

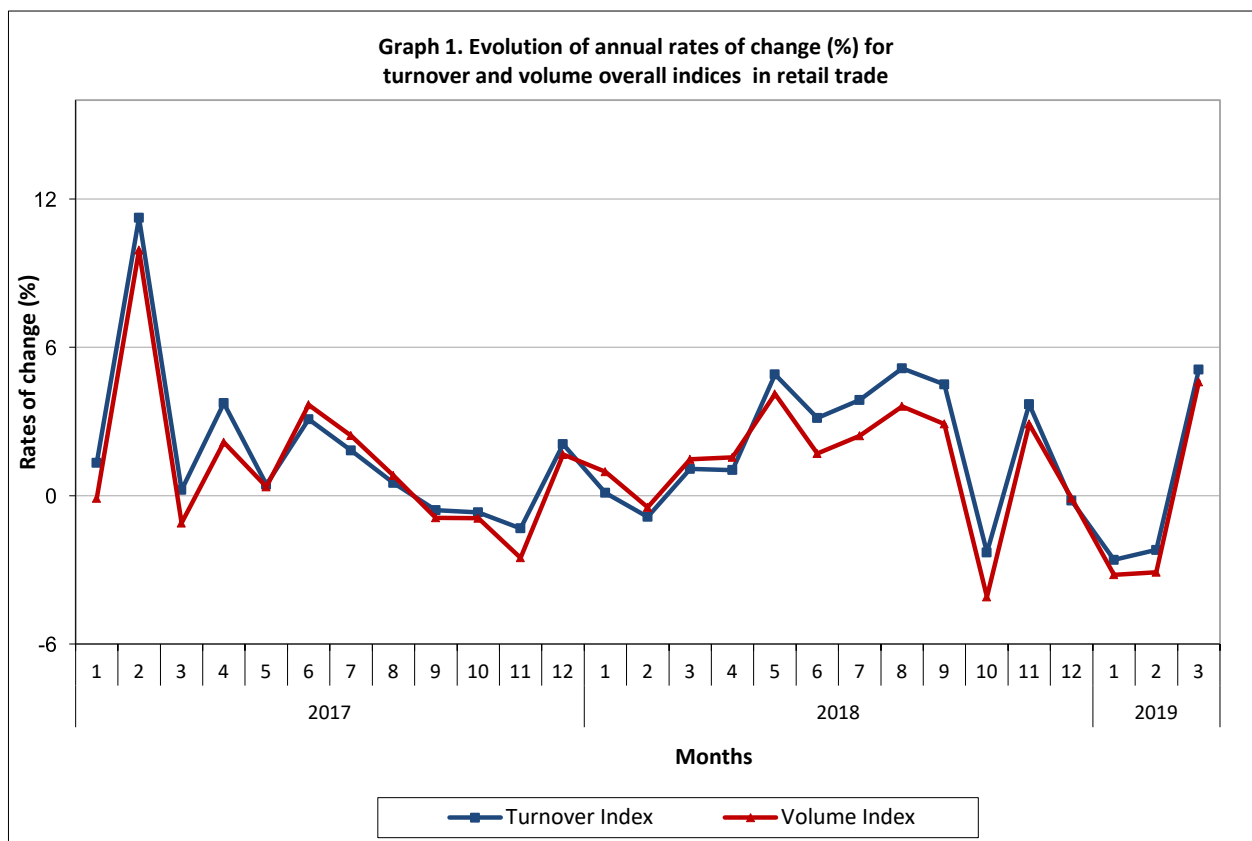


## PRESS RELEASE

### TURNOVER INDEX IN RETAIL TRADE: March 2019, y-o-y increase 5.1%

The Hellenic Statistical Authority announces the turnover and volume indices in retail trade with base year 2015=100.0 for March 2019 according to provisional and reduced data to a typical month as follows:

