

Retail trade sales P6242.1

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SEASONALLY ADJUSTED REAL RETAIL TRADE SALES INCREASE DURING THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1999

The seasonally adjusted real retail trade sales (at constant 1995 prices) for the first quarter of 1999 reflected an increase of 0,7% compared with the fourth quarter of 1998. However, the real retail trade sales for the first quarter of 1999 reflected a decrease of 1,8% compared with the first quarter of 1998. Furthermore, the seasonally adjusted real retail trade sales for March 1999 reflected a slight decrease of 0,3% compared with February 1999.

Twelve of the twenty merchandise categories reflected increases in the seasonally adjusted real retail trade sales (at constant 1995 prices) for the first quarter of 1999 compared with the fourth quarter of 1998. The largest percentage increase was reported for sport requisites (+8,1%), followed by other domestic furnishings (+7,5%), glass, crockery, cutlery and kitchenware (+6,9%) and furniture and household requisites (+6,1%).

Cash sales comprised 76,6% of the total sales for March 1999. This is 0,3 of a percentage point higher than the 76,3% for March 1998. Hire purchases as a percentage of total sales increased by 1,4 percentage points, while other credit sales as a percentage of total sales decreased by 1,7 percentage points 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				
Jan. 1999 - March 1999	35 589,5	28 641,3	+4,0	-1,8
Jan. 1998 - March 1998	34 220,7	29 164,2		
Seasonally adjusted values				
Jan. 1999 - March 1999	39 408,0	31 795,0	+2,4	+0,7
Oct. 1998 - Dec. 1998	38 468,2	31 565,6		

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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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				
	MARCH	FEB.	MARCH	JAN. -	MARCH	MARCH	FEB.	JAN.	DEC.	MARCH
	1999	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1999	1999	1998	1998
TOTAL RSA	12 429,6	11 380,1	11 845,1	35 589,5	34 220,7	13 162,1	13 156,6	13 089,3	12 864,2	12 535,8
BUTCHERS	570,7	469,8	528,5	1 554,4	1 516,5	559,1	518,1	536,6	548,9	518,7
GENERAL DEALERS 1/	6 318,1	5 598,4	6 089,8	17 779,2	17 173,7	6 264,5	6 254,7	6 253,1	6 184,8	6 044,1
BOTTLE STORES	505,6	431,5	488,4	1 298,3	1 236,2	489,2	484,8	462,7	464,9	474,8
DEALERS IN CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND TEXTILES	2 192,4	2 215,7	2 176,0	6 837,8	6 772,0	2 643,0	2 887,7	2 771,4	2 731,1	2 614,7
DEALERS IN FURNITURE AND HOUSEHOLD REQUISITES	1 150,6	1 074,0	1 070,1	3 201,8	3 055,3	1 422,8	1 406,9	1 309,8	1 320,1	1 321,9
BOOKSTORES AND STATIONERS	220,7	223,6	212,4	706,6	687,4	190,7	180,7	207,5	186,1	184,4
JEWELLERS	88,9	109,0	85,5	305,4	307,6	118,4	117,2	116,1	113,7	113,1
CHEMISTS	619,9	568,6	493,9	1 749,1	1 499,5	643,8	590,9	581,0	570,9	511,7
DEALERS IN MISCELLANEOUS GOODS	762,6	689,5	700,4	2 157,0	1 972,4	793,0	754,1	784,5	773,6	728,6

