

# **Retail trade sales**

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## REAL RETAIL TRADE SALES INCREASE

*The seasonally adjusted real retail trade sales (at constant 1995 prices) for the three months up to February 1999 reflected an increase of 0,3% compared with the previous three months. However, the real retail trade sales for the three months up to February 1999 decreased by 2,1% compared with the corresponding period of a year ago.*

Eleven of the twenty merchandise categories reflected increases in the seasonally adjusted real retail trade sales for the three months up to February 1999 compared with the previous three months. The largest percentage increase was reported for household furniture, followed by men's and boys' clothing and accessories, all other merchandise and pharmaceuticals.

Cash sales comprised 75,6% of the total sales for February 1999. This is 0,8 of a percentage point lower than the 76,4% for February 1998. Hire purchases as a percentage of total sales increased by 1,3 percentage points, while other credit sales as a percentage of total sales decreased by 0,4 of a 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		
<b>Actual values</b>				
Dec. 1998 - Feb. 1999	42 201,3	34 397,5	+3,4	-2,1
Dec. 1997 - Feb. 1998	40 813,1	35 147,4		
<b>Seasonally adjusted values</b>				
Dec. 1998 - Feb. 1999	39 128,1	31 735,9	+2,0	+0,3
Sep. 1998 - Nov. 1998	38 377,3	31 629,4		

### 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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Symbol used

\* = 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				
	FEB.	JAN.	FEB.	JAN. - FEB.		FEB.	JAN.	DEC.	NOV.	FEB.
	1999	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1999	1998	1998	1998
TOTAL RSA	11 380,1	11 779,8*	10 856,2	23 159,9	22 375,6	13 166,6	13 090,1	12 871,4	12 719,4	12 538,3
BUTCHERS	469,8	513,8	484,8	983,7	988,0	515,2	535,3	548,7	490,5	532,3
GENERAL DEALERS 1/	5 598,4	5 862,7*	5 322,7	11 461,1	11 083,9	6 254,0	6 261,1	6 183,3	6 103,5	5 929,4
BOTTLE STORES	431,5	361,2	408,2	792,6	747,8	481,4	460,6	463,5	474,2	456,9
DEALERS IN CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND TEXTILES	2 215,7	2 429,7	2 140,8	4 645,4	4 596,0	2 886,2	2 783,7	2 736,6	2 669,1	2 794,8
DEALERS IN FURNITURE AND HOUSEHOLD REQUISITES	1 074,0	977,2	982,7	2 051,2	1 985,3	1 414,9	1 302,6	1 315,3	1 290,0	1 290,9
BOOKSTORES AND STATIONERS	223,6	262,3	251,5	485,9	475,1	179,5	206,8	184,4	205,1	202,6
JEWELLERS	109,0	107,5	111,6	216,5	222,1	117,2	116,2	113,8	110,0	120,3
CHEMISTS	568,6	560,5	499,7	1 129,2	1 005,6	590,5	578,4	569,9	556,5	519,3
DEALERS IN MISCELLANEOUS GOODS	689,5	704,9	654,2	1 394,3	1 272,0	751,6	783,0	771,7	723,2	710,7

1.2 AT CONSTANT 1995 PRICES

R MILLION

TYPE OF BUSINESS	ACTUAL VALUES					SEASONALLY ADJUSTED VALUES				
	FEB.	JAN.	FEB.	JAN. - FEB.		FEB.	JAN.	DEC.	NOV.	FEB.
	1999	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1999	1998	1998	1998
TOTAL RSA	9 161,5	9 518,2*	9 269,2	18 679,7	19 139,8	10 617,2	10 602,1	10 516,6	10 427,8	10 722,3
BUTCHERS	389,8	426,8	412,4	816,6	841,7	435,7	452,8	470,0	420,3	461,1
GENERAL DEALERS 1/	4 335,8	4 555,8*	4 420,4	8 891,6	9 218,5	4 839,1	4 876,1	4 841,6	4 792,1	4 919,1
BOTTLE STORES	320,6	272,0	330,3	592,6	611,8	357,5	341,2	343,8	354,9	369,5
DEALERS IN CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND TEXTILES	1 971,7	2 161,6	1 962,4	4 133,3	4 208,8	2 565,7	2 475,7	2 431,4	2 383,1	2 559,3
DEALERS IN FURNITURE AND HOUSEHOLD REQUISITES	924,9	843,1	883,3	1 768,0	1 785,7	1 217,9	1 126,8	1 142,4	1 124,7	1 159,7
BOOKSTORES AND STATIONERS	164,9	193,9	203,8	358,8	385,1	130,6	151,2	135,9	151,3	161,9
JEWELLERS	97,7	97,0	104,4	194,7	207,5	104,4	104,7	106,1	100,0	111,8
CHEMISTS	395,2	391,9	385,8	787,1	776,7	414,3	413,1	401,3	396,6	404,7
DEALERS IN MISCELLANEOUS GOODS	560,9	576,2	566,4	1 137,0	1 104,2	611,1	640,0	634,6	597,8	614,8

