

Retail sales index – March 2018

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↑108.8
Retail sales index y/y

In March 2018 retail sales¹ at constant prices were by 8.8% higher than the year before (against a growth of 7.9% in March 2017). The growth rate of retail sales was higher than in January and February this year, when a growth by 7.7% was recorded. In comparison with February 2018 retail sales were higher by 17.9%.

In March 2018 the growth rate of retail sales at constant prices y/y was by 1.1 pp higher than in previous months of this year

Retail sales of goods by type of enterprise activity

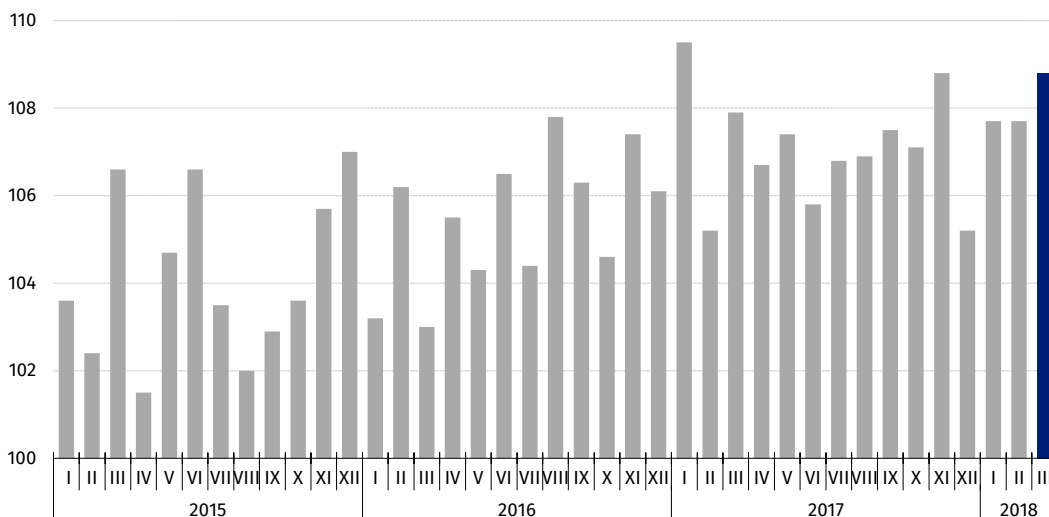
Among the groups with a significant share in total retail sales, the highest increase in March 2018 compared to the corresponding period of previous year (at constant prices) was observed in entities from the group “other retail sale in non-specialized stores” (by 17.4% against a growth of 3.7% the year before). A substantial increase in sales was also recorded in enterprises trading in “food, beverages and tobacco products” (by 13.8%), which was caused i.a. by shift of shopping to March this year due to the earlier date of Easter in 2018 (calendar effect).

Within groups with a lower share in total retail sales, the highest increase in sales was noted by enterprises classified to groups “pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, orthopaedic equipment” (by 14.1%) and “textiles, clothing, footwear” (by 13.0%). The decrease in retail sales was recorded by units from groups: “newspapers, books, other sale in specialized stores” (by 2.5%); “motor vehicles, motorcycles, parts” (by 0.6%).

In the period of January-March 2018² retail sales were by 8.1 higher than in the corresponding period of 2017 (against a growth of 7.1% the year before).

In the 1st quarter of 2018, the increase in retail sales at constant prices per annum amounted to 8.1%

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)