1.2 AT CONSTANT 1995 PRICES

R MILLION

TYPE OF BUSINESS	ACTUAL VALUES					SEASONALLY ADJUSTED VALUES				
	MARCH	FEB.	MARCH	JAN. -	MARCH	MARCH	FEB.	JAN.	DEC.	MARCH
	1999	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1999	1999	1998	1998
TOTAL RSA	9 961,6	9 161,5	10 024,4	28 641,3	29 164,1	10 575,7	10 611,0	10 608,3	10 516,9	10 637,7
BUTCHERS	479,1	389,8	449,6	1 295,6	1 291,3	476,5	436,9	453,4	470,1	447,4
GENERAL DEALERS 1/	4 885,1	4 335,8	5 012,4	13 776,7	14 230,9	4 845,2	4 840,6	4 874,7	4 842,9	4 976,5
BOTTLE STORES	363,0	320,6	383,0	955,6	994,8	355,0	358,6	342,0	345,3	376,3
DEALERS IN CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND TEXTILES	1 957,4	1 971,7	1 992,3	6 090,8	6 201,1	2 375,7	2 563,8	2 466,1	2 426,5	2 409,1
DEALERS IN FURNITURE AND HOUSEHOLD REQUISITES	986,4	924,9	952,3	2 754,4	2 738,0	1 225,6	1 211,4	1 133,4	1 146,3	1 182,3
BOOKSTORES AND STATIONERS	163,0	164,9	171,9	521,8	557,0	137,5	131,2	151,7	136,9	145,7
JEWELLERS	79,6	97,7	80,0	274,4	287,5	107,3	104,5	104,8	106,1	106,9
CHEMISTS	429,4	395,2	379,7	1 216,5	1 156,4	449,3	414,7	414,1	401,8	396,6
DEALERS IN MISCELLANEOUS GOODS	618,5	560,9	603,1	1 755,5	1 707,3	644,1	612,6	641,3	636,3	628,4

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				
	MARCH	FEB.	MARCH	JAN. - MARCH	
	1999	1999	1998	1999	1998
TOTAL RSA	12 429,6	11 380,1	11 845,1	35 589,5	34 220,7
TOTAL WESTERN CAPE	2 419,6	2 235,9	2 269,7	6 946,7	6 555,4
CAPE PENINSULA (CAPE, WYNBERG, SIMON'S TOWN, GOODWOOD AND BELLVILLE)	1 513,4	1 413,9	1 403,4	4 346,4	4 036,0
STELLENBOSCH, KUILS RIVER, SOMERSET WEST, STRAND, PAARL, WORCESTER, WELLINGTON AND MALMESBURY	480,3	440,1	462,9	1 367,6	1 318,9
REST OF WESTERN CAPE	425,9	381,8	403,5	1 232,7	1 200,5
TOTAL EASTERN CAPE	1 016,4	931,3	960,9	2 933,1	2 789,3
PORT ELIZABETH AND UITENHAGE	380,3	344,2	369,5	1 078,6	1 065,4
EAST LONDON, KING WILLIAM'S TOWN, MDANTSANE AND ZWELITSHA	264,7	241,5	237,5	762,3	688,8
REST OF EASTERN CAPE	371,3	345,6	353,9	1 092,2	1 035,0
TOTAL NORTHERN CAPE	337,7	307,5	322,7	957,5	913,6
KIMBERLEY	93,9	81,4	95,0	258,6	271,5
REST OF NORTHERN CAPE	243,7	226,1	227,7	698,8	642,1
TOTAL FREE STATE	642,0	573,2	628,7	1 798,2	1 780,9
BLOEMFONTEIN AND BOTSHABELO	221,2	190,0	219,5	607,8	620,0
ODENDAALSRUS, WELKOM, VIRGINIA AND KROONSTAD	169,3	150,0	154,6	476,8	448,9
REST OF FREE STATE (INCL. SASOLBURG)	251,5	233,2	254,5	713,6	712,0
TOTAL KWAZULU-NATAL	2 058,4	1 840,6	1 926,2	5 907,0	5 657,0
DURBAN, PINETOWN, CHATSWORTH, NTUZUMA AND UMLAZI	968,5	860,5	901,3	2 751,5	2 649,9
SOUTH COAST (PORT SHEPSTONE, UMZINTO AND EMBUMBULU) AND NORTH COAST (INANDA, LOWER TUGELA, MTUNZINI AND UMPOLOZI)	341,0	300,2	286,5	975,8	848,5
PIETERMARITZBURG, VULINDLELA, CAMPERDOWN AND EMPUMALANGA	198,8	187,8	206,9	592,1	618,7
MADADENI AND NEWCASTLE	64,6	57,7	61,1	185,4	182,9
REST OF KWAZULU-NATAL	485,5	434,3	470,4	1 402,3	1 356,9
TOTAL NORTH WEST	571,3	529,6	522,3	1 663,7	1 535,6
KLERKSDORP AND POTCHEFSTROOM	219,1	194,6	168,5	605,5	507,6
RUSTENBURG, BRITS, ODI 1 AND ODI 2	207,1	185,5	185,1	598,2	544,7
REST OF NORTH WEST	145,1	149,6	168,7	460,1	483,3
TOTAL GAUTENG	4 368,9	4 037,6	4 212,5	12 442,2	12 046,8
JOHANNESBURG AND RANDBURG	1 518,9	1 390,1	1 451,6	4 312,1	4 141,8
EAST RAND (GERMISTON, ALBERTON, BOKSBURG, BENONI AND KEMPTON PARK INCL. EDENVALE AND MIDRAND)	918,5	829,9	906,2	2 558,0	2 580,1
BRAKPAN, NIGEL AND SPRINGS	183,6	125,5	135,5	443,2	401,4
WEST RAND (WESTONARIA, ROODEPOORT, KRUGERSDORP, RANDFONTEIN AND OBERHOLZER)	440,9	426,2	428,7	1 285,6	1 204,2
PRETORIA, SOSHANGUVE AND WONDERBOOM (INCL. CENTURION)	918,1	905,6	948,1	2 743,0	2 690,6
VEREENIGING AND VANDERBIJLPARK	287,0	261,1	236,6	798,1	701,3
REST OF GAUTENG	101,9	99,1	105,8	302,2	327,3
TOTAL MPUMALANGA	610,1	549,1	574,0	1 729,0	1 690,0
HIGHVELD RIDGE, MIDDELBURG, WITBANK, BRONKHORSTSPRUIT AND KWAMHLANGA	211,6	184,3	208,2	585,1	622,8
BARBERTON, NELSPRUIT AND LYDENBURG	156,4	145,6	141,5	455,3	423,1
REST OF MPUMALANGA	242,1	219,2	224,3	688,6	644,0
TOTAL NORTHERN PROVINCE	405,4	375,2	428,0	1 212,1	1 252,2
PIETERSBURG AND SESHEGO	135,4	127,1	144,2	405,0	442,5
REST OF NORTHERN PROVINCE	270,0	248,2	283,9	807,1	809,8