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				
	FEB.	JAN.	FEB.	JAN. - FEB.	
	1999	1999	1998	1999	1998
TOTAL RSA	11 380,1	11 779,8	10 856,2	23 159,9	22 375,6
TOTAL WESTERN CAPE	2 235,9	2 291,2	2 061,7	4 527,0	4 285,7
CAPE PENINSULA (CAPE, WYNBERG, SIMON'S TOWN, GOODWOOD AND BELLVILLE)	1 413,9	1 419,1	1 279,4	2 833,0	2 632,7
STELLENBOSCH, KUILS RIVER, SOMERSET WEST, STRAND, PAARL, WORCESTER, WELLINGTON AND MALMESBURY	440,1	447,2	409,9	887,3	856,0
REST OF WESTERN CAPE	381,8	424,9	372,3	806,8	797,0
TOTAL EASTERN CAPE	931,3	985,4	872,5	1 916,7	1 828,4
PORT ELIZABETH AND UITENHAGE	344,2	354,0	337,5	698,3	695,9
EAST LONDON, KING WILLIAM'S TOWN, MDANTSANE AND ZWELITSHA	241,5	256,1	215,4	497,6	451,4
REST OF EASTERN CAPE	345,6	375,3	319,6	720,9	681,2
TOTAL NORTHERN CAPE	307,5	312,3	290,9	619,8	590,9
KIMBERLEY	81,4	83,3	84,8	164,7	176,5
REST OF NORTHERN CAPE	226,1	229,0	206,1	455,1	414,4
TOTAL FREE STATE	573,2	583,0	572,8	1 156,2	1 152,2
BLOEMFONTEIN AND BOTSHABELO	190,0	196,6	201,5	386,6	400,5
ODENDAALSBRUS, WELKOM, VIRGINIA AND KROONSTAD	150,0	157,5	141,8	307,5	294,3
REST OF FREE STATE (INCL. SASOLBURG)	233,2	228,9	229,5	462,1	457,5
TOTAL KWAZULU-NATAL	1 840,6	2 008,0	1 773,2	3 848,6	3 730,7
DURBAN, PINETOWN, CHATSWORTH, NTUZUMA AND UMLAZI	860,5	922,4	839,4	1 783,0	1 748,7
SOUTH COAST (PORT SHEPSTONE, UMZINTO AND EMBUMBULU) AND NORTH COAST (INANDA, LOWER TUGELA, MTUNZINI AND UMPOLOZI)	300,2	334,6	263,1	634,8	562,0
PIETERMARTITZBURG, VULINDLELA, CAMPERDOWN AND EMPUMALANGA	187,8	205,5	198,8	393,3	411,8
MADADENI AND NEWCASTLE	57,7	63,0	51,4	120,8	121,8
REST OF KWAZULU-NATAL	434,3	482,4	420,4	916,7	886,4
TOTAL NORTH WEST	529,6	562,8	475,3	1 092,5	1 013,2
KLERKSDORP AND POTCHEFSTROOM	194,6	191,8	158,8	386,4	339,0
RUSTENBURG, BRITS, ODI 1 AND ODI 2	185,5	205,6	171,4	391,1	359,6
REST OF NORTH WEST	149,6	165,4	145,2	315,0	314,7
TOTAL GAUTENG	4 037,6	4 035,8	3 883,0	8 073,3	7 834,3
JOHANNESBURG AND RANDBURG	1 390,1	1 403,2	1 340,5	2 793,2	2 690,2
EAST RAND (GERMISTON, ALBERTON, BOKSBURG, BENONI AND KEMPTON PARK INCL. EDENVALE AND MIDRAND)	829,9	809,6	827,9	1 639,5	1 673,9
BRAKPAN, NIGEL AND SPRINGS	125,5	134,0	128,6	259,5	265,8
WEST RAND (WESTONARIA, ROODEPOORT, KRUGERSDORP, RANDFONTEIN AND OBERHOLZER)	426,2	418,5	386,4	844,7	775,4
PRETORIA, SOSHANGUVE AND WONDERBOOM (INCL. CENTURION)	905,6	919,3	871,1	1 824,9	1 742,5
VEREENIGING AND VANDERBIJLPARK	261,1	250,0	223,0	511,1	464,8
REST OF GAUTENG	99,1	101,2	105,5	200,4	221,6
TOTAL MPUMALANGA	549,1	569,8	529,4	1 118,9	1 116,0
HIGHVELD RIDGE, MIDDELBURG, WITBANK, BRONKHORSTSPRUIT AND KWAMHLANGA	184,3	189,2	185,4	373,6	414,6
BARBERTON, NELSPRUIT AND LYDENBURG	145,6	153,3	132,7	298,9	281,6
REST OF MPUMALANGA	219,2	227,3	211,3	446,5	419,7
TOTAL NORTHERN PROVINCE	375,2	431,5	397,5	806,8	824,2
PIETERSBURG AND SESHEGO	127,1	142,5	139,4	269,6	298,3
REST OF NORTHERN PROVINCE	248,2	289,0	258,1	537,2	525,9

