

RETAIL AND WHOLESALE TRADE

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RETAIL AND WHOLESALE TRADE are a vital part of a modern economy. Governments have been slow to recognise this fact and to measure the contribution of retail and wholesale trade to economic life. The first national Australian census of retailing was not undertaken until 1947–48, though the New South Wales government began monitoring changes to retail sales in the big Sydney stores from mid-1932. The lateness of this official national census may be attributed to the tendency to follow the example of Britain, where the first census of retailing was not held until 1950. The first American census of retail and wholesale trade was taken in 1930, for the previous year. Another reason for the delay was probably the sheer complexity of the task of organising such a census. Whatever the reasons, however, there is a conspicuous lack of historical study of the general development of retail and wholesale trade in Australia. Consequently, this introduction can offer only an outline of its development.

Before 1860, retail and wholesale trade in Australia was carried out on a small scale only, but with the rapid growth of the cities before 1890 large new retailers emerged, such as David Jones in Sydney. Retail price levels were high from 1861 to 1966, but tended to be fairly stable thereafter. By today's standards, retail mark-up was high; in New South Wales it was usually about 40 percent.

The 1890s saw the rise of the wholesalers. In 1917, E. W. Knox, representing the Colonial Sugar Refining Company, told a commonwealth interstate commission investigating grocery prices that before 1896 his company had dealt exclusively with retailers, but that since then wholesalers had become progressively more powerful, until they had almost all the trade in their hands. In 1921, the New South Wales statistician claimed that most of the grocery trade in the state was handled by wholesale merchants who also financed country retailers. This dominance was often a source of conflict between urban and rural interests, and it was no accident that shopkeepers were one of the driving forces behind the creation of the Country Party after 1918. From this time on, whether for good or bad, the wholesaler was an important part of the framework of domestic trade.

After 1900, retailers both large and small began to form associations to look after their interests. In 1903, for instance, many of the large Sydney retailers formed the Master Retailers' Association of New South Wales. Outside Sydney, the small retailers created the Country Traders' Association of New South Wales, which was claiming 700 members by 1917. This

activity was a reflection, not just of the improvement in retail distribution, but also of the squeeze on profits by inflation after 1910, greatly increased by the effects of World War I. Between 1911 and 1920, retail prices in Australia doubled, along with those in most other countries, causing considerable social unrest, as wages only increased by about one-third.

After 1920 inflation diminished, but trading conditions became harder. The purchase of pre-packaged goods began to displace bulk buying in the 1920s. Retailing became a more sophisticated operation, as evidenced by the publication of the first Australian textbook of window-dressing and display in 1923.

The postwar years also saw the growth of new kinds of retailers: the cash-and-carry store—the forerunner of the modern supermarket—and variety stores such as Coles (1914) and Woolworths (1924). These new enterprises gave the older and smaller retailers much competition and were accused of unfair trading practices and the exploitation of juvenile employees, claims investigated by a government inquiry between 1936 and 1939. Yet this kind of retailing with its large volume sales and low profit margins was very successful. Not just corner shops, but also consumer co-operative retailing, whose membership in New South Wales had risen from 16 000 to 43 000 between 1911 and 1929, were hard hit by that success. By the late 1940s, the main features of the present structure of retail and wholesale trade had been established.

The tables which follow trace the substantial expansion of retail and wholesale trade since 1948. Retail sales increased 39-fold between 1948 and 1982, compared to a nine-fold increase in the Consumer Price Index over the same period. Moreover, since August 1978, retail and wholesale trade has become the largest single sector of employment in Australia. One other significant characteristic of this sector, which is not indicated in the tables, should also be noted. In November 1976, the first official national survey of trade union members found that the retail and wholesale trades had the second lowest proportion (after agriculture) of trade union members among their employees: 27 per cent, compared to 51 per cent for the labour force generally. By August 1986 the proportion of union members had dropped to 25 per cent, against 46 per cent for the labour force.



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RWT 1-16 RETAIL SALES OF GOODS BY COMMODITY GROUPS, AUSTRALIA 1948-1982

