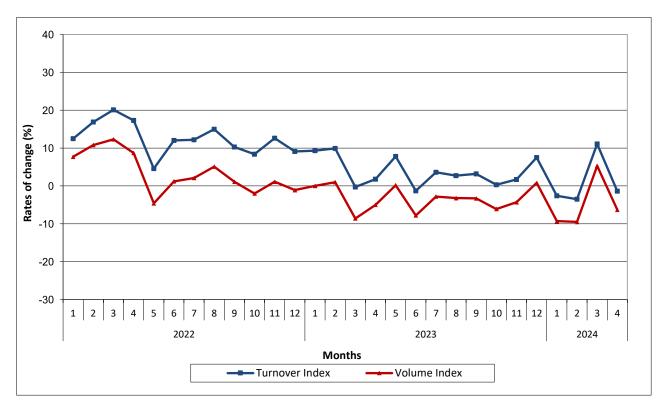


# TURNOVER INDEX IN RETAIL TRADE: April 2024, y-o-y decrease 1.4%

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces the Turnover and Volume Indices in Retail Trade with base year 2021=100.0 for April 2024, the evolution of which, according to provisional and reduced data to a typical month, is as follows:

- The Overall Turnover Index in Retail Trade in April 2024 decreased by 1.4%, compared with the corresponding index of April 2023, while compared with the corresponding index of March 2024 decreased by 2.3% (Table 1).
- The Overall Volume Index in Retail Trade (i.e. turnover in retail trade at constant prices) in April 2024, decreased by 6.3%, compared with the corresponding index of April 2023, while, compared with the corresponding index of March 2024, decreased by 2.8% (Table 2).
- The seasonally adjusted Overall Turnover Index in April 2024, compared with the corresponding index of March 2024, decreased by 5.9% (Table 5).
- The seasonally adjusted Overall Volume Index in April 2024, compared with the corresponding index of March 2024, decreased by 5.7% (Table 5).

**Graph 1.** Evolution of annual rates of change (%) for the Overall Turnover Index and the Overall Volume Index in Retail Trade



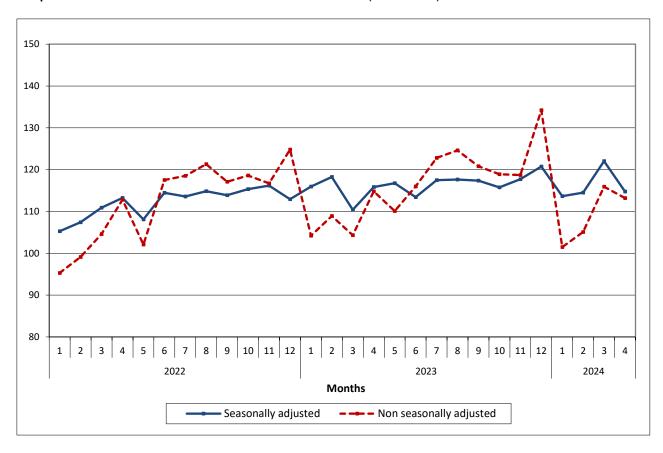
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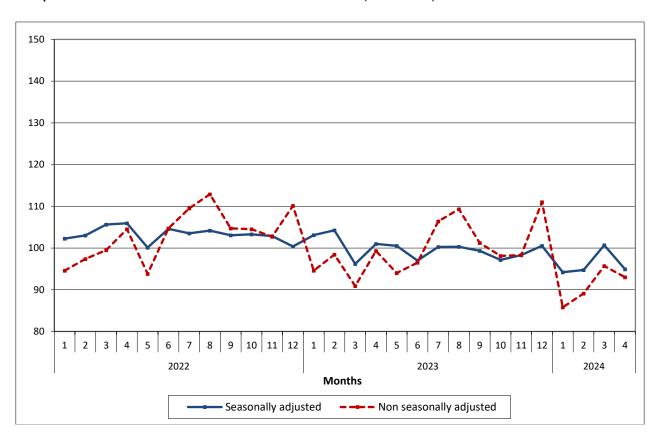
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Graph 2. Evolution of the Overall Turnover Index in Retail Trade (2021=100.0)



Graph 3. Evolution of the Overall Volume Index in Retail Trade (2021=100.0)



It should be noted, that the timeseries of the seasonally adjusted index is recalculated every time a new observation is added and could differ from 100 for the base year, as seasonal effect is not the same each year. Therefore, the seasonally adjusted data differ from the published data of the Announcement of the previous month.