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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				
	MARCH	FEB.	MARCH	JAN. -	MARCH	MARCH	FEB.	JAN.	DEC.	MARCH
	1999	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1999	1999	1998	1998
TOTAL RSA	12 429,6	11 380,1	11 845,1	35 589,5	34 220,7	13 162,1	13 156,6	13 089,3	12 864,2	12 535,8
PERISHABLE AND PROCESSED FOOD PRODUCTS	4 034,8	3 583,2	3 781,8	11 291,9	10 573,4	3 921,5	3 918,3	3 912,2	3 823,1	3 677,1
INEDIBLE GROCERIES (DETERGENTS, POLISHES, ETC.)	826,4	779,1	764,7	2 400,3	2 217,1	829,1	834,5	830,9	825,9	766,2
ALCOHOLIC AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	734,2	633,5	704,4	1 942,4	1 843,3	700,4	701,2	682,6	678,6	674,7
CIGARETTES AND MANUFACTURED TOBACCO	239,8	203,2	229,4	657,2	629,6	228,4	224,9	227,9	229,9	218,6
FOOTWEAR FOR MEN, LADIES AND CHILDREN	418,9	413,5	439,7	1 299,7	1 356,6	508,9	555,8	531,8	519,5	530,9
MEN'S AND BOYS' CLOTHING AND ACCESSORIES	618,9	585,2	609,0	1 925,5	1 879,0	716,9	781,0	797,3	765,1	703,8
LADIES', GIRLS' AND INFANTS' CLOTHING AND ACCESSORIES	1 033,5	974,1	1 112,8	3 060,9	3 379,5	1 226,5	1 239,6	1 249,0	1 225,7	1 315,6
TEXTILES (BLANKETS, SHEETS, MATE- RIALS, ETC.) AND HABERDASHERY (BUTTONS, SEWING YARN, ETC.)	263,6	249,2	248,0	772,5	745,9	296,7	316,6	300,3	317,9	278,8
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE	613,0	561,5	577,5	1 702,8	1 640,9	749,4	738,0	729,7	704,4	702,6
DOMESTIC APPLIANCES (REFRIGERA- TORS, STOVES, ETC.)	305,1	285,4	295,5	852,2	856,3	361,2	355,2	322,1	344,4	350,4
AUDIO APPLIANCES (RADIOS, HI-FI SETS, TAPE RECORDERS, ETC.)	138,0	132,8	132,2	399,6	387,0	168,4	169,9	161,7	161,5	161,7
TV SETS, VIDEO RECORDERS, ETC.	134,1	121,6	142,1	372,6	406,1	164,6	162,0	153,2	160,6	175,3
OTHER DOMESTIC FURNISHINGS (CARPETS, MATTRESSES, PILLOWS, ETC.)	149,0	137,3	139,1	414,1	403,2	178,3	177,8	165,5	160,1	165,6
GLASS, CROCKERY, CUTLERY AND KITCHENWARE	304,4	267,7	282,3	857,4	822,3	326,8	319,8	322,1	305,3	303,6
PHARMACEUTICALS, PATENTS AND OTHER MEDICINES, BANDAGES AND COSMETICS AND TOILETRIES	1 038,9	955,5	907,4	2 984,1	2 682,8	1 090,4	1 057,4	1 052,7	1 018,0	951,9
BOOKS, MAGAZINES, NEWSPAPERS AND STATIONERY	287,0	287,8	259,8	907,2	819,9	252,0	248,5	257,5	284,0	228,8
SPORT AND RECREATION REQUISITES (TOYS, FIRE-ARMS, BOATS, ETC.)	414,6	373,6	385,3	1 206,8	1 161,9	479,7	454,1	468,6	401,1	446,6
JEWELLERY, SILVERWARE, WATCHES AND PRECIOUS STONES	153,0	173,5	127,8	494,9	440,1	199,6	189,5	183,5	168,7	165,7
HARDWARE (BUILDING MATERIALS, WOOD, IRONWARE, TOOLS, ETC.)	465,1	428,4	458,1	1 292,4	1 278,2	472,8	455,9	453,4	454,0	466,5
ALL OTHER MERCHANDISE	257,4	233,8	248,3	755,0	697,3	274,8	266,8	276,3	308,1	265,1