3. RETAIL TRADE SALES BY TYPE OF MERCHANDISE  
3.1 AT CURRENT PRICES

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TYPE OF MERCHANDISE	ACTUAL VALUES					SEASONALLY ADJUSTED VALUES				
	FEB.	JAN.	FEB.	JAN. - FEB.	FEB.	JAN.	DEC.	NOV.	FEB.	
	1999	1999	1998	1999   1998	1999	1999	1998	1998	1998	
TOTAL RSA	11 380,1	11 779,8*10	856,2	23 159,9	22 375,6	13 166,6	13 090,1	12 871,4	12 719,4	12 538,3
PERISHABLE AND PROCESSED FOOD PRODUCTS	3 583,2	3 674,0*	3 297,0	7 257,2	6 791,7	3 919,1	3 912,8	3 822,6	3 818,9	3 596,3
INEDIBLE GROCERIES (DETERGENTS, POLISHES, ETC.)	779,1	794,8	716,4	1 573,9	1 452,4	836,6	832,3	826,4	826,6	767,2
ALCOHOLIC AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	633,5	574,7	599,4	1 208,2	1 138,9	699,5	680,9	675,6	699,9	663,2
CIGARETTES AND MANUFACTURED TOBACCO	203,2	214,2	195,0	417,4	400,2	224,9	227,9	229,8	227,9	215,2
FOOTWEAR FOR MEN, LADIES AND CHILDREN	413,5	467,4	405,9	880,8	916,9	554,1	538,6	524,1	527,2	543,5
MEN'S AND BOYS' CLOTHING AND ACCESSORIES	585,2	721,5	572,9	1 306,7	1 270,0	784,0	790,4	770,4	729,5	767,1
LADIES', GIRLS' AND INFANTS' CLOTHING AND ACCESSORIES	974,1	1 053,3	1 087,0	2 027,4	2 266,8	1 241,5	1 250,1	1 227,0	1 223,1	1 386,5
TEXTILES (BLANKETS, SHEETS, MATERIALS, ETC.) AND HABERDASHERY (BUTTONS, SEWING YARN, ETC.)	249,2	259,8	229,3	509,0	497,9	318,6	302,1	318,2	296,8	292,8
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE	561,5	528,4	518,6	1 089,8	1 063,5	738,6	729,3	704,9	695,2	678,7
DOMESTIC APPLIANCES (REFRIGERATORS, STOVES, ETC.)	285,4	261,6*	275,4	547,0	560,8	355,7	326,9	341,9	325,1	342,6
AUDIO APPLIANCES (RADIOS, HI-FI SETS, TAPE RECORDERS, ETC.)	132,8	128,8*	126,1	261,6	254,8	169,5	161,4	161,5	153,6	161,5
TV SETS, VIDEO RECORDERS, ETC.	121,6	116,8	126,1	238,5	264,0	161,0	152,4	159,7	156,2	166,7
OTHER DOMESTIC FURNISHINGS (CARPETS, MATTRESSES, PILLOWS, ETC.)	137,3	127,8	126,9	265,1	264,1	177,7	164,5	160,0	163,5	163,3
GLASS, CROCKERY, CUTLERY AND KITCHENWARE	267,7	285,3	248,9	553,0	540,1	318,7	321,1	305,1	298,5	295,7
PHARMACEUTICALS, PATENTS AND OTHER MEDICINES, BANDAGES AND COSMETICS AND TOILETRIES	955,5	989,6	867,3	1 945,2	1 775,4	1 055,7	1 050,7	1 015,7	988,8	959,3
BOOKS, MAGAZINES, NEWSPAPERS AND STATIONERY	287,8	332,4	293,0	620,2	560,1	248,0	257,1	283,4	272,0	252,2
SPORT AND RECREATION REQUISITES (TOYS, FIRE-ARMS, BOATS, ETC.)	373,6	418,7	364,1	792,3	776,7	450,0	456,6	402,3	419,8	439,7
JEWELLERY, SILVERWARE, WATCHES AND PRECIOUS STONES	173,5	168,3	158,0	341,9	312,3	188,0	182,6	169,4	161,7	172,0
HARDWARE (BUILDING MATERIALS, WOOD, IRONWARE, TOOLS, ETC.)	428,4	398,8	433,9	827,2	820,1	452,1	452,3	454,4	440,1	457,5
ALL OTHER MERCHANDISE	233,8	263,8	215,1	497,6	449,0	267,0	276,4	308,1	254,7	245,0

