

# **STAKING A CLAIM ON ALTERNATIVE CHANNELS**

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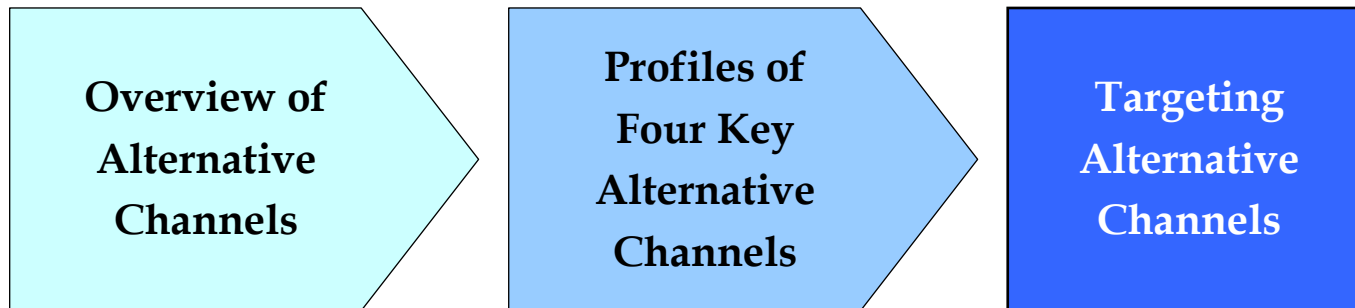


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**This presentation examines alternative channels in the New Zealand market**

**PRESENTATION OVERVIEW**



The first part of this presentation provides an overview of alternative channels

PRESENTATION OVERVIEW



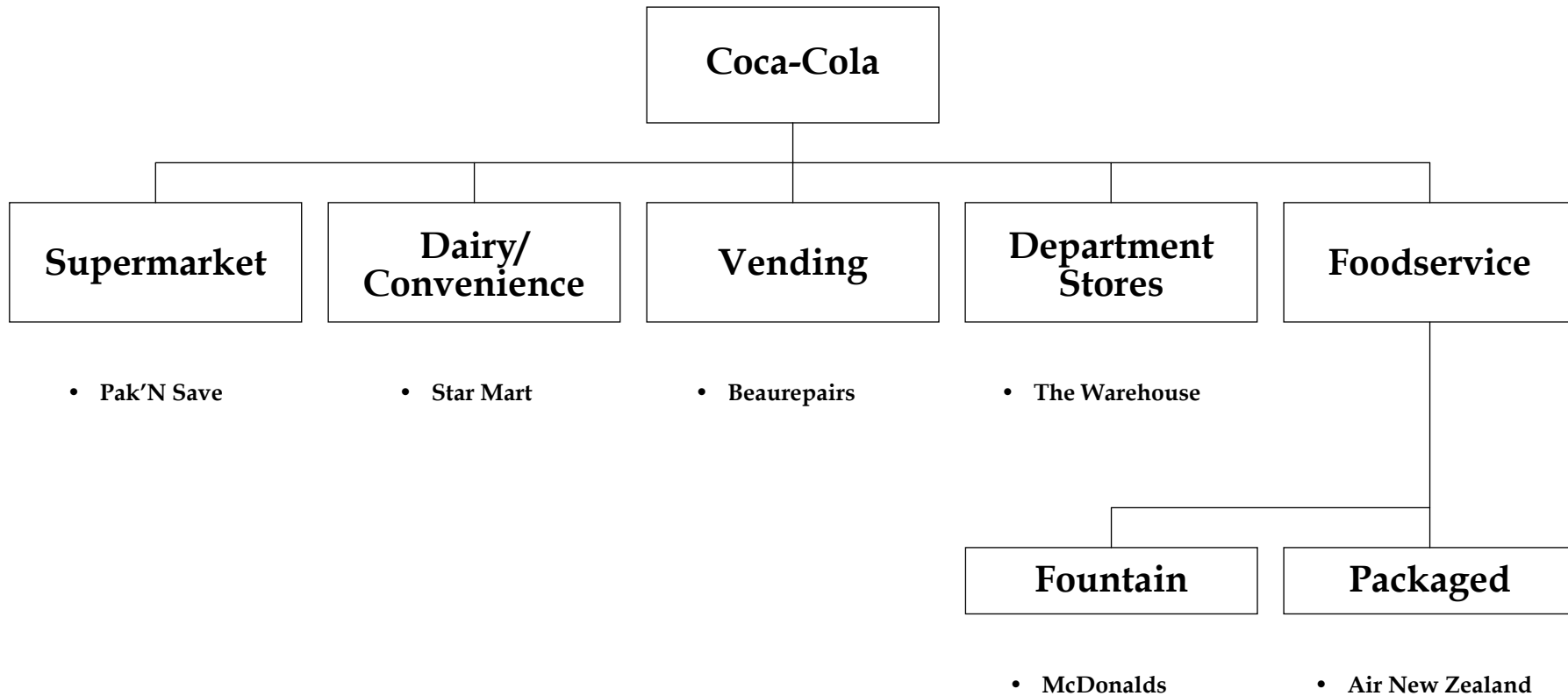
**An alternative channel is here defined as “an outlet other than a supermarket that sells food and fast moving consumer goods”**

**WHAT IS AN ALTERNATIVE CHANNEL?**

<b>Definition</b>
<b>Outlet other than a supermarket that sells food and fast moving consumer goods</b>

Coca-Cola is an excellent example of a manufacturer serving a large number of alternative channels

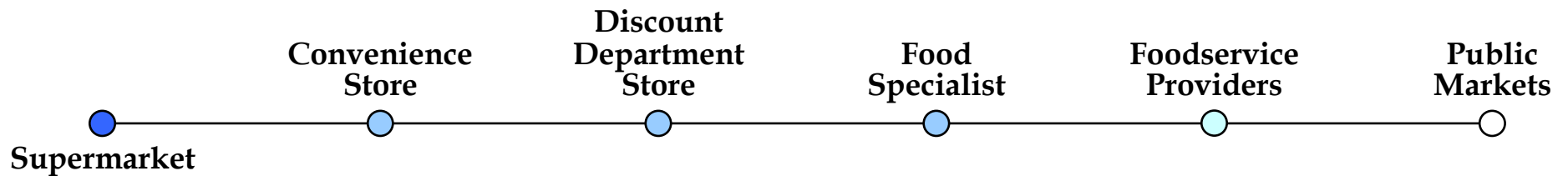
EXAMPLE OF ALTERNATIVE CHANNELS: COCA-COLA



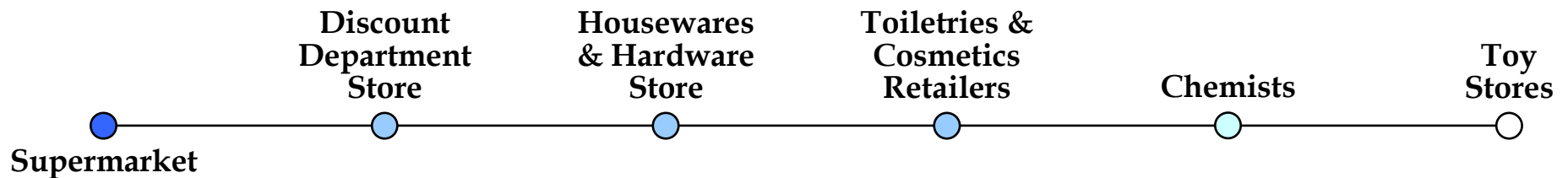
Alternative channels to the supermarket are a spectrum, with no clear definition of where they end

HOW BIG ARE ALTERNATIVE CHANNELS?

FOOD



NON-FOOD



**Manufacturers choose to develop alternative channels for a number of reasons, both negative and positive**

**WHY DEVELOP ALTERNATIVE CHANNELS?**

<b>Negative</b>	<b>Positive</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Supermarkets are consolidating, dictating terms and driving down profitability</li><li>- Gaining market share from entrenched supermarket competitors is difficult</li><li>- Private label is growing in my category in supermarkets</li><li>- Our main competitor is there already</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- There is a possibility to increase consumption through wider distribution</li><li>- Our product offers a real value-added solution to a problem</li><li>- We want to extend our market leadership by growing the category</li></ul>



The modern supermarket is only a convenient collection of separate stores or 'departments'...

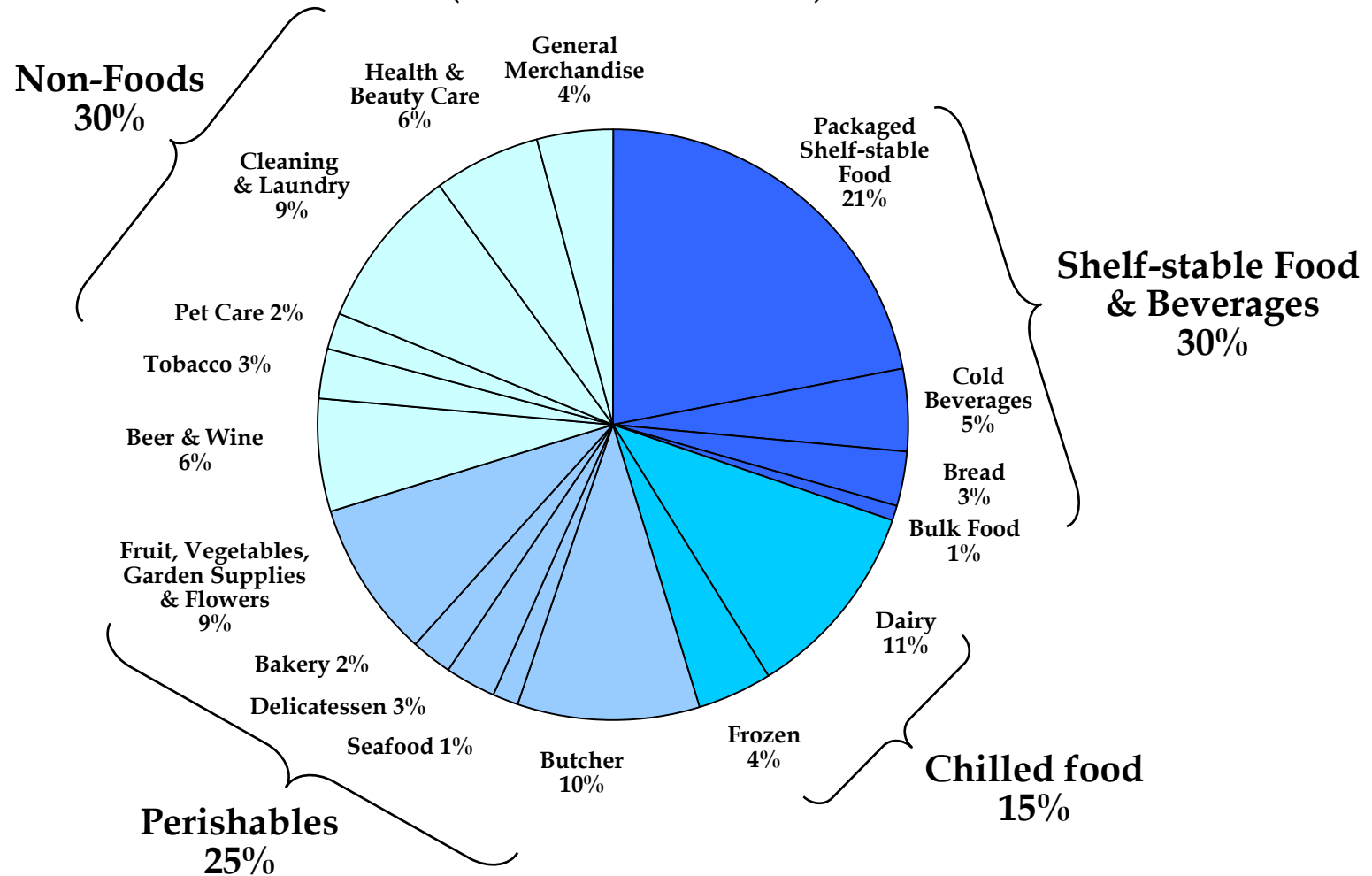
WHAT IS A SUPERMARKET?

