

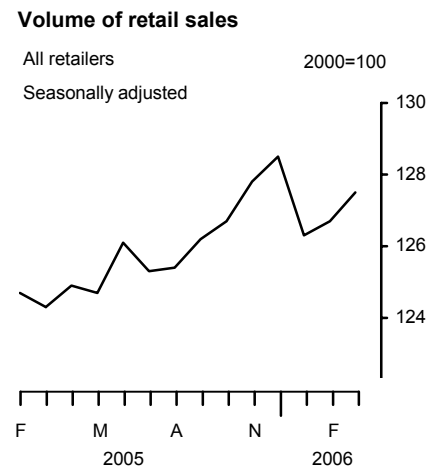
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Retail sales March 2006

In the three months to March the seasonally adjusted index for retail sales at constant 2000 prices was 0.7 per cent lower than the previous three months.

Between February and March the volume of sales rose 0.7 per cent. The increase was driven largely by non-specialised stores and non-store retailing. (Note that monthly growth rates are volatile, see background note 4).



The volume of sales in predominantly food stores in the latest three months increased by 0.1 per cent compared with the previous three months. In predominantly non-food stores sales were down 1.4 per cent.

Based on non-seasonally adjusted data, the average weekly value of retail sales in March was £4,500 million, 0.1 per cent higher than March 2005 and 3.0 per cent higher than in February. In January to March the value of sales in current prices was 0.1 per cent higher than in the same period a year earlier.

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Volume of retail sales, seasonally adjusted

		All retailing index level (2000=100)	Percentage change: latest 3 months on previous 3 months		
			All retailing	Predominantly food	Predominantly non-food
2005	Oct	126.7	0.5	0.3	1.0
	Nov	127.8	0.9	1.1	1.2
	Dec	128.5	1.6	1.2	2.0
2006	Jan	126.3	1.2	1.0	1.3
	Feb	126.7	0.4	0.2	0.3
	Mar	127.5	-0.7	0.1	-1.4

Revisions

According to the RSI's published revisions policy, the period open for revisions in this release is from March 2005 to February 2006. The revisions to the index levels presented in Table R1 are due to late data, revised historical data supplied by respondents and the consequential seasonal adjustment effects resulting from the revised returns and the latest month's data.

The following table summarises the effect on recent headline growth rates.

Volume seasonally adjusted retail sales index: three-monthly growth rates (per cent)

Period		As published in this release	Published in February 2006	Revisions
2005	Oct	0.5	0.6	-0.1
	Nov	0.9	1.0	-0.1
	Dec	1.6	1.7	-0.1
2006	Jan	1.2	1.3	-0.1
	Feb	0.4	0.5	-0.1

Calendar effects

In the calculation of the RSI an adjustment is always made to compensate for "calendar effects" which arise from the differences in the RSI reporting periods.

The reporting period for March 2006 was 26 February to 1 April compared with 27 February to 2 April the previous year. The main difference is that Easter was in March last year but is in April this year. Historical patterns indicate that Easter increases the average weekly sales in the month it occurs. Consequently, as part of the RSI's calendar adjustment, the annual growth in sales volume between March 2005 and March 2006 has been adjusted upwards by 1.4 percentage points in order to arrive at the seasonally adjusted estimate.

The table below shows how the increase over the year to March 2006 for the not seasonally adjusted value of retail sales is reconciled with the equivalent seasonally adjusted volume increase.

	Year on year percentage change
Value not seasonally adjusted	0.1
Volume not seasonally adjusted	1.2
Volume calendar adjusted	2.6
Volume seasonally adjusted	2.6

BACKGROUND NOTES

1. Data collected in the Retail Sales Inquiry relates to the retail turnover for a specified four or five week period. The estimates are compiled using average weekly sales of the specified standard period and presented in index form. This ensures comparisons can be made between the four and five week standard periods. Typically January and February are four week periods and March is five weeks, the four, four, five pattern being repeated in a similar way for the rest of the year. A day is 'lost' every year (two days in a leap year) and the reporting periods are brought back in line by adding an extra week, normally to January, every five or six years. Consequently January 2002 was a five week period. The previous time this occurred was in January 1996 and the next will be in January 2008.
2. Five thousand retailers are selected for the inquiry every month. Each is asked to provide total retail turnover including sales from stores, via the internet, mail order, stalls and markets, door-to-door and telephone sales. Sales for businesses whose main activity is online retailing are included in the non-store retailing and repair sector. Sales via the internet for all other businesses are included in those of the sector to which the business is classified. A summary of how internet spending is captured within the RSI is included on page 4 of the briefing note.

<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/StatBase/Product.asp?vlnk=870>

A more general article entitled "Measuring Internet Spending" published on 19 January 2006, describes how on-line sales are covered by the RSI and other ONS surveys.

<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/cci/article.asp?ID=1353>

3. The commodity analysis is based on total retail sales figures from the sample of 5,000 plus a commodity sales breakdown from a panel comprising 37 of the largest retailers that sell a broad mix of commodities.

