

# Retail sales index – August 2019

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**↑104.4**  
Retail sales index y/y

**In August 2019 retail sales<sup>1</sup> at constant prices were by 4.4% higher than the year before (against a growth of 6.7% in August 2018). Compared with July 2019 retail sales increased by 0.1%.**

In August 2019, the growth rate of retail sales in constant prices y/y was lower by 1.3 pp than in July 2019

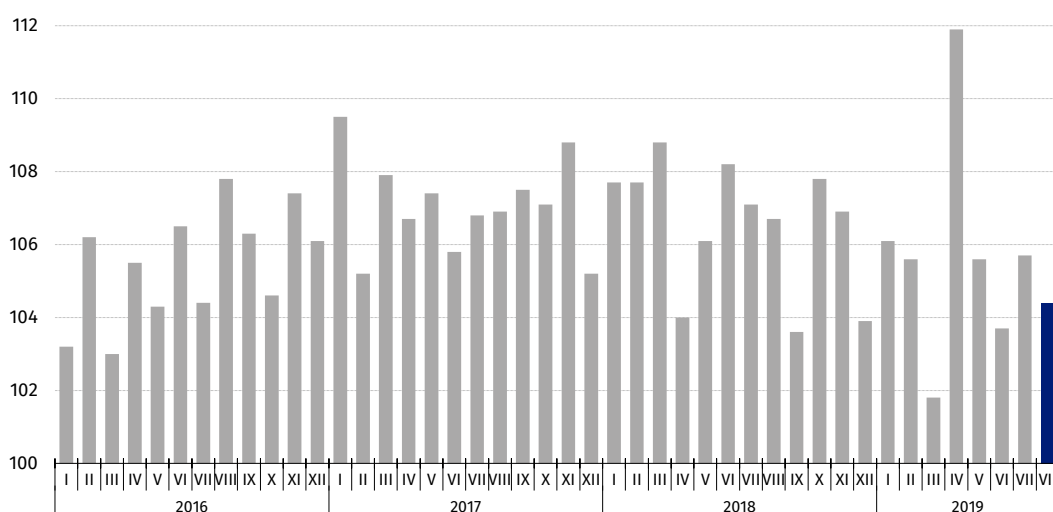
## Retail sales of goods by type of enterprise activity

Among the groups with a significant share in total retail sales the highest increase in August 2019 compared to the corresponding period of 2018 (at constant prices) was observed in enterprises conducting other retail sale in non-specialized stores (by 12.0% against an increase of 6.9% the year before). An increase in sales was also recorded in entities selling motor vehicles, motorcycles, parts (by 3.0% against an increase by 11.0% a year before), food, beverages and tobacco products (by 1.5% against an increase by 1.0% a year before) and in units trading in solid, liquid and gaseous fuels (1.3% against an increase by 7.7% a year before). Within groups with a lower share in total retail sales higher than average increase was reported by units from groups: “furniture, radio, TV and household appliances” (by 11.6%), “textiles, clothing, footwear” (by 7.2%) and “pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, orthopaedic equipment” (by 6.8%). The drop in retail sales was noted by enterprises classified into the group “others” (by 0.9%).

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

In the period of January-August 2019<sup>2</sup> retail sales y/y were by 5.9% higher (against a growth of 6.8% in 2018).

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



<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Corrections made by reporting entities were included in cumulative data.

