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Retail Sales: Accelerating Consumption

Bottom Line: Retail sales rose sharply more than expected in July, led by online sales amid Amazon's Prime Day and another jump in spending at restaurants and bars. Spending growth was modest to robust across nearly all categories except home furnishings and electronics. Overall, the 3rd Quarter started on a solid note for consumption. On a trend basis, core sales have accelerated, up 9.1% annualized in the last three months, sharply higher than the pace of the last six months, 2.9%, and even above the 12-month pace of 5.3%.

Retail Sales & Food Service

July: +0.73%, consensus: +0.4%



Retail ex Auto, Parts & Gas

July: +1.04%, consensus: +0.4%



Control Group

July: +0.99%, consensus: +0.5%



Contingent Macro Advisors 2023 source: US BEA

Total US Retail Sales ROSE 0.73% in July (consensus was +0.4 %), May was revised up to +0.66% from 0.51%, and Jun up to +0.31% from 0.19%.

Core Retail Sales (excludes Autos, Parts & Gas) ROSE 1.04% (consensus was +0.4%). **Sales in the Control Group** (Core less food services and building supply) ROSE 0.99% (consensus was +0.5%).

- Nonstore (Online) sales ROSE 1.86%.
- Restaurants & Bars sales ROSE 1.41%.
- Food & Beverage Stores sales ROSE 0.81%.
- Gas Stations sales ROSE 0.38%.
- General Merchandise Stores sales ROSE 0.78%.
- Building & Garden Supply sales ROSE 0.69%.
- Health & Personal sales ROSE 0.71%.

• Clothing Stores sales ROSE 1.05%.



US Nonstore (Online) Retail 40.0% Nonstore (Online) Retail year-over-year in Jul +10.25% 30.0% year-on-year % chg 20.0% 10.0% 0.0% -10.0% 2020 1992 1996 2000 2004 2008 2012 2024 2016 month-over-month in Jul +1.86% 6.0% 3m Avg. 1.52% (19.9% ann.) 6m Avg. 1.11% (14.1% ann.) 4.0% 2.0% 0.0% -2.0%

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US Restaurants & Bars (retail sales)



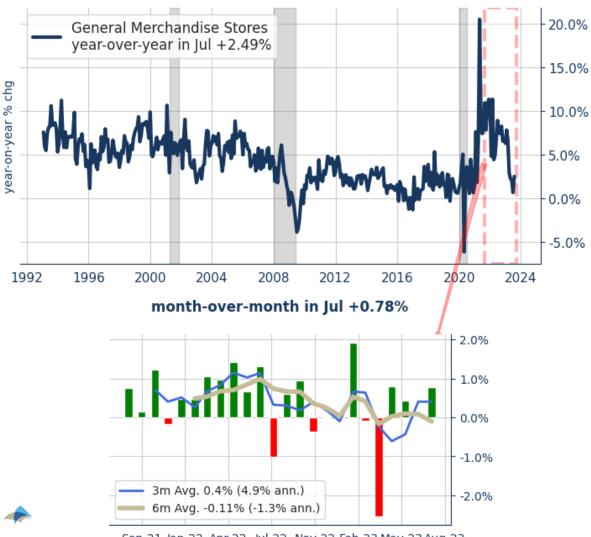
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US Food & Beverage Stores (retail sales)



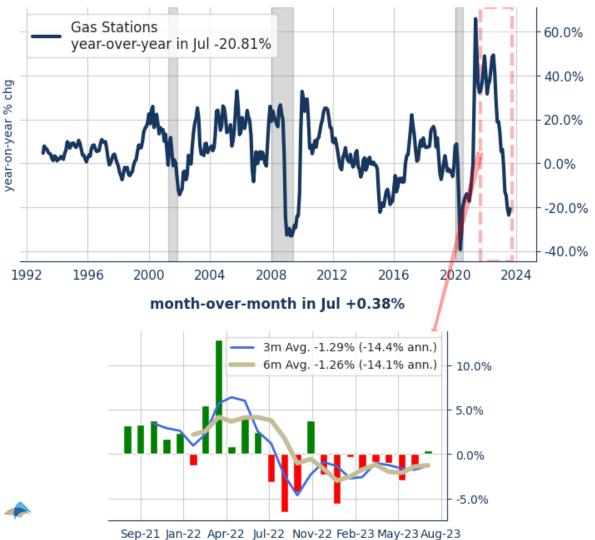
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US General Merchandise Stores (retail sales)



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US Retail Sales	Jul-23	Jun-23	May-23	3m ann % chg	6m ann % chg	YoY % chg	2022	2021	5 y
Retail Sales & Food Service (696.4B)	0.73%	0.31%	0.66%	7.02%	1.12%	3.17%	5.98%	15.52%	8.04%
Retail Sales, ex Auto & Gas (510.5B)	1.04%	0.37%	0.78%	9.13%	2.91%	5.30%	7.39%	14.82%	8.87%
Control Group (389.2B)	0.99%	0.53%	0.55%	8.57%	3.94%	5.00%	6.50%	11.06%	8.91%
Autos & Parts (133.5B)	-0.29%	0.72%	1.69%	8.77%	1.09%	7.63%	0.99%	9.62%	6.09%
Nonstore (Online)									

Retail (117.4B)	1.86%	1.53%	1.18%	19.85%	14.11%	10.25%	11.71%	8.55%	23.65%
Restaurants & Bars (91.1B)	1.41%	0.76%	1.56%	15.98%	4.19%	11.86%	13.89%	38.92%	9.69%
Food & Beverage Stores (82.2B)	0.81%	-0.36%	0.01%	1.84%	0.88%	2.54%	6.71%	9.44%	5.97%
Grocery Stores (73.7B)	0.79%	-0.36%	-0.16%	1.03%	0.89%	2.33%	7.36%	10.03%	6.04%
General Merchandise Stores (73.1B)	0.78%	-0.02%	0.44%	4.90%	-1.34%	2.49%	6.28%	11.23%	4.54%
Gas Stations (52.3B)	0.38%	-1.29%	-2.94%	-14.48%	-14.16%	-20.81%	5.38%	40.02%	5.72%
Building & Garden Supply (41.6B)	0.69%	-1.50%	1.42%	2.40%	-5.75%	-3.31%	3.00%	13.79%	6.91%
Health & Personal (36.2B)	0.71%	0.11%	1.09%	7.92%	9.77%	8.08%	0.84%	8.13%	6.08%
Clothing Stores (26.0B)	1.05%	-0.01%	0.18%	4.95%	-4.72%	2.20%	3.28%	24.51%	3.42%
Miscellaneous Retail Stores (15.5B)	-0.32%	1.37%	-1.03%	0.00%	-1.34%	2.38%	3.30%	17.64%	9.01%
Home Furnishings (11.0B)	-1.77%	1.40%	-0.80%	-4.68%	-22.40%	-6.30%	-1.00%	7.66%	1.91%
Department Stores (11.0B)	0.86%	-2.30%	0.17%	-5.05%	-15.04%	-3.40%	0.73%	16.06%	-0.84%
Sports, Hobby & Book Stores (8.7B)	1.52%	-0.55%	0.15%	4.55%	-1.16%	1.04%	2.48%	10.71%	7.38%
Electronics & Appliance Stores (7.7B)	-1.26%	0.71%	1.47%	3.67%	-1.29%	-3.10%	-4.62%	13.71%	0.12%

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 (billions of USD per month)

