

## Retail sales index – August 2018

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**↑ 106.7**  
Retail sales index y/y

**In August 2018 retail sales<sup>1</sup> at constant prices were by 6.7% higher than the year before (against a growth of 6.9% in August 2017). Compared with July this year retail sales increased by 1.2%.**

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

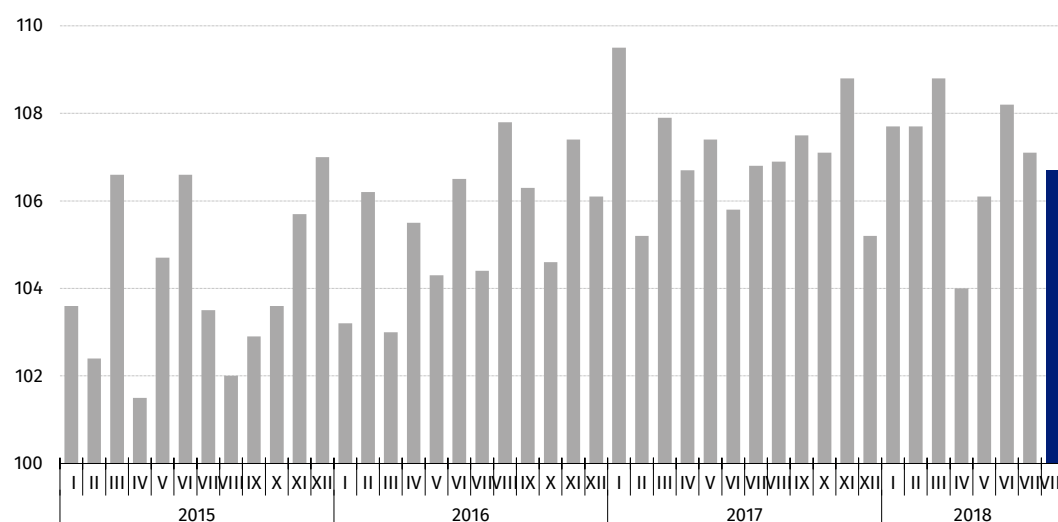
### Retail sales of goods by type of enterprise activity

Among the groups with a significant share in total retail sales, the highest increase in August 2018 compared to the corresponding period of previous year (at constant prices) was observed in enterprises trading in motor vehicles, motorcycles, parts (by 11.0% against a growth of 4.0% the year before). Higher than average growth was reported by units trading in solid, liquid and gaseous fuels (by 7.7%) as well as by entities classified into the group “other retail sale in non-specialized stores” (by 6.9%).

Within groups with a lower share in total retail sales, high growth was noted by units from groups: “textiles, clothing, footwear” (by 15.9%) and “pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, orthopaedic equipment” (by 11.6%) and “furniture, radio, TV and household appliances” (by 9.1%). In the period of January-August 2018<sup>2</sup> retail sales were by 6.8% higher than in the corresponding period of previous year (against a growth of 7.1% in 2017).

In August 2018, the increase in retail sales at constant prices per annum was recorded in all groups

