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Top News Impacting Retail Real Estate

October 1 through October 15, 2026

“Are we what we do with time or are we what time does to us?”

--Mahmoud Darwish

Inflation Up Again, but Retail Sales Outpacing for Now

This week we got another set of mixed economic indicators. On Wednesday, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) released the latest inflation report. Not surprisingly, the consumer price index jumped from 3.4% to 3.7% in September, largely due to the impacts of the Iran war. There is plenty of corresponding data for this in the latest retail sales numbers, but the war has pushed up prices for oil and fuels refined from crude oil (gasoline, diesel, jet fuel, etc.) as well as other goods typically transported through the Strait of Hormuz (urea, the world's most widely used nitrogen fertilizer).

Energy-related items drove most of September's increase in inflation. In year-over-year terms, the price of fuel oil is up 74.2%, gasoline 34.2%, natural gas 5.0%, and electricity climbed 4.4% (this category has been under increasing upward pressure as well thanks partially to increasing demand from data centers). There were only a couple of categories that saw price declines. Used cars and trucks recorded a -1.5% dip in pricing (new vehicles posted a 0.6% boost) and the cost of medical care goods shrunk by -3.3%. Otherwise, food away from home--restaurants increased by 3.5%, while apparel (3.4%), shelter (3.2%), transportation services (2.7%), food at home--groceries (1.8%) and used vehicles all recorded an uptick in prices.

As of October 14th, AAA reported the average price of diesel in the U.S. stood at \$6.32 per gallon (up 68.1% over the past year), but that metric was climbing. Diesel futures spiked 5.0% on Tuesday with the market anticipating higher prices ahead, despite the recently announced American deal to buy previously sanctioned Russian reserves. Energy analysts point out that the diesel freed up in that [deal amount to less than two weeks' worth of U.S. demand](#).

The challenge, of course, is that diesel is the lifeblood of the global supply chain with higher prices at the pump eventually [translating to higher prices on goods across the board](#). The timetable for this can vary significantly. Typically, in these pricing shocks perishable goods reflect an uptick first; produce, dairy, and meat are all goods that have a short shelf life and that must be restocked constantly. Price increases for perishable goods in the wake of diesel spikes usually begin to register within weeks. For packaged and non-perishable goods, price increases take longer to ripple through the system.

The pricing pressure is already showing in another data set that the government keeps: the producer price index. While the consumer price

Index (CPI) measures inflation from the viewpoint of the end consumer and is the number that usually gets quoted in the media and general conversation when we speak about inflation, the producer price index measures inflation from the viewpoint of sellers and manufacturers. This reflects prices at the wholesale level across raw materials, intermediate goods and finished outputs. In other words, it is tracking inflation further up the pipeline and, as such, is an early or leading indicator for the rising production costs about to be passed down to me and you.

Yesterday, the BLS released the latest producer price index numbers, which were up 6.3% year-over-year, having recorded the sharpest single month jump (+1.3%) since March 2022. In other words, a wave of higher prices is almost certainly heading our way.

September's weaker-than-expected jobs report had [previously fueled hope that the Federal Reserve might not have to raise rates](#) at their next meeting (October 27-28). [But the latest set of inflation numbers going the wrong way put that into doubt](#). I hope I am proven wrong, but I suspect that even if the central bank does not raise rates at the next meeting, the likelihood of inflation accelerating over the next month will make a rate hike likely at their final meeting of the year in December.

[U.S. existing home sales increased 1.5% in September](#), despite the [average 30-year mortgage rate now standing at 7.40%](#). The challenge is that even if the Fed doesn't raise rates to tame inflation, the bond market (specifically the 10-year Treasury note) is a primary benchmark and economic driver for mortgage rates. And [most economists now think higher bond yields are here to stay](#), reflecting heightened geopolitical risk as well as growing sovereign debt issues, meaning that residential real estate sales activity (commercial to a lesser extent) will continue to face headwinds in the months ahead.

But, as has been the case over much of the past year, despite some challenging headlines the consumer has continued to show up. The U.S. Census Bureau released the latest Advance Monthly Sales for Retail and Food Services yesterday and the numbers were solid.

U.S. retail sales were up 6.3% year-over-year in September, increasing by 0.8% over the course of the month. Only one category posted negative annual growth last month; Health & Personal Care Stores posted a decline in annual sales of -1.2%, though monthly this category (which includes drug stores, beauty concepts, fragrances and optical goods, etc.) improved to the tune of 0.7%.

On a monthly basis, however, there were a few losers. Miscellaneous Store Retailers (-3.0%), Department Stores (-0.8%), Building Materials & Gardening Equipment (-0.6%) and General Merchandise (-0.1%), all posted month-over-month declines in September (though all remain in the

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Inflation Up Again, but... (cont.)

black in terms of annual performance).

