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## DEFINITIONS

## Profit and Loss

Net sales - the dollar volume of business done, allowances and discounts granted to customers and value of goods returned by customers are deducted from gross sales, but sales of meals or lunches provided employees and any goods withdrawn by the proprietor for personal use are included.

Cost of goods sold - determined by adding the beginning inventory to net purchases and deducting the ending inventory.

Gross profit - the difference between "cost of goods sold" and "net sales".
Operating expenses - all costs incurred in the year's operation of a business, except the cost of merchandise. These include:

Salaries and wages (except delivery) - payments to employees before deduction of income tax or unemployment insurance. Proprietors' salaries or withdrawals are included in "net operating profit" in unincorporated store operations.

Taxes - business, property and water taxes. Taxes collected for remittance to governmental bodies and income tax are not included.

Insurance - annual proportion of premiums for insurance policies carried to protect the business.
rent - payments for use of business premises.
Heat, light and power - cost applicable to year's operations.
Delivery - includes salaries paid to delivery men, truck repairs and maintenance, depreciation, licenses and insurance on delivery equipment and supplies used in connection with delivery (gas, oil, etc.).

Repairs and maintenance - costs incurred to keep fixed store assets operating efficiently (excludes capital expenditure).

Depreciation allowances - provision for decrease in the value of fixed store assets.
Store supplies - wrapping paper, office supplies, etc.
Idvertising - displays, window dressing and sales promotion.
Net bad debt loss - estimated amount of uncollectable customers' accounts receivable less the amount recovered from former bad debts.

Other expenses - telephone, telegraph, postage, bank charges, legal, auditing and collection fees, etc.

Net operating profit - is the difference between "total operating expenses" and "gross profit" and includes proprietors' salaries and withdrawals before income tax deductions.

Occupancy - the cost of maintaining and occupying a place of business and includes: rent, business and property taxes, insurance, heat, light and power, repairs and maintenance and depreciation.

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:Balance Sheet

## Assets

Cash on hand or in bank - the amount of cash in the business at the end of the y ear.
Net accounts receivable - all customers' notes and accounts owing to the business at the end of the year, less any reserve for doubtful accounts.

Merchandise inventory - the cost value of merchandise on hand for resale but does not include store supplies on hand.

Other current assets - includes assets which may be converted into cash, if necessary within a reasonably short time, such as Dominion of Canada Bonds and prepaid insurance.

Fixed assets (net) - the book value of land, buildings, furniture, fixtures and equipment less any reserves for depreciation. Separate figures are shown for assets used in the business and those not used in the business.

Other assets - investments of a permanent nature not readily converted into cash and intangibles such as goodwill and organization costs.

## Liabilities and Net Worth

Current liabilities - obligations which must be paid in the near future and represent accounts payable or any item that may be considered as a direct lien against current assets.

Fixed liabilities - mortgages secured by fixed assets and separated, as are fixed assets, between those used and not used in business.

Other liabilities - long term notes payable, accrued expenses such as taxes due but not yet pald, and prepaid or deferred income.

Net worth - Unincorporated business - the amount invested in the business together with any accumulated profits after proprietor's or partners' withdrawals.

- Incorporated business - net worth is shown in two parts:
(1) Capital stock, which represents the shareholders' investment of fully paid-up subscribed shares, and
(2) Surplus, which represents distributable surplus, capital surplus and earned surplus.


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## Profit and Loss Statement Ratios

Stock Turnover - the number of times in a year that the average merchandise inventory is sold and replaced. The average of the beginning and ending inventories is divided into the cost of goods sold.

Note: Each of the following ratios are expressed as a percentage of "net sales". Consequently, it is permissible to make direct comparisons between these ratios. Each ratio represents a portion of the average net sales' dollar.

Gross Profit Ratio - sometimes referred to as the "gross margin ratio" or "mark-up" represents the difference between "cost of goods sold" and "net sales". It is the portion of the average sales' dollar from which the merchant meets his operating expenses and obtains his netoperating profit.

Operating Expense Ratios - Each item of expense, as well as "total operating expenses" when expressed as a percentage of "net sales" shows the amounts of the average sales" dollar required to operate the average business.

Net Operating Profit Ratio - the remaining proportion of the average sales" dollar after "cost of goods sold" and "total operating expenses" have been deducted. From this amount, the percentage allowances for both proprietors' salaries and income tax should be deducted, in order to determine the percentage to sales of net returns on canital investment.