Year 30 June	Groc eries ^a	Butchers' meat ^b	Other food ^c	Total food and groceries	Beer, wine and spirits ^d	Clothing, drapery	Footwear	Hard- ware ^e	Elec- trical goods ^f	Furni- ture, floor coverings	Chemists' goods ^g	News- papers, books, stationery ^h	Other goods ⁱ	Total excluding motor goods	Motor vehicles, parts, petrol ^j	Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
1948	127.6	..	157.7	285.3	..	199.0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	829.2	117.7	946.9
1949	143.4	65.3	116.6	325.3	95.3	237.8	55.7	33.8	46.4	i	i	167.9	962.2	166.1	1 128.3	
1950	161.1	75.4	131.7	368.2	105.0	263.8	66.4	43.3	54.5	i	i	204.2	1 105.4	273.3	1 378.7	
1951	186.1	92.3	155.5	433.9	123.2	328.5	91.2	64.7	76.9	i	i	252.4	1 370.8	382.0	1 752.8	
1952	232.9	118.7	187.8	539.4	153.9	351.6	109.6	77.5	76.1	i	i	307.5	1 615.6	433.3	2 048.9	
1953A	261.5	127.8	206.8	596.1	173.0	355.1	113.8	75.8	72.8	i	i	315.5	1 702.1	417.3	2 119.4	
1953B	261.4	127.4	206.6	595.4	173.0	306.1	49.0	112.1	75.9	72.8	50.8	53.1	210.7	1 698.9	419.7	2 118.6
1954	275.0	133.9	223.5	632.4	186.7	387.6	122.9	91.2	81.0	i	i	336.3	1 838.1	494.1	2 332.2	
1955	302.0	146.9	246.5	695.4	204.3	419.3	136.1	99.2	86.4	i	i	368.2	2 008.9	571.6	2 580.5	
1956	328.7	158.7	269.2	756.6	222.1	433.3	143.9	104.6	91.8	i	i	398.3	2 150.6	613.2	2 763.8	
1957A	343.9	170.1	282.8	796.8	237.5	380.8	59.3	144.2	113.0	92.5	76.9	69.3	277.5	2 247.8	631.4	2 879.2
1957B	343.9	170.1	282.8	796.8	237.9	380.8	59.3	59.4	113.0	92.5	76.9	69.3	200.7	2 086.6 ^k	596.5	2 683.1 ^k
1958	358.3	170.8	294.5	823.6	248.6	451.0	59.9	137.7	97.6	..	..	360.0	2 178.4	645.2	2 823.6	
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
1959	737.2	356.8	616.8	1 710.8	494.5	794.8	129.2	131.0	309.8	195.7	193.8	145.0	410.0	4 514.6	1 381.9	5 896.5
1960	782.0	386.7	670.3	1 839.0	525.6	868.0	144.4	141.1	373.9	229.1	216.1	155.4	452.7	4 945.3	1 654.7	6 600.0
1961	833.1	421.5	705.0	1 959.6	538.4	901.0	153.4	145.2	354.5	234.2	243.0	160.1	183.9	5 173.3	1 649.7	6 823.0
1962	858.3	422.3	729.9	2 010.5	545.9	900.0	154.7	146.0	348.0	230.1	265.8	166.4	489.7	5 257.1	1 603.2	6 860.3
1963	892.8	444.9	765.6	2 103.3	574.4	930.0	162.4	155.0	367.2	245.0	284.3	172.7	520.6	5 514.9	1 987.1	7 502.0
1964	939.0	469.7	795.2	2 203.9	593.2	1 015.1	171.1	153.5	390.1	272.2	305.6	190.9	563.2	5 858.8	2 207.8	8 066.6
1965	1 014.4	510.9	847.1	2 372.4	631.1	1 079.5	177.4	162.9	415.0	302.6	333.8	202.5	610.0	6 287.2	2 378.1	8 665.3
1966	1 090.4	548.7	892.2	2 531.3	684.4	1 120.4	180.5	164.0	401.0	312.0	362.0	213.7	655.5	6 624.8	2 373.7	8 998.5
1967	1 161.5	590.3	947.9	2 699.7	744.0	1 173.5	197.3	175.6	409.5	323.9	387.5	235.0	703.5	7 049.5	2 516.7	9 566.2
1968	1 249.1	616.2	1 002.0	2 867.3	811.9	1 248.5	210.0	183.4	446.5	358.2	417.3	252.2	738.4	7 533.7	2 818.7	10 352.4
1969 ^l	1 321.4	632.4	1 040.3	2 994.1	867.2	1 314.1	216.0	201.0	466.8	394.8	455.2	273.5	813.9	7 996.6	3 055.9	11 052.5
1970	1 406.7	675.0	1 123.4	3 205.1	944.4	1 400.0	232.9	223.1	501.7	435.6	504.7	299.4	884.8	8 631.7	3 391.2	12 022.9
1971	1 504.6	711.8	1 206.0	3 422.4	1 018.0	1 511.9	250.1	244.7	549.6	470.9	556.6	324.0	941.7	9 289.9	3 635.6	12 925.5
1972A	1 651.4	757.6	1 285.9	3 694.9	1 089.6	1 629.5	261.9	267.0	614.0	506.8	600.2	341.6	1 012.8	10 018.3	3 910.7	13 928.7
1972B	1 758.9	766.8	1 169.9	3 695.6	1 427.3	1 720.9	285.7	413.3	736.7	557.0	636.5	379.2	920.2	10 772.4	4 203.3	14 975.7
1973	1 931.3	842.3	1 265.8	4 039.4	1 569.9	1 926.4	302.8	447.9	835.5	635.4	681.8	419.5	1 024.9	11 883.5	4 691.3	16 574.8
1974	2 238.8	1 043.5	1 492.2	4 774.5	1 817.5	2 335.0	356.2	571.6	1 074.9	818.2	775.7	502.7	1 255.8	14 282.1	..	..
1975A	2 661.0	1 072.3	1 757.0	5 490.3	2 115.6	2 683.4	403.6	692.5	1 430.0	920.8	915.2	614.5	1 553.1	16 819.0	..	..
1975B	2 656.0	1 046.9	1 643.6	5 346.5	2 083.1	2 612.7	399.1	659.6	1 372.5	941.0	900.6	593.1	1 431.5	16 339.7	..	..
1976	3 156.7	1 114.0	1 857.3	6 128.0	2 534.9	2 925.9	453.3	768.4	1 742.9	1 088.5	1 053.5	686.5	1 663.5	19 045.2	..	..
1977	3 714.4	1 272.6	2 091.1	7 078.1	2 845.3	3 252.6	509.6	840.9	1 934.1	1 216.3	1 140.2	775.2	1 840.3	21 432.6	..	..
1978	4 264.5	1 422.5	2 366.6	8 053.6	3 140.9	3 601.5	576.2	967.6	1 857.5	1 291.9	1 240.5	866.4	2 047.3	23 643.4	..	..
1979	4 807.8	1 661.5	2 646.7	9 116.0	3 559.6	3 876.3	636.0	1 104.5	1 888.0	1 365.0	1 359.1	961.0	2 304.3	26 169.8	..	..
1980	5 488.7	1 972.9	2 940.3	10 401.9	3 943.0	4 144.0	692.2	1 261.8	2 055.5	1 484.7	1 472.1	1 088.4	2 554.3	29 097.9	..	..
1981	6 318.4	2 151.1	3 430.0	11 899.5	4 414.6	4 691.6	777.1	1 452.7	2 431.4	1 732.9	1 650.6	1 287.9	2 845.0	33 183.3	..	..
1982	7 179.0	2 312.4	3 834.0	13 325.4	4 944.1	5 266.0	859.6	1 637.3	2 754.6	1 918.5	1 864.4	1 405.0	3 182.8	37 157.7	..	..

NOTE: Two sets of figures are included for 1953, 1957, 1972 and 1975: 'A', comparable with earlier years; 'B', comparable with later years.

- (a) From 1972B, includes smallgoods, and frozen vegetables and frozen poultry. Previously these were included in 'Other food'.
- (b) Includes frozen packaged meat. 1948 figures included in 'Other food'. From 1972A, includes fresh poultry and rabbit meat.
- (c) Includes fresh fruit and vegetables, confectionery, soft drinks, ice-cream, cakes, cooked provisions, fish, wrapped lunches, but excludes some delivered milk and bread.
- (d) To 1972B, excludes sales made by licensed clubs.
- (e) Includes china, glassware, excludes basic building materials. From 1957B, also excludes builders' hardware and supplies such as tools of trade, paints. From 1972B, includes watches, clocks, jewellery and silverware, garden supplies and garden fertilisers and pesticides.
- (f) Includes radios, television and accessories, musical instruments, domestic refrigerators. From 1972B, includes bottled liquefied petroleum gas.
- (g) From 1972B, includes religious and devotional goods and artists' requirements and supplies.
- (h) Figures to 1957B retail censuses include tobacco, cigarettes, grain and produce, jewellery, office equipment. Figures from 1957B include tobacco, cigarettes, jewellery, sporting and travel goods, toys and photographic equipment, but exclude grain and produce and business machines. Figures from 1972B include cigarettes and tobacco, sporting and travel goods, toys and photographic equipment, and supplies and antiques, but exclude grain and produce, business machines, watches, clocks, jewellery and silverware.
- (i) Includes new and used motor vehicles, parts, petrol. Excludes farm machinery and implements and earth-moving equipment. From 1957B, excludes tractors. From 1972B, includes boats and outboard motors, previously included in 'Other goods'.
- (j) Included in 'Other goods'.
- (k) The scope of the series from 1957B differs from that of the previous two series in that sales of builders' hardware, grain and produce, business machines and tractors have been omitted, whereas previous series included a considerable amount of sales of these items.
- (l) Figures included in the table for 1969 are comparable with the 1962 retail census. Actual census results for the year 1969 (in millions of dollars) were: groceries (1 449.7); butchers' meat (649.2); other food (929.4); total food and groceries (3 028.4); beer, wine and spirits (1 046.4); clothing and drapery (1 334.8); footwear (222.2); hardware (316.4); electrical goods (510.2); furniture and floor coverings (407.6); chemist goods (433.2); newspapers, books and stationery (314.7); other goods (708.3); total (excluding motor vehicles, parts, petrol) (8 322.3); motor vehicles, parts, petrol (3161.9); total (11 484.2). These figures are directly comparable with the series from 1972B, based on the 1969 retail census.