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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				
	MARCH	FEB.	MARCH	JAN. -	MARCH	MARCH	FEB.	JAN.	DEC.	MARCH
	1999	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1999	1999	1998	1998
TOTAL RSA	9 961,6	9 161,5	10 024,4	28 641,3	29 164,1	10 575,7	10 611,0	10 608,3	10 516,9	10 637,7
PERISHABLE AND PROCESSED FOOD PRODUCTS	3 164,3	2 793,9	3 119,1	8 831,6	8 770,6	3 086,3	3 079,2	3 054,6	3 039,4	3 044,3
INEDIBLE GROCERIES (DETERGENTS, POLISHES, ETC.)	601,4	572,1	604,5	1 754,0	1 776,7	600,3	607,1	605,2	606,2	602,2
ALCOHOLIC AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	532,1	476,1	555,3	1 445,1	1 491,5	514,6	522,9	508,7	507,1	538,6
CIGARETTES AND MANUFACTURED TOBACCO	113,6	101,2	139,5	322,6	387,7	106,7	109,5	113,5	115,8	131,2
FOOTWEAR FOR MEN, LADIES AND CHILDREN	379,4	374,2	399,3	1 177,7	1 228,3	461,5	501,7	483,3	473,5	483,0
MEN'S AND BOYS' CLOTHING AND ACCESSORIES	592,4	559,1	585,9	1 838,0	1 801,4	684,8	743,5	746,2	725,6	675,8
LADIES', GIRLS' AND INFANTS' CLOTHING AND ACCESSORIES	940,9	887,1	1 033,0	2 784,3	3 132,5	1 111,6	1 124,7	1 130,7	1 109,1	1 216,1
TEXTILES (BLANKETS, SHEETS, MATE- RIALS, ETC.) AND HABERDASHERY (BUTTONS, SEWING YARN, ETC.)	205,0	192,0	208,4	596,7	632,4	228,4	242,9	230,6	243,7	232,1
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE	497,6	462,9	493,6	1 396,0	1 414,3	611,9	606,9	602,2	584,2	603,8
DOMESTIC APPLIANCES (REFRIGERA- TORS, STOVES, ETC.)	276,1	260,7	273,9	775,7	797,0	326,9	323,5	294,6	314,4	324,8
AUDIO APPLIANCES (RADIOS, HI-FI SETS, TAPE RECORDERS, ETC.)	127,6	121,9	123,7	367,7	364,7	156,3	155,8	148,4	148,1	151,8
TV SETS, VIDEO RECORDERS, ETC.	127,3	114,6	136,4	352,0	392,8	156,8	152,5	141,8	150,9	169,0
OTHER DOMESTIC FURNISHINGS (CARPETS, MATTRESSES, PILLOWS, ETC.)	133,0	122,1	126,0	368,8	365,7	159,1	158,0	147,6	142,8	149,9
GLASS, CROCKERY, CUTLERY AND KITCHENWARE	264,6	232,6	250,7	745,8	730,5	284,9	277,8	280,7	264,7	270,3
PHARMACEUTICALS, PATENTS AND OTHER MEDICINES, BANDAGES AND COSMETICS AND TOILETRIES	714,6	660,6	692,8	2 062,3	2 053,3	753,9	736,9	733,4	714,6	731,2
BOOKS, MAGAZINES, NEWSPAPERS AND STATIONERY	210,6	211,2	209,0	665,6	659,6	182,4	176,1	186,3	207,5	181,6
SPORT AND RECREATION REQUISITES (TOYS, FIRE-ARMS, BOATS, ETC.)	366,9	330,3	354,1	1 067,4	1 069,9	424,4	400,2	408,9	355,1	410,4
JEWELLERY, SILVERWARE, WATCHES AND PRECIOUS STONES	138,5	157,4	120,3	449,3	413,7	178,5	170,2	166,7	159,6	154,3
HARDWARE (BUILDING MATERIALS, WOOD, IRONWARE, TOOLS, ETC.)	370,7	344,0	388,5	1 035,6	1 088,0	375,6	364,3	365,4	365,9	394,2
ALL OTHER MERCHANDISE	205,1	187,7	210,5	605,1	593,6	218,7	213,6	222,1	248,0	224,5

