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CHAIN STORE SALES AND STOCKS  
 Sales during May and Stocks (at cost) May 1962 and 1963

The estimates contained in this report are not adjusted for price changes, seasonal variations or number of shopping days; they are subject to revision on an annual basis.

Kind of business	Sales		Change 1963/62 %	Stocks (at cost)		Change 1963/62 %
	May 1962 \$'000	May 1963 \$'000		May 1, 1962 \$'000	May 1, 1963 \$'000	
Grocery and combination .....	143,132	160,737	+12.3	87,385	92,191	+ 5.5
Variety .....	25,668	27,479	+ 7.1	58,903	65,382	+11.0
Men's clothing .....	2,378	2,484	+ 4.5	6,852	8,257	+20.5
Family clothing .....	6,029	6,128	+ 1.6	14,303	11,471	-19.8
Women's clothing .....	7,644	8,152	+ 6.6	16,446	18,700	+13.7
Shoe .....	7,231	7,382	+ 2.1	24,315	26,674	+ 9.7
Hardware .....	5,682	6,210	+ 9.3	14,818	16,981	+14.6
Lumber and building material	8,816	9,199	+ 4.3	23,862	31,330	+31.3
Furniture, radio and appliance	9,831	9,845	+ 0.1	20,140	19,375	- 3.8
Drug .....	4,326	4,669	+ 7.9	12,544	12,632	+ 0.7
Jewellery .....	3,617	3,739	+ 3.4	15,460	15,661	+ 1.3
All other .....	83,813	86,322	+ 3.0	126,861	136,608	+ 7.7
Totals .....	308,167	332,346	+ 7.8	421,889	455,262	+ 7.9

Although data from identical firms for the two monthly periods are used to produce the dollar estimates, the percentage change may be influenced by the difference in number of stores operated.

Number of Stores Operated by Reporting Firms

Kind of business	Number of stores		Kind of business	Number of stores	
	May 1962	May 1963		May 1962	May 1963
Grocery and combination .....	1,385	1,404	Lumber and building Material .....	649	639
Variety .....	845	865	Furniture, radio & appliance .....	441	420
Men's clothing ....	160	160	Drug .....	276	277
Family clothing ...	145	143	Jewellery .....	108	107
Women's clothing ..	520	540	All other .....	1,915	2,043
Shoe .....	899	910	Totals .....	7,482	7,659
Hardware .....	139	151			

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