

February 2018

RETAIL TRADE

The retail trade index measures the monthly evolution of the turnover at current prices of businesses which are engaged in retail trade. With effect from January 2018, the indices are calculated with reference to the base year 2015, using the Ateco 2007 classification (Italian edition of Nace Rev. 2)

In February 2018 estimates of retail trade index decreased by 0.6% compared with February 2017 and increased by 0.4% compared with January 2018.

Looking at the volume of retail trade, there was no growth compared with the same period last year, while there was a rise of 0.9% on the month.

The underlying pattern in the retail sector continues to show a fall with the 3 month on 3 month movement dropping by 0.7% in terms of value and volume.

In February 2018 the value of online sales slightly fell year-on-year by 0.1%. In the same period, while the index for large scale distribution remained stable (0.0%), small scale distribution rate showed a decline (-1.7%).

RETAIL TRADE INDEX AT CURRENT PRICES (BASE 2015=100) BY MARKETABLE GOODS SECTOR, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AND SEASONALLY UNADJUSTED (a)

	Seasonally unadjusted				Seasonally adjusted					
	Feb18		Feb18 Feb17		Feb18		Feb18 Jan18		Dec17-Feb18 Sep-Nov17	
	Value	Volume	Value	Volume	Value	Volume	Value	Volume	Value	Volume
Food	90.8	88.2	0.0	+0.9	101.8	99.8	+0.4	+1.2	-0.8	-0.9
Non food	82.1	86.5	-1.1	-0.6	99.9	99.4	+0.3	+0.7	-0.6	-0.6
Total	85.8	87.2	-0.6	0.0	100.7	99.6	+0.4	+0.9	-0.7	-0.7

(a) Provisional data

RETAIL TRADE INDEX AT CURRENT PRICES (BASE 2015=100) BY KIND OF BUSINESS, SEASONALLY UNADJUSTED (a)

	Feb18	Feb18 Feb17
Large scale distribution	88.7	0.0
Small scale distribution	82.7	-1.7
Online sales	70.4	-0.1

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For more details, please refer to the Italian version

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