

Table 1: Value index and value of retail sales by type of retail outlet for April and May 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 (%)		
	Apr 2008 (Revised figures)	May 2008 (Provisional figures)	Apr 2008 (Revised figures)	May 2008 (Provisional figures)	Apr 2008 over Apr 2007	May 2008 over May 2007	Jan - May 2008 over Jan - May 2007
All retail outlets	135.2	137.4	22,766	23,128	+18.6	+12.9	+16.8
By type of retail outlet							
Food, alcoholic drinks and tobacco (other than supermarkets)	130.9	126.0	2,452	2,361	+18.9	+14.3	+12.5
• Fish, livestock and poultry, fresh or frozen	151.2	132.2	794	695	+32.0	+23.2	+17.5
• Fruits and vegetables, fresh	121.4	122.9	202	205	+11.2	+5.3	+10.7
• Bread, pastry, confectionery and biscuits	97.5	104.8	396	426	+8.4	+7.8	+6.3
• Other foodstuffs	133.3	128.9	789	763	+16.5	+10.1	+8.6
• Alcoholic drinks and tobacco	147.4	148.5	270	272	+15.1	+24.7	+22.7
Supermarkets Φ	116.9	124.2	2,656	2,823	+13.9	+11.5	+13.0
Fuels	153.9	164.1	770	822	+37.6	+33.6	+26.1
Clothing, footwear and allied products	134.1	135.6	3,009	3,043	+18.3	+8.0	+17.1
• Wearing apparel	140.8	140.1	2,709	2,695	+19.1	+8.1	+17.5
• Footwear, allied products and other clothing accessories	94.0	108.7	300	347	+11.7	+7.3	+14.9
Consumer durable goods	134.7	125.8	3,830	3,578	+14.5	+8.6	+15.5
• Motor vehicles and parts	158.1	149.1	1,152	1,086	+21.3	+7.4	+24.3
• Electrical goods and photographic equipment	131.7	118.8	1,794	1,618	+15.2	+11.6	+14.1
• Furniture and fixtures	134.5	120.2	559	500	+13.4	+13.0	+14.0
• Other consumer durable goods, not elsewhere classified	96.1	110.7	325	374	-6.1	-4.0	-0.2
Department stores	114.3	134.4	1,971	2,317	+14.0	+9.1	+14.9
Jewellery, watches and clocks, and valuable gifts	152.3	167.5	3,295	3,624	+32.4	+18.4	+24.3
Other consumer goods	149.0	142.1	4,783	4,560	+15.8	+14.7	+16.3
• Books, newspapers, stationery and gifts	121.2	124.1	568	581	+2.5	+6.8	+7.0
• Chinese drugs and herbs	133.3	134.4	324	327	+7.4	+14.0	+11.5
• Optical shops	151.4	149.6	199	196	+12.2	+5.4	+10.6
• Medicines and cosmetics	138.0	127.9	1,686	1,562	+11.6	+11.7	+12.7
• Other consumer goods, not elsewhere classified	175.1	165.3	2,006	1,894	+26.5	+21.4	+24.3

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>117.0</i>	<i>124.8</i>	<i>2,896</i>	<i>3,087</i>	<i>+13.5</i>	<i>+10.2</i>	<i>+12.8</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 April and May 2008

Type of retail outlet	Volume Index of Retail Sales (Points) (Monthly average of Oct. 2004 - Sep. 2005 = 100)		Percentage Change (%)		
	Apr 2008 (Revised figures)	May 2008 (Provisional figures)	Apr 2008 over Apr 2007	May 2008 over May 2007	Jan - May 2008 over Jan - May 2007
<u>All retail outlets</u>	123.4	124.4	+11.5	+5.5	+10.4
<u>By type of retail outlet</u>					
Food, alcoholic drinks and tobacco (other than supermarkets)	107.7	104.3	+1.9	-1.2	-2.1
• Fish, livestock and poultry, fresh or frozen	110.3	95.4	+2.5	-4.9	-7.5
• Fruits and vegetables, fresh	92.0	99.4	-3.8	-4.8	-4.2
• Bread, pastry, confectionery and biscuits	85.6	92.2	-1.9	-2.1	-2.9
• Other foodstuffs	111.8	107.4	+0.7	-4.8	-4.6
• Alcoholic drinks and tobacco	149.8	151.0	+13.4	+22.7	+20.3
Supermarkets Φ	105.6	111.5	+3.4	+0.7	+4.0
Fuels	124.6	129.2	+13.4	+12.6	+6.1
Clothing, footwear and allied products	120.2	123.1	+17.6	+6.6	+15.7
• Wearing apparel	124.7	125.4	+18.7	+6.4	+15.7
• Footwear, allied products and other clothing accessories	93.4	108.9	+9.5	+7.5	+15.4
Consumer durable goods	153.7	143.6	+17.6	+10.2	+18.7
• Motor vehicles and parts	161.4	150.0	+18.6	+3.1	+22.2
• Electrical goods and photographic equipment	167.5	152.6	+24.3	+18.4	+22.6
• Furniture and fixtures	128.1	113.9	+8.5	+8.2	+9.5
• Other consumer durable goods, not elsewhere classified	113.1	129.9	-4.3	-2.9	+1.5
Department stores	108.5	127.1	+9.5	+4.8	+10.8
Jewellery, watches and clocks, and valuable gifts	108.0	118.8	+14.4	+1.3	+6.7
Other consumer goods	138.9	130.6	+10.9	+8.8	+12.5
• Books, newspapers, stationery and gifts	114.6	117.4	-1.8	+2.3	+2.5
• Chinese drugs and herbs	117.6	117.6	-0.5	+5.1	+3.8
• Optical shops	134.9	135.6	+8.6	+2.9	+7.3
• Medicines and cosmetics	127.3	116.6	+6.6	+6.8	+8.3
• Other consumer goods, not elsewhere classified	166.3	152.9	+21.7	+14.3	+22.0

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>	106.2	112.6	+3.5	#	+4.3
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Denotes change within ±0.05.

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Table 3 : Movement of the volume of total retail sales, March 2007 - May 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 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	
Apr	+11.5	Apr 2008	Jan 2008	+2.1	
May	+5.5*	May 2008	Feb 2008	-2.4*	

* 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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