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				
	FEB.	JAN.	FEB.	JAN. - FEB.	FEB.	JAN.	DEC.	NOV.	FEB.	
	1999	1999	1998	1999   1998	1999	1999	1998	1998	1998	
TOTAL RSA	9 161,5	9 518,2*	9 269,2	18 679,7	19 139,8	10 617,2	10 602,1	10 516,6	10 427,8	10 722,3
PERISHABLE AND PROCESSED FOOD PRODUCTS	2 793,9	2 873,4	2 739,5	5 667,3	5 651,5	3 078,8	3 054,6	3 038,8	3 039,3	3 009,4
INEDIBLE GROCERIES (DETERGENTS, POLISHES, ETC.)	572,1	580,5	580,0	1 152,6	1 172,2	608,6	606,1	606,6	610,6	616,0
ALCOHOLIC AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	476,1	436,9	487,4	913,0	936,2	523,2	509,1	506,0	524,0	536,5
CIGARETTES AND MANUFACTURED TOBACCO	101,2	107,9	119,8	209,1	248,2	109,2	115,2	115,9	116,7	129,2
FOOTWEAR FOR MEN, LADIES AND CHILDREN	374,2	424,1	369,0	798,3	829,0	501,2	488,8	476,6	481,1	494,1
MEN'S AND BOYS' CLOTHING AND ACCESSORIES	559,1	686,5	551,0	1 245,6	1 215,5	746,0	753,7	726,5	690,5	735,1
LADIES', GIRLS' AND INFANTS' CLOTHING AND ACCESSORIES	887,1	956,3	1 007,0	1 843,4	2 099,5	1 125,8	1 131,3	1 110,3	1 110,4	1 279,0
TEXTILES (BLANKETS, SHEETS, MATE- RIALS, ETC.) AND HABERDASHERY (BUTTONS, SEWING YARN, ETC.)	192,0	199,7	194,1	391,7	424,0	244,1	231,7	244,1	229,1	246,3
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE	462,9	435,6	449,0	898,4	920,8	607,7	602,7	584,6	580,0	586,4
DOMESTIC APPLIANCES (REFRIGERA- TORS, STOVES, ETC.)	260,7	238,9*	256,9	499,6	523,2	324,1	298,9	312,3	296,5	318,9
AUDIO APPLIANCES (RADIOS, HI-FI SETS, TAPE RECORDERS, ETC.)	121,9	118,3*	119,3	240,2	241,0	155,3	148,0	146,8	144,7	152,4
TV SETS, VIDEO RECORDERS, ETC.	114,6	110,1	122,4	224,7	256,4	151,1	142,0	150,2	150,1	161,3
OTHER DOMESTIC FURNISHINGS (CARPETS, MATTRESSES, PILLOWS, ETC.)	122,1	113,7	115,1	235,7	239,7	157,6	146,8	142,8	146,8	147,7
GLASS, CROCKERY, CUTLERY AND KITCHENWARE	232,6	248,7	221,1	481,2	479,8	276,9	280,0	264,5	259,5	262,5
PHARMACEUTICALS, PATENTS AND OTHER MEDICINES, BANDAGES AND COSMETICS AND TOILETRIES	660,6	687,1	664,6	1 347,7	1 360,5	735,7	733,9	714,1	699,0	741,3
BOOKS, MAGAZINES, NEWSPAPERS AND STATIONERY	211,2	243,9	235,7	455,1	450,6	175,0	185,2	206,1	199,1	195,1
SPORT AND RECREATION REQUISITES (TOYS, FIRE-ARMS, BOATS, ETC.)	330,3	370,2	335,6	700,5	715,8	396,2	404,7	356,2	372,9	403,6
JEWELLERY, SILVERWARE, WATCHES AND PRECIOUS STONES	157,4	153,4	148,6	310,8	293,4	169,5	166,3	159,5	147,9	160,7
HARDWARE (BUILDING MATERIALS, WOOD, IRONWARE, TOOLS, ETC.)	344,0	320,9	369,6	664,9	699,5	361,7	363,5	365,3	355,9	388,3
ALL OTHER MERCHANDISE	187,7	212,2	183,2	400,0	383,1	214,0	222,3	248,1	205,9	208,3

