

annual sales of half a million dollars or more in 1941 and these transacted 18.9 p.c. of the total business. Distribution of stores according to amount of annual sales in 1930 and 1941 is shown in Table 26.

26.—Retail Merchandising Establishments Grouped According to Annual Sales, 1930 and 1941

Group	Stores				Annual Sales			
	1930 ¹		1941		1930 ¹		1941	
	Number	P.C. of Total	Number	P.C. of Total	Amount	P.C. of Total	Amount	P.C. of Total
					\$'000		\$'000	
Less than \$1,000.....			8,995	6.6			5,191	0.2
\$ 1,000-\$ 1,999.....	47,532	38.4	9,958	7.3	95,355	3.6	14,146	0.4
\$ 2,000-\$ 4,999.....			24,339	17.7			81,181	2.3
\$ 5,000-\$ 9,999.....	22,548	18.2	27,674	20.1	159,461	5.9	198,189	5.8
\$ 10,000-\$ 19,999.....	23,438	18.9	27,800	20.2	328,605	12.2	393,385	11.4
\$ 20,000-\$ 29,999.....	11,583	9.4	14,339	10.4	278,575	10.4	345,734	10.0
\$ 30,000-\$ 49,999.....	9,431	7.6	12,126	8.8	356,729	13.3	460,534	13.4
\$ 50,000-\$ 99,999.....	5,979	4.8	7,523	5.5	407,305	15.2	508,867	14.8
\$100,000-\$199,999.....	2,145	1.7	2,856	2.1	288,712	10.8	389,055	11.3
\$200,000-\$299,999.....	545	0.5	1,308	1.0	130,651	4.9	395,024	11.5
\$300,000-\$499,999.....	388	0.3			144,308	5.4		
\$500,000-\$999,999.....	164	0.1			109,514	4.1	649,597	18.9
\$1,000,000 or over.....	86	0.1	413	0.3	382,018	14.2		
Totals.....	123,839	100.0	137,331	100.0	2,681,233	100.0	3,440,902	100.0

¹ In some instances only the total sales for a group of chain stores were reported for 1930 rather than the sales for each store. Figures for such stores were omitted from this table.

Retail Merchandise Trade, by Number of Employees.—In Table 27 the retail stores are classified on the basis of the average number of paid employees used in the business during the year. More than 41 p.c. of the stores operated without the aid of paid employees, the work being carried on entirely by the proprietor or by the proprietor with the assistance of family members not carried on payroll. There were only 135 stores employing as many as 100 employees each but these accounted for 12 p.c. of the total volume of retail sales.

27.—Retail Merchandising Establishments Grouped According to Number of Employees, 1941

NOTE.—Most of the figures in this table have been revised since the publication of the 1943-44 Year Book.

Group	Stores		Sales		Total Employees	
	Number	P.C.	Amount	P.C.	Number	P.C.
			\$'000			
Stores Reporting—						
No employees.....	56,907	41.4	297,279	8.6	-	-
1 employee.....	27,578	20.1	305,295	8.9	27,578	7.0
2 employees.....	16,987	12.4	323,248	9.4	33,974	8.7
3 employees.....	10,479	7.6	282,381	8.2	31,437	8.0
4 employees.....	6,732	4.9	225,400	6.6	26,928	6.8
5- 9 employees.....	12,303	9.0	631,188	18.3	78,381	20.0
10-19 employees.....	4,118	3.0	417,041	12.1	52,720	13.4
20-49 employees.....	1,779	1.3	390,544	11.4	50,982	13.0
50-99 employees.....	313	0.2	154,683	4.5	19,567	5.0
100 employees or over.....	135	0.1	413,844	12.0	71,041	18.1
Totals, All Stores.....	137,331	100.0	3,440,902	100.0	392,608	100.0

Credit and Instalment Sales.—Not all stores were able to give separate figures for cash and credit sales. Based on the proportions of cash and credit sales for stores reporting, total retail sales on a credit basis are estimated at \$977,216,000