

Table 1: Value index and value of retail sales by type of retail outlet for March and April 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 (%)		
	Mar 2006 (Revised figures)	Apr 2006 (Provisional figures)	Mar 2006 (Revised figures)	Apr 2006 (Provisional figures)	Mar 2006 over Mar 2005	Apr 2006 over Apr 2005	Jan - Apr 2006 over Jan - Apr 2005
All retail outlets	115.6	119.8	17,950	18,596	+9.0	+9.4	+6.9
By type of retail outlet							
Food, alcoholic drinks and tobacco (other than supermarkets)	108.7	109.1	1,924	1,933	+10.0	+6.4	+5.2
• Fish, livestock and poultry, fresh or frozen	96.9	93.2	557	536	+4.1	+5.8	+1.3
• Fruits and vegetables, fresh	70.1	79.7	158	180	-0.2	-0.4	+0.8
• Bread, pastry, confectionery and biscuits	119.6	110.6	375	346	+5.8	+5.9	+3.6
• Other foodstuffs	127.0	134.1	630	665	+20.6	+7.0	+8.8
• Alcoholic drinks and tobacco	126.8	127.6	205	206	+14.3	+13.5	+13.7
Supermarkets Φ	115.6	111.2	2,388	2,296	+16.3	+6.3	+7.3
Fuels	85.1	89.8	553	584	+10.9	+8.7	+13.3
Clothing, footwear and allied products	106.7	121.7	2,148	2,449	+5.8	+7.9	+4.4
• Wearing apparel	108.3	126.5	1,864	2,178	+5.8	+7.8	+4.5
• Footwear, allied products and other clothing accessories	97.6	93.4	284	272	+5.7	+8.2	+3.8
Consumer durable goods	124.3	121.0	3,349	3,260	+6.5	+6.6	+4.0
• Motor vehicles and parts	129.2	120.2	956	890	+23.6	+15.0	+12.6
• Electrical goods and photographic equipment	143.0	134.7	1,580	1,488	-0.7	+2.3	+0.6
• Furniture and fixtures	98.8	103.6	450	472	+1.2	+7.9	+1.5
• Other consumer durable goods, not elsewhere classified	92.2	104.3	363	411	+8.0	+4.7	+4.6
Department stores	110.5	115.6	1,633	1,707	+3.8	+14.3	+5.0
Jewellery, watches and clocks, and valuable gifts	129.8	126.8	2,514	2,457	+17.1	+16.9	+13.1
Other consumer goods	117.9	134.0	3,440	3,909	+5.3	+9.8	+7.6
• Books, newspapers, stationery and gifts	91.1	111.6	440	539	+4.7	+6.6	+6.9
• Chinese drugs and herbs	87.7	103.1	235	276	+5.0	+4.8	+2.9
• Optical shops	97.8	108.8	142	158	-1.3	-1.2	+1.6
• Medicines and cosmetics	137.1	147.0	1,339	1,435	-2.0	+5.5	+2.8
• Other consumer goods, not elsewhere classified	123.0	143.6	1,285	1,500	+15.6	+18.2	+14.8

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>118.3</i>	<i>114.4</i>	<i>2,607</i>	<i>2,521</i>	<i>+16.6</i>	<i>+8.3</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.

The underlined '5' denotes rounded up figure.

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

Type of retail outlet	Volume Index of Retail Sales (Points) (Monthly average of Oct. 1999 - Sep. 2000 = 100)		Percentage Change (%)		
	Mar 2006 (Revised figures)	Apr 2006 (Provisional figures)	Mar 2006 over Mar 2005	Apr 2006 over Apr 2005	Jan - Apr 2006 over Jan - Apr 2005
All retail outlets	121.2	123.1	+7.7	+7.9	+5.4
<u>By type of retail outlet</u>					
Food, alcoholic drinks and tobacco (other than supermarkets)	110.9	112.3	+10.1	+6.2	+4.4
• Fish, livestock and poultry, fresh or frozen	100.1	96.5	+2.9	+3.0	-1.5
• Fruits and vegetables, fresh	66.6	73.9	+3.7	-6.3	-1.5
• Bread, pastry, confectionery and biscuits	123.8	114.3	+5.5	+5.7	+3.4
• Other foodstuffs	130.2	141.9	+21.5	+11.4	+10.3
• Alcoholic drinks and tobacco	126.9	127.1	+12.8	+10.9	+12.2
Supermarkets Φ	113.8	110.4	+15.6	+7.0	+7.4
Fuels	66.8	69.2	+4.7	+2.8	+5.5
Clothing, footwear and allied products	107.7	113.1	+6.3	+9.0	+5.6
• Wearing apparel	107.1	115.0	+5.7	+8.5	+4.8
• Footwear, allied products and other clothing accessories	111.0	102.0	+9.3	+13.1	+9.7
Consumer durable goods	188.4	182.2	+10.0	+9.9	+7.7
• Motor vehicles and parts	171.9	151.2	+28.2	+15.0	+16.2
• Electrical goods and photographic equipment	240.9	228.4	+3.4	+7.0	+4.6
• Furniture and fixtures	110.5	116.2	+2.7	+12.2	+3.9
• Other consumer durable goods, not elsewhere classified	162.7	186.8	+14.4	+11.3	+11.2
Department stores	115.4	117.5	+4.4	+14.4	+5.4
Jewellery, watches and clocks, and valuable gifts	86.1	80.6	+0.8	-4.2	-4.6
Other consumer goods	118.3	134.1	+4.8	+9.2	+7.0
• Books, newspapers, stationery and gifts	82.9	102.3	+7.0	+9.8	+9.5
• Chinese drugs and herbs	91.2	109.9	+6.7	+8.9	+4.8
• Optical shops	99.1	110.3	-4.0	-2.8	-1.6
• Medicines and cosmetics	139.4	149.3	-3.0	+4.2	+1.6
• Other consumer goods, not elsewhere classified	124.6	144.0	+14.4	+16.1	+13.5

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Table 3 : Movement of the volume of total retail sales, February 2005 - April 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	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
	Apr	+7.9*	Apr 2006	Jan 2006	+2.0*

* 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.