Interpreting the data

4. The monthly RSI data can be volatile. When looking at growth rates, it is recommended that users focus on the percentage change between the latest three months and the previous three months.
5. Since September 2003 the RSI has been published with a base year of 2000. This rebasing coincided with the redevelopment of several aspects of the methodology used in the RSI's production. Full details are described in the web article "Retail Sales Index Development: Implementation" released on 30 September 2003:

<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/cci/article.asp?ID=475>

6. Following the implementation of the new RSI methodology a review of the production of retail sales indices for individual industry sectors was carried out. The outcome of the review and a set of detailed industry series are available in the SDM28 Business Monitor. See this link for further details:

<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/statbase/product.asp?vlnk=1478>

Status of figures and planned future revisions

7. This release conforms to the standard revisions policy for the RSI, first implemented in February 2006.

<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/statbase/Product.asp?vlnk=870>

Figures for the most recent month are provisional and subject to revision in light of:

- (a) late responses to the monthly retail sales inquiry;
- (b) revisions to seasonal adjustment factors which are re-estimated every month and reviewed annually (changes from the latest review were implemented for the September 2005 results); and
- (c) annual proving of the business register that forms the basis of the sample for the retail sales inquiry (usually occurring in January and having most effect on results published in February).

There are no planned methodological changes in the next 12 months.

Key quality issues

8. Common pitfalls in interpreting series: expectations of accuracy and reliability in early estimates are often too high; revisions are an inevitable consequence of the trade-off between timeliness and accuracy; early estimates are based on incomplete data.

Very few statistical revisions arise as a result of 'errors' in the popular sense of the word. All estimates, by definition, are subject to statistical 'error' but in this context the word refers to the uncertainty inherent in any process or calculation that uses sampling, estimation or modelling. Most revisions reflect either the adoption of new statistical techniques, or the incorporation of new information which allows the statistical error of previous estimates to be reduced. Only rarely are there avoidable 'errors' such as human or system failures, and such mistakes are made quite clear when they do occur.

Reliability

9. Revisions to data provide one indication of the reliability of key indicators. The table overleaf shows summary information on the size and direction of the revisions which have been made to the data covering a five year period. A statistical test has been applied to the average revision to find out if it is statistically significantly different from zero. The result of the test is that the average revision is not statistically different from zero.

The table following presents a summary of the difference between the first estimates published between April 2000 and March 2005 and the estimates published 12 months later. A spreadsheet giving these estimates and the

calculations behind the averages in the table is available on the National Statistics website at:

<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/StatBase/Product.asp?vlnk=870>

Volume seasonally adjusted RSI:	Growth in latest period (per cent)	Revisions between first publication and estimates twelve months later (percentage points)	
		Average over the last five years (mean revision)	Average over the last five years without regard to sign (average absolute revision)
Latest three months compared to previous three months	-0.7	-0.05	0.23
Latest month compared to previous month	0.7	0.01	0.29

The table uses historical data for the most recent 60 months, comparing the estimate at first publication with the estimate as published 12 months later. The numbers which underpin these averages will include normal changes due to late data and re-seasonal adjustment, but also significant methodological changes, the most recent of which occurred in October 2003 (see web article "Retail Sales Index Development: Implementation" released on 30 September 2003: <http://www.statistics.gov.uk/cci/article.asp?ID=475>).

Further information concerning the revisions material in this release can be found on the National Statistics website, at:

<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/cci/article.asp?ID=793>

Deflation

- 10. Deflators adjust the value series to take out the effect of price changes to give the volume series. RSI deflators are a weighted combination of the Retail Prices Indices for detailed commodities. As noted in last month's release, the deflators used for February 2006 were derived from projected retail price indices for retail commodities and not actuals, due to the timing of the Consumer Price Indices First Release. The deflators used in this release are all based on actual retail price indices. The impact of replacing the projected with actual deflators has led to the year-on-year implied deflator for February 2006 being revised from -1.1 per cent to -0.6 per cent.

Seasonal adjustment

11. Some of the indices in this First Release are seasonally adjusted. This aids interpretation by removing recurring fluctuations, for example due to holidays or other regular seasonal patterns. Unadjusted indices are also included.

Further information

12. Complete runs of series in this Release are available to download free of charge at: <http://www.statistics.gov.uk/timeseries>. Alternatively, for low-cost tailored data call Online Services on 020 7533 5675 or email tailored@statistics.gov.uk

Advance access

13. Details of the policy governing the release of new data are available from the press office. Also available is a list of the names of those given pre-publication access to the contents of this release.

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1 VOLUME OF RETAIL SALES AT 2000 PRICES SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

