUDIO APPLIANCES (RADIOS, HI-FI SETS, TAPE RECORDERS, ETC.)	151,3	138,0	143,8	550,8	530,8	167,7	168,6	170,0	161,6	159,3
TV SETS, VIDEO RECORDERS, ETC.	148,8	134,1	152,4	521,4	558,5	162,9	165,2	162,5	153,5	167,1
OTHER DOMESTIC FURNISHINGS (CARPETS, MATTRESSES, PILLOWS, ETC.)	157,5	149,0	151,0	571,5	554,3	172,7	177,6	177,3	165,2	165,6
GLASS, CROCKERY, CUTLERY AND KITCHENWARE	295,0	304,4	276,5	1 152,4	1 098,8	323,3	326,7	319,7	322,1	303,2
PHARMACEUTICALS, PATENTS AND OTHER MEDICINES, BANDAGES AND COSMETICS AND TOILETRIES	1 083,6	1 038,9	931,9	4 067,7	3 614,7	1 101,2	1 090,9	1 057,4	1 053,5	946,7
BOOKS, MAGAZINES, NEWSPAPERS AND STATIONERY	249,5	287,0	220,9	1 156,8	1 040,8	265,4	254,2	249,4	257,8	234,8
SPORT AND RECREATION REQUISITES (TOYS, FIRE-ARMS, BOATS, ETC.)	442,5	414,6	395,2	1 649,3	1 557,1	483,1	481,7	455,0	469,0	432,1
JEWELLERY, SILVERWARE, WATCHES AND PRECIOUS STONES	176,4	153,0	155,7	671,3	595,8	198,0	199,6	189,4	183,4	174,6
HARDWARE (BUILDING MATERIALS, WOOD, IRONWARE, TOOLS, ETC.)	416,2	465,1	446,5	1 708,6	1 724,7	438,4	476,0	452,4	452,5	472,0
ALL OTHER MERCHANDISE	257,3	257,4	260,4	1 012,3	957,7	276,7	276,1	267,6	276,9	280,7

3. RETAIL TRADE SALES BY TYPE OF MERCHANDISE
3.2 AT CONSTANT 1995 PRICES

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TYPE OF MERCHANDISE	ACTUAL VALUES					SEASONALLY ADJUSTED VALUES				
	APRIL	MARCH	APRIL	JAN. - APRIL.		APRIL	MARCH	FEB.	JAN.	APRIL
	1999	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1999	1999	1999	1998
TOTAL RSA	10 157,2	9 961,6	10 235,5	38 798,5	39 399,7	10 565,6	10 574,4	10 609,4	10 603,7	10 632,4
PERISHABLE AND PROCESSED FOOD PRODUCTS	2 950,9	3 164,3	2 917,6	11 782,5	11 688,2	3 098,5	3 087,5	3 079,4	3 054,3	3 056,5
INEDIBLE GROCERIES (DETERGENTS, POLISHES, ETC.)	576,2	601,4	598,5	2 330,3	2 375,2	590,4	598,7	606,3	605,0	613,0
ALCOHOLIC AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	474,1	532,1	510,2	1 919,2	2 001,7	486,6	511,4	521,0	507,8	522,5
CIGARETTES AND MANUFACTURED TOBACCO	104,5	113,6	119,8	427,1	507,5	111,6	106,4	109,9	114,0	127,7
FOOTWEAR FOR MEN, LADIES AND CHILDREN	465,0	379,4	470,3	1 642,7	1 698,6	478,1	463,0	499,4	484,5	483,3

