

The Brown Book Retail Newsline

Top News Impacting Retail Real Estate

September 1 through September 15, 2026

"I lived so carefully, thinking someone was watching. But the stage was empty, the audience never came." --Osamu Dazai

Stronger Than Expected Retail Sales in August!

Early September is traditionally the time when holiday sales forecasts are released. Bain predicts that holiday sales in the US will exceed \$1 trillion for the first time, with a forecast 4.5% annual gain. Meanwhile, Deloitte is projecting that holiday sales will hit \$1.7 trillion this year, though they also predict year-over-year gains on par with Bain (Deloitte says annual sales will increase between 4.0% and 4.8%). The big difference between the two firms is that Deloitte includes more retail categories in what they track and they also include sales from November through January, whereas Bain's timespan is not as extended. The National Retail Federation has tended to be the gold standard in terms of accuracy in predictions... that said, they typically release their forecasts in early November. In the best of times, accurate economic forecasts looking more than a few months out are relatively rare. In this era of heightened uncertainty? Forget it. A lot can happen in just a couple of months, especially during war and volatile trade policy reshaping the landscape on a nearly daily basis. That said, barring any unforeseen black swan events, I'm also guessing holiday sales will be up in the low 4.0% range this year—though I am also guessing price inflation more than shopper turnout will keep these numbers afloat. I am guessing foot traffic numbers will be down even as sales are up, but I hope I am wrong... strong foot traffic and even stronger sales would be optimal, but the big determinant will be oil prices, and whether we have entered a critical new stage in the Iran war where the energy shock is about to worsen. [Great article here from the Wall Street Journal on that topic.](#) Incidentally, they also published a solid read yesterday worth checking out; [How Retail Executives Are Thinking About the Holiday Shopping Season.](#)

This issue comes with a slew of new economic news. First off, the US economy created a lot more jobs than economists anticipated last month. The BLS reported employment gains of 162,000 in August (most forecasts were in the 40,000 range), while also revising upward totals for the previous two months. Unemployment remained steady at 4.1%, as did inflation, which remained at 3.4% last month. While elevated inflation and the stronger jobs data [likely dictates an interest rate hike by the Federal Reserve today](#) (not yet announced as this

report went to press), the good news is that wage growth significantly outpaced inflation in August, climbing from 3.8% to 4.1%. Despite this, the latest University of Michigan Consumer Sentiment Survey indicates that consumer confidence is dipping once again (not surprisingly as gas prices increase). Consumer sentiment fell to 47.8, down -7.5% from last month and -13.2% year-over-year.

As glum and generally pissed off as consumers remain, it hasn't kept them from spending. August retail sales numbers were released this morning with sales up 1.2% monthly and reflecting a 6.0% gain annually. Those are strong numbers even if partially pumped up thanks to inflation. But even if you exclude gas, sales increased in August 1.1% monthly/4.9% annually. But let's break out the winners and losers by category.

In terms of annual growth, no retail categories recorded negative sales growth. On a monthly basis, Department Store sales dropped -0.8% between July and August while Building Materials & Gardening Equipment posted a decline of -0.2%.

Not surprisingly, gas stations led all retail categories in August with sales up 21.0% annually and 3.1% monthly.

Miscellaneous Store Retailers (this category includes everything from florists, office supplies, stationery, gift stores, antique stores, second-hand stores, pet and pet supply retailers, and art dealers/galleries to tobacconists and religious goods) posted robust growth of 14.0% year-over-year while gaining 1.9% monthly.

Sporting goods and hobby related categories also posted outsized growth in August; sales were up 10.7% annually and 1.2% month over month.

Non-store retailers (eCommerce and catalog sales) posted a monthly gain of 2.6% with annual numbers up by 9.9%.

Electronics & Appliance stores turned in a strong performance in August; sales were up 7.8% annually with a monthly gain of 1.6%. Keep in mind that these numbers are ahead of September's release of the latest iPhone model which should drive another strong set of numbers next month.

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Stronger Than Expected Sales... (cont.)

Meanwhile, Restaurants (food service & drinking places) posted annual sales gains of 5.8%, and an increase of 1.2% between July and August, in what has been the strongest performance of the year to date for this category.

Though Building Supplies & Gardening Equipment retailers posted a monthly decrease of -0.2%, year-over-year numbers remained in positive territory to the tune of 5.1%.

General merchandise retailers (this category includes warehouse clubs, supercenters, discounters, dollar stores and department stores) posted annual growth of 4.5% (0.7% monthly), though the subset of department stores was one of the weaker performing categories with annual sales up 1.9% with a monthly decline of -0.8% in August.

Clothing & accessories stores posted annual gains of 4.3% with monthly sales increasing by 0.7% buoyed most likely by a strong turnout of back-to-school shoppers.

