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### Retail Sales Index and Food & Beverage Services Index May 2025

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 (which include online sales) 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)
	<b>Total Retail Sales</b>	▲ +1.4%	▲ +1.0%
	<b>Excluding Motor Vehicles</b>	0.0%	▼ -0.6%
	<b>Total Retail Sales</b>	<b>Sales Value</b> \$4.2 Billion	<b>Online Sales Proportion</b> 12.3%
	<b>Excluding Motor Vehicles</b>	\$3.6 Billion	14.5%
<b>Online Sales Proportion</b> (Out of the total sales of the respective industry)	 <b>Supermarkets &amp; Hypermarkets</b> 11.9%	 <b>Computer &amp; Telecommunications Equipment</b> 50.4%	 <b>Furniture &amp; Household Equipment</b> 30.0%

#### KEY INDICATORS OF FOOD & BEVERAGE SERVICES

		Year-on-Year	Month-on-Month (Seasonally adjusted)
	<b>Total Food &amp; Beverage Sales</b>	▲ +1.4%	▲ +1.2%
	<b>Total Food &amp; Beverage Sales</b>	<b>Sales Value</b> \$1.0 Billion	<b>Online Sales Proportion</b> 25.2%

## OVERVIEW – RETAIL TRADE

On a year-on-year basis, retail sales rose 1.4% in May 2025, continuing the 0.2% growth in April 2025. Excluding motor vehicles, retail sales registered flat growth in May 2025, compared to the 0.8% growth in April 2025. On a seasonally adjusted basis, retail sales rose 1.0% in May 2025 over the previous month. The increase was mainly attributed to higher motor vehicle sales (11.9%). Excluding motor vehicles, seasonally adjusted retail sales decreased 0.6% compared to April 2025.

The estimated total retail sales value in May 2025 was \$4.2 billion. Of this, an estimated 12.3% were from online retail sales, compared to the 12.7% recorded in April 2025. Excluding motor vehicles, the total retail sales value was about \$3.6 billion, of which 14.5% were from online retail sales. Online retail sales made up 50.4%, 30.0% and 11.9% 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 10.4% on a year-on-year basis in May 2025, which corresponded to a higher COE quota. The Computer & Telecommunications Equipment and Supermarkets & Hypermarkets industries recorded year-on-year growths in sales of 9.2%, and 7.2% respectively.

In contrast, Petrol Service Stations and retailers of Wearing Apparel & Footwear recorded year-on-year declines in sales of 9.4% and 5.3% respectively in May 2025.















### 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 2025. Sales of Motor Vehicles, Supermarkets & Hypermarkets and Wearing Apparel & Footwear rose 11.9%, 4.1% and 3.8% respectively.

Conversely, sales of the Watches & Jewellery and Food & Alcohol industries declined 11.5% and 4.5% respectively.

## Change in Retail Sales By Industry

<b>Department Stores</b>  Year-on-Year <b>-3.9%</b> Month-on-Month <b>+3.3%</b>	<b>Supermarkets &amp; Hypermarkets</b>  Year-on-Year <b>+7.2%</b> Month-on-Month <b>+4.1%</b>	<b>Mini-marts &amp; Convenience Stores</b>  Year-on-Year <b>-0.1%</b> Month-on-Month <b>-2.2%</b>
<b>Food &amp; Alcohol</b>  Year-on-Year <b>-4.5%</b> Month-on-Month <b>-4.5%</b>	<b>Motor Vehicles</b>  Year-on-Year <b>+10.4%</b> Month-on-Month <b>+11.9%</b>	<b>Petrol Service Stations</b>  Year-on-Year <b>-9.4%</b> Month-on-Month <b>+0.1%</b>
<b>Cosmetics, Toiletries &amp; Medical Goods</b>  Year-on-Year <b>+2.0%</b> Month-on-Month <b>+2.6%</b>	<b>Wearing Apparel &amp; Footwear</b>  Year-on-Year <b>-5.3%</b> Month-on-Month <b>+3.8%</b>	<b>Furniture &amp; Household Equipment</b>  Year-on-Year <b>-1.6%</b> Month-on-Month <b>+1.4%</b>
<b>Recreational Goods</b>  Year-on-Year <b>+7.0%</b> Month-on-Month <b>+3.5%</b>	<b>Watches &amp; Jewellery</b>  Year-on-Year <b>-2.1%</b> Month-on-Month <b>-11.5%</b>	<b>Computer &amp; Telecommunications Equipment</b>  Year-on-Year <b>+9.2%</b> Month-on-Month <b>-4.1%</b>
<b>Optical Goods &amp; Books</b>  Year-on-Year <b>+4.5%</b> Month-on-Month <b>+2.4%</b>	<b>Others</b>  Year-on-Year <b>-3.5%</b> Month-on-Month <b>-2.3%</b>	

Month-on-Month values are seasonally adjusted.

