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**Retail Sales Index  
Catering Trade Index  
June 2009**

**Highlights**

***Retail Sales***

- Retail sales (seasonally adjusted) increased by 2.3% in June 2009 compared to May 2009.
- Retail sales excluding motor vehicles (seasonally adjusted) rose by 3.7% in June 2009 compared to May 2009.
- Retail sales in June 2009 fell by 8.2% compared to June 2008. Excluding motor vehicles, the sales decreased by 1.5% over a year ago.

***Catering Trade***

- Catering trade (seasonally adjusted) increased by 3.4% in June 2009 compared to May 2009, with higher sales in all catering sectors.
- Compared to a year ago, catering trade declined by 1.8% in June 2009.

## **Retail Sales by Sector**

### ***Month-on-Month Change (Seasonally Adjusted)***

After seasonal adjustment, furniture & household equipment and telecommunications apparatus & computers recorded higher sales of 7.2% and 6.1% respectively in June 2009 over May 2009. Similarly, food & beverages, recreational goods, wearing apparel & footwear, provision & sundry shops, watches & jewellery, petrol service stations and department stores recorded higher sales of between 2.2% and 4.9% in June 2009 over the previous month.

On the other hand, sales of motor vehicles declined by 1.4% while those of supermarkets fell by 2.3%.

### ***Year-on-Year Change***

Compared to June 2008, motor vehicles and petrol service stations reported lower turnover of 22.8% and 19.9% respectively in June 2009. The lower petrol sales was mainly attributable to lower prices. After adjusting for price changes, the volume of petrol sales declined marginally by 0.7% over a year ago.

Sales of watches & jewellery declined by 13.0% over June 2008. In addition, sales of recreational goods, optical goods & books, wearing apparel & footwear and food & beverages declined between 1.1% and 3.7% over June 2008.

In contrast, telecommunications apparatus & computers reported 14.0% growth in receipts while sales of medical goods & toiletries, provision & sundry shops, department stores and supermarkets rose between 3.4% and 6.5% in June 2009 over June 2008.

## **Catering Trade by Sector**

### ***Month-on-Month Change (Seasonally Adjusted)***

After seasonal adjustment, sales of restaurants and fast food outlets increased by 3.9% and 4.5% respectively in June 2009 over May 2009. Similarly, other eating places (such as cafes and canteens) recorded higher receipts, increasing by 2.6% over the same period.

### ***Year-on-Year Change***

Receipts of food caterers and other eating places fell by 16.7% and 3.0% respectively in June 2009 over June 2008.

Conversely, turnover at restaurants and fast food outlets rose by 2.4% and 6.6% respectively over a year ago.

**Table 1 Month-on-Month Change of Retail Sales Index (2005=100)  
(Seasonally Adjusted)**

Activity	Weights	% Change at Current Prices		% Change at Constant Prices	
		May 09/ Apr 09	Jun 09/ May 09	May 09/ Apr 09	Jun 09/ May 09
		<b>Total</b>	<b>10,000</b>	0.7	2.3
Total (excl Motor Vehicles)	6,551	-0.3	3.7	-0.3	3.5
Department Stores	1,322	-2.6	2.2	-3.0	3.3
Supermarkets	411	2.9	-2.3	3.0	-1.7
Provision & Sundry Shops	536	2.5	2.9	2.9	3.1
Food & Beverages	200	-7.7	4.9	-7.5	5.1
Motor Vehicles	3,449	3.6	-1.4	0.3	-1.0
Petrol Service Stations	456	0.5	2.4	1.4	-2.1
Medical Goods & Toiletries	332	-2.6	1.0	-3.3	1.3
Wearing Apparel & Footwear	574	3.5	3.0	3.1	1.9
Furniture & Household Equipment	755	3.4	7.2	3.7	7.2
Recreational Goods	190	0.1	3.9	0.7	3.3
Watches & Jewellery	607	-7.5	2.6	-11.0	2.1
Telecommunications Apparatus & Computers	366	3.1	6.1	3.1	10.5
Optical Goods & Books	344	-1.3	1.9	-1.8	2.3
Others	458	8.2	3.4	10.3	2.4

