



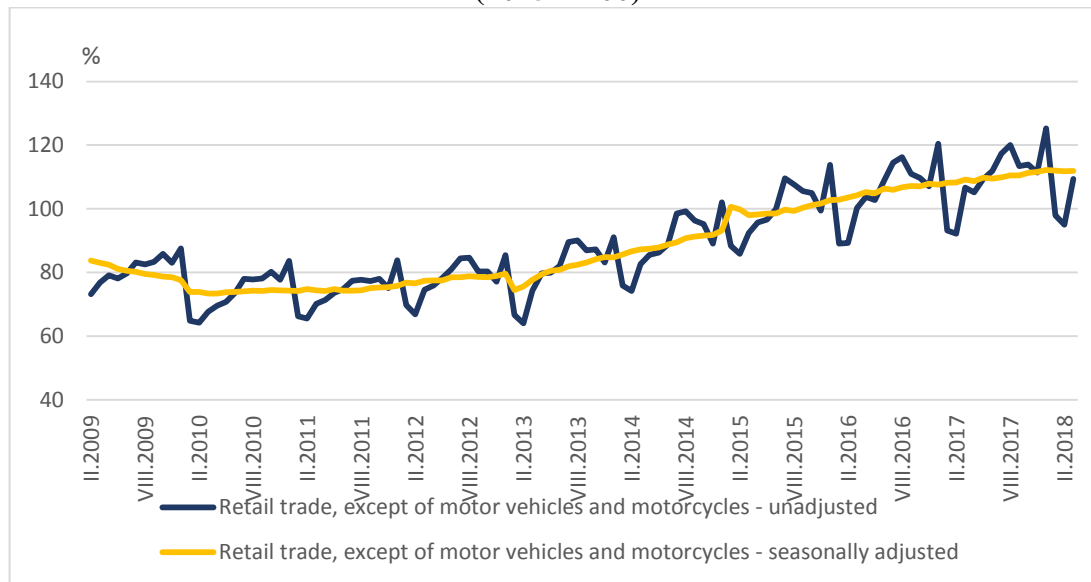
## TURNOVER INDICES IN ‘RETAIL TRADE, EXCEPT OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND MOTORCYCLES’ IN MARCH 2018<sup>1, 2</sup>

*In compliance with Regulation (EC) № 1165/98 and amendment Regulation (EC) № 1158/2005 since January 2018 the base year for Short-term business statistics has been changed. All short-term indicators presented in the form of indices are calculated and published at 2015 as a base year. The time series has been recalculated according to the new base year and they can be downloaded from INFOSTAT information system: [https://infostat.nsi.bg/infostat/pages/module.jsf?x\\_2=187](https://infostat.nsi.bg/infostat/pages/module.jsf?x_2=187)*

According to the preliminary seasonally adjusted data<sup>3</sup> in March 2018 the turnover in ‘**Retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles**’ at constant prices increased by 0.1% compared to the previous month.

In March 2018, the working day adjusted<sup>4</sup> turnover in ‘**Retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles**’ marked rise from 2.3% in comparison with the same month of the previous year.

**Figure 1. Turnover Indices in  
‘Retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles’  
(2015 = 100)**



<sup>1</sup> Data for March 2018 are preliminary.

<sup>2</sup> The monthly turnover indices reflect the short-term changes in the value of this indicator between two compared periods at constant prices. The information may be used to assess the current situation and the trends in the development of the trade sector as well as for short-term forecasts. In order to calculate the indices trade enterprises are observed by using a representative sample that forms about 70% of the annual receipts of the observed aggregate. The monthly turnover indices are calculated with 2015 as a base year.

<sup>3</sup> Seasonal adjustment is a statistical method, which eliminates the seasonal component of time series.