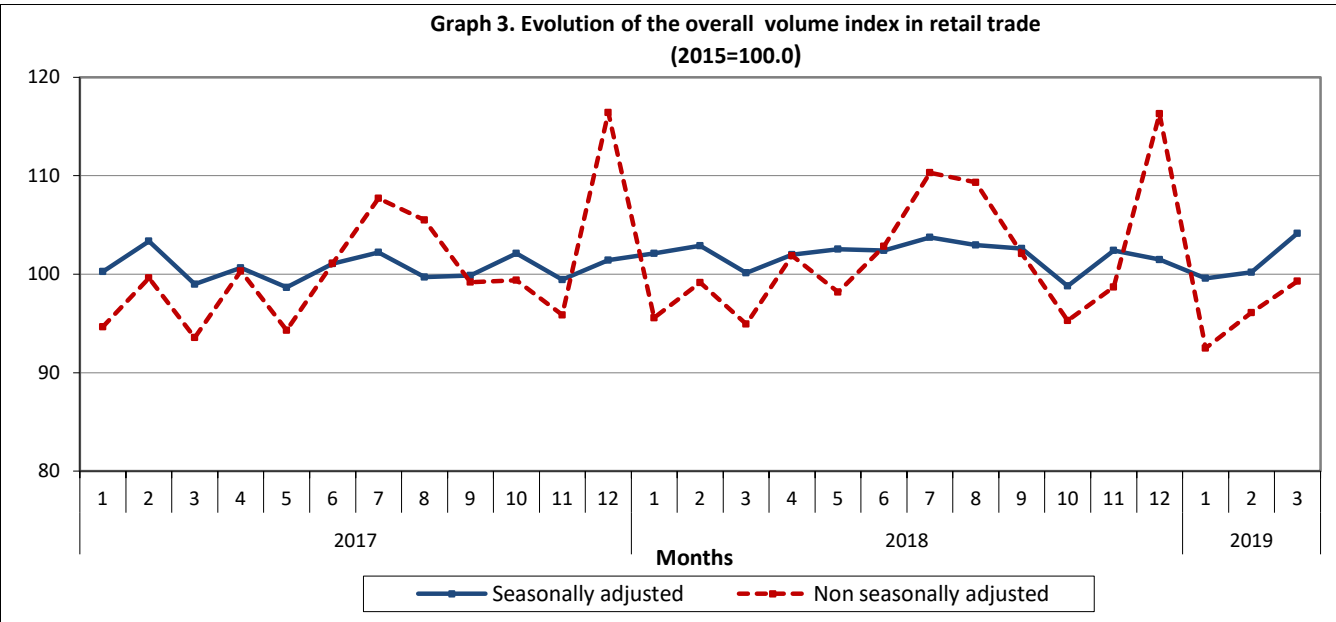
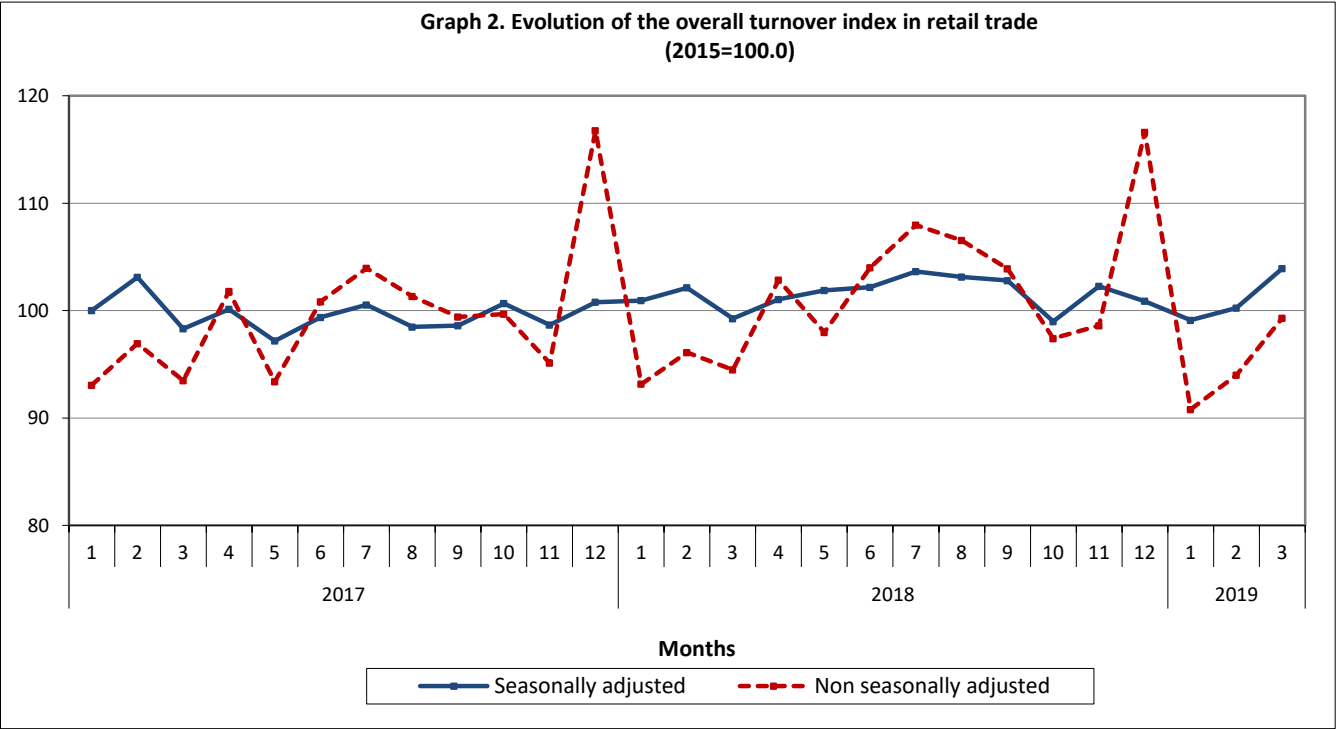
- The overall turnover index in retail trade in March 2019 increased by 5.1% compared with the corresponding index of March 2018, while compared with the corresponding index of February 2019 increased by 5.6% (Tables 1, 2).
- The overall volume index in retail trade (i.e. turnover in retail trade at constant prices) in March 2019 increased by 4.6% compared with the corresponding index of March 2018, while compared with the corresponding index of February 2019 increased by 3.3% (Tables 1, 2).
- The seasonally adjusted overall turnover index in March 2019 compared with the corresponding index of February 2019 increased by 3.7% (Table 5).
- The seasonally adjusted overall volume index in March 2019 compared with the corresponding index of February 2019 increased by 3.9% (Table 5).



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Graphs 2 and 3 depict the evolution of both seasonally and non seasonally adjusted overall indices for turnover and volume, respectively, in retail trade.



It should be noted that the whole series with seasonally adjusted indices are recalculated every time a new observation is added in time series. Therefore, the seasonally adjusted data differ from the published data of the previous Press Release.

**1. Annual comparison of the turnover index**  
*(Turnover at current prices)*

The 5.1% increase of the turnover index in March 2019 compared with the corresponding index in March 2018 is mainly due to the changes in the following store categories:

Specialized store categories	Annual rate of change %
Automotive fuel	11.1
Supermarkets	8.6
Books, Stationery, other goods	7.1
Pharmaceutical products, cosmetics	-0.7
Clothing and footwear	-8.3

**2. Annual comparison of the volume index**  
*(Turnover at constant prices)*

The 4.6% increase of the volume index in March 2019 compared with the corresponding index March 2018 is mainly due to the changes in the following store categories:

Specialized store categories	Annual rate of change %
Books, Stationery, other goods	9.2
Automotive fuel	8.9
Supermarkets	7.5
Pharmaceutical products, cosmetics	-1.7
Clothing and footwear	-3.9

**Table 1. Annual rates of change of turnover index and volume index in retail trade**  
(Reduced data on the basis of a typical month)

Base year: 2015=100.0

Retail Trade Store Categories	Turnover Index			Volume Index		
	March 2019*	March 2018	Annual rate of change (%)	March 2019*	March 2018	Annual rate of change (%)
<b>Overall Index</b>	<b>99.3</b>	<b>94.5</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>99.3</b>	<b>94.9</b>	<b>4.6</b>
<b>Overall Index except automotive fuel</b>	99.0	95.5	3.7	99.7	96.5	3.3
<b>I. Main store categories</b>						
Food sector	104.0	96.3	8.0	103.0	96.4	6.8
Automotive fuel	101.3	91.2	11.1	95.2	87.4	8.9
Non-food sector except automotive fuel	92.9	94.9	-2.1	98.2	98.4	-0.2
<b>II. Specialized store categories</b>						
Supermarkets	107.4	98.9	8.6	107.8	100.3	7.5
Department stores	85.8	99.0	-13.3	91.1	102.5	-11.1
Automotive fuel	101.3	91.2	11.1	95.2	87.4	8.9
Food, beverages, tobacco	84.3	81.6	3.3	82.5	80.8	2.1
Pharmaceutical products, cosmetics	95.8	96.5	-0.7	98.9	100.6	-1.7
Clothing and footwear	83.3	90.8	-8.3	87.2	90.7	-3.9
Furniture, electrical equipment, household equipment	97.1	93.8	3.5	104.5	98.3	6.3
Books, Stationery, other goods	102.9	96.1	7.1	110.1	100.8	9.2
Retail sales not in stores	122.6	115.2	6.4	:	:	:

\* Provisional data.