In-Store Bakery	Meat, Seafood & Delicatessen		Frozen	Dairy	General Merchandise, Detergents & Cleaning Products, Garden Supplies
	Beer & Wine	Dry Grocery, Bread, Bulk Food, Beverages & Tobacco			Health & Beauty Care
Fruit, Vegetables, Flowers					

Total = 403 Supermarkets

... that sell a wide range of products, both food and non-food

**AVERAGE SUPERMARKET SALES BY DEPARTMENT**  
(Percent of total sales)



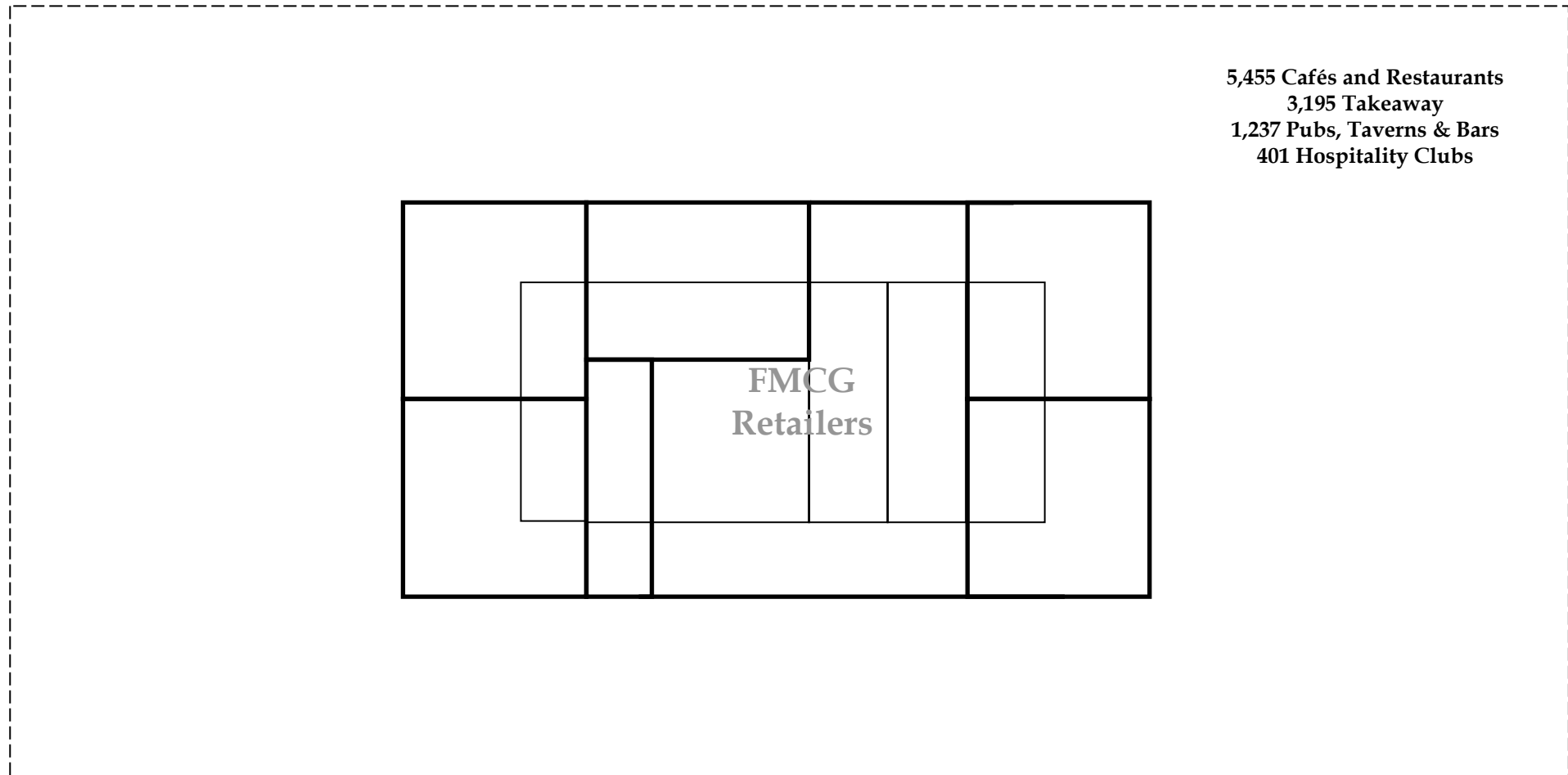
These departments collectively have a total of 12,490 external retail competitors

**WHO COMPETES WITH SUPERMARKETS?**

904 Bread & Cake Shops		737 Butchers, Delicatessens and Fishmongers		369 Milk Vending		977 Domestic Housewares & Hardware 1,193 Newspaper, Book & Stationery 401 Garden Supplies 128 Photographic Equipment Retailing	
In-Store Bakery		Meat, Seafood & Delicatessen		Frozen	Dairy	General Merchandise, Detergents & Cleaning Products, Garden Supplies	
Fruit, Vegetables, Flowers		Beer & Wine	403 Supermarkets Dry Grocery, Bread, Bulk Food, Beverages & Tobacco			Health & Beauty Care	
516 Greengrocers 507 Florists		668 Liquor Retailers	2,357 Grocery & Dairies 1,658 Automotive Fuel Retailing 64 Public Markets 554 Specialty Food Retailing nec <sup>3</sup>			277 Department Stores 1,180 Pharmaceutical, Cosmetic & Toiletries	

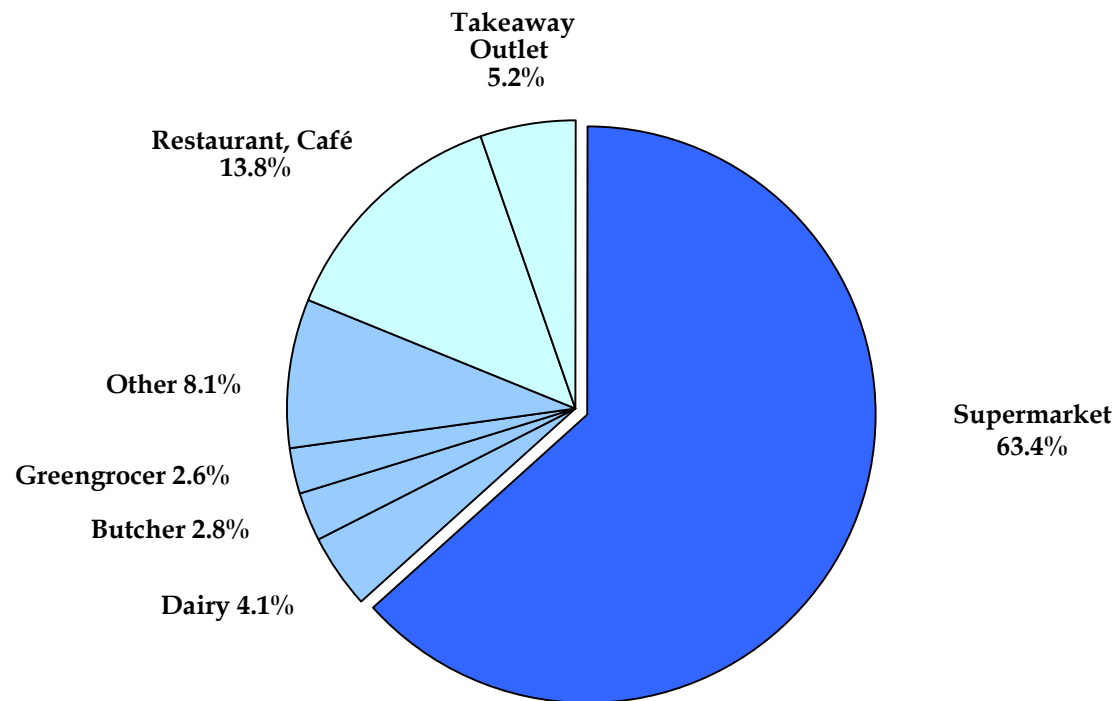
Supermarkets are currently challenged by a further 10,288 foodservice establishments

THE GROWTH OF FOODSERVICE



While Supermarkets and Grocery chains are strong in food retailing...

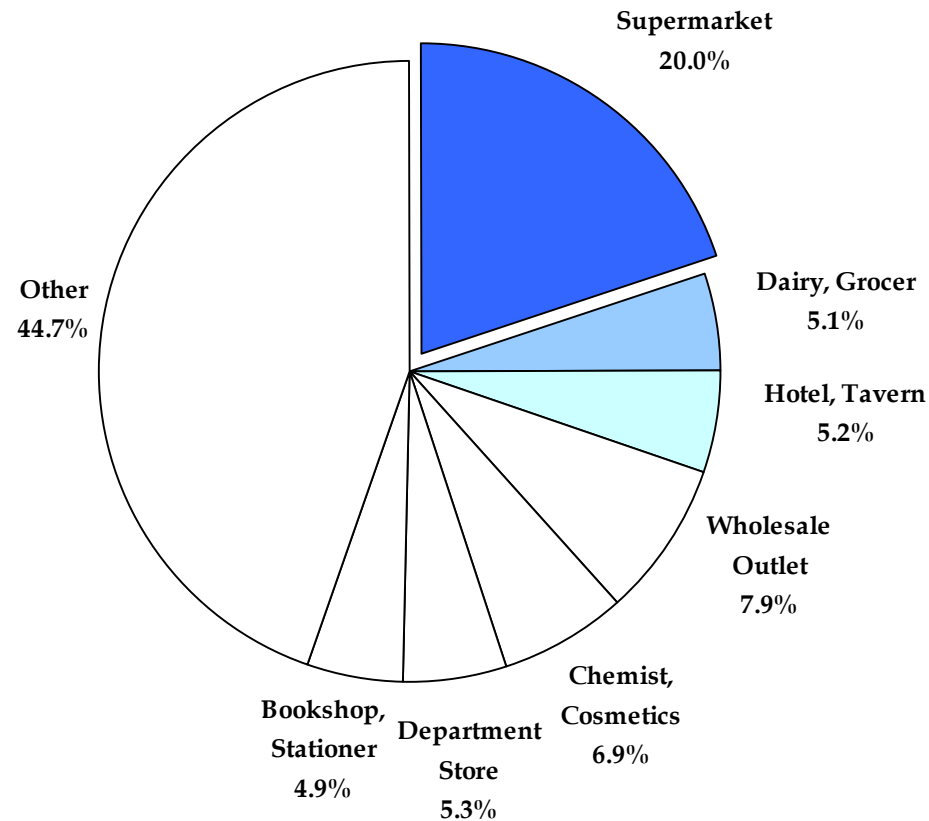
**AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD FOOD FMCG EXPENDITURE BY STORE TYPE**  
**(Percent of average weekly expenditure; dollars; 1998)**