2000=100

	Predominantly non-food stores							
	All retailing	Predominantly food stores	Total	Non-specialised stores	Textile, clothing and footwear stores	Household goods stores	Other stores	Non-store retailing and repair
Average weekly sales in 2000 (£ millions)	3 984	1 712	2 045	361	536	533	615	226
Index numbers of sales per week								
	EAPS	EAPT	EAPV	EAPU	EAPX	EAPY	EAPW	EAPZ
1998	92.5	95.5	89.9	91.5	88.8	85.8	93.6	93.2
1999	95.7	97.2	94.3	94.0	92.9	92.6	97.1	96.2
2000	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
2001	106.1	104.1	107.8	106.0	109.4	109.6	105.9	106.0
2002	112.2	108.2	115.5	110.5	121.0	117.8	111.6	113.3
2003	116.3	111.9	121.1	113.8	128.9	122.3	117.4	107.0
2004	123.2 [†]	116.5	129.6	118.0	139.1	130.8	127.0	116.9 [†]
2005	125.7 [†]	119.5 [†]	131.9	119.4 [†]	143.8	131.2	129.3	117.4 [†]
2003 Q2	115.7	111.6	120.3	113.3	127.5	122.4	116.2	105.8
Q3	117.1	112.6	122.0	115.3	130.7	123.6	117.1	106.1
Q4	119.1	113.4	124.9	117.0	132.1	126.3	122.1	109.4
2004 Q1	121.5	114.6	128.3	117.1	137.2	128.7	126.8	112.4
Q2	123.6	116.2	130.3	119.9	139.7	130.4	128.3	117.8
Q3	124.8	117.4	131.8	121.0	140.3	133.8	128.8	118.3
Q4	124.3	117.6	130.5	118.4	140.8	132.2	127.3	119.3
2005 Q1	124.7 [†]	118.8 [†]	130.2 [†]	121.1 [†]	141.4 [†]	130.8 [†]	125.3 [†]	118.8 [†]
Q2	125.3	119.1	131.1	118.5	143.9	130.0	128.2 [†]	119.6
Q3	125.7	119.7	131.9	118.5	143.7	130.2	131.0	114.5
Q4	127.7	121.1	134.5	121.5	146.3	134.9	131.7	115.8
2006 Q1	126.9	121.2	132.7	122.1	145.0	132.4	128.4	117.1
2003 Apr	115.9	112.1	119.9	112.4	127.0	122.0	116.3	108.2
May	115.3	111.1	119.9	113.0	124.8	124.0	116.3	104.8
Jun	116.0	111.7	120.8	114.2	130.2	121.5	116.0	104.8
Jul	116.8	112.2	121.7	115.9	130.8	122.8	116.2	107.0
Aug	117.0	113.1	121.6	114.4	128.8	124.3	117.1	105.2
Sep	117.4	112.6	122.7	115.5	132.2	123.6	117.9	106.0
Oct	118.6	113.2	124.2	118.2	132.4	124.9	119.8	108.1
Nov	118.7	113.0	124.5	115.2	131.2	125.8	122.9	110.6
Dec	119.8	113.9	125.9	117.5	132.5	127.8	123.4	109.3
2004 Jan	121.1	114.2	128.0	116.1	137.2	127.4	127.6	111.2
Feb	121.1	114.5	127.8	117.6	135.7	128.8	126.1	111.1
Mar	122.1	115.0	128.9	117.5	138.4	129.6	126.8	114.4
Apr	122.6	115.4	129.4	118.8	139.5	129.2	127.0	114.7
May	123.6	116.3	130.3	120.9	140.5	129.8	127.4	118.6
Jun	124.3	116.9	131.1	120.0	139.1	131.9	129.9	119.5
Jul	123.9	116.4	130.8	119.2	137.2	133.9	129.4	117.6
Aug	124.6	117.6	131.4	122.4	141.8	132.8	126.5	115.6
Sep	125.8	118.0	132.8	121.4	141.6	134.6	130.2	120.9
Oct	124.9	117.9	131.5	120.1	142.3	132.1	128.2	118.3
Nov	125.3	118.1	132.0	120.7	141.2	135.8	127.5	119.5
Dec	123.1	117.0	128.6	115.2	139.3	129.5	126.4	119.9
2005 Jan	125.1	119.6	130.3	121.1	140.2	132.7	124.9	120.0
Feb	124.7 [†]	118.7	130.0	121.0	142.1 [†]	130.5	124.2	122.4 [†]
Mar	124.3 [†]	118.2 [†]	130.4 [†]	121.1 [†]	141.9 [†]	129.6 [†]	126.5 [†]	114.9 [†]
Apr	124.9	118.7	130.4	118.7	143.2	129.3	127.1	121.9
May	124.7	118.7	130.3	117.3	143.2	129.4	127.6	118.3
Jun	126.1	119.7	132.2	119.4	145.1	131.0	129.6	118.9
Jul	125.3	120.0	130.8	116.8	142.7	129.3	130.1	116.0
Aug	125.4	118.6	132.0	119.1	143.5	129.9	131.5	116.7
Sep	126.2	120.3	132.7	119.6	144.7	131.1	131.3	111.7
Oct	126.7	120.7	133.0	120.5	143.8	131.9	132.0	114.6
Nov	127.8	121.4	134.5	122.2	150.0	131.9	130.5	115.1
Dec	128.5	121.3	135.8	121.7	145.4	139.7	132.4	117.4
2006 Jan	126.3	120.5	132.2	121.0	142.2	133.3	129.0	117.2
Feb	126.7	121.3	132.6	120.5	146.3	131.7	128.4	113.7
Mar	127.5	121.8	133.2	124.1	146.3	132.3	127.8	119.7

[†] indicates that data are new or have been revised. The period marked is the earliest in the table to have been revised.

The monthly periods consist of 4 weeks except for March, June, September and December which are 5 weeks. January 2002 is also a 5 week period.

The quarterly indices are the weighted averages of the monthly indices for the months within the quarter, the weights being the number of weeks in each monthly period.