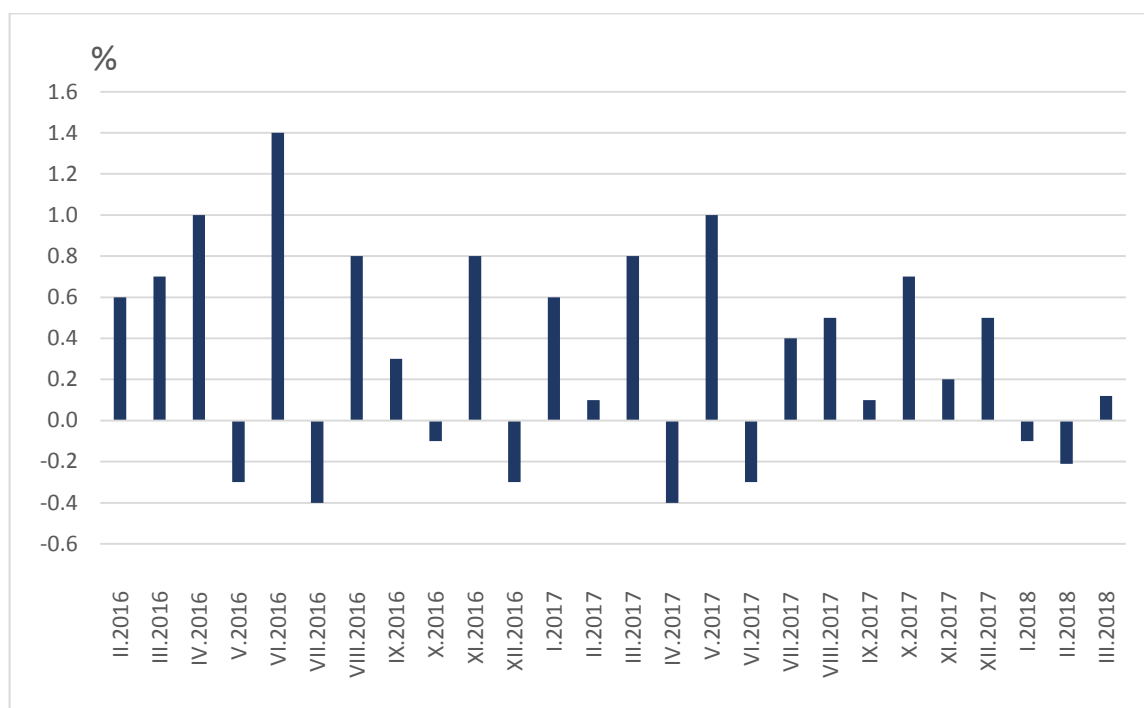
<sup>4</sup> Working day adjustment is an adjustment for variations caused by calendar effects, different number of calendar and working days in the months, national holidays and outliers (for example the presence of more non-working days in May could contribute to the decline in the retail trade).



## Monthly changes

In March 2018 compared to the previous month more significantly, growth of turnover was observed in the 'Retail sale via mail order houses or via Internet' by 8.3%, in the 'Retail sale of textiles, clothing, footwear and leather goods' by 2.1%, in the 'Dispensing chemist; retail sale of medical and orthopaedic goods, cosmetic and toilet articles' by 1.5% and in the 'Retail sale of food, beverages and tobacco' by 1.2%. Decrease was noted in the 'Retail sale of computers, peripheral units and software; telecommunications equipment' - 3.7% and in the 'Retail sale of automotive fuel' - 1.1%.

**Figure 2. Change of turnover in 'Retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles' compared to the previous month (Seasonally adjusted)**