MEN'S AND BOYS' CLOTHING AND ACCESSORIES	728,3	592,4	711,4	2 566,3	2 512,8	728,7	687,6	741,5	745,9	712,4
LADIES', GIRLS' AND INFANTS' CLOTHING AND ACCESSORIES	1 109,3	940,9	1 238,2	3 893,7	4 370,6	1 109,6	1 111,2	1 125,8	1 131,2	1 238,6
TEXTILES (BLANKETS, SHEETS, MATERIALS, ETC.) AND HABERDASHERY (BUTTONS, SEWING YARN, ETC.)	247,8	205,0	225,1	844,5	857,5	253,9	231,0	244,3	231,1	230,9
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE	553,3	497,6	536,3	1 949,3	1 950,6	606,5	609,5	605,5	601,9	588,1
DOMESTIC APPLIANCES (REFRIGERATORS, STOVES, ETC.)	295,8	276,1	301,9	1 071,5	1 099,0	312,1	325,5	322,9	294,8	318,6
AUDIO APPLIANCES (RADIOS, HI-FI SETS, TAPE RECORDERS, ETC.)	139,9	127,6	134,5	507,6	499,2	155,8	156,7	156,0	148,4	149,7
TV SETS, VIDEO RECORDERS, ETC.	141,2	127,3	146,3	493,3	539,0	154,4	157,4	152,9	142,1	160,2
OTHER DOMESTIC FURNISHINGS (CARPETS, MATTRESSES, PILLOWS, ETC.)	140,6	133,0	136,8	509,3	502,5	153,8	158,4	157,6	147,1	149,6
GLASS, CROCKERY, CUTLERY AND KITCHENWARE	256,1	264,6	245,5	1 001,9	976,0	281,2	284,7	277,7	280,8	269,7
PHARMACEUTICALS, PATENTS AND OTHER MEDICINES, BANDAGES AND COSMETICS AND TOILETRIES	724,5	714,6	682,9	2 786,8	2 736,1	754,4	752,7	735,7	744,3	709,7
BOOKS, MAGAZINES, NEWSPAPERS AND STATIONERY	170,4	210,6	163,4	836,1	823,0	187,5	184,5	175,5	186,7	179,7
SPORT AND RECREATION REQUISITES (TOYS, FIRE-ARMS, BOATS, ETC.)	387,5	366,9	359,3	1 454,9	1 429,2	424,8	426,2	400,9	409,8	394,4
JEWELLERY, SILVERWARE, WATCHES AND PRECIOUS STONES	159,3	138,5	145,1	608,6	558,8	176,6	178,4	170,2	166,7	161,1
HARDWARE (BUILDING MATERIALS, WOOD, IRONWARE, TOOLS, ETC.)	329,0	370,7	374,2	1 364,6	1 462,2	347,4	377,7	361,3	363,6	396,5
ALL OTHER MERCHANDISE	203,4	205,1	218,2	808,5	811,8	218,8	219,5	214,2	222,5	235,3

4. RETAIL TRADE SALES BY TYPE OF MERCHANDISE AND SELECTED AREAS

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SELECTED AREAS	PERISHABLE AND PROCESSED FOOD PRODUCTS	INEDIBLE GROCERIES	BEVERAGES	CIGARETTES AND MANUFACTURED TOBACCO	FOOTWEAR	MEN'S AND BOYS' CLOTHING	LADIES', GIRLS' AND INFANTS' CLOTHING
TOTAL RSA	3 757,6	802,1	661,7	222,4	516,1	766,9	1 223,7
WESTERN CAPE							
TOTAL	758,5	176,6	135,4	53,7	86,0	133,5	231,5
CAPE PENINSULA (CAPE, WYNBERG, SIMON'S TOWN, GOODWOOD AND BELLVILLE)	435,6	113,4	96,3	25,9	53,3	87,3	150,6
STELLENBOSCH, KUILS RIVER, SOMERSET WEST, STRAND, PAARL, WORCESTER, WELLINGTON AND MALMESBURY	174,5	47,2	23,7	14,3	15,1	25,3	44,4
REST OF WESTERN CAPE	148,4	16,0	15,5	13,5	17,5	21,0	36,4

EASTERN CAPE								
TOTAL	288,0	61,2	88,5	18,3	44,5	61,9	94,7	
PORT ELIZABETH AND UITENHAGE	116,0	26,6	30,0	4,9	14,6	21,8	40,3	
EAST LONDON, KING WILLIAM'S TOWN, MDANTSANE AND ZWELITSHA	81,8	13,9	35,3	4,7	13,1	17,3	20,6	
REST OF EASTERN CAPE	90,3	20,6	23,2	8,7	16,9	22,8	33,7	
NORTHERN CAPE								
TOTAL	126,8	17,0	10,7	12,0	16,0	22,8	29,2	
KIMBERLEY	22,7	4,9	1,6	1,1	3,9	5,6	9,7	
REST OF NORTHERN CAPE	104,0	12,1	9,1	10,9	12,1	17,2	19,5	
FREE STATE								
TOTAL	179,2	37,3	25,1	13,6	31,2	41,7	65,3	
BLOEMFONTEIN AND BOTSHABELO	55,2	10,1	6,1	3,7	10,2	15,6	24,4	
ODENDAALSBRUS, WELKOM, VIRGINIA AND KROONSTAD	44,1	9,6	9,4	4,0	6,9	10,8	16,6	
REST OF FREE STATE (INCL. SASOLBURG)	79,9	17,5	9,6	5,9	14,2	15,4	24,3	
KWAZULU-NATAL								
TOTAL	706,8	140,4	108,9	36,0	69,7	102,3	171,8	
DURBAN, PINETOWN, CHATSWORTH, NTUZUMA AND UMLAZI	293,9	74,2	62,2	14,7	29,2	43,2	76,1	
SOUTH COAST (PORT SHEPSTONE, UMZINTO AND EMBUMBULU) AND NORTH COAST (INANDA, LOWER TUGELA, MTUNZINI AND LOWER UMFOLOZI)	137,6	29,2	18,4	6,1	9,5	13,8	23,5	
PIETERMARITZBURG, VULINDLELA, CAMPERDOWN AND EMPUMALANGA	82,1	16,6	10,6	5,2	8,3	16,5	29,3	
MADADENI AND NEWCASTLE	18,3	0,9	1,6	0,8	3,0	3,6	6,8	
REST OF KWAZULU-NATAL	174,9	19,4	16,0	9,2	19,7	25,2	36,2	

