

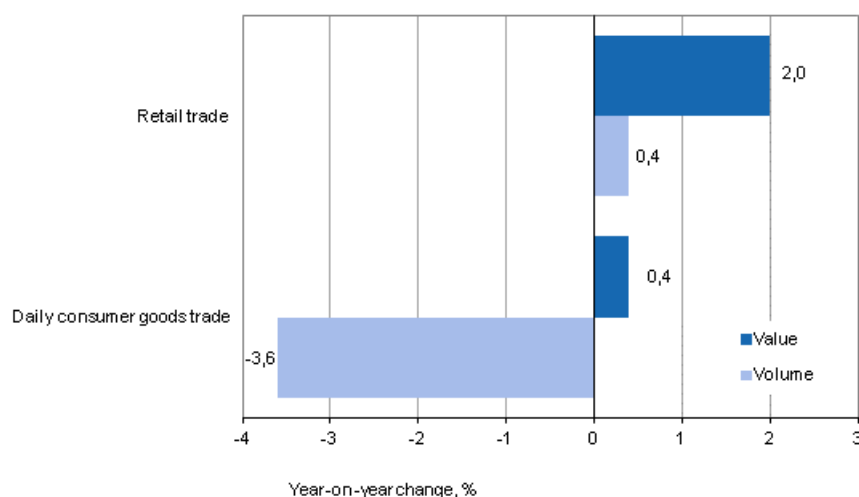
Turnover of trade

2013, April

Retail trade flash estimate: sales grew by 2.0 per cent year-on-year in April

According to the retail trade flash estimate, retail trade sales increased by 2.0 per cent in April 2013 from April 2012. Over the same time period, the volume of sales, from which the impact of prices has been eliminated, went up by 0.4 per cent. In daily consumer goods trade, sales grew by 0.4 per cent in April but the volume of sales decreased by 3.6 per cent from the respective period of the year before. According to the Business Register, the share of daily consumer goods of turnover in retail trade was 47 per cent in 2011. In 2013, Easter was in March while in 2012 it was in April. Therefore, there were 25 trading days in April this year while there were two less in April last year.

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



Source: StatisticsFinland

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 June 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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		Index	Year-on-year change in the latest month, % ¹⁾	Cumulative year-on-year change, % ¹⁾
		04/2013	04/2013	01-04/2013
Retail trade (47)	Value	105,9	2,0	1,0
	Volume	98,8	0,4	-0,4
Daily consumer goods trade (4711, 472)	Value	110,7	0,4	1,6
	Volume	97,6	-3,6	-2,2

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			2013	
	10	11	12	01	02
Flash estimate, %	4,6	4,9	2,3	2,1	-0,8
1st release, %	3,8	4,6	2,1	2,9	0,5
Latest release (2013-05-24), %	4,5	4,0	1,4	3,4	-1,2
Revision, percentage point	-0,1	-0,9	-0,9	1,3	-0,4

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

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