

Retail sales index – September 2018

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In September 2018 retail sales¹ at constant prices were by 3.6% higher than the year before (against a growth of 7.5% in September 2017). Compared with August this year retail sales decreased by 3.9%.

In September 2018, retail sales at constant prices y/y were higher by 3.6% and it was the lowest increase recorded this year

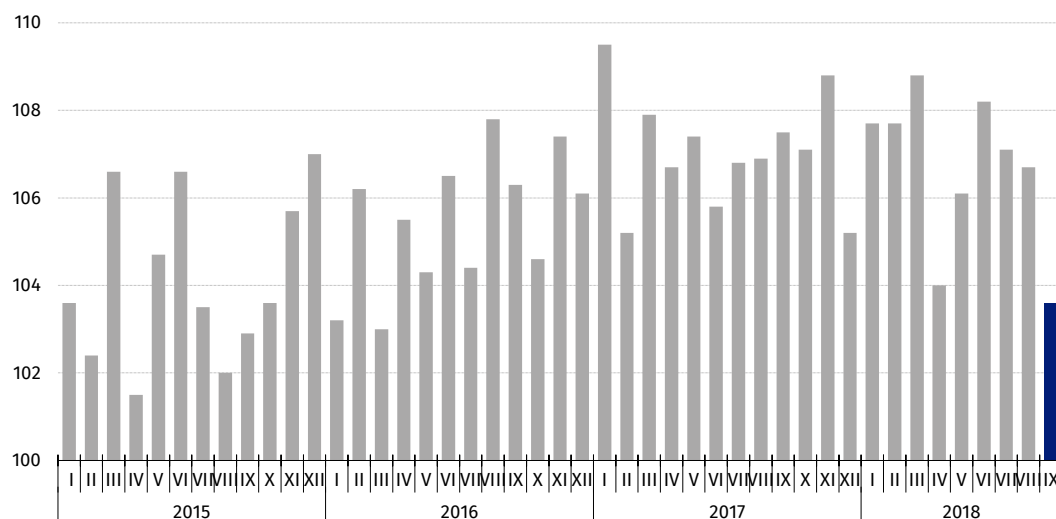
Retail sales of goods by type of enterprise activity

Among the groups with a significant share in total retail sales high increase in September 2018 compared to the corresponding period of previous year (at constant prices) was observed in enterprises from the group “others” (by 8.9% against a growth of 3.9% the year before) and by units trading in solid, liquid and gaseous fuels (by 8.2% against a growth of 3.6% the year before). Higher than average growth was reported by entities classified into the group “other retail sale in non-specialized stores” (by 4.5%). The decrease in retail sales was recorded by enterprises trading in motor vehicles, motorcycles, parts (by 4.3%) as well as selling food, beverages and tobacco products (by 0.9%). Within groups with a lower share in total retail sales, high growth was noted by units from groups: “pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, orthopaedic equipment” (by 9.1%) and “textiles, clothing, footwear” (by 8.9%).

In the period of January-September 2018² retail sales were by 6.4% higher than in the corresponding period of previous year (against a growth of 7.2% in 2017).

In the period January-September 2018 the retail sales index at constant prices amounted to 106.4

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)