## Falance Sheet Ratios

Current Ratio - Current Assets - Current Liabilities - indicates to what extent the business is able to meet its current obligations out of "current assets". Care should be taken to examine the components of current assets because overstocking of inventories and overinvestment in credit sales (accounts receivable) can result in a stronger or more favourable ratio.
liquirlity Ratio - Current Assets Less Merchandise Inventory $\div$ Current Liabilities - sometimes referred to as the" acid test", is similar to the "current ratio" as a test of current credit strength A ratio of $100 \%$ (or 1 ) is usually considered favourable.

Working Capital to Net Worth Ratio - denotes the relationship between "working capital" (current assets less current liabilities) and a proprietor's equity in the business. That is, the proportion of "net worth" that could be realized readily if liquidation were necessary.

Worth-Debt Ratio - Net Worth $\div$ Total Liabilities - If used in conjunction with the "current ratio", would reflect any weakening of the capital structure of a business through large loans which give a high "current ratio".

## Interstatement Ratio

Turnover of Total Capital Employed - Net Sales $\div$ Total Assets used in the business - provides an indication of the degree of management efficiency. However, this ratio should not be used alone because "profits" and not "sales" are the major criterion of efficiency.

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## INTRODUCTION

This report on operating results and financial structure presents information int he form of averages and ratios as a guide to retail store operators for the trades covered. These ratios are the "average" of a broad range of operational efficiency, and as such do not represent top performance guides. However, used with this in mind, they show a standard by which business men can compare their own operating experiences. The pattern of expense and financial ratios, by size and kind of business, permit direct analysis of operating results for the year.

There is growing evidence that independent retail merchants are making more advantageous use of the results shown in the biennial operating results bulletins issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Many accounting firms whose clientele includes retail merchants have shown much interest in these series.

A number of trade papers and business periodicals have reproduced and interpreted the results of previous studies with the object of illustrating to retail merchants the manner in which operating results can be used as a tool in store management. This is a practice the Bureau is pleased to encourage, since it meets with one of the most important objects in maintaining this series, namely the promotion of improved merchandising on the part of retailers.

The new owner of a retail store or the prospective operator might well study these averages. Not all failures in business, however, come from the
" "new-owner" group. It seems reasonable to suppose, however, that failure in many cases is the result of inadequate knowledge on the part of new proprietors of the true fiscal requirements involved in operating a business and the proper allocation of costs. Where capital is limited, as is often the case in a newlyestablished store, it would seem that most careful attention should be given to maintenance of proper records and that provision be made to check against some such standard performance as these publications provide.

Analyses of both profit and loss and balance sheet statements are presented in this report.

Profit and loss data are shown for owned and rented stores separately, and for various sale-size categories.

Balance sheet data, which were introduced in 1948, are continued in this 1954 study. This information is presented by sales-size and kind of occupancy groups for stores with $\$ 20,000$ or more annual net sales. Where possible, a further differentiation has been made between businesses in operation less than 10 years and 10 years or more. An important change, introduced in 1950, is the segregation of fixed assets and fixed liabilities between those used in the business and those not used in the business. This makes possible a better relationship between assets used in the business and sales, than was possible when all fixed assets of the proprietor were reported as one item.

## INDEPENDENT JEWELLERY STORES

Only retail establishments selling mainly jewellery, silverware, clocks and watches are used in this publication. Optical and leather goods, gifts and novelties may also be sold along with repair work but the latter should not exceed $50 \%$ of the total trade.

Unincorporated and incorporated "single establishment" or "independent" firms only are covered. After careful editing, 386 questionnaires were used for the profit and loss tabulations of unincorporated stores (119 for owned and 267 for
rented stores). The results of incorporated stores were derived from 66 properly completed questionnatres, covering rented stores only.

Returns from which balance sheet data were used numbered 239 for unincorporated stores and 65 for incorporated firms.

Any change in the actual count from survey to survey may be attributed to changes in store classification, stores going out of business, the necessity of augmenting the survey list or simply to different norresponse in the survey years.

Tabulation of balance sheet data was made on a sales-size range basis and, where possible, a further breakdown by number of years in business.

Compilation of profit and loss data was made for different sales-size categories. The response from large stores is generally better than that from smaller ones. To obtain proper ratios for total trade, weights of the 1951 census were used. F'or example, in response to this survey, independent stores between $\$ 10,000$ and $\$ 19,999$ may represent $5 \pi$ of the business done by all respondents. According to the 1951 census they might account for approximately $11 \%$ of total jewellery store sales. To obtain ratios for total all sizes, the census weights were applied to the varlous expense and profit ratios of the different sales-size classes.

