

Retail trade

March 2012

The retail trade index measures the monthly evolution of the turnover at current prices of enterprises with retail sale outlets. Since January 2009 the indices are calculated with reference to the base year 2005 using the new Ateco 2007 classification (Italian edition of Nace Rev. 2).

In March 2012 the seasonally adjusted retail trade index decreased by 0.2% with respect to the previous month (-0.2% for food goods and -0.2% for non food goods). The average of the last three months compared to the previous three months increased by 0.8%.

The unadjusted index increased by 1.7% with respect to March 2011.

Retail trade index at current prices (base 2005=100) by marketable goods sector and type of distribution (a)

Marketable goods sector	Seasonally adjusted			Unadjusted	
	Index	Percentage changes		Index	Percentage changes
	Mar 12	Mar 12 Feb 12	Jan 11- Mar 12 Oct -Dic 11	Mar 12	Mar 12 Mar 11
Food	104.1	-0.2	0.9	105.3	3.5
<i>Large scale distribution</i>				112.6	4.7
<i>Small and medium scale distribution</i>				94.8	1.7
Non food	98.5	-0.2	0.8	90.7	0.7
<i>Large scale distribution</i>				93,8	-0.5
<i>Small and medium scale distribution</i>				89.4	1.2
Total	100.2	-0.2	0.8	95.1	1.7
<i>Large scale distribution</i>				102.3	2.0
<i>Small and medium scale distribution</i>				90.5	1.3

(a) Provisional data

For more details please refer to the Italian version.

Time series are available in I.Stat database: <http://dati.istat.it/?lang=en> (english version).

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