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## Retail Sales: Housing Taking Its Toll

Bottom Line: Retail sales declined in November, coming in below expectations as the housing market took its toll on consumption. Sales at building and garden supply stores fell sharply, as did those at home furnishings stores. Online store sales, the largest category outside autos at \$109B of the \$689B total, fell nearly $1 \%$ on the month after a rebound in October. There were negative revisions to most October data, but sales for September and August were revised higher, keeping the three-month annualized rate of core sales over 4\%, a deceleration but still historically moderate to robust. Overall, consumers have faced a dual headwind of higher prices and interest rates slowing housing activity. And that is slowly taking a toll on consumption.

Retail Sales \& Food Service


Contingent Macro Advisors 2022 source: US BEA

Retail ex Auto, Parts \& Gas


## Control Group



Jan-21 Apr-21 Jul-21 Nov-21 Feb-22May-22 Sep-22 Dec-22

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Total US Retail Sales FELL -0.58\%. Retail Sales for September were revised down from $+0.0159 \%$ to $-0.167 \%$, while October sales were revised up from $+1.27 \%$ to $+1.31 \%$. Core Retail Sales for October were revised down from $+1.19 \%$ to $+0.796 \%$, while Core Retail Sales for September were revised up from $-0.0585 \%$ to $+0.422 \%$. Core Retail Sales for August were revised up from $-0.235 \%$ to $+0.882 \%$

- Ex Auto, Parts \& Gas sales FELL -0.21\%
- Nonstore (Online) sales FELL -0.94\%
- Eating \& Drinking Places sales ROSE 0.87\%
- Food \& Beverage Stores sales ROSE 0.76\%
- Gas Stations sales were nearly unchanged, -0.06\%
- General Merchandise Stores sales were nearly unchanged, -0.11\%
- Building \& Garden Supply sales FELL -2.51\%
- Health \& Personal sales ROSE 0.71\%


## US Autos \& Parts (retail sales)




Jan-21 Apr-21 Jul-21 Nov-21 Feb-22May-22 Sep-22 Dec-22

## US Eating \& Drinking Places (retail sales)



## US Food \& Beverage Stores (retail sales)




Jan-21 Apr-21 Jul-21 Nov-21 Feb-22May-22 Sep-22 Dec-22

## US General Merchandise Stores (retail sales)



## US Gas Stations (retail sales)



Jan-21 Apr-21 Jul-21 Nov-21 Feb-22May-22 Sep-22 Dec-22

## US Building \& Garden Supply (retail sales)



## US Clothing Stores (retail sales)



Jan-21 Apr-21 Jul-21 Nov-21 Feb-22May-22 Sep-22 Dec-22

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| US Retail <br> Sales | Nov-22 | Oct-22 | Sep-22 | $3 m$ ann <br> $\%$ chg | $6 m$ ann <br> $\%$ chg | YoY <br> chg | 2021 | 2020 | $5 y$ |
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| Retail Sales <br> \& Food <br> Service <br> (\$689B seas. <br> adj. monthly <br> sales) | $-\mathbf{- 0 . 5 8 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 . 3 1 \%}$ | $-\mathbf{0 . 1 7 \%}$ | $\mathbf{2 . 2 1 \%}$ | $3.67 \%$ | $\mathbf{6 . 4 8 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 6 . 8 4 \%}$ | $\mathbf{3 . 2 4 \%}$ | $\mathbf{7 . 9 5 \%}$ |
| Retail ex <br> Auto \& Parts <br> (\$563B) | $-\mathbf{0 . 1 9 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 . 2 4 \%}$ | $-\mathbf{0 . 0 8 \%}$ | $\mathbf{3 . 9 3 \%}$ | $\mathbf{4 . 4 8 \%}$ | $\mathbf{7 . 7 2 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 8 . 9 3 \%}$ | $\mathbf{2 . 3 0 \%}$ | $\mathbf{8 . 6 5 \%}$ |
| Retail ex <br>  <br> Gas (\$499B) | $-\mathbf{0 . 2 1 \%}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 8 0 \%}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 4 2 \%}$ | $\mathbf{4 . 1 1 \%}$ | $\mathbf{6 . 2 3 \%}$ | $\mathbf{6 . 7 2 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 6 . 5 9 \%}$ | $\mathbf{3 . 9 4 \%}$ | $\mathbf{8 . 4 9 \%}$ |
| Autos \& Parts <br> (\$127B) | $-2.29 \%$ | $1.59 \%$ | $-0.54 \%$ | $-5.01 \%$ | $0.19 \%$ | $1.27 \%$ | $8.75 \%$ | $7.07 \%$ | $5.20 \%$ |
| Nonstore <br> (Online) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |


| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Retail } \\ & (\$ 109 B) \end{aligned}$ | -0.94\% | 0.65\% | -0.13\% | -1.72\% | 4.34\% | 7.72\% | 12.76\% | 28.89\% | 19.53\% |
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| Eating \& Drinking Places (\$90B) | 0.87\% | 1.61\% | 1.02\% | 14.91\% | 12.24\% | 14.10\% | 43.50\% | -19.28\% | 10.54\% |
| Food \& Beverage Stores (\$82B) | 0.76\% | 1.28\% | 0.84\% | 12.17\% | 9.21\% | 8.06\% | 8.87\% | 6.92\% | 6.24\% |
| General Merchandise Stores (\$70B) | -0.11\% | -0.28\% | 1.13\% | 2.98\% | 6.02\% | 2.88\% | 11.08\% | -0.23\% | 4.00\% |
| Gas Stations (\$64B) | -0.06\% | 4.83\% | -3.96\% | 2.49\% | -7.74\% | 16.17\% | 42.29\% | -11.62\% | 9.99\% |
| Building \& Garden Supply (\$42B) | -2.51\% | 1.34\% | -0.72\% | -7.44\% | 1.08\% | 3.58\% | 12.81\% | 15.27\% | 8.25\% |
| Health \& Personal (\$34B) | 0.71\% | -0.01\% | 0.84\% | 6.31\% | 7.30\% | 4.51\% | 9.51\% | 5.95\% | 4.76\% |
| Clothing <br> Stores (\$26B) | -0.21\% | 0.02\% | 0.99\% | 3.22\% | 4.24\% | 0.72\% | 25.21\% | -13.87\% | 4.18\% |
| Miscellaneous Retail Stores (\$16B) | 0.45\% | 1.15\% | 0.36\% | 8.15\% | 9.69\% | 12.12\% | 21.04\% | 6.36\% | 10.38\% |
| Home Furnishing (\$12B) | -2.58\% | 1.95\% | -2.12\% | -10.66\% | -6.37\% | -3.20\% | 7.40\% | 4.11\% | 3.58\% |
| Sports, Hobby \& Book Stores (\$9B) | -0.58\% | 0.67\% | -0.43\% | -1.36\% | 3.30\% | 1.83\% | 16.30\% | 14.75\% | 6.29\% |
| Electronics \& Appliance Stores (\$7B) | -1.54\% | -0.93\% | -1.38\% | -14.37\% | -12.49\% | -4.37\% | 11.52\% | -14.36\% | -1.78\% |

Month-over-month \% change for most recent months, followed by annualized \% changes for periods noted. 5 - and 10-year are simple averages of annual \% changes.

# Retail Sales <br> (billions of USD per month) 

Retail Sales \& Food Service


Retail ex Auto \& Parts



Retail ex Auto, Parts \& Gas


Nonstore (Online) Retail


Food \& Beverage Stores


Gas Stations


Health \& Personal


Miscellaneous Retail Stores



Autos \& Parts


Eating \& Drinking Places


General Merchandise Stores


Building \& Garden Supply


Clothing Stores


Home Furnishing
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Sports, Hobby \& Book Stores



Electronics \& Appliance Stores


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