The summary chart does not show weighted ratios; for sake of comparability with previous years for which weights are not available, aggregate or unweighted ratios were used.

The average gross profit expressed as a percentage of average net sales for unincorporated stores increased to 40.19 per cent for 1954 from 39.99 per cent for 1952. A greater increase in net operating expenses reversed the initial increase in the gross profit to result in a decrease for net operating profit from 14.95 per cent in 1352 down to 14.66 per cent in 1954. The expense items; salaries, store supplies and advertising all showed a decrease in 1954 compared to 1952 but these were offset by increased ratios of occupancy and other expenses. The increase in the gross profit of in-
comorated stores from 42.38 per cent in 1952 to 43.52 per cent in 1954 was also more than offset by the increase in net operating expenses, 39.11 per cent in 1952 to 40.38 per cent in 1954. Final net operating profit decreased to 3.14 per cent in 1954 compared with 3.27 per cent in 1952. Salaries of management, charged as operating expenses, account for the low net profit ratio of incorporated firms compared to unincorporated stores.

Inventories for owned stores were slightly higher at the end of the year than they were at the begirning. This was due to sales-size class $\$ 50,000-$ $\$ 99,999$, the only group showing an increase for the year. Rented store inventories at the end of the y ear were lower for each sales-size category. Overall inventories for the two occupancy groups were slightly lower at the end of the year than they were at the beginning. Incomporated rented store inventories were lower at the end of the year for all except the sales-size group $\$ 100,000$ and over.

The rate of turnover for jewellery stores for both types of organization was very low and increased with the size of sales, ranging from 0.78 times per year to 1.82 times per year for both unincorporated and incorporated firms.

Balance sheet ratios are shown historically, affording valuable comparison for further study.

The following summaries, charts and tables, will give more detail and information on operating results and the financial position of independent. jewellery stores for 1954.

Onerating Results of Indenendent Jewellery Stores, 1952 and 1954 Comnared

| Item | Unincorporated |  | Incorporated |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1952 | 1954 | 1952 | 1954 |
|  | (per cent of net sales) |  |  |  |
| Gross profit | 39.99 | 40.19 | 42.38 | 43. 52 |
| Operating expenses: |  |  |  |  |
| Employees' salaries | 10.37 | 10.07 | 21.12 | 22.92 |
| Occupancy | 7.44 | 8.30 | 8.16 | 8. 25 |
| Store Supplies | 1.18 | 1.08 | 1.34 | 1.42 |
| Advertising ..n-.......................................................................... | 1.97 | 1.88 | 3.49 | 3.31 |
| All other expenses ................................................................. | 4.08 | 4. 20 | 5.00 | 4. 48 |
| Total operating expenses .................................................... | 25.04 | 25.53 | 39.11 | 40.38 |
| Net operating profit before deduction of income tax (1)............. | 14.95 | 14.66 | 3.27 | 3.14 |

[^1]Financial Ratios of Indemendent Jewellery Stores as at December 31, 1948, 50-52-54


Note: Ratio definitions are shown on page 6.



C MbE 1. Indemendent Jewellery Stores - Operating Kesults of fincurporated stores by Anual sales Valume and Occupancs, 1934

