**Retail sales index – April 2018**

In April 2018, the growth rate of retail sales at constant prices y/y was lower than in the previous months of this year

In April 2018 retail sales[[1]](#footnote-1) at constant prices were by 4.0% higher than the year before (against a growth of 6.7% in April 2017). The growth rate of retail sales was lower than in the previous months of 2018. In comparison with March 2018 retail sales were lower by 5.9%.

 104.0

Retail sales index y/y

# Retail sales of goods by type of enterprise activity

In April 2018, the increase in retail sales at constant prices per annum persisted in the majority of groups

Among the groups with a significant share in total retail sales, the highest increase in April 2018 compared to the corresponding period of previous year (at constant prices) was observed in entities from the group “others” (by 14.5% against a decrease of 0.2% the year before). A substantial increase in sales was also recorded in enterprises trading in motor vehicles, motorcycles, parts (by 11.7%) and solid, liquid and gaseous fuels (by 10.2%).

Within groups with a lower share in total retail sales, the highest increase in sales was noted by entities trading in textiles, clothing, footwear (by 18.0%).

The decrease in retail sales was recorded by economic units classified into the groups “other retail sale in non-specialized stores” (by 1.9%) and “food, beverages and tobacco products” (by 10.4%), which was caused by earlier date of Easter in 2018 (calendar effect).

In the period of January-April 2018[[2]](#footnote-2) retail sales were by 6.9 higher than in the corresponding period of 2017 .

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

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

In the period of January-April 2018, retail sales index (at constant prices) per annum persisted at the same level as in the corresponding period of the previous year and amounted to 106.9

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| Specification |
| IV 2018 | I-IV 2018 |
| III 2018=100 | IV 2017=100 | I-IV 2017=100 |
| **TOTAL** | **94.1** | **104.0** | **106.9** |
| of which: |  |  |  |
| Motor vehicles, motorcycles, parts | 91.5 | 111.7 | 107.6 |
| Solid, liquid and gaseous fuels | 101.0 | 110.2 | 107.2 |
| Food, beverages and tobacco products | 82.3 | 89.6 | 102.1 |
| Other retail sale in non-specialized stores | 86.1 | 98.1 | 108.0 |
| Pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, orthopaedic equipment | 98.6 | 108.5 | 112.4 |
| Textiles, clothing, footwear | 107.5 | 118.0 | 110.7 |
| Furniture, radio, TV and household appliances | 101.2 | 106.4 | 107.8 |
| Newspapers, books, other sale in specialized stores | 108.5 | 108.3 | 103.7 |
| Others | 104.3 | 114.5 | 110.1 |

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

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| Specification |
| IV 2018 | I-IV 2018 |
| III 2018=100 | IV 2017=100 | I-IV 2017=100 |
| **TOTAL** | **94.7** | **104.6** | **107.4** |
| of which: |  |  |  |
| Motor vehicles, motorcycles, parts | 90.8 | 106.8 | 103.2 |
| Solid, liquid and gaseous fuels | 102.7 | 113.8 | 109.1 |
| Food, beverages and tobacco products | 82.7 | 92.8 | 105.6 |
| Other retail sale in non-specialized stores | 86.8 | 97.3 | 107.0 |
| Pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, orthopaedic equipment | 98.8 | 108.6 | 112.7 |
| Textiles, clothing, footwear | 110.5 | 113.7 | 106.4 |
| Furniture, radio, TV and household appliances | 101.5 | 106.9 | 108.2 |
| Newspapers, books, other sale in specialized stores | 108.4 | 107.9 | 103.4 |
| Others | 105.0 | 115.2 | 110.7 |

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

**Retail sales seasonally adjusted**

In April 2018, the retail sales, seasonally adjusted decreased by 1.3% in comparison with March 2018

After eliminating the seasonal factors, retail sales at constant prices in April 2018 were lower by 1.3% in comparison to previous month.

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

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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. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Corrections made by reporting entities were included in cumulative data. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)