Not surprisingly, however, gas stations smoked every other category with a 28.1% year-over-year increase in sales (and a 6.4% gain since August). But here is the good news. Despite the heightened current inflation rate of 3.7%, all but five of the categories the Census Bureau designates outperformed that metric. As stated earlier, Health & Personal Care Stores were in the red to the tune of -1.2%. Meanwhile, there are four categories that posted year-over-year gains in September, but those gains did not keep pace with inflation. They include Motor Vehicles and Parts Dealers (2.5%), and Auto & Other Motor Vehicles—Car Dealerships (+2.1%), while Food & Beverage Stores (which includes all food related retail from liquor and specialty foods to traditional grocers) and its subset Grocery Stores both posted modest gains (+0.9%).

U.S. September Annual Retail Sales Growth by Category

Gas Stations	+28.1%
Miscellaneous Store Retailers	+14.0%
Sporting Goods, Hobby, Music, Books, etc.	+9.6%
Electronics & Appliance Stores	+9.4%
Non-Store (eCommerce, Catalog, etc.)	+8.2%
Food Service & Drinking Places	+7.0%
Department Stores	+6.4%
All Categories	+6.3%
All Retail, Excluding Food Services	+6.2%
Clothing & Accessories	+5.0%
All Categories, Excluding Auto & Gas	+5.0%
Furniture & Home Furnishings	+4.9%
Building Materials & Gardening Equipment	+4.5%
All Categories, Excluding Gas	+4.5%
General Merchandise	+4.2%
CURRENT INFLATION RATE	+3.7%
Motor Vehicles and Parts Dealers	+2.5%
Auto & Other Motor Vehicles	+2.1%
Food & Beverage Stores	+0.9%
Grocery Stores	+0.9%
Health & Personal Care Stores	-1.2%

Keep in mind that each month's data set reflects both annual and monthly growth or contraction and each measurement is important in a different way. Annual changes reflect the longer term trajectory of a category. Monthly changes can reflect the noise of a one-off event (say the release of a new iPhone impacting Electronics & Appliance Stores) or the impacts of weather events. But the monthly data is also where emerging trends first appear.

With annual sales up 6.3% and most categories outperforming inflation,

this was a solid report overall. But there are some potential weaknesses apparent if you look at the monthly data. Not only did four categories record sales declines between August and September, but most categories did not keep pace with the monthly jump in inflation.

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CURRENT MONTHLY INFLATION RATE	+0.6%
Sporting Goods, Hobby, Music, Books, etc.	+0.5%
Grocery Stores	+0.5%
Food & Beverage Stores	+0.4%
Non-Store (eCommerce, Catalog, et.)	+0.3%
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All Categories, Excluding Gas	+0.2%
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Auto & Other Motor Vehicles	+0.2%
Clothing & Accessories	+0.0%
General Merchandise	-0.1%
Building Materials & Gardening Equipment	-0.6%
Department Stores	-0.8%
Miscellaneous Store Retailers	-3.0%

Usually, I pay far more attention to the annual numbers than the monthly ones, but until we see an end in sight for the energy shock, keep an eye on the monthly data. The American consumer continues to show up, despite the current deep disconnect between gloomy sentiment and their own persistent and resilient spending.

The reality is that throughout the inflation spike of 2022/2023 and now with this one, anyone following economic news has had their share of economist handwringing and asking the question, "how long can the American consumer continue to show up?" It reminds me of a joke I heard at an event once about a prominent economist often referred to as Dr. Doom that went something like this; "he's correctly predicted 15 of the last three recessions." The truth is that a broken clock is still right twice a day. The truth also is that the American consumer continues to demonstrate a resilience that seems to defy numbers that suggest economic fragility. Which leads me to ask, once again...

How long can the American consumer continue to show up?

--Garrick Brown

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[NRF Calls for 4.2% Holiday Sales Growth Surpassing \\$1 Trillion](#)
Costar 10/15/26

[US Wholesale Inflation Jumps 6.3% in September](#)
Times Now 10/15/26

[Retail Sales Up 0.8% in September, but a Bif Chunk of Spending Went to Gas](#)
AP News 10/15/26

[Here's the Inflation Breakdown for September 2026](#)
CNBC 10/14/26

[Fed Rate Hike Call Seen Tight as Inflation Heats Up](#)
US News & World Report 10/14/26

Retail Real Estate News

[Colliers: National retail vacancy rate hits 4.3% in Q3](#)
Chain Store Age 10/15/26

[Lunch Traffic Helps Convenience Store Chains Gain Ground](#)
Globe Street 10/15/26

[Washington is calling out private equity-funded restaurant chains](#)
Restaurant Business 10/15/26

[Fast-food chain executives have low expectations for the economy](#)
Restaurant Business 10/14/26