| Item | Owned stores <br> with annual net sales of |  |  |  | Rented stores <br> w th annual net sales of |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Under } \\ & \$ 10,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 10,000 \\ & 10 \\ & \$ 19,999 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \$ 20,000 \\ 10 \\ \$ 49,999 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \$ 50,000 \\ 10 \\ \$ 99,999 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Under } \\ & \$ 10,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \$ 10,000 \\ 160 \\ \$ 19,999 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \$ 20,000 \\ \text { to } \\ \$ 49,999 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \$ 50,000 \\ 60 \\ \$ 99,999 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \$ 100,000 \\ \text { 日 nd } \\ \text { over } \end{gathered}$ |
| Number of stores reporting <br> Average net sales per store $\qquad$ <br> Average beginning lnventory $\qquad$ | $\begin{array}{r} 21 \\ 6.693 \\ 4,935 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 30 \\ 15,529 \\ 10,801 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 45 \\ 33,573 \\ 17,636 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 23 \\ 67,524 \\ 22,190 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 25 \\ 7,083 \\ 4,818 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 83 \\ 15.309 \\ 9.494 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 128 \\ 31,841 \\ 15,849 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 39 \\ 64,831 \\ 25,622 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 12 \\ 130,624 \\ 44,478 \end{array}$ |
| Average inventory, end of year A verage cost of goods sold $\qquad$ 5 <br> Stock turnover (kimes per year) $\qquad$ | $\begin{array}{r} 4,702 \\ 3.975 \\ 0.82 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 10,880 \\ 9,336 \\ 0.89 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 17,378 \\ 21,063 \\ 1.30 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 23,494 \\ 39,774 \\ 1.74 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 4,802 \\ 3,729 \\ 0.78 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 9,109 \\ 8,521 \\ 0.92 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 15,682 \\ 19.249 \\ 1.22 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 24,857 \\ 38,567 \\ 1.53 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 44,250 \\ 80,670 \\ 1.82 \end{array}$ |
| Profit and Loss Data (per cent of net sales) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Gross profit | 40.61 | 38.39 | 37.26 | 41.10 | 47.20 | 44.34 | 39.54 | 40.51 | 38.24 |
| Operating expenses: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Employees' salaries and wages (except delivery)........ Delivery | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 3. } 49 \\ & 0.61 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 6.29 \\ & 0.51 \end{aligned}$ | 8.74 0.58 | $\begin{gathered} 14.22 \\ 0.49 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2.48 \\ & 0.86 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 7.22 \\ & 0.36 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 9.69 \\ & 0.43 \end{aligned}$ | 12.92 0.33 | 13.28 0.47 |
| Occupancy expenses: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Taxes ..... | 2.01 | 1.73 | 1.27 |  | 0.72 | 0.71 | 0.51 | 0.48 | 0.37 |
| Insurance | 1.41 | 1.14 | 1.02 | 1.12 | 1.32 | 1.00 | 0.85 | 0.79 | 0.80 |
| Rent ..................... | - | - | - | - | 9.64 | 7.87 | 4.56 | 3.68 | 3.28 |
| Ueat, light and power- | 2.66 | 2. 27 | 1. 24 | 1.00 | 1. 98 | 1.09 | 0.96 | 0.68 | 0.53 |
| Repairs and maintenance | 0.85 2.08 | 1.26 2.85 | 0.98 2.31 | 0.87 1.41 | 0.45 1.56 | 0.66 0.92 | 0.61 1.02 | 0.54 1.02 | 0.51 0.83 |
| Total occuparcy expenges ..................................... | 9.01 | 9.25 | 6.82 | 5.40 | 15.67 | 12.25 | 8.51 | 7.19 | 6.12 |
| Office or store supplies............................................. | 1.04 | 1.06 | 1.17 | 1. 22 | 1. 30 | 0.96 | 1.02 | 1. 18 | 1. 03 |
| Advertising ........... | 1.28 | 1. 37 | 1. 37 | 2.08 | 1.17 | 1. 25 | 1.95 | 2.25 | 2.75 |
| Net loss on bad debts ............................................... | 0.04 | 0.11 | 0.15 | 0.34 | 0.08 | 0.20 | 0.34 | 0.63 | 0.47 |
| All other expenses ..................................................... | 3.62 | 3.95 | 3.47 | 3.66 | 4.66 | 3.81 | 3. 30 | 2.83 | 3.35 |
| Total operating expenses ...................................... | 19.07 | 22.54 | 22.39 | 27.41 | 26.22 | 26.85 | 23.24 | 27.33 | 27.45 |
| Net operaling proftt before deduction of proprietors' salaries and income tax. | 21.54 | 16.05 | 14.96 | 13.69 | 20,98 | 18.29 | 14.30 | 13.18 | 10.79 |

TABLE 2. Independent Jewellery Stores - Operating Results of Incomporated Rented Stores by innual Sales Volume, 1954