Though every retail category was in positive territory in terms of annual growth, keep in mind that the latest Consumer Price Index (CPI) data put August inflation at 3.4%. The following categories may have remained in positive territory overall, but they did not keep up with inflation:

Motor Vehicles and Parts Dealers	+2.1% Annually/+0.6% Monthly
Department Stores	+1.9% Annually/+0.1% Monthly
Furniture & Home Furnishings	+1.9% Annually/+0.9% Monthly
Health & Personal Care Stores	+1.9% Annually/+0.9% Monthly
Auto & Other Motor Vehicles	+1.7% Annually/+0.5% Monthly
Food & Beverage Stores	+0.5% Annually/+0.4% Monthly
Grocery Stores	+0.5% Annually/+0.5% Monthly

The good news here is that the Furniture & Home Furnishings, Health & Personal Care Stores, and Auto & Other Motor Vehicles categories all posted modest improvement in August over July's performance. We anticipate that trend of improvement to likely continue for a furniture and furnishings sector that has struggled to return to consistent, sustainable sales growth following the wild swings in demand of the record setting pandemic era (when housebound consumers focused on nesting) and the sales drought that followed.

It's less clear that the Health & Personal Care category will follow the same trajectory. In 2025, this category averaged annual growth category averaged annual growth of 7.4%. So far this year it has managed an average of just 2.1%. For retail real estate, where wellness has increasingly become a pillar of occupancy, this could become problematic. Our take is that this is one of the retail categories that average and lower income consumers are cutting back on most to afford additional expenses at the pump.

There is a similar, but less pronounced, trend we see impacting food retail and grocery stores in the US.

Food and beverage stores (which include the subset of grocery stores in addition to specialty food stores, liquor stores, butcher shops, etc.) have now posted three consecutive months in which annual sales growth has struggled to remain in positive territory. This category (including the grocery subset) has not produced sales growth exceeding monthly inflation yet this year

This is a category that averaged annual growth of 2.6% across 2025 but is averaging just 0.8% growth so far this year in an environment where inflation has been heading the wrong way.

Considering that this is the category of retail that has the narrowest profit margins, this is particularly concerning.

The good news is that, so far, grocery store concepts remain among the most active categories we track at the Brown Book for planned expansion and store openings. In our tracking of more than 650 concepts active across the USA and Canada, only a handful are in contraction mode. Meanwhile, we have yet to see any chains pulling back on this year's expansion goals. We hope this remains the case but suspect that this category may see more conservative growth in 2027, especially if consumer pain at the pump worsens heading into the final months of the year.

--Garrick Brown

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Brown Book Top Five

[Retail Sales Up 1.2% in August—More Than Expected](#)
CNBC 9/16/26

[Deloitte Report: Holiday Retail Sales Projected to Hit \\$1.7 Trillion](#)
Retail Customer Experience 9/14/26

[Holiday Sales Could Top \\$1 Trillion But Stores May Capture Less of the Growth](#)
Globe Street 9/10/26

[Holiday Outlook 2026: A Season of Presents and Presence](#)
PWC 9/8/26

[Bain & Co.: U.S. holiday sales to exceed \\$1 trillion for first time](#)
Chain Store Age 9/3/26

Retail Real Estate News

[Higher Yields Create New Buying Opportunity in Retail](#)
Globe Street 9/15/26

[Single Tenant Retail Deal Count Hits Record High](#)
Globe Street 9/15/26

[Retailers Add 28.6 MSF as Industry Returns to Growth](#)
Costar 9/15/26

[World Cup Retail & Dining Gains Faded Fast beyond Stadium Districts](#)
Globe Street 9/10/26

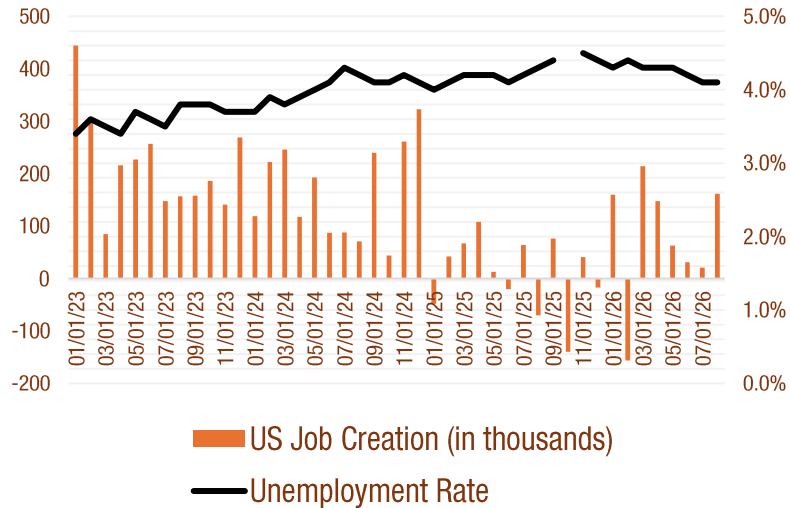
[Net Lease Retail Splits Between Premium Assets & Higher Yield Deals](#)
Globe Street 9/3/26

