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	1997	1998	1999
Number of Retail Establishments	15,643	15,873	n.a.
Retail Sales (Millions)	\$22,872	\$23,995	n.a.
Food Stores	3,605	3,709	n.a.
Eating & Drinking Establishments	1,744	1,827	n.a.
General Merchandise Stores	3,768	3,938	n.a.
Apparel & Accessory Stores	717	740	n.a.
Furniture & Home Furnishing Stores	819	882	n.a.
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	8,454	8,894	n.a.
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	1,475	1,600	n.a.
Miscellaneous Retail Stores	2,290	2,405	n.a.
 Contributions to Local Economy			
Total Retail Employment (Thousands)	202	205	211
Eating & Drinking Establishments	63	63	65
Other	139	142	146
Share of Total Non-Agricultural Employment	18.3%	18.3%	18.5%
Retail Compensation (Millions)	\$2,831.8	\$3,040.7	\$3,265.0
Sales Tax* Revenues Collected (Millions)	\$2,017.6	\$2,101.8	n.a.
 Demographics			
Population (Thousands)	2,522	2,531	2,552
Total Non-Ag. Employment (Thousands)	1,104	1,123	1,142
Unemployment Rate	5.3%	5.5%	4.5%
 Total Number of Households-1999 (Thousands)		978.3	
Households by Income-1999 (Thousands)			Percent of Total
Under \$15,000		252.1	25.8%
\$15,000-\$24,999		185.5	19.0
\$25,000-\$49,999		317.4	32.4
\$50,000-\$74,999		142.1	14.5
\$75,000-\$99,999		49.5	5.1
\$100,000-\$149,999		19.6	2.0
\$150,000 and over		12.2	1.2

n.a. = 1999 data not available

* = General sales, alcoholic beverage, motor fuel, tobacco, and other selective sales taxes

Sources: Market Statistics, *Demographics U.S.A., County Edition, 1999*, Bill Communications Inc., New York, 1999 (and previous editions); U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census; U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.