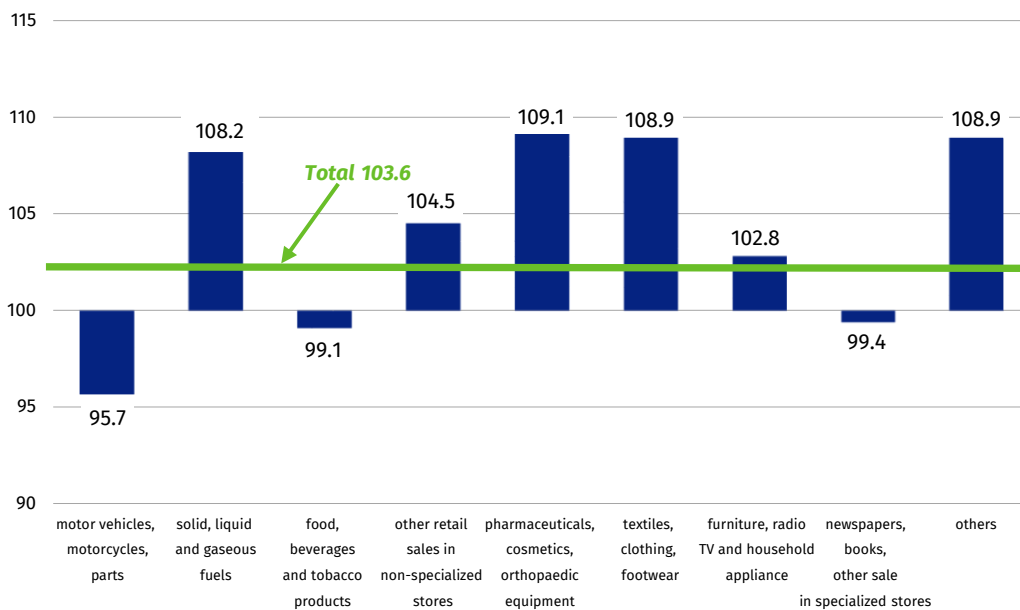
Specification	IX 2018		I-IX 2018
	VIII 2018=100	IX 2017=100	I-IX 2017=100
TOTAL	96.1	103.6	106.4
of which:			
Motor vehicles, motorcycles, parts	93.9	95.7	106.5
Solid, liquid and gaseous fuels	95.6	108.2	107.6
Food, beverages and tobacco products	95.9	99.1	101.1
Other retail sale in non-specialized stores	94.7	104.5	107.1
Pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, orthopaedic equipment	97.9	109.1	111.0
Textiles, clothing, footwear	102.0	108.9	113.0
Furniture, radio, TV and household appliances	94.5	102,8	107.2
Newspapers, books, other sale in specialized stores	92.7	99.4	102.0
Others	99.3	108.9	110.1

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

Specification	IX 2018		I-IX 2018	
	VIII 2018=100	IX 2017=100	I-IX 2017=100	Structure in %
TOTAL	96.6	105.6	107.7	100.0
of which:				
Motor vehicles, motorcycles, parts	93.7	93.0	102.6	9.4
Solid, liquid and gaseous fuels	96.1	118.4	115.1	16.1
Food, beverages and tobacco products	96.4	101.2	104.0	25.7
Other retail sale in non-specialized stores	95.3	104.6	106.5	11.3
Pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, orthopaedic equipment	98.3	110.3	111.7	6.6
Textiles, clothing, footwear	104.2	105.5	108.8	6.4
Furniture, radio, TV and household appliances	94.6	103.9	107.9	8.1
Newspapers, books, other sale in specialized stores	93.0	100.9	102.0	5.1
Others	100.0	109.8	110.7	10.1

The share of group “food, beverages and tobacco products” in the total retail sales structure in the period January-September 2018 decreased in comparison with the first half of this year by 0.5 pp.

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

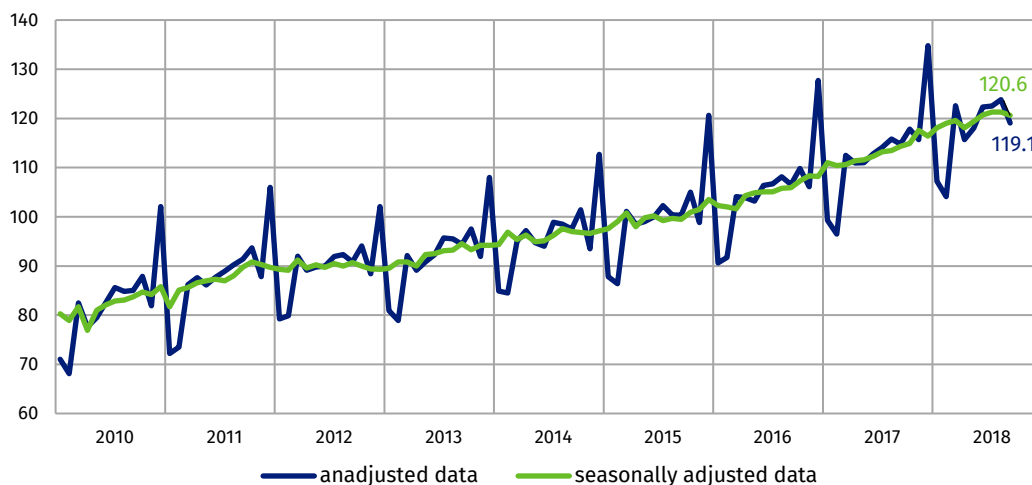


Retail sales seasonally adjusted

After eliminating the seasonal factors, retail sales at constant prices in September 2018 were lower by 0.6 % in comparison to the previous month of this year.

In September 2018, there was a drop in retail sales seasonally adjusted by 0.6% compared to August this year

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



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