

Retail sales index – April 2019



In April 2019 retail sales¹ at constant prices were by 11.9% higher than the year before (against a growth of 4.0% in April 2018). Compared with March 2019 retail sales increased by 3.5%.

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In April 2019, retail sales in constant prices y/y were by 11.9% higher. The high growth rate was related to i.a. the shift of Easter date (calendar effect)

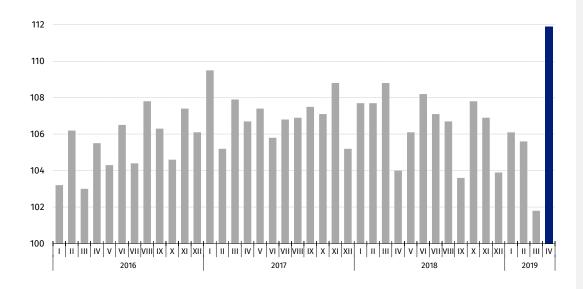
In April 2019 the increase in retail sales at constant prices per annum was recorded in all groups

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 April 2019 compared to the corresponding period of 2018 (at constant prices) was observed in enterprises conducting other retail sales in non-specialized stores (by 20.7% against a decrease of 1.9% the year before), units selling food, beverages and tobacco products (by 18.2% against a decrease of 10.4% a year before) and in entities trading in motor vehicles, motorcycles, parts (by 13.3% against an increase by 11,7% a year before). Within groups with a lower share in total retail sales the highest increase was reported by units from group "furniture, radio, TV and household appliances" (by 19.5%).

In the period of January-April 2019² retail sales y/y were by 6.5% higher (against a growth of 6.9% in 2018).

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)

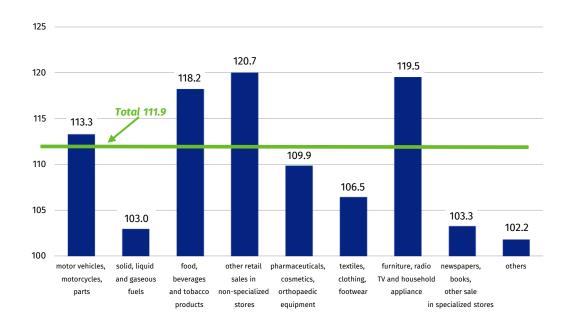
Specification	IV 2019		I-IV 2019
	III 2019=100	IV 2018=100	I-IV 2018=100
TOTAL	103.5	111.9	106.5
of which:			
Motor vehicles, motorcycles, parts	93.0	113.3	110.5
Solid, liquid and gaseous fuels	102.2	103.0	103.2
Food, beverages and tobacco products	108.7	118.2	102.7
Other retail sale in non-specialized stores	105.2	120.7	108.1
Pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, orthopaedic equipment	105.8	109.9	106.9
Textiles, clothing, footwear	107.4	106.5	112.3
Furniture, radio, TV and household appli- ances	100.4	119.5	116.5
Newspapers, books, other sale in specialized stores	102.8	103.3	104.3
Others	99.6	102.2	103.5

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

Specification	IV 2019		I-IV 2019
	III 2019=100	IV 2018=100	I-IV 2018=100
TOTAL	104.4	113.6	107.6
of which:			
Motor vehicles, motorcycles, parts	92.2	109.1	106.4
Solid, liquid and gaseous fuels	105.0	110.0	108.7
Food, beverages and tobacco products	109.5	121.5	104.8
Other retail sale in non-specialized stores	106.1	121.0	108.2
Pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, orthopaedic equipment	106.2	112.0	108.6
Textiles, clothing, footwear	110.5	104.3	109.5
Furniture, radio, TV and household appliances	100.5	120.3	117.2
Newspapers, books, other sale in specialized stores	102.7	103.8	104.7
Others	100.4	103.3	104.3

In the period of January-April 2019 the retail sales index in constant prices y/y amounted to 106.5

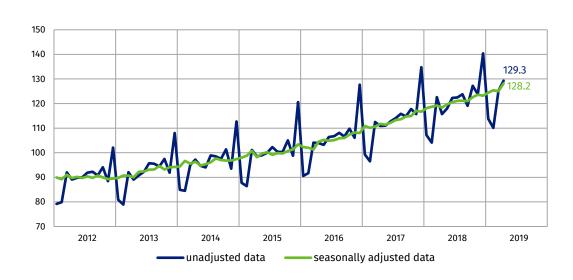
Chart 2. Retail sales of goods in April 2019 by type of enterprise activity (constant prices) – corresponding period of previous year=100



Retail sales seasonally adjusted

After eliminating the seasonal factors, retail sales at constant prices in April 2019 were by 2.6% higher in comparison to March 2019.

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



In April 2019, there was an increase of 2.6% in retail sales seasonally adjusted in comparison with March 2019

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