: Volume Index for the "Retail sale not in stores" is not calculated.

Note: The indices and the percentage changes are rounded up one decimal figure, when published.

**Table 2. Monthly rates of change of turnover index and volume index in retail trade**  
(Reduced data on the basis of a typical month)

Retail Trade Store Categories	Turnover Index			Volume Index		
	March 2019*	February 2019	Monthly rate of change (%)	March 2019*	February 2019	Monthly rate of change (%)
<b>Overall Index</b>	<b>99.3</b>	<b>94.0</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>99.3</b>	<b>96.1</b>	<b>3.3</b>
<b>Overall Index except automotive fuel</b>	<b>99.0</b>	<b>93.0</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>99.7</b>	<b>95.6</b>	<b>4.3</b>
<b>I. Main store categories</b>						
Food sector	104.0	93.7	11.0	103.0	92.3	11.6
Automotive fuel	101.3	98.8	2.5	95.2	96.1	-0.9
Non-food sector except automotive fuel	92.9	91.0	2.1	98.2	103.0	-4.7
<b>II. Specialized store categories</b>						
Supermarkets	107.4	95.6	12.3	107.8	95.4	13.0
Department stores	85.8	77.0	11.4	91.1	90.0	1.2
Automotive fuel	101.3	98.8	2.5	95.2	96.1	-0.9
Food, beverages, tobacco	84.3	81.9	2.9	82.5	79.7	3.5
Pharmaceutical products, cosmetics	95.8	90.1	6.3	98.9	92.4	7.0
Clothing and footwear	83.3	87.7	-5.0	87.2	116.8	-25.3
Furniture, electrical equipment, household equipment	97.1	90.0	7.9	104.5	98.6	6.0
Books, Stationery, other goods	102.9	109.1	-5.7	110.1	117.8	-6.5
Retail sales not in stores	122.6	124.0	-1.1	:	:	:

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**Table 3. Evolution of the turnover index in retail trade**  
(Reduced data on the basis of a typical month)

Base year: 2015=100.0

Year and month		Overall Index		Overall index except automotive fuel		Food sector		Automotive fuel sector		Non-food sector except automotive fuel	
		Index	Annual rate of change (%)	Index	Annual rate of change (%)	Index	Annual rate of change (%)	Index	Annual rate of change (%)	Index	Annual rate of change (%)
<b>2017:</b>	1	93.1	1.3	92.0	-0.5	91.8	0.9	97.6	9.8	92.3	-2.1
	2	96.9	11.2	96.4	8.7	99.4	11.8	99.2	24.2	93.0	5.1
	3	93.5	0.2	93.4	-1.6	93.9	-4.1	94.2	9.5	92.8	1.9
	4	101.8	3.7	103.0	2.2	104.3	3.6	96.6	12.8	101.6	0.5
	5	93.4	0.4	94.8	0.4	93.8	1.1	87.6	1.5	95.9	-0.5
	6	100.8	3.1	102.2	3.1	101.6	0.5	95.1	4.1	103.0	6.3
	7	103.9	1.8	105.3	2.1	103.6	0.7	98.1	1.6	107.5	3.6
	8	101.3	0.5	101.6	-0.3	105.9	-1.9	100.6	5.3	96.3	1.8
	9	99.4	-0.6	100.5	-1.3	101.3	-0.5	94.9	3.8	99.6	-2.3
	10	99.7	-0.7	99.7	-1.8	97.4	-4.6	99.9	5.7	102.7	1.7
	11	95.1	-1.3	95.2	-2.4	87.5	-6.6	95.2	4.7	104.9	2.6
	12	116.8	2.1	119.4	2.1	110.1	0.7	105.7	2.9	131.0	3.8
<b>Average</b>		<b>99.6</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>100.3</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>99.2</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>97.1</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>101.7</b>	<b>1.9</b>
<b>2018:</b>	1	93.2	0.1	92.0	-0.1	89.9	-2.1	99.8	2.3	94.6	2.5
	2	96.1	-0.9	96.0	-0.5	99.0	-0.4	98.0	-1.2	92.6	-0.5
	3	94.5	1.1	95.5	2.3	96.3	2.5	91.2	-3.2	94.9	2.2
	4	102.8	1.0	104.0	0.9	106.1	1.8	99.3	2.7	101.6	0.0
	5	98.0	4.9	98.7	4.2	99.5	6.0	96.0	9.5	98.0	2.2
	6	104.0	3.1	104.6	2.3	105.8	4.2	102.9	8.2	103.3	0.3
	7	108.0	3.9	108.2	2.8	107.1	3.4	108.3	10.3	109.9	2.3
	8	106.5	5.2	106.1	4.4	112.3	6.0	110.0	9.4	98.9	2.7
	9	103.9	4.5	104.1	3.6	107.5	6.1	104.6	10.2	99.5	-0.1
	10	97.4	-2.3	97.1	-2.6	95.6	-1.8	100.0	0.1	96.8	-5.7
	11	98.6	3.7	99.2	4.2	91.6	4.7	97.2	2.1	104.5	-0.4
	12	116.6	-0.2	118.7	-0.6	112.0	1.7	108.6	2.7	122.9	-6.2
<b>Average</b>		<b>101.6</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>102.0</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>101.9</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>101.3</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>101.5</b>	<b>-0.2</b>
<b>2019:</b>	1	90.8	-2.6	89.9	-2.3	90.4	0.6	95.3	-4.5	88.1	-6.9
	2	94.0	-2.2	93.0	-3.1	93.7	-5.4	98.8	0.8	91.0	-1.7
	*3	99.3	5.1	99.0	3.7	104.0	8.0	101.3	11.1	92.9	-2.1