**Total = \$113.50**

... they are weak in non-food retailing

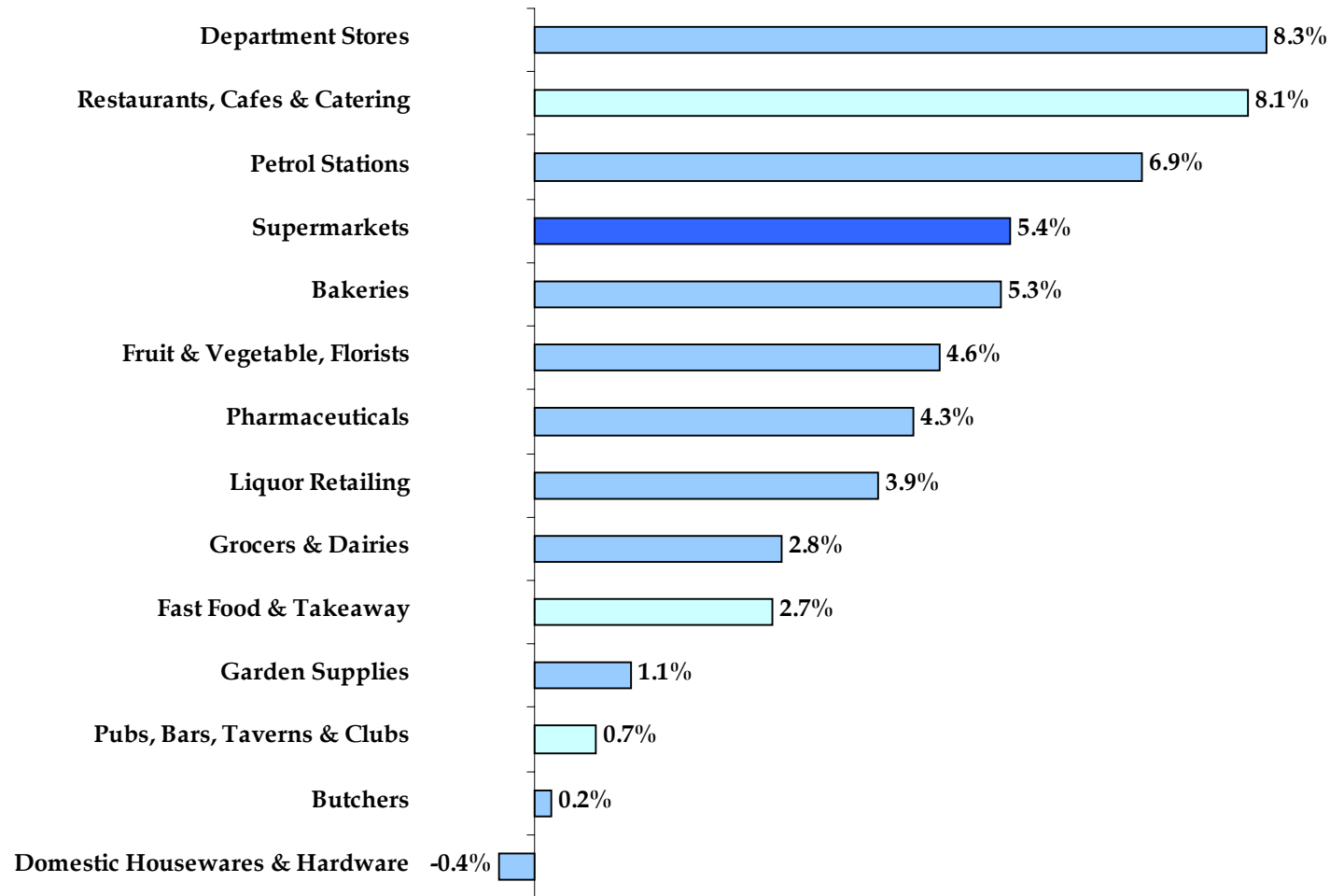
**AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD NON-FOOD FMCG EXPENDITURE BY STORE TYPE**  
**(Percent of average weekly expenditure; dollars; 1998)**



**Total = \$57.70**

Different store types have grown at different rates over the past four years

**AVERAGE ANNUAL SALES GROWTH RATE BY STORE TYPE**  
 (% CAGR of sales; 1996-2000)



**This presentation now profiles the four key alternative channels**

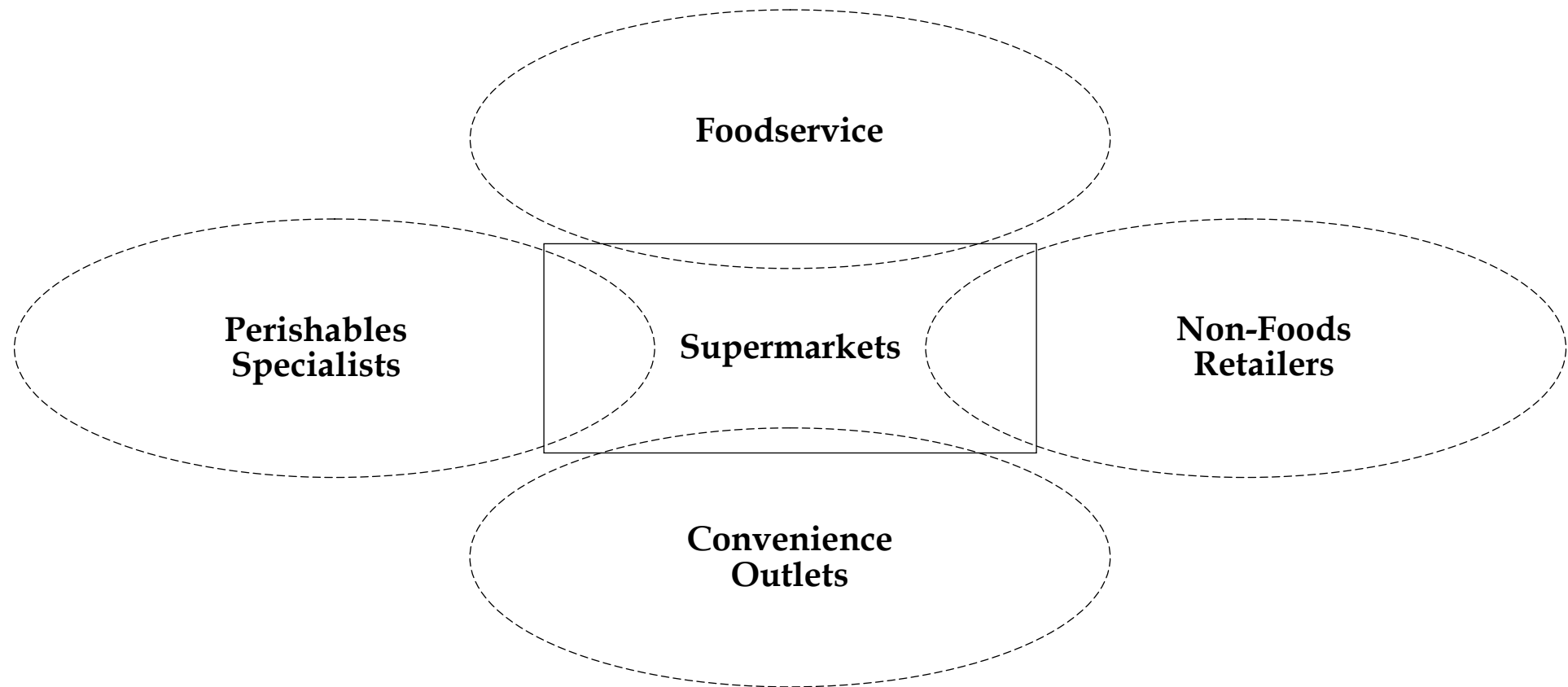
**PRESENTATION OVERVIEW**





Four different broad types of alternative channel exist in the New Zealand market

ALTERNATIVES TO THE SUPERMARKET



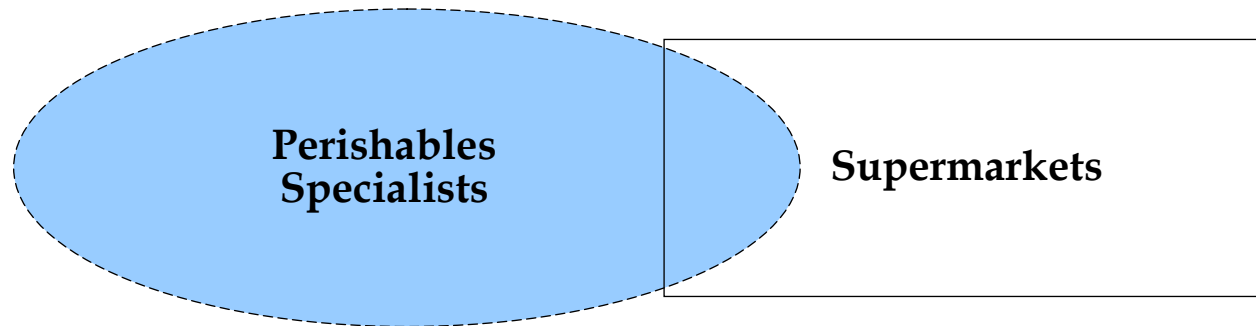
However, before we address alternative channels, remember that, according to the Department of Statistics, fifty-four non-Key Account supermarkets exist in New Zealand

**NON-KEY ACCOUNT SUPERMARKET**



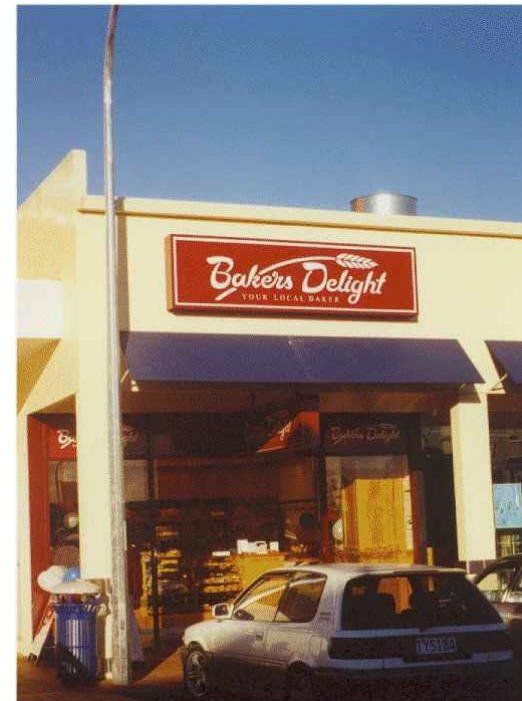
**Perishables Specialists focus on one specific type of perishable category**

**ALTERNATIVES TO THE SUPERMARKET**



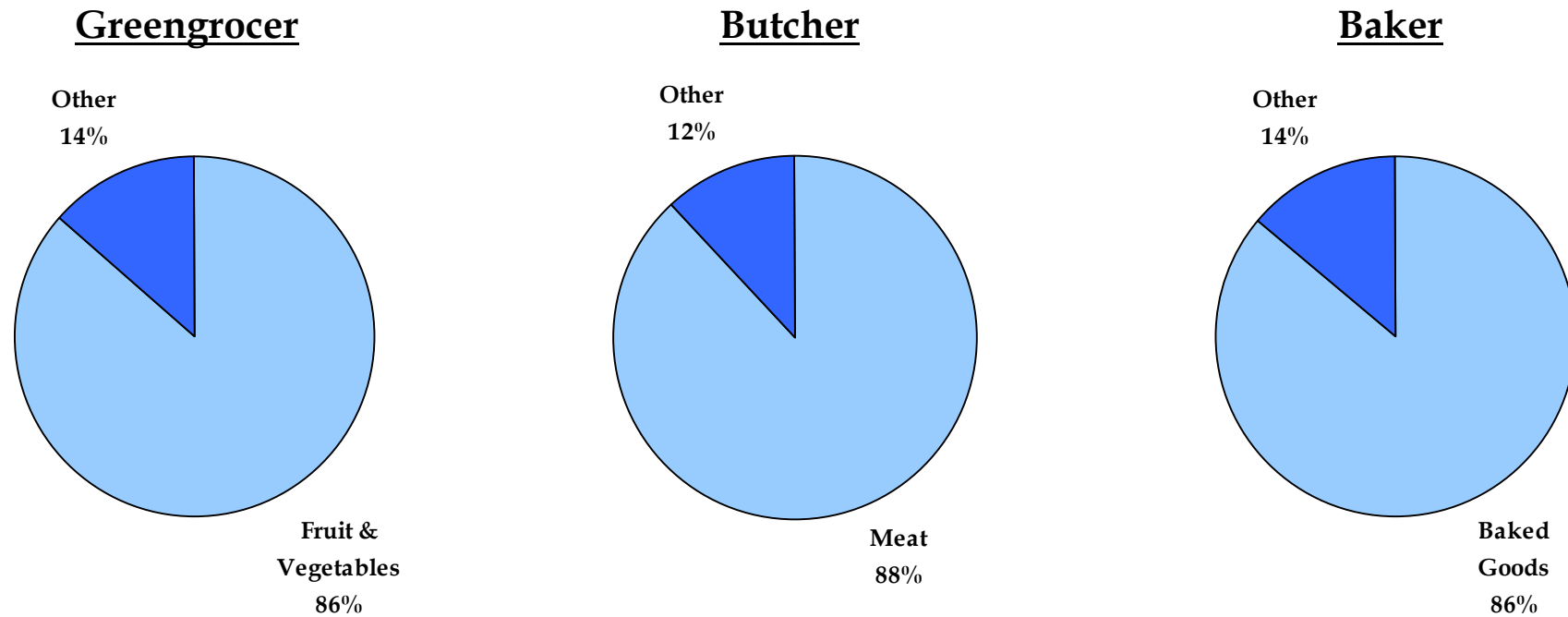
Perishables specialists come in a large variety of sizes and shapes

