

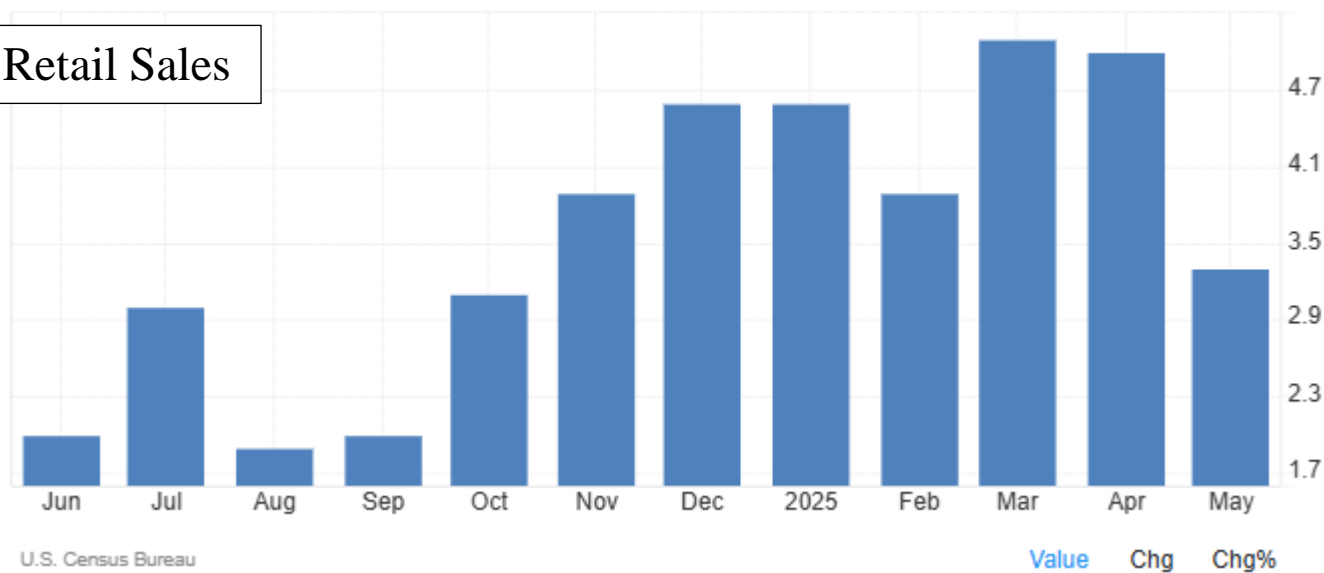
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Retail Sales



US retail trade growth slowed to 3.3% year-on-year in May 2025 from a downwardly revised 5.0% in the previous month. Retail Sales YoY in the United States averaged 4.77 percent from 1993 until 2025, reaching an all time high of 51.80 percent in April of 2021 and a record low of -19.70 percent in April of 2020.

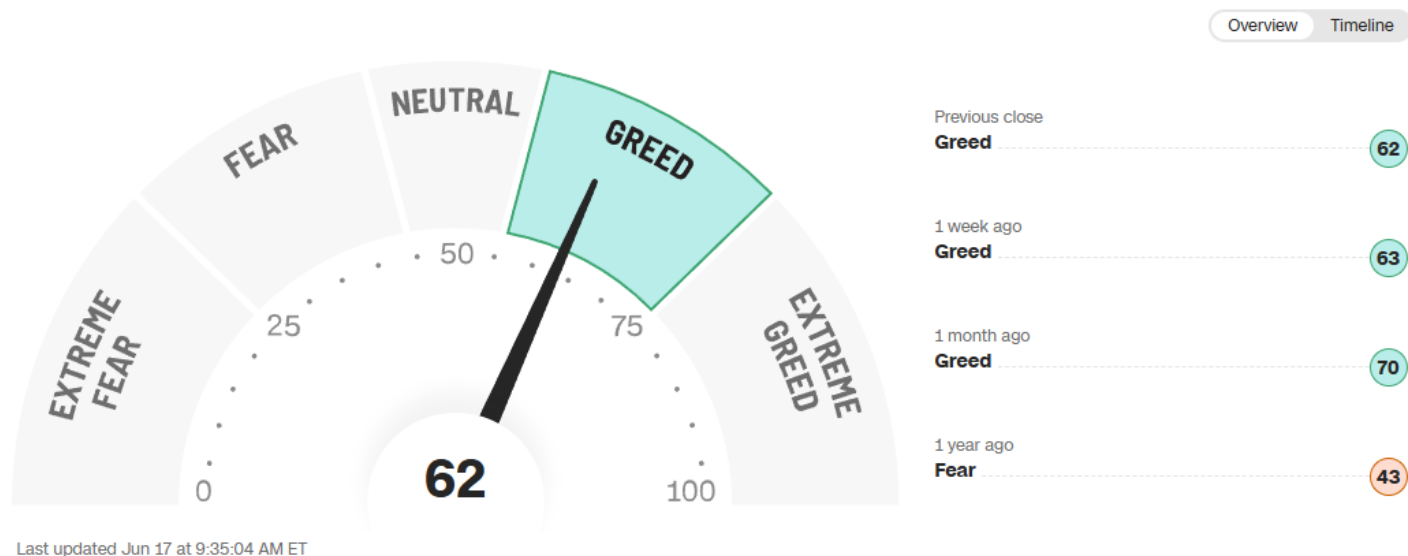
Calendar	GMT	Reference	Actual	Previous	Consensus	TEForecast
2025-05-15	12:30 PM	Apr	5.2%	5.2%		1.1%
2025-06-17	12:30 PM	May	3.3%	5%		4.9%
2025-07-17	12:30 PM	Jun		3.3%		3.6%

