

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Economics and Statistics Administration
U.S. CENSUS BUREAU



FORM
SA-44S
(3-17-2005)

DUE
DATE ▸

ANNUAL RETAIL TRADE REPORT 2005

**INFORMATION COPY
DO NOT USE TO REPORT**

NOTICE — Your report to the Census Bureau is confidential by law (Title 13, U.S. Code). It may be seen only by persons sworn to uphold the confidentiality of Census Bureau information and may be used only for statistical purposes. The law also provides that copies retained in your files are immune from legal process.

RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO
➔ U.S. CENSUS BUREAU
National Processing Center
1201 East 10th Street
Jeffersonville, IN 47132-0001
FAX 1-800-447-4613

Any questions call
1-800-772-7851 weekdays,
8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST

PROMPT RETURN WILL RESULT IN
CONSIDERABLE SAVINGS TO YOUR
GOVERNMENT.

(Please correct any error in name, address, and ZIP Code)

YOUR RESPONSE IS REQUIRED BY LAW. Title 13, U.S. Code, requires businesses and other organizations that receive this questionnaire to answer the questions and return the report to the Census Bureau.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- Provide data on a calendar year basis for 2004 and/or 2005. If data are not available in this format, indicate in the appropriate items the period covered.
- Always provide book figures. If they are not available, carefully prepared estimates, labeled "Est," are acceptable.
- Any significant change in your firm's operations should be noted in the "REMARKS" section of this report.

Include

- All domestic/U.S. retail establishments operated by your company and its subsidiaries, except for subsidiaries which report on separate Annual Retail Trade Reports
- Data for auxiliary facilities of your firm primarily engaged in furnishing supporting services to your retail establishment(s) (such as warehouses, garages, central administrative offices, and repair services)
- Retail leased departments and concessions operated by this firm in establishments of others (e.g., shoe departments in department stores or prescription counters in food stores)
- Data for establishment(s) sold or acquired during 2004 and/or 2005 for the period they were operated by your firm

Exclude

- Data for retail establishments operated by other firms, such as franchises
- Departments and concessions operated by other firms in your retail store(s)

▶ NOTE: A store front is not required for your firm to be classified as retail. For more information on classification, visit www.census.gov/epcd/www/drnaics.htm.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

Item 1A - OWNERSHIP OR CONTROL

1. Does another firm own more than 50 percent of the working stock or have the power to control management and policies of this firm?

- 050 1 YES →
- 2 NO ↘

051 Name of owning or controlling company	
Address - Number and street	
City, State, and ZIP Code	
052	EI Number (9 digits)
	-

2. Did your firm experience any organizational change during 2004 and/or 2005?

- 025 1 YES —
- 2 NO — Go to item 1B

- 026 1 Sold to
- 027 1 Merged with
- 028 1 Acquired

029 Name of company sold to/merged with/acquired	
Number and street	
City, State, and ZIP Code	
Date of sale/merger or acquisition → 030	Month Year
EIN → 031	
	-

Item 1B - NUMBER OF RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS

Total number of retail establishments, including departments and concessions, covered by this report as of December 31, 2004 and/or December 31, 2005.

Number as of December 31, 2004	Number as of December 31, 2005
160	110

▶ NOTE: Do not include cents. Always round to the nearest dollar.

Item 2A - TOTAL SALES FOR 2004 AND 2005

1. What were the total sales of merchandise and other operating receipts for 2004 and/or 2005?
INCLUDE e-commerce sales and excise taxes on gasoline, liquor, and tobacco. EXCLUDE all sales taxes. See below for detailed directions. →

2004	2005
Dollars	Dollars
150	100
\$	\$

INCLUDE

- Credit and cash sales of merchandise
- E-commerce sales
- Excise taxes
- Wholesale sales made by retail establishments covered by this report
- Receipts from layaway purchases
- Receipts from the rental or leasing of vehicles, equipment, instruments, tools, etc.
- Receipts from deliveries
- Receipts from installations, maintenance contracts, repairs, alterations, storage, and other such services
- Value of trade-ins taken as part payment for other merchandise
- Value of manufacturers' rebates
- Sales made by departments and concessions operated by your firm in establishment(s) of other firms
- Shipping and handling revenues
- Advertising revenues

EXCLUDE

- Carrying or other credit charges
- Commissions (such as vending machine operators, government lottery tickets, or other stores)
- Non-operating receipts (such as interest income, income from investments, and receipts from the rental or sale of real estate)
- Sales made by departments and concessions operated by other firms in your firm's retail establishment(s)
- Refunds and allowances for returned goods
- Value of rebates and discounts offered by your firm that are granted to the purchaser, even if granted as an increase in trade-in allowance

