

Turnover in the retail trade at the end of February 2017

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Turnover in retail trade remained virtually stable over the past three months

In the three months to end-February, turnover in retail trade edged down 0.1% (adjusted for seasonal and working day variations). Food sales fell by 0.5%, contrasting with industrial goods sector which saw 0.5% growth. The rise in automobile sales was partially offset by declines in textile and clothing and in consumer electronics.

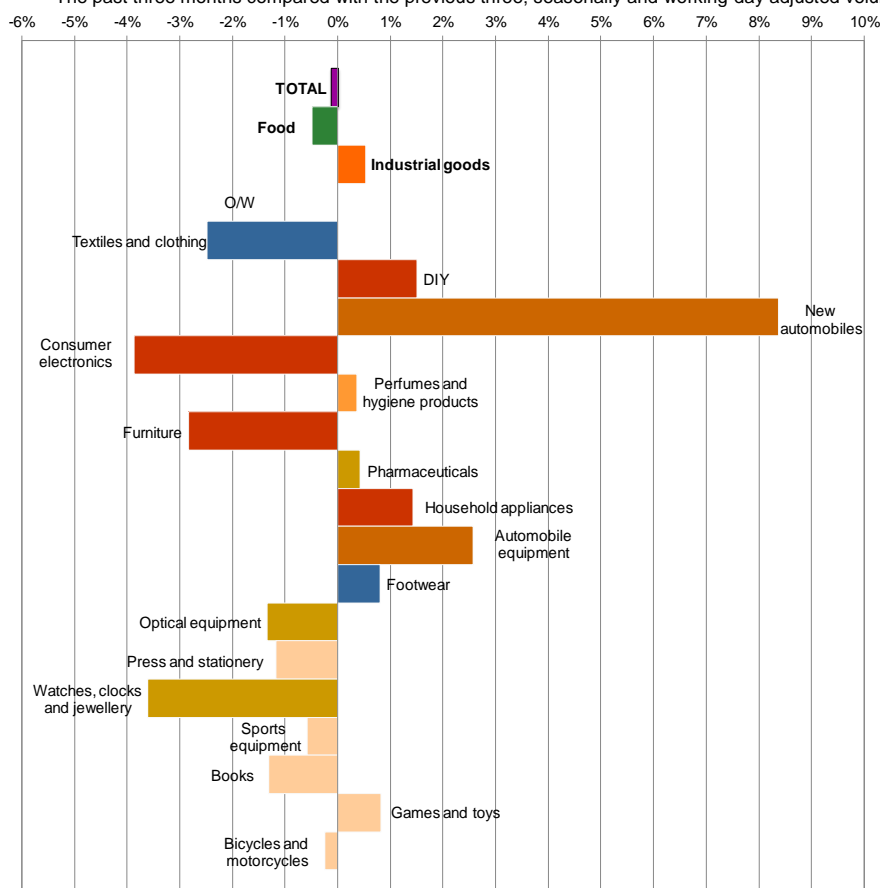
Sales at small retail stores remained stable. Large general retailers, on the other hand, reported a decline of 0.2%: supermarkets and hypermarkets saw respective falls of 0.3% and 1.2%, while department store sales and distance selling grew by 4.2% and 1.8%.

In February, retail turnover inched up 0.2% overall, despite a 1.0% drop in sales of food. The industrial goods sector saw growth of 1.2%, driven notably by rebounds in furniture, textile and clothing, and footwear.

Large general retailers saw a 0.5% decline in sales, with supermarkets and hypermarkets notably reporting falls of 1.9% and 1.2% respectively. However, department store sales and distance selling both increased over the month.

Total industrial goods and food sales: Q/Q-1 change

The past three months compared with the previous three; seasonally and working-day adjusted volume terms