Related	Last	Previous	Unit	Reference
Chain Store Sales	2967.00	2525.00	USD Million	Mar 2025
Retail Sales Ex Autos MoM	-0.30	0.00	percent	May 2025
Retail Sales Ex Gas/Autos MoM	-0.10	0.10	percent	May 2025
Retail Sales MoM	-0.90	-0.10	percent	May 2025
Retail Sales YoY	3.30	5.00	percent	May 2025

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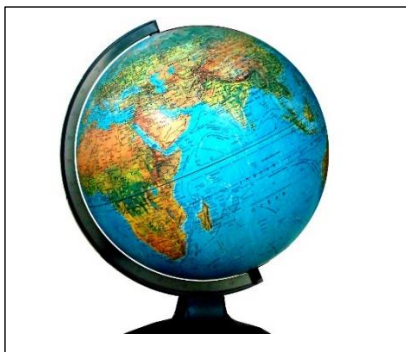
The conflict between Israel and Iran has caused tensions in the Middle East. The leaders of the Group of Seven (G7) industrialized nations called for "de-escalation" today, and US President Trump also expressed support for the joint statement after leaving the summit early.

Israel said that its army has destroyed more than 120 Iranian ground-to-ground missile launchers, accounting for about one-third of the total. Israel now has "complete control over Tehran's airspace."

The Trump Organization announced the launch of Trump Mobile wireless service and announced that it will launch a \$499 "T1 Phone" smartphone this fall. The gold phone claims to be designed and manufactured in the United States, which comes as Trump criticizes Apple for not producing iPhones in the United States and threatens to impose tariffs. The Trump Mobile website promotes the theme of "Make America Great Again" (MAGA) and claims to be the only mobile service that aligns with conservative values.

The US Department of Defense announced that artificial intelligence (AI) startup OpenAI has won a \$200 million contract to supply AI tools to the military.

HelloSafe, a British financial insurance website, recently announced the world's safest country to travel to in 2025. Iceland, Singapore and Denmark are the top three countries with the highest travel safety in 2025. The world's least safe country to travel to is the Philippines.



World Observation

Day 1211
Russia/Ukraine Conflict

Why Operation Rising Lion?

The war began because Iran violated its agreement with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) by enriching uranium beyond peaceful purposes. The U.S. gave Iran a 60-day deadline to reduce its uranium stockpile. Intelligence suggested Iran could produce a nuclear bomb within three weeks. On the 61st day, Israel launched Operation Rising Lion, targeting Iran's nuclear infrastructure.

To minimize civilian casualties, Israel conducted precision strikes at 3:00 a.m., eliminating 20 key figures, including military leaders, political figures, and nuclear scientists. All major military bases, radar, and air defense systems were disabled, allowing Israel to gain control of Tehran's airspace.

Many countries continue to develop nuclear weapons secretly. These underground facilities are hard to destroy, and only the U.S. possesses bunker-busting bombs capable of penetrating up to 200 meters beneath mountains. IAEA reports show no radiation leaks, suggesting Iran's nuclear sites remain intact.

Iran, once supported by Russia, is now a supplier of drones to Russia. Iran's missile stockpile is expected to last only another week. Although both Iran and Israel have around 300 fighter jets, Iran's are largely outdated (e.g., MiG-19s and MiG-21s), while Israel fields modern aircraft like the F-35, F-15, and F-16. Iran still uses the older S-300 air defense system, while Russia has deployed the newer S-400 and S-500.

Israeli jets require two aerial refuelings per mission—one each for the inbound and outbound flights. Their high-precision weaponry is costly and limited, making a prolonged conflict unsustainable.

This war is unlikely to last long. Investors will soon need to refocus on economic and market developments. While Iran could theoretically block the Strait of Hormuz or Bab-el-Mandeb, it is unlikely to do so, as it still relies heavily on oil revenues.