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Retail Sales Index and Food & Beverage Services Index May 2024

Retail trade and food & beverage (F&B) services are integral to Singapore's domestic consumption, catering to consumers' daily needs and enjoyment. Retailers sell merchandise directly to consumers while F&B operators provide prepared food and drinks for consumption on-premises or take-away. The Retail Sales Index (RSI) and Food & Beverage Services Index (FSI) measure the performance of the retail trade and F&B services industries in Singapore respectively, based on the monthly sales of businesses in these industries. The key indicators also include a snapshot of the proportion of sales conducted online.

KEY INDICATORS OF RETAIL TRADE

		Year-on-Year	Month-on-Month (Seasonally adjusted)
	Total Retail Sales	▲ +2.2%	▲ +2.4%
	Excluding Motor Vehicles	0.0%	▲ +3.3%
		Sales Value	Online Sales Proportion
	Total Retail Sales	\$4.1 Billion	11.5%
	Excluding Motor Vehicles	\$3.6 Billion	13.4%
Online Sales Proportion (Out of the total sales of the respective industry)	 Supermarkets & Hypermarkets 12.8%	 Computer & Telecommunications Equipment 47.9%	 Furniture & Household Equipment 30.7%

KEY INDICATORS OF FOOD & BEVERAGE SERVICES

		Year-on-Year	Month-on-Month (Seasonally adjusted)
	Total Food & Beverage Sales	▲ +2.9%	▲ +2.1%
		Sales Value	Online Sales Proportion
	Total Food & Beverage Sales	\$1.0 Billion	23.9%

OVERVIEW – RETAIL TRADE

On a year-on-year basis, retail sales increased 2.2% in May 2024, reversing the 1.2% drop in April 2024. Excluding motor vehicles, retail sales registered flat growth in May 2024, compared to the 4.5% drop in April 2024. On a seasonally adjusted basis, retail sales increased 2.4% in May 2024 over the previous month. Excluding motor vehicles, seasonally adjusted retail sales gained 3.3% compared to April 2024.

The estimated total retail sales value in May 2024 was \$4.1 billion. Of this, an estimated 11.5% were from online retail sales, compared to the 11.6% recorded in April 2024. Excluding motor vehicles, the total retail sales value was about \$3.6 billion, of which 13.4% were from online retail sales. Online retail sales made up 47.9%, 30.7% and 12.8% of the total sales of the Computer & Telecommunications Equipment, Furniture & Household Equipment and Supermarkets & Hypermarkets industries respectively.

Year-on-Year Change (at Current Prices)

Within the retail trade sector, performance was mixed. Sales of Motor Vehicles rose 19.5% on a year-on-year basis in May 2024, which corresponded to a higher COE quota. Retailers of Food & Alcohol and Watches & Jewellery recorded year-on-year growths in sales of 11.1% and 7.4% respectively.















In contrast, retailers of Wearing Apparel & Footwear and Optical Goods & Books recorded year-on-year declines in sales of 6.8% and 6.7% in May 2024, mainly due to lower demand for wearing apparel and optical goods respectively.

Month-on-Month Change (at Current Prices, Seasonally Adjusted)

On a seasonally adjusted month-on-month basis, most industries recorded growths in sales in May 2024. Cosmetics, Toiletries & Medical Goods recorded the highest growth of 7.8%, mainly due to higher demand for cosmetics and toiletries. Similarly, retailers of Food & Alcohol and Watches & Jewellery saw growths in sales of 7.2% and 6.8% respectively.

Conversely, sales of the Motor Vehicles and Petrol Service Stations industries fell 3.2% and 3.0% respectively.

