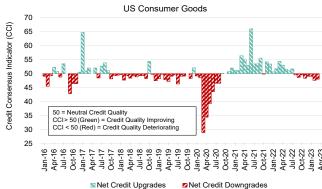


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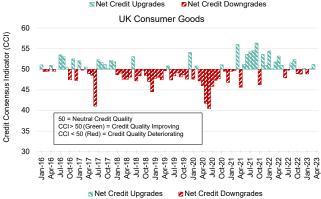


## US Consumer Goods: Net Deterioration Trend Continues

**US Consumer Goods firms** maintain a negative credit balance for eight consecutive months.

US Consumer Goods CCI score this month is 48.0, a slight improvement from last month's CCI of 47.6.

Latest <u>US retail sales</u> rebound from two consecutive months of declines, but well below market forecasts.

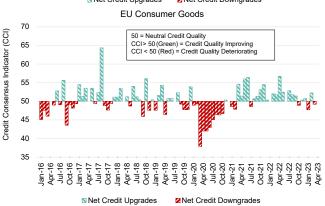


## **UK Consumer Goods: Net Improvement Continues**

UK Consumer Goods firms continue to show a positive credit balance.

**UK Consumer Goods CCI score this month is 51.2**, an improvement from last month's CCI of **50.1**.

Latest **UK** retail sales show a decrease from a month earlier.



## **EU Consumer Goods: Net Deterioration Returns**

**EU Consumer Goods firms** show recent instability in their collective credit balance.

**EU Consumer Goods CCI score this month is 49.2**, a decrease from last month's CCI of **52.3** and a return to net deterioration.

Latest Euro Area retail sales continue to show decline.

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