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

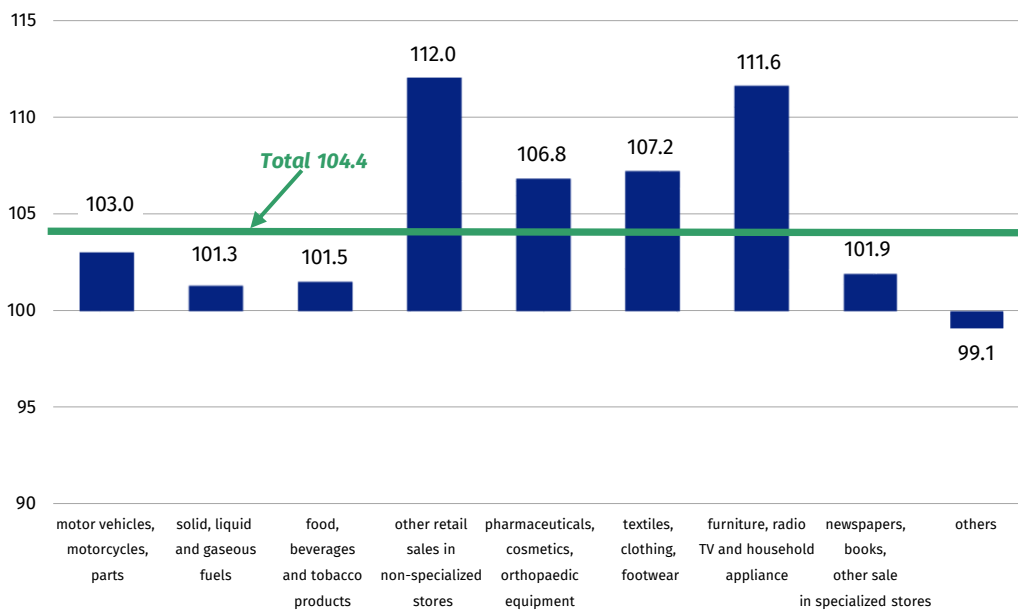
Specification	VIII 2019		I-VIII 2019
	VII 2019=100	VIII 2018=100	I-VIII 2018=100
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.1</b>	<b>104.4</b>	<b>105.9</b>
of which:			
Motor vehicles, motorcycles, parts	88.4	103.0	109.0
Solid, liquid and gaseous fuels	101.6	101.3	103.2
vFood, beverages and tobacco products	103.1	101.5	101.5
Other retail sale in non-specialized stores	102.7	112.0	108.9
Pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, orthopaedic equipment	96.8	106.8	109.0
Textiles, clothing, footwear	101.6	107.2	108.5
Furniture, radio, TV and household appliances	101.8	111.6	115.6
Newspapers, books, other sale in specialized stores	99.8	101.9	103.5
Others	99.1	99.1	102.4

In the period of January-August 2019 the retail sales index in constant prices y/y amounted to 105.9

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

Specification	VIII 2019		I-VIII 2019
	VII 2019=100	VIII 2018=100	I-VIII 2018=100
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>99.6</b>	<b>106.0</b>	<b>107.3</b>
of which:			
Motor vehicles, motorcycles, parts	87.6	99.4	105.2
Solid, liquid and gaseous fuels	100.6	101.4	106.9
Food, beverages and tobacco products	102.9	107.6	105.1
Other retail sale in non-specialized stores	102.3	112.5	109.2
Pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, orthopaedic equipment	96.6	108.8	110.8
Textiles, clothing, footwear	100.1	105.8	106.4
Furniture, radio, TV and household appliances	101.9	112.0	116.2
Newspapers, books, other sale in specialized stores	99.5	102.2	103.9
Others	98.7	101.3	103.8

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

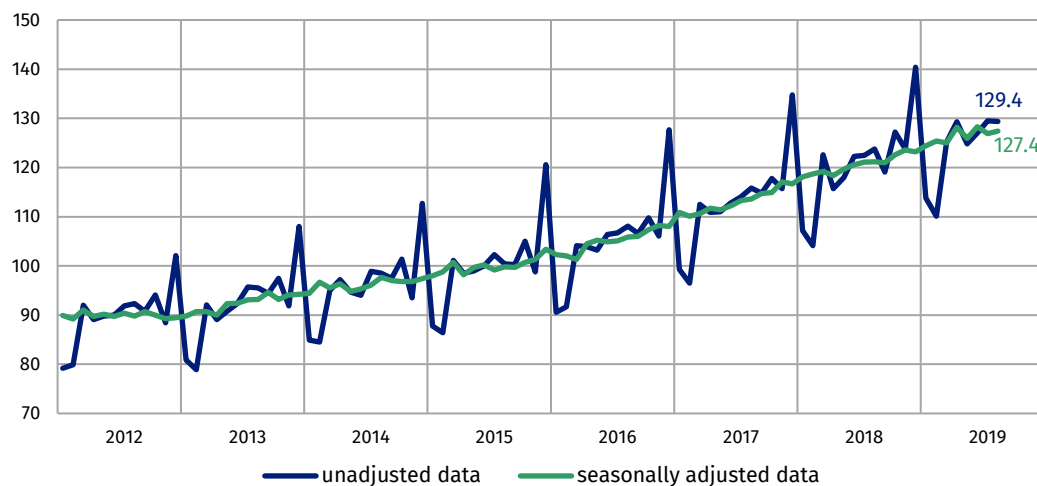


**Retail sales seasonally adjusted**

After eliminating the seasonal factors, retail sales at constant prices in August 2019 were by 0.4% higher in comparison to July 2019.

In August 2019, there was an increase of 0.4% in retail sales seasonally adjusted in comparison with July 2019

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



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