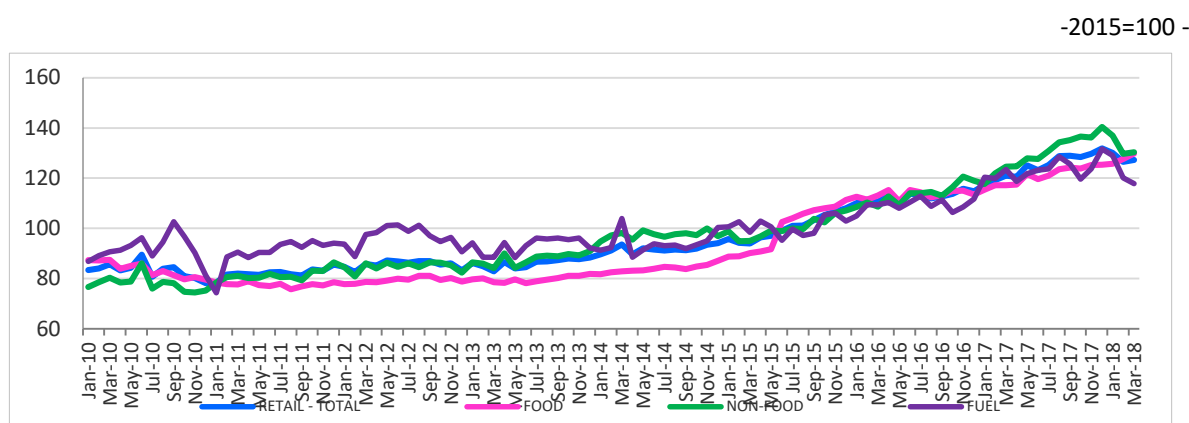


Domain: Trade and services

In March 2018, the retail turnover¹ increased by 0.6% compared to February 2018

- Compared to the previous month, in March 2018 **the retail turnover volume (excluding the trade with motor vehicles and motorcycles)** increased both as gross series by **15.5%** and as adjusted series according to the number of working days and to seasonality by **0.6%**.
- Compared to the corresponding month of the previous year, **the retail turnover volume (excluding the trade with motor vehicles and motorcycles)** increased both as gross series and as adjusted series according to the number of working days and to seasonality by **3.4%** and by **5.2%**, respectively.
- Compared to the period 1.I-31.III.2017, in the period 1.I-31.III.2018 **the retail turnover volume (excluding the trade with motor vehicles and motorcycles)** increased both as gross series and as adjusted series according to the number of working days and to seasonality by **6.4%** and by **7.4%**, respectively.

Monthly evolution of the retail turnover in accordance to CANE Rev. 2
- adjusted series according to the number of working days and to seasonality -
- January 2010 – March 2018 -



Food = Prevalent sale of food, beverages and tobacco; Non-food = Prevalent sale of non-food products; Fuel = Retail of automotive fuel in specialised stores

[Chart data in xls format \(III.2017-III.2018\)](#)

¹ Turnover adjusted according to the number of working days and to seasonality.

**Indices of the retail turnover volume
(excluding the trade with motor vehicles and motorcycles)**

		MARCH 2018 in % as against:		1.I-31.III.2018/ 1.I-31.III.2017 -%-
		FEBRUARY 2018	MARCH 2017	
Total retail (excluding the trade with motor vehicles and motorcycles)	B	115.5	103.4	106.4
	S	100.6	105.2	107.4
Prevalent sale of food, beverages and tobacco	B	114.8	111.9	109.5
	S	101.7	110.8	109.5
Prevalent sale of non-food products	B	115.6	101.7	107.3
	S	100.5	104.6	109.0
Retail of automotive fuel in specialised stores	B	116.9	92.9	99.5
	S	98.1	95.4	100.9

Note: B= gross series; S= adjusted series according to the number of working days and to seasonality

[Table data in xls format](#)

March 2018 as against February 2018

As against the previous month, in March 2018 the retail turnover volume (excluding the trade with motor vehicles and motorcycles), gross series, globally increased by 15.5% due to the increases registered by the retail of automotive fuel in specialised stores (+16.9%), by the sale of non-food products (+15.6%) and by the sale of food, beverages and tobacco (+14.8%).