Change in Retail Sales By Industry

<p>Department Stores</p> <p>Year-on-Year  -2.8%</p> <p>Month-on-Month +2.8%</p>	<p>Supermarkets & Hypermarkets</p> <p>Year-on-Year  -1.1%</p> <p>Month-on-Month +0.8%</p>	<p>Mini-marts & Convenience Stores</p> <p>Year-on-Year  -3.5%</p> <p>Month-on-Month +3.7%</p>
<p>Food & Alcohol</p> <p>Year-on-Year  +11.1%</p> <p>Month-on-Month +7.2%</p>	<p>Motor Vehicles</p> <p>Year-on-Year  +19.5%</p> <p>Month-on-Month -3.2%</p>	<p>Petrol Service Stations</p> <p>Year-on-Year  +0.9%</p> <p>Month-on-Month -3.0%</p>
<p>Cosmetics, Toiletries & Medical Goods</p> <p>Year-on-Year  +3.1%</p> <p>Month-on-Month +7.8%</p>	<p>Wearing Apparel & Footwear</p> <p>Year-on-Year  -6.8%</p> <p>Month-on-Month +4.1%</p>	<p>Furniture & Household Equipment</p> <p>Year-on-Year  +1.2%</p> <p>Month-on-Month +2.4%</p>
<p>Recreational Goods</p> <p>Year-on-Year  -5.8%</p> <p>Month-on-Month -1.7%</p>	<p>Watches & Jewellery</p> <p>Year-on-Year  +7.4%</p> <p>Month-on-Month +6.8%</p>	<p>Computer & Telecommunications Equipment</p> <p>Year-on-Year  -1.6%</p> <p>Month-on-Month +3.5%</p>
<p>Optical Goods & Books</p> <p>Year-on-Year  -6.7%</p> <p>Month-on-Month -0.9%</p>	<p>Others</p> <p>Year-on-Year  +2.2%</p> <p>Month-on-Month +5.1%</p>	

Month-on-Month values are seasonally adjusted.

OVERVIEW – FOOD & BEVERAGE SERVICES

Sales of food & beverage (F&B) services increased 2.9% in May 2024 on a year-on-year basis, stronger than the 0.1% growth in April 2024. On a seasonally adjusted basis, sales of F&B services rose 2.1% in May 2024 compared to the previous month.

The total sales value of F&B services in May 2024 was estimated at \$1.0 billion. Of this, an estimated 23.9% were from online sales, compared to the 24.1% recorded in April 2024.

Year-on-Year Change (at Current Prices)

Within the F&B services sector, Food Caterers registered a growth in sales of 18.8%. Similarly, turnover of Cafes, Food Courts & Other Eating Places, and Fast Food Outlets rose 4.5% and 0.9% respectively during this period.

In contrast, turnover of Restaurants fell 1.4% in May 2024.

Month-on-Month Change (at Current Prices, Seasonally Adjusted)

On a seasonally adjusted month-on-month basis, all industries recorded growths in sales in May 2024. Food Caterers registered a growth in sales of 6.1%. Similarly, turnover of Fast Food Outlets increased 2.7%, while sales of Restaurants as well as Cafes, Food Courts & Other Eating Places rose 1.7% and 1.1% respectively during this period.

Change in Food & Beverage Sales By Industry

Restaurants

Year-on-Year
-1.4%



Month-on-Month
+1.7%

Fast Food Outlets

Year-on-Year
+0.9%



Month-on-Month
+2.7%

Food Caterers

Year-on-Year
+18.8%



Month-on-Month
+6.1%

Cafes, Food Courts & Other Eating Places

Year-on-Year
+4.5%



Month-on-Month
+1.1%

Month-on-Month values are seasonally adjusted.

Table 1 Percentage Change of Retail Sales Index (2017=100)