[Why Shopping Center Owners Keep Saying Yes to Spirit Halloween](#)
Costar 9/2/26

[Fed: "Without Data Centers Construction Would be in a Recession"](#)
Costar 9/2/26

[Tax-Exempt CMBS Are Having a Moment](#)
Commercial Observer 9/1/26

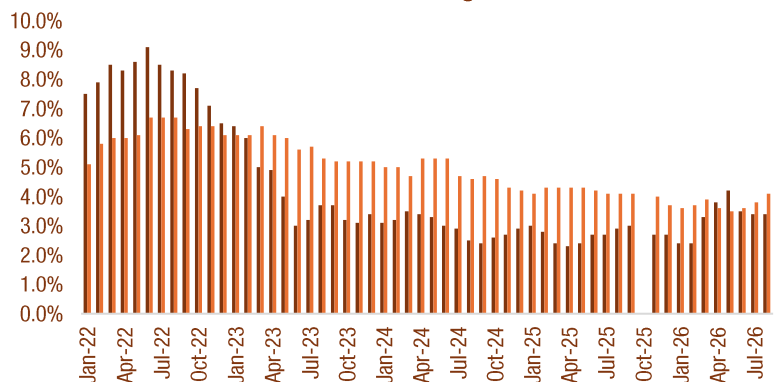
US Unemployment & Job Creation



US Unemployment Rate August 2026: 4.1%
US Job Creation (P) August 2026: +162K

US Inflation Rate August 2026: 3.4%
US Wage Growth August 2026: 4.1%

US Inflation Vs. Wage Growth



■ 12 Month % Change, Consumer Price Index
■ 12 Month % Change, Wage Growth

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Economic & Consumer News

[AI Has Yet to Bite the Job Market](#)

Morningstar 9/15/26

[What Hitting the Brakes on AI Could Mean for the US Economy](#)

NBC News 9/15/26

[More Than 50% of Consumers Feel Financially Stretched in the Days Before Payday](#)

Retail Wire 9/15/26

[US Return Trends Are Reshaping How Consumers Shop Online](#)

MTC Martech Cube 9/15/26

[Consumer prices rise 3% y/y in August: Statistics Canada](#)

Retail Insider 9/14/26

[10-Year Treasury Yield Hits 5%, Critical Threshold for US Economy and Markets](#)

CNN 9/14/26

[The Wages of American Workers are Under Pressure. AI's Potential Role is Drawing More Attention](#)

CNBC 9/13/26

[US August CPO: Inflation is Moving in the Wrong Direction](#)

RBC 9/11/26

[No Relief from Inflation as Middle East Clashes Lifts Fuel Prices to Painful Levels](#)

AP News 9/11/26

[Consumer Prices Pick Up as Energy Costs Climb](#)

Costar 9/11/26

[Wholesale Prices Climb as Inflation Picks Up](#)

Costar 9/10/26

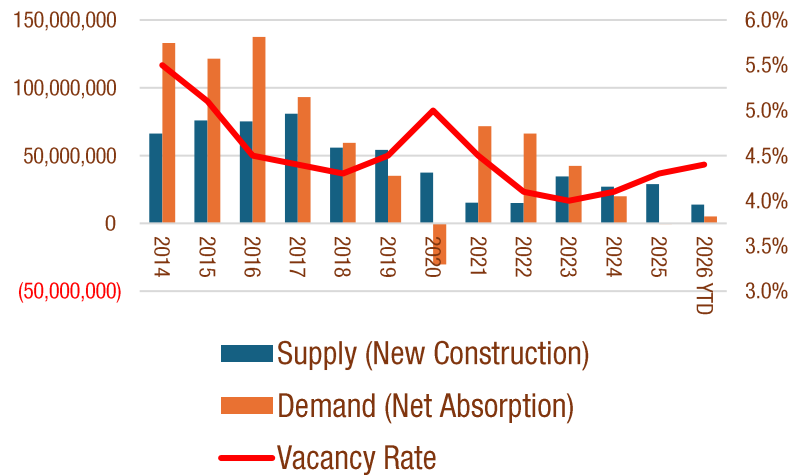
[Deloitte forecasts 2026 holiday sales to grow 4.0% to 4.8%](#)

Chain Store Age 9/10/26

[Stubborn Inflation Sets Stage for The Fed to Hike Interest Rates](#)

