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Headline Figures

+5.1%

Sales value (amount spent) growth 2023 vs. 2022

*Seasonally adjusted, excluding fuel Including fuel +3.2%

Sales volume (items purchased) growth 2023 vs. 2022

*Seasonally adjusted, excluding fuel Including fuel -2.8%

+8.8%

Food sales value (amount spent) growth

2023 vs. 2022 *Seasonally adjusted Volumes -2.6%

Non-Food sales value (amount spent) growth 2023 vs. 2022

*Seasonally adjusted Volumes -2.8%





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Key Messages

- The 2023 retail figures illustrate the widely anticipated consumer meltdown simply did not materialise. Despite macro-economic pressures, the UK consumer spent +5.1% more in 2023 than they did in 2022.
- This was comfortably above the 10-year (+3.5%) and 30-year (+3.7%) averages, and the second highest rate of annual growth since 2001. Sales value figures were undoubtedly inflationary, but volume growth (-2.3%) was better than that reported in 2022 (-3.9%).
- Several categories bucked the trend despite sticky inflation, achieving value & volume growth (Footwear +19.6% / +14.3%; Cosmetics +16.7% / +8.1%).
- Online underperformed the wider retail market for a second consecutive year with growth of +2.1% (vs. all retail sales +5.1%).

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