Industry	Year-on-Year		Month-on-Month (Seasonally Adjusted)	
	at Current Prices		at Current Prices	
	Apr 24/ Apr 23	May 24/ May 23	Apr 24/ Mar 24	May 24/ Apr 24
Total	-1.2	2.2	-2.6	2.4
Total (excl. Motor Vehicles)	-4.5	0.0	-3.9	3.3
Department Stores	-8.4	-2.8	-5.8	2.8
Supermarkets & Hypermarkets	-3.1	-1.1	-0.3	0.8
Mini-marts & Convenience Stores	-7.2	-3.5	-3.2	3.7
Food & Alcohol	3.9	11.1	-7.6	7.2
Motor Vehicles	25.0	19.5	6.4	-3.2
Petrol Service Stations	3.0	0.9	0.3	-3.0
Cosmetics, Toiletries & Medical Goods	-4.6	3.1	-1.5	7.8
Wearing Apparel & Footwear	-15.8	-6.8	-14.3	4.1
Furniture & Household Equipment	-2.4	1.2	3.5	2.4
Recreational Goods	-7.3	-5.8	-9.0	-1.7
Watches & Jewellery	-1.0	7.4	-8.8	6.8
Computer & Telecommunications Equipment	-1.6	-1.6	3.0	3.5
Optical Goods & Books	-5.5	-6.7	-2.7	-0.9
Others	-0.4	2.2	-1.3	5.1

Table 2 Percentage Change of Food & Beverage Services Index (2017=100)

Industry	Year-on-Year		Month-on-Month (Seasonally Adjusted)	
	at Current prices		at Current prices	
	Apr 24/ Apr 23	May 24/ May 23	Apr 24/ Mar 24	May 24/ Apr 24
Total	0.1	2.9	-0.9	2.1
Restaurants	-7.8	-1.4	-8.7	1.7
Fast Food Outlets	-0.6	0.9	4.5	2.7
Food Caterers	21.3	18.8	12.9	6.1
Cafes, Food Courts & Other Eating Places	3.7	4.5	1.4	1.1

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

The Retail Sales Index (RSI) and Food & Beverage Services Index (FSI) measure the short-term performance of the retail trade and food & beverage (F&B) services industries based on the sales records of retail trade and F&B services establishments respectively. Sales figure refers to the value of retail goods or food & beverages sold to consumers during the month, excluding taxes on products such as Goods and Services Tax (GST), Additional Registration Fee (ARF) and Certificates of Entitlement (COE).

The RSI and FSI are available at current prices and in volume terms. The indices at current prices measure the changes of sales values which can result from changes in both price and quantity, while the indices in volume terms measure the changes in the volume of economic activity by removing the price effect.

Data Collection

Data used to compile the RSI and FSI are obtained primarily from the monthly surveys of retail trade and F&B services establishments. Retail trade establishments sell merchandise directly to the consumers, while F&B services establishments sell prepared food and drinks for consumption on premises or on a take-away basis.

Index Compilation

To derive the RSI and FSI at detailed industry level, the monthly sales for that industry is divided by the average monthly sales for the same industry in the reference year. The overall RSI and FSI are then computed by combining the sales indices of the detailed industries, using weights which measure each industry's relative importance in the overall retail trade and F&B services industries respectively.

To derive the indices in chained volume terms, the sales indices at current prices at detailed industry level are first deflated by the appropriate price indices. These component indices are then weighted using previous years' weights to derive the overall indices in chained volume terms. The reference year of the indices is 2017.

Online Retail and Food & Beverage Sales Proportions

The retail trade statistics covers:

- (a) (multi-channel) retailers in Singapore that sell via both physical stores and online/e-commerce sites;
- (b) retailers in Singapore that sell via physical stores only; and
- (c) retailers in Singapore that sell mainly via online/e-commerce sites.

The food & beverage services statistics covers all sales transactions of F&B establishments regardless of mode (including those transacted via food delivery platforms).

The proportion of online retail and F&B sales¹ out of the respective industry's total retail and F&B sales is estimated for the overall retail trade sector, selected retail industries and the overall food & beverage services sector.

Seasonal Adjustment

Seasonal effects are observed in both the RSI and FSI as there are usually intra-year periodic variations that repeat during the fixed period of time every year. To better reflect the underlying trend of the monthly sales, both indices are seasonally adjusted to remove the seasonal effects.

¹ Online retail and F&B sales refers to the sales of goods where the order is received and the price and terms of sale are agreed upon via online means, e.g. through company's website, third-party websites (e.g., online marketplaces, food delivery platforms), or mobile applications, regardless of how or where the goods are delivered or collected. This excludes agreement through telephone calls, facsimile and emails. Payment may or may not be made online.



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