4. RETAIL TRADE SALES BY TYPE OF MERCHANDISE AND SELECTED AREAS (CONTINUED)

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SELECTED AREAS	PERISHABLE AND PROCESSED FOOD PRODUCTS	INEDIBLE GROCERIES	BEVERAGES	CIGARETTES AND MANUFACTURED TOBACCO	FOOTWEAR	MEN'S AND BOYS' CLOTHING	LADIES', GIRLS' AND INFANTS' CLOTHING
NORTH WEST							
TOTAL	152,6	37,1	28,4	7,9	28,6	34,2	59,0
KLERKSDORP AND POTCHEFSTROOM	61,7	16,6	6,8	4,1	9,0	10,5	18,6
RUSTENBURG, BRITS, ODI 1 AND ODI 2	58,9	15,8	11,3	2,1	11,2	14,0	19,6
REST OF NORTH WEST	32,0	4,6	10,3	1,7	8,4	9,8	20,8
GAUTENG							
TOTAL	1 257,8	277,5	201,5	61,8	186,7	292,9	464,5
JOHANNESBURG AND RANDBURG	413,2	124,5	55,7	15,2	57,4	95,8	163,1
EAST RAND (GERMISTON, ALBERTON, BOKSBURG, BENONI AND KEMPTON							

PARK (INCL. EDENVALE AND MIDRAND)	278,6	38,6	41,3	15,8	38,3	52,2	93,2
BRAKPAN, NIGEL AND SPRINGS	35,8	4,7	2,3	2,4	9,9	7,7	14,0
WEST RAND (WESTONARIA, ROODEPOORT, KRUGERSDORP, RAND-FONTEIN AND OBERHOLZER)	125,2	20,2	38,8	9,6	18,4	26,4	38,3
PRETORIA, SOSHANGUVE AND WONDERBOOM (INCL. CENTURION)	297,3	65,1	44,8	13,5	41,8	80,9	110,4
VEREENIGING AND VANDERBIJLPARK	84,2	22,5	17,7	4,4	9,8	13,4	22,5
REST OF GAUTENG	23,5	1,9	0,9	0,9	11,2	16,4	22,9
MPUMALANGA							
TOTAL	146,4	37,7	46,6	10,5	29,5	44,3	62,7
HIGHVELD RIDGE, MIDDELBURG, WITBANK, BRONKHORSTSPRUIT AND KWAMHLANGA	45,1	12,2	23,5	3,1	9,2	13,5	21,6
BARBERTON, NELSPRUIT AND LYDENBURG	35,7	9,5	6,4	1,6	8,0	11,0	17,8
REST OF MPUMALANGA	65,7	16,0	16,6	5,8	12,4	19,7	23,3
NORTHERN PROVINCE							
TOTAL	141,3	17,3	16,7	8,6	23,9	33,4	45,1
PIETERSBURG AND SESHEGO	27,0	8,9	6,8	1,6	9,7	13,7	18,2
REST OF NORTHERN PROVINCE	114,4	8,4	10,0	7,0	14,2	19,7	26,8