## 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 MANU- FACTURED TOBACCO	FOOTWEAR	MEN'S AND BOYS' CLOTHING	LADIES', GIRLS' AND INFANTS' CLOTHING
TOTAL RSA	3 583,2	779,1	633,5	203,2	413,5	585,2	974,1
WESTERN CAPE							
TOTAL	737,8	171,2	128,4	50,7	70,1	106,6	186,3
CAPE PENINSULA (CAPE, WYNBERG, SIMON'S TOWN, GOODWOOD AND BELLVILLE)	430,2	112,3	88,3	24,0	46,8	74,5	129,2
STELLENBOSCH, KUILS RIVER, SOMERSET WEST, STRAND, PAARL, WORCESTER, WELLINGTON AND MALMESBURY	167,9	43,9	24,1	14,1	9,9	17,1	30,5
REST OF WESTERN CAPE	139,7	14,9	16,1	12,6	13,3	15,1	26,7
EASTERN CAPE							
TOTAL	272,3	58,5	84,1	16,3	34,8	48,1	73,7
PORT ELIZABETH AND UITENHAGE	110,4	26,2	26,9	4,5	10,9	16,9	30,9
EAST LONDON, KING WILLIAM'S TOWN, MDANTSANE AND ZWELITSHA	78,0	13,5	30,7	4,2	9,8	14,1	16,9
REST OF EASTERN CAPE	83,8	18,8	26,5	7,6	14,1	17,1	25,9
NORTHERN CAPE							
TOTAL	114,0	23,6	9,4	8,5	11,4	15,5	21,4
KIMBERLEY	22,1	4,9	1,9	1,1	2,8	3,8	6,7
REST OF NORTHERN CAPE	91,9	18,7	7,5	7,3	8,6	11,7	14,8
FREE STATE							
TOTAL	171,2	35,9	25,1	12,7	24,6	32,3	49,6
BLOEMFONTEIN AND BOTSHABELO	53,7	10,0	5,7	3,6	7,2	11,0	16,0
ODENDAALSRUS, WELKOM, VIRGINIA AND KROONSTAD	41,6	9,2	9,6	3,7	5,0	7,2	11,5
REST OF FREE STATE (INCL. SASOLBURG)	75,8	16,7	9,8	5,4	12,4	14,1	22,1
KWAZULU-NATAL							
TOTAL	668,4	132,2	98,6	33,5	59,4	83,2	143,2
DURBAN, PINETOWN, CHATSWORTH, NTUZUMA AND UMLAZI	299,6	72,6	56,6	13,8	27,4	42,1	77,3
SOUTH COAST (PORT SHEPSTONE, UMZINTO AND EMBUMBULU) AND NORTH COAST (INANDA, LOWER TUGELA, MTUNZINI AND LOWER UMFOLOZI)	127,5	26,0	17,3	5,7	7,4	10,6	18,8
PIETERMARITZBURG, VULINDELELA, CAMPERDOWN AND EMPUMALANGA	61,3	15,9	8,6	4,9	4,1	7,5	12,4
MADADENI AND NEWCASTLE	17,5	0,9	1,6	0,8	2,4	2,8	5,4
REST OF KWAZULU-NATAL	162,5	16,9	14,6	8,3	18,0	20,2	29,3