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**Table 4. Evolution of the volume index in retail trade**  
(Reduced data on the basis of a typical month)

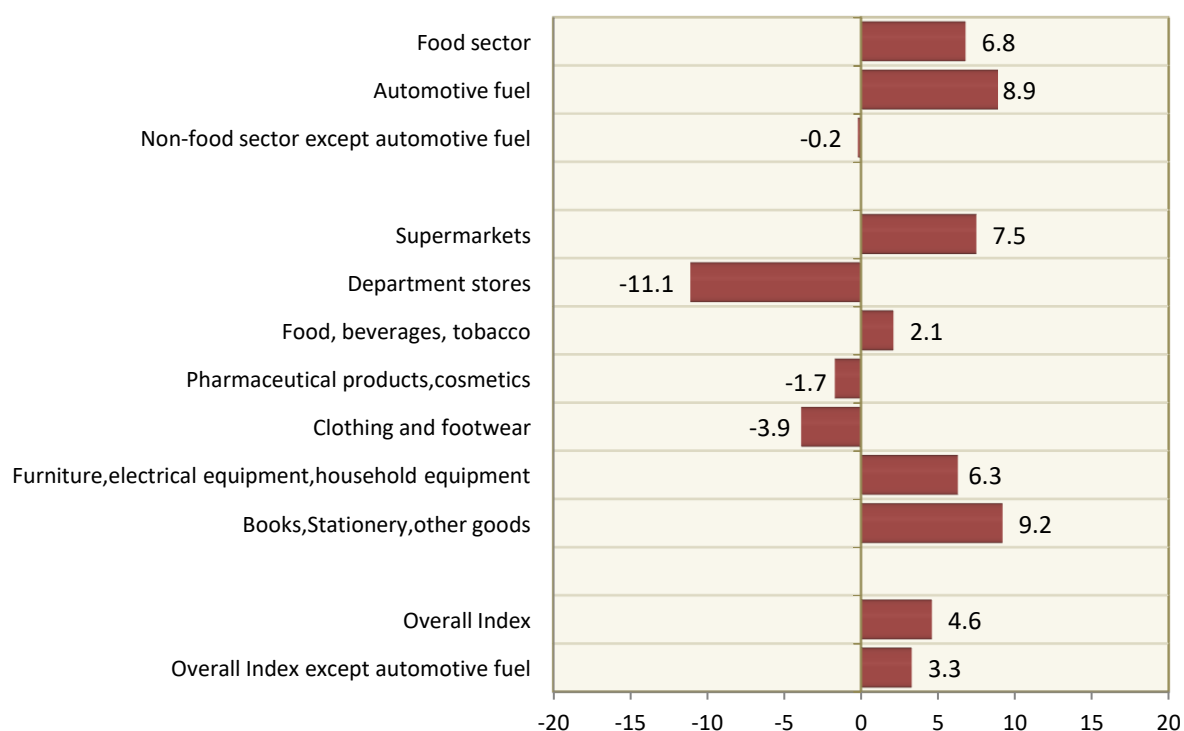
Base year: 2015=100.0

Base year: 2012 = 100%											
Year and month		Overall Index		Overall index except automotive fuel		Food sector		Automotive fuel sector		Non-food sector except automotive fuel	
		Index	Annual rate of change (%)	Index	Annual rate of change (%)	Index	Annual rate of change (%)	Index	Annual rate of change (%)	Index	Annual rate of change (%)
2017:	1	94.7	-0.1	94.3	-0.5	91.5	0.2	92.8	-4.3	99.2	-0.5
	2	99.6	9.9	100.0	9.4	99.1	10.6	94.3	5.1	102.8	8.9
	3	93.6	-1.1	93.9	-1.5	93.8	-5.0	90.5	-4.7	94.9	4.4
	4	100.3	2.2	101.9	1.9	103.7	2.0	92.3	-0.1	100.6	2.9
	5	94.3	0.4	96.1	1.3	94.3	0.8	85.3	-6.5	99.3	2.7
	6	101.1	3.7	102.6	4.2	102.8	0.9	94.3	-0.1	103.1	9.6
	7	107.7	2.4	109.6	3.2	104.6	1.3	98.2	-2.5	117.6	6.2
	8	105.5	0.8	106.4	0.7	106.6	-1.3	99.5	-1.1	108.0	4.6
	9	99.2	-0.9	100.5	-0.9	101.7	-0.9	92.8	-2.5	100.2	0.3
	10	99.4	-0.9	99.7	-1.5	98.1	-4.8	97.5	0.4	102.7	3.9
	11	95.9	-2.5	96.5	-2.9	87.9	-7.6	91.4	-2.6	108.7	3.7
	12	116.4	1.7	119.6	2.2	110.8	-0.1	101.2	-2.2	132.1	6.2
Average	100.6	1.2	101.8	1.3	99.6	-0.4	94.2	-1.8	105.8	4.4	
2018:	1	95.6	1.0	95.2	0.9	89.9	-1.7	94.8	2.2	104.0	4.8
	2	99.2	-0.5	99.9	-0.1	99.0	-0.1	93.3	-1.0	103.3	0.5
	3	94.9	1.5	96.5	2.8	96.4	2.8	87.4	-3.4	98.4	3.7
	4	101.9	1.5	103.6	1.7	106.3	2.5	93.4	1.3	101.8	1.2
	5	98.2	4.1	100.0	4.1	99.5	5.5	87.5	2.6	102.2	2.9
	6	102.8	1.7	104.6	1.9	106.0	3.1	92.2	-2.2	104.4	1.2
	7	110.3	2.4	112.3	2.5	106.9	2.2	97.1	-1.1	121.9	3.7
	8	109.3	3.6	110.6	3.9	112.2	5.3	98.6	-1.0	111.1	2.8
	9	102.1	2.9	103.5	3.0	106.9	5.1	93.5	0.8	100.8	0.6
	10	95.3	-4.1	96.1	-3.6	94.8	-3.4	88.5	-9.2	97.3	-5.3
	11	98.7	2.9	100.3	3.9	91.7	4.3	89.5	-2.1	109.9	1.1
	12	116.3	-0.1	118.9	-0.6	112.5	1.5	105.1	3.9	124.7	-5.6
Average	102.1	1.5	103.4	1.6	101.8	2.2	93.4	-0.8	106.6	0.8	
	1	92.5	-3.2	91.9	-3.5	89.3	-0.7	93.8	-1.1	97.8	-6.0
	2	96.1	-3.1	95.6	-4.3	92.3	-6.8	96.1	3.0	103.0	-0.3
	*3	99.3	4.6	99.7	3.3	103.0	6.8	95.2	8.9	98.2	-0.2