1 VOLUME OF RETAIL SALES AT 2000 PRICES SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

continued

		Predominantly non-food stores							
		All retailing	Predominantly food stores	Total	Non- specialised stores	Textile, clothing and footwear stores	Household goods stores	Other stores	Non-store retailing and repair
Percentage change latest 3 months on previous 3 months									
		IEFM	IEFA	IEFD	IEEX	IEFP	IEFS	IEFG	IEFJ
2003	Apr	–	0.4	0.6	–0.9	1.7	–0.1	1.2	–8.9
	May	0.4	0.8	0.8	0.3	0.2	2.1	0.6	–6.2
	Jun	1.2	1.5	1.3	1.5	1.1	3.6	–0.7	–1.4
	Jul	0.9	0.7	1.3	2.2	1.6	2.5	–0.6	–1.6
	Aug	1.1	0.9	1.4	2.1	2.9	1.3	–0.2	–1.3
	Sep	1.2	0.9	1.5	1.8	2.5	0.9	0.8	0.2
	Oct	1.4	1.2	1.6	1.4	1.9	1.2	1.8	0.9
	Nov	1.4	0.6	1.9	1.2	1.5	1.5	3.1	2.4
	Dec	1.7	0.7	2.4	1.5	1.0	2.2	4.3	3.1
2004	Jan	1.9	0.7	2.7	0.3	1.7	2.3	5.3	3.6
	Feb	2.1	1.2	2.8	0.7	2.2	2.7	4.6	2.2
	Mar	2.0	1.1	2.7	0.1	3.9	1.9	3.8	2.8
	Apr	1.7	1.1	2.1	1.4	3.3	1.7	1.7	2.9
	May	1.7	1.2	1.9	1.6	3.3	1.2	1.2	4.9
	Jun	1.7	1.4	1.6	2.4	1.8	1.4	1.1	4.8
	Jul	1.7	1.4	1.6	1.8	0.8	2.1	1.8	4.6
	Aug	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.3	–	2.5	1.3	1.6
	Sep	1.0	1.0	1.1	0.9	0.4	2.6	0.4	0.4
	Oct	0.9	1.1	0.9	1.0	2.1	1.1	–0.4	–0.2
	Nov	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.2	1.7	1.1	0.1	1.7
	Dec	–0.4	0.2	–0.9	–2.2	0.4	–1.2	–1.2	0.9
2005	Jan	–0.6	0.3	–1.4	–2.1	–1.2	–0.7	–1.7	1.1
	Feb	–0.9	0.3	–2.0	–1.6	–0.9	–2.6	–2.7	0.9
	Mar	0.3 [†]	1.0 [†]	–0.2	2.3 [†]	0.4 [†]	–1.0 [†]	–1.5 [†]	–0.4 [†]
	Apr	0.1	0.3	0.1 [†]	1.4	1.6	–2.0	–0.2	–0.4
	May	0.3	0.2	0.7	0.3	1.6	–1.0	1.4	–2.2
	Jun	0.5	0.3	0.7	–2.1	1.8	–0.6	2.3	0.7
	Jul	0.7	0.9	0.7	–2.0	1.0	0.1	2.5	–1.3
	Aug	0.8	0.8	1.0	–0.6	0.8	0.5	2.6	–0.7
	Sep	0.3	0.5	0.6	–	–0.1	0.1	2.2	–4.3
	Oct	0.5	0.3	1.0	1.5	0.2	0.8	1.9	–3.1
	Nov	0.9	1.1	1.2	1.9	1.5	1.1	0.7	–3.1
	Dec	1.6	1.2	2.0	2.5	1.8	3.6	0.5	1.1
2006	Jan	1.2	1.0	1.3	1.6	1.2	3.3	–0.6	2.2
	Feb	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.4	–0.9	2.8	–0.9	2.3
	Mar	–0.7	0.1	–1.4	0.5	–0.9	–1.8	–2.5	1.1
Percentage change latest 3 months on same 3 months a year ago									
		IEFN	IEFB	IEFE	IEEY	IEFQ	IEFT	IEFH	IEFK
2003	Apr	2.8	3.5	2.5	1.6	3.9	2.0	2.2	–0.1
	May	2.8	3.5	2.7	1.8	4.5	2.5	1.7	–1.0
	Jun	3.2	3.4	3.8	2.9	5.9	4.4	1.9	–4.4
	Jul	3.5	3.0	4.9	3.2	7.8	4.6	3.6	–5.9
	Aug	3.6	3.3	5.2	3.6	6.2	5.1	5.2	–9.2
	Sep	3.4	3.4	5.0	2.3	6.7	4.5	5.3	–10.4
	Oct	3.5	3.5	5.3	3.4	6.9	4.1	5.8	–11.3
	Nov	3.6	3.0	5.5	3.0	9.0	3.0	6.0	–8.7
	Dec	3.3	2.3	5.6	3.3	6.6	4.4	6.9	–9.7
2004	Jan	4.2	2.9	6.4	3.1	7.2	6.0	7.9	–6.2
	Feb	5.0	3.4	7.2	4.4	7.0	7.9	8.2	–3.1
	Mar	6.3	4.2	8.1	4.9	8.8	8.9	8.4	4.7
	Apr	6.1	3.7	7.9	5.4	8.9	8.0	8.4	5.8
	May	6.4	3.8	8.3	5.7	10.4	6.9	9.0	8.3
	Jun	6.8	4.1	8.4	5.8	9.5	6.5	10.4	11.3
	Jul	6.9	4.4	8.2	5.0	8.0	7.5	11.1	12.5
	Aug	6.6	4.2	8.1	5.0	7.2	8.2	10.6	11.5
	Sep	6.6	4.2	8.0	5.0	7.3	8.3	10.0	11.5
	Oct	6.4	4.3	7.5	4.6	8.1	7.3	8.6	11.3
	Nov	6.1	4.5	6.8	3.9	7.3	7.7	7.3	10.7
	Dec	4.4	3.7	4.5	1.2	6.6	4.7	4.2	9.1
2005	Jan	3.8	3.9	3.2	2.0	5.0	4.2	1.4	8.6
	Feb	3.0	3.6	1.9	1.4	4.1	2.2	–0.2	9.3
	Mar	2.6 [†]	3.6 [†]	1.5	3.4 [†]	3.1	1.7 [†]	–1.2	5.7 [†]
	Apr	2.2	3.1	1.2 [†]	2.0	3.2 [†]	0.5	–0.5 [†]	5.2
	May	1.5	2.6	0.7	0.2	2.3	–	–	2.0
	Jun	1.4	2.5	0.6	–1.2	3.0	–0.3	–	1.6
	Jul	1.2	2.5	0.3	–1.8	3.4	–1.4	0.1	–0.7
	Aug	1.1	2.1	0.5	–1.7	3.2	–2.0	1.3	–0.3
	Sep	0.7	1.9	0.1	–2.1	2.4	–2.7	1.7	–3.2
	Oct	0.8	1.7	0.5	–1.3	1.5	–1.7	2.5	–3.7
	Nov	1.2	2.3	0.9	–0.1	3.1	–2.0	2.0	–5.0
	Dec	2.7	3.0	3.1	2.6	3.9	2.0	3.5	–2.9
2006	Jan	2.6	2.5	3.2	2.5	4.0	2.2	3.6	–2.6
	Feb	2.5	2.3	3.2	2.0	3.0	3.5	3.9	–3.7
	Mar	1.8	2.1	1.9	0.8	2.5	1.2	2.4	–1.4