4. RETAIL TRADE SALES BY TYPE OF MERCHANDISE AND SELECTED AREAS (CONTINUED)

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SELECTED AREAS	TEXTILES	HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE	DOMESTIC APPLIANCES	AUDIO APPLIANCES	TELEVISION SETS	OTHER DOMESTIC FURNISHINGS	GLASS AND CROCKERY
TOTAL RSA	313,6	681,6	326,9	151,3	148,8	157,5	295,0
WESTERN CAPE							
TOTAL	80,1	72,6	56,5	26,2	21,6	21,5	64,9
CAPE PENINSULA (CAPE, WYNBERG, SIMON'S TOWN, GOODWOOD AND BELLVILLE)	58,5	37,4	33,0	16,2	13,8	9,5	43,6
STELLENBOSCH, KUILS RIVER, SOMERSET WEST, STRAND, PAARL, WORCESTER, WELLINGTON AND MALMESBURY	12,2	15,8	12,5	4,1	2,9	2,9	10,0
REST OF WESTERN CAPE	9,4	19,4	10,9	5,9	4,9	9,1	11,3
EASTERN CAPE							
TOTAL	22,6	96,2	29,8	15,1	16,3	12,9	19,3
PORT ELIZABETH AND UITENHAGE	9,8	16,3	9,4	4,7	7,3	3,6	7,5

EAST LONDON, KING WILLIAM'S TOWN, MDANTSANE AND ZWELITSHA	4,6	20,4	6,9	3,6	3,8	2,4	4,5
REST OF EASTERN CAPE	8,2	59,5	13,5	6,9	5,3	6,9	7,3
NORTHERN CAPE							
TOTAL	9,4	25,6	10,1	6,8	6,8	5,6	5,9
KIMBERLEY	2,2	9,3	2,5	1,2	1,6	1,1	2,0
REST OF NORTHERN CAPE	7,3	16,4	7,5	5,7	5,2	4,5	3,9
FREE STATE	16,3	61,1	22,0	11,8	10,9	24,0	15,6
TOTAL							
BLOEMFONTEIN AND BOTSHABELO	5,8	27,5	9,0	4,3	5,0	9,7	5,1
ODENDAALSRSUS, WELKOM, VIRGINIA AND KROONSTAD	4,8	10,4	5,1	3,8	3,0	2,6	4,4
REST OF FREE STATE (INCL. SASOLBURG)	5,7	23,1	7,9	3,6	3,0	11,7	6,1
KWAZULU-NATAL							
TOTAL	43,6	83,9	50,3	21,3	23,2	27,4	50,4
DURBAN, PINETOWN, CHATSWORTH, NTUZUMA AND UMLAZI	20,8	21,8	24,5	8,4	10,0	9,2	21,6
SOUTH COAST (PORT SHEPSTONE, UMZINTO AND EMBUMBULU) AND NORTH COAST (INANDA, LOWER TUGELA, MTUNZINI AND LOWER UMFOLZOZI)	5,5	12,2	5,1	2,9	2,5	2,7	8,4
PIETERMARITZBURG, VULINDLELA, CAMPERDOWN AND EMPUMALANGA	6,0	9,4	5,4	1,8	2,3	5,1	4,1
MADADENI AND NEWCASTLE	1,3	4,8	2,0	0,8	1,4	0,7	2,6
REST OF KWAZULU-NATAL	10,1	35,8	13,3	7,4	7,1	9,7	13,8

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SELECTED AREAS	TEXTILES	HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE	DOMESTIC APPLIANCES	AUDIO APPLIANCES	TELEVISION SETS	OTHER DOMESTIC FURNISHINGS	GLASS AND CROCKERY
NORTH WEST							
TOTAL	18,4	67,7	20,1	9,8	10,4	9,6	16,8
KLERKSDORP AND POTCHEFSTROOM	6,9	11,0	8,1	4,7	4,6	3,7	9,1
RUSTENBURG, BRITS, ODI 1 AND ODI 2	6,0	23,7	5,4	2,4	2,7	2,3	4,3
REST OF NORTH WEST	5,5	32,9	6,5	2,7	3,1	3,6	3,4
GAUTENG							
TOTAL	95,6	175,0	100,6	43,6	42,2	40,6	92,1
JOHANNESBURG AND RANDBURG	31,7	31,8	29,1	12,9	10,0	15,3	25,6
EAST RAND (GERMISTON, ALBERTON, BOKSBURG, BENONI AND KEMPTON PARK (INCL. EDENVALE AND MIDRAND)	19,6	51,4	26,0	8,4	10,0	7,0	23,6
BRAKPAN, NIGEL AND SPRINGS	3,7	8,2	3,2	1,9	1,7	2,5	2,6
WEST RAND (WESTONARIA,							