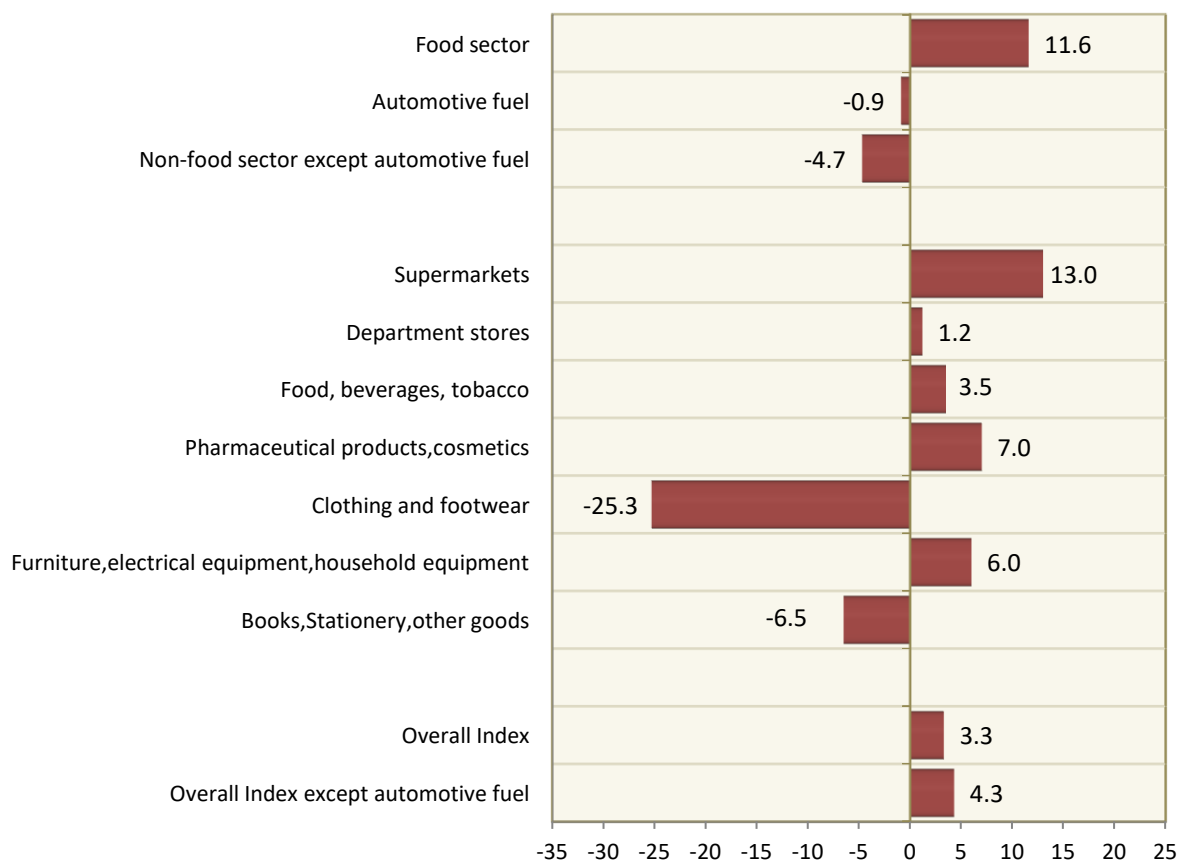
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**Graph 4. Annual rate of change (%) of the volume indices in retail trade for March 2019/2018**



**Graph 5. Monthly rate of change (%) of the volume indices in retail trade for March 2019 / February 2019**





**Table 5. Monthly rates of change of seasonally adjusted turnover and volume Index**

Retail Trade Store Categories	Turnover Index			Volume Index		
	March 2019	February 2019	Monthly rate of change (%)	March 2019	February 2019	Monthly rate of change (%)
<b>Overall Index</b>	<b>103.9</b>	<b>100.2</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>104.2</b>	<b>100.2</b>	<b>3.9</b>
<b>Overall Index except automotive fuel</b>	103.6	100.2	3.4	104.7	100.8	3.9
<b>I. Main store categories</b>						
Food sector	105.6	99.2	6.5	105.1	98.0	7.2
Automotive fuel	105.1	101.6	3.5	98.0	96.8	1.3
Non-food sector except automotive fuel	100.2	100.0	0.2	106.2	105.8	0.3
<b>II. Specialized store categories</b>						
Supermarkets	107.8	100.5	7.3	108.8	100.8	7.9
Department stores	92.1	91.2	0.9	99.1	96.8	2.3
Automotive fuel	105.1	101.6	3.5	98.0	96.8	1.3
Food, beverages, tobacco	92.6	90.3	2.6	90.7	88.3	2.8
Pharmaceutical products, cosmetics	94.8	93.4	1.5	97.5	95.8	1.7
Clothing and footwear	100.7	101.9	-1.3	107.7	108.4	-0.6
Furniture, electrical equipment, household equipment	103.2	103.0	0.2	112.2	111.7	0.5
Books, Stationery, other goods	115.3	117.0	-1.5	123.8	125.7	-1.5
Retail sales not in stores	130.4	135.0	-3.4	:	:	:

: Volume Index for the "Retail sale not in stores" is not calculated.