**PERISHABLE SPECIALISTS**



About 12-14% of perishables specialists sales are outside their primary focus

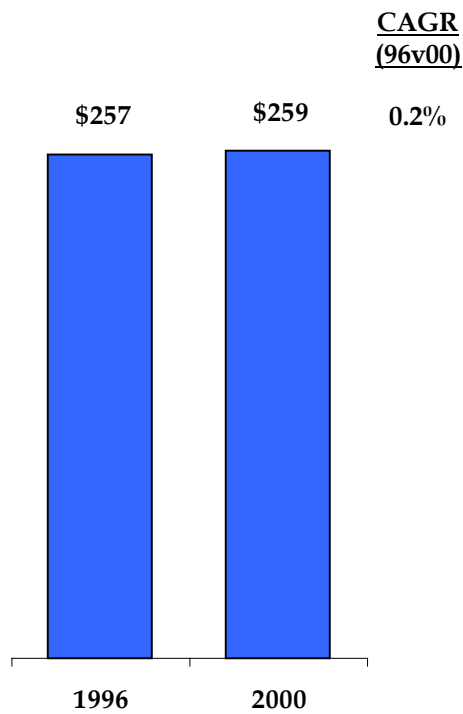
**SELECT FOOD SPECIALISTS SALES OUTSIDE PRIMARY FOCUS**  
(% of sales; 1998)



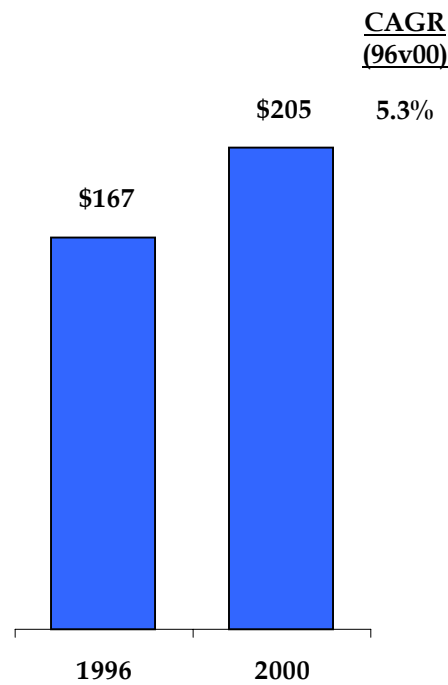
Most categories of food specialist are showing sales growth

**RETAIL SALES BY TYPE OF OUTLET<sup>1</sup>**  
 (Dollars; millions; 1996v2000)

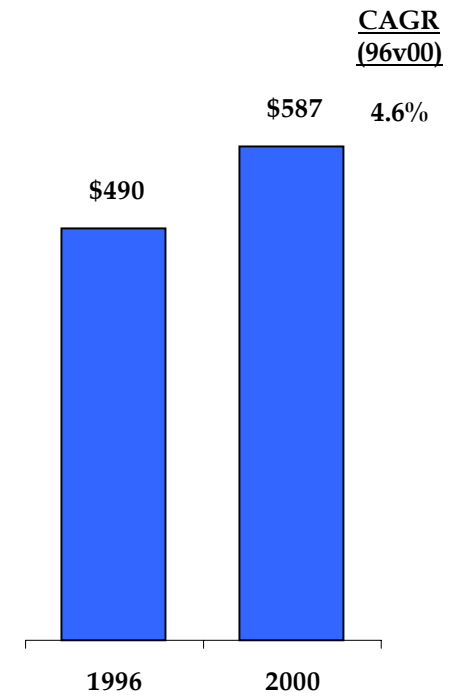
**Fresh Meat, Fish  
& Poultry**



**Bread  
& Cake**

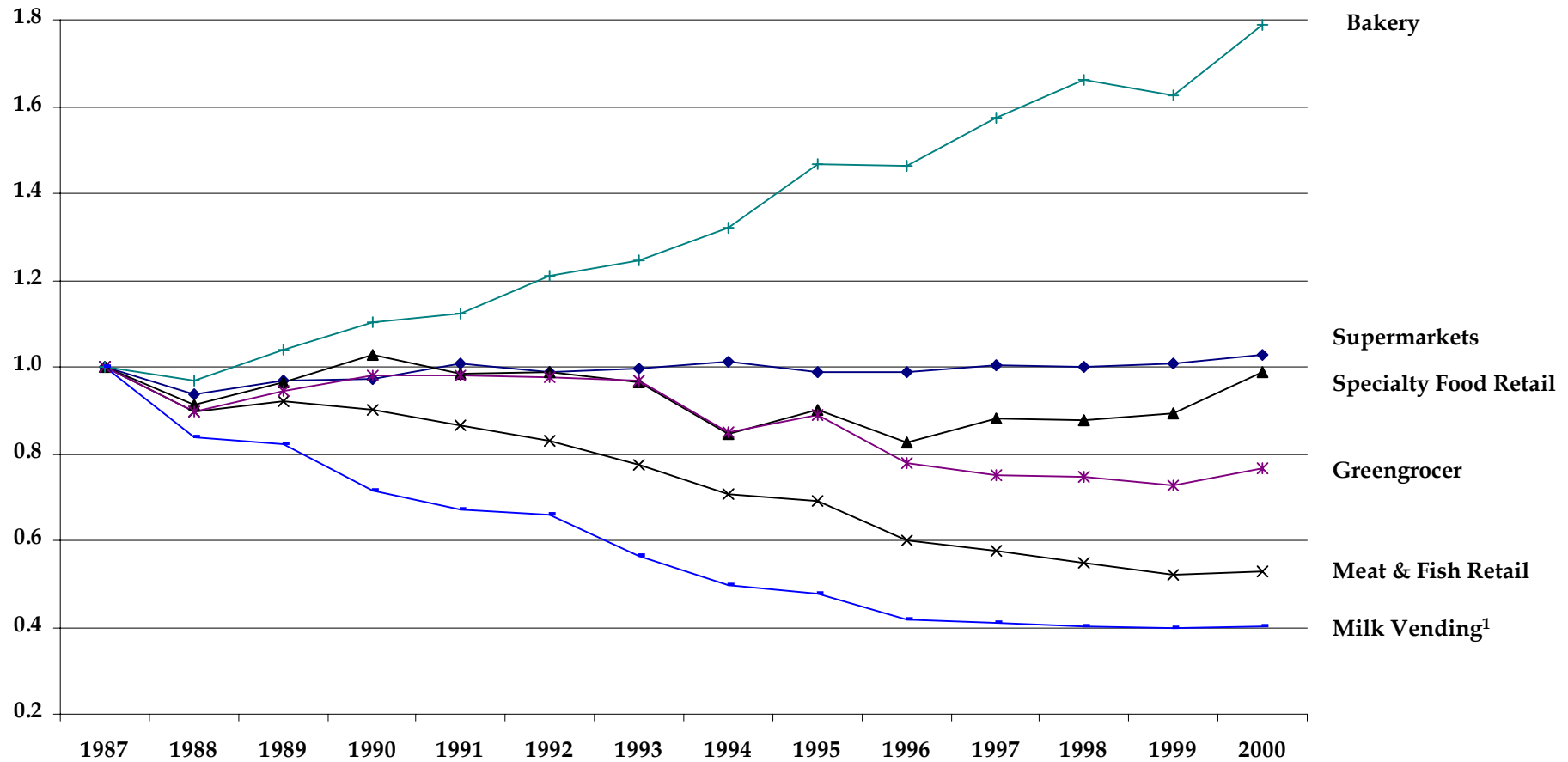


**Fruit, Vegetable  
& other food<sup>1</sup>**



While the number of supermarkets has remained relatively flat, the number of perishables specialists is fluctuating, with both winners and losers

**RELATIVE CHANGE IN OUTLET NUMBERS BY TYPE OF RETAILER**  
 (Number of outlets in 1987=1; 87-00)



There are a number of medium size perishable specialist chains

**EXAMPLES OF PERISHABLE SPECIALIST CHAINS**

**(# of outlets; 2001)**

<b>Greengrocer</b>	<b>Pumpkin Planet</b>	<b>14</b>
	<b>Vegie World</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Butcher</b>	<b>Mad Butcher</b>	<b>19</b>
	<b>Aussie Butcher</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Baker</b>	<b>Baker's Delight</b>	<b>27</b>
	<b>Baker Boys</b>	<b>15</b>
	<b>KB's</b>	<b>13</b>
	<b>Baker Street</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Bulk Food</b>	<b>Bin Inn</b>	<b>52</b>



**The retail bakers sector is showing strong growth, both by chains and by independents**

**RETAIL BAKERIES/CAKE SHOPS**

<b>Brand</b>	<b># of outlets</b>	<b>Supplier/Owner</b>
<b>Bakers Delight</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>Franchised</b>
<b>Baker Boys</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Independents</b>
<b>KBs</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>Franchised</b>
<b>Baker Street</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Private</b>
<b>Other Retailers</b>	<b>832</b>	
<b>Total Retailers</b>	<b>904</b>	

**Independent greengrocers and florists are still a very strong force in New Zealand retailing**

**GREENGROCERS/FLORIST RETAILERS**

<b>Brand</b>	<b># of outlets</b>	<b>Supplier/Owner</b>
<b>Pumpkin Planet</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>Private; franchised</b>
<b>Vegie World</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Private</b>
<b>Total Greengrocers</b>	<b>516</b>	
<b>Total Florists</b>	<b>507</b>	

While the number of independent butchers shops is down, total sales have remained stable - implying an increasing turnover per outlet

**BUTCHERS/FISHMONGERS/DELI'S**

<b>Brand</b>	<b># of outlets</b>	<b>Supplier/Owner</b>
<b>Mad Butcher</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>Private</b>
<b>Lenards Chicken</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Private; being sold</b>
<b>Aussie Butcher</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Private</b>
<b>Other Retailers</b>		
<b>Total Retailers</b>	<b>737</b>	

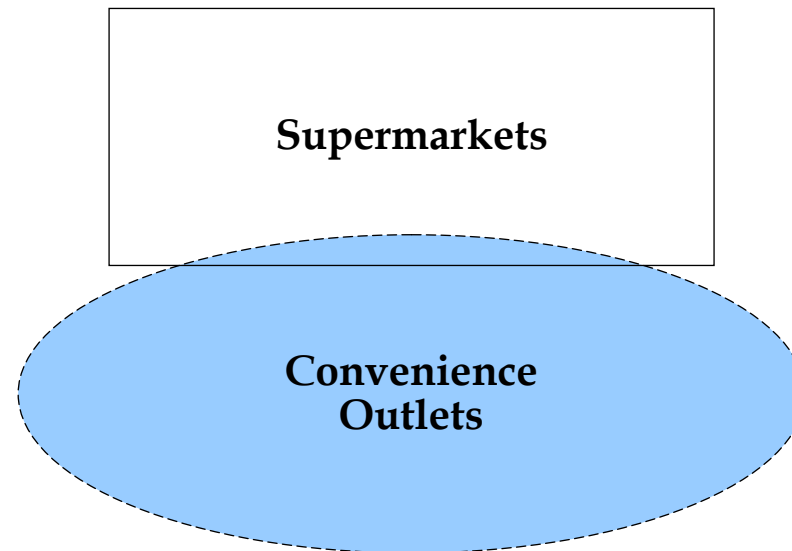
**There is also a large group of other specialist retailers each with a different offer and different market niche**

**SPECIALTY RETAILERS**

<b>Brand</b>	<b># of outlets</b>	<b>Supplier/Owner</b>
<b>Bin Inn</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>Franchised</b>
<b>Bulk Barn</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Independent</b>
<b>Total Public Markets</b>	<b>64</b>	
<b>Total Specialty Food Retailing</b>	<b>554</b>	

