

Turnover in the retail trade at the end of July 2016

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Turnover in retail trade lost ground over the past three months

Over the past three months, turnover in retail trade decreased (-0.4%, adjusted for seasonal and working-day variations). Food sales dipped slightly (-0.2%) while those of industrial products posted a sharper decline (-1.3%). Sales of consumer electronics fell markedly after a peak of activity related to the transition to DTT HD. Car and furniture sales also decreased, while those of textiles-clothing and footwear increased.

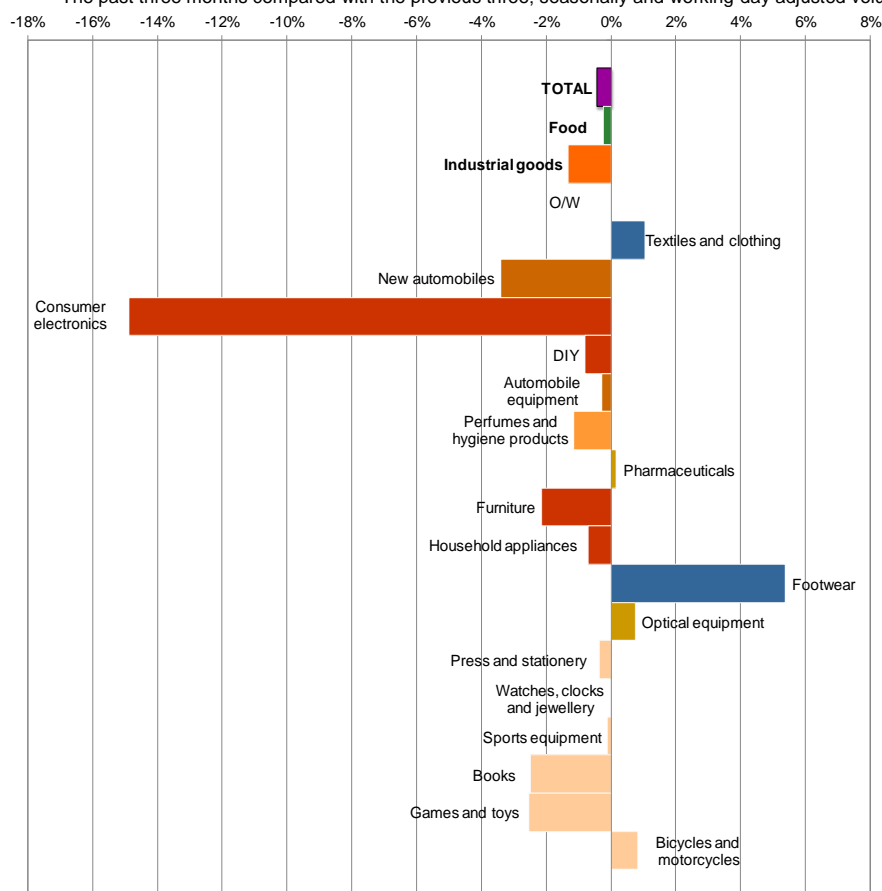
Sales of small retail stores were down (-2.4%) while those of large general retailers posted a rise (+ 0.7%).

In July, turnover in retail trade declined (-2.2%); more moderately for food products (-0.7%) than for industrial products (-3.9%). Almost all categories of products posted a decrease; it was above 5% for consumer electronics, cars and household appliances.

Sales of small retail stores were down (-2.5%), as well as those of large general retailers (-0.7%), in particular department stores.

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



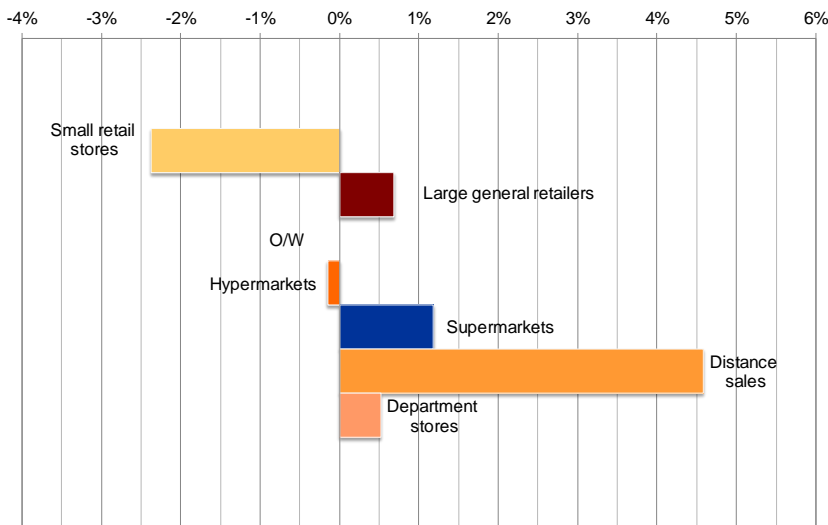
	Weight
Food products	42%
Industrial goods o/w	58%
Textiles and clothing	10%
New automobiles	6%
DIY	6%
Consumer electronics	5%
Automobile equipment	5%
Perfumes and hygiene products	5%
Pharmaceuticals	3%
Furniture	3%
Household appliances	3%
Footwear	2%
Optical equipment	2%
Press and stationery	2%
Watches,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

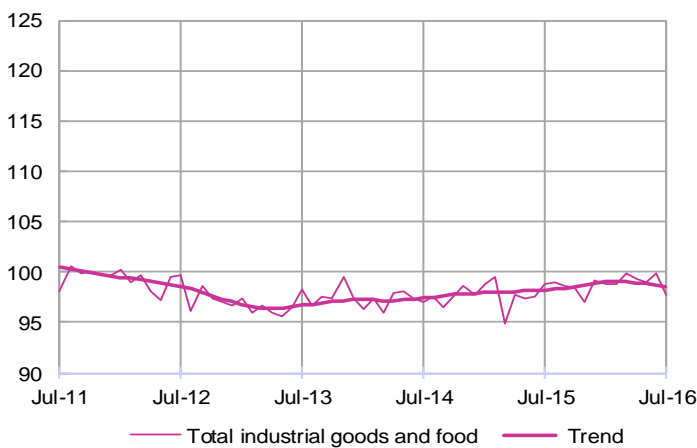
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Large general retailers	Weight
Hypermarkets	50%
Supermarkets	33%
Distance sales	11%
Department stores	6%

Total industrial goods and food

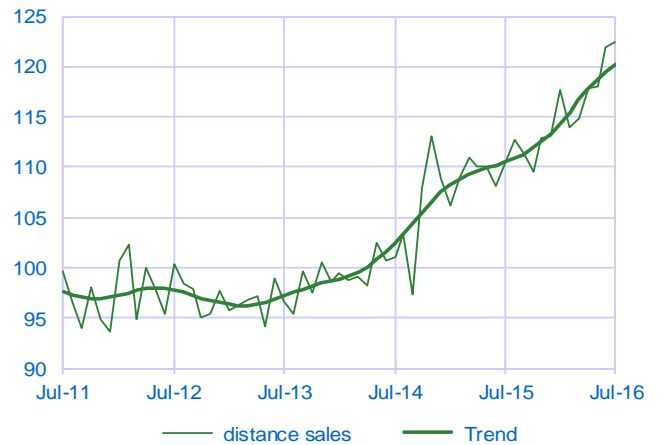
index in seasonally-adjusted volume terms (100 = 2010)



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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