

Table 1: Value index and value of retail sales by type of retail outlet for March and April 2007

Type of retail outlet	Value Index of Retail Sales (Points) (Monthly average of Oct. 2004 – Sep. 2005 = 100)		Value of Retail Sales (HK\$ million)		Percentage Change (%)		
	Mar 2007 (Revised figures)	Apr 2007 (Provisional figures)	Mar 2007 (Revised figures)	Apr 2007 (Provisional figures)	Mar 2007 over Mar 2006	Apr 2007 over Apr 2006	Jan - Apr 2007 over Jan - Apr 2006
All retail outlets	111.8	114.3	18,827	19,234	+4.9	+3.4	+7.9
By type of retail outlet							
Food, alcoholic drinks and tobacco (other than supermarkets)	106.6	109.8	1,997	2,057	+3.8	+6.4	+7.4
• Fish, livestock and poultry, fresh or frozen	119.2	114.6	626	602	+12.4	+12.4	+8.6
• Fruits and vegetables, fresh	96.0	109.1	160	182	+1.1	+0.9	+0.7
• Bread, pastry, confectionery and biscuits	92.5	90.1	376	366	+0.3	+5.7	+6.0
• Other foodstuffs	103.4	113.9	612	674	-2.9	+1.3	+7.2
• Alcoholic drinks and tobacco	121.7	127.2	223	233	+9.1	+13.2	+12.2
Supermarkets Φ	103.2	102.6	2,347	2,333	-1.7	+1.6	+2.4
Fuels	106.6	112.0	534	561	-3.6	-4.0	-1.9
Clothing, footwear and allied products	109.0	114.2	2,445	2,562	+13.8	+4.6	+12.3
• Wearing apparel	110.8	119.1	2,132	2,292	+14.4	+5.3	+12.4
• Footwear, allied products and other clothing accessories	97.9	84.4	313	270	+10.2	-0.8	+11.7
Consumer durable goods	119.0	117.8	3,385	3,349	+1.1	+2.8	+3.4
• Motor vehicles and parts	123.1	130.8	897	953	-6.2	+7.1	+5.2
• Electrical goods and photographic equipment	126.6	114.6	1,724	1,561	+9.2	+5.2	+4.8
• Furniture and fixtures	110.4	117.9	459	490	+1.9	+3.7	+7.6
• Other consumer durable goods, not elsewhere classified	90.2	102.1	305	345	-16.0	-16.1	-13.4
Department stores	103.5	101.1	1,785	1,744	+9.3	+2.2	+8.1
Jewellery, watches and clocks, and valuable gifts	123.9	114.7	2,682	2,481	+6.7	+0.8	+14.4
Other consumer goods	113.8	129.2	3,653	4,147	+6.2	+6.0	+9.3
• Books, newspapers, stationery and gifts	105.7	118.8	495	557	+12.6	+3.1	+4.0
• Chinese drugs and herbs	104.5	124.5	254	303	+8.2	+9.5	+15.4
• Optical shops	128.7	135.4	169	178	+19.1	+12.5	+19.3
• Medicines and cosmetics	113.5	124.0	1,386	1,515	+3.5	+5.4	+7.8
• Other consumer goods, not elsewhere classified	117.7	139.2	1,349	1,595	+5.0	+6.2	+10.6

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>103.4</i>	<i>103.2</i>	<i>2,558</i>	<i>2,554</i>	<i>-1.9</i>	<i>+1.3</i>	<i>+2.4</i>
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The sum of individual items and the total shown might not exactly tally because of rounding.