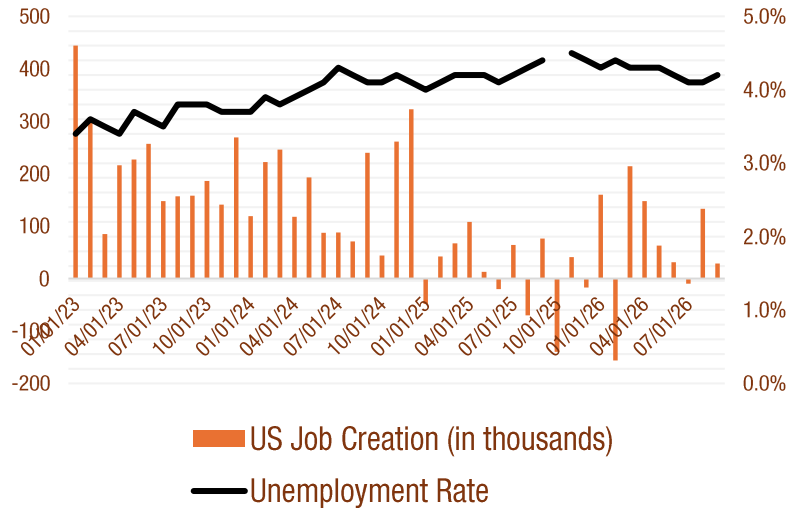
[CRE This Week—What's Impacting the US Market?](#)
Altus 10/12/26

[Walgreens Asking Cap Rates Pull Further Ahead of CVS](#)
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[Luxury Spending Slump Raises Risks for High End Retail Properties](#)
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[The Corporate QSR Pricing Premium](#)
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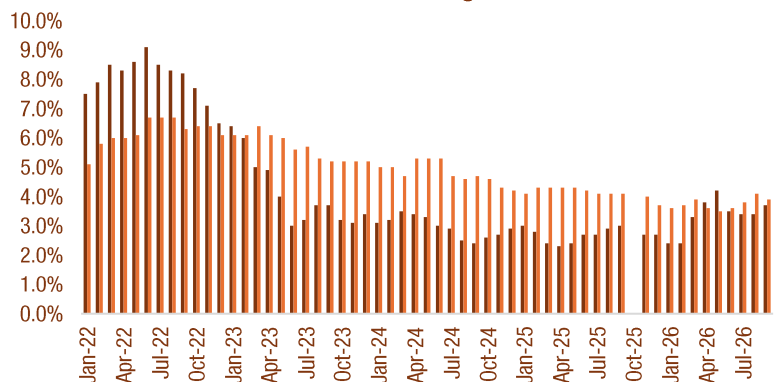
US Unemployment & Job Creation



US Unemployment Rate September 2026:	4.2%
US Job Creation (P) September 2026:	+29K

US Inflation Rate September 2026:	3.7%
US Wage Growth September 2026:	3.9%

US Inflation Vs. Wage Growth



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

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Economic & Consumer News

[Fox News Poll shows voters sour on economy ahead of midterm elections](#)

Fox Business.com 10/15/26

[Consumer inflation rose faster than expected in September](#)

Fox Business.com 10/15/26

[Wall Street worried the U.S. economy is more 'vulnerable' than it looks](#)

Fortune.com 10/15/26

[Retail Sales saw 0.8% bump in September, but big chunk of spending went to paying for gas](#)

PBS News 10/15/26

[Strong top-line retail sales mask weakness as producer prices rise](#)

The Real Economy Blog 10/15/26

[U.S. Retail Sales Rise in September, Above Forecasts](#)

Haver Analytics 10/15/26

[U.S. Retail Sales Expanded in September](#)

The Wall Street Journal 10/15/26

[Consumer buying power is decreasing right now](#)

Restaurant Business 10/15/26

[Wealth Gap Widens as Young Households Lose 23% of Net Worth](#)

CRE Daily 10/15/26

[Consumers expected to increase holiday spending – especially on retail goods](#)

Chain Store Age 10/15/26

[NRF: Holiday sales to top \\$1T for first time; seasonal hiring steady](#)

Chain Store Age 10/15/26

[Consumer buying power is decreasing right now](#)

Restaurant Business 10/15/26

[Inflation remains a key driver of September retail spending](#)

Inside Retail 10/15/26

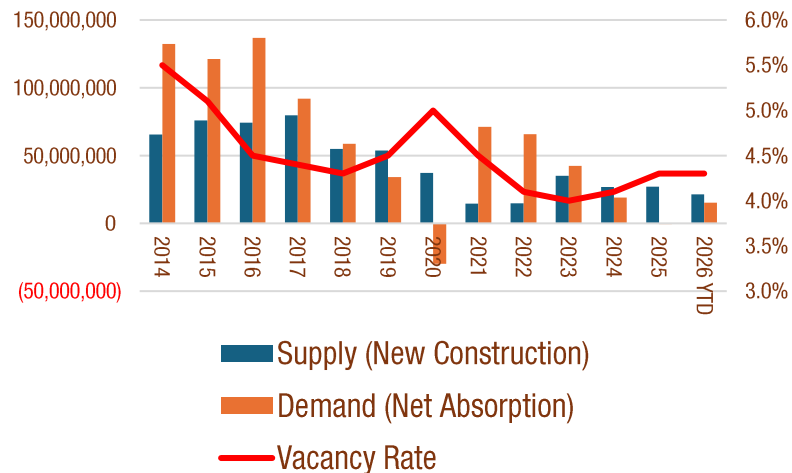
[70% of Americans plan to shop Black Friday or Cyber Monday this year](#)

Fast Company 10/14/26

[Moody's upgrades retail and apparel outlook as tariffs ease](#)