*Note: The indices and the percentage changes are rounded up one decimal figure, when published.*

Table 6. Monthly evolution of the seasonally adjusted turnover Index

Base year: 2015=100.0

Year and month	Overall Index		Overall index except automotive fuel		Food sector		Automotive fuel sector		Non-food sector except automotive fuel	
	Index	Monthly rate of change (%)	Index	Monthly rate of change (%)	Index	Monthly rate of change (%)	Index	Monthly rate of change (%)	Index	Monthly rate of change (%)
<b>2017:</b>	1	100.0 1.6	100.3 1.3	100.7 2.0	98.4 2.0	99.9 0.2				
	2	103.1 3.1	103.2 2.9	104.1 3.4	102.1 3.8	102.1 2.2				
	3	98.3 -4.6	98.6 -4.5	96.8 -7.0	97.7 -4.4	100.8 -1.3				
	4	100.1 1.8	100.6 2.1	100.4 3.7	97.9 0.2	101.0 0.2				
	5	97.2 -2.9	98.7 -2.0	97.6 -2.8	92.3 -5.6	99.8 -1.2				
	6	99.4 2.2	100.6 2.0	98.6 1.1	94.1 1.9	103.1 3.4				
	7	100.5 1.2	101.4 0.8	100.1 1.5	95.8 1.8	101.9 -1.2				
	8	98.5 -2.0	99.2 -2.1	97.6 -2.5	95.6 -0.2	101.3 -0.5				
	9	98.6 0.1	99.5 0.2	98.7 1.1	95.2 -0.4	100.4 -0.9				
	10	100.7 2.1	101.2 1.7	99.7 1.0	99.4 4.4	103.4 3.0				
	11	98.7 -2.0	99.0 -2.1	96.7 -3.0	97.7 -1.7	102.6 -0.8				
	12	100.8 2.2	101.5 2.5	99.9 3.3	99.6 2.0	104.0 1.3				
<b>Average</b>		<b>99.7</b>	<b>100.3</b>	<b>99.3</b>	<b>97.1</b>	<b>101.7</b>				
<b>2018:</b>	1	100.9 0.2	101.4 -0.2	99.6 -0.3	101.3 1.8	103.5 -0.5				
	2	102.1 1.2	102.7 1.3	103.6 4.0	100.6 -0.8	101.7 -1.8				
	3	99.3 -2.8	100.6 -2.1	98.8 -4.7	95.0 -5.5	102.6 1.0				
	4	101.0 1.8	101.4 0.9	101.6 2.9	100.1 5.4	101.3 -1.3				
	5	101.9 0.8	102.5 1.0	102.8 1.2	100.6 0.5	102.0 0.7				
	6	102.2 0.3	102.4 -0.1	102.3 -0.5	101.6 1.0	102.7 0.7				
	7	103.6 1.4	103.2 0.8	102.7 0.4	104.8 3.2	103.3 0.6				
	8	103.1 -0.5	103.1 -0.1	103.0 0.3	104.2 -0.6	103.2 0.0				
	9	102.8 -0.3	102.7 -0.4	103.8 0.8	104.3 0.1	100.6 -2.5				
	10	99.0 -3.7	99.5 -3.1	99.1 -4.5	100.0 -4.2	98.2 -2.4				
	11	102.3 3.3	103.0 3.5	101.9 2.8	100.1 0.1	101.8 3.6				
	12	100.9 -1.4	101.3 -1.7	101.8 0.0	102.9 2.9	98.2 -3.5				
<b>Average</b>		<b>101.6</b>	<b>102.0</b>	<b>101.8</b>	<b>101.3</b>	<b>101.6</b>				
<b>2019:</b>	1	99.1 -1.8	100.1 -1.2	100.9 -0.9	97.8 -5.0	97.3 -0.9				
	2	100.2 1.2	100.2 0.2	99.2 -1.8	101.6 3.8	100.0 2.8				
	3	103.9 3.7	103.6 3.4	105.6 6.5	105.1 3.5	100.2 0.2				

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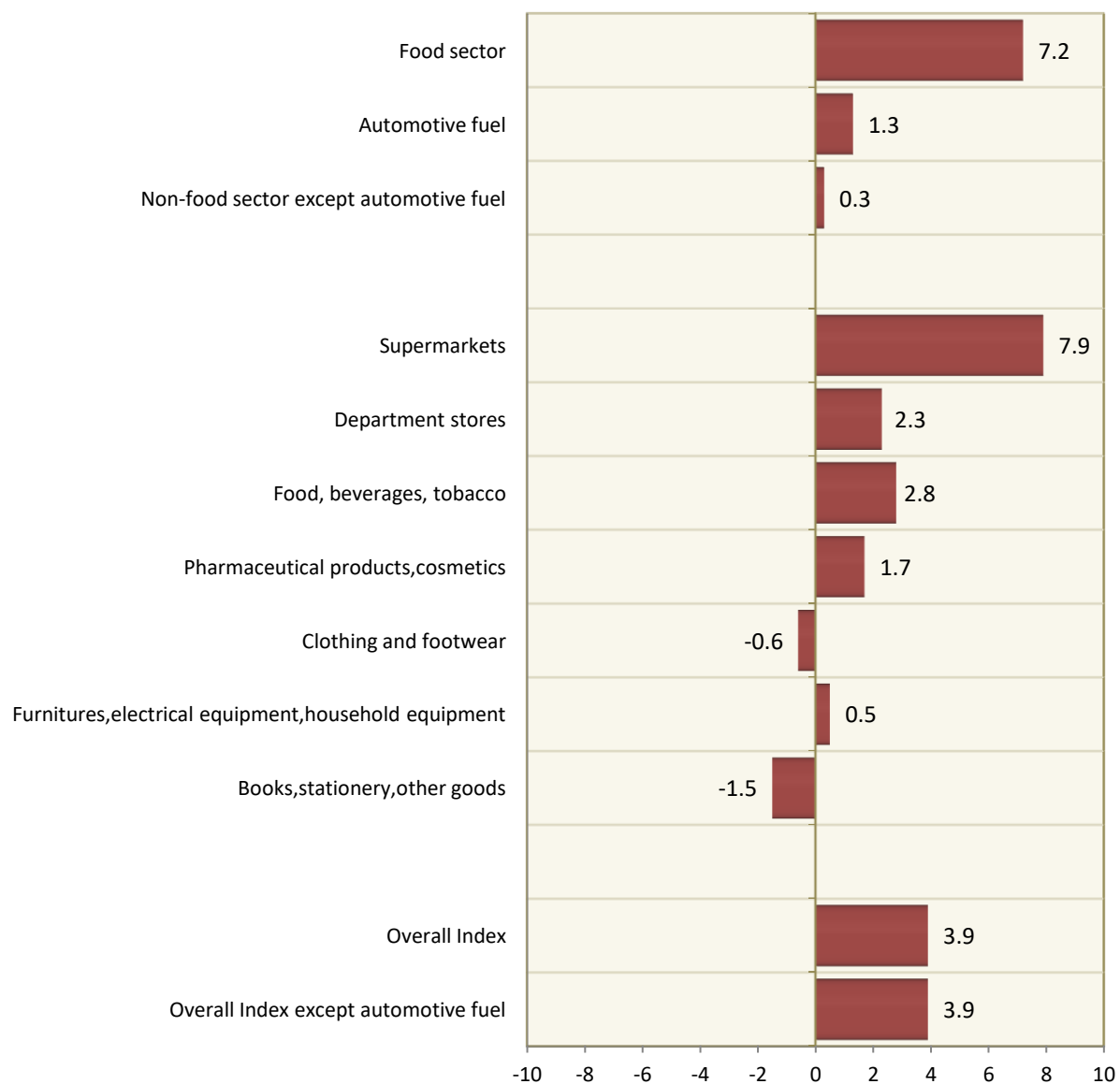
Table 7. Monthly evolution of the seasonally adjusted volume Index

