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Elkhart	Year			Change	% Change
	1990	2000	2003		
Census of Population and Housing	Census	Census	Census Projection		
Population	475	443	426	(17)	-3.8
Income Per Capita ('89 and '99, '03)	\$ 12,096	\$ 19,958	\$ 23,103	\$ 3,145	15.8

Taxable Retail Sales	Year						
	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Total Retail Sales	\$ 1,479,769	\$ 1,702,679	\$ 1,912,138	\$ 13,753,695	\$ 4,515,436	\$ 10,606,583	\$ 7,524,738
General Merchandise	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Food	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Eating & Drinking	\$ 204,352	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Apparel	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Furniture HHS	\$ 1,808	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Lumber	\$ 240,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Automotive	\$ 924,204	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other	\$ 63,390	\$ 60,830	\$ 79,407	\$ 10,124,432	\$ 91,994	\$ 8,561,484	\$ 5,087,209
AG	\$ 36,619	\$ 38,945	\$ 34,058	\$ 1,897,952	\$ 2,714,794	\$ -	\$ 1,534,234
Manufacturing	\$ 9,396	\$ 1,310	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,638	\$ 10,788
Combined NA**	\$ -	\$ 1,601,594	\$ 1,798,673	\$ 1,731,311	\$ 1,708,648	\$ 2,035,461	\$ 892,507

Source: Illinois KOB Reports, Illinois Department of Revenues

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Pull Factors	Year						
	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Total Retail Sales	34%	38%	46%	333%	107%	244%	170%
General Merchandise	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Food	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Eating & Drinking	51%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Apparel	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Furniture HHS	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Lumber	83%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Automotive	90%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Other	16%	15%	19%	2372%	21%	1790%	1022%
AG	6%	7%	8%	440%	572%	0%	247%
Manufacturing	7%	1%	0%	0%	0%	10%	11%

RETAC: Pull Factors calculated from US Census and KOB data

Real Dollars Inflation adj. to 1998	Year						
	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Total Retail Sales	\$ 1,479,769	\$ 1,665,863	\$ 1,810,051	\$ 12,658,716	\$ 4,004,466	\$ 9,396,335	\$ 6,394,780
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Other	\$ 63,390	\$ 59,515	\$ 75,168	\$ 9,318,391	\$ 81,584	\$ 7,584,589	\$ 4,323,285
AG	\$ 36,619	\$ 38,103	\$ 32,240	\$ 1,746,850	\$ 2,407,586	\$ -	\$ 1,303,845
Manufacturing	\$ 9,396	\$ 1,282	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,538	\$ 9,168
RETAC: CPI all items 1998=100.00	100	102.21	105.64	108.65	112.76	112.88	117.67

