

18.—Estimated Retail Merchandise Sales, by Provinces and by Kinds of Business, 1943-45

NOTE.—Group totals may include kinds of business for which separate figures are not shown. Chain store figures are included in this table, but are also given in detail in Table 19.

Province and Kind of Business	1943	1944	1945	P.C. Change 1945 from 1944
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	
Province				
Maritime Provinces.....	324,708	359,566	394,297	+9.7
Quebec.....	931,388	1,001,963 ¹	1,117,363	+11.5
Ontario.....	1,449,638	1,558,510	1,742,409	+11.8
Manitoba.....	239,403	264,982	292,735	+10.5
Saskatchewan.....	213,311	248,031	277,466	+11.9
Alberta.....	263,990	292,622	321,250	+9.8
British Columbia.....	355,788	390,584	438,838	+12.4
Yukon and Northwest Territories.....	7,614	6,893	7,527	+9.2
Canada.....	3,785,840	4,123,151¹	4,591,885	+11.4
Kind of Business				
Food Group—				
Grocery, combination and meat markets.....	786,311	842,336	918,744	+9.1
Totals, Food Group.....	950,332	1,017,541	1,110,314	+9.1
Country General Stores.....	289,583	321,308	354,684	+10.4
General Merchandise Group—				
Department stores.....	423,618	464,880	516,141	+11.0
Variety stores.....	98,018	102,857	111,573	+8.5
Totals, General Merchandise Group.....	602,204	654,954	722,804	+10.4
Automotive Group.....	311,330	351,942	424,301	+20.6
Apparel Group—				
Men's and boys' clothing and furnishings stores....	96,311	102,814	112,711	+9.6
Family clothing stores.....	93,498	98,760	108,987	+10.4
Women's apparel and accessories stores.....	126,583	136,253	147,766	+8.4
Shoe stores.....	56,117	59,631	66,430	+11.4
Totals, Apparel Group.....	372,509	397,458	435,894	+9.7
Building Materials Group.....	209,967	247,723	281,418	+13.6
Furniture, Household and Radio Group—				
Furniture stores.....	59,909	65,766	74,500	+13.3
Household appliance or radio dealers.....	34,407	33,965	40,487	+19.2
Totals, Furniture, etc. Group.....	101,334	107,056	123,520	+15.4
Restaurant Group.....	189,056	202,463	210,465	+4.0
Other Retail Stores (including second-hand)—				
Coal and wood yards (ice dealers).....	133,177	122,765	126,819	+3.3
Drug stores.....	128,741	139,104	149,928	+7.8
Jewellery stores.....	49,067	56,228	64,850	+15.3
Government liquor stores ²	153,104	165,677	218,134	+31.7
Totals, Other Retail Stores.....	759,525	822,706¹	928,485	+12.9
Totals, All Establishments.....	3,785,840	4,123,151¹	4,591,885	+11.4

¹ Revised since the publication of the 1946 Year Book.

² The slight disparity between figures for government liquor stores shown here and those appearing in Table 19 arises from minor variations in the processes used in developing the two series.