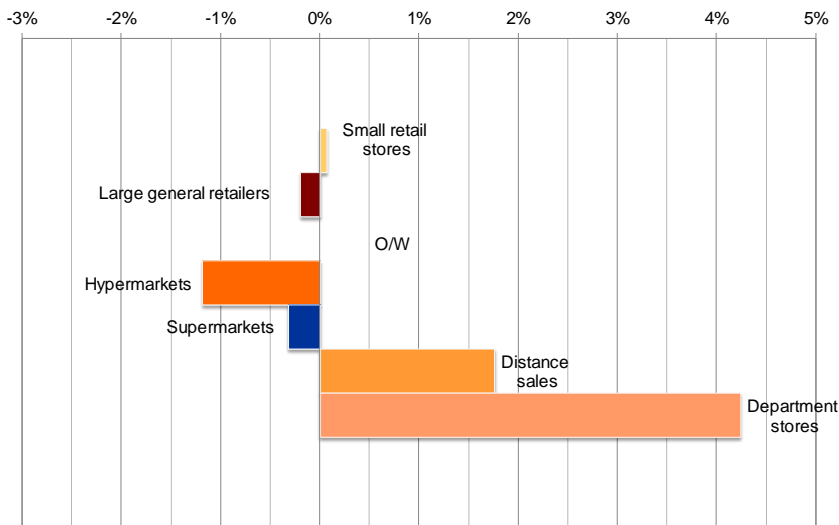
	Weight
Food products	43%
Industrial goods o/w	57%
Textiles and clothing	10%
DIY	7%
New automobiles	6%
Consumer electronics	5%
Perfumes and hygiene products	4%
Furniture	4%
Pharmaceuticals	3%
Household appliances	3%
Automobile equipment	3%
Footwear	2%
Optical equipment	2%
Press and stationery	2%
Watches, clocks and jewellery	2%
Sports equipment	1%
Books	1%
Games and toys	1%
Bicycles and motorcycles	1%

Notes :

- Sectors are classified according to the relative weight of the products included in the total aggregate of retail trade (see methodology)
- The aggregated and by sub-sector series are seasonally adjusted on an individual basis: the seasonally adjusted series do not represent the sum of the seasonally adjusted components.

Retail trade by certain outlet category: Q/Q-1 change

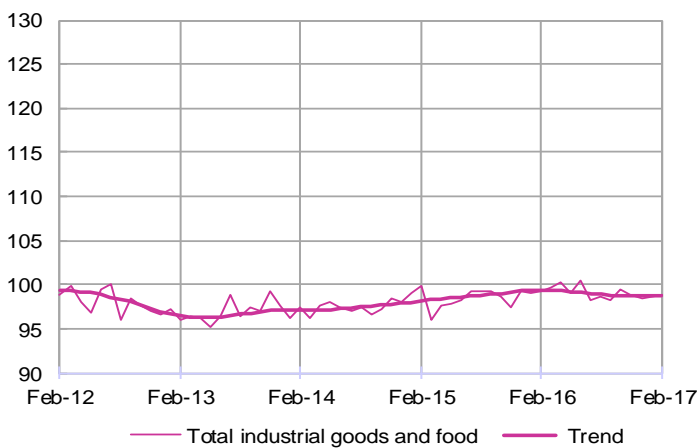
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Large general retailers	Weight
Hypermarkets	50%
Supermarkets	33%
Distance sales	11%
Department stores	6%

Total industrial goods and food

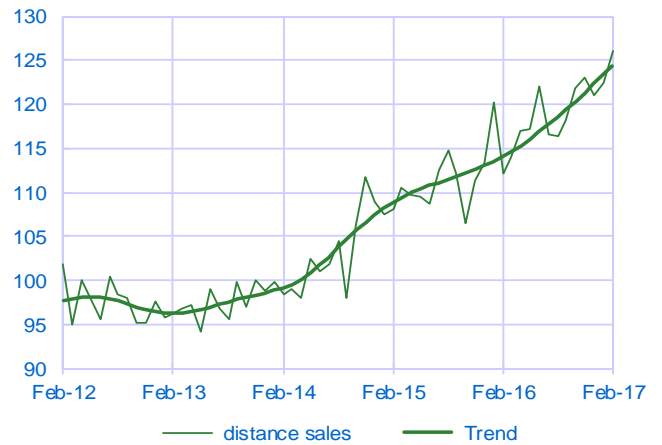
index in seasonally-adjusted volume terms (100 = 2010)



Distance sales

Source: FEVAD and Banque de France

index in seasonally-adjusted volume terms (100 = 2010)



Provisional data as of the 7th working day following the month under review.

Notes:

- The FEVAD and the Banque de France work together to publish data on product distance selling, including online sales, in France (excluding food sales).
- The aggregated and by sub-sector series are seasonally adjusted on an individual basis: the seasonally adjusted series do not represent the sum of the seasonally adjusted components.
- Sectors are classified according to the relative weight of the distribution methods included in the aggregates for small retail stores and large general retailers (see methodology)
- However, the "large general retailer" aggregate is not a sub-aggregate of the "total industrial and food product" index. Rather, it is an independent index that covers the overall turnover of hypermarkets, supermarkets, department stores and distance selling. It does not cover national chains.

For further details, see [sectoral level information](#), [methodology](#), [publications calendar](#) and [contacts](#)

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