**Convenience outlets are defined by the importance of location and ease-of-access**

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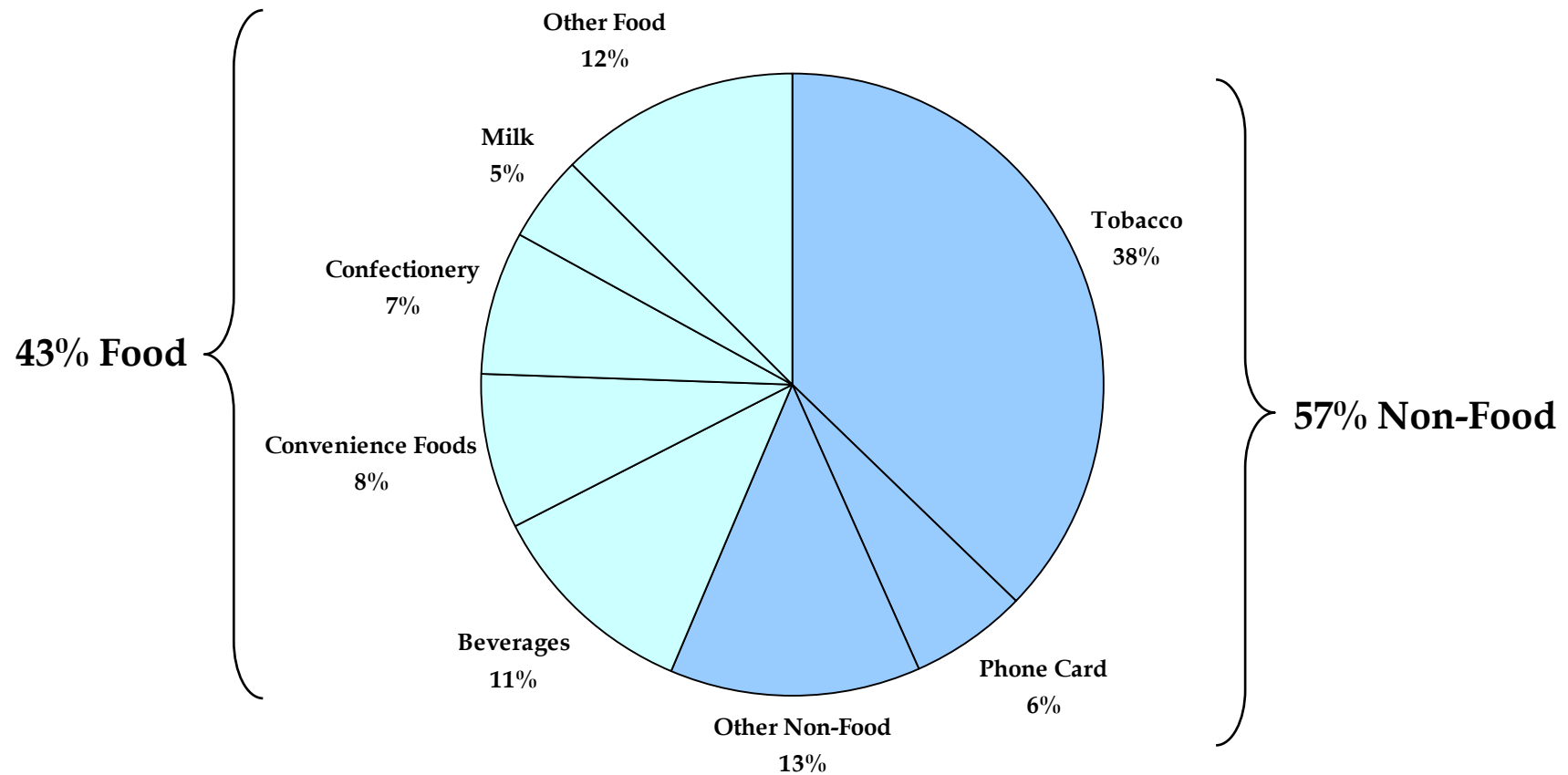
Convenience-oriented retailers are professionalising rapidly

**CONVENIENCE-ORIENTED STORES**



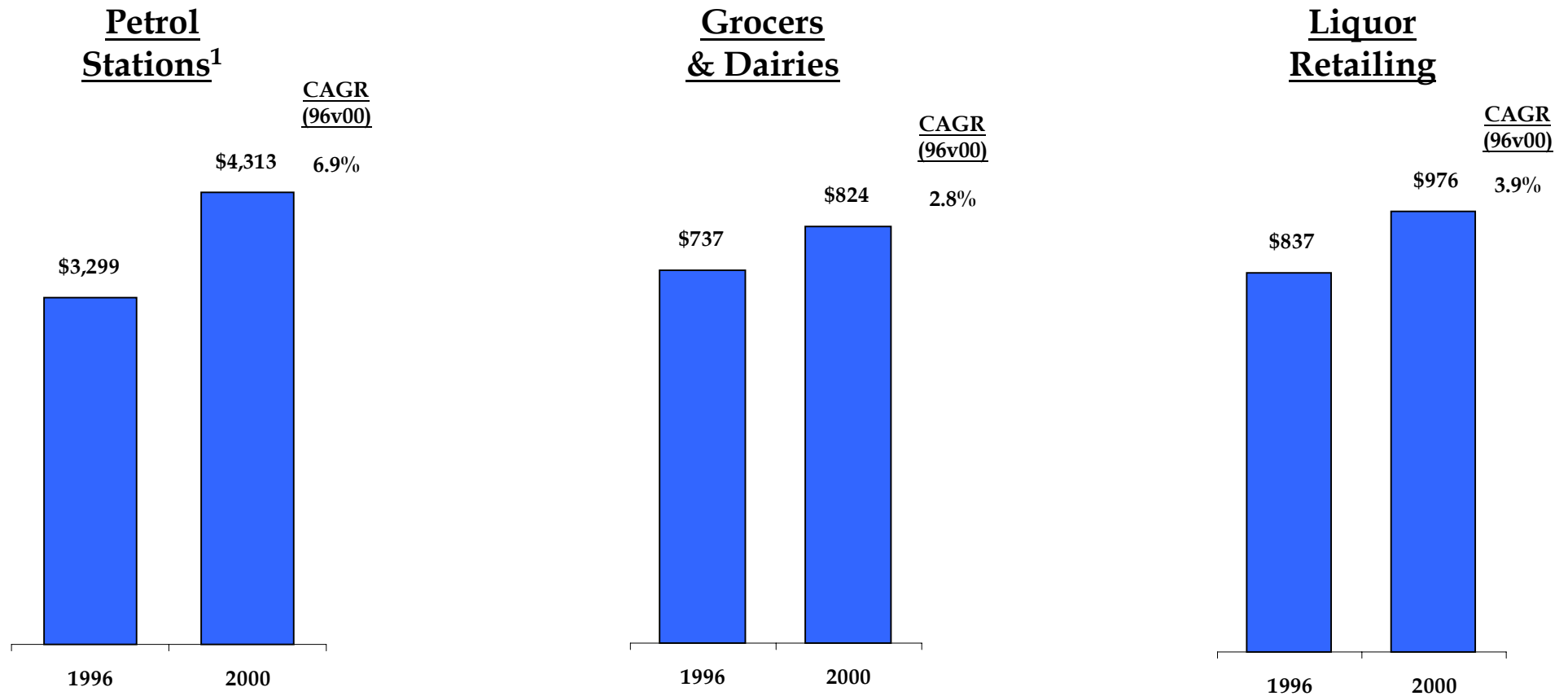
Convenience stores sell a mix of both food and non-food

**CONVENIENCE STORE SALES BY CATEGORY<sup>1</sup>**  
(% of sales; 2000)



Convenience-oriented stores are showing sales growth, albeit at different rates

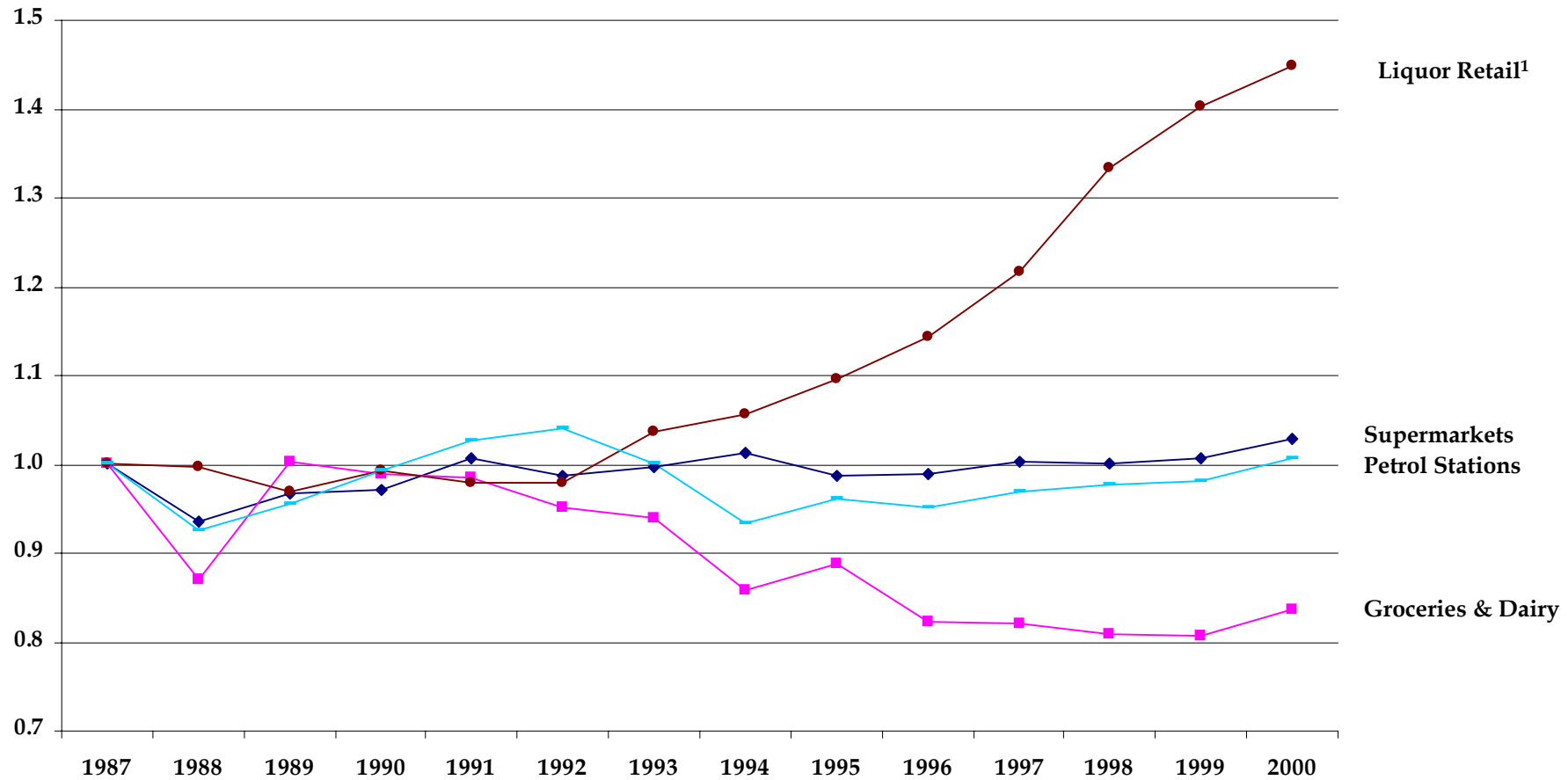
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 (Dollars; millions; 1996v2000)





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**RELATIVE CHANGE IN OUTLET NUMBERS BY TYPE OF RETAILER**  
 (Number of outlets in 1987=1; 87-00)



There are a number of large convenience-oriented chains

**EXAMPLES OF CONVENIENCE-ORIENTED CHAINS**

(# of outlets; 2001)

Petrol	Mobil	On The Run	39	Cash& Carry	Gilmours	10
		Mobil Mart	199		Toops	5
		Other	286		Moore Wilson	6
	BP	Connect	11		Rattrays	6
		Express	42		Trents	7
		Other	301			
	Shell	Select	98		Liquor Stores	Super Liquor
		Shell Shop	772	Liquorland		84
		Challenge	130	Liquor King		34
	Caltex	Star Mart	82	Glengary		22
		Caltex Shop	149			
		Other	52			
		Gull Shop	20+			
Dairies	On The Spot	244				
	Four Square	353				
	Price Cutter	56				
	Super 7	69				

The classic Kiwi dairy is evolving into professional chains of convenience stores with better pricing and a more relevant product offer

**GROCERY/CONVENIENCE/DAIRIES**

<b>Brand</b>	<b># of outlets</b>	<b>Supplier/Owner</b>
<b>On the Spot</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>Independently owned; supplied by Trents</b>
<b>Four Square</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>Independently owned; supplied by Foodstuffs (Various)</b>
<b>Price Cutter</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>Independently owned; Supplied by Rattrays (Infogate)</b>
<b>Super 7</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>Independently owned; Supplied by Rattrays (Infogate)</b>
<b>Others</b>	<b>1,635</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,357</b>	

New Zealand has a strong Cash & Carry sector servicing primarily small retailers and foodservice

**CASH & CARRY WAREHOUSES**

<b>Brand</b>	<b># of outlets</b>	<b>Supplier/Owner</b>
<b>Gilmours</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Foodstuffs (Auckland)</b>
<b>Toops</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Foodstuffs (Wellington)</b>
<b>Moore Wilson</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Private</b>
<b>Rattrays</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Infogate</b>
<b>Trents</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Foodstuffs (South Island)</b>
<b>Other Retailers</b>		
<b>Total Retailers</b>		

