

DELAWARE

	1997	1998	1999
Number of Retail Establishments	4,911	4,993	n.a.
Retail Sales (Millions)	\$8,186	\$8,709	n.a.
Food Stores	1,313	1,390	n.a.
Eating & Drinking Establishments	808	878	n.a.
General Merchandise Stores	1,092	1,095	n.a.
Apparel & Accessory Stores	354	387	n.a.
Furniture & Home Furnishing Stores	578	661	n.a.
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	2,165	2,278	n.a.
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	563	589	n.a.
Miscellaneous Retail Stores	1,313	1,431	n.a.
Contributions to Local Economy			
Total Retail Employment (Thousands)	71	73	75
Eating & Drinking Establishments	24	25	25
Other	47	48	50
Share of Total Non-Agricultural Employment	18.3%	18.3%	18.2%
Retail Compensation (Millions)	\$1,035.7	\$1,093.4	\$1,154.3
Sales Tax* Revenues Collected (Millions)	\$253.4	\$254.9	n.a.
Demographics			
Population (Thousands)	735	737	744
Total Non-Ag. Employment (Thousands)	388	400	412
Unemployment Rate	4.0%	3.8%	3.5%
Total Number of Households-1999 (Thousands)		281.0	
Households by Income-1999 (Thousands)			Percent of Total
Under \$15,000		40.6	14.4%
\$15,000-\$24,999		39.3	14.0
\$25,000-\$49,999		92.3	32.8
\$50,000-\$74,999		63.1	22.4
\$75,000-\$99,999		28.1	10.0
\$100,000-\$149,999		12.1	4.3
\$150,000 and over		5.5	2.0

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.