US Economic Indicators: Retail Sales

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REAL RETAIL SALES
(3-month percent change in 3-ma, saar)

Total* (5.5)

Excluding Building Materials* (5.8)

Excluding Autos, Gasoline, Building Materials, and Food Services* (7.5)

* Deflated by CPI Goods.
Source: Census Bureau and Bureau of Labor Statistics.
**Figure 2.**

REAL CONSUMER SPENDING
(3-ma, billion dollars, saar, ratio scale)

Real Retail Sales Excluding Building Materials*

Real Consumption Expenditures Less Services

* Retail sales less building materials divided by CPI goods.
Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis and Census Bureau.

**Figure 3.**

REAL CONSUMER SPENDING
(quarterly percent change, saar)

Real Retail Sales Excluding Building Materials*
(3-month percent change in 3-ma, saar) (5.8)
Real Consumption Expenditures Less Services
(GDP Accounts) (8.0)

* Retail sales less building materials divided by CPI goods.
Source: Census Bureau and Bureau of Labor Statistics.
Nominal Retail Sales Components

Figure 4.

RETAIL SALES
(billion dollars, saar)

Total
Excluding Building Materials
Ex Autos & Gas Stations
Gasoline Stations
Total Ex Gasoline
Total Ex Motor Vehicles
Motor Vehicles & Parts Dealers

Source: Bureau of the Census.
Nominal Retail Sales Components

Source: US Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census.
Figure 6.
Nominal Retail Sales Components

Source: US Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census.
Figure 7.

RETAIL SALES
(as a percent of wages & salaries)

Total
Ex Gasoline

Note: Shaded areas denote recessions according to the National Bureau of Economic Research.
Source: US Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis.

Figure 8.

FOOD SERVICES & DRINKING PLACES
(as a percent of food & beverage stores plus food services & drinking places)

Source: US Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census.
Figure 9.

**CONSUMER OUTLAYS ON FOOD AT HOME**
(billion dollars, saar)

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* Food & beverages purchased for off-premises consumption.  
** Food and beverage stores.  
Source: Census Bureau and Bureau of Economic Analysis.

Figure 10.

**CONSUMER OUTLAYS ON FOOD AT HOME:**
PERSONAL CONSUMPTION MINUS RETAIL SALES
(billion dollars, saar)

**Sold at Warehouse Clubs & Super Stores** (254.1)

Source: Census Bureau and Bureau of Economic Analysis.