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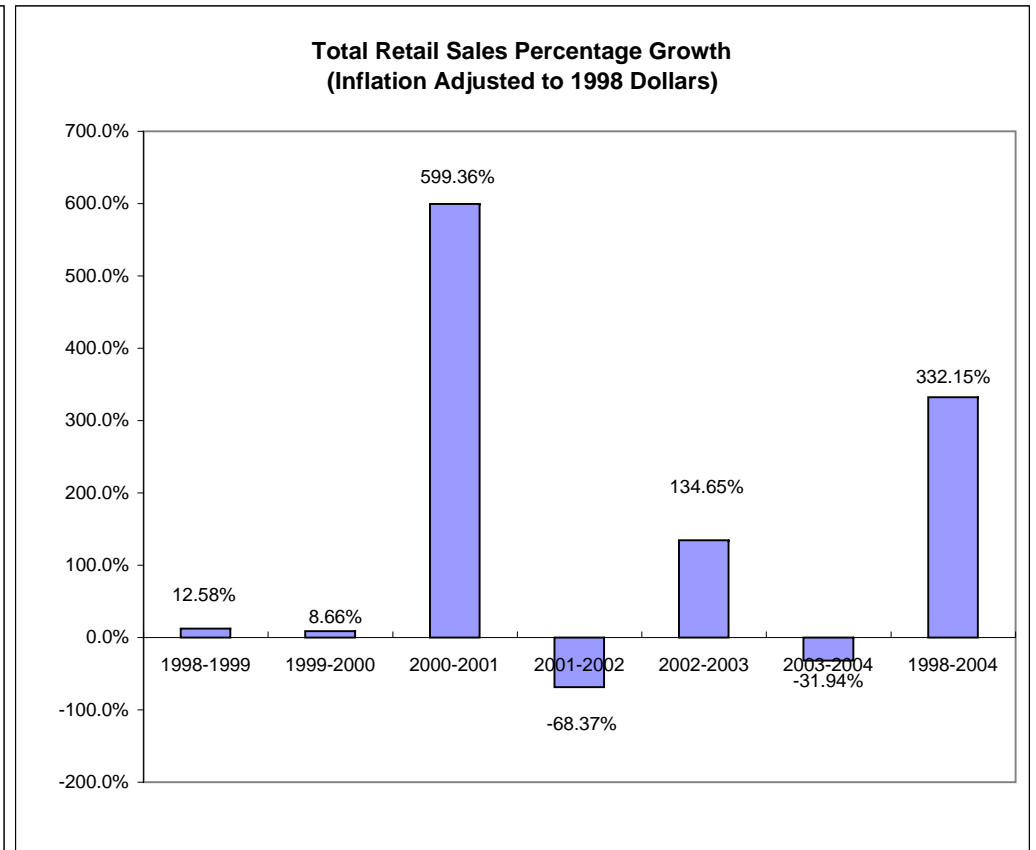
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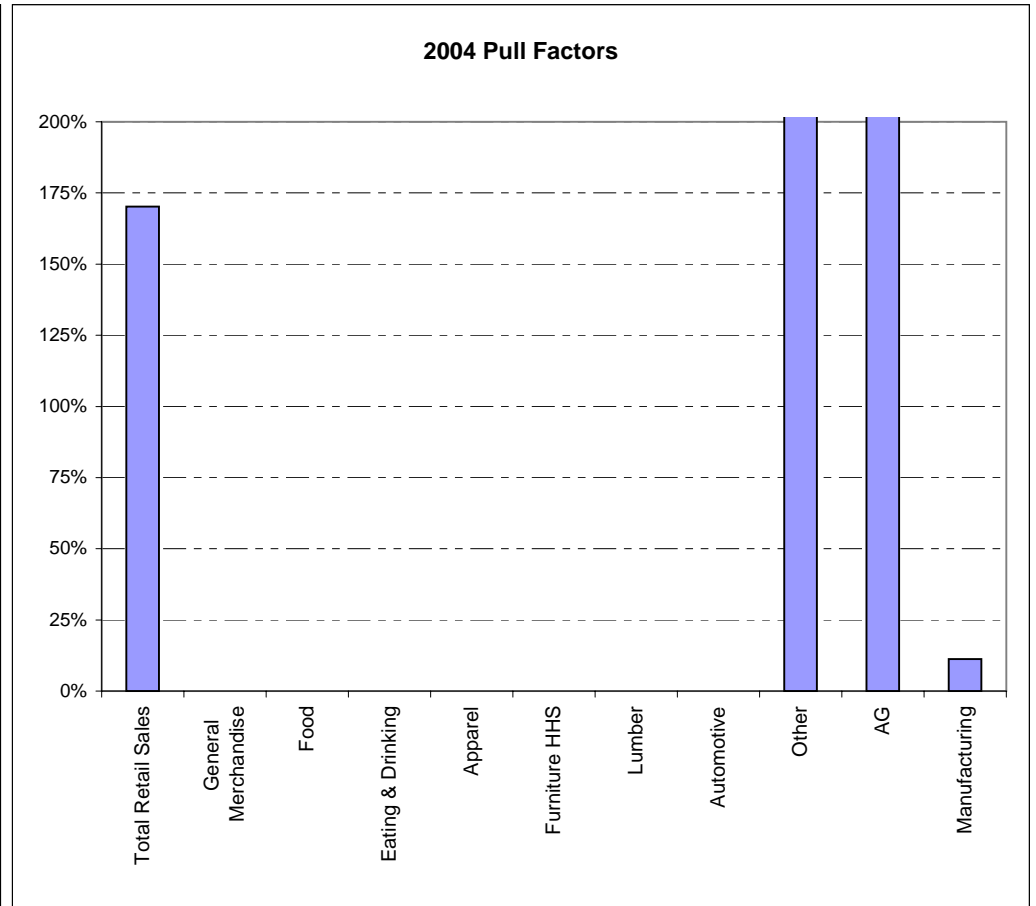
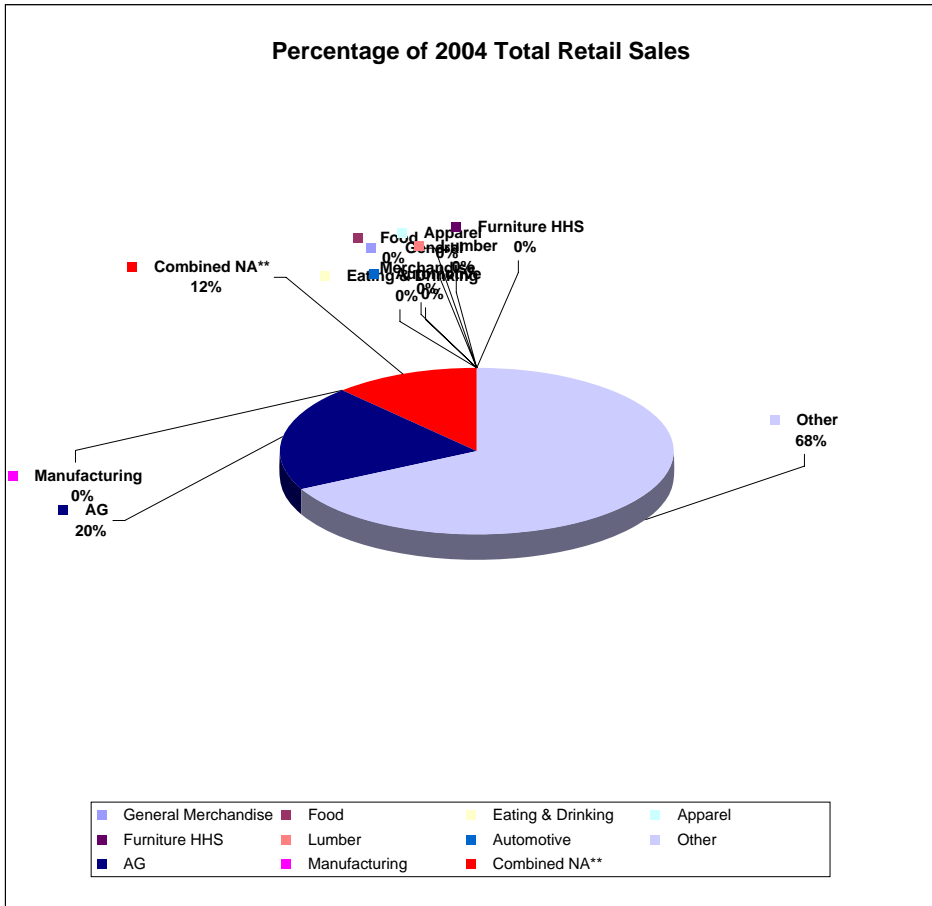
Total Retail Sales Trend
1998-2002