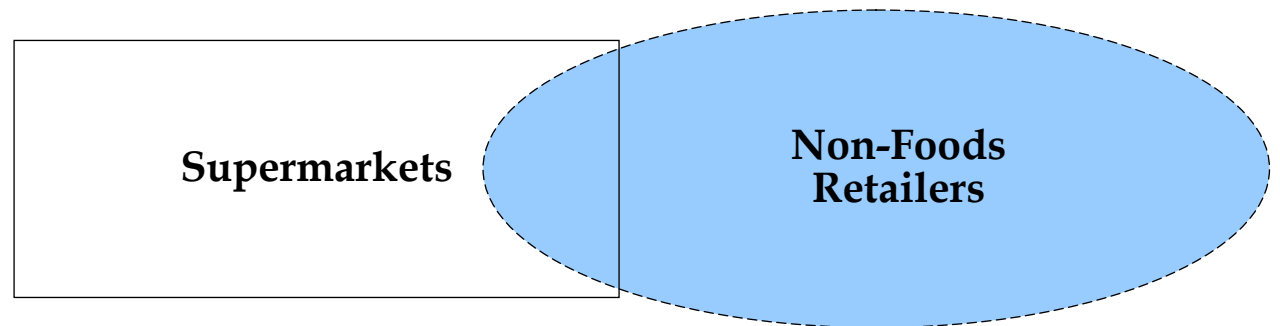
**Liquor retailing is highly competitive, with a number of strong chains battling with independents**

**LIQUOR RETAILERS**

<b>Brand</b>	<b># of outlets</b>	<b>Supplier/Owner</b>
<b>Super Liquor</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>Franchised</b>
<b>Liquorland</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>DB Breweries</b>
<b>Liquor King</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>Lion Breweries</b>
<b>Glengarry</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>Glengarry Hancocks Ltd</b>
<b>Other Retailers</b>	<b>429</b>	
<b>Total Retailers</b>	<b>668</b>	

**Non-foods retailers encompasses a broad range of store-types**

**ALTERNATIVES TO THE SUPERMARKET**



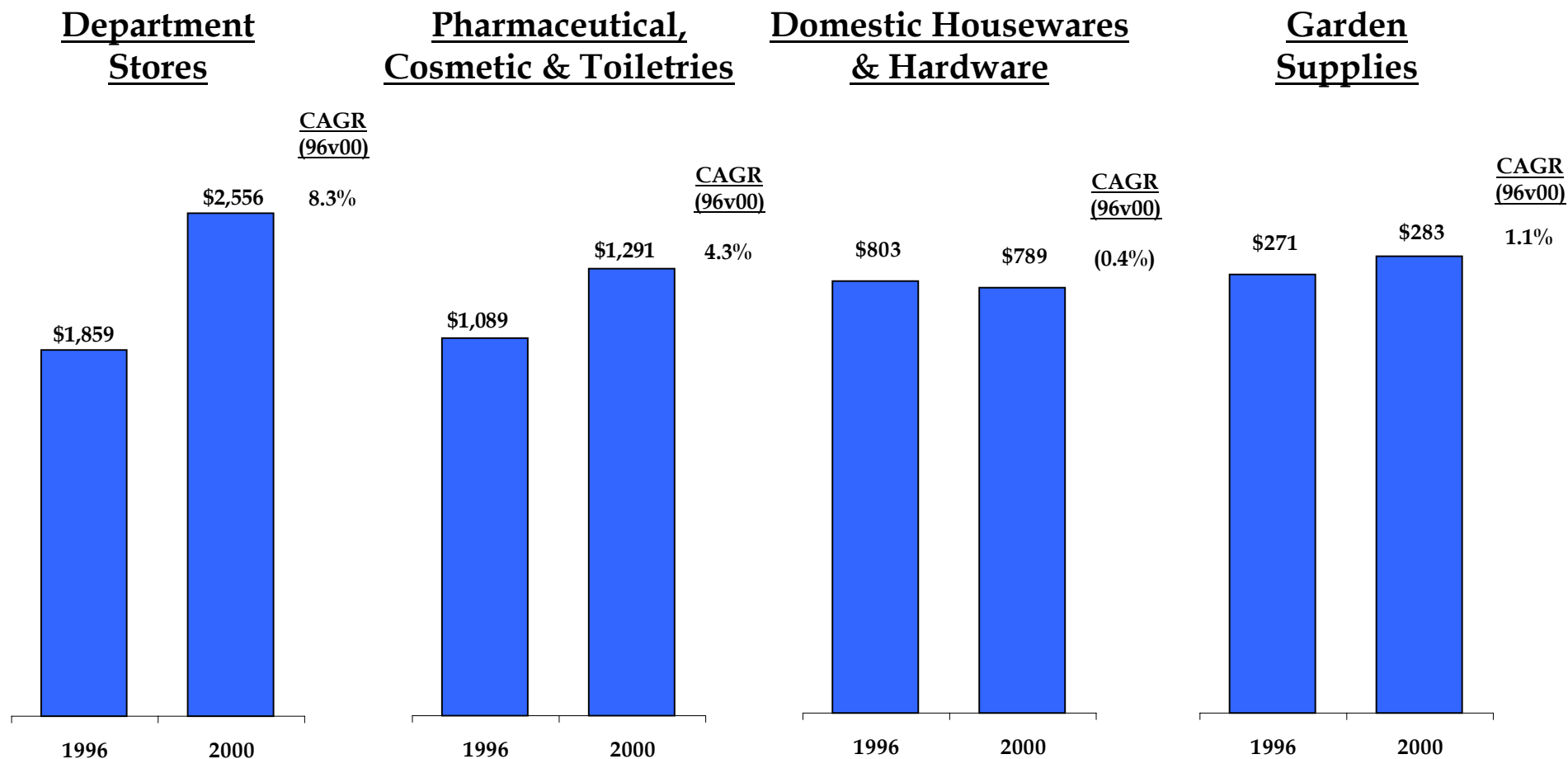
Some non-food retailers are building very large boxes

**NON-FOOD FMCG RETAILERS**



Department stores and pharmaceutical, cosmetics and toiletries retailers are showing strong sales growth while other sectors are flat or down

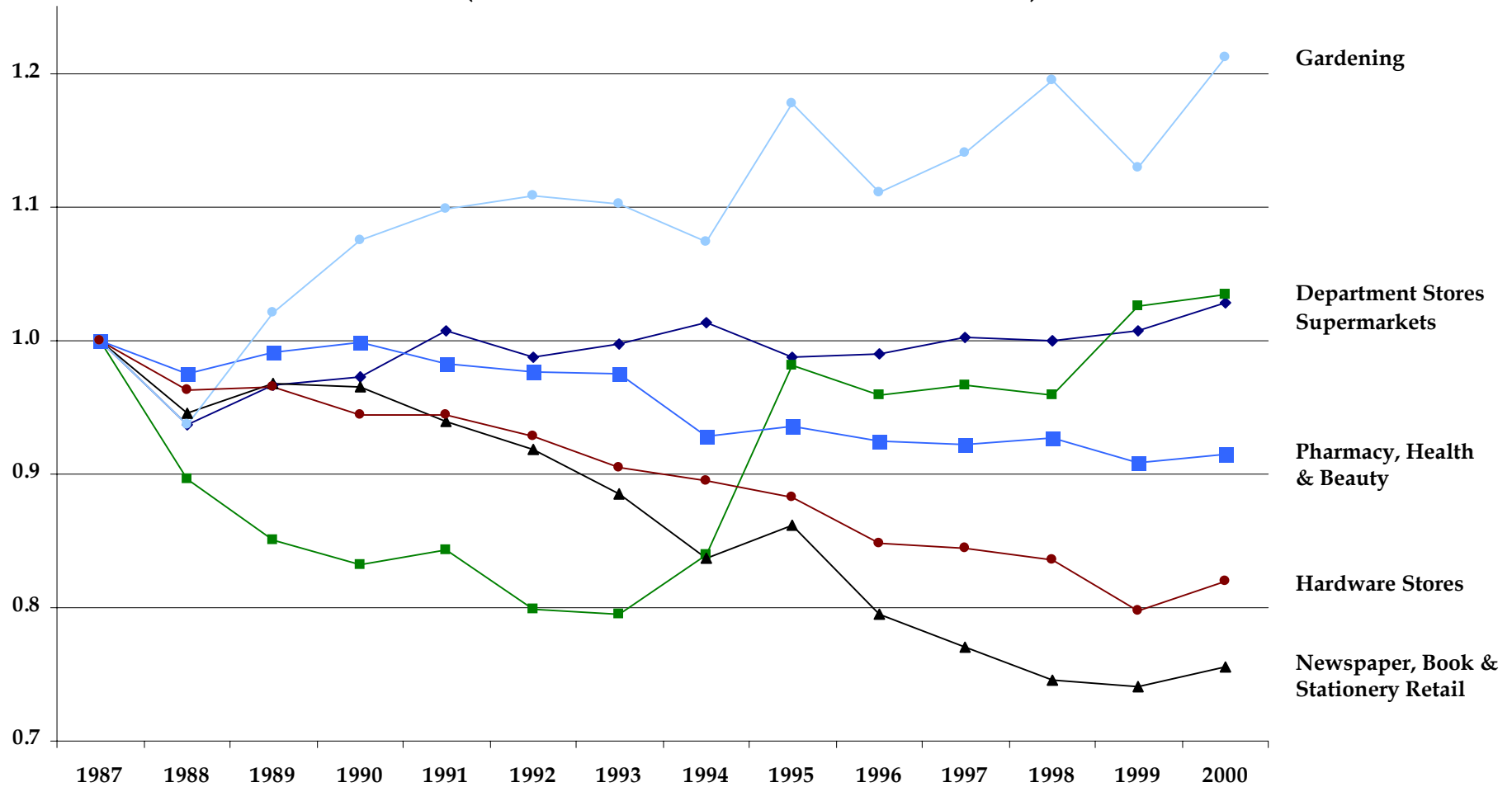
**RETAIL SALES BY TYPE OF OUTLET<sup>1</sup>**  
(Dollars; millions; 1996v2000)





The primarily non-food FMCG sector is undergoing massive changes as discounters replace traditional department stores

**RELATIVE CHANGE IN OUTLET NUMBERS BY TYPE OF RETAILER**  
(Number of outlets in 1987=1; 87-00)



There are a number of large primarily non-foods chains

**EXAMPLES OF PRIMARILY NON-FOODS CHAINS**

(# of outlets; 2001)

<b>Department Stores</b>	<b>Farmers</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>Pharmacy /Cosmetics</b>	<b>Unichem</b>	<b>120</b>
	<b>The Warehouse</b>	<b>47</b>		<b>Amcal</b>	<b>82</b>
	<b>The \$2 Shop</b>	<b>40</b>		<b>Care</b>	<b>16</b>
	<b>Briscoes</b>	<b>28</b>		<b>Chemist Shop</b>	<b>7</b>
	<b>K-Mart</b>	<b>11</b>			
	<b>Rendells</b>	<b>7</b>			
<b>Housewares /Hardware</b>	<b>Mitre 10</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>Newsagents</b>	<b>Paper Plus</b>	<b>171</b>
	<b>Hammer Hardware</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>Office Supplies</b>	<b>Whitcoulls</b>	<b>32</b>
	<b>ITM</b>	<b>83</b>		<b>Office Products Depot</b>	<b>38</b>
	<b>Placemakers</b>	<b>55</b>		<b>Warehouse Stationery</b>	<b>32</b>
	<b>Benchmark</b>	<b>42</b>		<b>Books &amp; More</b>	<b>23</b>
				<b>Bennetts</b>	<b>7</b>
		<b>Stationery City</b>		<b>6</b>	

Competition in the department store sector is fierce, with new price-oriented discounters like The Warehouse and The \$2 Shop displacing old favourites

**VARIETY/DEPARTMENT RETAILERS**

<b>Brand</b>	<b># of outlets</b>	<b>Supplier/Owner</b>
<b>Farmers</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>FAL</b>
<b>DEKA</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>FAL (closing)</b>
<b>The Warehouse</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>Public</b>
<b>The \$2 Shop</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>Franchised</b>
<b>Briscoes</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>Private</b>
<b>K-Mart</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>Coles Myer</b>
<b>Rendells</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Private</b>
<b>Other Retailers</b>	<b>19</b>	
<b>Total Retailers</b>	<b>277</b>	