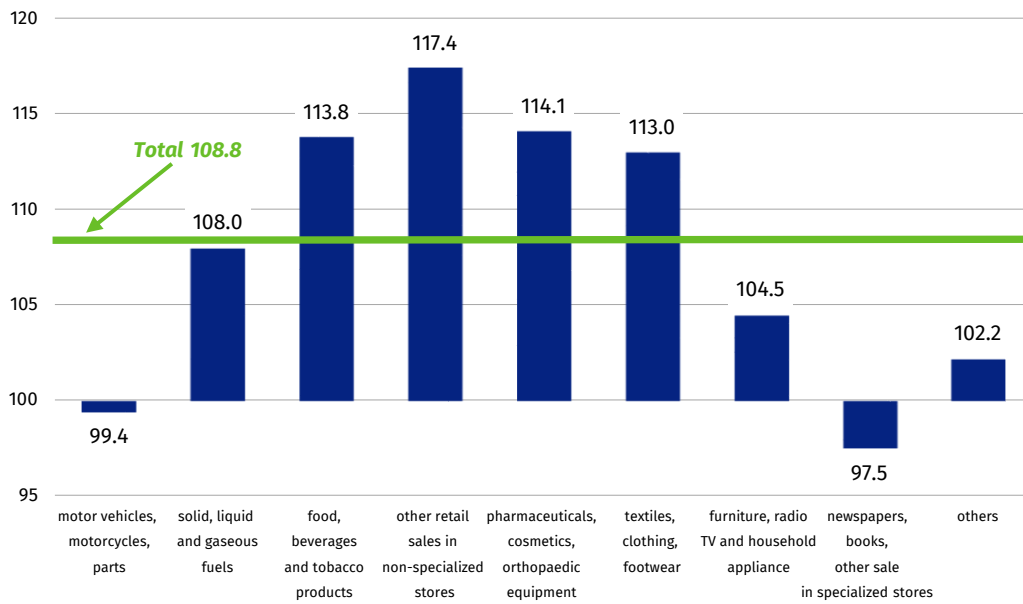
Specification	III 2018		I-III 2018
	II 2018=100	III 2017=100	I-III 2017=100
TOTAL	117.9	108.8	108.1
of which:			
Motor vehicles, motorcycles, parts	111.1	99.4	105.0
Solid, liquid and gaseous fuels	112.9	108.0	106.3
Food, beverages and tobacco products	126.2	113.8	106.4
Other retail sale in non-specialized stores	125.4	117.4	111.5
Pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, orthopaedic equipment	110.3	114.1	113.2
Textiles, clothing, footwear	115.9	113.0	116.7
Furniture, radio, TV and household appliances	113.4	104.5	108.7
Newspapers, books, other sale in specialized stores	111.1	97.5	101.4
Others	114.6	102.2	108.6

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

Specification	III 2018		I -III 2018	
	II 2018=100	III 2017=100	I-III 2017=100	Structure in %
TOTAL	117.8	109.2	108.5	100.0
of which:				
Motor vehicles, motorcycles, parts	110.7	95.7	100.8	10.1
Solid, liquid and gaseous fuels	112.2	109.1	107.7	15.0
Food, beverages and tobacco products	126.1	117.3	110.0	26.9
Other retail sale in non-specialized stores	125.8	116.3	110.5	11.6
Pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, orthopaedic equipment	109.7	114.1	113.6	7.0
Textiles, clothing, footwear	118.5	109.1	112.2	6.1
Furniture, radio, TV and household appliances	113.0	104.7	109.1	7.8
Newspapers, books, other sale in specialized stores	110.9	97.1	101.1	4.9
Others	114.9	102.7	109.0	9.4

In the 1st quarter of 2018 the share of the group „food, beverages and tobacco products“ in the total retail sales amounted to 26.9%

Chart 2. Retail sales of goods in March 2018 by type of enterprise activity (constant prices) – corresponding period of previous year=100

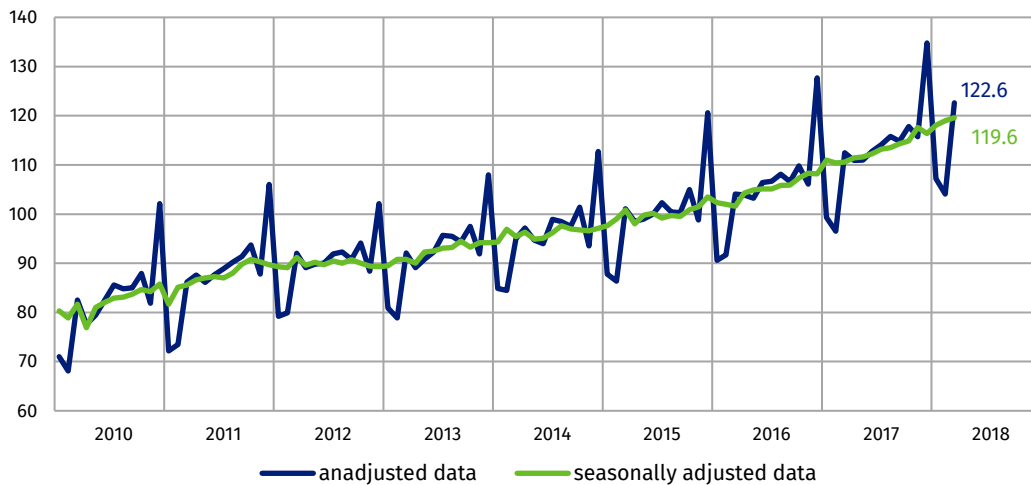


Retail sales seasonally adjusted

After eliminating the seasonal factors, retail sales at constant prices in March 2018 were higher by 0.5% in comparison to previous month.

In March 2018 retail sales seasonally adjusted increased by 0.5% in comparison with February 2018

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



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