

Table 1: Value index and value of retail sales by type of retail outlet for February and March 2006

Type of retail outlet	Value Index of Retail Sales (Points) (Monthly average of Oct. 1999 – Sep. 2000 = 100)		Value of Retail Sales (HK\$ million)		Percentage Change (%)		
	Feb 2006 (Revised figures)	Mar 2006 (Provisional figures)	Feb 2006 (Revised figures)	Mar 2006 (Provisional figures)	Feb 2006 over Feb 2005	Mar 2006 over Mar 2005	Jan - Mar 2006 over Jan - Mar 2005
All retail outlets	104.1	115.6	16,168	17,939	-3.2	+9.0	+6.0
By type of retail outlet							
Food, alcoholic drinks and tobacco (other than supermarkets)	97.9	108.7	1,734	1,925	-11.2	+10.0	+4.9
• Fish, livestock and poultry, fresh or frozen	95.9	96.9	551	557	-20.1	+4.1	#
• Fruits and vegetables, fresh	50.2	70.2	113	159	+0.1	#	+1.3
• Bread, pastry, confectionery and biscuits	110.9	119.9	347	376	-16.4	+6.1	+3.0
• Other foodstuffs	106.9	126.9	530	629	-1.7	+20.4	+9.4
• Alcoholic drinks and tobacco	119.1	126.8	192	205	-1.5	+14.3	+13.7
Supermarkets Φ	96.6	115.7	1,995	2,389	-12.8	+16.3	+7.6
Fuels	71.5	85.1	465	553	+13.9	+10.9	+15.1
Clothing, footwear and allied products	101.9	106.7	2,050	2,147	-9.8	+5.8	+3.3
• Wearing apparel	103.1	108.2	1,775	1,863	-7.0	+5.8	+3.3
• Footwear, allied products and other clothing accessories	94.8	97.7	276	284	-24.1	+5.8	+2.8
Consumer durable goods	90.2	124.1	2,430	3,344	-3.7	+6.3	+3.0
• Motor vehicles and parts	76.9	128.7	569	952	+14.0	+23.1	+11.4
• Electrical goods and photographic equipment	116.5	143.1	1,287	1,581	-10.9	-0.6	+0.1
• Furniture and fixtures	71.4	98.8	326	451	-8.0	+1.2	-0.7
• Other consumer durable goods, not elsewhere classified	63.2	91.6	249	361	+9.1	+7.4	+4.3
Department stores	110.6	110.5	1,634	1,633	-7.9	+3.8	+2.5
Jewellery, watches and clocks, and valuable gifts	126.0	129.7	2,439	2,511	+11.9	+17.0	+11.9
Other consumer goods	117.2	117.8	3,419	3,436	+3.8	+5.2	+6.8
• Books, newspapers, stationery and gifts	96.4	90.5	466	437	+15.1	+4.0	+6.8
• Chinese drugs and herbs	80.6	87.6	216	234	-14.9	+4.9	+2.2
• Optical shops	96.2	97.7	140	142	+11.2	-1.4	+2.7
• Medicines and cosmetics	127.1	137.0	1,241	1,338	-2.2	-2.1	+1.9
• Other consumer goods, not elsewhere classified	129.9	123.0	1,357	1,285	+9.3	+15.6	+13.6

Φ These figures do not include sales in supermarket sections of department stores. Supplementary statistics that include such sales are shown below :

<i>Supermarkets and supermarket sections of department stores</i>	<i>100.3</i>	<i>118.3</i>	<i>2,210</i>	<i>2,607</i>	<i>-12.2</i>	<i>+16.6</i>	<i>+8.1</i>
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The sum of individual items and the total shown might not exactly tally because of rounding.

Denotes change within ± 0.05 .

The underlined '5' denotes rounded up figure.