2. Did your firm collect any sales taxes during 2004 and/or 2005?

- 120 1 YES — What were the total sales taxes collected? EXCLUDE excise taxes reported in item 2A1. →
- 2 NO — Go to item 2B

2004	2005
Dollars	Dollars
152	102
\$	\$

3. What were the total sales of merchandise and other operating receipts including sales taxes for 2004 and/or 2005? (Sum of items 2A1 and 2A2) →

153	103
\$	\$

Item 2B - E-COMMERCE SALES FOR 2004 AND 2005

E-commerce sales and other operating receipts are sales of goods and services, where an order is placed by the buyer or price and terms of the sale are negotiated over an Internet, extranet, EDI network, electronic mail, or other online system. Payment may or may not be made online.

1. Did your firm have any e-commerce sales during 2004 and/or 2005?

- 130 1 YES — What were the total e-commerce sales? EXCLUDE excise taxes reported in item 2A1. →
- 2 NO — Go to item 2C

2004	2005
Dollars	Dollars
163	113
\$	\$

2. Do the e-commerce sales in item 2B1 include sales to customers located outside the United States?

- 610 1 YES — Go to item 2B3 ↘ 2 NO — SKIP to item 2C

3. Check the percentage of total e-commerce sales in item 2B1 that were to customers located outside the United States. (Reminder: E-commerce sales from U.S. locations only).

- 620 1 <1% 2 1%-5% 3 6%-10% 4 >10%

Item 2C – SALES REPORT PERIOD FOR 2004 AND 2005

1. Do the reported data in items 2A and 2B represent the calendar year (January 1 through December 31) for 2004 and/or 2005?

121 1 YES — Go to item 3

2 NO — Report your beginning and ending dates for 2004 and/or 2005

Beginning

Ending

2004			2005		
Month 154	Day	Year	Month 104	Day	Year
155			105		

Item 3 – CLASS OF CUSTOMER

Report the percentage of this firm's total sales in 2004 and/or 2005 (item 2A1) for each class of customer.

- a. Households _____ →
- b. Wholesalers and other retailers _____ →
- c. Other businesses and private nonprofit institutions _____ →
- d. Governments _____ →

TOTAL

Percentage of total sales 2004	Percentage of total sales 2005
630	600
631	601
632	602
633	603
100%	100%

Item 4 – MAJOR MERCHANDISE LINES

For clarification regarding merchandise lines call 1-800-772-7851.

- a. Books and magazines _____ →
- b. Clothing and clothing accessories (Include footwear) _____ →
- c. Computer hardware _____ →
- d. Computer software _____ →
- e. Drugs, health aids, and beauty aids _____ →
- f. Electronics and appliances _____ →
- g. Food, beer, and wine _____ →
- h. Furniture and home furnishings _____ →
- i. Jewelry _____ →
- j. Music and videos _____ →
- k. Office equipment and supplies _____ →
- l. Sporting goods _____ →
- m. Toys, hobby goods, and games _____ →
- n. Other merchandise – Specify principal line(s) below ↘
- o. Shipping and handling revenues _____ →
- p. Advertising revenues _____ →
- q. Other non-merchandise receipts – Specify principal receipt(s) ↘
- r. Total sales of merchandise _____ →

2004			
Total sales		E-commerce sales	
(a)		(b)	
Dollars	Percent	Dollars	Percent
1700	1800	1720	1820
\$	%	\$	%
1701	1801	1721	1821
\$	%	\$	%
1702	1802	1722	1822
\$	%	\$	%
1703	1803	1723	1823
\$	%	\$	%
1704	1804	1724	1824
\$	%	\$	%
1705	1805	1725	1825
\$	%	\$	%
1706	1806	1726	1826
\$	%	\$	%
1707	1807	1727	1827
\$	%	\$	%
1708	1808	1728	1828
\$	%	\$	%
1709	1809	1729	1829
\$	%	\$	%
1710	1810	1730	1830
\$	%	\$	%
1711	1811	1731	1831
\$	%	\$	%
1712	1812	1732	1832
\$	%	\$	%
1713	1813	1733	1833
\$	%	\$	%
1714	1814	1734	1834
\$	%	\$	%
1715	1815	1735	1835
\$	%	\$	%
1716	1816	1736	1836
\$	%	\$	%
1719	1819	1740	1840
\$	%	\$	%

▶ NOTE: Sum of all items should equal totals in items 2A1 and 2B1 for 2004.

