

Table 1: Value index and value of retail sales by type of retail outlet for February and March 2008

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 (%)		
	Feb 2008 (Revised figures)	Mar 2008 (Provisional figures)	Feb 2008 (Revised figures)	Mar 2008 (Provisional figures)	Feb 2008 over Feb 2007	Mar 2008 over Mar 2007	Jan - Mar 2008 over Jan - Mar 2007
All retail outlets	135.3	134.2	22,770	22,597	+9.5	+20.0	+17.5
By type of retail outlet							
Food, alcoholic drinks and tobacco (other than supermarkets)	120.8	123.2	2,263	2,308	-4.5	+15.6	+9.9
• Fish, livestock and poultry, fresh or frozen	138.0	141.5	725	744	-3.8	+18.8	+11.6
• Fruits and vegetables, fresh	76.7	108.0	128	180	+11.4	+12.5	+13.0
• Bread, pastry, confectionery and biscuits	116.1	101.6	472	413	-5.3	+9.8	+5.2
• Other foodstuffs	106.6	115.3	631	682	-14.6	+11.5	+5.5
• Alcoholic drinks and tobacco	167.7	157.6	307	289	+16.3	+29.5	+24.6
Supermarkets Φ	125.6	117.4	2,855	2,669	+9.2	+13.7	+13.2
Fuels	119.2	135.0	597	676	+12.2	+26.7	+19.3
Clothing, footwear and allied products	149.7	132.7	3,358	2,978	+14.5	+21.8	+19.7
• Wearing apparel	149.1	136.1	2,868	2,618	+16.6	+22.8	+20.1
• Footwear, allied products and other clothing accessories	153.1	112.7	489	360	+3.8	+15.1	+17.2
Consumer durable goods	110.1	140.8	3,130	4,005	+13.0	+18.3	+18.2
• Motor vehicles and parts	115.3	161.8	840	1,179	+45.0	+31.4	+32.7
• Electrical goods and photographic equipment	120.6	143.0	1,643	1,947	+6.1	+12.9	+14.3
• Furniture and fixtures	100.9	136.1	420	566	-4.0	+23.2	+14.6
• Other consumer durable goods, not elsewhere classified	67.4	92.6	228	313	+10.5	+2.7	+4.5
Department stores	141.1	120.4	2,434	2,076	+11.9	+16.3	+17.2
Jewellery, watches and clocks, and valuable gifts	163.6	162.2	3,540	3,509	+12.4	+30.9	+24.3
Other consumer goods	143.1	136.4	4,594	4,378	+7.9	+19.8	+17.0
• Books, newspapers, stationery and gifts	103.6	108.2	486	507	+11.7	+2.3	+8.8
• Chinese drugs and herbs	129.3	117.3	314	285	-9.5	+12.3	+11.9
• Optical shops	150.6	149.9	198	197	+2.8	+16.4	+11.9
• Medicines and cosmetics	136.6	130.6	1,669	1,595	+8.3	+15.1	+13.4
• Other consumer goods, not elsewhere classified	168.2	156.5	1,928	1,794	+10.6	+33.0	+24.5

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>129.0</i>	<i>118.3</i>	<i>3,191</i>	<i>2,928</i>	<i>+8.8</i>	<i>+14.5</i>	<i>+13.5</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 February and March 2008

Type of retail outlet	Volume Index of Retail Sales (Points) (Monthly average of Oct. 2004 - Sep. 2005 = 100)		Percentage Change (%)		
	Feb 2008 (Revised figures)	Mar 2008 (Provisional figures)	Feb 2008 over Feb 2007	Mar 2008 over Mar 2007	Jan - Mar 2008 over Jan - Mar 2007
All retail outlets	126.3	124.5	+4.4	+13.0	+11.6
<u>By type of retail outlet</u>					
Food, alcoholic drinks and tobacco (other than supermarkets)	99.8	102.3	-16.7	+0.7	-3.7
• Fish, livestock and poultry, fresh or frozen	95.9	103.2	-25.1	-5.8	-11.3
• Fruits and vegetables, fresh	55.0	82.9	-11.0	-0.8	-4.0
• Bread, pastry, confectionery and biscuits	104.1	90.4	-12.7	+0.6	-3.5
• Other foodstuffs	91.8	97.9	-23.8	-2.6	-6.3
• Alcoholic drinks and tobacco	168.2	158.4	+13.7	+26.7	+21.8
Supermarkets Φ	116.5	107.8	+0.8	+4.9	+5.3
Fuels	100.6	111.7	-5.3	+4.7	+1.3
Clothing, footwear and allied products	147.4	125.0	+13.9	+18.2	+17.9
• Wearing apparel	145.2	126.7	+16.0	+19.0	+17.8
• Footwear, allied products and other clothing accessories	161.1	114.7	+3.7	+13.2	+18.3
Consumer durable goods	126.6	161.4	+17.1	+21.6	+22.0
• Motor vehicles and parts	118.2	166.9	+44.3	+29.0	+31.9
• Electrical goods and photographic equipment	151.9	181.7	+14.4	+22.1	+23.2
• Furniture and fixtures	97.8	129.4	-6.8	+16.9	+10.3
• Other consumer durable goods, not elsewhere classified	78.3	107.2	+13.4	+4.7	+6.6
Department stores	139.6	116.8	+8.4	+11.5	+13.2
Jewellery, watches and clocks, and valuable gifts	118.3	115.1	-3.0	+10.7	+6.7
Other consumer goods	135.8	128.6	+5.8	+15.7	+14.3
• Books, newspapers, stationery and gifts	98.3	102.3	+7.3	-2.3	+4.1
• Chinese drugs and herbs	116.0	104.7	-15.0	+4.6	+4.8
• Optical shops	135.3	135.2	-0.7	+13.7	+8.6
• Medicines and cosmetics	127.8	121.6	+4.3	+10.6	+9.4
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Table 3 : Movement of the volume of total retail sales, January 2007 - March 2008

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 (%) ^{@#}	
2007	Jan	-4.9	Jan 2007	Oct 2006	+3.0
	Feb	+25.2	Feb 2007	Nov 2006	+5.4
	Mar	+3.4	Mar 2007	Dec 2006	+2.9
	Apr	+1.7	Apr 2007	Jan 2007	+1.1
	May	+9.4	May 2007	Feb 2007	-1.7
	Jun	+12.8	Jun 2007	Mar 2007	+2.0
	Jul	+12.1	Jul 2007	Apr 2007	+4.8
	Aug	+12.7	Aug 2007	May 2007	+7.0
	Sep	+13.0	Sep 2007	Jun 2007	+5.1
	Oct	+13.1	Oct 2007	Jul 2007	+3.5
	Nov	+15.3	Nov 2007	Aug 2007	+2.9
	Dec	+12.5	Dec 2007	Sep 2007	+2.9
2008	Jan	+17.6	Jan 2008	Oct 2007	+1.6
	Feb	+4.4	Feb 2008	Nov 2007	+2.5
	Mar	+13.0*	Mar 2008	Dec 2007	+0.7*

* 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. 2007 is the percentage change of the average monthly index for Oct., Nov. and Dec. 2007 over the average monthly index for Jul., Aug. and Sep. 2007.

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.

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