ROODEPOORT, KRUGERSDORP, RAND- FONTEIN AND OBERHOLZER)	9,6	14,3	10,2	5,0	5,4	4,6	11,3
PRETORIA, SOSHANGUVE AND WONDERBOOM (INCL. CENTURION)	19,4	51,8	22,2	9,3	9,2	6,6	21,4
VEREENIGING AND VANDERBIJLPARK	7,4	12,6	8,1	4,8	4,6	3,0	5,2
REST OF GAUTENG	4,2	5,0	2,0	1,4	1,3	1,6	2,4
MPUMALANGA							
TOTAL	15,0	55,1	23,3	10,4	11,0	9,7	16,0
HIGHVELD RIDGE, MIDDELBURG, WITBANK, BRONKHORSTSPRUIT AND KWAMHLANGA	5,6	16,8	6,7	3,5	3,3	2,7	6,3
BARBERTON, NELSPRUIT AND LYDENBURG	2,7	12,0	7,3	2,3	3,1	2,1	4,6
REST OF MPUMALANGA	6,6	26,2	9,2	4,6	4,6	4,9	5,1
NORTHERN PROVINCE							
TOTAL	12,6	44,5	14,2	6,2	6,3	6,1	13,9
PIETERSBURG AND SESHEGO	3,8	10,5	5,5	2,1	3,2	2,1	3,7
REST OF NORTHERN PROVINCE	8,8	33,9	8,7	4,1	3,2	4,0	10,2

4. RETAIL TRADE SALES BY TYPE OF MERCHANDISE AND SELECTED AREAS (CONTINUED)

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SELECTED AREAS	PHARMA- CEUTICALS	BOOKS AND STATIONERY	SPORT REQUISITES	JEWELLERY	HARDWARE	ALL OTHER MERCHANDISE	TOTAL
TOTAL RSA	1 083,6	249,5	442,5	176,4	416,2	257,3	12 650,7
WESTERN CAPE							
TOTAL	216,5	60,0	91,6	38,1	67,7	44,5	2 436,9
CAPE PENINSULA (CAPE, WYNBERG, SIMON'S TOWN, GOODWOOD AND BELLVILLE)	133,1	42,2	67,0	27,0	34,9	35,1	1 513,7
STELLENBOSCH, KUILS RIVER, SOMERSET WEST, STRAND, PAARL, WORCESTER, WELLINGTON AND MALMESBURY	39,5	10,6	16,8	5,5	8,2	2,6	488,0
REST OF WESTERN CAPE	43,9	7,2	7,9	5,6	24,6	6,8	435,3
EASTERN CAPE							
TOTAL	60,6	22,2	28,3	14,9	38,0	14,8	1 048,2
PORT ELIZABETH AND UITENHAGE	17,7	8,2	14,4	9,0	14,2	3,6	379,7
EAST LONDON, KING WILLIAM'S TOWN, MDANTSANE AND ZWELITSHA	12,4	6,8	8,0	2,0	6,7	3,4	272,1
REST OF EASTERN CAPE	30,6	7,2	5,9	3,9	17,1	7,9	396,4

NORTHERN CAPE							
TOTAL	23,0	5,1	6,9	5,0	2,3	7,4	354,5
KIMBERLEY	12,4	1,4	4,4	3,1	1,2	1,4	93,4
REST OF NORTHERN CAPE	10,6	3,7	2,5	1,9	1,1	6,0	261,1
FREE STATE							
TOTAL	57,5	12,4	20,7	9,0	14,2	5,3	674,3
BLOEMFONTEIN AND BOTSHABELO	20,6	7,9	11,6	3,4	5,7	3,1	243,9
ODENDAALSRSUS, WELKOM, VIRGINIA AND KROONSTAD	17,8	2,0	5,8	2,7	4,5	1,8	170,1
REST OF FREE STATE (INCL. SASOLBURG)	19,1	2,4	3,3	3,0	4,1	0,4	260,4
KWAZULU-NATAL							
TOTAL	161,8	40,6	65,6	26,4	60,2	53,6	2 044,3
DURBAN, PINETOWN, CHATSWORTH, NTUZUMA AND UMLAZI	60,6	16,7	42,6	11,0	35,8	21,3	897,9
SOUTH COAST (PORT SHEPSTONE, UMZINTO AND EMBUMBULU) AND NORTH COAST (INANDA, LOWER TUGELA, MTUNZINI AND LOWER UMFOLOZI)	24,2	7,4	8,3	3,4	6,0	4,7	331,2
PIETERMARITZBURG, VULINDLELA, CAMPERDOWN AND EMPUMALANGA	24,0	8,4	4,8	2,4	6,0	7,1	255,5
MADADENI AND NEWCASTLE	13,1	0,6	2,2	1,0	0,8	1,7	68,0
REST OF KWAZULU-NATAL	40,0	7,6	7,7	8,5	11,5	18,8	491,7

