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INDEX OF RETAIL SALES 2ND QUARTER 2021

The All Sections Index of Retail Sales decreased by 13.7% from 250.9 in the 1st quarter 2021 to 216.6 in the 2nd quarter 2021.

This decrease was directly attributable to decreases observed in:

- Motor Vehicles and Parts: -47.0%
- Household Appliances, Furniture and other Furnishings: -45.9%
- Construction Materials and Hardware: -30.4%
- Other: -24.0%
- Textiles and Wearing Apparel : -19.3%
- Petrol Filling Stations: -18.0%
- Dry Goods Stores: -8.1%

When a year on year analysis is undertaken, the All Sections Index decreased by 3.3% from 223.9 in 2nd quarter 2020. The Sections that contributed to this decrease were:

- Dry Goods Stores: -20.5%
- Household Appliances, Furniture and other Furnishings: -16.8%

Offsetting these decreases were increased sales in Textiles and Wearing Apparel 26.4%; Construction Materials and Hardware 19.7%; Other 12.5%; Motor Vehicles and Parts 5.9%; Petrol Filling Stations 5.1%; and Supermarkets and Groceries 3.5%.

When the All Sections Index of the Retail Sales is deflated by the All Items Index of Retail Prices, the volume of sales by retail establishments decreased by 14.2% between 1st quarter 2021 and 2nd quarter 2021 as compared with 19.9% decrease over the same period a year earlier.

Special points of interest:

- * The Index of Retail Sales is a measure of consumer confidence
- * The All Sections Index for 2nd quarter 2021 is 216.6 a decrease of 13.7% over the index for the previous quarter.
- * The volume of retail sales in the 2nd quarter 2021 decreased by 14.2%.

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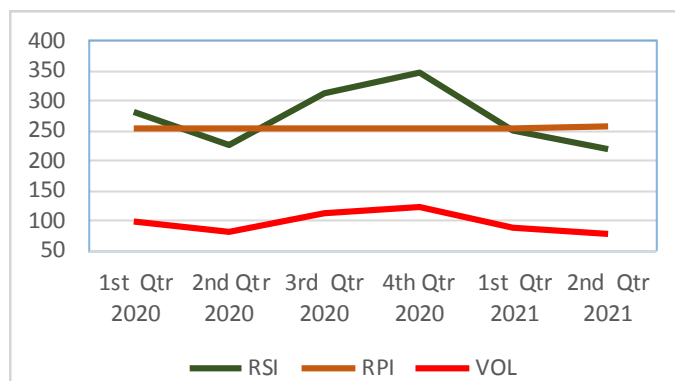
What is the Index of Retail Sales?

The Index of Retail Sales is a quarterly measure of the value of goods sold by retailers based on a sampling of retail stores of different types and sizes.

It is an important indicator of movements in retail trade and is computed using the total receipts of a sample of retail establishments. It is therefore, essentially a value index.

The series may be used, within limitations, to estimate the quarterly consumer expenditure and, when deflated by the Retail Price Index, can be a useful tool to monitor the volume of retail sales.

Comparison of the movement in the Index of Retail Sales, the Retail Price Index and the Volume Index



INDEX OF RETAIL SALES

(Base Period: Average of 4 quarters 2000 = 100)

2nd Quarter 2021

Industry	Weight	2020 Qtr 1	2020 Qtr 2	2020 Qtr 3	2020 Qtr 4	2021 Qtr 1 ^r	2021 Qtr 2	Annual Average 2019	Annual Average 2020
Dry Goods Stores	76	1028.6	955.5	1033.5	1284.2	827.0	759.7	1010.4	1075.4
Supermarkets & Groceries	279	312.7	313.6	331.8	386.7	308.2	324.5	316.1	336.2
Construction Materials & Hardware	130	121.6	80.7	134.3	141.5	138.8	96.6	129.4	119.5
Household Appliances, Furniture & other	79	183.3	82.1	455.8	343.3	126.3	68.3	287.3	266.1
Textiles & Wearing Apparel	43	37.7	25.8	36.8	84.3	40.4	32.6	64.9	46.1
Motor Vehicles & Parts	173	230.7	92.9	235.3	270.5	185.7	98.4	263.2	207.4
Petrol Filling Stations	99	276.1	190.7	249.0	255.8	244.5	200.5	290.7	242.9
Other of which:	121	123.1	89.2	154.7	144.8	132.1	100.4	147.2	127.9
Pharmaceuticals & Cosmetics	61	97.7	93.1	86.5	89.6	92.6	95.4	88.2	91.7
Books & Stationary	24	111.1	53.2	255.4	201.8	137.4	80.5	209.8	155.4
Jewellery	6	38.1	5.0	14.1	35.2	13.8	4.3	55.6	23.1
Miscellaneous	30	201.2	127.1	240.9	233.2	231.7	145.9	235.5	200.6
ALL SECTION INDEX	1000	279.5	223.9	310.2	344.3	250.9	216.6	291.1	289.5

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Differences in totals may be due to rounding