Base year: 2015=100.0

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Year and month		Overall Index		Overall index except automotive fuel		Food sector		Automotive fuel sector		Non-food sector except automotive fuel	
		Index	Monthly rate of change (%)	Index	Monthly rate of change (%)	Index	Monthly rate of change (%)	Index	Monthly rate of change (%)	Index	Monthly rate of change (%)
2017:	1	100.3	0.8	101.3	1.0	100.8	1.4	92.7	-3.1	102.6	0.8
	2	103.4	3.1	104.3	3.0	104.5	3.7	96.2	3.8	106.0	3.3
	3	99.0	-4.2	99.8	-4.4	96.9	-7.3	93.6	-2.6	104.5	-1.5
	4	100.6	1.7	101.7	1.9	100.4	3.7	94.1	0.5	104.9	0.4
	5	98.7	-2.0	100.2	-1.5	97.7	-2.7	91.0	-3.3	104.8	-0.2
	6	101.1	2.5	102.5	2.3	99.6	2.0	94.6	3.9	107.1	2.3
	7	102.2	1.1	103.3	0.8	101.1	1.5	96.4	2.0	106.0	-1.1
	8	99.7	-2.5	100.8	-2.4	98.2	-2.9	94.9	-1.6	106.1	0.1
	9	99.9	0.2	101.1	0.3	99.2	1.1	93.5	-1.5	105.6	-0.5
	10	102.1	2.2	103.0	1.9	100.4	1.1	97.5	4.2	108.2	2.5
	11	99.5	-2.6	100.4	-2.5	96.5	-3.8	93.4	-4.2	106.5	-1.6
	12	101.4	2.0	102.9	2.5	99.7	3.3	93.6	0.2	108.9	2.3
Average		100.7		101.8		99.6		94.3		105.9	
2018:	1	102.1	0.7	103.4	0.4	99.9	0.1	94.9	1.5	108.8	-0.1
	2	102.9	0.8	104.4	1.0	104.4	4.5	94.4	-0.6	106.3	-2.3
	3	100.1	-2.7	102.1	-2.2	99.1	-5.1	90.6	-4.0	107.4	1.1
	4	102.0	1.8	103.2	1.1	102.4	3.3	94.4	4.3	106.8	-0.6
	5	102.6	0.6	104.0	0.8	102.7	0.3	92.9	-1.7	107.5	0.7
	6	102.4	-0.1	103.8	-0.2	102.3	-0.4	92.6	-0.4	107.1	-0.4
	7	103.7	1.3	104.7	0.8	102.8	0.5	94.9	2.6	108.0	0.8
	8	103.0	-0.8	104.3	-0.4	103.0	0.2	94.3	-0.7	107.7	-0.3
	9	102.6	-0.3	103.8	-0.4	103.7	0.6	94.3	0.0	106.6	-1.0
	10	98.8	-3.7	100.4	-3.2	98.0	-5.5	89.8	-4.8	104.8	-1.7
	11	102.4	3.6	104.2	3.7	101.2	3.3	92.2	2.7	107.2	2.3
	12	101.5	-0.9	102.6	-1.5	101.4	0.2	97.5	5.8	104.7	-2.3
Average		102.0		103.4		101.7		93.6		106.9	
2019:	1	99.6	-1.9	100.9	-1.7	99.8	-1.6	94.2	-3.4	104.4	-0.2
	2	100.2	0.6	100.8	-0.1	98.0	-1.8	96.8	2.7	105.8	1.3
	3	104.2	3.9	104.7	3.9	105.1	7.2	98.0	1.3	106.2	0.3

Note: The indices and the percentage changes are rounded up one decimal figure, when published.

**Graph 6. Monthly rate of change (%) of the seasonally adjusted volume indices in retail trade for March 2019 / February 2019**



It should be noted that the Retail Trade Turnover and Volume indices of February 2019, which had been announced as provisional in the previous press release, have been revised, due to additional data submitted by enterprises, as follows:

Retail Trade Store Categories	Turnover Index of February 2019				Volume Index of February 2019			
	Provisional	Annual rate of change (%)	Revised	Annual rate of change (%)	Provisional	Annual rate of change (%)	Revised	Annual rate of change (%)
<b>Overall Index</b>	<b>93.9</b>	<b>-2.3</b>	<b>94.0</b>	<b>-2.2</b>	<b>95.9</b>	<b>-3.3</b>	<b>96.1</b>	<b>-3.1</b>
<b>Overall Index except automotive fuel</b>	93.1	-3.0	93.0	-3.1	95.7	-4.2	95.6	-4.3
<b>I. Main store categories</b>								
Food sector	94.6	-4.4	93.7	-5.4	93.2	-5.9	92.3	-6.8
Automotive fuel	97.7	-0.3	98.8	0.8	95.2	2.0	96.1	3.0
Non-food sector except automotive fuel	90.4	-2.4	91.0	-1.7	102.4	-0.9	103.0	-0.3
<b>II. Specialized store categories</b>								
Supermarkets	96.1	-5.5	95.6	-6.0	95.9	-6.9	95.4	-7.4
Department stores	76.4	-13.7	77.0	-13.0	89.4	-11.8	90.0	-11.2
Automotive fuel	97.7	-0.3	98.8	0.8	95.2	2.0	96.1	3.0
Food, beverages, tobacco	85.4	1.5	81.9	-2.6	83.1	-0.4	79.7	-4.4
Pharmaceutical products, cosmetics	90.3	-5.3	90.1	-5.6	92.6	-6.1	92.4	-6.3
Clothing and footwear	83.9	-5.9	87.7	-1.7	111.7	-4.0	116.8	0.3
Furniture, electrical equipment, household equipment	92.9	4.7	90.0	1.5	101.8	6.6	98.6	3.2
Books, Stationery, other goods	107.2	11.7	109.1	13.6	115.8	14.4	117.8	16.4
Retail sales not in stores	128.6	18.1	124.0	13.9	:	:	:	:

: Volume Index for the "Retail sale not in stores" is not calculated.

