

# Turnover in retail trade at the end of September 2017

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## Strong growth in retail trade

In the third quarter of 2017, turnover in retail trade picked up markedly, rising by 1.0% (adjusted for seasonal and working-day variations). Food sales fell by 0.9%, but sales of industrial goods were very dynamic (up 1.8%), boosted by sales of consumer electronics, hygiene products, textile and footwear.

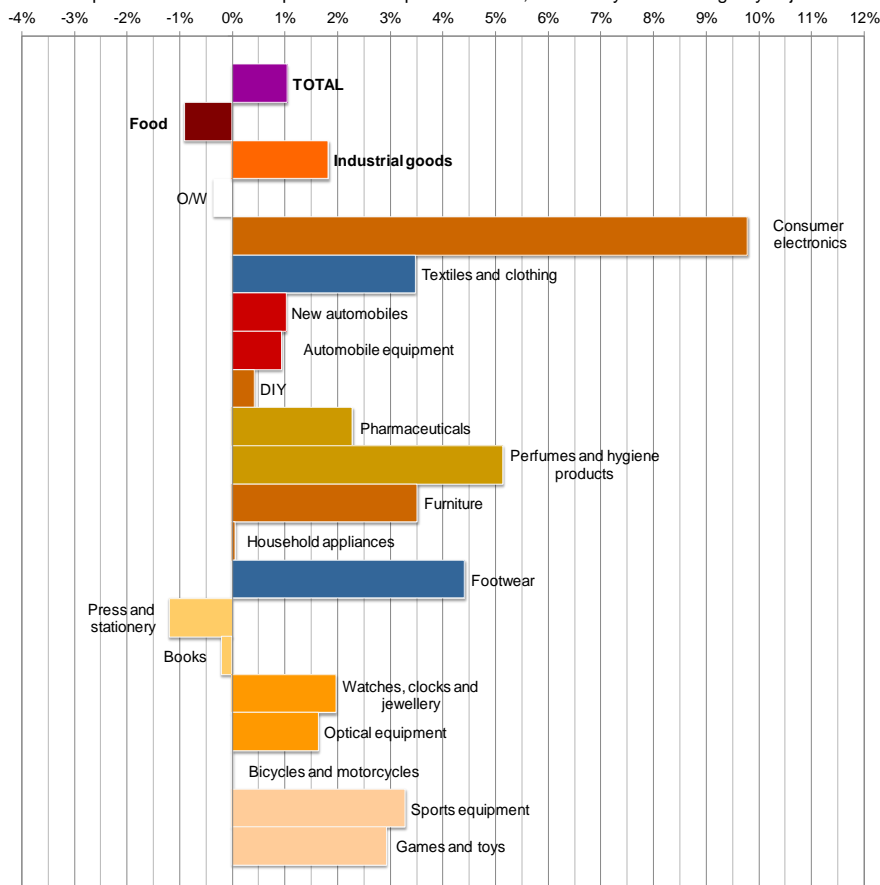
Sales of small retail stores jumped by 2.0%, while sales of large general retailers were virtually stable, inching up by 0.1%. The dynamism of distance selling and department store sales was partially offset by the decline in hypermarket and supermarket sales.

In September, turnover in retail trade was up by 2.8% after the slump recorded in August. Food sales and industrial goods sales increased by 2.6% and 1.3% respectively. In particular consumer electronics sales soared by 6.3%.

Sales of small retail stores and large general retailers rose by 1.6% and 1.7% respectively.

### 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



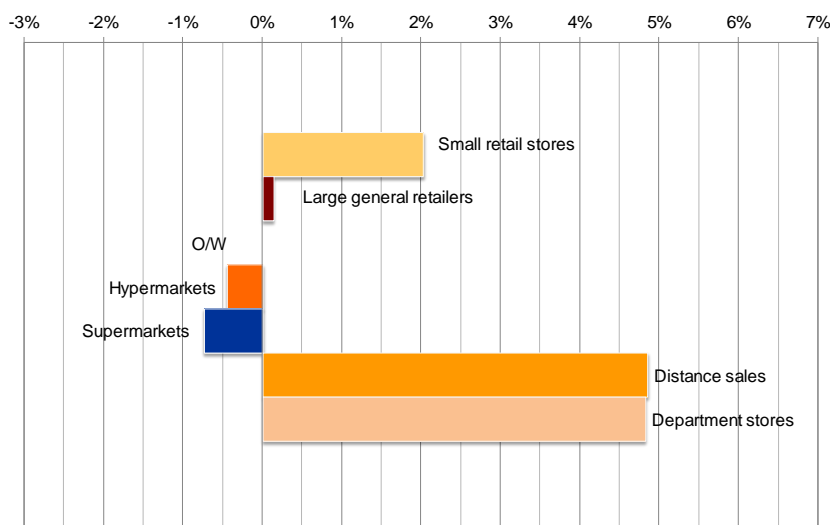
	Weight
Food products	43%
Industrial goods o/w	57%
Textiles and clothing	10%
DIY	7%
New automobiles	6%
Consumer electronics	5%
Perfumes and hygiene products	4%
Furniture	4%
Pharmaceuticals	3%
Household appliances	3%
Automobile equipment	3%
Footwear	2%
Optical equipment	2%
Press and stationery	2%
Watches,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

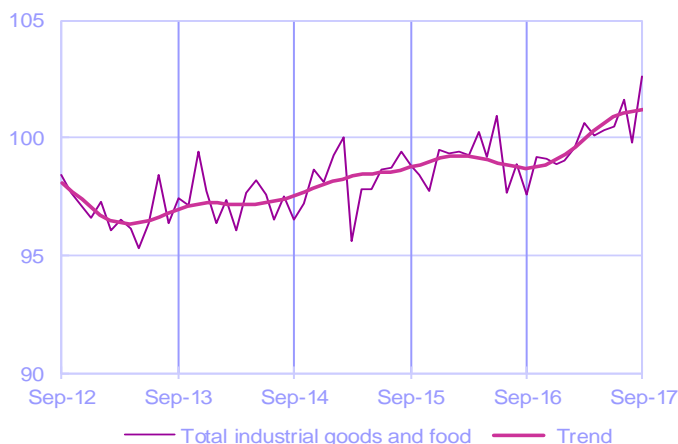
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Large general retailers	Weight
Hypermarkets	50%
Supermarkets	33%
Distance sales	11%
Department stores	6%

**Total industrial goods and food**

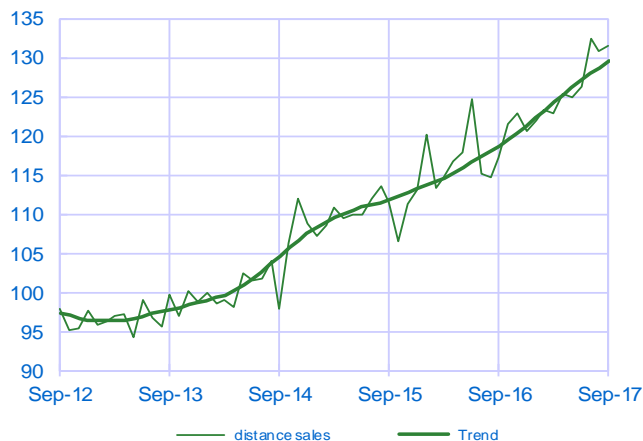
index in seasonally-adjusted volume terms (100 = 2010)



**Distance sales**

Source: Fevad and Banque de France

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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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