**There is a strong hardware sector with growing FMCG sales, especially in detergents and cleaning products**

**HARDWARE RETAILERS**

<b>Brand</b>	<b># of outlets</b>	<b>Supplier/Owner</b>
<b>Hammer Hardware</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>Franchised</b>
<b>Mitre 10</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>Franchised</b>
<b>ITM</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>Independently owned</b>
<b>Placemakers</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>Private &amp; Fletcher Distribution</b>
<b>Benchmark Building Supplies</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>Corporate</b>
<b>Other Retailers</b>	<b>582</b>	
<b>Total Retailers</b>	<b>977</b>	

There are a large number of chain and independent chemists and health and beauty specialists selling a wide range of health and beauty related products

**PHARMACEUTICAL, COSMETICS & TOILETRIES RETAILERS**

<b>Brand</b>	<b># of outlets</b>	<b>Supplier/Owner</b>
<b>Unichem</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>Independents (Zuellig Pharma banner group)</b>
<b>Amcal</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>Independents (Zuellig Pharma banner group)</b>
<b>Care Chemists</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Independents (Zuellig Pharma banner group)</b>
<b>The Chemist Shop</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Independents (Zuellig Pharma banner group)</b>
<b>Other Retailers</b>	<b>955</b>	
<b>Total Retailers</b>	<b>1,180</b>	

The line between most newsagents and stationers, and convenience stores is becoming blurred

**NEWSPAPERS, BOOKS & STATIONERY RETAILERS**

<b>Brand</b>	<b># of outlets</b>	<b>Supplier/Owner</b>
PaperPlus	171	Franchised
Whitcoulls	32	Blue Star Retail Group
Office Products Depot	38	Franchised
Warehouse Stationery	32	Public
Books&More	23	Franchised
Bennetts Bookstores	7	Blue Star Retail Group
Stationery City	6	Private
<b>Other Retailers</b>	<b>846</b>	
<b>Total Retailers</b>	<b>1,193</b>	

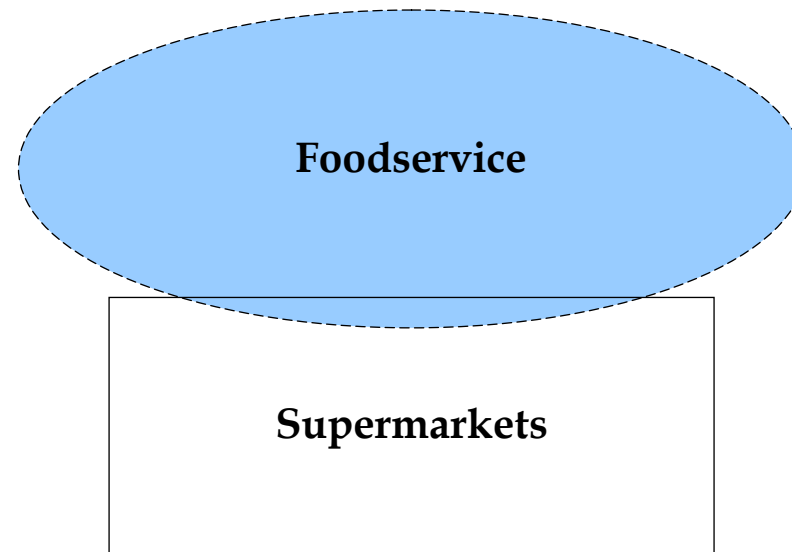
The garden supplies sector is still highly fragmented

**GARDEN SUPPLIERS**

<b>Brand</b>	<b># of outlets</b>	<b>Supplier/Owner</b>
<b>Palmers Garden World</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>Mitre 10</b>
<b>Oderings</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Private</b>
<b>Athol McCully</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Private</b>
<b>Gardenways</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Franchised</b>
<b>Turners Garden Centre</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Private</b>
<b>Other Retailers</b>	<b>364</b>	
<b>Total Retailers</b>	<b>401</b>	

**Foodservice includes restaurants, catering clubs and bars**

**ALTERNATIVES TO THE SUPERMARKET**





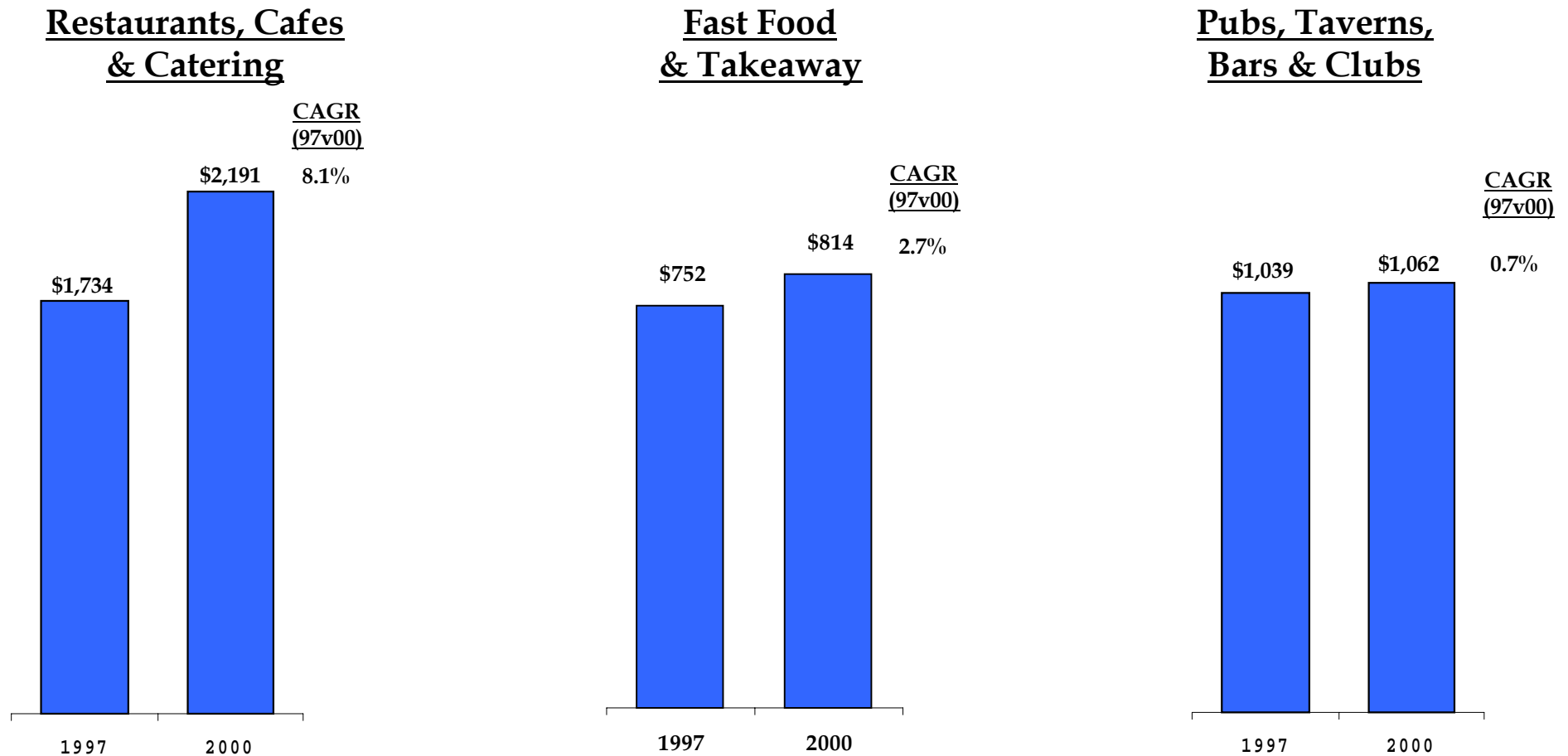
Foodservice outlets cover the full range from global chain to local eatery

FOODSERVICE



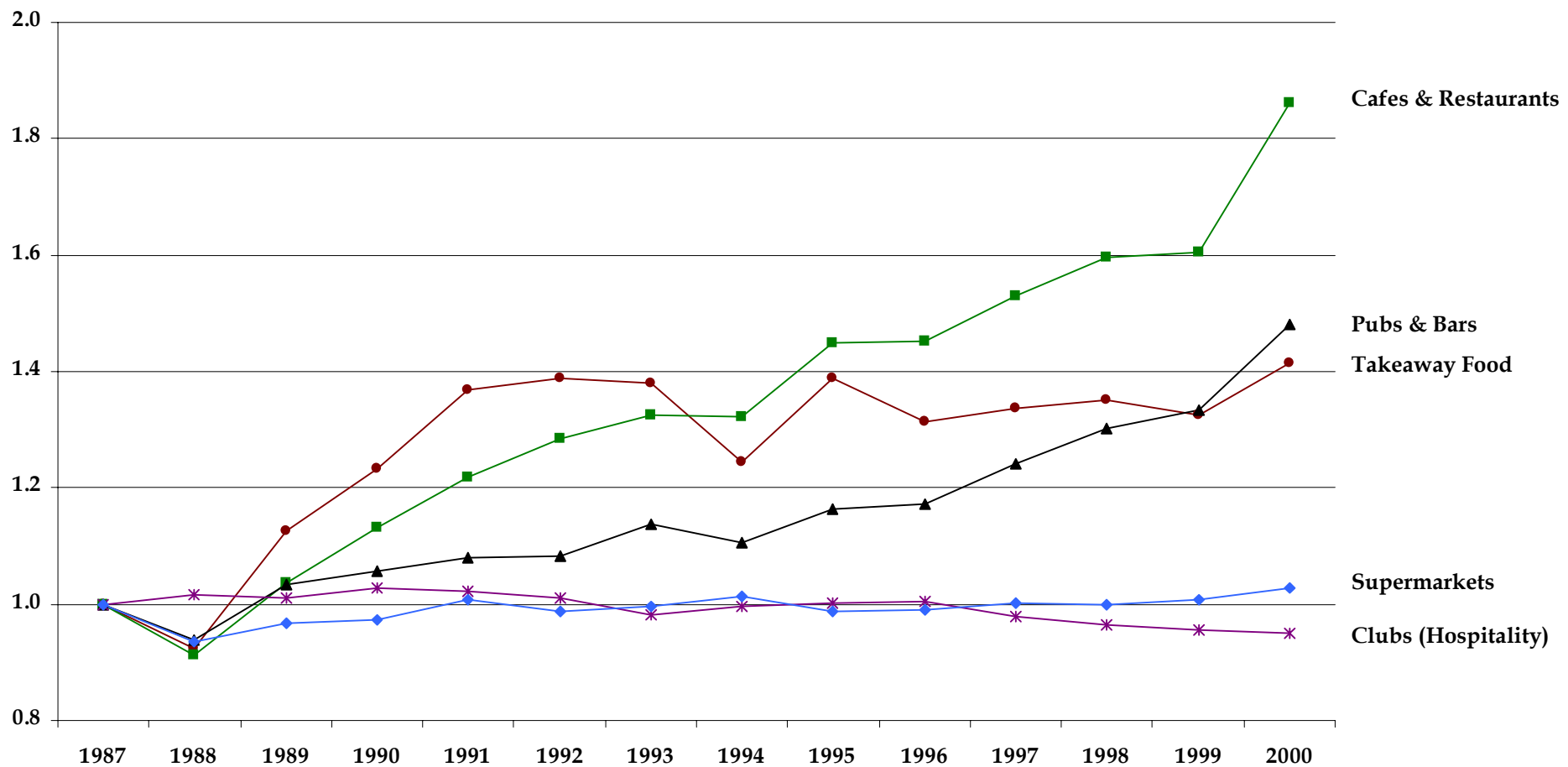
Restaurants are showing much stronger turnover growth than other food away segments