**Table 1.** Annual and monthly rates of change of Turnover Index in Retail Trade (Data adjusted for working days)

Base year: 2021=100.0

	Base year: 2021=100.0							
	Turnover Index							
				Annual	Monthly			
Retail Trade Store Categories				rates of	rates of			
	April	April	March	change	change			
	2024*	2023	2024**	(%)	(%)			
Overall Index	113.2	114.8	115.9	-1.4	-2.3			
Overall Index except automotive fuel	113.9	116.0	115.3	-1.8	-1.2			
I. Main store categories								
Food sector	110.9	117.9	121.6	-5.9	-8.8			
Automotive fuel	109.6	108.7	118.4	0.8	-7.4			
Non-food sector except automotive fuel	116.7	114.5	110.0	1.9	6.1			
II. Specialized store categories								
Supermarkets	112.1	115.4	122.9	-2.9	-8.8			
Department stores	117.5	109.1	114.5	7.7	2.6			
Automotive fuel	109.6	108.7	118.4	0.8	-7.4			
Food, beverages, tobacco	105.7	132.0	116.3	-19.9	-9.1			
Pharmaceutical products, cosmetics	120.1	114.3	116.9	5.1	2.7			
Clothing and footwear	125.5	121.3	97.5	3.5	28.7			
Furniture, electrical equipment, household								
equipment	106.1	118.4	110.1	-10.4	-3.6			
Books, Stationery, other goods	113.9	114.0	106.2	-0.1	7.3			
Retail sales not in stores	86.5	67.7	86.8	27.8	-0.3			

**Table 2.** Annual and monthly rates of change of Volume Index in Retail Trade (Data adjusted for working days)

Base year: 2021=100.0

		Volume Index							
Retail Trade Store Categories	April 2024*	April 2023	March 2024**	Annual rates of change (%)	Monthly rates of change (%)				
Overall Index	93.0	99.3	95.7	-6.3	-2.8				
Overall Index except automotive fuel	94.1	100.5	95.6	-6.4	-1.6				
I. Main store categories									
Food sector	90.3	100.6	99.1	-10.2	-8.9				
Automotive fuel	92.4	93.8	101.9	-1.5	-9.3				
Non-food sector except automotive fuel	101.4	102.4	96.6	-1.0	5.0				
II. Specialized store categories									
Supermarkets	88.8	96.5	97.4	-8.0	-8.8				
Department stores	99.3	95.5	98.2	4.0	1.1				
Automotive fuel	92.4	93.8	101.9	-1.5	-9.3				
Food, beverages, tobacco	85.9	112.4	94.5	-23.6	-9.1				
Pharmaceutical products, cosmetics	107.9	103.3	105.1	4.5	2.7				
Clothing and footwear	98.4	98.9	79.2	-0.5	24.2				
Furniture, electrical equipment, household equipment	98.0	108.5	101.9	-9.7	-3.8				
Books, Stationery, other goods	104.9	109.6	97.7	-4.3	7.4				
Retail sales not in stores	:	:	:	:	:				

<sup>\*</sup>Provisional data \*\* Revised data

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**Table 3.** Evolution of the Turnover Index in Retail Trade (Data adjusted for working days)