Table 2: Volume index of retail sales by type of retail outlet for February and March 2006

Type of retail outlet	Volume Index of Retail Sales (Points) (Monthly average of Oct. 1999 - Sep. 2000 = 100)		Percentage Change (%)		
	Feb 2006 (Revised figures)	Mar 2006 (Provisional figures)	Feb 2006 over Feb 2005	Mar 2006 over Mar 2005	Jan - Mar 2006 over Jan - Mar 2005
All retail outlets	107.6	121.2	-4.9	+7.7	+4.6
By type of retail outlet					
Food, alcoholic drinks and tobacco (other than supermarkets)	99.8	110.9	-11.1	+10.1	+3.9
• Fish, livestock and poultry, fresh or frozen	98.3	100.1	-20.0	+2.9	-2.7
• Fruits and vegetables, fresh	46.7	66.6	-0.1	+3.9	+0.8
• Bread, pastry, confectionery and biscuits	114.6	124.1	-16.7	+5.8	+2.8
• Other foodstuffs	109.8	130.0	-0.6	+21.4	+9.8
• Alcoholic drinks and tobacco	119.7	126.9	-2.7	+12.8	+12.7
Supermarkets Φ	95.1	113.7	-12.4	+15.6	+7.6
Fuels	56.4	66.8	+4.8	+4.7	+6.4
Clothing, footwear and allied products	109.6	107.7	-9.0	+6.2	+4.6
• Wearing apparel	109.3	107.1	-7.0	+5.7	+3.7
• Footwear, allied products and other clothing accessories	111.6	111.1	-19.5	+9.4	+8.9
Consumer durable goods	134.4	188.2	#	+9.9	+6.8
• Motor vehicles and parts	101.5	171.5	+22.3	+27.9	+16.6
• Electrical goods and photographic equipment	187.6	240.9	-7.7	+3.5	+3.8
• Furniture and fixtures	80.8	110.5	-6.1	+2.7	+1.2
• Other consumer durable goods, not elsewhere classified	109.0	161.7	+16.0	+13.6	+10.8
Department stores	116.8	115.8	-7.8	+4.8	+3.1
Jewellery, watches and clocks, and valuable gifts	83.4	86.0	-6.4	+0.7	-4.7
Other consumer goods	118.0	118.2	+2.9	+4.7	+6.1
• Books, newspapers, stationery and gifts	87.9	82.4	+17.5	+6.3	+9.2
• Chinese drugs and herbs	83.8	91.1	-13.2	+6.5	+3.3
• Optical shops	97.8	99.1	+6.7	-4.1	-1.2
• Medicines and cosmetics	129.3	139.3	-3.8	-3.0	+0.7
• Other consumer goods, not elsewhere classified	132.9	124.6	+8.5	+14.4	+12.6

Φ These figures do not include sales in supermarket sections of department stores. Supplementary statistics that include such sales are shown below :

<i>Supermarkets and supermarket sections of department stores</i>	99.5	117.0	-11.9	+16.0	+8.1
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Denotes change within ± 0.05 .

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Table 3 : Movement of the volume of total retail sales, January 2005 - March 2006

Original Series		Seasonally Adjusted Series			
Year/Month	Year-on-year rate of change (%)	3 months ending Month/Year	Compared with the 3 months ending Month/Year	Rate of change (%) ^{@#}	
2005	Jan	+3.1	Jan 2005	Oct 2004	+2.2
	Feb	+16.0	Feb 2005	Nov 2004	+1.9
	Mar	+5.2	Mar 2005	Dec 2004	+1.5
	Apr	+7.8	Apr 2005	Jan 2005	+1.4
	May	+6.4	May 2005	Feb 2005	+0.5
	Jun	+5.2	Jun 2005	Mar 2005	+0.8
	Jul	+5.8	Jul 2005	Apr 2005	+0.4
	Aug	+5.3	Aug 2005	May 2005	+0.5
	Sep	+4.1	Sep 2005	Jun 2005	+0.4
	Oct	+3.7	Oct 2005	Jul 2005	+0.6
	Nov	+3.5	Nov 2005	Aug 2005	+1.0
	Dec	+5.8	Dec 2005	Sep 2005	+1.6
2006	Jan	+10.4	Jan 2006	Oct 2005	+2.0
	Feb	-4.9	Feb 2006	Nov 2005	+1.2
	Mar	+7.7*	Mar 2006	Dec 2005	+1.2*

* Provisional figures.

@ The rate is calculated by comparing the monthly average index for the 3-month period ending the month in question with that for the preceding 3-month period, e.g. the rate for the 3 months ending Dec. 2005 is the percentage change of the average monthly index for Oct., Nov. and Dec. 2005 over the average monthly index for Jul., Aug. and Sep. 2005.

Seasonally adjusted series may be revised as more data become available. For retail sales index, the seasonally adjusted series for the preceding three years are revised each year when the figures for January become available.