

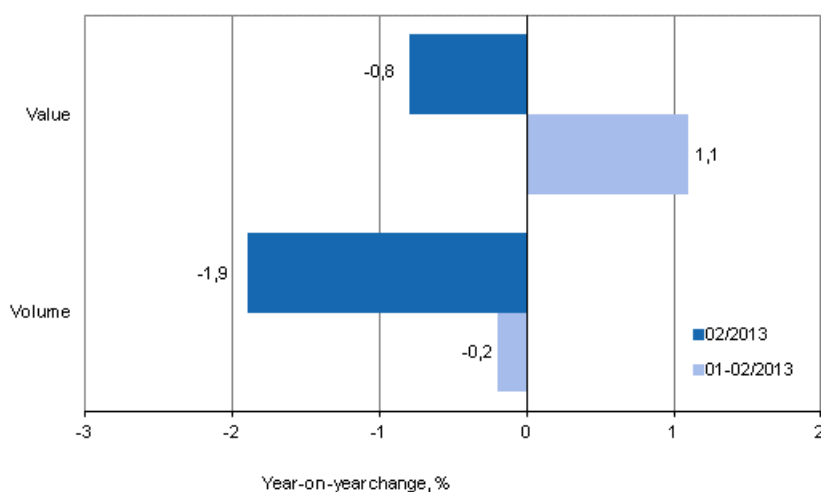
Turnover of trade

2013, February

Retail trade flash estimate: sales went down by 0.8 per cent year-on-year in February

According to Statistics Finland's retail trade flash estimate, retail trade sales decreased by 0.8 per cent in February 2013 from February 2012. Over the same time period, the volume of retail trade sales, from which the impact of prices has been eliminated, went down by 1.9 per cent.

Development of value and volume of retail trade sales, February 2013, % (TOL 2008)



Source: Statistics Finland

The retail trade flash estimate is based on a sample covering, on the average, 50 per cent of retail trade turnover. Data on trade sales by industry will next be released on 12 April 2013.

Flash estimates on retail trade are published at a lag of just under one month from the end of the statistical reference month. The preliminary data on motor vehicle, wholesale and retail trade based on a larger sample will be published at a lag of roughly six weeks from the end of the statistical reference month and the revised data based on total data are published at a lag of roughly ten weeks.

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	02/2013	02/2013	01-02/2013
Value	92,0	-0,8	1,1
Volume	87,1	-1,9	-0,2

1) Year-on-year change compares the value for an examined time period to the value for the corresponding time period twelve months back.

Revisions in these statistics

The data of the statistics have become revised according to the table below. For more information about data revisions, see Section 3 of the quality description (only in Finnish).

Revisions to data on annual changes in retail trade¹⁾

Time of publishing	2012				
	08	09	10	11	12
Flash estimate, %	5,1	3,1	4,6	4,9	2,3
1st release, %	4,9	3,4	3,8	4,6	2,1
Latest release (2013-03-26), %	4,4	1,2	4,6	4,2	1,7
Revision, percentage point	-0,7	-1,9	0,0	-0,7	-0,6

1) The revision describes the difference of annual change percentages between the flash estimate and the latest release.

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