Fox Business News 9/10/26

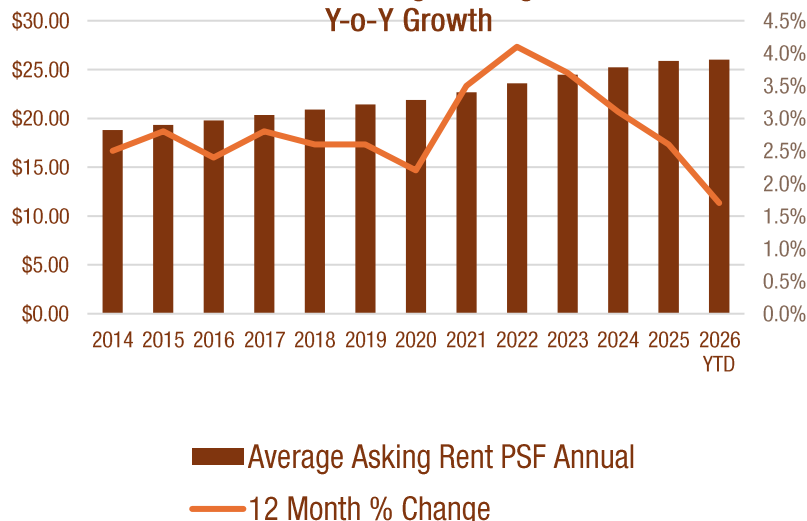
US Retail Real Estate (All Types)
Supply vs. Demand, Vacancy



US Retail Vacancy Rate Q2 2026:	4.4%
US Deliveries Q2 2026:	5,142,000 SF
US Net Absorption Q2 2026:	-13,851,000 SF

US Avg. Annual Rent Q2 2026:	\$26.03 PSF
US Retail Rent Growth Q2 2026:	1.7%

US Retail Average Asking Rent
Y-o-Y Growth



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Top News Impacting Retail Real Estate

Economic and Consumer News (cont.)

[Trump's \\$5,000 Dividend Proposal Could Add \\$1.2T to Federal Deficit](#)
Fox Business News 9/10/26

[Trade war puts over 50,000 Canadian small businesses at risk: CFIB](#)
Retail Insider 9/10/26

[What Tariffs Will Really Cost Canadians and Americans](#)
BBC 9/9/26

[August Hiring Rebound Surprises but Keeps Overall Low-Hire Trend in Place](#)
Costar 9/9/26

[Mortgage Demand Slips as Rates Hit Highest Level of 2026](#)
Costar 9/9/26

[Job Hoppers Land Biggest Pay Raises in Three Years](#)
Costar 9/9/26

[US Jobs Market Strong Despite Inflation and Global Pressure](#)
PBS 9/9/26

[US Small Business Confidence Slips](#)
Costar 9/8/26

[Trump Keeps Heralding an Economic Boom, But Even a Solid Jobs Report is Causing Problems for Him](#)
PBS 9/7/26

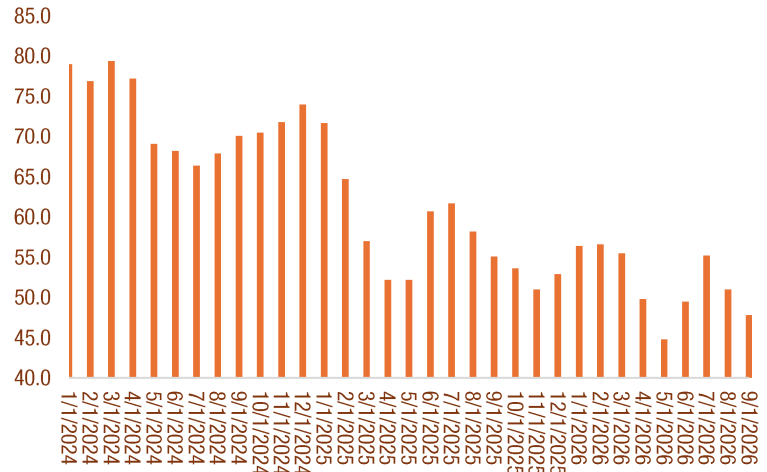
[US Added 162,000 Jobs in August with Unemployment Rate Holding Steady at 4.1%](#)
The Guardian 9/4/26

[Inflation Fears Push Mortgage Rates to Highest Level in a Year](#)
Costar 9/3/26

[Services Take a Bigger Bite of Consumer Spending](#)
Costar 9/2/26

[High-income households have doubled pet spending since 2020](#)
Chain Store Age 9/2/26

University of Michigan Consumer Sentiment Survey



September 2026 Reading: 47.8

Annual Change: -13.2%

Monthly Change: -7.5%

IPOs, Sales and M&A Mania

[NYC's Los Tacos No. 1 nabs private-equity investment](#)
NRN 9/9/26

[BMO Sells almost 140 Branches to First Citizens Across 10 States](#)
Costar 9/9/26

[Teen retailer Hot Topic acquired by Spencer Spirit Holdings Inc.](#)
Chain Store Age 9/3/26