RWT 17-21 RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS, AUSTRALIA 1948-1962

Year 30 June	Establish- ments ^a	RETAIL WORKERS ^b		
		Retail sales	Male	Female	Total
17	18	19	20	21
£'000				
Grocers				
1948	20 922	160 619	..	..
1949	21 594	188 754	..	..
1949	21 594	188 754	..	..
1953	23 569	359 316	..	..
1953	23 568	359 193	..	..
1957	24 178	470 033	40 818	79 608
1957	24 309	458 625	..	..
1962	22 225	584 173	38 224	42 702
Butchers				
1948	6 515	56 124	..	..
1949	6 741	65 701	..	..
1949	6 741	65 701	..	..
1953	6 953	127 850	..	..
1953	6 952	127 500	..	..
1957	8 400	170 636	25 305	4 286
1957	8 399	170 516	..	..
1962	9 428	206 138	27 313	5 185
Greengrocers, fruiterers				
1948	5 338	24 394	..	..
1949	5 685	29 470	..	..
1949	5 685	29 470	..	..
1953	5 424	50 716	..	..
1953	5 424	50 750	..	..
1957	5 853	70 054	8 701	8 925
1957	5 895	70 370	..	..
1962	6 166	87 947	9 623	10 911
Bakers, cake shops				
1948	4 746	23 413	..	..
1949	4 952	27 415	..	..
1949	4 952	27 415	..	..
1953	4 946	47 478	..	..
1953	4 943	47 383	..	..
1957	4 681	58 878	9 956	9 584
1957	4 681	58 403	..	..
1962	4 482	65 107	9 457	9 971
Total confectioners, milk bars, cafes, restaurants				
1948	8 614	28 001	..	..
1949	8 643	31 341	..	..
1949	8 643	31 341 ^c	..	..
1953	8 214	55 817 ^c	..	..
1953	8 209	55 673	..	..
1957	10 052	86 583	..	..
1957	10 055	86 618	..	..
1962	11 693	118 245	..	..
Confectioners, milk bars				
1948	..	..	..	..
1949	..	..	..	..
1953	6 526	47 843	..	..
1953	6 526	47 878	..	..
1957	7 410	72 566	8 667	14 494
1957	7 413	72 601	..	..
1962	9 153	106 550	10 386	17 645

NOTE Each retail census 1949 to 1962 includes comparable figures for the current and previous census. Longer term comparisons are affected to varying degrees by changes in scope and classification between censuses. In general, establishments are coded to the type of business which corresponds to the predominant type of goods sold or service rendered (that is, the type with the largest sales or takings). Where a number of lines are carried, changes in relative importance may serve to shift a particular establishment from one category to another between censuses.

(a) Establishments with retail sales of £500 or more are included in 1953, 1957, and 1962. The 1948 and 1949 figures include establishments with retail sales of £50 or more. In general the censuses cover establishments which were operating at 30 June. Establishments which operated for only part of the year are included if they were operating at that date.

(b) Includes full-time and part-time owners, members of owner's family (whether paid a definite wage or not) and paid employees, working at the establishment.

Year 30 June	Establish- ments ^a	RETAIL WORKERS ^b		
		Retail sales	Male	Female	Total
17	18	19	20	21
£'000				
Department stores^h				
1949	5 094 ^h	17 508 ^h	..	..
1953	2 931	11 577	..	..
1953	2 931	11 577	..	..
1957	2 853	10 600	..	..
1957	2 853	10 618	..	..
1962	2 747	7 141	..	..
Clothing, drapers^h				
1948	10 735	233 435	..	..
1949	11 480	270 716	..	..
1949	11 480	270 716	..	..
1953	12 101	403 329	..	..
1953	12 101	403 349	..	..
1957	12 857	506 990	39 816	74 213
1957	12 776 ^h	508 906 ^h	..	..
1962	12 633 ^h	329 445 ^h	20 672 ^h	45 914 ^h
Footwear stores^h				
1948	1 717	14 952	..	..
1949	1 841	17 223	..	..
1949	1 841	17 223	..	..
1953	1 674	30 055	..	..
1953	1 674	30 055	..	..
1957	1 853	36 270	2 933	4 375
1957	1 855 ^h	36 286 ^h	..	..
1962	2 183 ^h	46 846 ^h	3 547 ^h	5 441 ^h
Total hardware, electrical, radio, musical instrument stores^h				
1948	5 191	67 161	..	..
1949	5 418	76 477 ⁱ	..	..
1949	5 418	76 477 ⁱ	..	..
1953	6 521 ⁱ	145 098 ⁱ	..	..
1953	6 521 ⁱ	143 323 ⁱ	..	..
1957	7 800 ⁱ	205 361 ⁱ	25 133 ⁱ	11 046 ⁱ
1957	6 472 ^{jk}	118 497 ^{jk}	..	..
1962	6 947 ^{bk}	179 499 ^{bk}	19 500 ^{bk}	10 335 ^{bk}
Domestic and builders' hardware stores^{kl}				
1948	..	..	..	..
1949	..	..	..	..
1953	3 401 ^l	88 071 ^l	..	..
1953	3 401 ^l	86 305 ^l	..	..
1957	4 261 ^l	116 327 ^l	14 743 ^l	6 393 ^l
1957	2 700 ^{hk}	27 063 ^{hk}	..	..
1962	2 804 ^{bk}	33 227 ^{bk}	4 968 ^{bk}	3 401 ^{bk}
Electrical goods, radios, musical instruments^h				
1948	..	..	..	..
1949	..	..	..	..

Newsagents, booksellers				
1948	2 715	22 807	..	..
1949	2 794	26 052	..	..
1949	2 794	26 052	..	..
1953	2 872	47 406	..	..
1953	2 872	47 406	..	..
1957	3 112	62 060	5 406	7 475
1957	3 149	62 421	..	..
1962	3 217	74 278	5 848	8 092
Chemists				
1948	2 887	18 761	..	..
1949	2 991	21 731	..	..
1949	2 991	21 731	..	..
1953	3 341	42 239	..	..
1953	3 341	42 240	..	..
1957	4 018	64 866	7 828	8 309
1957	4 019	64 867	..	..
1962	4 859	112 078	8 874	12 732
Sporting goods stores				
1948	368	2 645	..	..
1949	364	2 998	..	..
1949	364	2 998	..	..
1953	480	5 820	..	..
1953	480	5 820	..	..

on the last pay-day in June 1957 and June 1962. Includes persons normally working at the establishment who were absent through sickness or holidays.

(c) Excludes meals in cafes, restaurants and other eating houses.

(d) Included in 'Other food stores'.

(e) Includes cafes, restaurants, fishmongers and poultryers.

(f) Included in 'Tobaccoists and hairdressers'.

(g) Includes all tobaccoists.

(h) In the 1961-62 retail census, a separate type of business classification was provided for department stores. Comparable figures were given for 1956-57 for 'number of establishments' and 'value of retail sales' but not for 'number working mainly on retail activities'. The result of the change in classification was to shift establishments out of a previous category into department stores.

(i) Includes some establishments (and sales by establishments) whose main type of business is basic building materials (for example, timber, roofing tiles, bricks).

(j) Excludes basic building materials.

