

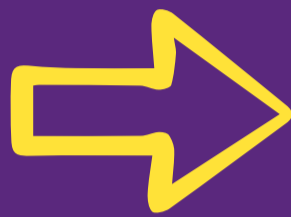
Key trends in retail and leisure

Here's a snapshot of how the pandemic
has affected this sector

Vacancy is on the rise in the UK:

11.8%

up from 11.8% at the
start of 2015



14.5%

to 14.5% in
H1 2021

Towns versus cities

74%

of occupiers in the retail and leisure sector were able to remain trading for three years
during the pandemic, with towns outperforming cities:



76%

Small town centres



72%

Large town centres



72%

City centres

High streets fare better than shopping centres

Shopping centres have been hit the hardest during the pandemic,
with vacancies increasing

From

14.2%

in H1 2019



To

19.4%

in H1 2021



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