

4.—Retail Trade, by Kind of Business, 1954-58

Kind of Business	1954	1955	1956	1957 ^r	1958
	\$'000,000	\$'000,000	\$'000,000	\$'000,000	\$'000,000
Grocery and combination stores.....	2,279	2,430	2,639	2,894	3,126
Other food and beverage stores.....	924	950	1,044	1,082	1,120
General stores.....	515	530	568	596	625
Department stores.....	1,062	1,150	1,242	1,282	1,345
Variety stores.....	234	250	274	296	315
Motor vehicle dealers.....	2,029	2,370	2,542	2,483	2,414
Garages and filling stations.....	632	718	822	939	1,037
Men's clothing stores.....	207	214	230	235	238
Family clothing stores.....	191	200	215	218	227
Women's clothing stores.....	221	225	247	257	265
Shoe stores.....	121	123	129	136	146
Hardware stores.....	247	256	291	302	318
Lumber and building material dealers.....	406	451	483	458	482
Furniture, appliance and radio dealers.....	486	541	584	567	566
Restaurants.....	453	468	508	525	543
Fuel dealers.....	250	268	312	322	326
Drug stores.....	282	300	329	358	383
Jewellery stores.....	116	124	130	131	133
Miscellaneous.....	1,412	1,545	1,706	1,743	1,838
Totals, All Trades.....	12,066	13,112	14,298	14,826	15,444

Retail Chain Stores.—Retail chains are defined as companies operating four or more retail outlets in the same or related kinds of business. A consistent rise in sales has been evident since statistics were first compiled on chain store operations in 1930.

5.—Retail Chain Store Statistics, 1930 and 1941-58

Year	Stores Av. No.	Net Retail Sales \$'000	Salaries and Wages Paid to Store Employees \$'000	Value of Stocks on Hand End of Year		Accounts Outstanding End of Year \$'000
				Stores	Warehouses	
				\$'000	\$'000	
1930.....	8,097	487,336	50,405	60,457
1941.....	7,622	639,210	57,777	68,619	20,976	38,376
1942.....	7,010	687,447	57,654	66,940	22,633	..
1943.....	6,780	703,950	58,804	67,628	22,602	15,527
1944.....	6,560	769,643	63,300	66,944	21,855	15,093
1945.....	6,580	876,209	68,196	68,247	29,013	16,368
1946.....	6,559	1,014,847	77,474	85,345	37,436	19,643
1947.....	6,716	1,177,323	91,266	105,040	43,546	31,492
1948.....	6,821	1,335,735	107,450	119,132	46,330	40,378
1949.....	6,839	1,420,081	115,903	123,696	46,755	50,001
1950.....	7,155	1,559,693	129,334	159,083	60,501	65,000
1951.....	7,846	1,775,744	153,599	186,562	60,490	53,816
1952.....	7,766	1,924,873	154,642	172,886	55,215	77,475
1953.....	7,835	2,048,228	171,167	179,704	52,096	91,538
1954.....	8,136	2,146,635	181,509	191,049	57,814	102,747
1955.....	8,274	2,353,955	199,611	205,833	63,120	127,362
1956.....	8,559	2,647,055	221,136	232,392	72,183	143,357
1957.....	8,822	2,841,569	242,979	248,284	78,521	148,506
1958.....	9,122	3,073,147	262,456	265,862	78,512	158,232