

Table 1: Value index and value of retail sales by type of retail outlet for March and April 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 (%)		
	Mar 2008 (Revised figures)	Apr 2008 (Provisional figures)	Mar 2008 (Revised figures)	Apr 2008 (Provisional figures)	Mar 2008 over Mar 2007	Apr 2008 over Apr 2007	Jan - Apr 2008 over Jan - Apr 2007
All retail outlets	134.3	135.3	22,599	22,774	+20.0	+18.7	+17.8
By type of retail outlet							
Food, alcoholic drinks and tobacco (other than supermarkets)	123.2	130.9	2,308	2,452	+15.6	+19.0	+12.1
• Fish, livestock and poultry, fresh or frozen	141.6	151.2	744	794	+18.8	+32.0	+16.2
• Fruits and vegetables, fresh	107.8	121.2	180	202	+12.3	+11.0	+12.4
• Bread, pastry, confectionery and biscuits	101.6	97.7	413	397	+9.8	+8.5	+5.9
• Other foodstuffs	115.4	133.4	683	789	+11.6	+16.5	+8.3
• Alcoholic drinks and tobacco	157.6	147.4	289	270	+29.5	+15.1	+22.3
Supermarkets Φ	117.6	116.9	2,673	2,656	+13.9	+13.9	+13.4
Fuels	135.2	153.8	677	770	+26.8	+37.5	+24.0
Clothing, footwear and allied products	133.2	134.3	2,989	3,013	+22.2	+18.5	+19.5
• Wearing apparel	136.5	141.0	2,627	2,712	+23.2	+19.3	+20.0
• Footwear, allied products and other clothing accessories	113.4	94.2	362	301	+15.8	+12.0	+16.5
Consumer durable goods	141.3	135.0	4,018	3,840	+18.7	+14.8	+17.4
• Motor vehicles and parts	162.6	158.1	1,184	1,152	+32.1	+21.3	+29.6
• Electrical goods and photographic equipment	143.6	132.4	1,956	1,804	+13.5	+15.8	+14.8
• Furniture and fixtures	135.9	134.7	565	560	+23.0	+13.6	+14.3
• Other consumer durable goods, not elsewhere classified	92.3	96.1	312	325	+2.4	-6.2	+1.1
Department stores	120.3	114.3	2,074	1,971	+16.2	+14.0	+16.5
Jewellery, watches and clocks, and valuable gifts	161.2	151.9	3,489	3,286	+30.1	+32.0	+25.8
Other consumer goods	136.2	149.1	4,372	4,785	+19.7	+15.8	+16.7
• Books, newspapers, stationery and gifts	108.1	121.7	507	570	+2.3	+2.9	+7.2
• Chinese drugs and herbs	117.6	133.6	286	325	+12.5	+7.6	+10.9
• Optical shops	149.6	151.4	196	199	+16.2	+12.2	+11.9
• Medicines and cosmetics	130.2	138.0	1,591	1,686	+14.8	+11.6	+12.9
• Other consumer goods, not elsewhere classified	156.5	175.0	1,793	2,006	+33.0	+26.4	+25.0

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>118.5</i>	<i>117.0</i>	<i>2,932</i>	<i>2,896</i>	<i>+14.6</i>	<i>+13.5</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 March and April 2008

Type of retail outlet	Volume Index of Retail Sales (Points) (Monthly average of Oct. 2004 - Sep. 2005 = 100)		Percentage Change (%)		
	Mar 2008 (Revised figures)	Apr 2008 (Provisional figures)	Mar 2008 over Mar 2007	Apr 2008 over Apr 2007	Jan - Apr 2008 over Jan - Apr 2007
<u>All retail outlets</u>	124.5	123.5	+13.0	+11.6	+11.6
<u>By type of retail outlet</u>					
Food, alcoholic drinks and tobacco (other than supermarkets)	102.4	107.7	+0.7	+2.0	-2.4
• Fish, livestock and poultry, fresh or frozen	103.2	110.3	-5.8	+2.5	-8.1
• Fruits and vegetables, fresh	82.7	91.8	-1.0	-4.0	-4.1
• Bread, pastry, confectionery and biscuits	90.4	85.8	+0.5	-1.8	-3.1
• Other foodstuffs	98.0	111.8	-2.5	+0.7	-4.5
• Alcoholic drinks and tobacco	158.4	149.8	+26.7	+13.4	+19.7
Supermarkets Φ	107.9	105.6	+5.1	+3.4	+4.9
Fuels	111.8	124.5	+4.8	+13.3	+4.4
Clothing, footwear and allied products	125.5	120.4	+18.7	+17.8	+18.0
• Wearing apparel	127.2	124.8	+19.4	+18.8	+18.2
• Footwear, allied products and other clothing accessories	115.4	93.7	+13.9	+9.8	+17.0
Consumer durable goods	162.0	154.3	+22.0	+18.0	+21.1
• Motor vehicles and parts	167.8	161.4	+29.7	+18.6	+28.2
• Electrical goods and photographic equipment	182.5	168.5	+22.7	+25.1	+23.8
• Furniture and fixtures	129.2	128.3	+16.7	+8.7	+9.8
• Other consumer durable goods, not elsewhere classified	106.9	113.1	+4.4	-4.3	+3.1
Department stores	116.7	108.5	+11.4	+9.5	+12.4
Jewellery, watches and clocks, and valuable gifts	114.3	107.8	+9.9	+14.1	+8.1
Other consumer goods	128.5	139.0	+15.5	+10.9	+13.4
• Books, newspapers, stationery and gifts	102.3	115.1	-2.3	-1.4	+2.6
• Chinese drugs and herbs	104.9	117.8	+4.8	-0.3	+3.5
• Optical shops	134.9	134.9	+13.5	+8.6	+8.5
• Medicines and cosmetics	121.2	127.3	+10.3	+6.6	+8.6
• Other consumer goods, not elsewhere classified	151.1	166.2	+29.5	+21.6	+23.9

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>109.3</i>	<i>106.2</i>	<i>+6.2</i>	<i>+3.5</i>	<i>+5.4</i>
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Table 3 : Movement of the volume of total retail sales, February 2007 - April 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 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. <u>5</u>	Dec 2007	Sep 2007	+2.9	
2008 Jan	+17.6	Jan 2008	Oct 2007	+1.6	
Feb	+4.4	Feb 2008	Nov 2007	+2. <u>5</u>	
Mar	+13.0	Mar 2008	Dec 2007	+0.7	
Apr	+11.6*	Apr 2008	Jan 2008	+2.2*	

* 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. 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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