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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	160,1	37,0	29,6	8,3	20,8	25,5	45,3
KLERKSDORP AND POTCHEFSTROOM	69,6	17,8	7,6	4,6	6,9	8,5	15,4
RUSTENBURG, BRITS, ODI 1 AND ODI 2	63,4	15,6	13,2	2,3	7,9	9,8	14,8
REST OF NORTH WEST	27,1	3,6	8,8	1,4	6,0	7,2	15,1
GAUTENG							
TOTAL	1 345,0	287,5	232,3	67,5	151,2	237,0	402,6
JOHANNESBURG AND RANDBURG	438,7	131,0	58,9	16,5	44,3	77,8	141,5
EAST RAND (GERMISTON, ALBERTON, BOKSBURG, BENONI AND KEMPTON PARK (INCL. EDENVALE AND MIDRAND)	318,5	43,0	50,6	18,4	32,3	46,6	88,0
BRAKPAN, NIGEL AND SPRINGS	69,7	6,5	4,3	4,7	11,2	8,1	13,6
WEST RAND (WESTONARIA, ROODEPOORT, KRUGERSDORP, RANDFONTEIN AND OBERHOLZER)	119,7	20,2	49,2	9,7	14,1	21,3	31,9
PRETORIA, SOSHANGUVE AND WONDERBOOM (INCL. CENTURION)	280,1	63,5	50,2	12,3	31,3	58,5	89,0
VEREENIGING AND VANDERBIJLPARK	94,7	21,5	18,2	5,0	8,0	10,5	17,9
REST OF GAUTENG	23,5	1,8	1,0	1,0	10,0	14,1	20,7
MPUMALANGA							
TOTAL	160,1	38,1	54,0	11,5	24,9	35,8	52,5
HIGHVELD RIDGE, MIDDELBURG, WITBANK, BRONKHORSTSPRUIT AND KWAMHLANGA	51,0	12,3	26,8	3,5	8,0	11,1	18,6
BARBERTON, NELSPRUIT AND LYDENBURG	39,3	9,6	7,2	1,9	6,4	9,0	15,0
REST OF MPUMALANGA	69,8	16,2	20,0	6,2	10,5	15,6	18,9
NORTHERN PROVINCE							
TOTAL	121,7	15,0	17,4	7,8	17,7	24,7	34,5
PIETERSBURG AND SESHEGO	28,8	8,1	8,5	1,9	7,3	10,7	14,2
REST OF NORTHERN PROVINCE	92,9	6,9	8,9	5,9	10,4	13,9	20,3