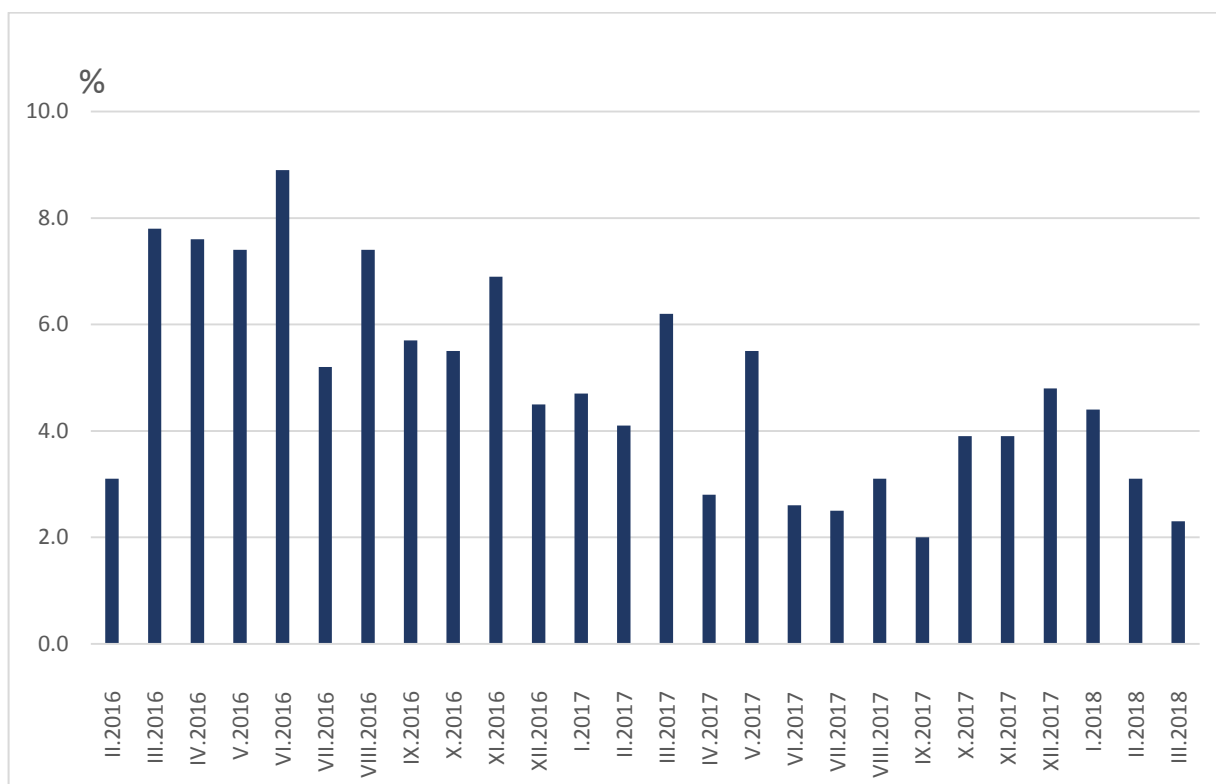




## Annual changes

In March 2018 compared to the same month of 2017 **the turnover** increased in the ‘Dispensing chemist; retail sale of medical and orthopaedic goods, cosmetic and toilet articles’ by 14.6%, in the ‘Retail sale via mail order houses or via Internet’ by 8.9%, in the ‘Retail sale of food, beverages and tobacco’ by 7.7% and in the ‘Retail sale of audio and video equipment; hardware, paints and glass; electrical household appliances’ by 4.6%. Decline was registered in the ‘Retail sale of computers, peripheral units and software; telecommunications equipment’ and in the ‘Retail sale of automotive fuel’ - 9.8% and in the ‘Retail sale of textiles, clothing, footwear and leather goods’ - 7.0% and in the ‘Retail sale in non-specialised stores’ - 2.4%.

**Figure 3. Change of turnover in ‘Retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles’ compared to the same month of the previous year (Working day adjusted)**





Annex

Table 1

**Change of turnover in  
'Retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles' at constant prices  
compared to the previous month<sup>1</sup>**

(Per cent)

Economic activities	2017			2018		
	X	XI	XII	I	II	III
<b>Retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>0.1</b>
Retail sale of food, beverages and tobacco	1.5	1.0	0.5	-0.7	1.5	1.2
Retail sale in non-specialised stores with food, beverages or tobacco predominating	1.9	0.9	0.6	-0.6	1.7	1.7
Retail sale of food, beverages and tobacco in specialised stores	0.0	1.1	0.2	-3.6	-0.3	0.8
Retail sale of non-food products (except fuel)	0.5	0.5	0.4	-0.4	-0.1	-0.3
of which:						
Other retail sale in non-specialised stores	0.8	0.8	0.0	-3.4	-0.9	0.3
Retail sale of textiles, clothing, footwear and leather goods in specialised stores	-0.3	4.7	-2.2	-5.5	2.3	2.1
Retail sale of audio and video equipment; hardware, paints and glass; electrical household appliances, etc. in specialised stores	-0.1	1.6	-0.3	0.4	0.3	0.1
Retail sale of computers, peripheral units and software; telecommunications equipment, etc. in specialised stores	2.5	0.4	2.6	-1.8	-6.9	-3.7
Dispensing chemist; retail sale of medical and orthopaedic goods, cosmetic and toilet articles in specialised stores	0.0	0.3	0.8	1.9	6.6	1.5
Retail sale via mail order houses or via Internet	-4.0	3.4	2.5	-2.0	-6.2	8.3
Retail sale of automotive fuel in specialised stores	1.1	-2.3	0.8	4.7	-6.9	-1.1