Base year: 2021=100.0 Non-food sector **Overall Index except Automotive fuel Overall Index** Food sector except automotive automotive fuel sector fuel Year and month **Annual Annual Annual Annual** Annual rates of rates of rates of rates of rates of Indices **Indices Indices Indices Indices** change change change change change (%) (%) (%) (%) (%) 2022: 1 95.3 12.5 91.1 6.7 91.3 4.7 117.0 45.3 91.1 8.8 2 38.8 96.4 25 99.1 16.9 95.2 12.5 94.1 1.5 119.1 3 104.6 20.1 100.4 105.0 4.9 28.4 15.3 126.6 45.4 96.2 4 112.8 17.3 112 14.1 111.6 6.6 117.0 36.7 112.6 22.3 5 102.1 4.6 100.4 1.4 97.1 0.9 111.0 23.1 103.6 1.9 6 117.5 12.0 113.7 8.1 113.4 12.5 137.3 32.8 114.2 4.5 7 118.5 12.2 114.3 9.1 115.8 15.0 139.9 27.6 113.1 4.1 8 121.3 15.0 13.4 13.2 135.8 22.8 13.6 118.5 124.0 113.5 9 117.1 10.3 114.7 7.7 113.8 10.6 129.7 24.1 115.7 5.2 10 118.6 8.4 114 5.8 110.4 5.5 142.5 21.3 117.5 6.0 116.7 140.2 26.0 11 12.6 112.2 9.8 101.2 9.9 122.8 10.1 12 124.8 9.1 125.4 9.4 116.9 7.7 122.0 7.3 133.6 11.1 Annual average 112.4 109.3 107.9 7.9 128.2 28.2 110.9 12.4 9.3 10.9 2023: 1 104.2 9.3 102.7 12.7 99.8 9.3 112.1 -4.2 105.5 15.8 2 108.9 9.9 106.5 11.9 106.8 13.5 121.1 1.7 106.4 10.4 3 104.3 3.0 -0.4 -14 -0.3 103.4 104.6 108.9 102.5 6.5 114.8 4 1.8 116 3.6 117.9 5.6 108.7 -7.1 114.5 1.7 5 110.1 7.8 111.4 11.0 111.3 14.6 103.6 -6.7 111.6 7.7 6 116 -1.3 117.2 3.1 117.7 3.8 109.9 -20.0 116.9 2.4 7 122.8 3.6 122.8 7.4 126.0 8.8 123.3 -11.9 120.0 6.1 8 124.6 2.7 124 4.6 134.7 8.6 128.4 -5.4 114.0 0.4 9 120.8 3.2 120.7 5.2 127.3 11.9 121.7 -6.2 114.7 -0.9 10 118.9 0.3 116.9 2.5 117.9 6.8 129.6 -9.1 116.1 -1.2 11 118.7 1.7 118.0 5.2 109.4 8.1 122.6 -12.6 125.9 2.5 12 134.2 7.5 136.5 8.9 132.5 13.3 122.5 0.4 140.3 5.0 Annual average 8.6 116.5 3.6 116.4 6.5 117.2 117.7 -8.2 115.7 4.3 2024: 101.5 98.6 -4.0 99.9 0.1 115.0 97.8 -7.3 1 -2.6 2.6 2 105.1 -3.5 104.4 -2.0 106.4 -0.4 108.4 -10.5 102.8 -3.4 3\*\* 115.9 7.3 11.1 115.3 11.5 121.6 16.3 118.4 8.7 110.0 1.9 4\* 113.2 -1.8 110.9 -5.9 109.6 0.8 116.7 -1.4 113.9

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**Table 4.** Evolution of the Volume Index in Retail Trade (Data adjusted for working days)