Item 5 - MAJOR MERCHANDISE LINES

For clarification regarding merchandise lines call 1-800-772-7851.

		2005			
		Total sales		E-commerce sales	
		(a)		(b)	
		Dollars	Percent	Dollars	Percent
a. Books and magazines	→	700	800	720	820
		\$	%	\$	%
b. Clothing and clothing accessories (Include footwear)	→	701	801	721	821
		\$	%	\$	%
c. Computer hardware	→	702	802	722	822
		\$	%	\$	%
d. Computer software	→	703	803	723	823
		\$	%	\$	%
e. Drugs, health aids, and beauty aids	→	704	804	724	824
		\$	%	\$	%
f. Electronics and appliances	→	705	805	725	825
		\$	%	\$	%
g. Food, beer, and wine	→	706	806	726	826
		\$	%	\$	%
h. Furniture and home furnishings	→	707	807	727	827
		\$	%	\$	%
i. Jewelry	→	708	808	728	828
		\$	%	\$	%
j. Music and videos	→	709	809	729	829
		\$	%	\$	%
k. Office equipment and supplies	→	710	810	730	830
		\$	%	\$	%
l. Sporting goods	→	711	811	731	831
		\$	%	\$	%
m. Toys, hobby goods, and games	→	712	812	732	832
		\$	%	\$	%
n. Other merchandise - Specify principal line(s) below ↘		713	813	733	833
		\$	%	\$	%
o. Shipping and handling revenues	→	714	814	734	834
		\$	%	\$	%
p. Advertising revenues	→	715	815	735	835
		\$	%	\$	%
q. Other non-merchandise receipts - Specify principal receipt(s) ↘		716	816	736	836
		\$	%	\$	%
r. Total sales of merchandise	→	719	819	740	840
		\$	%	\$	%

▶ NOTE: Sum of all items should equal totals in items 2A1 and 2B1 for 2005.

Item 6 – MERCHANDISE INVENTORIES AS OF DECEMBER 31

Report the total cost value of all domestic/U.S. inventories for the retail establishment(s) reported in item 1B on December 31, 2004 and/or December 31, 2005. If data are not available for December 31, specify the date that the data represent in item 6d. See below for detailed directions.

INCLUDE

- Merchandise owned and held by your firm in the U.S.
- Merchandise in transit to the U.S.
- Merchandise under contract for sale
- Merchandise held by others for sale on consignment
- Merchandise inventories at departments and concessions operated by your firm in establishments of other firms

EXCLUDE

- Fixtures, equipment, and supplies not held for sale
- Merchandise owned and held outside the U.S.
- Merchandise owned by others, but held by you on consignment
- Merchandise inventories at departments and concessions operated by other firms in your establishment(s)

▶ **NOTE:** For inventories at LIFO cost, report the LIFO amount plus the LIFO Reserve.

- a. Amount of merchandise in retail store(s), departments, and concessions →
- b. Amount of merchandise in warehouses, offices, or in transit for distribution at your retail store(s) or through departments and concessions operated by your firm in other establishments →
- c. TOTAL merchandise inventories (Sum of items 6a and 6b) →

Merchandise inventories at cost value	
2004	2005
Dollars	Dollars
251	201
\$	\$
252	202
\$	\$
250	200
\$	\$

d. Are the reported data in items 6a through 6c as of December 31?

220 1 YES — Go to item 7

2 NO — Report the date inventory was taken →

2004			2005		
Month 203	Day	Year	Month 203	Day	Year

Item 7 – INVENTORY VALUATION METHOD

a. Does your firm value any inventory reported in item 6 on a LIFO (Last-In, First-Out) or LIFO Retail Method basis?

305 1 YES — Go to item 7b

2 NO — SKIP to item 8

b. What is the amount of inventories in item 6c subject to LIFO costing? Exclude LIFO Reserve. →

c. What is the amount of LIFO Reserve for inventories in item 6c? LIFO Reserve is the DIFFERENCE between a given physical stock valued on a non-LIFO basis, for example, FIFO, and that same physical stock values at LIFO (i.e., non-LIFO value MINUS LIFO value) →

d. What is the amount of TOTAL inventories subject to LIFO? (Sum of items 7b and 7c) →

e. What is the amount of total inventories in item 6c which was NOT subject to LIFO? →

2004	2005
Dollars	Dollars
350	300
\$	\$
351	301
\$	\$
352	302
\$	\$
353	303
\$	\$

▶ **NOTE:** The sum of lines 7d and 7e should equal item 6c.