**Table 2 Month-on-Month Change of Catering Trade Index (2005=100)  
(Seasonally Adjusted)**

Activity	Weights	% Change at Current Prices		% Change at Constant Prices	
		May 09/ Apr 09	Jun 09/ May 09	May 09/ Apr 09	Jun 09/ May 09
		<b>Total</b>	<b>1,000</b>	-2.7	3.4
Restaurants	360	-2.8	3.9	-3.0	4.0
Fast Food Outlets	136	-3.5	4.5	-3.5	4.6
Food Caterers	148	-6.7	0.4	-7.5	-0.1
Other Eating Places	356	0.1	2.6	-0.3	2.3

**Table 3 Year-on-Year Change of Retail Sales Index (2005=100)**

Activity	Weights	% Change at Current Prices		% Change at Constant Prices	
		May 09/ May 08	Jun 09/ Jun 08	May 09/ May 08	Jun 09/ Jun 08
		<b>Total</b>	<b>10,000</b>	-10.4	-8.2
Total (excl Motor Vehicles)	6,551	-4.8	-1.5	-4.4	-0.9
Department Stores	1,322	1.4	3.5	-0.7	1.3
Supermarkets	411	7.2	3.4	4.3	1.2
Provision & Sundry Shops	536	3.8	6.1	1.9	4.9
Food & Beverages	200	-1.0	-1.1	-3.9	-3.4
Motor Vehicles	3,449	-23.8	-22.8	-29.1	-27.0
Petrol Service Stations	456	-22.2	-19.9	-0.4	-0.7
Medical Goods & Toiletries	332	4.4	6.5	2.1	4.3
Wearing Apparel & Footwear	574	-8.2	-2.5	-9.0	-4.0
Furniture & Household Equipment	755	-6.8	-0.2	-7.6	-0.9
Recreational Goods	190	-5.9	-3.7	-6.7	-5.0
Watches & Jewellery	607	-16.7	-13.0	-23.4	-19.8
Telecommunications Apparatus & Computers	366	2.4	14.0	4.7	16.4
Optical Goods & Books	344	-1.5	-2.9	-5.3	-6.4
Others	458	-14.8	-8.6	-15.1	-8.5

**Table 4 Year-on-Year Change of Catering Trade Index (2005=100)**

Activity	Weights	% Change at Current Prices		% Change at Constant Prices	
		May 09/ May 08	Jun 09/ Jun 08	May 09/ May 08	Jun 09/ Jun 08
		<b>Total</b>	<b>1,000</b>	-4.8	-1.8
Restaurants	360	-1.4	2.4	-3.5	0.4
Fast Food Outlets	136	4.8	6.6	1.5	3.2
Food Caterers	148	-18.8	-16.7	-21.1	-19.0
Other Eating Places	356	-6.5	-3.0	-9.5	-5.8

## **Explanatory Notes**

### ***Introduction***

The Retail Sales Index (RSI) and Catering Trade Index (CTI) measure the short-term performance of retail and catering trade industries based on the sales records of retail and catering establishments. Data for the compilation of the indices are primarily obtained from the results of the monthly surveys of retail and catering establishments respectively. Retail establishments refer to those selling merchandise directly to the consumers. Catering establishments are those selling prepared food and drinks for in-premises consumption or on a take-away basis. Hawkers and stallholders selling cooked food and prepared drinks are not considered as catering establishments.

The difference between the index of the current month and that of the preceding month in percentage term indicates the monthly change. To measure the annual change, the index of the current month is compared with that of the same month in the preceding year.

The RSI and CTI are presented at both current prices and constant prices. Changes in the indices at current prices measure the changes of sales values due to changes in both price and quantity. By removing the price effect, the indices at constant prices measure the changes in the volume of economic activity.

### ***Seasonal Adjustment***

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

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