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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	263,6	613,0	305,1	138,0	134,1	149,0	304,4
WESTERN CAPE							
TOTAL	64,6	68,7	54,3	24,5	19,9	21,3	66,1
CAPE PENINSULA (CAPE, WYNBERG, SIMON'S TOWN, GOODWOOD AND BELLVILLE)	47,6	37,0	33,5	15,7	13,1	9,6	43,9
STELLENBOSCH, KUILS RIVER, SOMERSET WEST, STRAND, PAARL, WORCESTER, WELLINGTON AND MALMESBURY	9,2	15,2	11,8	3,8	2,7	2,8	10,7
REST OF WESTERN CAPE	7,8	16,4	9,1	5,0	4,2	8,9	11,5
EASTERN CAPE							
TOTAL	19,3	81,7	25,7	13,3	14,3	12,0	20,4
PORT ELIZABETH AND UITENHAGE	8,7	15,5	9,3	4,3	6,8	3,7	7,8
EAST LONDON, KING WILLIAM'S TOWN, MDANTSANE AND ZWELITSHA	3,9	16,7	5,9	3,1	3,3	2,3	4,7
REST OF EASTERN CAPE	6,7	49,5	10,6	5,8	4,2	6,0	7,9
NORTHERN CAPE							
TOTAL	6,0	23,5	9,0	5,6	5,4	5,2	9,1
KIMBERLEY	1,7	9,5	2,6	1,1	1,5	1,3	2,2
REST OF NORTHERN CAPE	4,3	14,0	6,3	4,5	3,9	3,9	6,9
FREE STATE	13,5	45,4	19,7	10,2	9,6	19,6	16,7
TOTAL							
BLOEMFONTEIN AND BOTSHABELO	4,5	16,7	8,1	3,6	4,3	7,5	5,3
ODENDAALSRUS, WELKOM, VIRGINIA AND KROONSTAD	4,1	10,3	5,3	3,6	2,9	2,6	4,6
REST OF FREE STATE (INCL. SASOLBURG)	4,9	18,4	6,3	3,0	2,4	9,4	6,8
KWAZULU-NATAL							
TOTAL	37,9	75,1	47,0	19,3	21,5	26,3	53,8
DURBAN, PINETOWN, CHATSWORTH, NTUZUMA AND UMLAZI	19,7	21,9	24,3	8,1	9,7	9,3	24,1
SOUTH COAST (PORT SHEPSTONE, UMZINTO AND EMBUMBULU) AND NORTH COAST (INANDA, LOWER TUGELA, MTUNZINI AND LOWER UMFOLZI)	4,6	10,7	4,5	2,7	2,2	2,7	9,0
PIETERMARITZBURG, VULINDLELA, CAMPERDOWN AND EMPUMALANGA	4,0	8,1	5,4	1,6	2,2	4,6	3,5
MADADENI AND NEWCASTLE	1,0	3,9	1,7	0,7	1,2	0,7	2,6
REST OF KWAZULU-NATAL	8,7	30,6	11,2	6,2	6,0	8,9	14,7