Item 8 - TOTAL PURCHASES FOR 2004 and 2005

a. What was the total cost value of all merchandise bought for resale to customers at your retail establishment(s) (net of returns, allowances, and trade and cash discounts) for the period reported in item 2C, for which you took title during 2004 and/or 2005 whether or not payment was made during the year?
See below for detailed directions.

Purchases at cost value	
2004	2005
Dollars	Dollars
450	400
\$	\$

▶ NOTE: Purchases should not be greater than sales. If they are, explain in "REMARKS."

INCLUDE

- Cash and credit purchases by your firm
- Merchandise owned, but in transit to your firm
- Purchases made by both your warehouse(s) and establishment(s)
- Freight, delivery, and other transportation costs
- Import duties (if paid separately)
- Costs of services resold without any processing
- Parts and supplies used in repair work or other services

EXCLUDE

- Expenditures for supplies, equipment, and parts purchased for your company's own use.
- Sales and other taxes collected directly from customers and paid directly to a local, State, or Federal Tax Agency
- Purchases made by other firms operating departments and concessions in your establishment(s)
- Purchases of merchandise held outside the U.S.
- Purchases of containers, wrappings, packaging, and selling supplies for your company's own use.

b. Did you purchase any goods reported above over an Internet, extranet, EDI, or other online system?

405 1 YES NO 3 DON'T KNOW

DEFINITIONS OF ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

INSTALLMENT ACCOUNTS

Open-end — Primarily "revolving" or optional accounts in which a deferred payment privilege is extended through a line of credit and the customer has the option of paying the balance in full, usually with no finance charge, paying in two or more installments subject to some minimum required payment with a finance charge usually assessed.

Closed-end — Credit generally requiring a new contract to cover each extension of credit in which a precomputed finance charge is assessed, and which specifies a fixed schedule of installment payments with the number and the amount of payments and due dates specified in the contract.

CHARGE ACCOUNTS — Credit accounts for which full payment is scheduled to be made at the end of the customary billing period.

PLEASE READ THE INSTRUCTIONS ABOVE BEFORE ANSWERING ITEM 9B.

Item 9A - ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE BALANCES

Does this company extend credit to customers at any of its retail establishments or departments and concessions covered by this report?

▶ NOTE: Report credit that is extended to customers and is managed through the firm itself.
EXCLUDE credit that is actually provided by third parties, such as banks, finance companies, oil or other credit card issuing companies.

520 1 YES — Refer to definitions of accounts receivable above. 2 NO — SKIP to item 10

Item 9B - ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE BALANCES FOR 2004 AND 2005

Mark (X) one box for each line to indicate type of credit account carried.

1. INSTALLMENT ACCOUNTS

- (a) Open-end accounts (revolving or optional) 521 1 YES 2 NO
- (b) Closed-end accounts 522 1 YES 2 NO

2. CHARGE ACCOUNTS 523 1 YES 2 NO

3. Total — Sum of lines 1(a), 1(b), and 2 —————▶

Balances outstanding as of	
December 31, 2004	December 31, 2005
Dollars	Dollars
551	501
\$	\$
552	502
\$	\$
553	503
\$	\$
550	500
\$	\$

REMARKS – Use this space for clarification of responses
962

CENSUS USE
961

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 24 minutes per response, including the time for assembling data from existing records and completing the form. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to: Paperwork Project 0607-0013, U.S. Census Bureau, 4700 Silver Hill Road, Stop 1500, Washington, DC 20233-1500. You may e-mail comments to Paperwork@census.gov; use "Paperwork Project 0607-0013" as the subject. **PLEASE INCLUDE FORM NAME AND NUMBER IN ALL CORRESPONDENCE.** Respondents are not required to respond to any information collection unless it displays a valid approval number from the Office of Management and Budget. This 8-digit number appears in the top right corner of this form.

Item 10 – CERTIFICATION — This report is substantially accurate and has been prepared to the best of my ability in accordance with instructions.

Name of person to contact regarding this report (Please print) 950	Address — Number and street, city, State, ZIP Code 951	954 Telephone		
		Area code	Number	Extension
E-mail address 957	Internet address (firm's homepage) 956 http://	955 Fax number		
		Area code	Number	
Signature of authorized person	Title 952	Date 953		