[7 Brew outbids Dutch Bros in \\$143M offer for Salad and Go units](#)
Restaurant Dive 9/2/26

[Red Robin sells 108 restaurants for \\$89 million](#)
Inside Retail 9/2/26

[Pizza Hut's sale to LongRange Capital is complete](#)
NRN 9/1/26

[UNTUCKit to be acquired by Randa Apparel & Accessories with eye on expansion](#)
Chain Store Age 9/1/26

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 Madison Reed Service · Hair	79 Overall	88 Demo	73 Tenancy	 
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 CAVA Food · Restaurant — Fast Casual · Mediterranean	78 Overall	90 Demo	69 Tenancy	 

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Retailer Roundup

[The Spice & tea Exchange has 5 new franchise agreements across NC, FL and LA](#)

Franchising.com 9/15/26

[CardVault by Tom Brady makes LA debut](#)

Inside Retail 9/14/26

[Uniqlo to return to San Francisco with flagship, partnerships](#)

Chain Store Age 9/14/26

[DD's Discounts to make Michigan debut in Dearborn](#)

Detroit Free Press 9/14/26

[Reformation charts path to double store fleet in 5 years](#)

Retail Dive 9/11/26

[Total Wine & More to open in Northern Kentucky](#)

Cincinnati.com 9/11/26

[Shein opens 2nd permanent U.S. store and plans another location later this year](#)

The Street 9/11/26

[Water Wings Swim School Opens First Franchised Location in Cypress, TX](#)

Franchising.com 9/10/26

[The RealReal Opening Store in Glendale CA](#)

Costar 9/10/26

[Zara owner Inditex looks to US for next phase of growth](#)

Reuters 9/10/26

[Costco to open 14 new locations across U.S. and Canada by year's end—here's where](#)

Chain Store Age 9/9/26

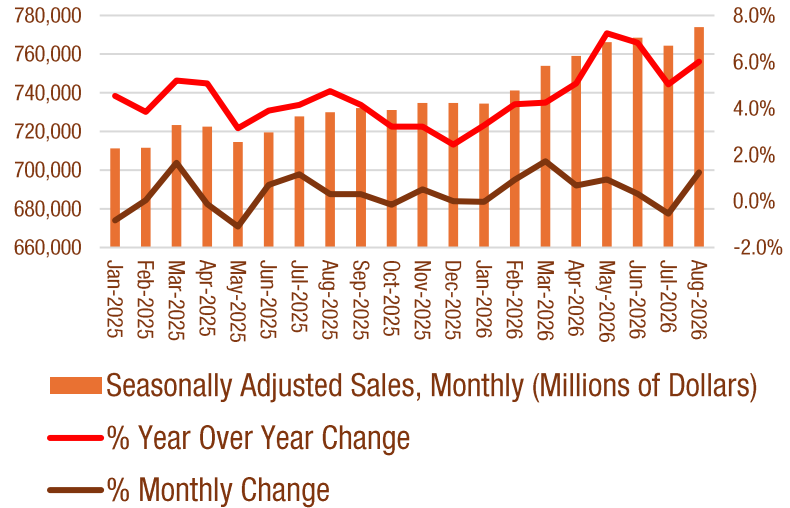
[Target opened 11 stores in August](#)

Supermarket News 9/8/26

[Toys 'R' Us opening new store in Toledo, Ohio mall](#)

wtol.com 9/7/26

US Retail Sales, All Categories



August 2026 Annual Change: +6.0%
Monthly Change: +1.2%

[South Korean chain Twosome Place to make U.S. debut: Alexandria, Va](#)
Chain Store Age 9/4/26

[Lululemon pulls back store plans \(as sales plummet\)](#)
Retail Dive 9/4/26

[Beyond Yoga lifestyle brand to open first store in Scottsdale AZ](#)
KTAR News 9/4/26

[Target to Open 8 More Stores This Fall](#)
Progressive Grocer 9/4/26

[Gen Z fashion brand Cider expanding with new San Jose store](#)
Chain Store Age 9/4/26

[Five Below on track for 150 new stores; entering Puerto Rico](#)
Chain Store Age 9/2/26

[Dumos Home Furniture to Open in Fayetteville GA](#)
Costar 9/2/26

[Ace Hardware on track to open 170-plus new stores by year's end](#)
Chain Store Age 9/2/26

[London-based brand Marfa Stance to open in Chicago, NYC & Montecito](#)
Chain Store Age 9/1/26

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Grocery Grind

[Food Lion to open 6 stores in Carolinas, Georgia by year's end](#)
Supermarket News 9/15/26

[Harris Teeter to open 3 new stores in North Carolina](#)
The Shelby Report 9/15/26

[Sprouts' 500th Store Opens in TX, Among 4 New Locations](#)
The Shelby Report 9/15/26

[Newark opens five nonprofit grocery stores](#)
Supermarket News 9/14/26

[Trader Joe's continues Texas expansion with 2 new stores](#)
Houston Chronicle 9/14/26

