

**March 2011****Department Store Retailing - UK**

The department store sector is mature and has consolidated significantly in the last decade as the weakest players failed to compete effectively in today's marketplace. Mintel estimates that sector sales (based on statutory revenues) were worth £13.7 billion incl. VAT in 2010.

**February 2011****Baby and Nursery Equipment - UK**

Since 2005 there has been a baby boom, with higher birthrates helping fuel demand for baby equipment. But, over the next five years, the number of babies born each year is forecast to stabilise. Mintel looks at the implications of a steady birthrate for today's suppliers.

**Hairdryers and Other Hair Styling Products - UK**

Personal grooming is an area that appears fairly recession-proof. Even when times are hard, consumers want to look good and often see personal toiletries and cosmetics as affordable treats that help to lift their mood and make them feel rewarded for their busy lives.

**DIY Retailing - UK**

This report looks at the retailing of DIY and associated homewares products in the UK. The sector has experienced very tough trading conditions in the last few years, a downturn that started well before the onset of recession in 2008 and which shows no sign of coming to an end.