| Item | Stores with annual net sales of |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 20,000 \text { to } \\ & \$+9.999 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \$ 50,000 \text { to } \\ \$ 99,999 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \$ 100,000 \\ \text { and } \\ \text { over } \end{gathered}$ |
| Number of stores reporting | 19 | 21 | 26 |
|  | 34,888 | 74.816 | 159,569 |
| Average begtnntog tnventory ................................................................................................ \$ | 23,360 | 42.230 | 53,367 |
| Average Inventory, end of year .............................................................................................. | 22,890 | 40,258 | 54,516 |
| Average cost of goods sold ................................................................................................... ${ }^{\text {\% }}$ | 19.022 | 41.405 | 91,392 |
| Stock turnover (times per year) ................................................................................................ | 0.82 | 1.00 | 1.69 |
| Profit and Loss Data (per cent of net sales) |  |  |  |
| Gross prolit | 45.48 | 44,66 | 42.82 |
| Operating expenses: |  |  |  |
| cmployees'salaries and wages (except delivery) | 24.35 | 23.82 | 22.31 |
| Delivery ............ | 0.80 | 0.46 | 0.54 |
| Occupancy expenses: |  |  |  |
| Insusance ..................... | 0.98 1.86 | 0.58 I .02 | 0.50 |
| Rent ........................ | 6.65 | 4.99 | 3. 50 |
| Heat, light and power | 1.12 | 0.85 | 0.54 |
| Repsirs and maintenance ...oc-................................................................................................ | 0.90 | 0.60 | 0.51 |
| Deprecintion allowances | 0.88 | 1.13 | 1.06 |
| Total occupancy expenses. | 12.35 | 9.17 | 7.06 |
| ofrice or store supplites | 1.12 | 1. 28 | 1.53 |
| Advertising ............... | 2. 35 | 2.42 | 3.82 |
| Net loss on bad debts | 0.24 | 0. 55 | 0.79 |
| All ather expenses | 3.37 | 3.46 | 3.17 |
| Total operating expenses. | 44.58 | 41.16 | 39.22 |
| Net onerating profit before provision for lacome tax | 0.90 | 3.50 | 3.50 |

TABLE 3. Independent Jewellery Stores - Owned - Financial Structure of Unincorporated Stores by Size and Age of isusiness as lecember 31, 1934


TABLE 4. Independent Jewellery Stores - Rented-Financial Structure of Unincorporated Stores by Size and Age of Business as at December 31, 1954


TABLE 5. Independent Jewellery Stores - Rented - Financial Structure of Incorporated Stores by Size and Age of business as at December 31, 1954


IMBLE 5. Independent Jewellery Stores - Rented - Financial Structure of Incorporated Stores by Size and Age of lusiness as at December 31,1954 - Concluded

| Item | Stores with annual net sales of |  |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Total } \\ & \text { all } \\ & \text { sizes } \\ & \$ 20,000 \\ & \text { and } \\ & \text { over } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \$ 20,000 \\ t 0 \\ \$ 49,999 \end{gathered}$ | \$50,000 to \$99,999 |  |  | \$100,000 and over |  |  |  |
|  |  | Under 10 years | 10 years and over | Total | Under 10 years | 10 years snd over | Total |  |
| ge per store) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Labilities <br> Current liabilities: <br> Accounts and notes payable. | 11,393 | 18,411 | 14,006 | 16,313 | 35, 304 | 27, 502 | 31,871 | 20,859 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fixed Hablities: | $\begin{aligned} & 447 \\ & 231 \end{aligned}$ | 433 |  | 227 | - | - | - | 20467 |
| Mortikages on fixed essets used in business $\qquad$ Mortgages on fixed assets not used in business. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total fixed I labilities | 678 | 433 | - | 227 | - | - | - | 271 |
| Other liabilities | 4,707 | 9,825 | 7.477 | 8,707 | 6,817 | 6,522 | 6,687 | 6,761 |
| Total liabilities | 16,778 | 28,669 | 21,487 | 25, 247 | 42. 121 | 34,024 | 38,558 | 27,891 |
| Net worth: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Capital stock - paid up | $12,159$ | $18,302$ | $22,323$ | $20,217$ | $37,878$ | $40,984$ |  |  |
| surplus and undivided prolit. | $6,375$ | $10,916$ | $21,503$ | $15,958$ | $20,313$ | $27,819$ | $23,618$ | $16,102$ |
| Total net worth. | 18,534 | 29,218 | 43, 826 | 36, 175 | 58, 191 | 68,803 | 62, 860 | 41.282 |
| Total lighillties and net worth. | 35, 312 | 57,887 | 65,309 | 61,422 | 100, 312 | 102,827 | 108,418 | 69,173 |
| Average net sales of stores reporting. <br> Number of stores reporting | 34,888 19 | 74, 306 | 75,378 10 | 74,816 21 | 138,791 | 169,221 11 | 152,181 25 | $92,901$ |

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[^0]:    *Blennial reports - not Issued for 1954.

[^1]:    (1) Proprietors' salaries included for unincorporated stores.

    IJote: These ratios are "weighted" according to the 1951 Census weights of the different sales sizes forindependent stores and are shown here for the first time. They do not agree with ratios shown formerly for 1952 or with those shown in historical tables.