Retail Dive 10/14/26

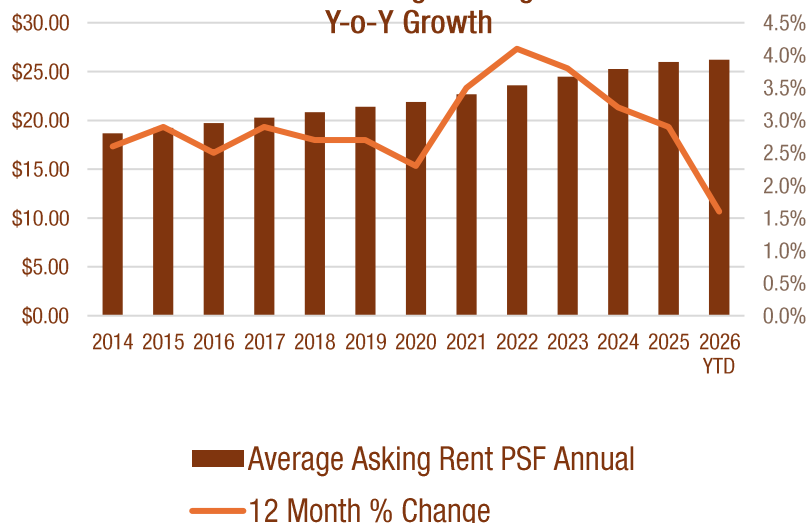
**US Retail Real Estate (All Types)
Supply vs. Demand, Vacancy**



US Retail Vacancy Rate Q3 2026:	4.3%
US Deliveries YTD Q3 2026:	21,398,7580 SF
US Net Absorption Q3 2026:	- 15,365,095 SF

US Avg. Annual Rent Q3 2026:	\$26.21 PSF
US Retail Rent Growth Q3 2026:	1.6%

**US Retail Average Asking Rent
Y-o-Y Growth**



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Economic and Consumer News (cont.)

[How high inflation became a 'fact of life' in the U.S.](#)
CNBC.com 10/14/26

[The latest inflation data is expected to show price increases are accelerating](#)
CNBC.com 10/13/26

[September Core Retail Sales Come in at \\$453.1 Billion, Up 3.73% YoY](#)
Retail Wire 10/12/26

[AI may change the price of your Big Mac and groceries – what this means for shoppers](#)
CNBC 10/11/26

[Federal budget deficit hits \\$2T as national debt costs surge](#)
Fox Business.com 10/9/26

[Is public trust in the U.S. food system broken?](#)
Restaurant Business 10/8/26

[ICSC: Nearly all shoppers to visit a store for holiday shopping](#)
Chain Store Age 10/7/26

[Midwestern Shoppers Will Stick With Halloween Traditions – Even on a Budget](#)
Progressive Grocer 10/7/26

[NRF: Core retail sales inch up in September](#)
Chain Store Age 10/7/26

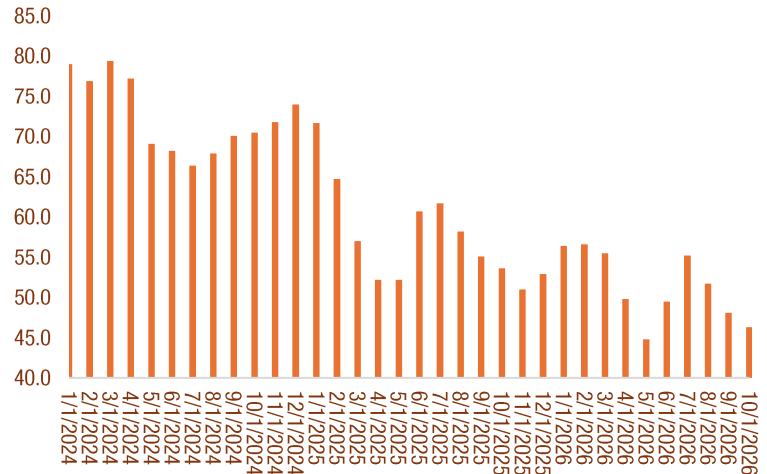
[JLL: Holiday budgets to increase, driven by entertainment, dining out](#)
Chain Store Age 10/7/26

[Fiserv: Small business sales see uptick in September](#)
Chain Store Age 10/5/26

[Two-Thirds of Consumers Are Spending Less at Restaurants](#)
FSR 10/2/26

[September restaurant job growth slows after August hiring](#)
NRN 10/2/26

University of Michigan Consumer Sentiment Survey



October 2026 Reading:	46.3
Annual Change:	-13.6%
Monthly Change:	-3.7%

IPOs, Sales and M&A Mania

[Houchens Food Group Buys Brooks Grocery Store Chain](#)
Progressive Grocer 10/15/26

[Gen Restaurant Group sells 47 Restaurants for \\$100M to Chubby Cattle Group](#)
Restaurant Dive 10/14/26

[Albertsons Demands \\$8B From Kroger Over Failed Merger](#)
Progressive Grocer 10/13/26

[Crisp & Green to acquire Mad Greens, Snappy Salads from Coors family's Salad Collective](#)
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[Savory Fund raises \\$201.5 M for 3rd restaurant investment vehicle](#)
NRN 10/13/26