Year 30 June	Establish- ments ^a	RETAIL WORKERS ^b		
		Retail sales	Male	Female	Total
17	18	19	20	21
£'000				
Watchmakers and jewellers				
1948	1 376	10 449	..	..
1949	1 425	12 357	..	..
1949	1 425	12 357	..	..
1953	1 679	20 509	..	..
1953	1 679	20 509	..	..
1957	1 875	22 947	..	..
1957	1 878	22 962	..	..
1962	1 761	22 770	..	..
Grain and produce merchantsⁱ				
1948	797	16 264	..	..
1949	822	19 227	..	..
1949	822	19 227	..	..
1953	979	44 046	..	..
1953	979	44 196	..	..
1957	1 039	57 314	..	..
1957	..	..	..	..
1962	..	..	..	..
Cycle stores				
1948	941	4 014	..	..
1949	904	3 428	..	..
1949	904	3 428	..	..
1953	633	3 357	..	..
1953	633	3 357	..	..
1957	559	3 829	..	..
1957	559	3 803	..	..
1962	417	2 577	..	..
Florists, nurseries				
1948	1 112	2 758	..	..
1949	1 157	3 153	..	..
1949	1 157	3 153	..	..
1953	1 007	5 312	..	..
1953	1 006	5 311	..	..
1957	1 125	6 580	..	..
1957	1 131	6 442	..	..
1962	1 106	7 202	..	..
Total motor vehicle dealers, garages, service stationsⁿ				
1948	7 977	117 578	..	..
1949	8 271	164 715	..	..
1949	8 271	164 715	..	..
1953	10 331	415 535	..	..
1953	10 331	418 080 ^o	..	..
1957	13 168	632 235 ^o	65 817 ^p	12 196 ^p
1957	13 238	598 352 ^o	..	..
1962	16 582	813 727 ^o	81 451	16 345
Tractor dealers^q				
1948	..	..	..	..
1949	..	..	..	..
1953	279	14 184	..	..
1953	278	16 891	..	..

Motor parts and tyre dealers				
1948	..	..	..	..
1949	..	..	..	..
1953	979	18 738	..	..
1953	979	18 664	..	..
1957	1 065	26 901	..	..
1957	1 098	26 678	..	..
1962	1 573	41 465	..	..
Used motor vehicle dealers				
1948	..	..	..	..
1949	..	..	..	..
1953	..	..	..	..
1953	979	18 738	..	..
1957	1 065	26 901	..	..
1957	1 098	26 678	..	..
1962	1 573	41 465	..	..
Other types of business				
1948	5 641	30 246	..	..
1949	5 349	30 404	..	..
1949	5 349	30 404	..	..
1953	4 076	22 314	..	..
1953	4 076	22 314	..	..
1957	2 974	24 079	..	..
1957	2 974	22 815	..	..
1957	3 070	29 378	25 922 ^r	14 357 ^r
1957	3 218	29 997	..	..
1962	3 451	38 906	19 121 ^s	13 703 ^s
Total retail establishments				
1948	101 426	964 928	..	..
1949	105 614	1 149 472	..	..
1949	105 614	1 149 472	..	..
1953	109 985	2 128 704	..	..
1953	109 979	2 127 900	..	..
1957	120 539	2 897 827	313 504	264 931

RWT 22-26 RETAIL AND SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS, AUSTRALIA 1969-1980

