

Electronic Card Transactions: July 2017

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Key facts

All figures are seasonally adjusted unless otherwise specified.

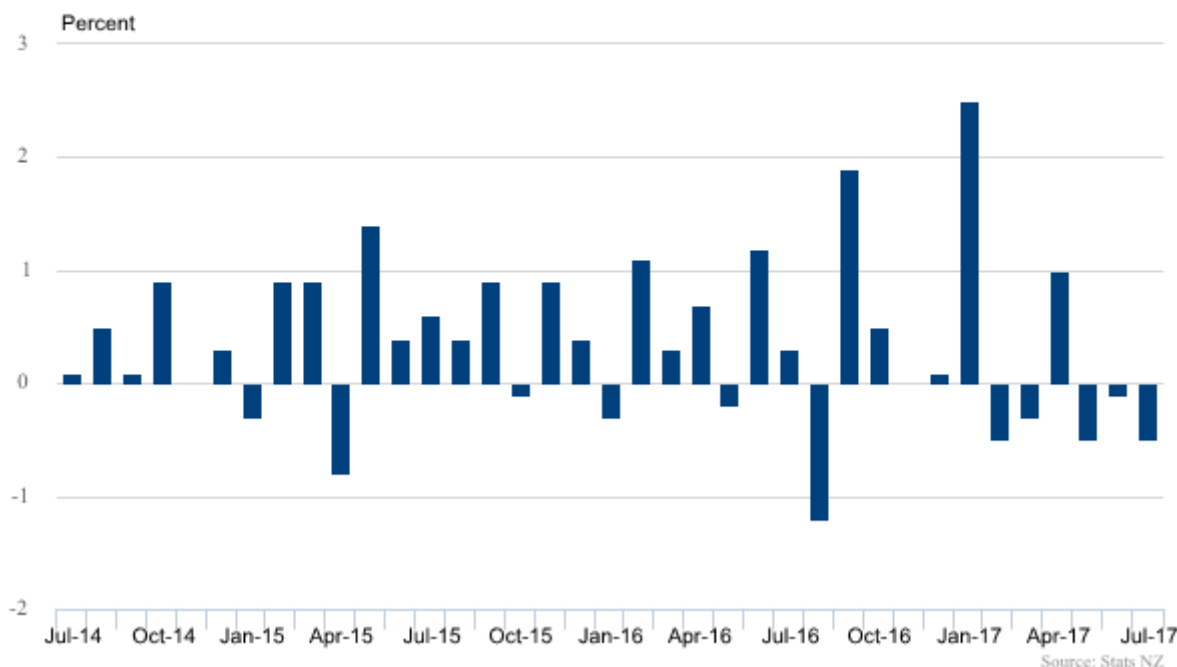
Values are only available at the national level, and are not adjusted for price changes.

Changes in the seasonally adjusted value of retail transactions for July 2017 (compared with June 2017) were:

- Spending in the retail industries fell 0.5 percent.
- Spending in the core retail industries rose 0.1 percent.

Change in seasonally adjusted retail card spending

Monthly



By industry the movements were:

- fuel, **down** \$36 million (6.1 percent)
- hospitality, **down** \$5.2 million (0.5 percent), after a 2.1 percent rise in June 2017
- vehicles (excluding fuel), **up** \$0.5 million (0.3 percent)
- consumables, **up** \$1.9 million (0.1 percent)
- durables, **up** \$2.3 million (0.2 percent)
- apparel, **up** \$3.5 million (1.1 percent).

The total value of electronic card spending, including the two non-retail industries (services, and other non-retail), was down 0.7 percent in July. This follows an unchanged June 2017.

The non-retail (excluding services) industry fell \$5.6 million (0.4 percent) and the services industry was up \$3.4 million (1.3 percent).

In actual terms, card-holders made 137 million transactions across all industries in July 2017, with an average value of \$49. The total amount spent across all transactions was \$6.7 billion.

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General methodology used to produce electronic card transaction statistics.

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Definitions of terms used in this release.

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