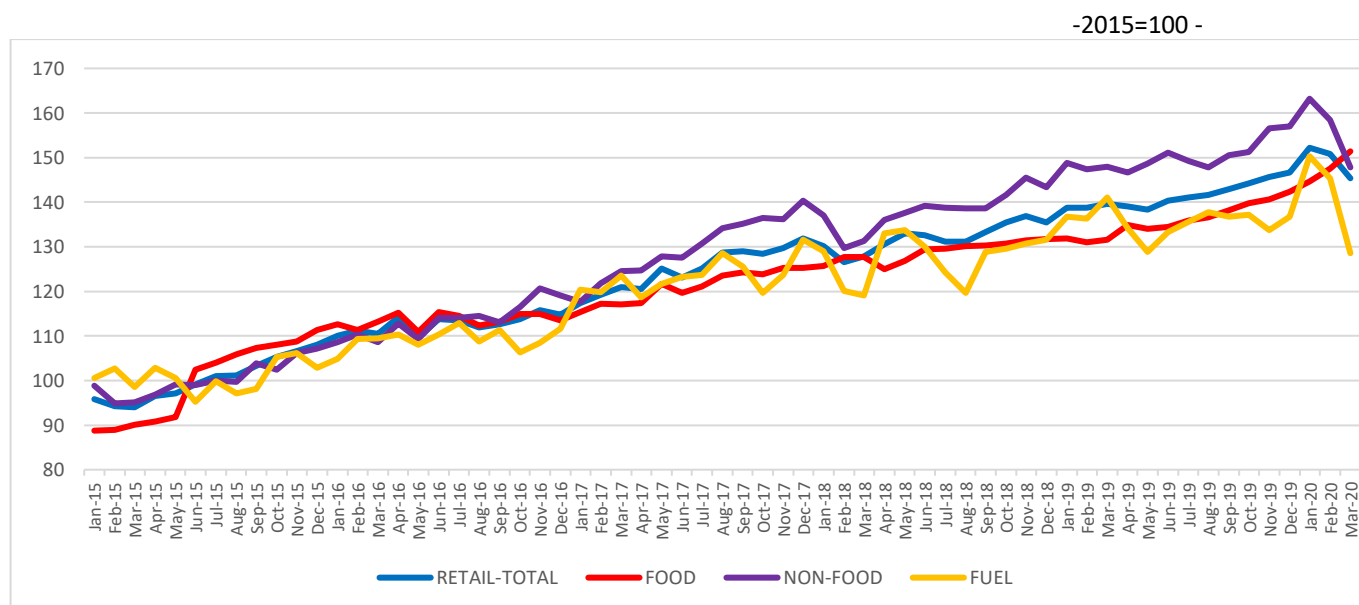


Domain: Trade and services

## The retail turnover in March 2020

- Compared to the previous month, in March 2020 **the retail turnover volume (excluding the trade with motor vehicles and motorcycles)** increased as gross series by **5.0%** and decreased as adjusted series according to the number of working days and to seasonality by **3.6%**.
- 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 by **3.9%** and as adjusted series according to the number of working days and to seasonality by **4.1%**.
- Compared to the period 1.I-31.III.2019, in the period 1.I-31.III.2020 **the retail turnover volume (excluding the trade with motor vehicles and motorcycles)** increased both as gross series by **9.4%** and as adjusted series according to the number of working days and to seasonality by **7.5%**.

**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 2015 – March 2020 -



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 \(III.2019-III.2020\)](#)

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

		MARCH 2020 in % as against:		1.I-31.III.2020/ 1.I-31.III.2019 -%-
		FEBRUARY 2020	MARCH 2019	
<b>Total retail (excluding the trade with motor vehicles and motorcycles)</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>105.0</b>	<b>103.9</b>	<b>109.4</b>
	<b>S</b>	<b>96.4</b>	<b>104.1</b>	<b>107.5</b>
Prevalent sale of food, beverages and tobacco	B	112.3	117.4	114.6
	S	102.6	115.1	112.5
Prevalent sale of non-food products	B	99.4	98.4	107.5
	S	93.3	100.0	105.7
Retail of automotive fuel in specialised stores	B	101.9	91.7	103.7
	S	88.5	91.2	102.4

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

[Table data in xls format](#)

### March 2020 as against February 2020

As against the previous month, in March 2020 the retail turnover volume (excluding the trade with motor vehicles and motorcycles), gross series, globally increased by 5.0% due to rises registered by the sale of food, beverages and tobacco (+12.3%) and by the retail of automotive fuel in specialised stores (+1.9%). The sale of non-food products decreased by 0.6%.

As against the previous month, in March 2020 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 decreased by 3.6% due to the drops registered by the retail of automotive fuel in specialised stores (-11.5%) and by the sale of non-food products (-6.7%). The sale of food, beverages and tobacco increased by 2.6%.

### March 2020 as against March 2019

As against March 2019, in March 2020 the retail turnover volume (excluding the trade with motor vehicles and motorcycles), gross series, registered an increase of 3.9% due to the increases registered by the sale of food, beverages and tobacco (+17.4%). Drops were registered by the retail of automotive fuel in specialised stores (-8.3%) and by the sale of non-food products (-1.6%).

As against March 2019, in March 2020 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 4.1% due to the increases registered by the sale of food, beverages and tobacco (+15.1%). The sale of non-food products remained at the same level. The retail of automotive fuel in specialised stores decreased by 8.8%.

## Period 1.I-31.III.2020 as against period 1.I-31.III.2019

As against period 1.I-31.III.2019, in the period 1.I-31.III.2020 the retail turnover volume (excluding the trade with motor vehicles and motorcycles), gross series, registered an increase of 9.4% due to the increases registered by the sale of food, beverages and tobacco (+14.6%), by the sale of non-food products (+7.5%) and by the retail of automotive fuel in specialised stores (+3.7%).

As against period 1.I-31.III.2019, in the period 1.I-31.III.2020 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 7.5% due to the increases registered by the sale of food, beverages and tobacco (+12.5%), by the sale of non-food products (+5.7%) and by the retail of automotive fuel in specialised stores (+2.4%).

## IMPORTANT!

- ✓ *The information in this press release (March 2020) capture the impact of the COVID-19 crisis and of the measures taken by the authorities following the state of emergency decree on the Romanian territory starting with March 16, 2020.*
- ✓ *The National Institute of Statistics understands the difficulties faced by our respondents during this period and we are aware that the answers to the statistical surveys may not be a priority at present.*
- ✓ *However, by collecting statistical information, we will be able to monitor and inform all our users about the effects of COVID-19 on our economy and society.*
- ✓ *We appreciate the continued support of our respondents in the statistical surveys conducted by the National Institute of Statistics and understand the difficulties which all providers of statistical data are facing.*

## Additional information:

- ✓ 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).
- ✓ The response rate to the monthly statistical survey on short-term indicators in services (SERV TS), turnover chapter (CANE 47), was 78.3% in March 2020 compared to 82.1% in March 2019.

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 INS TEMPO online database (the data for March 2020 will be available on May 18, 2020) and the Monthly Statistical Bulletin (date of issue May 27, 2020).

For comparable data with the other Member States of the European Union, kindly see the Eurostat press release which will be issued today, May 6, 2020 and posted at the following address: <http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat>

The next issue of the press release will be on Thursday, June 4, 2020.

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