[†] indicates that data are new or have been revised. The period marked is the earliest in the table to have been revised.

2 VALUE OF RETAIL SALES AT CURRENT PRICES NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

2000=100

	Predominantly non-food stores							
	All retailing	Predominantly food stores	Total	Non-specialised stores	Textile, clothing and footwear stores	Household goods stores	Other stores	Non-store retailing and repair
Average weekly sales in 2000 (£ millions)	3 984	1 712	2 045	361	536	533	615	226
Index numbers of sales per week								
	EAFY	EAFS	EAFY	EAGE	EAFU	EAFV	EAFW	EAFX
1998	93.4	93.4	93.2	92.6	93.8	91.6	93.1	97.1
1999	96.5	96.6	96.3	95.2	96.0	95.7	96.8	98.8
2000	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
2001	105.9	106.0	106.1	105.0	105.8	107.6	105.8	103.2
2002	110.6	110.4	111.1	107.4	112.4	113.1	110.5	106.7
2003	113.7	114.8	114.6	109.2	118.3	113.4	115.6	97.6
2004	118.7	119.6	119.8	111.2	124.5 [†]	117.2	123.0	102.5
2005	119.8 [†]	123.5 [†]	119.2	110.9 [†]	126.3 [†]	112.9	123.1	98.5 [†]
2003 Q2	109.2	114.4	106.8	94.7	110.8	107.9	109.5	91.0
Q3	109.5	113.3	108.3	98.7	115.3	107.4	108.8	91.7
Q4	132.6	122.9	142.8	151.7	150.1	130.4	142.0	112.7
2004 Q1	108.6	113.6	106.0	94.5	104.2	112.4	108.6	94.9
Q2	115.0	119.1	113.5	98.1	118.9	111.9	119.3	97.5
Q3	114.7	117.6	114.1	101.5	120.0	112.8	117.6	98.3
Q4	136.5	128.0	145.6	150.9	154.8	131.8	146.4	119.1
2005 Q1	110.4 [†]	117.5 [†]	106.1	97.3	106.1	111.9	106.3	95.0 [†]
Q2	115.1	122.6	111.0	94.9 [†]	120.0	106.2	116.7	96.2
Q3	114.7	120.9	112.2 [†]	98.1	120.9 [†]	105.7	118.6	90.9
Q4	139.2	133.0	147.3	153.2	158.4	128.0 [†]	151.0 [†]	112.0
2006 Q1	110.5	119.5	105.3	95.4	106.6	108.0	107.5	90.4
2003 Apr	110.2	115.3	107.6	95.5	108.6	113.1	109.1	94.6
May	108.0	112.8	106.2	93.3	109.5	109.5	108.2	87.4
Jun	109.3	114.9	106.7	95.2	113.6	102.5	110.9	90.9
Jul	111.5	114.4	111.2	103.0	121.4	107.1	110.7	92.0
Aug	108.2	113.9	105.9	96.9	109.8	106.7	107.1	85.7
Sep	109.1	112.0	108.0	96.6	114.9	108.3	108.5	96.3
Oct	115.1	114.1	116.7	110.6	125.9	116.4	112.4	107.8
Nov	127.2	119.6	134.0	143.3	137.9	125.3	132.6	124.4
Dec	150.8	132.7	170.8	191.3	179.2	145.6	173.1	107.1
2004 Jan	107.4	110.8	106.3	97.0	105.7	116.4	103.6	91.0
Feb	107.5	113.7	103.7	92.0	98.8	111.6	107.9	94.9
Mar	110.5	115.7	107.5	94.4	107.4	109.8	113.3	98.0
Apr	114.6	118.5	113.5	97.5	116.7	117.1	116.9	95.8
May	115.1	119.2	113.5	97.9	120.4	111.6	118.4	97.7
Jun	115.3	119.4	113.6	98.7	119.5	108.0	122.0	98.8
Jul	116.3	118.5	116.5	103.6	123.6	112.8	121.1	97.5
Aug	113.7	118.4	112.3	101.8	117.1	110.7	115.6	90.9
Sep	114.3	116.2	113.7	99.5	119.3	114.5	116.3	104.9
Oct	119.1	118.4	120.3	109.8	130.4	119.3	118.6	113.7
Nov	131.7	124.8	137.8	145.5	142.5	130.9	135.3	129.5
Dec	154.2	138.1	172.0	188.1	184.3	142.4	177.5	115.0
2005 Jan	108.8	114.1	106.3	99.0	106.5	118.1	100.2	91.6
Feb	108.9	117.6	102.6	92.6	100.9	108.6	104.6	99.2
Mar	112.9 [†]	120.1 [†]	108.8	99.6	110.1	109.6 [†]	112.5	94.5 [†]
Apr	114.1	121.2	109.5	93.6	115.8	109.3	113.4	101.1
May	114.7	122.3	110.6	93.4 [†]	120.0	106.7	115.7	93.5
Jun	116.3	123.8	112.5	97.1	123.2	103.2	120.2	94.4
Jul	117.0	123.1	114.6	100.0	126.1 [†]	105.7	120.9 [†]	92.2
Aug	113.7	120.4	110.9 [†]	98.0	116.9	104.2	118.9	88.0
Sep	113.8	119.5	111.4	96.7	119.9	106.9	116.5	92.2
Oct	119.3	121.7	118.8	107.9	128.6	113.7	121.1	105.4
Nov	132.6	129.0	137.0	143.8	147.6	121.5	137.3	120.4
Dec	160.2	145.2	178.4	196.9	190.9	144.5	185.8	110.5
2006 Jan	108.4	114.4	106.0	97.0	107.0	114.6	103.1	85.3
Feb	109.7	120.8	102.7	91.1	102.5	105.2	107.7	88.2
Mar	112.9	122.5	106.7	97.7	109.7	104.9	111.0	96.2