Year 30 June	Establish- ments ^a	Retail sales		STAFF ^b		Total
		22	23	24	25		26

\$'000						
Department stores						
Year 30 June	Establish- ments ^a	22	23	24	25	26
1969	249	1 016 789	25 542	47 564	73 106	73 106
1974	296	1 870 317	28 914	61 097	90 011	90 011
1980	408	3 653 744	28 193	63 765	91 958	91 958
Variety and general stores ^c						
1969	2 466	498 115	11 502	27 140	38 642	38 642
1974	1 376	529 516	7 807	24 485	32 292	32 292
1980	449	356 384 ^c	2 048 ^c	5 563 ^c	7 611 ^c	7 611 ^c
Total department, variety and general stores ^c						
1969	2 715	1 514 908	37 044	74 704	111 748	111 748
1974	1 672	2 399 833	36 721	85 582	122 303	122 303
1980	857	4 010 128	30 241	69 328	99 569	99 569
Supermarkets ^d						
1969	657	634 068	12 170	16 126	28 296	28 296
1974	915	1 563 614	21 163	31 919	53 082	53 082
1980	...	...	...	...	...	...
Grocers, tobacconists ^d						
1969	22 947	1 327 697	31 950	44 894	76 844	76 844
1974	19 473	1 624 500	25 030	41 030	66 060	66 060
1980	17 169 ^d	8 791 852 ^d	59 496 ^d	100 247 ^d	159 743 ^d	159 743 ^d
Butchers						
1969	9 447	594 363	27 540	6 894	34 434	34 434
1974	8 460	831 168	23 600	5 915	29 515	29 515
1980	7 312	1 456 546	19 385	5 396	24 781	24 781
Fruit and vegetable stores						
1969	4 967	196 485	8 041	10 205	18 246	18 246
1974	4 368	251 062	6 609	8 459	15 068	15 068
1980	3 012	453 665	5 309	6 364	11 673	11 673
Liquor stores						
1969	553	62 752	1 436	1 127	2 563	2 563
1974	955	185 178	3 300	2 435	5 735	5 735
1980	1 289	624 022	3 947	2 434	6 381	6 381
Confectionery and soft drink stores						
1969	7 190	227 119	8 316	17 558	25 874	25 874
1974	6 171	252 621	6 368	15 520	21 888	21 888
1980	...	...	...	...	...	...
Fish, chip and hamburger shops						
1969	3 468	89 360	5 335	6 964	12 299	12 299
1974	5 343	259 734	9 608	13 229	22 837	22 837
1980	9 021 ^f	1 077 527 ^f	18 226 ^f	30 690 ^f	48 916 ^f	48 916 ^f
Bread and cake shops						
1969	2 709	84 693	4 671	8 674	13 345	13 345
1974	2 272	105 962	4 014	9 075	13 089	13 089
1980	1 613	173 720	3 014	5 758	8 772	8 772
Total food stores						
1969	51 938	3 216 538	99 459	112 442	211 901	211 901
1974	47 957	5 073 839	99 692	127 582	227 274	227 274
1980	39 416	12 577 332	109 377	150 889	260 266	260 266
Bread vendors ^g						
1969	1 098	26 364	1 540	545	2 084	2 084
1974	...	...	...	...	...	...
1980	...	...	...	...	...	...
Milk vendors ^g						
1969	4 361	173 581	9 363	3 441	12 804	12 804
1974	...	...	...	...	...	...
1980	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total bread and milk vendors ^g						
1969	5 459	199 945	10 903	3 986	14 888	14 888
1974	...	...	...	...	...	...
1980	...	...	...	...	...	...
Furniture and floor covering stores						
1969	2 216	271 289	9 075	4 325	13 400	13 400
1974	2 686	606 442	10 527	5 244	15 771	15 771
1980	2 839	1 159 010	9 424	5 524	14 948	14 948
Fabric and household textile stores						
1969	2 322	106 910	2 566	6 313	8 879	8 879
1974	2 921	228 132	3 183	9 482	12 665	12 665
1980	2 287	390 715	2 365	7 561	9 926	9 926
Men's and boys' wear stores						
1969	3 155	219 353	9 047	5 393	14 440	14 440
1974	3 250	373 009	9 192	5 925	15 117	15 117
1980	2 649	610 653	6 876	4 983	11 859	11 859
Women's, girls' and infants' wear stores						
1969	7 293	359 610	4 544	24 262	28 806	28 806
1974	8 173	641 600	4 216	28 755	32 971	32 971
1980	7 407	1 392 844	4 497	28 287	32 784	32 784
Footwear stores						
1969	2 200	139 247	3 545	6 917	10 462	10 462
1974	2 304	226 920	3 190	7 764	10 954	10 954
1980	2 477	503 070	3 410	8 273	11 683	11 683
Shoe repairers ^h						
1969	1 565	1 258	2 177	542	2 719	2 719
1974	...	...	...	...	...	...
1980	249	1 161	502	95	597	597
Total clothing, fabric and furniture stores ⁱ						
1969	18 751	1 097 667	30 954	47 752	78 706	78 706
1974	19 334	2 076 103	30 308	57 170	87 478	87 478
1980	17 908	4 057 453	27 074	54 723	81 797	81 797
Household appliance stores						
1969	2 995	337 344	11 758	5 936	17 694	17 694
1974	3 002	700 759	12 144	6 501	18 645	18 645
1980	2 867	1 556 309	11 641	6 701	18 342	18 342
Household electrical appliance repairers						
1969	1 117	4 769	5 014	1 529	6 543	6 543
1974	1 560	6 009	4 619	1 532	6 151	6 151
1980	599	11 537	2 696	860	3 556	3 556
China, glassware, domestic hardware stores						
1969	1 812	82 422	4 034	3 560	7 594	7 594
1974	2 142	144 997	4 580	4 604	9 184	9 184
1980	1 643	293 582	3 904	4 453	8 357	8 357
Watchmakers and jewellers						
1969	2 149	80 137	3 836	4 066	7 902	7 902
1974	2 211	152 787	3 484	5 656	9 140	9 140
1980	2 000	462 999	3 305	6 139	9 444	9 444
Musical instrument and record stores						
1969	451	33 765	1 153	1 231	2 384	2 384
1974	819	105 472	1 798	1 751	3 549	3 549
1980	1 087	251 490	1 995	1 848	3 843	3 843
Total household appliance and hardware stores						
1969	8 524	538 437	25 795	16 322	42 117	42 117
1974	9 734	1 110 024	26 625	20 044	46 669	46 669
1980	8 196	2 575 918	23 541	20 001	43 542	43 542
New motor vehicle dealers, motor vehicle repairers						
1969	7 428	1 711 127	62 698	12 425	75 123	75 123
1974	8 474	2 892 308	70 179	15 381	85 560	85 560
1980	8 681	6 630 704	66 826	15 158	81 984	81 984
Used motor vehicle and parts dealers						
1969	2 158	506 924	9 992	1 741	11 733	11 733
1974	2 586	763 663	11 092	2 343	13 435	13 435
1980	2 761	1 669 618	10 107	2 558	12 665	12 665
Tyre and battery retailers ^j						
1969	1 390	179 905	9 678	1 372	11 050	11 050
1974	1 628	321 510	10 306	1 438	11 744	11 744
1980	1 531	610 474	7 785	1 210	8 995	8 995
Service stations						
1969	10 340	648 618	35 946	11 111	47 057	47 057
1974	9 952	1 051 899	39 371	13 034	52 405	52 405
1980	8 469	2 984 627 ^k	31 224	12 711	43 935	43 935
Smash repair workshops						
1969	3 382	6 654	17 652	2 160	19 812	19 812
1974	4 006	7 285	19 118	2 420	21 538	21 538
1980	3 439	9 444	18 162	2 822	20 984	20 984
Motor cycle dealers						
1969	301	20 225	1 256	315	1 571	1 571
1974	641	87 426	2 740	726	3 502	3 502
1980	690	205 665	2 664	677	3 341	3 341
Boat and caravan dealers						
1969	541	75 452	1 845	643	2 488	2 488
1974	883	215 892	3 001	1 067	4 068	4 068
1980	945	357 102	3 069	1 022	4 091	4 091
Total motor vehicle, petrol and tyre retailers ^j						
1969	25 540	3 148 905	139 067	29 767	168 834	168 834
1974	28 170	5 339 983	155 807	36 445	192 252	192 252
1980	26 516	12 467 634	139 837	36 158	175 995	175 995
Pharmacies						
1969	5 786	375 979	10 188	18 331	28 519	28 519
1974	5 773	612 000	9 455	21 451	30 906	30 906
1980	5 323	1 181 607	8 038	20 802	28 840	28 840
Photographic equipment stores						
1969	351	22 050	897	577	1 474	1 474
1974	390	43 377	879	572	1 451	1 451
1980	653	122 171	1 186	1 081	2 267	2 267
Sporting goods, bicycle and toy shops						
1969	2 020	69 278	3 643	2 563	6 206	6 206
1974	2 302	157 972	4 190	3 190	7 380	7 380
1980	2 701	445 907	5 267	3 754	9 021	9 021
Newspapers, stationers, booksellers						
1969	3 892	266 260	9 636	11 093	20 729	20 729
1974	4 185	416 546	7 575	11 896	19 471	19 471
1980	4 362	972 327	7 979	12 861	20 840	20 840
Antique and secondhand dealers						
1969	1 470	28 757	1 797	1 868	3 665	3 665
1974	2 838	70 306	2 670	2 720	5 390	5 390
1980	1 468	189 839	2 197	1 917	4 114	4 114
Florists, nurseries						
1969	1 453	29 981	1 729	3 050	4 779	4 779
1974	1 918	59 326	2 071	3 952	6 023	6 023
1980	1 568	180 458	2 411	4 045	6 456	6 456
Retailers not elsewhere counted						
1969	2 031	46 290	3 936	3 930	7 866	7 866
1974	2 733	101 622	3 596	4 366	7 962	7 962
1980	1 532	159 192	1 904	2 767	4 671	4 671
Total other retailers						
1969	17 003	838 596	31 826	41 412	73 238	73 238
1974	20 139	1 461 149	30 436	48 147	78 583	78 583
1980	17 607	3 251 501	28 982	47 227	76 209	76 209
Motion picture theatres ^h						
1969	957	5 247	4 918	4 130	9 048	9 048
1974	...	...	...	...	...	...
1980	577	31 759	3 404	3 373	6 777	6 777
Cafes and restaurants						
1969	4 332	45 250	13 544	23 332	36 876	36 876
1974	5 123	90 655	18 101	30 746	48 847	48 847
1980	6 081	239 035	24 871	35 584	60 455	60 455
Licensed hotels, motels and wine saloons ^k						
1969	6 289	839 141	39 334	48 518	87 852	87 852
1974	6 355	1 200 199	45 263	58 125	103 388	103 388
1980	5 932	2 284 554	33 621	45 334	78 955	78 955
Accommodation ^m						
1969	...	...	...	...	...	...
1974	...	...	...	...	...	...
1980	5 689	94 669	16 782	27 11		

RWT 27-35 INDEXES OF VALUE OF RETAIL SALES, AUSTRALIA 1930-1962

Year 30 June	SYDNEY ^a			QUEENSLAND ^b			MELBOURNE ^c			SYDNEY & MELBOURNE ^d	
	I	II	III	I	II	III	II	III	II	III	
	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34		35	
1930				121.1							
1931				103.3							
1932	93.6			99.1							
1933	96.9			97.4							
1934	100.0			100.0							
1935	106.6			102.9							
1936	113.9			102.4							
1937	119.9	75.5		100.8	93.2						
1938	130.0	98.1		104.9	97.8						
1939	132.5	100.0		107.2	100.0						
1940		104.5			108.5		100.0				
1941		117.4			114.7						
1942		126.7			126.3						
1943		110.7			131.5						
1944		104.5			134.8						
1945		110.1			140.7						
1946		144.9			173.4					40.0	
1947		178.2			194.9					49.0	
1948		213.2			227.2		216.0			59.0	
1949		240.1			249.1		250.0			67.0	
1950		255.2			263.8		275.0			72.0	
1951		326.0			326.0		341.0			91.0	
1952		339.0			340.0		367.0			96.0	
1953		319.0			338.0		359.0			92.0	
1954		348.0	101.0		359.0	100.0	401.0	101.0		101.0	
1955		370.0	107.0		376.0	105.0	429.0	108.0		108.0	
1956		378.0	109.0		404.0	113.0	454.0	115.0		112.0	
1957										112.0	
1958										117.0	
1959										120.0	
1960										129.0	
1961										128.0	
1962										127.0	

NOTE Annual figures are an average of monthly indexes, not seasonally adjusted except for RWT 28. I: 1934=100; II: 1939=100; III: 1953-55=100

- (a) These statistics are obtained from returns supplied by a limited number of retailers, principally department stores in the city area of Sydney whose business is confined mainly to clothing and drapery, footwear, furniture and hardware.
- (b) Returns are collected by the Bureau of Industry from twelve large department stores in Brisbane and their branches in country towns.
- (c) From Master Drapers and Traders' Association of Victoria.
- (d) Based on returns supplied by a limited number of retailers, principally department stores, in the Sydney and Melbourne city areas.