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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	15,0	64,6	18,3	8,5	9,2	8,7	15,8
KLERKSDORP AND POTCHEFSTROOM	5,8	9,2	7,1	4,0	4,0	3,2	8,6
RUSTENBURG, BRITS, ODI 1 AND ODI 2	5,0	20,8	5,6	2,2	2,5	2,3	4,2
REST OF NORTH WEST	4,2	34,7	5,7	2,3	2,7	3,2	2,9
GAUTENG							
TOTAL	82,9	169,6	98,0	42,4	40,0	42,0	93,9
JOHANNESBURG AND RANDBURG	27,4	31,3	30,1	13,0	9,9	16,7	26,1
EAST RAND (GERMISTON, ALBERTON, BOKSBURG, BENONI AND KEMPTON PARK (INCL. EDENVALE AND MIDRAND)	17,8	46,6	25,1	8,3	9,4	7,6	24,9
BRAKPAN, NIGEL AND SPRINGS	3,9	8,2	2,9	2,1	1,9	2,9	5,9
WEST RAND (WESTONARIA, ROODEPOORT, KRUGERSDORP, RAND-FONTEIN AND OBERHOLZER)	8,3	14,1	10,2	4,7	5,0	4,3	9,5
PRETORIA, SOSHANGUVE AND WONDERBOOM (INCL. CENTURION)	16,2	52,8	21,5	8,4	8,2	6,1	19,0
VEREENIGING AND VANDERBIJLPARK	5,8	12,5	6,6	4,6	4,4	3,1	6,0
REST OF GAUTENG	3,7	4,1	1,6	1,2	1,2	1,4	2,5
MPUMALANGA							
TOTAL	13,0	48,2	20,8	9,1	9,4	9,0	16,4
HIGHVELD RIDGE, MIDDELBURG, WITBANK, BRONKHORSTSPRUIT AND KWAMHLANGA	4,9	14,8	6,3	3,2	3,0	2,6	6,5
BARBERTON, NELSPRUIT AND LYDENBURG	2,3	11,4	7,1	2,1	2,8	2,0	4,7
REST OF MPUMALANGA	5,7	21,9	7,5	3,7	3,6	4,3	5,2
NORTHERN PROVINCE							
TOTAL	11,2	36,2	12,2	5,2	4,8	4,9	12,1
PIETERSBURG AND SESHEGO	3,1	9,7	5,0	1,8	2,7	1,9	3,5
REST OF NORTHERN PROVINCE	8,0	26,5	7,2	3,4	2,1	3,0	8,6

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	1 038,9	287,0	414,6	153,0	465,1	257,4	12 429,6
WESTERN CAPE							
TOTAL	189,1	59,8	84,5	40,2	78,6	45,3	2 419,6
CAPE PENINSULA (CAPE, WYNBERG, SIMON'S TOWN, GOODWOOD AND BELLVILLE)	118,2	42,4	61,7	31,7	35,9	37,6	1 513,4
STELLENBOSCH, KUILS RIVER, SOMERSET WEST, STRAND, PAARL, WORCESTER, WELLINGTON AND MALMESBURY	37,5	10,8	15,9	4,2	8,8	2,5	480,3
REST OF WESTERN CAPE	33,4	6,6	6,8	4,2	33,8	5,2	425,9
EASTERN CAPE							
TOTAL	60,3	24,2	27,2	13,0	44,2	13,8	1 016,4
PORT ELIZABETH AND UITENHAGE	16,1	8,8	14,5	8,4	18,2	3,3	380,3
EAST LONDON, KING WILLIAM'S TOWN, MDANTSANE AND ZWELITSHA	11,6	7,3	7,5	1,5	9,3	3,8	264,7
REST OF EASTERN CAPE	32,6	8,0	5,2	3,1	16,7	6,7	371,3
NORTHERN CAPE							
TOTAL	21,0	5,5	6,0	4,6	2,8	7,4	337,7
KIMBERLEY	12,3	1,7	3,9	3,1	1,2	1,5	93,9
REST OF NORTHERN CAPE	8,7	3,8	2,2	1,5	1,7	5,9	243,7
FREE STATE							
TOTAL	57,4	13,8	20,1	7,2	15,7	6,1	642,0
BLOEMFONTEIN AND BOTSHABELO	20,7	8,7	11,3	2,4	5,7	3,4	221,2
ODENDAALSRSUS, WELKOM, VIRGINIA AND KROONSTAD	16,6	2,4	5,8	2,3	5,4	2,1	169,3
REST OF FREE STATE (INCL. SASOLBURG)	20,0	2,8	2,9	2,4	4,6	0,6	251,5
KWAZULU-NATAL							
TOTAL	153,7	46,8	60,6	20,8	68,4	49,1	2 058,4
DURBAN, PINETOWN, CHATSWORTH, NTUZUMA AND UMLAZI	59,1	21,4	40,9	8,9	43,7	21,1	968,5
SOUTH COAST (PORT SHEPSTONE, UMZINTO AND EMBUMBULU) AND NORTH COAST (INANDA, LOWER TUGELA, MTUNZINI AND LOWER UMFOLOZI)	22,8	8,0	6,7	2,8	6,8	4,6	341,0
PIETERMARITZBURG, VULINDLELA, CAMPERDOWN AND EMPUMALANGA	20,1	9,1	4,1	1,8	5,6	5,9	198,8
MADADENI AND NEWCASTLE	11,8	0,6	1,9	0,8	0,7	1,7	64,6
REST OF KWAZULU-NATAL	40,0	7,6	6,9	6,6	11,6	15,8	485,5