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	140,1	33,8	25,0	7,4	22,1	26,8	47,3
KLERKSDORP AND POTCHEFSTROOM RUSTENBURG, BRITS, ODI 1 AND ODI 2	60,3	15,6	6,7	4,1	6,9	8,0	14,8
REST OF NORTH WEST	54,8	14,8	10,0	1,9	8,4	10,1	15,0
GAUTENG	25,0	3,5	8,3	1,4	6,8	8,7	17,6
TOTAL	1 237,2	274,1	207,0	57,8	150,4	215,5	372,1
JOHANNESBURG AND RANDBURG EAST RAND (GERMISTON, ALBERTON, BOKSBURG, BENONI AND KEMPTON PARK (INCL. EDENVALE AND MIDRAND)	387,2	123,9	63,0	13,9	45,6	73,4	130,9
BRAKPAN, NIGEL AND SPRINGS	291,1	40,1	42,4	14,2	29,0	41,6	77,4
WEST RAND (WESTONARIA, ROODEPOORT, KRUGERSDORP, RAND- FONTEIN AND OBERHOLZER)	36,1	4,9	2,4	2,4	9,3	6,3	11,6
PRETORIA, SOSHANGUVE AND WONDERBOOM (INCL. CENTURION)	123,3	19,1	37,2	9,2	14,2	20,4	29,2
VEREENIGING AND VANDERBIJLPARK	299,0	64,7	45,8	13,2	33,5	50,5	87,4
REST OF GAUTENG	78,0	19,8	15,1	4,0	8,0	10,0	17,2
MPUMALANGA	22,4	1,8	1,0	0,9	10,7	13,2	18,4
TOTAL	136,9	35,6	41,6	9,8	22,8	32,0	48,2
HIGHVELD RIDGE, MIDDELBURG, WITBANK, BRONKHORSTSPRUIT AND KWAMHLANGA	41,6	11,4	21,4	2,9	7,0	9,7	16,3
BARBERTON, NELSPRUIT AND LYDENBURG	35,1	9,1	5,2	1,6	6,1	8,8	14,5
REST OF MPUMALANGA	60,2	15,1	15,0	5,3	9,6	13,5	17,4
NORTHERN PROVINCE							
TOTAL	105,4	14,3	14,3	6,5	18,0	25,3	32,3
PIETERSBURG AND SESHEGO	25,3	8,1	6,9	1,5	7,5	11,3	13,3
REST OF NORTHERN PROVINCE	80,1	6,2	7,4	4,9	10,5	14,0	19,1

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	249,2	561,5	285,4	132,8	121,6	137,3	267,7
WESTERN CAPE							
TOTAL	63,6	67,4	54,7	24,1	19,1	19,6	58,1
CAPE PENINSULA (CAPE, WYNBERG, SIMON'S TOWN, GOODWOOD AND BELLVILLE)	47,7	35,7	32,0	15,2	12,1	8,7	38,4
STELLENBOSCH, KUILS RIVER, SOMERSET WEST, STRAND, PAARL, WORCESTER, WELLINGTON AND MALMESBURY	8,5	15,7	13,6	3,9	2,9	2,6	9,5
REST OF WESTERN CAPE	7,4	15,9	9,1	5,0	4,1	8,3	10,3
EASTERN CAPE							
TOTAL	18,1	75,3	23,7	12,4	12,8	10,8	17,8
PORT ELIZABETH AND UITENHAGE	7,6	14,3	8,5	4,1	6,0	3,3	6,7
EAST LONDON, KING WILLIAM'S TOWN, MDANTSANE AND ZWELITSHA	3,7	13,7	5,1	2,8	2,9	1,9	4,0
REST OF EASTERN CAPE	6,8	47,2	10,1	5,5	4,0	5,6	7,0
NORTHERN CAPE							
TOTAL	5,6	20,7	8,6	5,3	5,1	4,7	8,0
KIMBERLEY	1,5	7,0	2,3	1,0	1,2	1,0	1,8
REST OF NORTHERN CAPE	4,1	13,7	6,3	4,3	3,8	3,7	6,2
FREE STATE	12,7	38,7	16,6	9,6	7,8	17,1	13,9
TOTAL	4,0	12,0	5,9	3,5	3,0	6,1	4,5
BLOEMFONTEIN AND BOTSHABELO ODENDAALSRSUS, WELKOM, VIRGINIA AND KROONSTAD	3,7	9,5	4,7	3,2	2,5	2,1	3,7
REST OF FREE STATE (INCL. SASOLBURG)	5,0	17,2	6,0	2,9	2,3	9,0	5,7
KWAZULU-NATAL							
TOTAL	36,5	70,1	42,9	17,8	18,7	23,9	45,7
DURBAN, PINETOWN, CHATSWORTH, NTUZUMA AND UMLAZI	19,0	20,8	21,7	7,3	8,1	8,6	20,2
SOUTH COAST (PORT SHEPSTONE, UMZINTO AND EMBUMBULU) AND NORTH COAST (INANDA, LOWER TUGELA, MTUNZINI AND LOWER UMFOLOZI)	4,2	10,0	4,2	2,4	1,9	2,4	7,7
PIETERMARITZBURG, VULINDELA, CAMPERDOWN AND EMPUMALANGA	4,0	7,1	4,8	1,5	2,0	4,2	3,3
MADADENI AND NEWCASTLE	0,9	3,6	1,6	0,7	1,1	0,6	2,2
REST OF KWAZULU-NATAL	8,4	28,7	10,6	5,9	5,6	8,0	12,3