The indices of the specialized store categories of February 2019 have been changed in relation to the corresponding provisional indices published in the previous press release. The changes due to new data of the surveyed enterprises are mainly in the economic activities of "Automotive fuel", "Food, beverages, tobacco", "Clothing and footwear", "Furniture, electrical equipment, household equipment", "Books, Stationery, other goods" and "Retail sales not in stores".

<b>Generally</b>	The Retail Trade Turnover Index with the current form is being released since August 2005. The Retail Trade Turnover Index is a continuation of the Retail Sales Value Index, which had been compiled during the period 1963 to 2004.
<b>Purpose of the index – definitions</b>	The purpose of the Retail Trade Turnover Index is to depict the evolution of the goods and services market. Turnover comprises the total amounts invoiced by the enterprise during the reference period which correspond to the resale of goods without any further transformation. The data collected each month refers to the actual sales (both retail and wholesale) excluding VAT but including other duties and taxes on the goods.
<b>Legal basis</b>	The compilation of the Retail Trade Turnover Index is governed by Council Regulation (EC) No.1165/98 of 19 November 1998 “concerning short-term statistics” and by Regulation (EC) No.1893/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 December 2006 establishing the statistical classification of economic activities NACE Revision 2.
<b>Reference period</b>	Month
<b>Base year</b>	2015=100.0.
<b>Revision</b>	Pursuant to the provisions of the Council Regulation No 1165/98 concerning short-term statistics, the index in question is revised every five (5) years in years ending in 0 or 5. The purpose of revising the Retail Trade Turnover Index is to adapt the index to the changes in the structure of retail trade.
<b>Statistical classification</b>	The NACE Rev.2 statistical classification of economic activities is used in conformity with the Regulation (EC) No 1893/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council.
<b>Geographical coverage</b>	The index covers the Whole Country with data coming from 72 Regional Units.
<b>Coverage of economic activities</b>	The index covers the division 47 of NACE Rev 2 statistical classification of economic activities.
<b>Statistical survey</b>	In the framework of the survey carried out for the compilation of the Retail Trade Turnover Index (2015=100.0), it was decided to include 38,444 retail trade enterprises listed in the Business Register of ELSTAT having an annual turnover (in 2015) equal to or higher than 140,000 euro. Out of these enterprises a random sample of 1,674 enterprises was selected.
<b>Volume Index</b>	Since 2005 onwards the Retail Trade Volume Index is also being compiled aiming at measuring changes in the volume of retail trade.
<b>Calculating the indices</b>	<p>The turnover index is calculated by the chaining method. First the moving based index is calculated by comparing the estimated turnover value for the current month with the corresponding value of the previous month. Afterwards the fixed base index for the current month is calculated by multiplying the moving-based index by the fixed base index of the previous month.</p> <p>The indices are reduced to a typical month of equal duration. To this end the turnover estimates are multiplied by a suitable correction factor that is calculated by dividing the mean monthly number of working days in the given year by the number of the regular working days in the month under consideration.</p> <p>The Retail Trade Volume Index is calculated by deflating the Retail Trade Turnover Index using the Harmonized Index of Consumer Prices at constant tax rates (HICP-CT) as deflator.</p>
<b>Seasonal Adjustment</b>	Seasonal adjustment is the procedure followed to remove the impact of seasonality on the time series (that is eliminating the monthly effects, e.g. the beginning of the school year, holidays, tourist period etc) in order to improve the comparability over time. The method used is the TRAMO-SEATS method with the use of JDemetra+ 2.0.0. The whole series with seasonally adjusted indices is <u>recalculated</u> every time a <u>new</u> observation is added in time series.
<b>Compiled index series</b>	Since the revision of the Retail Trade Turnover and Volume Indices due to the implementation of the classification NACE Rev 2, parallel time series for the indices including and not including automotive fuels are provided. In addition, seasonally adjusted time series data are compiled.
<b>Publication of data</b>	The time series of Retail Trade Turnover and Volume Indices (2015=100.0), which include fuel have being published since 2000 by categories of aggregated economic activity classes:

**Super-markets**

Non-specialised stores with food, beverages or tobacco predominating.

**Department stores**

Other retail sale in non-specialised stores.

**Food, beverages, tobacco**

Fruit and vegetables, meat products, Fishes, crustaceans and molluscs, bread, cakes, flour confectionery and sugar confectionery. Beverages, tobacco products, other retail sale of food in specialised stores.

**Automotive fuel**

Automotive fuel in specialised stores.

**Pharmaceutical products, Cosmetics**

Dispensing chemist, medical and orthopaedic goods, cosmetic and toilet articles in specialised stores.

**Clothing and footwear**

Textiles, Clothing, footwear and leather goods in specialised stores.

**Furniture, electrical equipment, household equipment**

Furniture, lighting equipment, audio and video equipment, hardware, paints and glass, electrical household appliances and other household articles, music and video recordings in specialised stores.

**Books, stationery and other goods**

Books, newspapers and stationery, computers, peripheral units and software, telecommunications equipment, carpets, rugs, wall and floor coverings, sporting equipment, Games and toys. Flowers, Plants, Seeds, Fertilisers, pet animals and pet food, watches and jewellery, other retail sale of new goods in specialised stores.

**Retail sale not in stores**

Retail sale via mail order houses, via Internet, via stalls and markets of other goods and other retail sale not in stores, stalls or markets.

**Food sector**

Super-markets , Food, beverages, tobacco

**References** More information on the methodology concerning the compilation and calculation of the index and for the time series is available on the ELSTAT website: <http://www.statistics.gr/en/statistics/-/publication/DKT39/>