

WASHINGTON

	1997	1998	1999
Number of Retail Establishments	32,859	33,055	n.a.
Retail Sales (Millions)	\$53,397	\$56,507	n.a.
Food Stores	9,464	9,949	n.a.
Eating & Drinking Establishments	4,700	4,950	n.a.
General Merchandise Stores	7,135	7,601	n.a.
Apparel & Accessory Stores	2,311	2,428	n.a.
Furniture & Home Furnishing Stores	2,991	3,171	n.a.
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	15,428	16,208	n.a.
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	4,037	4,371	n.a.
Miscellaneous Retail Stores	7,331	7,829	n.a.
Contributions to Local Economy			
Total Retail Employment (Thousands)	457	471	481
Eating and Drinking Establishments	169	175	179
Other	288	296	302
Share of Total Non-Agricultural Employment	18.2%	18.1%	18.2%
Retail Compensation (Millions)	\$7,395.9	\$7,671.4	\$7,957.2
Sales Tax* Revenues Collected (Millions)	\$8,289.3	\$8,682.8	n.a.
Demographics			
Population (Thousands)	5,575	5,675	5,797
Total Non-Ag. Employment (Thousands)	2,514	2,596	2,643
Unemployment Rate	4.8%	4.8%	4.7%
Total Number of Households-1999 (Thousands)		2,232.3	
Households by Income-1999 (Thousands)			Percent of Total
Under \$15,000		345.7	15.5%
\$15,000-\$24,999		315.3	14.1
\$25,000-\$49,999		712.0	31.9
\$50,000-\$74,999		474.9	21.3
\$75,000-\$99,999		221.9	9.9
\$100,000-\$149,999		106.1	4.8
\$150,000 and Over		56.3	2.5

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.