Base year: 2021=100.0

Year and month		Overall Index		Overall Index except automotive fuel		Food sector		Automotive fuel sector		Non-food sector except automotive fuel	
		Indices	Annual rates of change (%)	Indices	Annual rates of change (%)	Indices	Annual rates of change (%)	Indices	Annual rates of change (%)	Indices	Annual rates of change (%)
2022:	1	94.6	7.7	91.1	3.4	89.1	0.7	108.0	19.5	94.9	7.2
	2	97.4	10.8	94.6	8.2	90.4	-3.6	104.8	12.6	101.7	23.7
	3	99.5	12.3	97.3	10.1	100.3	-1.1	101.6	12.5	95.7	25.9
	4	104.5	8.7	105.4	7.7	104.7	-1.6	93.3	5.8	107.1	20.5
	5	93.8	-4.6	94.3	-5.3	89.8	-7.6	83.2	-10.0	100.8	-0.5
	6	104.7	1.2	104.1	0.6	102.8	2.5	95.8	-8.8	107.0	1.3
	7	109.5	2.1	108.4	1.6	105.5	4.5	103.7	-4.1	114.8	1.3
	8	112.9	5.1	112.1	5.0	111.8	2.4	109.3	1.0	116.5	9.4
	9	104.7	1.1	103.4	-0.6	101.4	0.1	107.4	5.4	106.3	0.7
	10	104.5	-2.0	101.4	-3.7	97.3	-5.9	114.4	2.9	106.4	0.1
	11	102.7	1.1	99.8	-0.8	88.4	-2.2	111.0	7.0	112.6	1.9
	12	110.1	-1.1	110.8	-0.8	102.1	-4.6	106.1	-1.3	120.4	4.2
Annual average		103.3	3.3	101.9	1.9	98.6	-1.4	103.2	3.2	107.0	7.0
2023:	1	94.6	0.0	93.3	2.4	86.4	-3.0	97.5	-9.7	118.5	24.9
	2	98.4	1.0	96.4	1.9	91.4	1.1	104.6	-0.2	124.0	21.9
	3	90.9	-8.6	90.2	-7.3	89.2	-11.1	94.3	-7.2	96.0	0.3
	4	99.3	-5.0	100.5	-4.6	100.6	-3.9	93.8	0.5	102.4	-4.4
	5	94.0	0.2	95.2	1.0	93.4	4.0	93.4	12.3	100.8	0.0
	6	96.5	-7.8	97.6	-6.2	96.1	-6.5	97.7	2.0	102.9	-3.8
	7	106.4	-2.8	106.4	-1.8	103.4	-2.0	108.4	4.5	133.0	15.9
	8	109.3	-3.2	108.8	-2.9	111.1	-0.6	108.0	-1.2	133.6	14.7
	9	101.2	-3.3	101.2	-2.1	104.9	3.5	100.0	-6.9	101.0	-5.0
	10	98.1	-6.1	96.6	-4.7	95.5	-1.8	110.9	-3.1	101.5	-4.6
	11	98.3	-4.3	97.8	-2.0	88.8	0.5	107.1	-3.5	111.9	-0.6
	12	111.0	0.8	113.1	2.1	107.6	5.4	110.2	3.9	123.2	2.3
Annual average		99.8	-3.4	99.8	-2.1	97.4	-1.2	102.2	-1.0	112.4	5.0
2024:	1	85.8	-9.3	83.6	-10.4	80.8	-6.5	103.9	6.6	91.9	-22.4
	2	89.1	-9.5	88.9	-7.8	86.1	-5.8	95.1	-9.1	98.0	-21.0
	3**	95.7	5.3	95.6	6.0	99.1	11.1	101.9	8.1	96.6	0.6
	4*	93.0	-6.3	94.1	-6.4	90.3	-10.2	92.4	-1.5	101.4	-1.0

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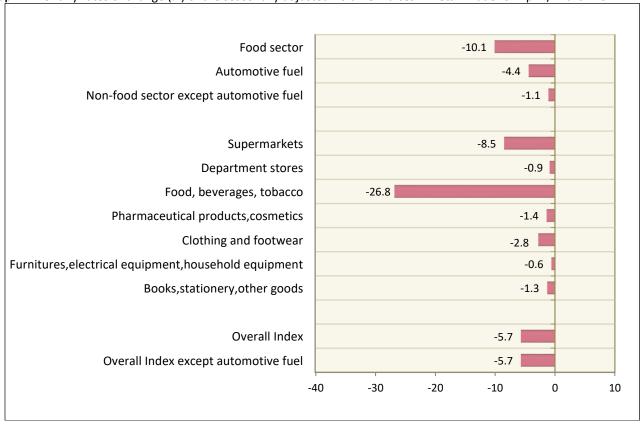
Table 5. Monthly rates of change of seasonally adjusted Turnover and Volume Indices in Retail Trade

					Base year: 2	2021=100.0	
		Turnover Inde	K	Volume Index			
Retail Trade Store Categories	April 2024	March 2024	Monthly rates of change (%)	April 2024	March 2024	Monthly rates of change (%)	
Overall Index	114.8	122.0	-5.9	94.9	100.7	-5.7	
Overall Index except automotive fuel	114.4	122.0	-6.2	94.9	100.6	-5.7	
I. Main store categories							
Food sector	114.7	118.8	-3.4	89.3	99.4	-10.1	
Automotive fuel	116.9	121.7	-3.9	100.2	104.8	-4.4	
Non-food sector except automotive fuel	116.8	119.2	-2.0	102.0	103.1	-1.1	
II. Specialized store categories							
Supermarkets	112.8	122.4	-7.8	87.9	96.1	-8.5	
Department stores	119.9	120.9	-0.8	104.5	105.4	-0.9	
Automotive fuel	116.9	121.7	-3.9	100.2	104.8	-4.4	
Food, beverages, tobacco	95.4	131.2	-27.3	77.3	105.6	-26.8	
Pharmaceutical products, cosmetics	119.7	117.3	2.0	104.3	105.8	-1.4	
Clothing and footwear	119.0	120.7	-1.4	103.6	106.6	-2.8	
Furniture, electrical equipment, household equipment	112.4	113.1	-0.7	104.5	105.2	-0.6	
Books, Stationery, other goods	116.7	118.5	-1.5	107.6	109.0	-1.3	
Retail sales not in stores	92.8	87.2	6.5	:	:	:	

<sup>:</sup> Volume Index for the "Retail sales not in stores" is not calculated.