[Redner's Markets to Open 1st Store in Wilmington, Del.](#)
Progressive Grocer 9/11/26

[Chicago suburb lands a Jewel-Osco](#)
Chain Store Age 9/10/26

[Labriola Italian Markets to open 5th PA Store](#)
The Shelby Report 9/8/26

[Lidl Expands New York Footprint with Staten Island, Tappan Stores](#)
Progressive Grocer 9/8/26

[Sprouts Farmers Market Debuts New Stores in New York and California](#)
Progressive Grocer 9/4/26

[Big Y Opens New Store in Saugus, MA](#)
The Shelby Report 9/3/26

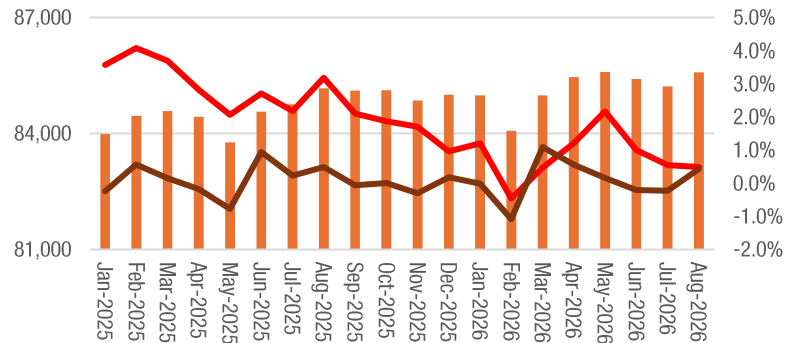
[DeCicco & Sons Opening Inaugural Connecticut Location](#)
Progressive Grocer 9/3/26

[Erewhon opens first location outside Los Angeles County](#)
Grocery Dive 9/1/26

[Whole Foods to Fill Long Vacant Chicago Retail Space on Wells Street](#)
Costar 9/1/26

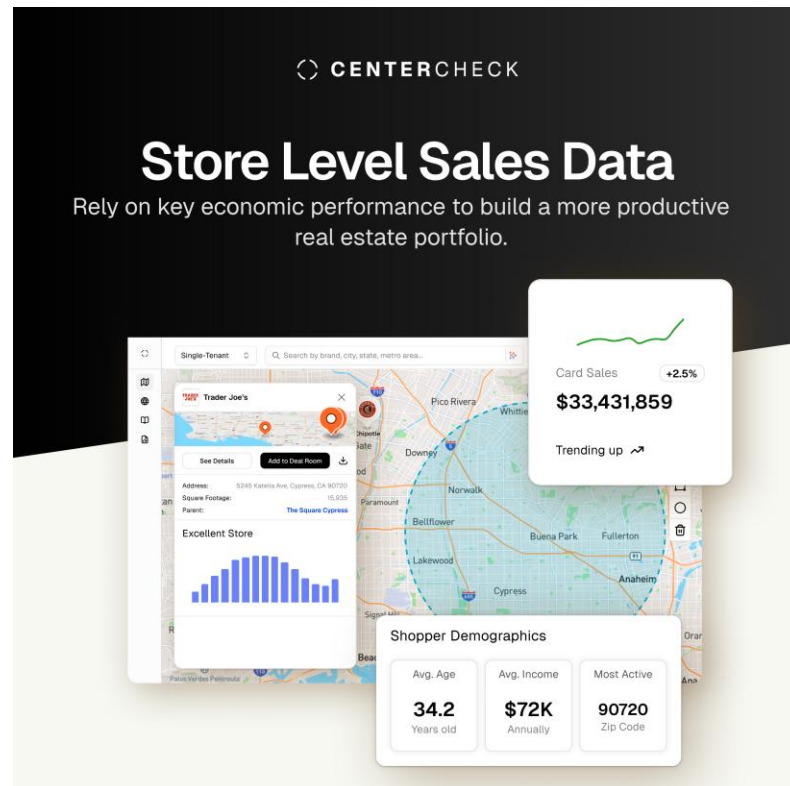
[Aldi opening 3 more Florida stores in September](#)
Floridatoday.com 9/1/26

US Retail Sales, Food & Beverage Stores (Groceries)



Seasonally Adjusted Sales, Monthly (Millions of Dollars)
% Year Over Year Change
% Monthly Change

August 2026 Annual Change: +0.5%
Monthly Change: +0.4%



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The Restaurant Review

[San Francisco is getting its first Raising Cane's](#)
ktvu.com 9/15/26

[Wienerschnitzel targets more non-traditional sites for development](#)
NRN 9/15/26

[LeBron James Invests in Growth-Ready Mike's Red Tacos](#)
QSR 9/15/26

[Qdoba signs 17-unit development agreement across San Diego County](#)
NRN 9/11/26