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SELECTED AREAS	PHARMA- CEUTICALS	BOOKS AND STATIONERY	SPORT REQUISITES	JEWELLERY	HARDWARE	ALL OTHER MERCHANDISE	TOTAL
NORTH WEST							
TOTAL	37,7	9,4	12,4	7,8	18,7	16,8	603,2
KLERKSDORP AND POTCHEFSTROOM	10,9	5,4	5,7	2,5	6,1	10,5	216,6
RUSTENBURG, BRITS, ODI 1 AND ODI 2	17,7	2,4	4,8	2,8	6,6	3,1	216,9
REST OF NORTH WEST	9,0	1,6	1,9	2,4	6,0	3,3	169,7
GAUTENG							
TOTAL	442,9	86,9	190,1	60,0	129,1	96,5	4 382,6
JOHANNESBURG AND RANDBURG	179,2	43,3	94,0	15,9	60,6	37,4	1 511,6
EAST RAND (GERMISTON, ALBERTON, BOKSBURG, BENONI AND KEMPTON PARK (INCL. EDENVALE AND MIDRAND)	73,9	11,7	28,6	16,1	23,7	28,9	887,0
BRAKPAN, NIGEL AND SPRINGS	23,6	1,8	4,1	2,2	0,5	1,4	134,1
WEST RAND (WESTONARIA, ROODEPOORT, KRUGERSDORP, RAND- FONTEIN AND OBERHOLZER)	46,5	6,3	12,8	6,1	37,9	7,3	454,1
PRETORIA, SOSHANGUVE AND							

WONDERBOOM (INCL. CENTURION)	86,2	20,3	40,5	11,4	34,2	17,6	1 003,9
VEREENIGING AND VANDERBIJLPARK	26,2	3,0	8,6	3,3	15,5	3,6	280,3
REST OF GAUTENG	7,3	0,5	1,5	5,0	1,4	0,4	111,7
MPUMALANGA							
TOTAL	39,6	8,2	16,8	9,9	26,0	8,5	627,2
HIGHVELD RIDGE, MIDDELBURG, WITBANK, BRONKHORSTSPRUIT AND KWAMHLANGA	18,0	2,3	8,0	4,8	4,1	2,3	212,7
BARBERTON, NELSPRUIT AND LYDENBURG	9,8	1,6	5,1	2,1	15,0	2,4	160,1
REST OF MPUMALANGA	11,8	4,4	3,7	3,1	6,9	3,8	254,4
NORTHERN PROVINCE							
TOTAL	44,0	4,7	10,2	5,3	15,3	9,8	479,5
PIETERSBURG AND SESHEGO	15,4	1,7	4,0	2,1	3,4	7,5	150,9
REST OF NORTHERN PROVINCE	28,6	3,0	6,2	3,2	11,9	2,3	328,6

**5. CASH SALES, INSTALMENT SALE TRANSACTIONS
AND OTHER CREDIT SALES AT CURRENT PRICES**

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TYPE OF SALES	ACTUAL VALUES					SEASONALLY ADJUSTED VALUES				
	APRIL	MARCH	APRIL	JAN. - APRIL.		APRIL	MARCH	FEB.	JAN.	APRIL
	1999	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1999	1999	1999	1998
TOTAL RSA	12 650,7	12 429,6	12 158,1	48 240,2	46 378,8	13 110,8	13 142,5	13 153,9	13 093,3	12 588,0
CASH SALES (INCLUDING INSTALMENT SALE TRANSACTIONS FINANCED BY FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS)	9 348,8	9 518,9	9 047,6	36 527,3	35 146,9	9 707,3	9 775,0	9 697,1	9 739,1	9 377,0
INSTALMENT SALE TRANSACTIONS (HIRE PURCHASE, FINANCED BY OWN BUSINESS)	955,3	849,8	739,5	3 331,1	2 810,1	1 073,6	1 113,8	1 061,3	1 031,5	829,7
OTHER CREDIT SALES	2 346,6	2 060,9	2 371,0	8 381,8	8 421,8	2 325,4	2 245,9	2 424,8	2 348,0	2 347,9