

6.—Wholesale Trade, by Major and Detailed Type of Operation, 1951—concluded

Type of Operation	Estab- lishments	Sales	Employees		Payroll	Stocks on Hand, Dec. 31
			Minimum	Maximum		
	No.	\$'000	No.	No.	\$'000	\$'000
Manufacturers' Sales Branches and Offices—						
District or general sales offices.....	26	473,800	1,311	1,514	5,241	16,838
Manufacturers' sales branches (with- out stock).....	683	1,121,645	5,166	6,036	19,936	—
Manufacturers' sales branches (with stock).....	1,993	2,199,480	29,909	34,882	96,314	233,772
Totals, Manufacturers' Sales Branches and Offices.....	2,702	3,794,925	36,386	42,432	121,491	250,610
Agents and Brokers—						
Auction companies.....	14	26,887	135	467	498	5,819
Brokers.....	94	581,373	203	215	614	321
Commission merchants.....	197	367,566	1,633	1,999	5,589	26,929
Export agents and brokers.....	44	559,690	418	502	1,586	24,436
Import agents and brokers.....	278	156,231	976	1,240	3,834	5,310
Manufacturers' agents.....	1,051	477,589	2,823	3,696	9,829	12,908
Purchasing agents and resident buyers.....	36	145,435	114	159	419	1,452
Selling agents.....	27	178,792	156	210	732	1,045
Totals, Agents and Brokers.....	1,741	2,493,563	6,458	8,488	23,101	78,220
Other Types of Operation.....	165	78,944	1,369	1,640	4,107	2,708
Totals, All Establishments¹.....	26,167	14,401,037	178,658	224,526	543,048	1,237,110

¹ See headnote.

Retail Trade.—The tables of this Subsection incorporate data for all establishments within the scope of the 1951 Census of Distribution, the basis for inclusion being conformity to the definition that an establishment must be a recognizable place of business, engaged mainly in the selling of merchandise to household consumers. The most significant information tabulated in the Census is the total dollar volume of sales made through retail establishments during the year 1951, and the total number of such establishments in existence at a designated point in time (June 1951).

Total sales and numbers of establishments have been tabulated by province, by county or census division, by incorporated city, town or village of 1,000 population or over and, for the first time, by metropolitan area. Additional information on employment and payrolls, year-end inventories and credit have been tabulated in lesser detail in certain instances. Complete results are available in 1951 Census Vol. VII—*Retail Trade*.

In addition to the more obvious types of retail outlets, such as drug stores, grocery stores, restaurants and shoe stores, the Census included, among others, gasoline filling stations, lumber and building materials dealers, fuel dealers and florists. Although by far the major part of retail trade is carried on in retail establishments, a fair amount is transacted through other distribution channels, the more important of which are manufacturing bakeries and dairies, service establishments such as hotels and bowling alleys, wholesale establishments and itinerant operators without an established place of business. A summary table showing these segments of retail trade appears in the Census of 1951 Vol. X.