

# Retail sales index – February 2019



In February 2019 retail sales<sup>1</sup> at constant prices were by 5.6% higher than the year before (against a growth of 7.7% in February 2018). Compared with January 2019 retail sales decreased by 3.2%.

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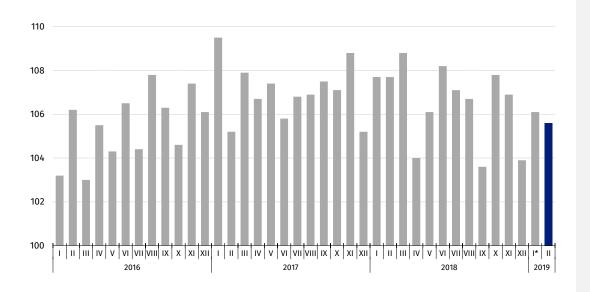
The stable, over 5% growth rate of retail sales in constant prices y/y has been maintained since the beginning of this year

In February 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 the highest increase in February 2019 compared to the corresponding period of 2018 (at constant prices) was observed in enterprises conducting other retail sales in non-specialized stores (by 13.5% against an increase of 7.9% the year before). A substantial increase in sales was also recorded in units trading in motor vehicles, motorcycles, parts (by 5.0%) as well as by entities from group "others" (by 4.7%). Within groups with a lower share in total retail sales higher than average increase was reported by units from groups "furniture, radio, TV and household appliances" (by 13.8%) and "pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, orthopaedic equipment" (by 8.2%). In the period of January-February 2019² retail sales y/y were by 5.4% higher (against a growth of 8.1% in 2018).

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



\*Data revised

<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)

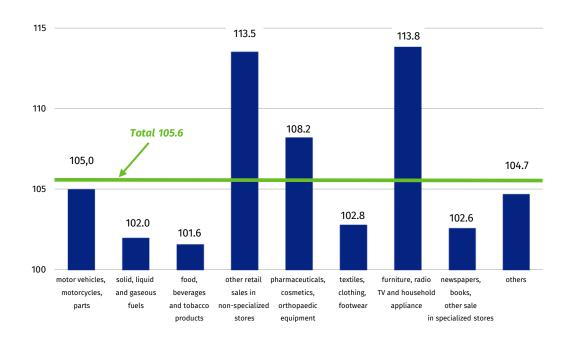
Specification	II 2019		I-II 2019
	I 2019=100	II 2018=100	I-II 2018=100
TOTAL	96.8	105.6	105.4
of which:			
Motor vehicles, motorcycles, parts	96.4	105.0	106.5
Solid, liquid and gaseous fuels	94.6	102.0	102.9
Food, beverages and tobacco products	96.7	101.6	102.4
Other retail sale in non-specialized stores	103.7	113.5	109.3
Pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, orthopaedic equipment	97.0	108.2	108.6
Textiles, clothing, footwear	88.6	102.8	104.7
Furniture, radio, TV and household appli- ances	98.8	113.8	112.4
Newspapers, books, other sale in specialized stores	91.0	102.6	103.1
Others	100.4	104.7	102.6

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

Specification	II 2019		I-II 2019
	I 2019=100	II 2018=100	I-II 2018=100
TOTAL	96.9	106.5	106.1
of which:			
Motor vehicles, motorcycles, parts	96.9	100.9	102.3
Solid, liquid and gaseous fuels	94.2	106.9	107.4
Food, beverages and tobacco products	97.3	103.7	103.8
Other retail sale in non-specialized stores	103.4	113.4	109.3
Pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, orthopaedic equipment	97.2	109.7	110.1
Textiles, clothing, footwear	87.1	99.7	101.7
Furniture, radio, TV and household appliances	98.7	114.3	113.0
Newspapers, books, other sale in specialized stores	91.3	102.8	103.5
Others	100.4	105.3	103.1

In the period of January-February 2019 the retail sales index in constant prices y/y amounted to 105.4

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

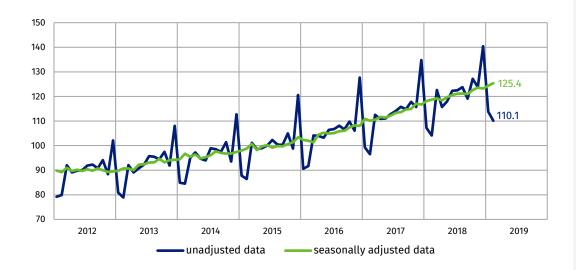


In February 2019, there was an increase of 0.8% in retail sales seasonally adjusted in comparison with January 2019

## Retail sales seasonally adjusted

After eliminating the seasonal factors, retail sales at constant prices in February 2019 were by 0.8% higher in comparison to January 2019.

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



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