[Red Robin refinances following sale of over 100 restaurants](#)
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[Pizza-and-ice cream concept Happy Joe's is acquired by investor group](#)
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 Madison Reed Service · Hair	<div>79</div> Overall	<div>88</div> Demo	<div>73</div> Tenancy	 
 Nordstrom Rack Retail · Department Store · Anchor	<div>78</div> Overall	<div>92</div> Demo	<div>70</div> Tenancy	 
 CAVA Food · Restaurant — Fast Casual · Mediterranean	<div>78</div> Overall	<div>90</div> Demo	<div>69</div> Tenancy	 

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Retailer Roundup

[French cashmere brand Kujten opens 2nd New York boutique](#)
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[Lids signs lease for flagship at NYC's Penn Station](#)
Chain Store Age 10/15/26

[Marshalls to open more stores as TJX yes expansion](#)
Inside Retail 10/15/26

[Australian fitness franchise REVL Training targets U.S. and Canadian expansion](#)
Retail Insider 10/13/26

[Ross Stores adds 51 locations, completes network expansion plans](#)
Inside Retail 10/13/26

[Footwear brand Vivaia has opened 1st CA store in Santa Clara](#)
Inside Retail 10/12/26

[Diff Eyewear opens its first brick-and-mortar in Charleston, SC](#)
Inside Retail 10/12/26

[Aritzia's Stronger Store Performance Supports Continued North American Expansion](#)
Retail Insider 10/9/26

[Wayfair adds second New Jersey store to growth plans](#)
Chain Store Age 10/9/26

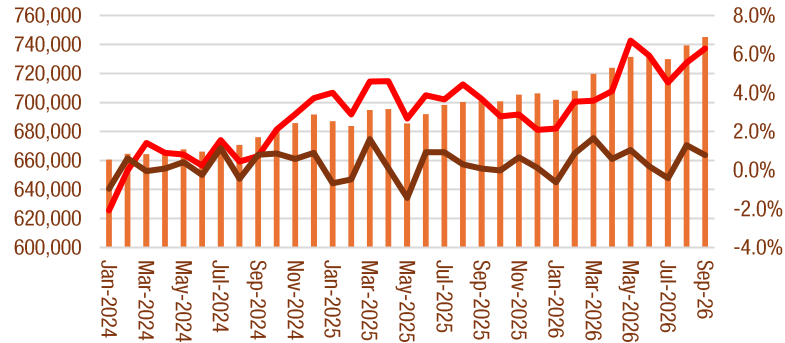
[Spirit Christmas returns for 3rd season with more stores \(44 locations across 15 states\) , enters new market \(FL\)](#)
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[Topgolf to open in Madera, CA](#)
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[Adidas opens personalization-focused store at Mall of America](#)
Chain Store Age 10/7/26

[Arc'teryx opens climbing-focused store in Los Angeles](#)
Inside Retail 10/7/26

US Retail Sales, All Categories



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

September 2026 Annual Change: +6.0%
Monthly Change: +0.8%

[CVS Brings Compact Pharmacy-Only Format to Boston](#)
Progressive Grocer 10/7/26

[Build-A-Bear to open Multi-level flagship store at Icon Park Orlando](#)
Inside Retail 10/6/26

[Korean lifestyle retailer Artbox makes U.S. store debut in Los Angeles](#)
Chain Store Age 10/5/26

[ACE Hardware Holds Grand Opening in Utah](#)
Progressive Grocer 10/5/26

[Nishane sets foot in NYC with first WS boutique](#)
Inside Retail 10/2/26

[Batteries Plus keeps expansion efforts rolling in Q3](#)
Chain Store Age 10/2/26

[Mattel to open indoor water parks starting end of 2027 \(plans for NE, FL, IL, & NC\)](#)
Chain Store Age 10/1/26

[Walmart Opens Neighborhood Market In Crestview, FL](#)
The Shelby Report 10/1/26

[Meijer Opens 130th Michigan Store In Plymouth Township](#)
The Shelby Report 10/1/26

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Grocery Grind

[Sprouts plots Michigan debut amid expansion efforts](#)
Chain Store Age 10/14/26

[ShopRite Opens in Jersey City's New Mixed-Use Destination](#)
Progressive Grocer 10/14/26

[Albertsons To build New Store In Valley Center, CA](#)
The Shelby Report 10/14/26

[Wegmans Entering Charlotte Market](#)
The Shelby Report 10/13/26

[Food Lion Grows Greenville Market With Dill's Food City, Bi-Lo acquisitions](#)
The Shelby Report 10/13/26

[PAQ Opens Reimagined Food 4 Less In Manteca, CA](#)
The Shelby Report 10/12/26

[Whole Foods Market to Open 1st Simi Valley, CA , Store Nov. 10](#)
The Shelby Report 10/12/26

[PCC Community Markets To Open 17th In Seattle Neighborhood](#)
The Shelby Report 10/12/26