[†] indicates that data are new or have been revised. The period marked is the earliest in the table to have been revised.

The monthly periods consist of 4 weeks except March, June, September and December which are 5 weeks. January 2002 is also a 5 week period.

The quarterly indices are the weighted averages of the monthly indices for the months within the quarter, the weights being the number of weeks in each monthly period.

2 VALUE OF RETAIL SALES AT CURRENT PRICES NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

continued

		Predominantly non-food stores							
		All retailing	Predominantly food stores	Total	Non-specialised stores	Textile, clothing and footwear stores	Household goods stores	Other stores	Non-store retailing and repair
Percentage change latest 3 months on same 3 months a year ago									
		IEAG	IDXN	IDZU	IDXJ	IEAK	IEAO	IDZY	IEAC
2003	Apr	2.0	3.4	1.2	0.3	2.9	-0.7	2.1	-3.2
	May	1.7	3.3	1.0	0.4	3.2	-0.3	0.8	-4.9
	Jun	2.9	4.2	2.9	2.6	5.4	2.1	1.7	-7.8
	Jul	2.7	3.6	3.2	1.4	6.5	1.3	2.9	-9.0
	Aug	3.2	4.5	3.7	2.1	5.7	1.3	4.9	-11.2
	Sep	2.8	4.3	3.4	0.9	6.5	0.6	4.5	-13.5
	Oct	3.0	4.5	3.7	2.2	6.5	0.3	5.1	-14.2
	Nov	2.9	4.1	3.6	1.3	7.4	-0.5	5.4	-11.5
	Dec	2.9	3.8	3.7	2.2	4.8	0.2	6.8	-11.9
2004	Jan	3.5	4.0	4.5	1.9	5.5	1.8	7.4	-9.3
	Feb	4.1	4.2	5.0	2.9	5.5	3.4	7.3	-7.3
	Mar	4.8	4.5	5.6	2.8	7.6	4.3	6.5	-0.3
	Apr	4.4	3.9	5.2	2.8	6.9	3.6	6.3	0.7
	May	5.0	4.3	5.8	3.4	8.1	2.9	7.5	4.4
	Jun	5.4	4.1	6.3	3.5	7.3	3.7	8.9	7.2
	Jul	5.4	4.4	6.1	3.1	5.5	4.2	9.7	8.8
	Aug	5.0	3.8	5.8	3.1	4.6	4.8	9.2	7.1
	Sep	4.7	3.8	5.3	2.8	4.0	5.0	8.1	7.2
	Oct	4.5	3.8	4.8	2.3	4.6	4.1	6.9	7.0
	Nov	4.0	4.0	3.8	1.3	3.6	4.3	4.9	6.2
	Dec	3.0	4.1	2.0	-0.5	3.1	1.1	3.1	5.7
2005	Jan	2.4	3.9	1.2	0.1	2.5	0.8	1.1	4.4
	Feb	1.8	3.6	0.1	-0.3	2.2	-1.3	-0.3	4.6
	Mar	1.6 [†]	3.4 [†]	0.2	2.9	1.8	-0.4	-2.2	0.1 [†]
	Apr	1.0	3.2	-1.0	1.1	1.3	-3.0	-2.1	1.7
	May	0.5	2.9	-1.5	-0.6 [†]	0.5	-3.5	-1.9	-1.1
	Jun	0.1	2.9	-2.3 [†]	-3.2	0.9	-5.1	-2.2	-1.4
