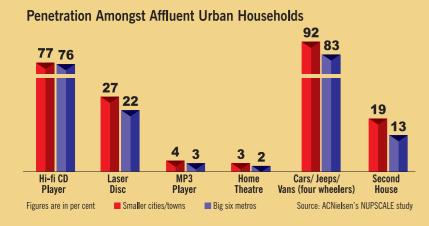


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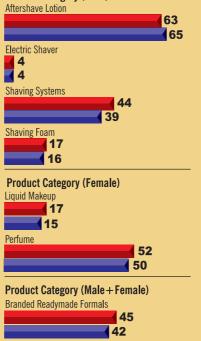






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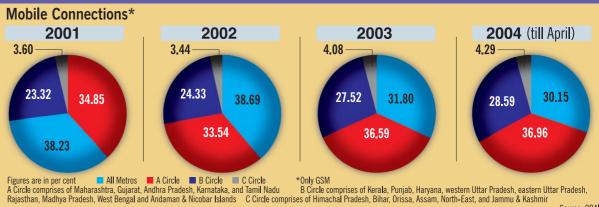
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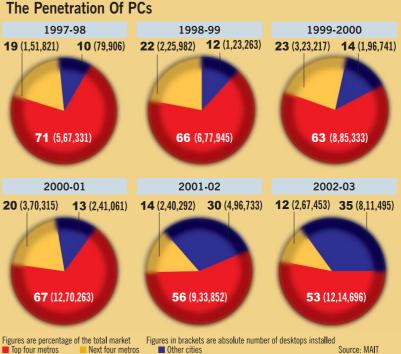


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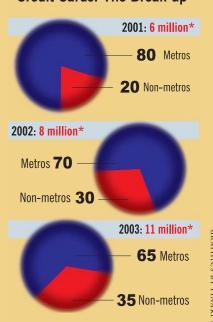
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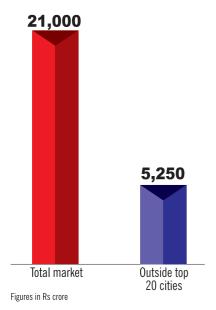
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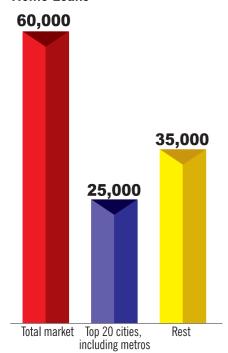
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In Absolute Terms, The Market In Small Towns For **Cars And Home Loans Cannot Be Ignored**





Home Loans



Figures in Rs crore

While The Consumer Durables And Fast Moving Consumer Goods Markets In Small Towns Is Large, These May Be Losing Out To The Happening Categories

Consumer Durables

Consumer Buran	VOLUME CONTRIBUTION			VALUE CONTRIBUTION			
	2002	2003	2004*	2002	2003	2004*	
Colour television	12	11	11	12	12	11	
Refrigerator (Frost-free)	9	10	10	9	10	11	
Refrigerator (Regular)	10	10	10	10	10	11	
Washing machine (Fully-automatic)	9	11	12	9	12	13	
Washing machine (Semi-automatic)	11	12	12	12	12	12	
Washing machine (Regular)	11	11	12	11	12	12	
(mogular)							
Audio home system	13	12	12	15	13	14	
Microwave oven	10	14	12	11	14	13	
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Source: ORG-GfK * For the period January-April

Fast Moving Consumer Goods

· ·	VOLUME CONTRIBUTION			VALUE CONTRIBUTION				
	2002	2003	2004*	2002	2003	2004*		
Toilet Soaps	6.5	6.0	5.8	6.0	5.7	5.5		
Washing PWD/LQD	6.9	6.5	6.3	5.5	5.4	5.2		
Tooth Powder	7.9	7.7	7.5	7.9	7.4	7.2		
Shampoo	8.4	7.9	7.7	7.4	6.9	6.7		
Skin Creams	9.8	9.4	9.3	10.1	9.6	9.5		
Beverages	9.8	9.9	10.3	9.8	9.9	10.4		
Packaged Tea	6.5	6.3	6.5	5.9	5.6	5.9		
Chocolates	11.9	11.5	11.1	11.8	11.5	11.1		
Refined Oil (Packed)	9.6	9.8	8.7	9.9	10.0	8.7		
(across)								
Biscuits	6.9	6.6	6.4	6.4	6.1	6.0		
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Figures are contribution in volume and value terms of cities with population of 5-10 lakh as a percentage of All-India sales of products

* For the period January-April