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Graph 4. Monthly rates of change (%) of the seasonally adjusted Volume Indices in Retail Trade for April / March 2024



Generally

The Retail Trade Turnover Index is a monthly index, which was released in 2006 for the first time, with base year (b.y.) the year 2005=100.0. This index is a continuation of the Retail Sales Value Index, which had been compiled since 1963.

Purpose of the index – definitions

The purpose of the index is to depict the evolution of the goods and services market. Turnover comprises the total amounts invoiced per Kind of Activity Unit (KAU), during the reference period which correspond to the resale of goods without any further transformation. The data collected each month refer to the actual sales (both retail and wholesale) excluding VAT but including other duties and taxes on the goods.

**Legal Framework** 

The compilation of the Turnover Index is governed by Regulation (EU) 2019/2152 of the European Parliament and of the Council on European business statistics and by the implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1197 of the Commission.

Furthermore, this index is governed by Regulation (EC) No 1893/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council.

Reference period

Month.

Base year

2021=100.0.

Revision

Pursuant to the provisions of the Council Regulation (EU) 2019/2152, according to which the short-term indices are revised every five (5) years, in years ending in 0 or 5, in the current revision 2021=100.0 due to the impact of the pandemic, the indices were revised with base year 2021. The purpose of the revision is to adapt the index to the changes in the structure of retail trade.

Statistical classification

The NACE Rev. 2 statistical classification of economic activities is used in conformity with Regulation (EC) No 1893/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council.

**Geographical coverage** 

The index covers the whole of the country with data coming from 72 Regional Units.

Coverage of economic activities

The index covers the codes from 4711 to 4799 of the division 47 of NACE Rev. 2 statistical classification of economic activities.

Statistical survey

The index includes 32,504 retail trade enterprises per KAU, with an annual turnover (in year 2021) equal or greater than 200,000€, from which a random representative sample of 1,861 enterprises was therefore selected and surveyed.

**Volume Index** 

Since 2005, a parallel calculation of the retail trade volume index is introduced, for measuring the volume changes in retail trade. The volume index is calculated by deflating the turnover Index, with the use of the Harmonized Index of Consumer Prices at Constant Tax rates (HICP-CT) as a deflator.

**Calculating the indices** 

The turnover index is calculated by applying the chaining method. Firstly the moving base 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 base index by the fixed base index of the previous month.

The comparability of the indices is achieved by reducing them to indices of a typical month of equal duration. This is implemented through the multiplication of the estimated turnover values by a specific correcting coefficient that results, by dividing the average monthly number of working days in the current year, by the number of the regular working days of the surveyed month.

**Seasonal Adjustment** 

Seasonal adjustment is the procedure followed to remove the impact of seasonality on the timeseries (that is eliminating the monthly effects, e.g. the beginning of the school year, holidays, tourist period, etc) to improve the comparability over time. The seasonal adjustment is performed by the application of TRAMO-SEATS method with the use of JDemetra+ 2.0.0. The whole series with seasonally adjusted indices is recalculated every time a new observation is added.

**Compiled index series** 

Due to the implementation of the classification NACE Rev. 2, parallel time-series for the indices including and not including the automotive fuels are provided.

These timeseries data are also compiled seasonally adjusted.

**Publication of data** 

Timeseries of Retail Trade Turnover and Volume Indices (b.y. 2021=100.0) are released monthly since February 2024, with retrospective data from 2000, into the following categories of economic activity classes:

#### **Supermarkets**

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

#### Department stores

Other retail sale in non-specialized 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 specialized stores.

#### **Automotive fuel**

Automotive fuel in specialized stores.

# **Pharmaceutical products. Cosmetics**

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

# **Clothing and footwear**

Textiles, clothing, footwear and leather goods in specialized 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 specialized stores.

# Books, stationery and other goods

Books, newspapers and stationery, sporting equipment, games and toys, watches and jewellery, computers, peripheral units and software, telecommunications equipment, flowers, plants, seeds, fertilisers, pet animals and pet food, carpets, rugs, wall and floor coverings, other retail sale of new goods in specialized stores.

#### Retail sales not in stores

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

# **Food sector**

Supermarkets, Food, beverages, tobacco