RWT 36-37 TAKINGS FOR SPECIFIED SERVICES, AUSTRALIA 1948-1962

Year 30 June	Establishments ^a		Takings £'000
	30 June	36	
1948	8 597	56 864 ^c	Meals in cafes, restaurants & other eating establishments
1949	11 106	86 938 ^c	
1957	11 066 ^b	85 550 ^c	
1948	Meals & accommodation in hotels
1949	5 560	21 256	
1949	5 360	21 256	
1948	Other repairs
1949	4 356	6 483	
1949	4 677	11 739	
1948	Hairdressing
1949	2 590	5 972	
1949	3 351	2 883	
1948	Motor repairs
1949	3 351	2 883	
1949	3 351	2 883	
1948	Total repairs
1949	2 510	4 349	
1949	2 510	4 349 ^c	
1948	Major repairs
1949	2 491	5 342 ^c	
1949	2 492 ^b	5 345 ^c	
1948	Minor repairs
1949	2 886	7 036 ^c	
1949	2 886	7 036 ^c	
1948	Footwear
1949	16 224	16 224	
1949	25 273	25 273	
1948	Other
1949	6 471	25 273	
1949	8 113	56 864	

NOTE Details are shown separately in the censuses of takings for specified services, namely hairdressing, repair work, and meals and accommodation. As well as including takings by retail establishments, certain 'service' establishments are included whether they have retail sales or not, namely boot repairs, repair only garages, cafes and restaurants, and hairdressers. Each retail census 1949 to 1962 includes comparable figures for the current and previous censuses. Longer term comparisons are affected to varying degrees by changes in scope and classification between censuses.

- (a) Figures for 1953, 1957 and 1962 refer to establishments with total retail sales or 'other takings' of £500 or more. The 1948 and 1949 figures refer to establishments with retail sales or 'other takings' of £50 or more. In general the censuses cover establishments which were operating at 30 June. Establishments which operated for only part of the year are included if they were operating at that date.
- (b) For 1957, particulars for boot repairs and motor repairs include repairs carried out by establishments classified in the footwear and motor types of business respectively; boot and motor repairs carried out by other types of business are included under 'Other repairs' in that year.
- (c) Includes value of materials and labour used.

RWT 47-53 INDEXES OF EMPLOYMENT IN RETAIL STORES, STATES 1934-1941

Year 30 June	NSW		Vic		Qld		SA		Tas		WA		Aust ^a	
	47	48	49	50	51	52	53							
1934	103	107	101	102	106	99	103.7							
1935	111	118	106	108	108	105	111.6							
1936	118	130	109	114	112	110	119.3							
1937	124	137	111	115	119	115	124.7							
1938	130	141	112	115	118	116	128.3							
1939	132	142	114	114	133	116	130.0							
1940	132	144	117	112	139	115	130.9							
1941	134	147	117	114	138	113	132.3							

NOTE Annual figures are an average of monthly indexes, July to June, July 1933=100.
 (a) The Australian index is an average of the state indexes weighted by the number of persons returned as engaged in 'Commerce' at the census of June, 1933. 'Commerce' comprises both wholesale and retail dealing, and it is not possible to obtain separate figures for the latter.

RWT 54-59 LICENSED CLUBS, LAUNDRIES AND MOTION PICTURE THEATRES, AUSTRALIA 1953-1962

Year 30 June	LICENSED CLUBS ^a		LAUNDRIES ^c		MOTION PICTURE THEATRES	
	Establishments	Total takings ^b	Establishments	Total takings ^b	Establishments	Total takings ^d
1953	54	55	56	57	58	59
1953	1047	11 973	1393	16 925	..	..
1957	1852	23 861	1524	22 091	1939	31 241
1957	1849	23 726	1365	22 452	1939	31 241
1962	2342	43 041	1637	27 244	1645	21 889

NOTE In addition to the main censuses of retail establishments, 1948 to 1962, supplementary collections were made in conjunction with the 1953 retail census to cover the 'service establishments', licensed clubs and laundries and dry cleaners. Supplementary collections for motion picture theatres were first made in conjunction with the 1957 retail census. Comparable figures were published for the current and previous census. In the 1969 and later censuses, these establishments were included in 'Selected service establishments'. (See RWT 48-52).

- (a) Clubs, canteens, and similar establishments not included in the main census, licensed by the state licensing authority to sell beer, wine and spirits.
- (b) Includes takings from retail sales of beer, wine and spirits, tobacco, cigars and cigarettes, confectionary and other goods, as well as other takings for meals and accommodation.
- (c) Laundry, dry cleaning (including plants conducted by retail establishments) and dyeing plants.
- (d) Receipts from admissions and screen advertising.

RWT 38-46 WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN COMMERCE, AUSTRALIA 1941-1979

