

Retail trade

April 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).

In April 2017 the value of retail trade decreased by 0.1% compared with March 2017 (+0.4% for food goods and -0.4% for non-food goods) and increased by 1.2 compared with April 2016 (+4.1% for food goods and -0.7% for non-food goods). Abstracting from the short-term variability, the underlying pattern in the data, as suggested by the 3 months on 3 months movement, increased by 0.5%.

The volume of retail trade in April 2017 is estimated to have increased by 0.3% compared with April 2016 while the seasonally adjusted volume index shows there was no growth when compared to the previous month.

Total sales for large scale distribution through April 2017 were up to 4.3% from the same period a year earlier, while the index for small scale distribution decreased by 1.7%.

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

Marketable goods sector	Seasonally adjusted					
	Index		Percentage changes			
	Apr 17		Apr17 Mar17		Feb-Apr17 Nov16-Jan17	
	value	volume	value	volume	value	volume
Food	101.1	91.2	+0.4	+0.6	+0.7	-0.3
Non food	92.4	88.7	-0.4	-0.4	+0.4	+0.3
Total	95.5	89.6	-0.1	0.0	+0.5	+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	
	Apr 17		Apr17 Apr16	
	value	volume	value	volume
Food	102.6	92.5	+4.1	+1.9
<i>Large scale distribution</i>	108.8		5.8	
<i>Small and medium scale distribution</i>	87.2		-1.0	
Non food	89.2	83.5	-0.7	-0.6
<i>Large scale distribution</i>	92.5		2.1	
<i>Small and medium scale distribution</i>	87.8		-1.9	
Total	94.0	86.7	+1.2	0.3
<i>Large scale distribution</i>	101.7		+4.3	
<i>Small and medium scale distribution</i>	87.7		-1.7	

(a) Provisional data

For more details please refer to the Italian version

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