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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	35,6	11,1	12,5	5,7	19,5	20,1	571,3
KLERKSDORP AND POTCHEFSTROOM	11,1	5,9	6,4	1,9	7,6	13,8	219,1
RUSTENBURG, BRITS, ODI 1 AND ODI 2	16,9	3,3	4,6	2,1	7,4	3,3	207,1
REST OF NORTH WEST	7,6	1,9	1,5	1,7	4,5	3,0	145,1
GAUTENG							
TOTAL	442,8	110,7	180,2	50,2	140,4	98,3	4 368,9
JOHANNESBURG AND RANDBURG	183,7	57,9	89,1	14,8	69,1	41,2	1 518,9
EAST RAND (GERMISTON, ALBERTON, BOKSBURG, BENONI AND KEMPTON PARK (INCL. EDENVALE AND MIDRAND)	74,3	14,9	25,5	13,7	24,5	28,3	918,5
BRAKPAN, NIGEL AND SPRINGS	26,9	2,2	5,1	1,8	0,5	1,3	183,6
WEST RAND (WESTONARIA, ROODEPOORT, KRUGERSDORP, RAND- FONTEIN AND OBERHOLZER)	47,0	7,2	11,3	4,9	41,8	6,5	440,9
PRETORIA, SOSHANGUVE AND WONDERBOOM (INCL. CENTURION)	72,6	23,5	37,0	9,2	42,0	16,9	918,1
VEREENIGING AND VANDERBIJLPARK	31,7	4,6	10,6	2,4	15,2	3,7	287,0
REST OF GAUTENG	6,6	0,5	1,5	3,4	1,6	0,5	101,9
MPUMALANGA							
TOTAL	39,6	9,8	15,0	7,7	26,1	9,1	610,1
HIGHVELD RIDGE, MIDDELBURG, WITBANK, BRONKHORSTSPRUIT AND KWAMHLANGA	17,7	2,8	7,5	3,8	4,4	2,7	211,6
BARBERTON, NELSPRUIT AND LYDENBURG	9,9	1,9	4,5	1,5	15,0	2,7	156,4
REST OF MPUMALANGA	11,9	5,2	3,0	2,4	6,6	3,8	242,1
NORTHERN PROVINCE							
TOTAL	39,4	5,1	8,6	3,7	15,2	8,2	405,4
PIETERSBURG AND SESHEGO	14,4	1,9	3,4	1,5	3,3	3,6	135,4
REST OF NORTHERN PROVINCE	25,0	3,2	5,2	2,2	11,9	4,6	270,0

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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				
	MARCH	FEB.	MARCH	JAN. - MARCH		MARCH	FEB.	JAN.	DEC.	MARCH	
	1999	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1999	1999	1998	1998	
TOTAL RSA	12 429,6	11 380,1	11 845,1	35 589,5	34 220,7	13 162,1	13 156,6	13 089,3	12 864,2	12 535,8	
CASH SALES (INCLUDING INSTALMENT SALE TRANSACTIONS FINANCED BY FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS)	9 518,9	8 600,1	9 035,8	27 178,5	26 099,3	9 779,4	9 702,0	9 744,8	9 694,1	9 285,6	
INSTALMENT SALE TRANSACTIONS (HIRE PURCHASE, FINANCED BY OWN BUSINESS)	849,8	780,8	638,6	2 375,8	2 070,5	1 115,6	1 062,3	1 032,4	856,0	831,7	
OTHER CREDIT SALES	2 060,9	1 999,1	2 170,7	6 035,2	6 050,9	2 245,2	2 425,6	2 345,6	2 267,3	2 365,5	