

Retail trade

August 2017

The retail trade index measures the monthly evolution of the turnover at current prices of enterprises with retail sale outlets. With effect from January 2013 the indices are calculated with reference to the base year 2010 using the Ateco 2007 classification (Italian edition of Nace Rev. 2).

The value of retail trade decreased by 0.3% in August 2017 compared with the previous month (-0.4% for both food goods and non-food goods) and decreased by 0.5% compared with August 2016 (+0.8% for food goods and -1.5% for non-food goods).

Despite short-term variability, the underlying pattern in retail trade remains flat as in the three months to August 2017 the value is estimated to have decreased by 0.1, whilst the volume is estimated to have increased by 0.1.

The volume of retail trade decreased by 0.4% compared with July 2017 (-0.4% for food goods and -0.5% for non-food goods) and decreased by 1.0% from the same month a year earlier (0.0% for food goods and -1.8% for non-food goods).

Looking at year on year movement (August 2016 – August 2017), retail trade sales were up 1.4% in large scale distribution and down 2.4% in small scale distribution.

RETAIL TRADE INDEX AT CURRENT PRICES (BASE 2010=100) BY MARKETABLE GOODS SECTOR, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (a)

Marketable goods sector	Seasonally adjusted					
	Index			Percentage changes		
	Aug 17		Aug17 Jul17	Jun-Aug17 Mar-May17		
	Value	volume	value	volume	value	volume
Food	100.5	91.1	-0.4	-0.4	+0.2	+0.8
Non food	91.6	87.8	-0.4	-0.5	-0.2	-0.2
Total	94.8	89.0	-0.3	-0.4	-0.1	+0.1

RETAIL TRADE INDEX AT CURRENT PRICES (BASE 2010=100) BY MARKETABLE GOODS SECTOR AND TYPE OF DISTRIBUTION, SEASONALLY UNADJUSTED (a)

Marketable goods sector	Seasonally unadjusted			
	Index		Percentage changes	
	Aug 17		Aug17 Aug16	
	value	volume	value	volume
Food	101.4	92.5	+0.8	0.0
<i>Large scale distribution</i>	104.0		+1.8	
<i>Small and medium scale distribution</i>	95.1		-1.7	
Non food	80.4	81.5	-1.5	-1.8
<i>Large scale distribution</i>	92.9		+0.7	
<i>Small and medium scale distribution</i>	75.0		-2.5	
Total	87.9	85.4	-0.5	-1.0
<i>Large scale distribution</i>	99.2		+1.4	
<i>Small and medium scale distribution</i>	78.7		-2.4	

(a) Provisional data

For more details please refer to the Italian version

Time series are available at database I.stat: <http://dati.istat.it/?lang=en>

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