[Publix Opens 2 Stores, Marks 10th Location in Kentucky](#)
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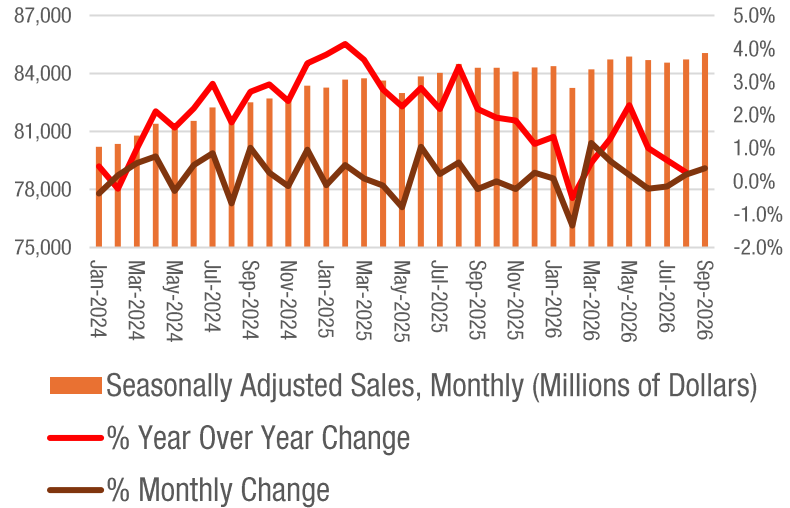
[H-E-B's 3rd San Marcos \(TX\) Store Gets City's 1st True Texas BBQ](#)
The Shelby Report 10/9/26

[Winn-Dixie Continues FL Investment With Alachua Opening](#)
The Shelby Report 10/8/26

[Whole Foods Market To Open Large LA Flagship Store Nov. 11](#)
The Shelby Report 10/9/26

[MOM's Organic Market Plants 1st Chicago-Area Flag in Mount Prospect](#)
Progressive Grocer 10/8/26

US Retail Sales, Food & Beverage Stores



September 2026	Annual Change:	+0.9%
	Monthly Change:	+0.4%

[Foodtown Opens New Supermarket in Brooklyn](#)
Progressive Grocer 10/7/26

[T&T Supermarket to open first San Francisco store in November](#)
Grocery Business Canada 10/7/26

[Whole Foods Market Opens 40th Florida Store, in Bradenton](#)
Progressive Grocer 10/6/26

[Stater Bros. to Anchor New Retail Center In Fontana, CA](#)
The Shelby Report 10/6/26

[Food Lion to Open New Charlotte Store Oct. 7](#)
The Shelby Report 10/5/26

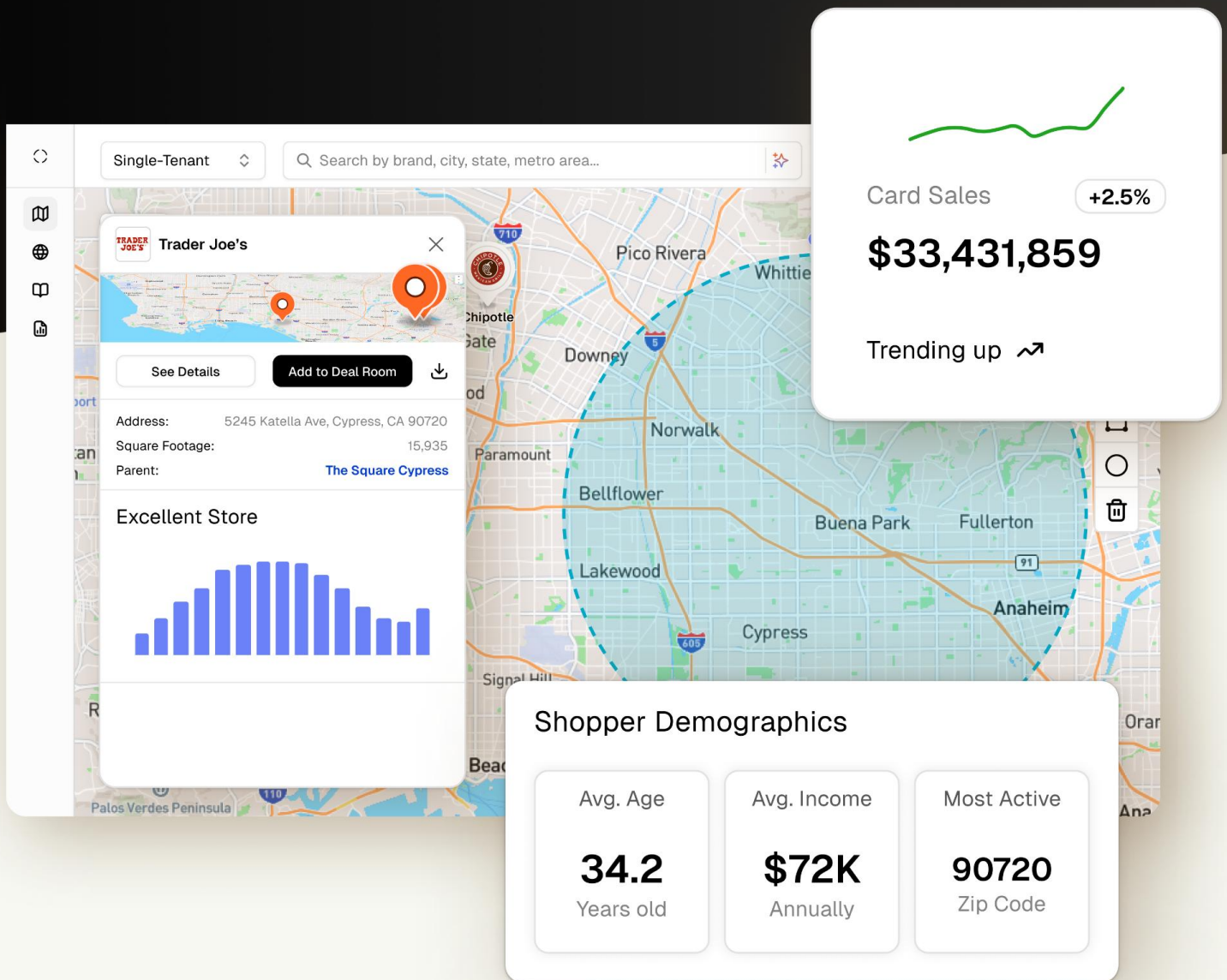
[Lin's Fresh Market Holds Grand Opening in Utah](#)
Progressive Grocer 10/5/26

