Profile of B.C.'s Retail Trade Sector

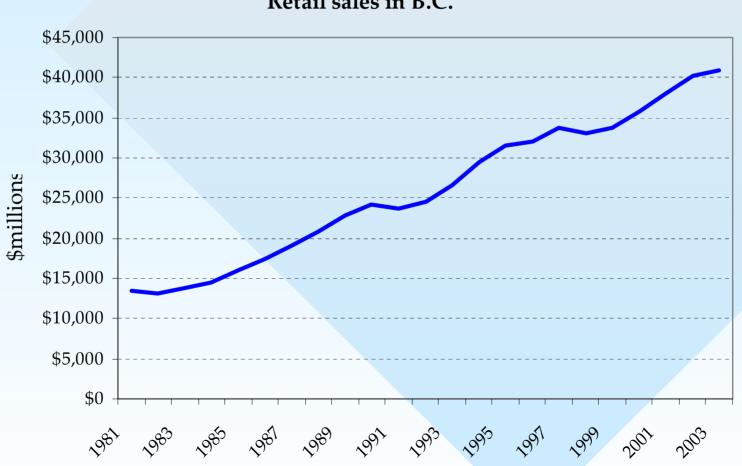
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How big is B.C.'s retail trade sector?

- Retail sales in B.C. reached nearly \$41 billion in 2003, up 54% from a decade ago.
- Department store sales accounted about \$2.5 billion, and new vehicle sales accounted for \$5.8 billion.
- Other types of stores which are included in retail trade are:
 - Supermarkets and grocery stores
 - Drugs and patent medicine stores
 - Clothing and shoe stores
 - Household furniture and appliance stores
 - Gasoline service stations
 - Automotive parts, accessories and services
 - General merchandise stores
 - Liquor, wine and beer stores

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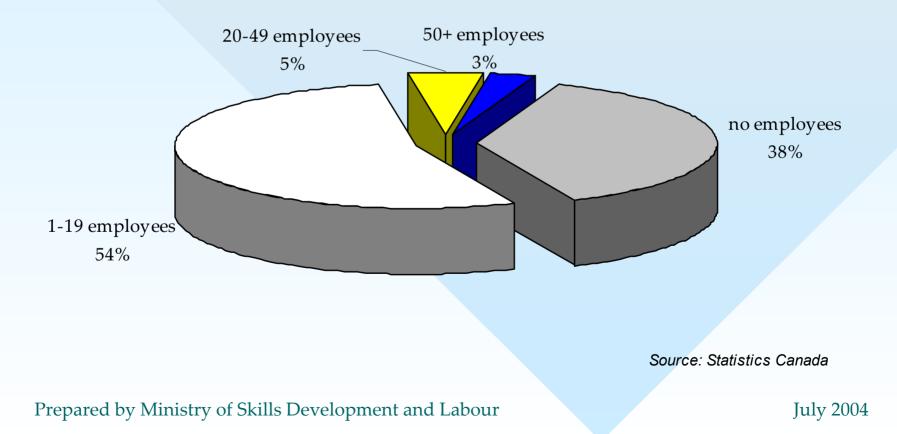


Retail sales in B.C.

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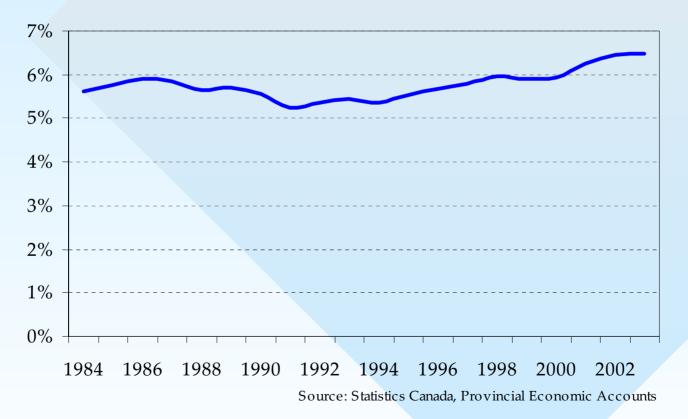
How many Retail trade businesses are there in B.C.?

Retail Trade Businesses in B.C. by Size of Firm, 2003 Total =29,436



How much economic activity does the Retail trade sector generate?

Retail Trade GDP as a % of Total in B.C.



In 2003, Retail trade generated over \$8 billion in GDP, accounting for almost 7% of the
provincial total. This sector is of growing importance to the provincial economy.Prepared by Ministry of Skills Development and LabourJuly 2004

How many people are employed in B.C.'s Retail trade sector?

Employment in B.C.'s Retail Trade Sector

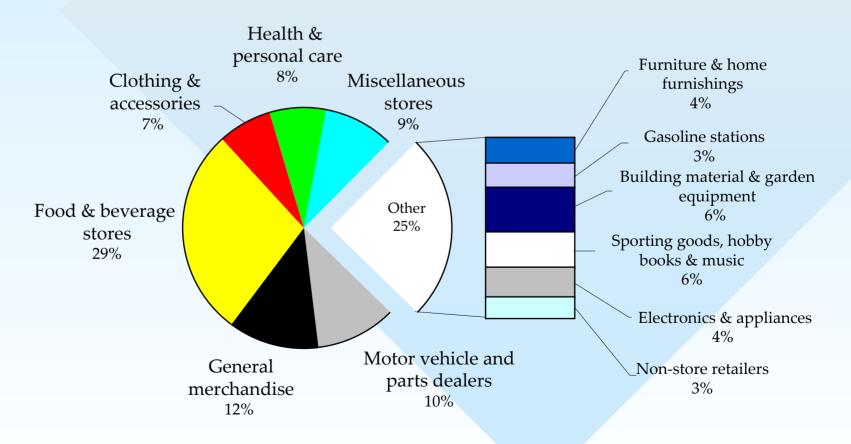


In 2002, there were almost 250,000 people employed directly in the retail trade sector.

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What kind of activities do Retail trade workers do?

Employment in Retail Trade by Subsector



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What are the top occupations in retail trade in B.C.? (share of total)

- Retail Salespersons & Sales Clerks
- Retail Trade Managers
- Cashiers
- Grocery Clerks & Store Shelf Stockers
- Retail Trade Supervisors
- Service Station Attendants
- Other Elemental Sales Occupations
- Customer Service Information & Related Clerks
- Automotive Service Technicians, Truck Mechanics & Mechanical Repairers
- Butchers & Meat Cutters Retail & Wholesale

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