**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)**

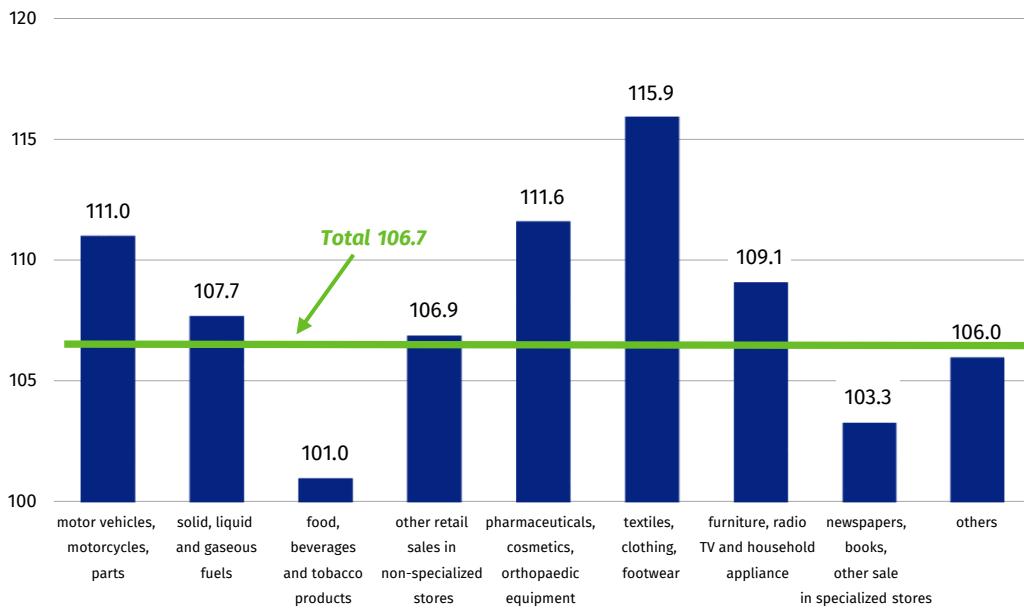
Specification	VIII 2018		I-VIII 2018
	VII 2018=100	VIII 2017=100	I-VIII 2017=100
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>101.2</b>	<b>106.7</b>	<b>106.8</b>
of which:			
Motor vehicles, motorcycles, parts	92.0	111.0	109.2
Solid, liquid and gaseous fuels	102.1	107.7	107.6
Food, beverages and tobacco products	103.8	101.0	101.4
Other retail sale in non-specialized stores	102.2	106.9	107.5
Pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, orthopaedic equipment	99.9	111.6	111.2
Textiles, clothing, footwear	96.0	115.9	113.5
Furniture, radio, TV and household appliances	105.6	109.1	107.6
Newspapers, books, other sale in specialized stores	99.9	103.3	102.3
Others	101.9	106.0	109.8

In the period of January-August 2018 the retail sales index in constant prices amounted to 106.8

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

Specification	VIII 2018		I-VIII 2018
	VII 2018=100	VIII 2017=100	I-VIII 2017=100
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.9</b>	<b>109.0</b>	<b>108.1</b>
of which:			
Motor vehicles, motorcycles, parts	92.0	107.5	105.1
Solid, liquid and gaseous fuels	102.2	121.0	114.8
Food, beverages and tobacco products	103.2	103.0	104.3
Other retail sale in non-specialized stores	101.9	106.6	106.7
Pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, orthopaedic equipment	100.0	112.5	111.9
Textiles, clothing, footwear	94.5	112.1	109.2
Furniture, radio, TV and household appliances	105.8	110.1	108.3
Newspapers, books, other sale in specialized stores	99.8	104.1	102.1
Others	101.5	106.6	110.2

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

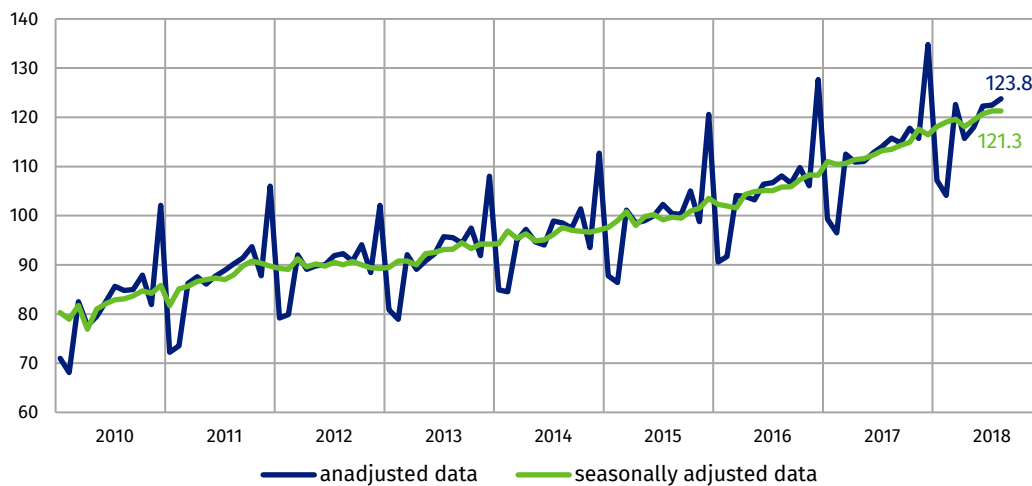


**Retail sales seasonally adjusted**

After eliminating the seasonal factors, retail sales at constant prices in August 2018 remained at the same level as in the previous month of this year.

In August 2018, the retail sales seasonally adjusted were at the same level as in July 2018

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



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