	Jul	0.4	3.4	-1.7	-3.1	1.7	-5.0	-1.3	-4.7
	Aug	0.5	3.1	-1.3	-2.9	1.7	-5.4	0.2	-4.4
	Sep	-	2.8	-1.7	-3.3	0.7	-6.3	0.8	-7.5
	Oct	-0.1	2.4	-1.5	-2.7	-0.3	-5.8 [†]	1.6 [†]	-8.1
	Nov	0.1	3.0	-1.3	-1.9	1.0	-6.3	1.2	-8.9
	Dec	1.9	3.9	1.2	1.5	2.3 [†]	-2.9	3.1	-6.0
2006	Jan	1.8	3.2	1.5	1.5	2.9	-2.4	3.3	-5.8
	Feb	1.9	3.0	1.8	1.7	2.4	-1.1	3.8	-6.8
	Mar	0.1	1.7	-0.8	-1.9	0.5	-3.5	1.2	-4.9
Percentage change latest month on same month a year ago									
		EAIH	EAIA	EAIB	EAIN	EAIC	EAID	EAIF	EAIG
2003	Apr	3.1	5.5	1.9	2.7	2.2	3.6	-0.3	-5.8
	May	1.2	2.2	1.4	-	5.2	1.3	-0.9	-10.1
	Jun	4.3	4.9	5.1	4.5	8.1	1.7	5.5	-7.7
	Jul	2.4	3.3	2.8	-0.7	6.0	0.9	3.6	-9.6
	Aug	2.8	5.0	3.0	2.1	2.6	1.2	5.4	-17.0
	Sep	3.3	4.4	4.3	1.4	10.1	-	4.7	-13.6
	Oct	2.9	4.2	3.7	3.0	6.1	-0.1	5.3	-12.6
	Nov	2.6	3.7	3.0	-	6.0	-1.5	6.1	-8.4
	Dec	3.1	3.6	4.3	3.1	3.3	1.6	8.1	-14.4
2004	Jan	5.4	4.8	6.8	1.9	9.7	5.9	7.8	-2.2
	Feb	4.4	4.4	4.9	3.3	6.2	3.9	5.5	-0.7
	Mar	4.6	4.3	5.2	3.2	7.1	3.3	6.3	1.5
	Apr	4.0	2.8	5.4	2.0	7.4	3.5	7.1	1.2
	May	6.6	5.7	6.9	5.0	9.9	1.9	9.5	11.8
	Jun	5.5	4.0	6.5	3.7	5.2	5.3	10.0	8.7
	Jul	4.3	3.6	4.8	0.6	1.9	5.3	9.5	5.9
	Aug	5.1	3.9	6.0	5.1	6.7	3.7	7.9	6.0
	Sep	4.8	3.8	5.2	3.0	3.8	5.8	7.2	8.9
	Oct	3.5	3.8	3.1	-0.8	3.5	2.5	5.5	5.5
	Nov	3.5	4.3	2.9	1.6	3.3	4.5	2.0	4.1
	Dec	2.3	4.1	0.7	-1.7	2.8	-2.2	2.6	7.4
2005	Jan	1.4	3.0	-	2.1	0.8	1.4	-3.2	0.6
	Feb	1.3	3.5	-1.1	0.7	2.1	-2.6	-3.0	4.5
	Mar	2.1 [†]	3.8 [†]	1.2	5.4	2.5 [†]	-0.2 [†]	-0.7	-3.6 [†]
	Apr	-0.5	2.3	-3.5	-3.9	-0.7	-6.6	-3.0 [†]	5.5
	May	-0.4	2.6	-2.6	-4.6 [†]	-0.4	-4.4	-2.3	-4.3
	Jun	0.9	3.6	-1.0	-1.6	3.1	-4.4	-1.5	-4.5
	Jul	0.6	3.9	-1.7 [†]	-3.5	2.0	-6.2	-0.2	-5.5
	Aug	-	1.7	-1.3	-3.7	-0.2	-5.8	2.9	-3.2
	Sep	-0.4	2.8	-2.0	-2.8	0.5	-6.7	0.1	-12.1
	Oct	0.1	2.8	-1.2	-1.7	-1.3	-4.7	2.1	-7.3
	Nov	0.7	3.4	-0.6	-1.2	3.6	-7.2	1.5	-7.1
	Dec	3.9	5.1	3.7	4.7	3.6	1.5	4.7	-3.9
2006	Jan	-0.4	0.2	-0.3	-2.1	0.4	-2.9	2.9	-6.9
	Feb	0.7	2.7	0.1	-1.7	1.6	-3.2	2.9	-11.1
	Mar	0.1	2.0	-1.9	-1.9	-0.3	-4.3	-1.3	1.8