<sup>1</sup> Seasonally adjusted.



**Table 2**

**Change of turnover in  
'Retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles' at constant prices  
compared to the same month of the previous year<sup>1</sup>**

Economic activities	(Per cent)					
	2017			2018		
	X	XI	XII	I	II	III
<b>Retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>2.3</b>
Retail sale of food, beverages and tobacco	6.2	8.5	8.9	4.6	5.4	7.7
Retail sale in non-specialised stores with food, beverages or tobacco predominating	6.0	8.0	8.5	5.0	6.3	9.1
Retail sale of food, beverages and tobacco in specialised stores	8.3	11.1	11.9	1.1	-1.1	-0.5
Retail sale of non-food products (except fuel)	7.8	7.7	7.4	3.6	4.3	1.5
of which:						
Other retail sale in non-specialised stores	14.2	17.1	12.5	4.4	-3.4	-2.4
Retail sale of textiles, clothing, footwear and leather goods in specialised stores	-2.0	6.3	6.5	-10.1	-7.4	-7.0
Retail sale of audio and video equipment; hardware, paints and glass; electrical household appliances, etc. in specialised stores	6.9	11.6	7.3	5.5	6.3	4.6
Retail sale of computers, peripheral units and software; telecommunications equipment, etc. in specialised stores	8.1	4.8	8.4	5.7	0.2	-9.8
Dispensing chemist; retail sale of medical and orthopaedic goods, cosmetic and toilet articles in specialised stores	11.0	3.6	4.7	5.5	15.3	14.6
Retail sale via mail order houses or via Internet	-1.2	7.4	3.9	4.8	-9.8	8.9
Retail sale of automotive fuel in specialised stores	-9.6	-13.7	-11.9	3.6	-7.7	-9.8

<sup>1</sup> Working day adjusted.



Table 3

**Turnover Indices in 'Retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles'  
at constant prices**

Economic activities	(Seasonally adjusted, 2017 = 100)										2018		
	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII	I	II	III
<b>Retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles</b>	<b>109.2</b>	<b>108.7</b>	<b>109.8</b>	<b>109.5</b>	<b>109.9</b>	<b>110.4</b>	<b>110.5</b>	<b>111.3</b>	<b>111.6</b>	<b>112.2</b>	<b>112.0</b>	<b>111.8</b>	<b>111.9</b>
Retail sale of food, beverages and tobacco	112.3	111.6	112.7	112.9	113.2	113.7	113.8	115.4	116.6	117.2	116.4	118.0	119.5
Retail sale in non-specialised stores with food, beverages or tobacco predominating	111.5	110.8	111.9	112.0	112.1	112.5	112.7	114.9	115.9	116.6	115.9	117.9	119.9
Retail sale of food, beverages and tobacco in specialised stores	114.2	114.1	115.9	116.2	116.2	117.1	117.5	117.6	118.9	119.1	114.9	114.5	115.4
Retail sale of non-food products (except fuel)	114.9	114.4	116.1	115.7	116.8	117.0	117.4	118.0	118.5	119.0	118.6	118.5	118.1
of which:													
Other retail sale in non-specialised stores	114.9	115.0	118.0	117.5	119.4	119.6	120.2	121.2	122.2	122.2	118.0	117.0	117.3
Retail sale of textiles, clothing, footwear and leather goods in specialised stores	122.9	119.8	121.8	113.6	112.1	112.3	111.8	111.5	116.8	114.2	107.9	110.4	112.8
Retail sale of audio and video equipment; hardware, paints and glass; electrical household appliances, etc. in specialised stores	110.5	110.6	112.3	111.8	112.1	113.4	114.1	114.1	115.9	115.5	115.9	116.3	116.4
Retail sale of computers, peripheral units and software; telecommunications equipment, etc. in specialised stores	113.8	110.3	114.5	117.0	117.2	115.8	113.5	116.4	116.8	119.9	117.7	109.6	105.5
Dispensing chemist; retail sale of medical and orthopaedic goods, cosmetic and toilet articles in specialised stores	119.2	119.4	119.8	119.3	120.3	120.1	121.2	121.2	121.6	122.5	124.9	133.2	135.1
Retail sale via mail order houses or via Internet	118.0	113.8	120.0	118.5	111.9	120.8	126.1	121.0	125.1	128.2	125.7	117.9	127.6
Retail sale of automotive fuel in specialised stores	91.7	89.9	90.2	88.6	87.6	89.7	88.3	89.2	87.1	87.9	92.0	85.6	84.6