Table 2: Volume index of retail sales by type of retail outlet for March and April 2007

Type of retail outlet	Volume Index of Retail Sales (Points) (Monthly average of Oct. 2004 - Sep. 2005 = 100)		Percentage Change (%)		
	Mar 2007 (Revised figures)	Apr 2007 (Provisional figures)	Mar 2007 over Mar 2006	Apr 2007 over Apr 2006	Jan - Apr 2007 over Jan - Apr 2006
<u>All retail outlets</u>	110.2	111.0	+3.4	+2.0	+5.5
<u>By type of retail outlet</u>					
Food, alcoholic drinks and tobacco (other than supermarkets)	101.6	105.4	-0.1	+2.0	+3.9
• Fish, livestock and poultry, fresh or frozen	109.5	107.6	+6.7	+8.7	+4.0
• Fruits and vegetables, fresh	83.6	95.5	-11.2	-8.1	-8.0
• Bread, pastry, confectionery and biscuits	89.9	87.4	-2.7	+2.3	+3.0
• Other foodstuffs	100.5	110.5	-5.1	-2.9	+4.3
• Alcoholic drinks and tobacco	125.0	131.2	+10.9	+8.5	+12.5
Supermarkets Φ	102.7	102.1	-2.7	-0.3	+1.2
Fuels	106.7	110.0	+1.9	+1.4	+2.1
Clothing, footwear and allied products	105.7	103.0	+8.6	-0.4	+4.7
• Wearing apparel	106.5	105.9	+8.6	-0.5	+4.0
• Footwear, allied products and other clothing accessories	101.3	85.6	+8.3	#	+8.6
Consumer durable goods	132.7	131.1	+7.1	+8.3	+9.1
• Motor vehicles and parts	129.4	136.3	-3.0	+11.1	+8.0
• Electrical goods and photographic equipment	148.7	135.8	+18.4	+13.5	+14.1
• Furniture and fixtures	110.7	117.4	+0.3	+0.7	+4.5
• Other consumer durable goods, not elsewhere classified	102.4	117.7	-9.1	-8.3	-6.1
Department stores	104.7	100.0	+7.6	+0.6	+6.0
Jewellery, watches and clocks, and valuable gifts	104.0	94.2	-2.2	-4.9	+5.9
Other consumer goods	111.2	125.8	+4.5	+3.7	+6.5
• Books, newspapers, stationery and gifts	104.8	117.3	+10.1	#	+1.4
• Chinese drugs and herbs	100.1	118.5	+4.6	+5.4	+11.6
• Optical shops	118.9	124.6	+13.2	+6.6	+13.6
• Medicines and cosmetics	109.9	119.8	+1.0	+2.7	+5.3
• Other consumer goods, not elsewhere classified	116.7	137.3	+5.2	+5.3	+7.8

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>	103.0	102.7	-2.9	-0.6	+1.1
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Denotes change within ±0.05.

The underlined '5' denotes rounded up figure.

Table 3 : Movement of the volume of total retail sales, February 2006 - April 2007

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 (%) ^{@#}	
2006 Feb	-3.9	Feb 2006	Nov 2005	+2.2	
Mar	+8.9	Mar 2006	Dec 2005	+0.8	
Apr	+9.1	Apr 2006	Jan 2006	+1.0	
May	+3.5	May 2006	Feb 2006	+1.1	
Jun	+3.4	Jun 2006	Mar 2006	+1.9	
Jul	+5.2	Jul 2006	Apr 2006	+0.3	
Aug	+6.4	Aug 2006	May 2006	+0.8	
Sep	+5.9	Sep 2006	Jun 2006	+1.2	
Oct	+5.2	Oct 2006	Jul 2006	+2.2	
Nov	+5.0	Nov 2006	Aug 2006	+1.5	
Dec	+8.2	Dec 2006	Sep 2006	+2.2	
2007 Jan	-4.9	Jan 2007	Oct 2006	+2.9	
Feb	+25.2	Feb 2007	Nov 2006	+5.1	
Mar	+3.4	Mar 2007	Dec 2006	+1.9	
Apr	+2.0*	Apr 2007	Jan 2007	+0.3*	

* 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. 2006 is the percentage change of the average monthly index for Oct., Nov. and Dec. 2006 over the average monthly index for Jul., Aug. and Sep. 2006.

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.