

**TAXABLE SALES BY BUSINESS GROUP**

For the Fiscal Years 2006-2008

Table 8

*(Dollars in Thousands)*

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
General merchandise.....	\$ 27,545,474	\$ 27,814,179	\$ 24,141,458
Food.....	20,427,943	18,856,362	17,333,935
Lumber & building material.....	15,125,717	15,625,168	14,749,083
Automotive.....	5,782,027	6,138,450	5,416,622
1%, 2%, 2.5% and 3% tax group.....	878,522	1,350,932	4,551,097
Furniture.....	4,746,011	4,733,484	4,387,923
Apparel.....	3,901,540	3,753,902	3,481,573
Unclassified.....	29,529,959	28,314,743	27,490,165
Total.....	<u>\$ 107,937,193</u>	<u>\$ 106,587,220</u>	<u>\$ 101,551,856</u>
Direct sales tax rate	4.25%	4.25%	4.50%

1%, 2%, 2.5% and 3% tax group includes manufactured homes, airplanes, boats, modular homes, farm mill, laundry machinery, fuel to farmers, manufacturers and laundries.

Source: North Carolina Department of Revenue