

extent of the increase in these lines as some of the commodities are handled by other trades. The expansion in the sales of the general merchandise group is significant in this connection.

33.—Retail Merchandise Trade by Kinds-of-Business Groups, 1923-30.

Year.	Food Group.	Country General Stores.	General Merchandise Group.	Auto-motive Group.	Apparel Group.	Building Materials Group.	Furniture and Household Group.	Restaurants, Eating Places.	Other Retail Stores.	Total.
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1923...	500,160	204,879	344,063	221,532	202,803	167,881	70,897	61,771	405,412	2,179,398
1924...	491,549	209,689	354,411	204,583	195,543	158,280	68,830	60,706	395,386	2,138,977
1925...	514,364	229,053	379,663	240,666	205,441	176,933	73,096	63,517	420,865	2,303,598
1926...	560,451	242,409	410,363	332,833	228,097	192,117	83,330	69,215	449,370	2,568,185
1927...	609,114	255,070	444,268	365,721	244,156	207,182	92,150	75,217	490,311	2,783,189
1928...	640,428	261,155	482,278	420,387	266,151	219,843	105,420	79,092	561,124	3,035,878
1929...	668,248	259,384	495,182	487,765	267,689	206,512	120,365	82,511	570,271	3,157,927
1930...	615,476	228,804	451,543	381,959	219,969	162,237	101,666	75,977	517,939	2,755,570