[Maurer's Urban Market Set to Open Oct. 10 in Madison, WI](#)
Progressive Grocer 10/5/26

[Super 1 Foods breaks ground at new location in Post Falls, ID](#)
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[Starbird to Make Midwest Debut w/Planned Chicago-Area Restaurants](#)
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[Delmonico's Hospitality Group Opens Boogie Bakery & Bistro in NYC](#)
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[Flight Club to Open in Addison, TX](#)
FSR 10/14/26

[Ford's Garage opens 1st Tennessee location in Chattanooga](#)
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[Mike's Red Tacos opens the first corporate location.](#)
Restaurant Business 10/14/26

[Sushi by Boū Celebrates Grand Opening at Miami Golf Resort](#)
FSR 10/14/26

[Dickey's Barbecue Pit Expands in South Texas](#)
Restaurant News 10/14/26

[Hawaiian Bros signs 52-store Florida deal](#)
Restaurant Dive 10/13/26

[Canadian based Joey opening a 2nd location in Dallas](#)
NRN 10/13/26

[Krispy Kreme plans to open 33 locations in New York in next 5 years](#)
NRN 10/13/26

[Cafe Charmant opens 2nd NYC location and plans new Las Vegas location](#)
NRN 10/12/26

[Papa Murphy's to open co-branded Pinkberry restaurants](#)
Restaurant Dive 10/9/26

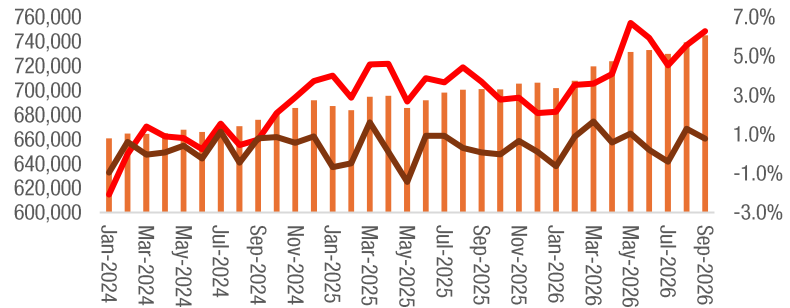
[Souplantation parent will open first CA restaurant since 2020](#)
Restaurant Dive 10/8/26

[Ascension Coffee Opens in Southlake, Texas](#)
QSR 10/8/26

[Secret Burger to open 3 new locations in WA;](#)
QSR 10/8/26

[Dave's Hot Chicken Reaches 500 Locations](#)
QSR 10/8/26

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



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[Tiki Taco Opening 7th Kansas City Location](#)
QSR 10/7/26

[Dunn Brothers Coffee Enters Illinois, Grows Iowa Footprint](#)
Restaurant News 10/7/26

[Sunrise Social Expands Across Six States \(NJ, PA, OH, VA, FL & TX\)](#)
Restaurant News 10/7/26

[Skinny Louie to Open Three Restaurants in October \(FL & NY\)](#)
QSR 10/6/26

[Rusty Taco to Open First Full-Service Airport Location in Dulles Airport](#)
QSR 10/6/26

[Urbane Café prepares for growth outside California](#)
Restaurant Business 10/5/26

[El Pollo Loco plans to grow in NY](#)
NRN 10/5/26

[Chaiwale & Co. Signs 10-Unit Franchise Agreement, Enters Central CA](#)
Restaurant News 10/2/26

[Raising Cane's to Open Seven Stores in October \(WI, OR, GA, MI, CA & ID\)](#)
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North of the Border (Canadian Retail News)

[Golf Town to open Oakville flagship store](#)

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[mini mioche Returns to Toronto Retail](#)

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[Browns Shoes opens Toronto Eaton Center flagship location](#)

Retail Insider 10/14/26

[Australian fitness franchise REVL Training targets U.S. and Canadian expansion](#)

