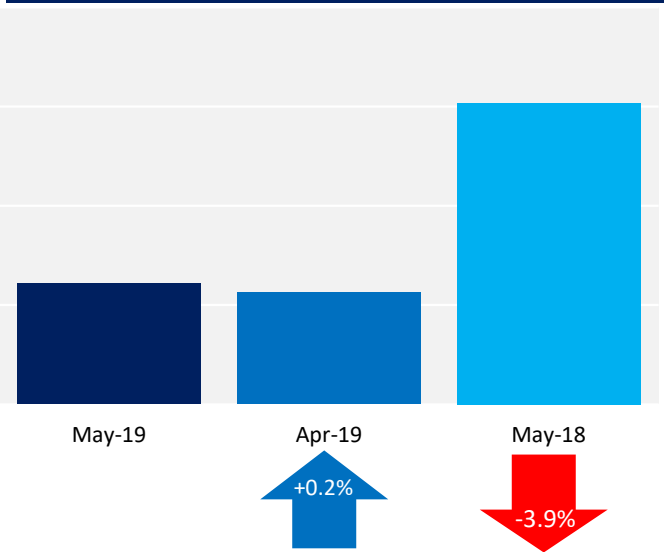
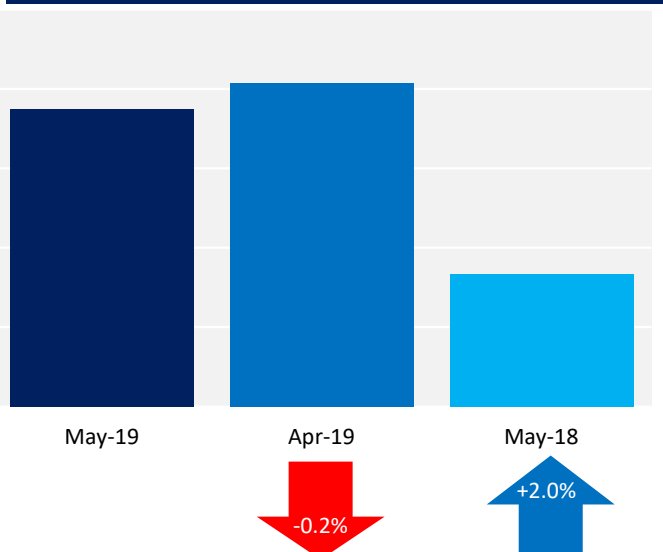


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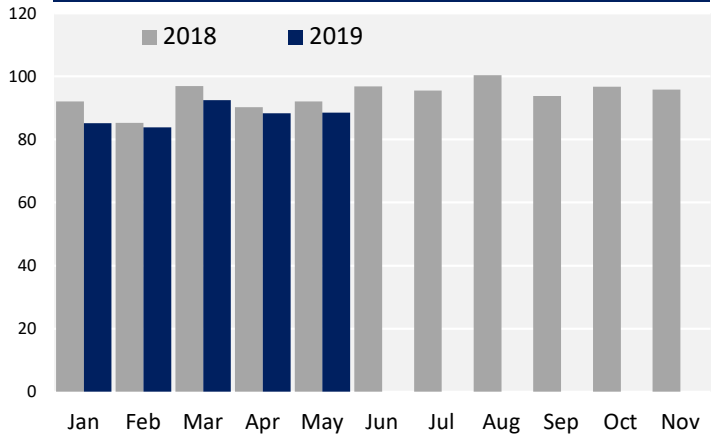
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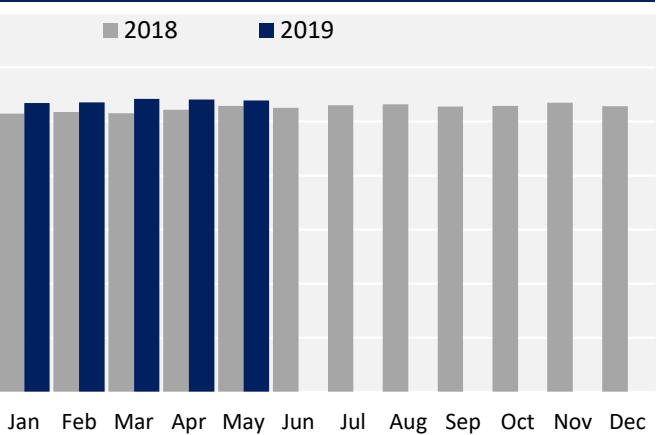
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ANNUAL RETAIL VOLUME TREND



1 st to 9 th May 2019		10 th to 16 th May 2019		17 th to 31 st May 2019	
Chilly with rain and showers		Warmer with sunny spells		Warm with intermittent rain	

Commentators have seized on May's figures as the worst retail performance in years. Using early figures released by the BRC, Bloomberg cites retail sales down by 2.7%, 'the biggest annual fall since 1995'. Bloomberg suggests recent store closures in the Arcadia Group may presage further retailer failures across the summer. Figures released later by ONS indicate a better performance with retail sales up by 2.2% YoY – though with department stores still showing a YoY decline of -0.9%.

Springboard report national footfall figures for the last week of May (including the important Bank Holiday weekend) down by -2%. For the same period High Streets were down by -1.6%, shopping centres by an alarming -3.8% - 'the weakest footfall performance for 6 years', according to the BRC.

The markets sector shared in the downward trend, with PFM Footfall Intelligence recording a YoY decline of -3.9% for UK retail markets.