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## INDEX OF RETAIL SALES 3RD QUARTER 2021

The All Sections Index of Retail Sales increased by 24.3% from 217.1 in the 2nd quarter 2021 to 269.9 in the 3rd quarter 2021.

This increase was directly attributable to increases observed in:

- Motor Vehicles and Parts: 153.0%
- Household Appliances, Furniture and other Furnishings: 129.2%
- Other: 59.1%
- Construction Materials and Hardware: 44.2%
- Textiles and Wearing Apparel : 23.0%
- Dry Goods Stores: 17.0%
- Petrol Filling Stations: 16.2%

When a year on year analysis is undertaken, the All Sections Index decreased by 13.0% from 310.2 in 3rd quarter 2020. The Sections that contributed to this decrease were:

- Household Appliances, Furniture and other Furnishings: -63.5%
- Dry Goods Stores: -14.0%
- Supermarkets and Groceries: 9.0%
- Petrol Filling Stations: -6.5%

Offsetting these decreases were increased sales in Textiles and Wearing Apparel 9.0%; Motor Vehicles and Parts 5.7%; Construction Materials and Hardware 4.7%; and Other 0.7%.

When the All Sections Index of the Retail Sales is deflated by the All Items Index of Retail Prices, the volume of sales by retail establishments increased by 23.0% between 2nd quarter 2021 and 3rd quarter 2021 as compared with 38.3% increase over the same period a year earlier.

### Special points of interest:

- \* The Index of Retail Sales is a measure of consumer confidence
- \* The All Sections Index for 3rd quarter 2021 is 269.9 an increase of 24.3% over the index for the previous quarter.
- \* The volume of retail sales in the 3rd quarter 2021 increased by 23.0%.

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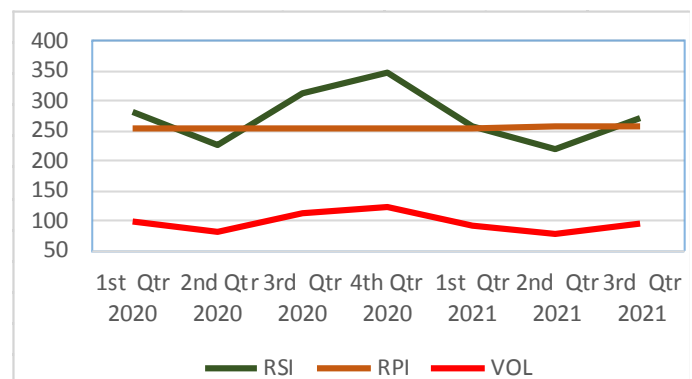
### What is the Index of Retail Sales?

The Index of Retail Sales is a quarterly measure of the value of goods sold by retailers based on a sampling of retail stores of different types and sizes.

It is an important indicator of movements in retail trade and is computed using the total receipts of a sample of retail establishments. It is therefore, essentially a value index.

The series may be used, within limitations, to estimate the quarterly consumer expenditure and, when deflated by the Retail Price Index, can be a useful tool to monitor the volume of retail sales.

Comparison of the movement in the Index of Retail Sales, the Retail Price Index and the Volume Index



## INDEX OF RETAIL SALES

(Base Period: Average of 4 quarters 2000 = 100)

3rd Quarter 2021

Industry	Weight	2020 Qtr 2	2020 Qtr 3	2020 Qtr 4	2021 Qtr 1 <sup>r</sup>	2021 Qtr 2 <sup>r</sup>	2021 Qtr 3	Annual Average 2019	Annual Average 2020
<b>Dry Goods Stores</b>	76	955.5	1033.5	1284.2	827.0	759.7	888.7	1010.4	1075.4
<b>Supermarkets &amp; Groceries</b>	279	313.6	331.8	386.7	308.2	325.5	301.9	316.1	336.2
<b>Construction Materials &amp; Hardware</b>	130	80.7	134.3	141.5	138.7	97.4	140.5	129.4	119.5
<b>Household Appliances, Furniture &amp; other</b>	79	82.1	455.8	343.3	175.8	72.6	166.3	287.3	266.1
<b>Textiles &amp; Wearing Apparel</b>	43	25.8	36.8	84.3	40.4	32.6	40.1	64.9	46.1
<b>Motor Vehicles &amp; Parts</b>	173	92.9	235.3	270.5	185.7	98.4	248.9	263.2	207.4
<b>Petrol Filling Stations</b>	99	190.7	249.0	255.8	244.5	200.5	232.9	290.7	242.9
<b>Other of which:</b>	121	89.2	154.7	144.8	130.7	97.9	155.8	147.2	127.9
<b>Pharmaceuticals &amp; Cosmetics</b>	61	93.1	86.5	89.6	92.6	95.9	83.8	88.2	91.7
<b>Books &amp; Stationery</b>	24	53.2	255.4	201.8	137.4	78.5	307.0	209.8	155.4
<b>Jewellery</b>	6	5.0	14.1	35.2	13.8	4.3	11.1	55.6	23.1
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	30	127.1	240.9	233.2	226.3	136.2	210.0	235.5	200.6
<b>ALL SECTION INDEX</b>	<b>1000</b>	<b>223.9</b>	<b>310.2</b>	<b>344.3</b>	<b>254.7</b>	<b>217.1</b>	<b>269.9</b>	<b>291.1</b>	<b>289.5</b>

SOURCE: CENTRAL STATISTICAL OFFICE

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Differences in totals may be due to rounding