Retail Insider 10/13/26

[Alimentation Couche-Tard Inks Deal for 52 Sites in Canada](#)

Convenience Store News 10/12/26

[Shoppers Drug Mart celebrates grand opening of new Vancouver store](#)

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[Miniso to open four new Canadian stores this fall](#)

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[Cannabis retail store High Tide acquires Alberta store](#)

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[Rexall opens new Toronto location](#)

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[T&T opens its largest Ontario store in North York](#)

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[No Frills opens 350th Canadian store in Warman, SK](#)

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[Scarce Retail Space Gives Canadian Landlords New Leverage](#)

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[Walmart Canada plans to open new Supercentre in Kingston, Ont.](#)

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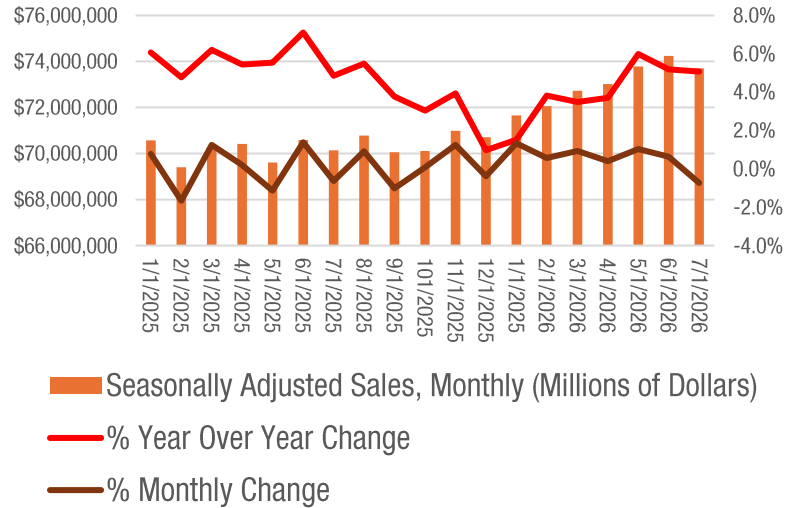
[Food Basics opens two Ontario stores in one day](#)

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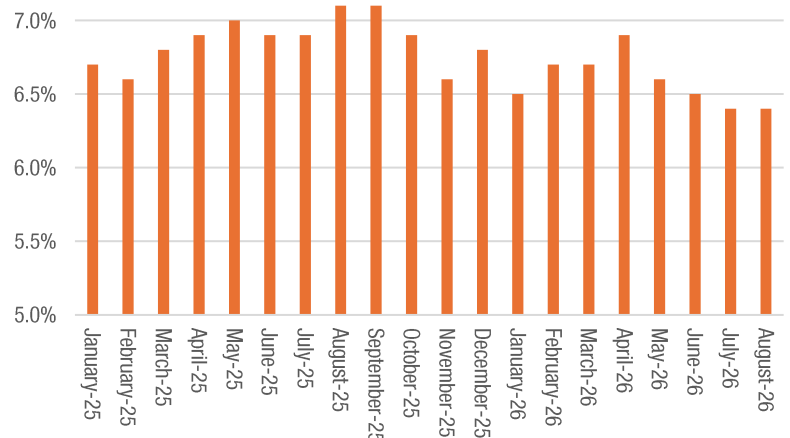
July 2026	Annual Change:	+5.1%
	Monthly Change:	-0.7%

[Wild Fork Exits Canada, abandoning Ambitious Ontario Expansion Plans](#)
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[Jollibee Sees Potential for Hundreds of Restaurants in Canada](#)
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[No Frills opens its first location in Ontario community of Bowmanville](#)
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Canada Unemployment Rate Sept. 2026: 6.5%



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Contraction Faction (Bad News, Bankruptcies & Closures)

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QSR 10/15/26

[Crumb! Cookies Closed Nearly 60 Stores in 2026 So Far](#)

Retail Wire 10/13/26

[True Food Kitchen files for Chapter 11 bankruptcy](#)

NRN 10/13/26

[A bankrupt Wendy's franchisee pushes back against the brand](#)

NRN 10/12/26

[Tru Food Kitchen files for Chapter 11 bankruptcy](#)

NRN 10/5/26

[Chip City is shutting down all of its locations](#)

NRN 10/2/26

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

[Lunch Traffic Helps Convenience Store Chains Gain Ground](#)

Globe Street 10/15/26

[LV Petroleum aims to have 140 travel centers by end of 2027](#)

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[Buc-ee's to Open First Kansas Location](#)

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[Family Express to acquire 6 Leo's Market & Eatery locations](#)

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[The Briad Group to open multi-brand Circle K travel centers in NY with Dunkin', Wendy's](#)

CSP 10/5/26

[Yesway exits Iowa and Kansas after selling 29 convenience stores to Now & Forever](#)

CSP 10/2/26

[Applegreen opens first Colorado travel plaza as part of \\$70M E-470 expansion](#)

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[Sheetz Announces First Indiana Store](#)

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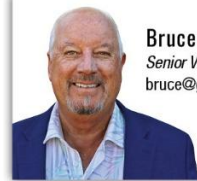
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