

Retail sales index – May 2024

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 **5.0%**

An increase compared with the corresponding month of the previous year

In May 2024 retail sales¹ at constant prices were by 5.0% higher than the year before (against a decrease of 6.8% in May 2023). Compared with April 2024, a decrease by 0.1% in retail sales was recorded. In the period of January-May² 2024 sales increased y/y by 5.5% (against a decrease by 5.9% in corresponding period of 2023).

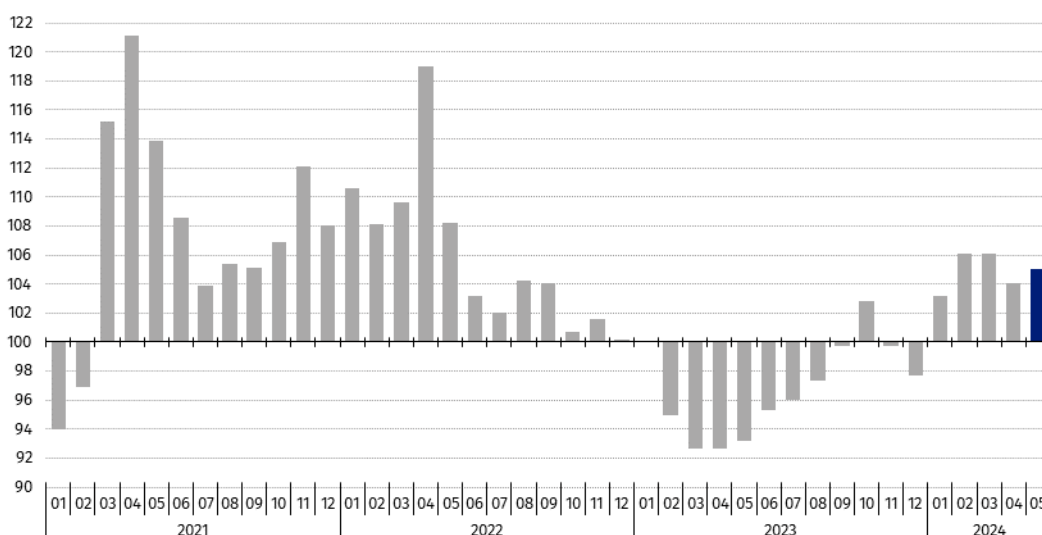
Retail sales of goods by type of enterprise activity

In May 2024, a significant increase in retail sales (at constant prices) compared with the corresponding period of 2023 was recorded by entities from the following groups: “motor vehicles, motorcycles, parts” (by 23.8%), “others” (by 23.5%), “pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, orthopaedic equipment” (by 10.2%), “solid, liquid and gaseous fuels” (by 9.0%). Enterprises classified in the group with the largest share in retail sales “total” - “food, beverages and tobacco products” noted a drop by 1.0%.

In May 2024, an increase in retail sales y/y was recorded in most groups

In May 2024 compared with May 2023, a rise in retail sales value via Internet at current prices was recorded (by 6.8%). The share of sales via Internet in “total” sales increased in May 2024 compared with corresponding period of previous year from 8.5% to 8.6%. Among the presented groups with a significant share of sales via Internet an increase in share was reported by enterprises from the groups: “furniture, radio, TV and household appliances” (from 15.1% a year ago to 16.4%), “newspapers, books, other sale in specialized stores” (from 22.2% to 22.3% respectively). Units from the group “textiles, clothing, footwear”, however, showed a decline in share (from 22.6% to 22.5%).

Chart 1. Retail sales of goods (constant prices) – corresponding period of previous year=100



¹ Data concerns trade and non-trade enterprises employing more than 9 persons. Groups of enterprises were created on the basis of the Polish Classification of Activities (PKD 2007) and a given enterprise is included to a specific category by predominating kind of activity and according to its present organizational status in mentioned period. The recorded changes of rise or fall of the dynamics of retail sales in particular groups of enterprises activity may result from a change in the predominating kind of activity and organisational changes (e.g. a merger of enterprises). This does not have impact on the dynamics of the total retail sales.

² Corrections made by reporting entities were included in cumulative data.

Table 1. Index numbers of retail sales (constant prices)

Specification	05 2024		01-05 2024
	04 2024=100	05 2023=100	01-05 2023=100
TOTAL	99.9	105.0	105.5
of which:			
Motor vehicles, motorcycles, parts	97.2	123.8	125.7
Solid, liquid and gaseous fuels	100.7	109.0	111.5
Food, beverages and tobacco products	101.8	99.0	100.5
Other retail sale in non-specialized stores	.	.	.
Pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, orthopaedic equipment	100.0	110.2	107.6
Textiles, clothing, footwear	99.2	86.5	82.8
Furniture, radio, TV and household appliances	92.5	91.6	91.6
Newspapers, books, other sale in specialized stores	102.6	101.5	101.2
Others	102.8	123.5	124.8