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
NORTH WEST							
TOTAL	14,5	60,5	17,7	8,4	8,7	8,5	14,7
KLERKSDORP AND POTCHEFSTROOM	5,5	9,2	6,9	4,0	3,8	3,3	8,1
RUSTENBURG, BRITS, ODI 1 AND ODI 2	4,6	17,2	5,1	2,1	2,3	2,1	3,7
REST OF NORTH WEST	4,5	34,1	5,7	2,3	2,7	3,2	2,9
GAUTENG							
TOTAL	76,3	148,5	90,3	41,6	36,5	40,0	84,3
JOHANNESBURG AND RANDBURG	25,1	30,9	28,6	13,1	9,4	16,5	22,7
EAST RAND (GERMISTON, ALBERTON, BOKSBURG, BENONI AND KEMPTON PARK (INCL. EDENVALE AND MIDRAND)	16,1	38,9	22,2	8,2	8,4	6,4	20,9
BRAKPAN, NIGEL AND SPRINGS	3,1	6,5	2,4	1,5	1,3	2,0	2,6
WEST RAND (WESTONARIA, ROODEPOORT, KRUGERSDORP, RAND- FONTEIN AND OBERHOLZER)	7,7	13,6	9,7	4,8	4,5	4,7	10,3
PRETORIA, SOSHANGUVE AND WONDERBOOM (INCL. CENTURION)	15,4	42,4	19,2	8,1	7,5	6,1	20,5
VEREENIGING AND VANDERBIJLPARK	5,1	12,0	6,6	4,6	4,3	3,0	5,0
REST OF GAUTENG	3,7	4,3	1,7	1,2	1,2	1,4	2,4
MPUMALANGA							
TOTAL	11,9	45,7	19,6	8,8	8,7	8,3	14,4
HIGHVELD RIDGE, MIDDELBURG, WITBANK, BRONKHORSTSPRUIT AND KWAMHLANGA	4,4	14,1	6,1	3,1	2,8	2,5	5,7
BARBERTON, NELSPRUIT AND LYDENBURG	2,2	10,1	6,2	2,0	2,4	1,7	4,3
REST OF MPUMALANGA	5,3	21,5	7,3	3,7	3,5	4,0	4,5
NORTHERN PROVINCE							
TOTAL	10,0	34,6	11,4	4,8	4,3	4,4	10,7
PIETERSBURG AND SESHEGO	2,8	9,0	4,6	1,7	2,3	1,7	3,2
REST OF NORTHERN PROVINCE	7,2	25,6	6,7	3,1	2,0	2,8	7,6

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	955,5	287,8	373,6	173,5	428,4	233,8	11 380,1
WESTERN CAPE							
TOTAL	184,1	60,3	80,4	40,8	68,1	44,5	2 235,9
CAPE PENINSULA (CAPE, WYNBERG, SIMON'S TOWN, GOODWOOD AND BELLVILLE)	116,5	42,9	58,9	31,2	34,0	35,2	1 413,9
STELLENBOSCH, KUILS RIVER, SOMERSET WEST, STRAND, PAARL, WORCESTER, WELLINGTON AND MALMESBURY	35,0	11,0	15,0	4,8	7,2	2,9	440,1
REST OF WESTERN CAPE	32,6	6,4	6,5	4,8	26,8	6,4	381,8
EASTERN CAPE							
TOTAL	55,8	23,3	25,3	14,2	40,6	13,6	931,3
PORT ELIZABETH AND UITENHAGE	15,1	8,5	13,5	9,3	16,9	3,8	344,2
EAST LONDON, KING WILLIAM'S TOWN, MDANTSANE AND ZWELITSHA	11,5	7,0	7,0	1,6	9,6	3,4	241,5
REST OF EASTERN CAPE	29,2	7,7	4,9	3,3	14,1	6,4	345,6
NORTHERN CAPE							
TOTAL	19,5	5,4	5,8	5,0	2,5	7,7	307,5
KIMBERLEY	11,2	1,7	3,5	3,2	1,1	1,5	81,4
REST OF NORTHERN CAPE	8,3	3,7	2,3	1,7	1,4	6,1	226,1
FREE STATE							
TOTAL	48,7	13,1	16,9	7,8	13,5	5,5	573,2
BLOEMFONTEIN AND BOTSHABELO	17,3	8,4	8,9	2,8	3,7	2,8	190,0
ODENDAALSRSUS, WELKOM, VIRGINIA AND KROONSTAD	14,7	2,2	5,4	2,4	6,1	2,2	150,0
REST OF FREE STATE (INCL. SASOLBURG)	16,7	2,5	2,6	2,7	3,8	0,6	233,2
KWAZULU-NATAL							
TOTAL	148,4	46,0	52,6	25,6	49,7	44,2	1 840,6
DURBAN, PINETOWN, CHATSWORTH, NTUZUMA AND UMLAZI	54,5	21,6	34,0	11,2	27,2	17,1	860,5
SOUTH COAST (PORT SHEPSTONE, UMZINTO AND EMBUMBULU) AND NORTH COAST (INANDA, LOWER TUGELA, MTUNZINI AND LOWER UMFOLOZI)	27,9	7,5	6,2	3,1	5,9	3,6	300,2
PIETERMARITZBURG, VULINDELA, CAMPERDOWN AND EMPUMALANGA	19,8	8,0	4,5	2,5	5,6	5,8	187,8
MADADENI AND NEWCASTLE	10,3	0,7	1,7	1,0	0,7	1,5	57,7
REST OF KWAZULU-NATAL	35,9	8,4	6,2	7,9	10,4	16,2	434,3

