

**Comparison of Selected Principal Statistics for
the Wholesale, Retail and Import and Export Trades, Restaurants and Hotels Sectors between 2007 and 2008**

Major industry group		Number of establishments	Number of persons engaged	Number of employees	Compensation of employees	Operating expenses	Cost of goods sold	Gross surplus	Sales and other receipts	Value added
					(HK\$ Mn)	(HK\$ Mn)	(HK\$ Mn)	(HK\$ Mn)	(HK\$ Mn)	(HK\$ Mn)
Wholesale trade	2008	14 670	55 738	45 917	7,584	10,371	177,441	7,720	203,117	15,524
	2007	14 239	58 944	47 707	8,290	9,292	163,639	4,994	186,215	13,300
	% change	+3.0	-5.4	-3.8	-8.5	+11.6	+8.4	+54.6	+9.1	+16.7
Retail trade	2008	48 174	228 496	176 259	26,382	61,390	197,133	22,906	307,812	48,763
	2007	46 985	212 129	162 158	23,845	54,966	178,625	21,679	279,116	45,184
	% change	+2.5	+7.7	+8.7	+10.6	+11.7	+10.4	+5.7	+10.3	+7.9
Import and export trade	2008	80 160	465 387	442 875	128,443	233,504	2,510,043	233,701	3,105,691	347,922
	2007	78 523	486 588	465 902	129,250	218,901	2,344,589	223,133	2,915,872	339,633
	% change	+2.1	-4.4	-4.9	-0.6	+6.7	+7.1	+4.7	+6.5	+2.4
Restaurants	2008	11 539	232 994	224 210	25,954	27,394	31,894	8,266	93,508	34,174
	2007	11 116	217 985	207 474	23,634	24,466	30,011	9,323	87,435	32,922
	% change	+3.8	+6.9	+8.1	+9.8	+12.0	+6.3	-11.3	+6.9	+3.8
Hotels and boarding houses	2008	840	31 467	31 127	7,083	8,348	2,457	10,166	28,054	18,164
	2007	832	31 037	30 449	6,661	8,212	2,330	9,194	26,398	17,170
	% change	+0.9	+1.4	+2.2	+6.3	+1.7	+5.4	+10.6	+6.3	+5.8
Total	2008	155 384	1 014 083	920 389	195,447	341,008	2,918,968	282,759	3,738,182	464,547
	2007	151 695	1 006 684	913 690	191,680	315,838	2,719,193	268,324	3,495,036	448,211
	% change	+2.4	+0.7	+0.7	+2.0	+8.0	+7.3	+5.4	+7.0	+3.6

- Notes:
- (1) Figures denoting changes are derived from unrounded figures.
 - (2) Individual items may not add up to the corresponding total owing to rounding.
 - (3) Cost of goods sold is obtained by deducting changes in stocks from the value of purchases of goods for sale.