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Percentage Growth	Period						
	1998-1999	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004	1998-2004
Percentage Growth	12.6%	8.7%	599.4%	-68.4%	134.6%	-31.9%	332.1%



* A change in computation of 1998, 1999, 2000, and 2001 data makes all categories except total non-comparable to other years.



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IMPORTANT

In continuing its effort to offer clients high quality products, RETAC has made a number of changes to the formulation of data used in generating Pull Factors in the Retail Trade Analysis. These changes have improved the accuracy in which the Pull Factors reflect a community's or country's retail environment. However, these changes have also limited the degree to which data contained in this report can be compared with that of previous reports. Please note that this report should be used independent of materials received from RETAC previously. Recent changes in data formulation preclude assuming or establishing trends by combining Pull Factors and other Retail Trade Analysis information from current and past reports. For more information or additional assistance, please contact:

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Retail Trade Analysis

This retail trade analysis is an enhancement of the program that RETAC has been using for a number of years now. Several things have changed and will affect the magnitude of pull factors in the report compared to previous analysis.

Improved date Acquisition	Tax and population are now loaded in electronic format, starting with 1990 data. Data is now more accurate and easier to manipulate. Previously data were hand entered from mostly readable printed copy. This provides a major improvement in efficiency and accuracy.
Better Down State Profile	Primarily, downstate countries can be separated from Cook and collar counties. Previously, downstate was state totals less Cook county. Currently, downstate excludes Cook and the contiguous collar counties. In short, we come closer to comparing apples to apples in terms of retail expenditures and populations. This had the effect of increasing the pull factors of downstate areas. Downstate incomes have also been re-estimated using updated data from the Department of Commerce.
Updated Base Year	The original program was locked to 1993 as the base year for calculating the effects of inflation. The new base is 1998, allowing more contemporary analysis of recent real growth.
More Analysis	More graphs are included to aid in understanding a broader range of retail characteristics. Analysis now uses pull factors as one of several views of the retail sector. Additional graphs:

Sector Sales as a Percent of Total Sales (1998 Vs 2002)
Retail Sales by Year (1998-2002)
Current Years percent real growth (1998-2002)

If you have copies of previous retail trade analysis, you will notice a decrease in trade factors. It does not mean that local businesses are now doing that worst. It is simply a result of having better data to compare your community with. The changes in down state estimates of income, year 2000 population, and given a downward bias to the calculations. Trends are similar to the previous analysis. Relative strength and weakness by sector and year have not changed. Pull factor calculations provide an indication of the shopping patterns of the local population. One (100%) is the dividing line. A pull factor of less than one (100%) indicates that, on average, people are shopping outside the study area for those items. Conversely, a pull factor greater than one (100%) indicates that, on average, people are coming from outside the study area for those items.

The pull factor is a comparison of average, downstate, and per capita expenditures compared to local per capita expenditures. The actual formula is:

Pull Factor =	$\frac{\text{Local Retail Sales}}{(\text{Downstate Per Capita Sales}) \times (\text{Local income/Downstate income})}$ Local Population
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Caution:

As has always been the case, the pattern over time using local knowledge of the market is the best indicator of local retail health.