

# Turnover in the retail trade at the end of MAY 2015

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## Quarter-on-quarter, retail trade volumes contracted by 1.7% (adjusted for seasonal and working day variations) and declined month-on-month in May

**Quarter-on-quarter**, food sales were down 2.8%, and those of industrial goods lost 1.8%. The consumer electronics, optical, press and stationery, cycle and book sectors fell by over 2%, whereas the automobile, footwear and sports equipment sectors grew.

Turnover in small retail stores contracted by 2.5%. Large general retailers posted almost flat turnover (down by 0.1%), while that of department stores rose by 2.2% and distance selling put on 3.0%, almost offsetting the 1.5% decline in supermarket sales and the 0.7% fall in hypermarket sales.

**In May**, retail trade volumes were down 0.6%. Food sales fell by 1.6%. Industrial goods sales declined by 1.6%, notably in the automobile, press and stationery and furniture sectors.

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### 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



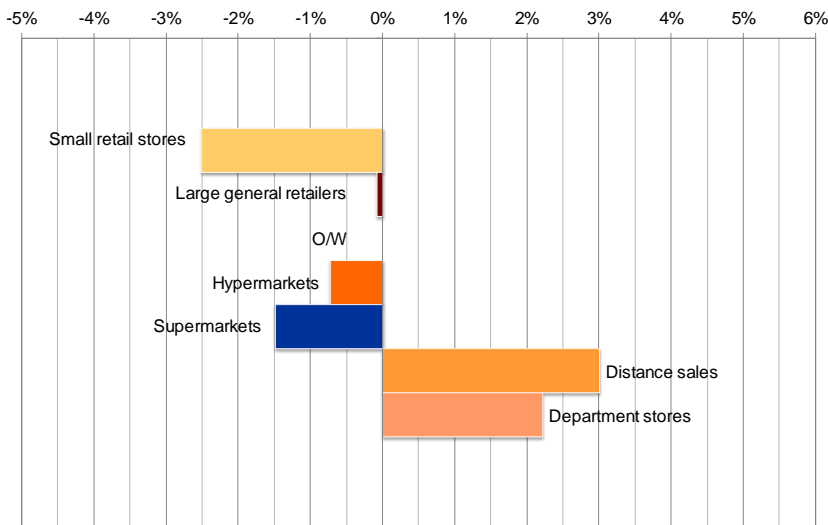
	Weight
<b>Food products</b>	<b>42%</b>
<b>Industrial goods o/w</b>	<b>58%</b>
Textiles and clothing	10%
New automobiles	6%
Consumer electronics	5%
DIY	5%
Automobile equipment	5%
Perfumes and hygiene products	5%
Pharmaceuticals	4%
Furniture	4%
Household appliances	3%
Footwear	2%
Optical equipment	2%
Press and stationery	2%
Watches, clocks and jewellery	1%
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**

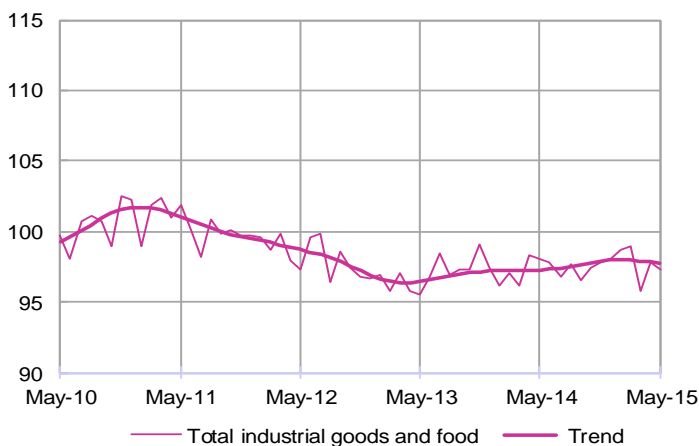
The past three months compared with the previous three; seasonally and working-day adjusted volume terms



Large general retailers	Weight
Hypermarkets	50%
Supermarkets	34%
Distance sales	10%
Department stores	6%

**Total industrial goods and food**

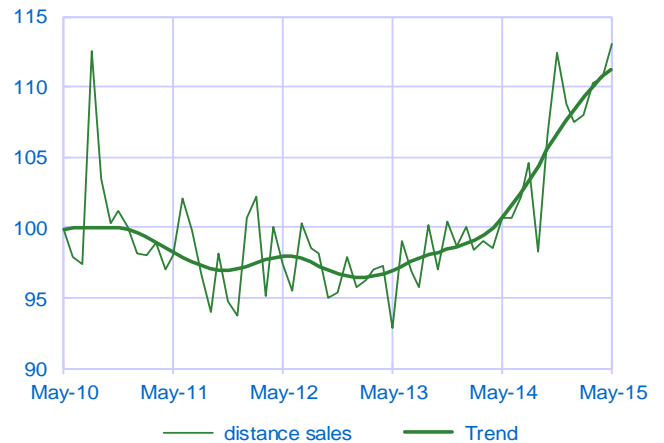
index in seasonally-adjusted volume terms (100 = 2010)



**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). Since 2011 these data have been taken into account and are being published for the first time in April 2014.
- 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.
- Following a change in the base year, the series are now on base 2010 = 100.
- 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](#)

Find the series on the website of the Bank of France in Webstat database.

<http://webstat.banque-france.fr/en/browse.do?node=5384243>