[Jersey Mike's to Open 151 Stores](#)
Finance Buzz 9/11/26

[Lola Beans Signs 5-Unit Deal to Enter Miami Market](#)
QSR 9/11/26

[Pollo Tropical owner gets \\$325M investment to open more locations](#)
NRN 9/10/26

[Middle Eastern Concept De Babel Opens 2nd Scottsdale, AZ Location](#)
QSR 9/10/26

[Chinese coffee giant Luckin continues aggressive NYC expansion](#)
Chain Store Age 9/9/26

[Florida Sushi Concept OMAKAI to Open Two Chicago Locations](#)
rddmag.com 9/9/26

[Potbelly expands into Georgia](#)
Restaurant Dive 9/9/26

[Swig Signs 11-Unit Deal in Denver Market](#)
QSR 9/8/26

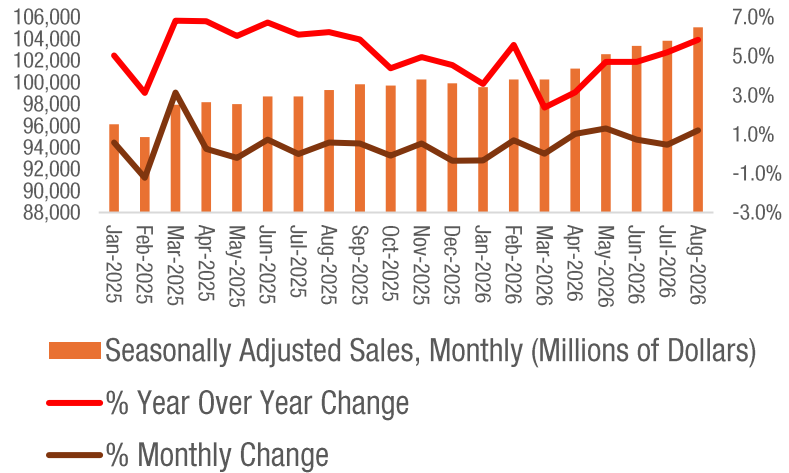
[Angry Chickz heats up expansion amid crowded chicken category](#)
Restaurant Business 9/8/26

[Maepole to Open First Drive-Thru Store in Cumming, Ga](#)
QSR 9/4/26

[Blue Bottle Coffee to open first New Jersey café at Paramus mall](#)
nj.com 9/4/26

[D Spot Dessert Café' expands into U.S.](#)
Retail Insider 9/3/26

US Retail Sales, Food Services & Drinking Places
(Restaurants)



August 2026	Annual Change:	+5.8%
	Monthly Change:	+1.2%

[Rosati's Pizza Plans 11 Openings Over 90 Days](#)
finance.yahoo.com 9/3/26

[Sweetgreen to Open First Utah Restaurant](#)
QSR 9/2/26

[The Great Greek Mediterranean Grill Opens Two Locations in Bakersfield](#)
QSR 9/2/26

[Hawaiian Bros Opens in Indianapolis](#)
QSR 9/2/26

[NYC sandwich shop Alidoro plans its expansion](#)
Restaurant Business 9/1/26

[Angry Chickz expands into Midwest with first Illinois location](#)
Restaurant News 9/1/26

[Mike's Red Tacos Signs 15-Unit deal in Michigan](#)
QSR 9/1/26

[Magnolia Bakery to open first Ohio location at Legacy Village](#)
Cleveland.com 9/1/26

[Freddy's Frozen Custard & Steakburgers Inks Deal to Grow in AK and TX](#)
QSR 9/1/26

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North of the Border (Canadian Retail News)

[LEGO Expands Canadian Store Network with Three GTA Locations](#)

Retail Insider 9/15/26

[Article advances retail expansion with Toronto furniture store](#)

Retail Insider 9/14/26

[Costco to open four locations in Canada this fall, with additional warehouses planned for 2027](#)

Grocery Business Canada 9/12/26

[Walmart Heading to Lindsay Ontario](#)

Costar 9/11/26

[Fresh St. Market to open 11th store, 3rd in Vancouver in 2027](#)

Grocery Business Canada 9/9/26

[IKEA Canada to open first compact store in London, Ont. on Sept. 29](#)

Retail Insider 9/9/26

[Metro opens Shared Kitchen in Montreal, marking 15th location](#)

Grocery Business Canada 9/9/26

[Läderach expands North American presence with second location in British Columbia](#)

Retail Insider 9/8/26

[T&T Supermarket expanding Ontario footprint with new Markham location](#)

Grocery Business Canada 9/4/26

[Pilgrim Plans Canadian Expansion After Oshawa Store Opening](#)

Retail Insider 9/4/26

[T&T Supermarket to Open 'Massive' Ontario Store](#)