**RETAIL SALES BY TYPE OF OUTLET<sup>1</sup>**  
 (Dollars; millions; 1997v2000)



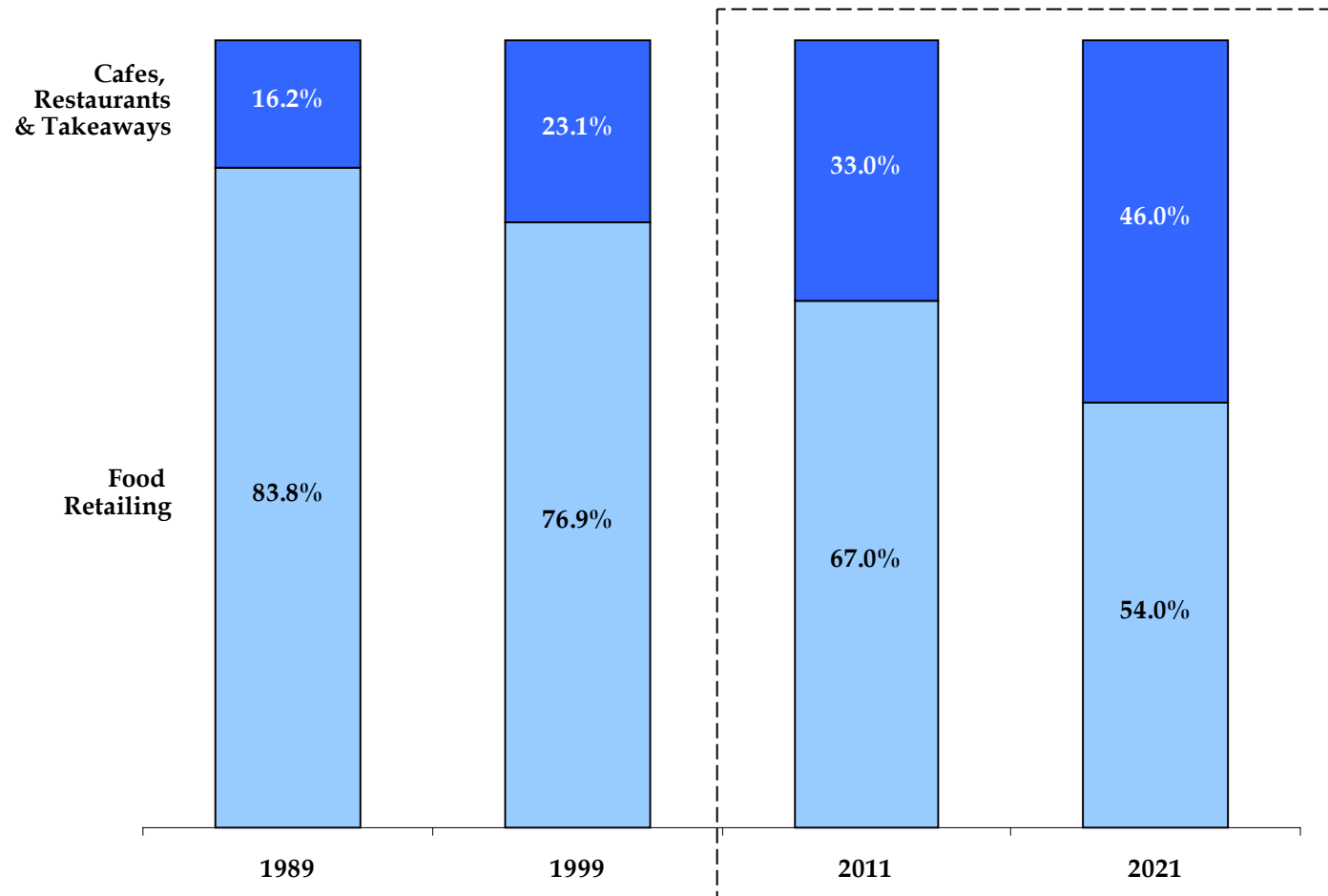
The number of food away from home outlets is growing rapidly

**RELATIVE OUTLET NUMBERS GROWTH FOOD AWAY VS. SUPERMARKET**  
 (Normalised in 1987 to one; 87-00)



The experience of other markets suggests this trend will continue, causing food retailers to lose 'share-of-stomach'

**THE CONTINUING GROWTH OF FOODSERVICE**  
**(% food spend on food away from home; 1989-2021p)**



Finally, this presentation looks at how manufacturers can begin to target alternative channels

**PRESENTATION OVERVIEW**



**Manufacturers looking to develop an alternative channel strategy need to answer four key questions**

**FOUR KEY QUESTIONS**

- 1. What channels stock or are likely to stock your product?**
- 2. Where should you focus your effort?**
- 3. How do you effectively and profitably service these channels?**
- 4. How can you change your product/packaging to better serve these channels?**

1. What channels stock or are likely to stock your product? Different products are, obviously, suited for different channels

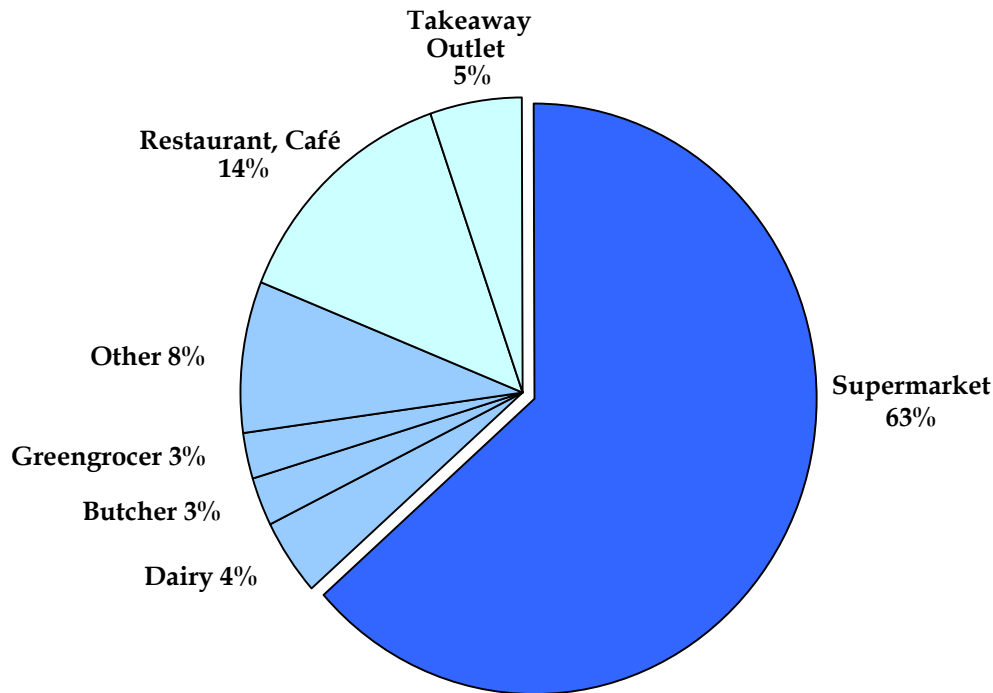
**PRODUCT CATEGORY STRENGTH BY CHANNEL**

	Convenience			Perishables Specialists			Non-Foods		
	Dairies	Petrol Stations	Liquor Stores	Green Grocers	Butchers	Bakers	Department Stores	Chemists Cosmetics	Housewares Hardware
Bread & In-Store Bakery	●	●	○	◐	○	●	○	○	○
Fruit, Vegetables & Flowers	◐	◐	○	●	○	○	○	○	○
Meat, Seafood & Deli	◐	○	○	○	●	○	○	○	○
Dry Grocery, Bulk Food	◐	◐	○	◐	○	○	○	○	○
Frozen Food	◐	◐	○	○	◐	○	○	○	○
Dairy/Refrigerated	●	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Beverages	●	●	●	●	○	◐	●	○	○
Confectionery	●	●	○	○	○	○	●	○	○
Beer & Wine	○	○	●	○	○	○	○	○	○
Tobacco	●	●	●	○	○	○	●	○	○
General Merchandise	◑	◑	○	○	○	○	●	◐	●
Health & Beauty Care	◑	◑	○	○	○	○	●	●	○
Garden Supplies	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	○	●

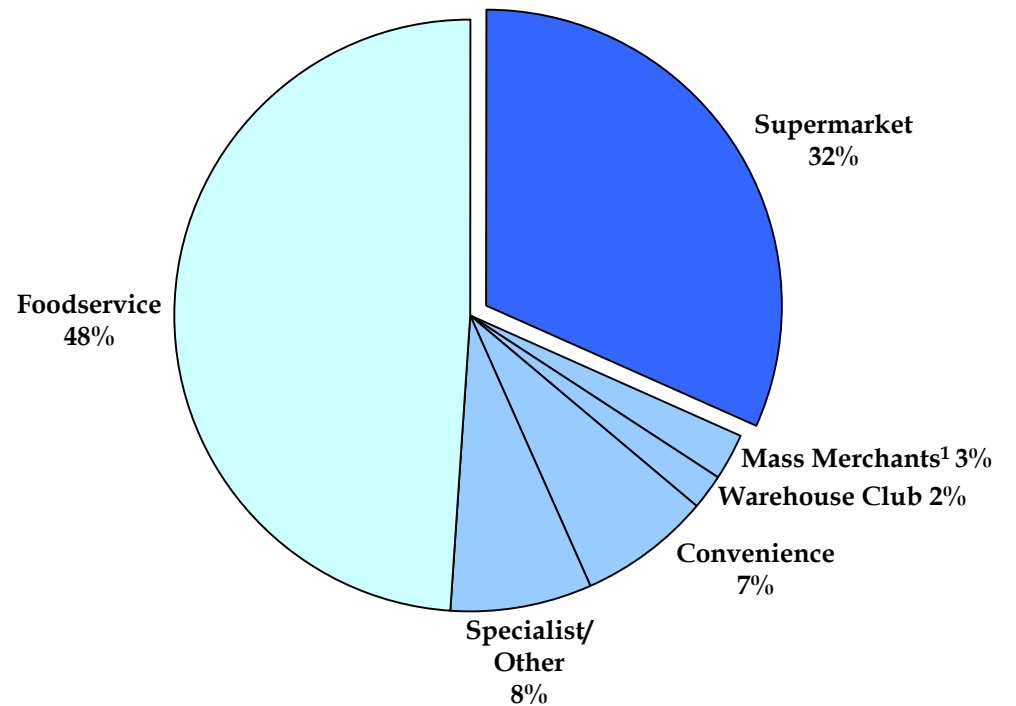
2. Where should you focus your effort? Focus your effort on likely winners, which the U.S. market suggests are foodservice, warehouse clubs (Cash & Carry) and discounters

**FOOD & NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE SALES BY STORE TYPE**  
(% of sales; 2000)

**New Zealand**



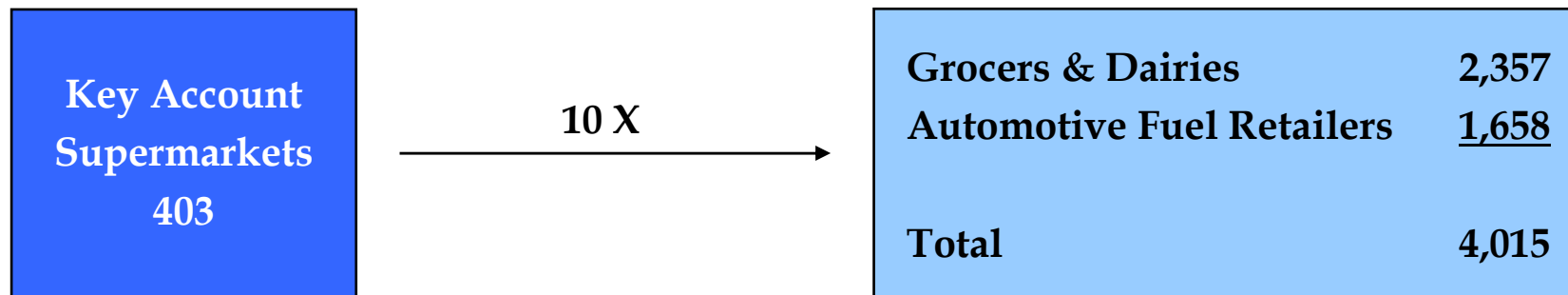
**United States**





3. How do you effectively and profitably service these channels? Distribution costs are the key variable in any alternative channel strategy

EXAMPLE: THE CHALLENGE OF EFFICIENT DISTRIBUTION TO CONVENIENCE



**4. How can you change your product/packaging to better serve these channels? The product and packaging requirements of alternative channels differ from supermarkets**

**EXAMPLE: STAGES OF CUSTOMISATION FOR FOODSERVICE**

	<b>STAGE I</b>	<b>STAGE II</b>	<b>STAGE III</b>
<i>Product</i>	<b>Standard Supermarket Item</b>	<b>New Larger Pack Size</b>	<b>Customised Product Formulation</b>
<i>Objective</i>	<b>Incremental Sales</b>	<b>Incremental Margin</b>	<b>Market Leadership</b>
<i>Go-To-Market Strategy</i>	<b>Sell Through Cash &amp; Carry</b>	<b>Sell Through Foodservice Distributor</b>	<b>Sell Direct</b>

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