

Retail sales index – March 2019

↑ 101.8
Retail sales index y/y

In March 2019 retail sales¹ at constant prices were by 1.8% higher than the year before (against a growth of 8.8% in March 2018). Compared with February 2019 retail sales increased by 13.5%.

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In March 2019 retail sales in constant prices y/y were by 1.8 higher. The low growth rate was connected i.a. with the shift of Easter date (calendar effect).

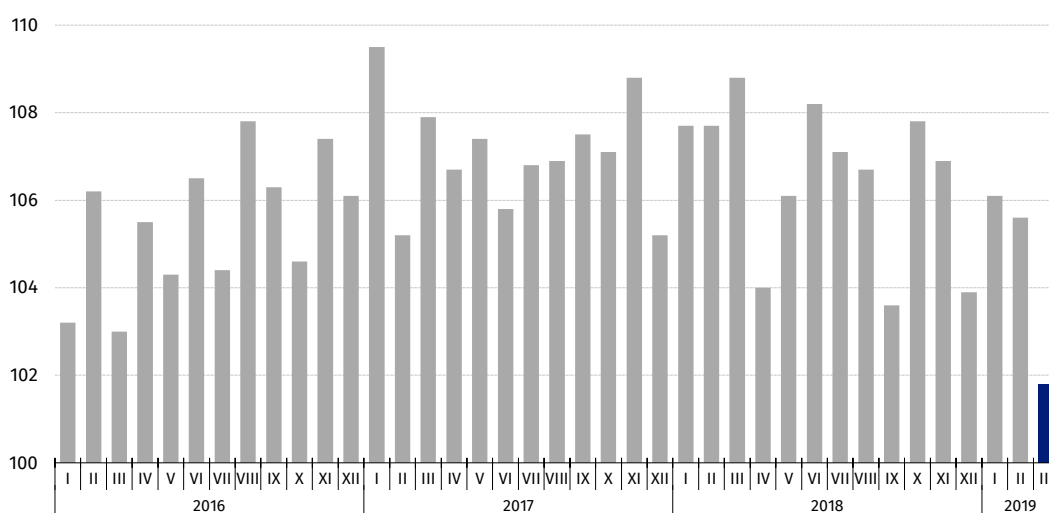
Retail sales of goods by type of enterprise activity

Among the groups with a significant share in total retail sales higher than average increase in March 2019 compared to the corresponding period of 2018 (at constant prices) was observed in enterprises trading in motor vehicles, motorcycles, parts (by 11.3% against an increase of 0.6% the year before) and in units from the group “others” (by 7.0% against an increase of 2.2% the year before). Within groups with a lower share in total retail sales the highest increase was reported by units classified into the group “furniture, radio, TV and household appliances” (by 20.5%). The drop in retail sales was noted by sellers of food, beverages and tobacco products (by 10.4%), as well as by economic entities conducting other retail sales in non-specialized stores (by 1.3%), which was caused i.a. by earlier Easter date in 2018 and increased purchases in March last year.

In the period of January-March 2019² retail sales y/y were by 4.1% higher (against a growth of 8.1% in 2018).

In March 2019 the increase in retail sales at constant prices per annum was recorded in the majority of groups

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 volume 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)