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R1 VOLUME OF RETAIL SALES AT 2000 PRICES SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

2000=100

	Predominantly non-food stores							
	All retailing	Predominantly food stores	Total	Non-specialised stores	Textile, clothing and footwear stores	Household goods stores	Other stores	Non-store retailing and repair
Revisions to index numbers								
1998	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1999	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2001	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2002	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2003	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2004	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2005	-0.1	-0.2	-	-0.3	-	-	-	-0.3
2003 Q1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Q2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Q3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Q4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2004 Q1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Q2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Q3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Q4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2005 Q1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.6	-0.1	0.1	-	-1.0
Q2	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.4	-0.1	0.2	-0.4	-1.0
Q3	-0.2	-	-0.3	-0.6	-0.2	0.1	-0.6	-0.7
Q4	-0.2	-0.1	-0.3	-0.4	-0.2	0.5	-0.7	-1.4
2003 Mar	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Apr	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
May	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jun	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2004 Jan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Feb	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mar	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Apr	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
May	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jun	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2005 Jan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Feb	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mar	-0.4	-0.3	-0.2	-1.6	-0.1	0.4	0.1	-2.7
Apr	-0.1	-	-0.1	-0.3	-0.1	0.1	-0.3	-1.0
May	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	-0.4	-0.1	0.2	-0.3	-0.9
Jun	-0.2	-0.1	-0.2	-0.4	-	0.2	-0.4	-0.9
Jul	-0.2	-	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	0.1	-0.5	-0.7
Aug	-0.2	-	-0.4	-0.7	-0.2	-	-0.5	-0.6
Sep	-0.2	-	-0.3	-0.6	-0.2	0.2	-0.7	-0.6
Oct	-0.2	-0.1	-0.3	-0.5	-0.1	0.2	-0.5	-0.4
Nov	-0.2	-0.1	-0.3	-0.5	-	-	-0.6	-1.8
Dec	-0.3	-0.1	-0.2	-0.2	-0.4	1.1	-1.0	-1.8
2006 Jan	-0.4	-0.1	-0.4	0.1	-0.2	0.3	-1.7	-0.9
Feb	-0.6	0.1	-0.8	0.4	-0.4	0.1	-2.8	-4.0

The calendar year averages for the volume seasonally adjusted index are constrained to be the same as those for the volume not seasonally adjusted series. Consequently the revisions to the calendar year figures above are not directly related to the revisions shown for the monthly and quarterly figures.

R1 VOLUME OF RETAIL SALES AT 2000 PRICES SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

continued

	Predominantly non-food stores							
	All retailing	Predominantly food stores	Total	Non- specialised stores	Textile, clothing and footwear stores	Household goods stores	Other stores	Non-store retailing and repair
Revisions to headline growth rates								
Percentage change latest 3 months on previous 3 months								
2003 Mar	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Apr	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
May	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jun	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2004 Jan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Feb	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mar	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Apr	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
May	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jun	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2005 Jan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Feb	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mar	-0.1	-0.1	-	-0.5	-0.1	0.2	0.1	-0.8
Apr	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1	-0.6	-	0.1	-	-1.2
May	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1	-0.8	-0.1	0.2	-0.1	-1.4
Jun	-	0.1	-	0.2	-	0.1	-0.3	0.1
Jul	0.1	0.1	-0.1	0.3	-	-0.1	-0.3	0.4
Aug	-	0.1	-0.1	0.3	-	-0.1	-0.3	0.7
Sep	-	0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-	-0.1	-0.1	0.1
Oct	-0.1	-	-0.1	-0.2	-	-	-0.1	0.3
Nov	-0.1	-	-0.1	-	-	-	-0.1	-0.1
Dec	-0.1	-0.1	0.1	0.2	-	0.2	-0.2	-0.6
2006 Jan	-0.1	-	-	0.3	-0.1	0.3	-0.4	-0.9
Feb	-0.1	-	-0.1	0.5	-0.1	0.3	-0.9	-1.1
Percentage change latest 3 months on same 3 months a year ago								
2003 Mar	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Apr	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
May	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jun	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2004 Jan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Feb	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mar	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Apr	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
May	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jun	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sep	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2005 Jan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Feb	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mar	-0.1	-0.1	-	-0.5	-	0.1	-	-0.9
Apr	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.6	-0.1	0.2	-	-1.2
May	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1	-0.7	-0.1	0.2	-0.1	-1.4
Jun	-0.1	-	-0.1	-0.4	-0.1	0.2	-0.2	-0.8
Jul	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	-0.4	-0.1	0.2	-0.3	-0.7
Aug	-0.2	-0.1	-0.2	-0.4	-0.1	0.1	-0.4	-0.6
Sep	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	-0.5	-0.2	0.1	-0.4	-0.6
Oct	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	-0.5	-0.2	0.1	-0.4	-0.5
Nov	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	-0.5	-0.1	0.1	-0.4	-0.7
Dec	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1	-0.4	-0.1	0.3	-0.6	-1.1
2006 Jan	-0.2	-0.1	-0.2	-0.1	-0.2	0.4	-0.8	-1.2
Feb	-0.3	-0.1	-0.4	0.1	-0.3	0.5	-1.4	-1.8