As against the previous month, in March 2018 the retail turnover volume (excluding the trade with motor vehicles and motorcycles), adjusted series according to the number of working days and to seasonality, globally increased by 0.6% due to the increases registered by the sale of food, beverages and tobacco (+1.7%) and by the sale of non-food products (+0.5%). The retail of automotive fuel in specialised stores decreased by 1.9%.

March 2018 as against March 2017

As against March 2017, in March 2018 the retail turnover volume (excluding the trade with motor vehicles and motorcycles), gross series, registered an increase of 3.4% due to the increases registered by the sale of food, beverages and tobacco (+11.9%) and by the sale of non-food products (+1.7%). The retail of automotive fuel in specialised stores decreased by 7.1%.

As against March 2017, in March 2018 the retail turnover volume (excluding the trade with motor vehicles and motorcycles), adjusted series according to the number of working days and to seasonality, registered an increase of 5.2% due to the increases registered by the sale of food, beverages and tobacco (+10.8%) and by the sale of non-food products (+4.6%). The retail of automotive fuel in specialised stores decreased by 4.6%.

Period 1.I-31.III.2018 as against period 1.I-31.III.2017

As against period 1.I-31.III.2017, in the period 1.I-31.III.2018 the retail turnover volume (excluding the trade with motor vehicles and motorcycles), gross series, registered an increase of 6.4% due to the increases registered by the sale of food, beverages and tobacco (+9.5%) and by the sale of non-food products (+7.3%). The retail of automotive fuel in specialised stores decreased by 0.5%.

As against period 1.I-31.III.2017, in the period 1.I-31.III.2018 the retail turnover volume (excluding the trade with motor vehicles and motorcycles), adjusted series according to the number of working days and to seasonality, registered an increase of 7.4% due to the increases registered by the sale of food, beverages and tobacco (+9.5%), by the sale of non-food products (+9.0%) and by the retail of automotive fuel in specialised stores (+0.9%).

Additional information:

- ✓ **IMPORTANT!** In order to highlight the changes in the economy structure, starting with the data release for **January 2018** reference month, the base year used for the calculation of the indices, for all short-term indicators, was changed from 2010 to 2015.
- ✓ The changing of the base year involves the updating of the weighting system, to reflect the structural modifications occurred in the national economy activities. These modifications determined the proper recalculation and revision of the data series previously published.
- ✓ These changes will appear in press releases, statistical publications published by the INS and in the TEMPO online database.
- ✓ The turnover represents the total revenue recorded by the company during the reporting period, obtained from both the main activity and the secondary activities performed by them. The turnover does not include VAT and the revenue from the sale or transfer of assets.
- ✓ The turnover volume indices of the retail are Laspeyres type indices and are calculated under comparable prices and methodological conditions. For expressing the values of the current period in prices of the reference period, the deflating price indices are used (consumer price index). The first indices obtained are at the level of class/group CANE Rev. 2, then, by successive aggregations, indices at aggregated levels are obtained. The weights used for aggregation are calculated based on the turnover according to the results of the Business Structural Survey from the reference year (2015).

For the correct interpretation of the indicators, please see the [Methodological Notes attached to the press release on the homepage](#).

For more information, see the Monthly Statistical Bulletin (date of issue May 25, 2018) and the INS TEMPO online database (the data for March 2018 will be available on May 16, 2018).

For comparable data with the other Member States of the European Union, kindly see the Eurostat press release which will be issued today, May 4, 2018 and posted at the following address: <http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat>

The next issue of the press release will be on Tuesday, June 5, 2018.

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