Progressive Grocer 9/4/26

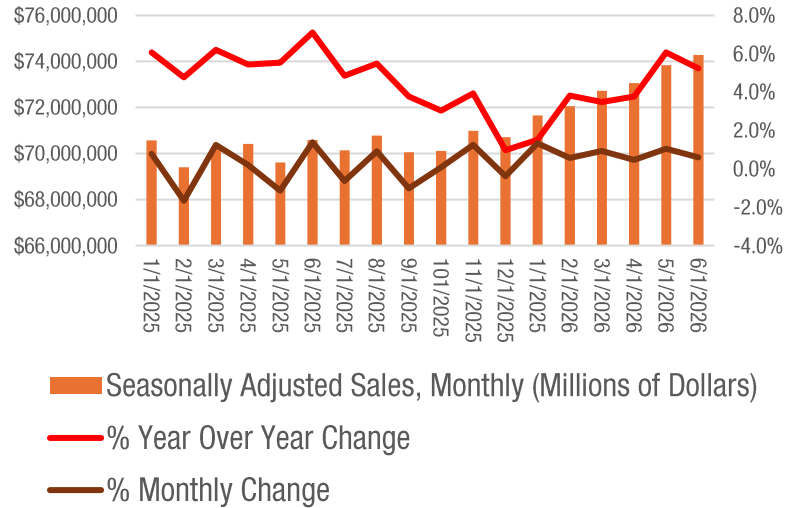
[Calgary's Forum Thermal to open 18,000 sf urban spa in late 2026](#)

Retail Insider 9/4/26

[Firehouse Subs Opens 200th Restaurant in Canada](#)

QSR 9/3/26

Canadian Retail Sales



June 2026

Annual Change:

+5.2%

Monthly Change:

+0.6%

[Jimmy John's opens first Calgary restaurant in city's University District](#)

Retail Insider 9/2/26

[Canada Emerges as leading Growth Market for Williams-Sonoma](#)

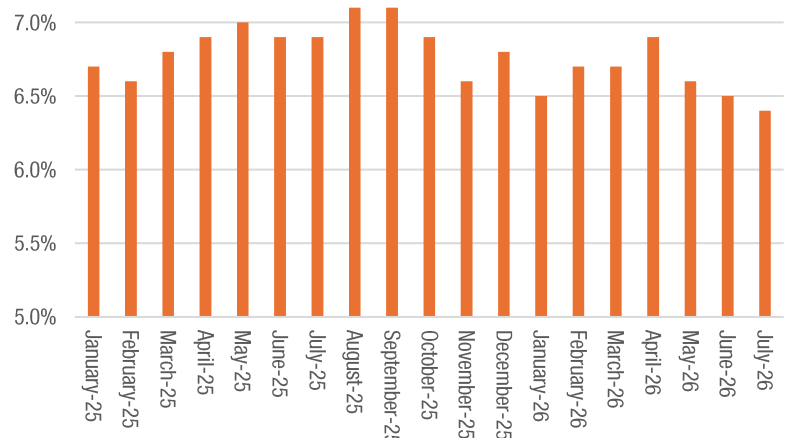
Retail Insider 9/1/26

[Loblaw Accelerates Grocery Expansion Efforts](#)

Progressive Grocer 9/1/26

Canada Unemployment Rate July 2026:

6.4%



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Contraction Faction (Bad News, Bankruptcies & Closures)

[International clothing chain Superdry closes most U.S. stores](#)
The Street 9/15/26

[Domino's closes 13 Ohio units](#)
Restaurant Dive 9/15/26

[Scrubs & Beyond to shut all retail stores](#)
Inside Retail 9/14/26

[Bravo Italian Kitchen Closes Several Restaurants](#)
NRN 9/11/26

[The Dump to close locations in five major markets](#)
Furniture Today 9/10/26

[Popular SoCal Chain Marmalade Café Files for Bankruptcy](#)
Los Angeles Times 9/10/26

[O'Charley's is shutting down all corporate locations](#)
NRN 9/9/26

[Francesca's Ch. 11 liquidation plan confirmed](#)
Retail Dive 9/9/26

[Wisconsin's Charcoal Grill closes all 5 locations](#)
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel 9/9/26

[Red Lobster closes 36 more restaurants this year in 'right-sizing' effort](#)
NRN 9/8/26

[Victoria's Secret quietly closed 38 stores](#)
Fast Company 9/4/26

[Torrid sales decline slows amid 6 More Store closures](#)
Inside Retail 9/4/26

[Last Call: Five Independent Shop Closures Across the Country](#)
Costar 9/3/26

[Dollar General Plans to close Nearly 100 Stores](#)
aol.com 9/2/26

[Fuzzy's Taco Shop has shuttered its Houston locations](#)
NRN 9/1/26

Well, Isn't That Convenient? (C-Store News)

[2026 Midyear Convenience Store Report Card](#)
Convenience Store News 9/15/26

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