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Kind of business	Chain stores			Independent stores		
	1974 \$'000,000	1977 \$'000,000	Per- centage change 1974-77	1974 \$'000,000	1977 \$'000,000	Per- centage change 1974-77
Men's clothing stores Women's clothing stores Family clothing stores Specialty shoe stores Family shoe stores Hardware stores Household furniture stores Household appliance stores Furniture, TV, radio and appliance stores Pharmacies, patent medicine and	148.1 346.8 259.5 21.8 203.4 83.0 136.1 39.3 135.3	250,4 581,4 396,9 24,9 316,9 108,9 144,3 40,3 125,1	+69.1 +67.7 +52.9 +14.2 +55.8 +31.2 +6.0 +2.5 -7.5	458.2 398.1 383.3 29.7 170.3 445.5 558.3 155.4 337.4	505.2 512.5 458.9 34.0 220.8 564.4 785.6 194.3 368.8	+10.3 +28.7 +19.7 +14.5 +29.7 +26.7 +26.7 +25.0 +9.3
cosmetics stores Book and stationery stores Florists Jewellery stores Sporting goods and accessories stores Personal accessories stores All other stores	262.2 63.3 9.2 159.9 21.3 134.3 2,714,2	415.7 115.3 10.9 229.3 67.5 219.1 3,660.6	+58.5 +82.2 +18.5 +43.4 +216.9 +63.1 +34.9	1,041.7 115.0 152.6 225.0 402.3 515.7 2,345.5	1,445,1 163,0 216,7 320,7 654,0 657,4 3,390,6	+38.7 +41.7 +42.0 +42.5 +62.6 +27.5 +44.6
Total, all stores	18,787,3	25,834.0	+37.5	25,963.7	35,729.4	+37.6

18.2 Sales of chain and independent stores, by kind of business, 1974 and 1977 and percentage change 1974-77 (concluded)

18.3 Percentage market share of chain stores, by kind of business, 1974-77

Kind of business	1974	1975	1976	1977
Combination stores (groceries and meat)	69.5	69.2	71.0	71.5
Grocery, confectionery and sundries stores	17.4	16.7	14.6	15.0
All other food stores	10.2	9.7	9.1	9.5
Department stores	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
General merchandise stores	79.8	78.2	76.6	76.6
General stores	19.2	27.3	27.1	28.0
Variety stores	75.7	75.8	75.2	76.2
Motor vehicle dealers	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Used car dealers	-	-		
Service stations	19.2	21.3	20.3	20.0
Garages	_		-	
Automotive parts and accessories stores	17.0	15.5	13.1	13.5
Men's clothing stores	24.4	27.0	28.9	33.2
Women's clothing stores	46.6	52.2	51.9	53.4
Family clothing stores	40.4	43.3	46.7	46.3
Specialty shoe stores	42.4	46.0	47.7	42.2
Family shoe stores	54.4	57.4	59.4	59.1
Hardware stores	15.7	15.6	16.7	16.2
Household furniture stores	19.6r	16.6r	20.0	15.5
Household appliance stores	20.2r	18.0r	18.0	17.2
Furniture, TV, radio and appliance stores	28.6r	29.6r	29.6	25.3
Pharmacies, patent medicine and cosmetics stores	20.1	22.4	22.4	22.4
Book and stationery stores	35.5	45.9	43.4	41.8
Florists	5.7	4.9	5.6	4.8
Jewellery stores	41.6	42.8	42.2	41.8
Sporting goods and accessories stores	5.0	4.0	7.9	9.6
Personal accessories stores	20.7	24.4	24.2	25.0
All other stores	53.6r	53.11	53.2	52.7
Total, all stores	42.0r	41.8r	41.8	42.0

18.4 Department store sales by department, 1974-77

Department.	Sales						
	1974 \$'000,000	1975 \$'000,000	1976 \$'000,000	1977 \$'000,000	Percentage change 1974-77		
Women's, misses' and children's clothing							
Women's and misses' dresses, house- dresses, aprons and uniforms	107.7	117.2	133.5	141.9	+31.8		
Women's and misses' coats and suits	106.5	122.2	137.6	140.5	+31.9		
Women's and misses' sportswear	251.4	278.1	316.0	341.2	+35.7		
Furs	20.5	19.4	24.7	24.8	+21.0		
Infants' and children's wear and nursery							
equipment	134.7	160.1	178.0	189.8	+40.9		
Girls' and teenage girls' wear	80.0	91.1	99.4	106.4	+33.0		
Lingerie and women's sleepwear	82.5	98.1	115.4	125.9	+ 52.6		
Intimate apparel	55.5	59.7	67.4	72.3	+30.3		
Millinery	15.3	16.1	16.4	16.0	+4.6		
Women's and girls' hosiery	53.7	57.5	63.4	68.2	+27.0		