

5.—Retail Chain Store Sales, by Province and by Kind of Business, 1955-59—concluded

Kind of Business	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Kind of Business—concluded					
General Merchandise (excl. department stores)¹	280,871	313,976	338,645	357,199	379,638
General stores.....	37,450	41,144	42,774	42,513	44,290
Variety stores.....	207,831	229,307	247,223	264,298	282,591
Automotive.....	39,923	42,043	48,299	56,022	62,068
Apparel and Accessories¹.....	175,077	190,674	202,078	222,490	238,448
Men's and boys' clothing and furnishings.....	27,037	28,866	28,159	29,157	30,148
Women's clothing stores.....	61,897	67,269	70,707	78,147	81,357
Family clothing stores.....	33,418	36,347	40,459	44,958	50,373
Shoe stores.....	48,054	53,433	57,822	63,938	70,150
Building Materials and Hardware.....	114,963	141,316	140,534	154,151	155,923
Furniture and Household Appliances.....	120,515	137,059	130,727	133,301	132,083
Other Retail Stores¹.....	135,962	136,592	145,638	155,618	163,544
Drug stores.....	36,660	41,299	45,437	49,912	53,383
Jewellery stores.....	43,016	46,301	45,205	47,017	48,736

¹ Includes other kinds of business not shown separately.

Operating Results of Retail Chain Stores.—A survey of the operating results of retail chain stores is carried out every second year. Results of the 1959 survey are given in Table 6.

6.—Operating Results of Retail Chain Stores for Selected Kinds of Business, 1959

(Percentage of net sales)

Kind of Business	Gross Profit	Salaries and Wages	Occupancy Expenses ¹	Total Operating Expenses ²	Net Operating Profit	Net Non-trading Income	Net Profit before Income Tax
Grocery.....	16.49	9.17	2.07	15.28	1.21	0.22	1.43
Combination grocery and meat.....	17.90	7.88	2.14	15.17	2.73	0.30	3.03
Meat.....
Men's clothing.....	35.65	15.87	5.86	33.92	1.73	0.86	2.59
Women's clothing.....	34.61	15.11	7.33	31.58	3.03	1.13	4.16
Family clothing.....	32.58	15.36	4.45	29.27	3.31	0.32	3.63
Shoe.....	35.94	15.80	7.14	30.19	5.75	0.31 ³	5.44
Variety.....	38.66	18.10	5.09	29.93	8.73	0.69	9.42
Drug.....	33.92	18.51	5.34	31.56	2.36	1.22	3.58
Furniture.....	36.13	16.78	4.99	41.24	5.11 ⁴	12.19	8.08

¹ Includes taxes and insurance, light, heat and power, repairs, maintenance, depreciation (except on delivery equipment) and rentals on rented premises. ² Includes salaries and wages and occupancy expenses. ³ Net non-trading expense. ⁴ Net operating loss.