

Table 3.24. Wholesale, Retail, Restaurant and Catering Trades, China 1952–96

	Number of Outlets (000s at end year)		
	1952	1978	1996
Wholesale	n.a.	469	2 026
Retail	4 200	1 048	13 963
Restaurants & Catering	850	117	2 588
	Persons Engaged (000s at end year)		
Wholesale	n.a.	3 300	13 099
Retail	7 095	4 474	31 892
Restaurants & Catering	1 454	1 044	7 753
	Persons Engaged Per Outlet		
Wholesale	n.a.	7.0	6.5
Retail	1.7	4.1	2.3
Restaurants & Catering	1.7	8.9	3.0
	Ownership Structure in Retail Trade (per cent of outlets)		
State	0.7	4.7	1.8
Collective	2.4	85.0	4.8
Private or Other	96.9	10.3	93.4
	Employment Structure in Retail Trade (per cent of total retailing employment)		
State	6.9	21.8	11.4
Collective	10.0	75.1	12.9
Private or Other	83.1	3.1	75.7

a. 1992.

Source: SSB, *China Statistical Yearbook*, 1988 ed., pp. 583–4, 1992 ed., p. 533, 1997 ed., pp. 553. Private or other includes joint state–private, individual, corporate or foreign ownership.

