

December 2017

RETAIL TRADE

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).

Year-on-year estimates of retail trade index showed falls in December 2017, decreasing by 0.1% in terms of value and 0.9% in terms of volume. For the whole of 2017, value of sales grew by 0.2% while volume contracted by 0.6%.

Looking at the quarterly movement (Quarter 4), the 3 months to December 2017 pattern stays relatively flat (+0.1%). In the same period the volume of retail trade decreased by 0.2%, due to a decline in food sales.

The month-on-month picture reported falls in December 2017 as both value index and volume index decreased by 0.3%.

Compared with December 2016, large scale distribution stores increased by 1.9%, while small and medium scale distribution fell 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			
	Dec 17		Dec17 Nov17		Oct-Dec17 Jul-Sep17	
	value	volume	value	volume	value	volume
Food	101.4	90.9	-0.2	-0.2	+0.2	-0.5
Non food	92.4	88.5	-0.3	-0.3	-0.1	0.0
Total	95.6	89.3	-0.3	-0.3	+0.1	-0.2

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	
	Dec 17		Dec17 Dec16	
	value	volume	value	volume
Food	123.9	111.0	+1.2	-0.4
<i>Large scale distribution</i>	127.9		+2.3	
<i>Small and medium scale distribution</i>	114.0		-1.6	
Non food	127.0	118.7	-0.7	-1.1
<i>Large scale distribution</i>	135.6		+1.5	
<i>Small and medium scale distribution</i>	123.3		-1.8	
Total	125.9	116.0	-0.1	-0.9
<i>Large scale distribution</i>	131.2		+1.9	
<i>Small and medium scale distribution</i>	121.6		-1.7	

(a) Provisional data

For more details, please refer to the Italian version

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