Year 30 June ^a	RETAIL TRADE			OTHER COMMERCE & FINANCE ^b			TOTAL COMMERCE		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
1941	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46
1941	102.3	102.4	204.7	117.4	44.3	161.7	219.7	146.7	366.4
1942	81.5	104.2	185.7	98.8	51.8	150.6	180.3	156.0	336.3
1943	71.7	98.5	170.2	89.3	52.6	141.9	161.0	151.1	312.1
1944	71.4	94.1	165.5	92.7	52.1	144.8	164.1	146.2	310.3
1945	103.2	99.7	202.9	133.4	50.8	184.2	236.6	150.5	387.1
1946	116.0	104.0	220.0	151.9	53.0	204.9	267.9	157.0	424.9
1947 ^a	116.0	104.0	220.0	151.9	53.0	204.9	267.9	157.0	424.9
1948	116.0	104.0	220.0	151.9	53.0	204.9	267.9	157.0	424.9
1949	116.0	104.0	220.0	151.9	53.0	204.9	267.9	157.0	424.9
1950	116.0	104.0	220.0	151.9	53.0	204.9	267.9	157.0	424.9
1951	116.0	104.0	220.0	151.9	53.0	204.9	267.9	157.0	424.9
1952 ^c	124.8	124.8	249.6	135.3	40.0	175.3	260.1	152.4	412.5
1953 ^c	125.0	109.9	234.9	134.6	39.1	173.7	259.6	149.0	408.6
1954 ^c	128.4	115.3	243.7	140.4	42.1	182.5	268.8	157.0	426.2
1954 ^c	161.7	125.3	287.1	111.4	35.1	146.6	295.8 ^d	165.8 ^d	461.6 ^d
1955 ^c	166.1	132.8	298.9	117.3	37.4	154.7	306.6	175.7	482.3
1956 ^c	170.1	135.9	306.0	120.3	38.3	158.5	314.7	179.9	494.6
1957 ^c	172.3	135.8	308.1	120.8	39.1	159.9	318.2	180.9	499.1
1958 ^c	178.0	140.1	318.1	123.9	39.5	163.3	326.2	185.5	511.7
1959 ^c	181.7	141.3	323.0	127.4	40.3	167.8	333.6	187.3	520.9
1960	188.4	148.6	337.0	132.3	42.0	174.2	342.2	196.5	542.7
1961	191.3	150.7	342.0	135.4	43.0	178.3	352.7	199.9	552.6
1962	195.5	156.5	352.0	135.9	42.4	178.3	354.6	205.1	559.7
1963	203.2	162.9	366.1	139.5	43.9	183.4	367.6	212.7	580.3
1964	210.5	169.5	380.0	145.2	46.0	191.2	381.0	221.6	602.6
1965	213.8	176.2	390.0	151.2	49.2	200.4	390.8	231.7	622.4
1966	216.5	184.2	400.7	154.5	51.8	206.2	395.8	242.3	638.1
1966	192.6	195.9	388.5	168.3	66.1	234.4	385.1	268.6	653.8
1967	196.1	208.6	404.6	170.1	67.0	237.1	390.9	282.3	673.2
1968	200.2	214.5	414.7	173.3	69.9	243.2	395.1	291.1	689.2
1969	204.0	219.7	423.7	178.2	72.8	251.0	407.9	299.5	707.0
1970	209.9	229.1	438.9	182.6	76.8	259.4	417.9	313.0	730.9
1971	214.7	235.5	450.2	185.2	79.9	265.2	424.4	322.2	746.6
1971	287.7	273.6	561.3	253.1	99.1	352.2	540.8	372.6	913.5
1972	291.6	282.7	574.3	251.4	98.8	350.2	542.9	381.6	924.5
1973	310.9	306.9	617.8	253.4	99.7	353.1	558.4	406.6	965.1
1974	314.9	325.6	640.5	257.8	105.1	362.9	572.6	430.7	1 003.3
1975	312.3	320.1	632.4	249.3	97.5	346.7	561.5	417.6	979.1
1976	320.0	322.2	642.2	249.5	96.5	346.0	569.5	418.7	988.2
1977	322.2	324.5	646.8	248.7	94.3	343.0	571.0	418.8	989.8
1978	318.8	327.1	645.9	246.8	91.7	338.5	565.5	418.8	984.3
1979	319.0	337.5	656.5	247.0	93.4	341.1	566.7	430.9	997.6

NOTE Estimated employment is based on payroll tax returns. Excluding employees in agriculture and private domestic service.

- (a) With the exception of 1947 (July) and 1949 (May). Current data supplied generally refer to persons on the payroll for the last pay period of the month.
- (b) From 1947-1954 this category becomes 'Wholesale trade and other commerce', from 1954, 'Wholesale trade'.
- (c) Excludes National Service trainees in camp.
- (d) 1954-1971 total commerce figures include primary produce dealing as well as retail and wholesale trade.

RWT 60-63 RETAIL SALES AND NATIONAL INCOME ORIGINATING IN DISTRIBUTION, AUSTRALIA 1861-1939

Year 31 Dec	NATIONAL INCOME ORIGINATING IN DISTRIBUTION			
	Retail sales	Current prices	Constant (1911) prices	
	60	61	62	63
	£m	£m	%GDP	£m
1861	36.9	9.0	14.0	6.5
1862	37.8	8.8	13.7	7.0
1863	35.3	7.4	11.9	6.5
1864	37.3	9.0	13.8	7.8
1865	35.3	8.4	12.8	6.7
1866	40.4	10.0	14.1	8.6
1867	37.2	9.3	13.0	9.6
1868	39.0	9.4	12.3	8.9
1869	42.5	10.1	13.2	11.2
1870	44.3	10.7	13.1	11.4
1871	36.9	8.5	10.9	9.2
1872	42.9	10.0	10.7	11.9
1873	60.0	15.4	14.2	16.6
1874	59.3	15.6	14.2	15.5
1875	63.9	16.6	14.0	16.0
1876	60.3	15.5	13.2	15.5
1877	58.8	15.0	12.4	14.4
1878	65.4	17.2	13.6	17.3
1879	67.7	17.3	13.5	19.5
1880	59.0	15.1	11.3	17.1
1881	68.4	17.1	12.0	19.2
1882	78.5	19.7	13.3	18.1
1883	83.3	21.3	12.9	20.0
1884	81.3	20.1	12.4	19.9
1885	94.4	23.9	13.8	23.0
1886	88.5	21.6	12.7	19.9
1887	94.4	24.2	12.9	24.0

Year 31 Dec	NATIONAL INCOME ORIGINATING IN DISTRIBUTION			
	Retail sales	Current prices	Constant (1911) prices	
	60	61	62	63
	£m	£m	%GDP	£m
1888	95.3	27.1	14.0	27.0
1889	110.3	30.3	14.3	30.6
1890	105.3	25.1	12.2	25.3
1891	100.4	23.9	11.8	24.6
1892	85.4	17.9	10.5	18.6
1893	76.5	15.6	10.2	16.7
1894	71.9	14.7	9.9	17.9
1895	69.9	13.8	9.8	17.0
1896	84.3	18.1	11.3	22.0
1897	78.2	15.8	10.3	19.4
1898	98.4	23.5	13.2	29.1
1899	85.5	19.4	10.7	22.0
1900	106.1	24.1	12.7	28.8
30 June				
1901	109.7	28.8	15.2	29.6
1902	118.2	31.8	16.2	30.1
1903	112.7	27.3	13.9	26.8
1904	117.1	31.6	14.1	34.2
1905	113.8	28.8	12.9	29.2
1906	119.8	32.0	13.4	32.7
1907	130.1	35.3	13.1	37.0
1908	142.2	37.8	13.8	36.7
1909	153.1	41.6	14.9	41.4
1910	174.9	52.6	16.8	52.3
1911	192.9	57.0	17.3	57.0
1912	206.3	58.0	16.7	51.4
1913	224.1	61.5	16.3	56.2

Year 30 June	NATIONAL INCOME ORIGINATING IN DISTRIBUTION			
	Retail sales	Current prices	Constant (1911) prices	
	60	61	62	63
	£m	£m	%GDP	£m
1914	240.3	67.5	16.4	59.0
1915	242.8	64.2	17.2	45.3
1916	249.3	66.6	16.1	44.5
1917	274.5	74.7	15.7	50.7
1918	273.7	75.5	15.3	49.9
1919	354.5	105.2	19.9	61.3
1920	393.4	111.5	19.3	53.1
1921	455.4	145.8	21.3	76.7
1922	407.4	128.3	19.5	76.2
1923	465.8	144.6	20.7	80.1
1924	475.6	147.9	20.4	85.4
1925	521.3	170.9	20.8	95.7
1926	530.5	166.8	21.4	91.2
1927	525.0	155.8	19.6	87.1
1928	519.4	149.6	18.7	85.0
1929	497.2	140.6	17.7	75.3
1930	480.4	134.2	18.6	79.8
1931	352.8	93.2	15.6	63.1
1932	338.2	85.5	15.4	60.0
1933	359.3	94.6	16.4	70.5
1934	375.7	102.1	16.5	72.9
1935	412.4	114.0	17.5	79.1
1936	458.7	130.8	18.3	88.7
1937	481.5	140.6	17.8	92.4
1938	536.3	160.7	18.9	101.5
1939	543.5	159.8	19.1	97.4