4. RETAIL TRADE SALES BY TYPE OF MERCHANDISE AND SELECTED AREAS (CONCLUDED)  
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SELECTED AREAS	PHARMA- CEUTICALS	BOOKS AND STATIONERY	SPORT REQUISITES	JEWELLERY	HARDWARE	ALL OTHER MERCHANDISE	TOTAL
NORTH WEST							
TOTAL	32,4	9,9	10,3	6,7	19,6	15,1	529,6
KLERKSDORP AND POTCHEFSTROOM RUSTENBURG, BRITS, ODI 1 AND ODI 2	9,8	5,5	5,0	2,1	6,1	9,0	194,6
REST OF NORTH WEST	14,3	2,6	3,9	2,4	7,0	3,3	185,5
GAUTENG	8,2	1,9	1,4	2,2	6,4	2,8	149,6
TOTAL	394,9	115,0	160,5	59,8	141,2	85,5	4 037,6
JOHANNESBURG AND RANDBURG EAST RAND (GERMISTON, ALBERTON, BOKSBURG, BENONI AND KEMPTON PARK (INCL. EDENVALE AND MIDRAND)	155,5	59,3	78,5	16,7	65,8	30,1	1 390,1
BRAKPAN, NIGEL AND SPRINGS WEST RAND (WESTONARIA, ROODEPOORT, KRUGERSDORP, RAND- FONTEIN AND OBERHOLZER)	67,7	15,3	23,1	17,5	23,8	25,6	829,9
PRETORIA, SOSHANGUVE AND WONDERBOOM (INCL. CENTURION)	23,4	1,9	3,9	2,1	0,5	1,4	125,5
VERENIGING AND VANDERBIJLPARK REST OF GAUTENG	43,5	6,8	10,6	5,6	45,2	6,7	426,2
MPUMALANGA	68,6	25,5	35,6	10,7	33,9	18,0	905,6
TOTAL	29,6	5,8	7,4	2,9	19,6	3,2	261,1
HIGHVELD RIDGE, MIDDELBURG, WITBANK, BRONKHORSTSPRUIT AND KWAMHLANGA	6,7	0,4	1,4	4,3	1,5	0,5	99,1
BARBERTON, NELSPRUIT AND LYDENBURG	35,3	9,6	13,9	9,2	28,2	8,7	549,1
REST OF MPUMALANGA	14,5	2,7	6,9	4,5	4,0	2,7	184,3
NORTHERN PROVINCE	10,2	2,1	4,1	1,8	15,1	2,9	145,6
TOTAL	10,6	4,8	2,8	2,9	9,1	3,1	219,2
PIETERSBURG AND SESHEGO REST OF NORTHERN PROVINCE	36,5	5,2	7,9	4,4	15,9	9,0	375,2
	13,1	2,0	3,3	1,8	3,6	4,0	127,1
	23,4	3,3	4,6	2,6	12,2	4,9	248,2

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				
	FEB.	JAN.	FEB.	JAN.	FEB.	FEB.	JAN.	DEC.	NOV.	FEB.
	1999	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1999	1998	1998	1998
TOTAL RSA	11 380,1	11 779,8	10 856,2	23 159,9	22 375,6	13 166,6	13 090,1	12 871,4	12 719,4	12 538,3
CASH SALES (INCLUDING INSTALMENT SALE TRANSACTIONS FINANCED BY FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS)	8 600,1	9 059,5	8 296,6	17 659,6	17 063,5	9 703,0	9 739,9	9 692,9	9 554,5	9 343,1
INSTALMENT SALE TRANSACTIONS (HIRE PURCHASE, FINANCED BY OWN BUSINESS)	780,8	745,2	608,7	1 526,0	1 431,9	1 054,9	1 027,7	856,7	976,2	818,4
OTHER CREDIT SALES	1 999,1	1 975,2	1 951,0	3 974,3	3 880,2	2 410,0	2 354,5	2 274,4	2 123,8	2 359,2