## OVERVIEW – FOOD & BEVERAGE SERVICES

Sales of food & beverage (F&B) services increased 1.4% in May 2025 on a year-on-year basis, extending the 1.3% growth in April 2025. On a seasonally adjusted basis, sales of F&B services rose 1.2% in May 2025 compared to the previous month.

The total sales value of F&B services in May 2025 was estimated at \$1.0 billion. Of this, an estimated 25.2% were from online sales, lower than the 26.0% recorded in April 2025.

### Year-on-Year Change (at Current Prices)

Within the F&B services sector, Food Caterers registered a growth in sales of 17.2%. Similarly, turnover of Cafes, Food Courts & Other Eating Places as well as Fast Food Outlets rose 2.8% and 1.3% respectively during this period.

In contrast, turnover of Restaurants fell 4.2% in May 2025.

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

On a seasonally adjusted month-on-month basis, Cafes, Food Courts & Other Eating Places registered a growth in sales of 1.9%. Similarly, turnover of Fast Food Outlets and Restaurants increased 1.2% and 0.8% respectively. Sales of Food Caterers registered flat growth during this period.

## Change in Food & Beverage Sales By Industry

### Restaurants

Year-on-Year  
**-4.2%**



Month-on-Month  
**+0.8%**

### Fast Food Outlets

Year-on-Year  
**+1.3%**



Month-on-Month  
**+1.2%**

### Food Caterers

Year-on-Year  
**+17.2%**



Month-on-Month  
**0.0%**

### Cafes, Food Courts & Other Eating Places

Year-on-Year  
**+2.8%**



Month-on-Month  
**+1.9%**

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 25/ Apr 24	May 25/ May 24	Apr 25/ Mar 25	May 25/ Apr 25
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>
<b>Total (excl. Motor Vehicles)</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-0.6</b>
Department Stores	-8.3	-3.9	-9.4	3.3
Supermarkets & Hypermarkets	1.0	7.2	-0.3	4.1
Mini-marts & Convenience Stores	3.1	-0.1	5.9	-2.2
Food & Alcohol	3.5	-4.5	6.2	-4.5
Motor Vehicles	-2.9	10.4	0.3	11.9
Petrol Service Stations	-10.6	-9.4	-2.8	0.1
Cosmetics, Toiletries & Medical Goods	2.4	2.0	-1.3	2.6
Wearing Apparel & Footwear	-10.3	-5.3	-6.0	3.8
Furniture & Household Equipment	-5.7	-1.6	3.6	1.4
Recreational Goods	5.0	7.0	-4.8	3.5
Watches & Jewellery	12.9	-2.1	-2.1	-11.5
Computer & Telecommunications Equipment	16.4	9.2	7.5	-4.1
Optical Goods & Books	1.5	4.5	7.1	2.4
Others	2.9	-3.5	6.0	-2.3

**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 25/ Apr 24	May 25/ May 24	Apr 25/ Mar 25	May 25/ Apr 25
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>1.2</b>
Restaurants	-3.9	-4.2	-6.7	0.8
Fast Food Outlets	1.9	1.3	3.5	1.2
Food Caterers	20.1	17.2	10.2	0.0
Cafes, Food Courts & Other Eating Places	0.9	2.8	5.4	1.9

## 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 sales<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>1</sup> Online retail and F&B sales refers to the sales of goods where the order is received remotely 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 orders made via telephone calls, facsimile, in-premise orders via kiosks or QR codes, and manually typed emails or messages. Payment may or may not be made online.



More information is available on the SingStat Website at [go.gov.sg/services-latest-data](https://go.gov.sg/services-latest-data)

or through the QR code below.



For data tables relating to:

Retail Sales Index: [go.gov.sg/rsi](https://go.gov.sg/rsi)

Food & Beverage Services Index: [go.gov.sg/fsi](https://go.gov.sg/fsi)

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