

**Table 23.08-- RETAIL SALES, BY TYPE OF STORE: 1996 AND 1997**

[In millions of dollars; data are estimates]

Kind of store	SIC code	1996	1997
All stores 1/	52 to 59	13,322	2/ 13,359
Food stores	54	2,266	2,264
Grocery stores	541	2,103	2,090
General merchandise stores	53	2,197	2,256
Department stores	531	957	1,012
Automotive dealers	55 exc. 554	2,073	1,989
Eating and drinking places	58	1,892	1,849
Gasoline service stations	554	680	633
Building materials and garden supplies	52	472	544
Apparel and accessories stores	56	1,058	1,117
Furniture, homefurnishings stores	57	619	617

1/ Includes other types of stores, not shown separately.

2/ Sales per household were \$34,141, highest of the 50 States. The U.S. ratio was \$25,437.

Source: Market Statistics (a division of Claritas Inc., Arlington VA), estimates cited in *Statistical Abstract of the United States: 1999*, pp. 778-779.