

# Retail sales index - May 2019



In May 2019 retail sales<sup>1</sup> at constant prices were by 5.6% higher than the year before (against a growth of 6.1% in May 2018). Compared with April 2019 retail sales decreased by 3.5%.

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After the period of fluctuations in the retail sales index, which resulted from the shift of Easter date, in May the sales growth rate was at 5.6% y/y

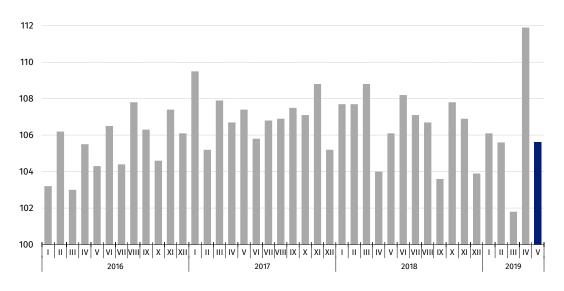
In May 2019 the increase in retail sales at constant prices per annum was recorded in the majority of groups

## 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 May 2019 compared to the corresponding period of 2018 (at constant prices) was observed in entities trading in motor vehicles, motorcycles, parts (by 16.6% against an increase by 3,3% a year before) and in enterprises conducting other retail sales in non-specialized stores (by 9.1% against an increase of 7.8% the year before). Within groups with a lower share in total retail sales a high increase was reported by units from the groups: "furniture, radio, TV and household appliances" (by 16.6%); "pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, orthopaedic equipment" (by 14.8%). A slight decrease in sales was recorded in the group "textiles, clothing, footwear" (by 0.1%).

In the period of January-May 2019<sup>2</sup> retail sales y/y were by 6.5% higher (against a growth of 6.7% in 2018).

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



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

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

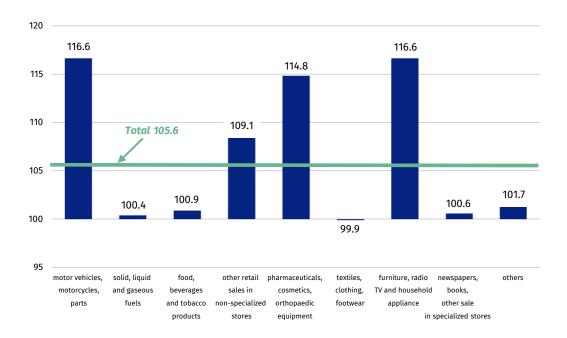
Specification	V 2019		I-V 2019
	IV 2019=100	V 2018=100	I-V 2018=100
TOTAL	96.5	105.6	106.5
of which:			
Motor vehicles, motorcycles, parts	101.5	116.6	112.1
Solid, liquid and gaseous fuels	101.5	100.4	102.8
Food, beverages and tobacco products	91.7	100.9	102.2
Other retail sale in non-specialized stores	94.4	109.1	107.9
Pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, orthopaedic equipment	97.5	114.8	108.8
Textiles, clothing, footwear	92.1	99.9	109.0
Furniture, radio, TV and household appliances	96.8	116.6	117.3
Newspapers, books, other sale in specialized stores	98.8	100.6	104.1
Others	99.8	101.7	103.8

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

Specification	V 2019		I-V 2019
	IV 2019=100	V 2018=100	I-V 2018=100
TOTAL	97.0	107.3	107.7
of which:			
Motor vehicles, motorcycles, parts	101.6	112.6	107.9
Solid, liquid and gaseous fuels	102.3	104.0	107.9
Food, beverages and tobacco products	92.8	105.2	104.7
Other retail sale in non-specialized stores	94.4	109.6	108.1
Pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, orthopaedic equipment	97.6	116.6	110.5
Textiles, clothing, footwear	92.0	98.1	106.4
Furniture, radio, TV and household appli- ances	97.0	117.4	118.0
Newspapers, books, other sale in specialized stores	98.7	101.4	104.6
Others	100.2	103.4	104.8

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

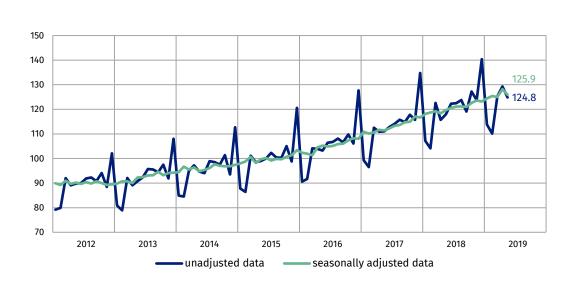
Chart 2. Retail sales of goods in May 2019 by type of enterprise activity (constant prices) – corresponding period of previous year=100



### Retail sales seasonally adjusted

After eliminating the seasonal factors, retail sales at constant prices in May 2019 were by 1.8% lower in comparison to April 2019.

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



In May 2019, there was a decrease of 1.8% in retail sales seasonally adjusted in comparison with April 2019

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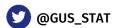
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