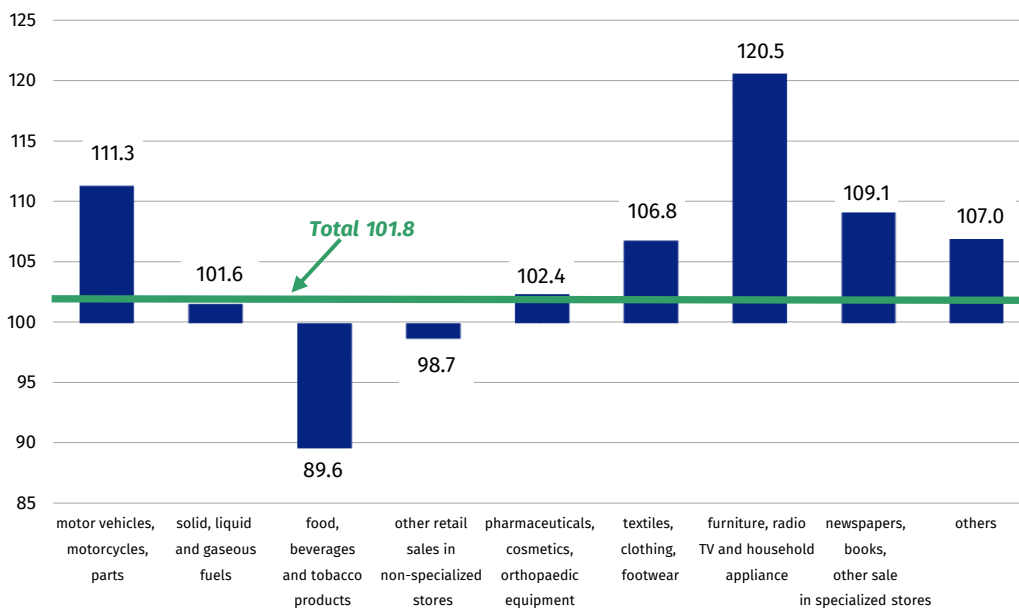
Specification	III 2019		I-III 2019
	II 2019=100	III 2018=100	I-III 2018=100
TOTAL	113.5	101.8	104.1
of which:			
Motor vehicles, motorcycles, parts	117.7	111.3	109.6
Solid, liquid and gaseous fuels	112.5	101.6	102.6
Food, beverages and tobacco products	111.2	89.6	97.6
Other retail sale in non-specialized stores	109.1	98.7	103.3
Pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, orthopaedic equipment	104.4	102.4	105.8
Textiles, clothing, footwear	120.3	106.8	106.3
Furniture, radio, TV and household appliances	120.0	120.5	115.4
Newspapers, books, other sale in specialized stores	118.1	109.1	105.6
Others	117.1	107.0	104.4

In the period of January-March 2019 the retail sales index in constant prices y/y amounted to 104.1

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

Specification	III 2019		I-III 2019	
	II 2019=100	III 2018=100	I-III 2018=100	Structure in %
TOTAL	114.1	103.1	105.0	100,0
of which:				
Motor vehicles, motorcycles, parts	117.8	107.5	105.6	10.2
Solid, liquid and gaseous fuels	112.8	107.5	107.7	15.4
Food, beverages and tobacco products	111.5	91.7	99.4	25.4
Other retail sale in non-specialized stores	109.9	99.0	103.4	11.4
Pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, orthopaedic equipment	104.1	104.2	107.4	7.1
Textiles, clothing, footwear	123.9	104.3	103.4	6.0
Furniture, radio, TV and household appliances	120.2	121.5	116.1	8.6
Newspapers, books, other sale in specialized stores	118.2	109.5	106.1	4.9
Others	117.8	108.0	105.1	9.6

Chart 2. Retail sales of goods in March 2019 by type of enterprise activity (constant prices) – corresponding period of previous year=100

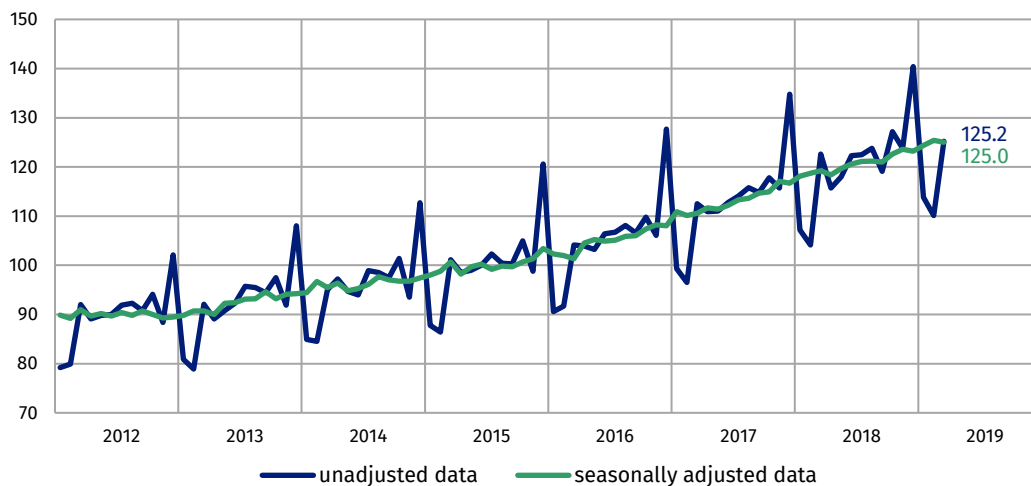


Retail sales seasonally adjusted

After eliminating the seasonal factors, retail sales at constant prices in March 2019 were by 0.3% lower in comparison to February 2019.

In March 2019, there was a decrease of 0.3% in retail sales seasonally adjusted in comparison with February 2019

Chart 3. Retail sales – seasonally adjusted data and unadjusted (constant prices) – monthly average 2015=100



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