Table 4

**Turnover Indices in ‘Retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles’  
at constant prices  
(Working day adjusted, 2015 = 100)**

Economic activities	2015	2016	2017										2018		
	III	III	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII	I	II	III
<b>Retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles</b>	<b>93.0</b>	<b>100.2</b>	<b>106.4</b>	<b>105.9</b>	<b>109.0</b>	<b>111.5</b>	<b>117.8</b>	<b>119.6</b>	<b>113.1</b>	<b>114.5</b>	<b>111.1</b>	<b>125.0</b>	<b>97.9</b>	<b>95.2</b>	<b>108.9</b>
Retail sale of food, beverages and tobacco	95.6	104.1	111.4	110.3	113.2	113.6	120.7	123.6	112.4	115.2	109.8	130.0	108.2	105.2	119.9
Retail sale in non-specialised stores with food, beverages or tobacco predominating	95.6	103.0	110.6	109.6	112.9	112.2	119.4	121.6	111.1	114.6	108.4	129.7	108.7	105.9	120.6
Retail sale of food, beverages and tobacco in specialised stores	92.8	109.7	112.1	111.9	113.9	121.0	126.5	134.3	119.7	117.3	115.3	129.7	101.1	97.2	111.5
Retail sale of non-food products (except fuel)	92.7	97.5	111.1	111.3	115.3	117.8	122.8	123.9	120.7	122.6	123.0	139.7	99.0	98.9	112.8
of which:															
Other retail sale in non-specialised stores	93.0	96.4	110.8	107.9	119.4	128.2	144.0	144.5	128.9	115.8	116.1	131.6	93.8	90.7	108.2
Retail sale of textiles, clothing, footwear and leather goods in specialised stores	80.3	95.1	112.6	119.2	124.3	112.8	113.6	116.8	124.0	117.0	118.9	143.7	89.6	85.3	104.6
Retail sale of audio and video equipment; hardware, paints and glass; electrical household appliances, etc. in specialised stores	84.7	89.4	98.4	107.2	111.9	118.1	122.3	123.3	121.4	126.8	133.1	145.2	77.3	82.1	102.9
Retail sale of computers, peripheral units and software; telecommunications equipment, etc. in specialised stores	99.5	90.4	109.1	105.6	111.4	120.9	124.2	122.4	120.2	120.6	118.9	142.1	100.6	90.9	98.4
Dispensing chemist; retail sale of medical and orthopaedic goods, cosmetic and toilet articles in specialised stores	99.6	110.4	124.3	120.3	118.6	114.0	119.0	120.4	115.1	123.9	118.0	130.8	125.3	133.2	142.5
Retail sale via mail order houses or via Internet	98.1	105.7	117.1	103.9	110.7	111.0	99.4	110.5	122.8	123.9	141.6	163.4	129.1	118.2	127.6
Retail sale of automotive fuel in specialised stores	89.7	100.3	88.1	86.6	87.4	93.3	102.4	104.0	97.5	95.1	87.2	83.0	76.2	69.1	79.5