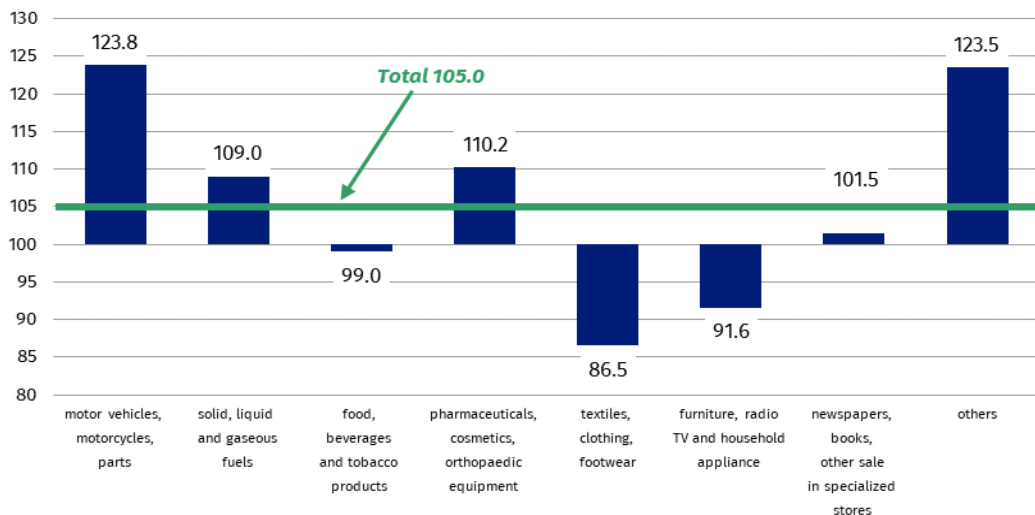
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Table 2. Index numbers of retail sales (current prices)

Specification	05 2024		01-05 2024
	04 2024=100	05 2023=100	01-05 2023=100
TOTAL	99.9	105.4	106.0
of which:			
Motor vehicles, motorcycles, parts	96.6	119.0	122.4
Solid, liquid and gaseous fuels	100.2	107.5	103.5
Food, beverages and tobacco products	102.1	101.0	103.3
Other retail sale in non-specialized stores	.	.	.
Pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, orthopaedic equipment	100.3	111.0	110.8
Textiles, clothing, footwear	98.9	86.2	83.8
Furniture, radio, TV and household appliances	92.2	92.3	93.8
Newspapers, books, other sale in specialized stores	102.8	103.1	102.5
Others	102.9	125.0	127.7

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Chart 2. Retail sales of goods in May 2024 by type of enterprise activity (constant prices) – corresponding period of previous year=100

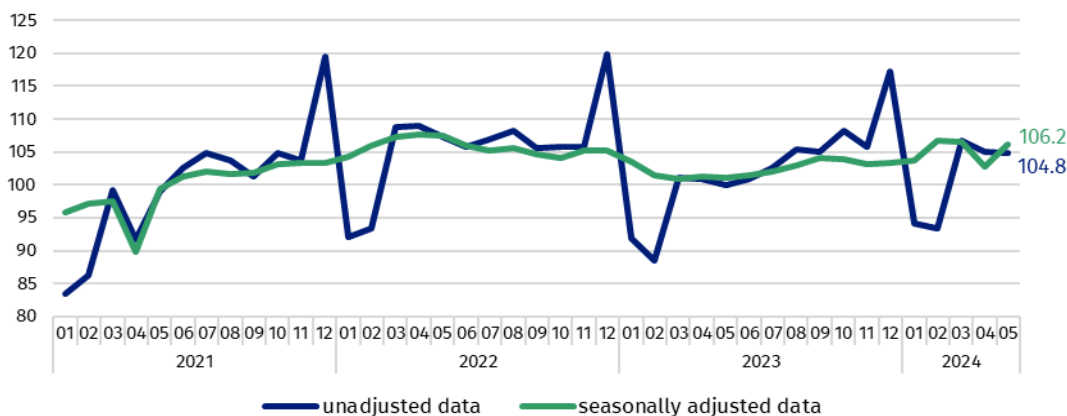


Retail sales seasonally adjusted

After eliminating the seasonal factors, retail sales at constant prices in May 2024 were by 3.3% higher compared with April 2024.

In May 2024, an increase of 3.3% in retail sales seasonally adjusted was recorded in comparison with April 2024

Chart 3. Retail sales – seasonally adjusted and unadjusted data (constant prices) – monthly average 2021=100








In Knowledge Databases (DBW) simultaneously with the data on retail sales, the data for the volume of sales³ by KAU (Kind-of-activity unit), which is prepared for the needs of European statistics, is presented additionally. The volume of sales (constant prices 2021=100) includes divisions and groups of Section G - "Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles". The data is disseminated on the website of the Statistics Poland in the resources Knowledge Databases/Database/Economy/Short-Term Statistics - data by Kind-of-activity unit.

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³ The volume of sales is defined as turnover in trade deflated by price index i.e. turnover at constant prices on the basis of the base year; from 2024 the valid base year is 2021

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