RWT 64-68 EMPLOYED POPULATION BY INDUSTRY, GENDER AND OCCUPATIONAL STATUS, AUSTRALIA 1971-1981

Census year	Employer	Self- employed	Wage- earner	Unpaid helper	Total employed
<i>Wholesale trade, male</i>					
1971	8 461	8 159	228 126	127	244 873
1976	9 270	9 795	225 704	205	244 973
1981	10 453	11 670	226 975	164	249 266
<i>Wholesale trade, female</i>					
1971	1 805	1 971	88 660	333	92 769
1976	3 736	3 832	86 992	546	95 106
1981	4 267	4 988	89 266	425	98 945
<i>Wholesale trade, total</i>					
1971	10 266	10 130	316 786	460	337 642
1976	13 006	13 627	312 696	751	340 079
1981	14 720	16 658	316 241	589	348 211
<i>Retail trade, male</i>					
1971	53 751	40 123	260 968	622	355 464
1976	52 548	51 140	271 746	1131	376 565
1981	54 113	56 050	271 390	979	382 531
<i>Retail trade, female</i>					
1971	23 064	23 949	244 416	2994	294 423
1976	30 611	32 770	258 921	3895	326 197
1981	31 726	37 128	288 464	2855	360 172

Census year	Employer	Self- employed	Wage- earner	Unpaid helper	Total employed
<i>Retail trade, total</i>					
1971	76 815	64 072	505 384	3616	649 887
1976	83 159	83 910	530 667	5026	702 762
1981	85 839	93 178	559 854	3834	742 705
<i>Wholesale & retail trade, male^a</i>					
1971	62 243	48 403	489 315	750	600 711
1976	61 869	61 201	498 129	1 337	622 563
1981	64 733	68 276	499 576	1 150	633 737
<i>Wholesale & retail trade, female^a</i>					
1971	24 879	25 954	333 214	3 330	387 377
1976	34 378	36 765	346 309	4 454	421 906
1981	36 078	42 394	378 445	3 294	460 209
<i>Wholesale & retail trade, total^a</i>					
1971	87 122	74 357	822 529	4 080	988 088
1976	96 247	97 966	844 438	5 791	1 044 469
1981	100 811	110 670	878 021	4 444	1 093 946

NOTE Persons who, during the week prior to the census, were unemployed or classified 'not in the labour force' are not included.

(a) These figures do not equal the total of wholesale and retail figures, as they contain the category 'Wholesale and retail trade, undefined'.

RWT 69-76 WORKFORCE BY INDUSTRY, GENDER AND OCCUPATIONAL STATUS, AUSTRALIA 1947-1966

Census year	Employer	Self-employed	Wage-earner	Unpaid helper	Total at work	Not at work ^a	Not stated	Total
	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76
<i>Wholesale trade, male</i>								
1947	7 309	7 548	69 978	116	84 951	1 069	328	86 348
1954	7 679	7 854	106 651	105	122 289	782	36	123 107
1961	6 750	6 783	129 624	69	143 226	3 136	0	146 362
1966 ^b	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	169 049
<i>Wholesale trade, female</i>								
1947	275	133	21 377	28	21 813	212	21	22 046
1954	511	385	33 485	54	34 435	151	8	34 594
1961	859	624	40 601	52	42 136	478	0	42 614
1966 ^b	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	60 194
<i>Wholesale trade, total</i>								
1947	7 584	7 681	91 355	144	106 764	1 281	349	108 394
1954	8 190	8 239	140 136	159	156 724	933	44	157 701
1961	7 609	7 407	170 225	121	185 362	3 614	0	188 976
1966 ^b	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	229 243
<i>Livestock and primary produce dealing, male</i>								
1947	1 883	1 606	16 422	30	19 941	616	143	20 700
1954	1 730	1 583	21 927	27	25 267	416	18	25 701
1961	1 513	1 425	25 176	22	28 136	985	0	29 121
1966 ^b	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	27 021
<i>Livestock and primary produce dealing, female</i>								
1947	40	21	3 452	5	3 518	22	2	3 542
1954	53	34	5 266	18	5 371	15	1	5 387
1961	110	91	6 181	14	6 396	53	0	6 449
1966 ^b	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6 654
<i>Livestock and primary produce dealing, total</i>								
1947	1 923	1 627	19 874	35	23 459	638	145	24 242
1954	1 783	1 617	27 193	45	30 638	431	19	31 088
1961	1 623	1 516	31 357	36	34 532	1 038	0	35 570
1966 ^b	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	33 675
<i>Retail trade, male</i>								
1947	30 720	28 524	103 354	979	163 577	3 395	1 600	168 572
1954 ^c	41 386	35 814	158 209	739	236 148	2 357	155	238 660
1961	46 214	36 053	186 543	624	269 434	6 800	0	276 234
1966 ^b	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
<i>Retail trade, female</i>								
1947	5 955	8 321	83 967	827	99 070	1 416	349	100 835
1954 ^c	9 185	13 484	123 446	2 182	148 297	1 574	61	149 932
1961	14 128	17 391	147 735	1 835	181 089	4 897	0	185 986
1966 ^b	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
<i>Retail trade, total</i>								
1947	36 675	36 845	187 321	1 806	262 647	4 811	1 949	269 407
1954 ^c	50 571	49 298	281 655	2 921	384 445	3 931	216	388 592
1961	60 342	53 444	334 278	2 459	450 523	11 697	0	462 220
1966 ^b	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	522 940
<i>Total commerce, male</i>								
1947 ^d	40 221	37 902	191 459	1 131	270 713	5 222	2 091	278 026
1954	50 795	45 251	286 787	871	383 704	3 555	209	387 468
1961	54 477	44 261	341 343	715	440 796	10 921	0	451 717
1966 ^b	56 144	39 978	379 170	957	476 249	3 243	0	479 492
<i>Total commerce, female</i>								
1947 ^d	6 289	8 487	109 813	861	125 450	1 670	373	127 493
1954	9 749	13 903	162 197	2 254	188 103	1 740	70	189 913
1961	15 097	18 106	194 517	1 901	229 621	5 428	0	235 049
1966 ^b	21 367	20 330	257 748	4 332	303 777	2 589	0	306 366
<i>Total commerce, total</i>								
1947 ^d	46 510	46 389	301 272	1 992	396 163	6 892	2 464	405 519
1954	60 544	59 154	448 984	3 125	571 807	5 295	279	577 381
1961	69 574	62 367	535 860	2 616	670 417	16 349	0	686 766
1966 ^b	77 511	60 308	636 918	5 289	780 026	5 832	0	785 858

NOTE 'Workforce' comprises those employed and unemployed ('not at work'). Full-blood Aborigines are excluded. Industry was determined from respondents' own stated description of the 'kind of industry, business or service' in which they worked. Those where industry was 'inadequately described or not stated' are not included in these figures. Due to changes in the classification of industries at the various censuses, these figures for census years are not strictly comparable.

- (a) Unemployed persons are classified to occupational status according to their last job held. Included in this category are persons who were:- (i) unable to secure employment; (ii) temporarily laid off from their job; (iii) not actively seeking work at the time of the census on account of sickness or accident, industrial dispute, resting between jobs; or for any other reason. The numbers shown as 'not at work' therefore do not represent the number of unemployed available for work and unable to obtain it.
- (b) The adoption of a new definition of workforce at the 1966 census resulted in the inclusion of a considerable number of part-time employees (mostly female) who had previously been excluded.
- (c) From 1954 includes motor garages, service stations and other categories previously included in road transport.
- (d) Figures for 1947 include 2406 male and 1070 females who were unable to be classified in a commerce sub-group.