

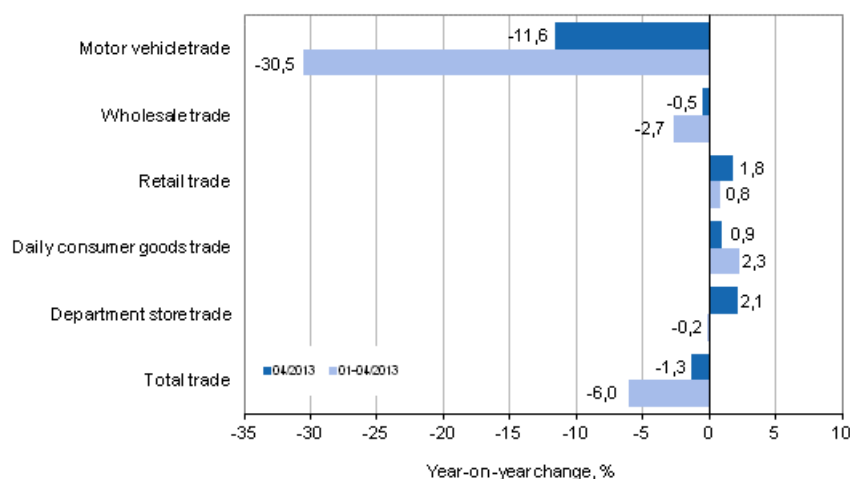
Turnover of trade

2013, April

Retail trade sales grew by 1.8 per cent in April from one year ago

According to Statistics Finland, retail trade sales grew by 1.8 per cent in April from April 2012. The volume of retail trade sales, from which the impact of prices has been eliminated, went up by 0.3 per cent over the same period. In daily consumer goods trade, sales grew by 0.9 per cent and in department store trade by 2.1 per cent year-on-year. Wholesale trade sales contracted by 0.5 per cent and motor vehicle sales by 11.6 per cent from one year ago. In total trade, sales contracted by 1.3 per cent in April.

Annual change in turnover in trade industries, % (TOL 2008)



In the January to April period, retail trade sales grew by 0.8 per cent compared with the respective period of the previous year. In contrast, wholesale trade sales went down by 2.7 per cent and motor vehicle sales by 30.5 per cent over the corresponding period. In total trade, sales were down by 6.0 per cent in January to April on the respective period of the year before.

Motor vehicle sales contracted most strongly in wholesale trade in January to March

Motor vehicle sales contracted by 35.8 per cent in the first quarter of 2013 from the respective period of one year previously. Motor vehicle sales fell most due to wholesale trade of motor vehicles, which went down by over 50 per cent from January to March 2012. In addition to domestic wholesale trade, wholesale of motor vehicles includes transit exports to neighbouring countries.

From January to March, sales contracted by 26.0 per cent in retail trade of motor vehicles and by 11.2 per cent in maintenance and repair from the corresponding period of the previous year. The strong growth in January to March 2012 prior to the amendment of the motor vehicle tax also has an effect on the development of motor vehicle sales in the first quarter.

Wholesale trade of motor vehicles accounted for 43 per cent of total motor vehicle sales. In contrast, retail trade of motor vehicles had a share of 45 per cent and the share of maintenance and repair was 12 per cent of total motor vehicle sales. The information on shares is based on the Business Register data for 2011.

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Appendix table 1. Year-on-year change in turnover in trade industries, % (TOL 2008)

	Year-on-year change by quarter, % ¹⁾				Cumulative year-on-year change, % ¹⁾	Year-on-year change in the latest month, % ¹⁾
	04-06/2012	07-09/2012	10-12/2012	01-03/2013		
Total trade (G)	2,2	-1,1	-2,0	-7,5	-6,0	-1,3
Motor vehicle trade (45)	-2,5	-18,7	-24,3	-35,8	-30,5	-11,6
Wholesale trade (46)	2,9	0,6	0,5	-3,4	-2,7	-0,5
Retail trade (47)	3,2	3,2	3,1	0,4	0,8	1,8
Daily consumer goods trade (4711, 472) ²⁾	3,8	3,9	4,1	2,8	2,3	0,9
Department store trade (4719) ³⁾	1,8	3,3	2,9	-1,1	-0,2	2,1

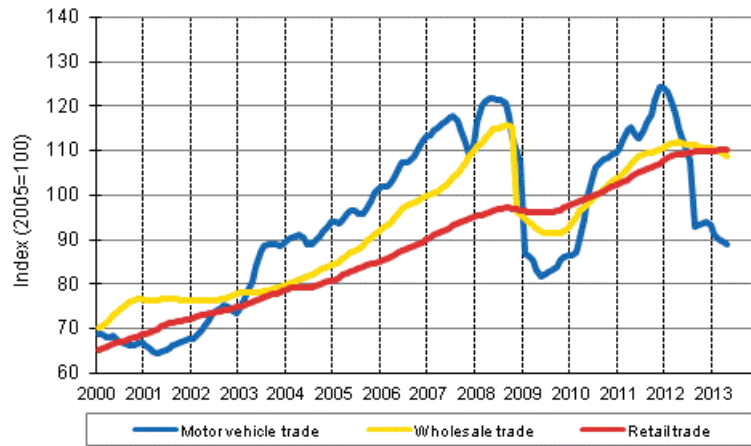
1) Year-on-year change compares the value for an examined time period to the value for the corresponding time period twelve months back.

2) According to the Register of Enterprises and Establishments, the share of daily consumer goods (4711, 472) of turnover in retail trade was 47.0 per cent in 2011.

3) According to the Register of Enterprises and Establishments, the share of retail sale in department stores (4719) of turnover in retail trade was 12.0 per cent in 2011.

Appendix figures

Appendix figure 1. Turnover of motor vehicles, wholesale and retail trade, trend series (TOL 2008)



Source: Statistics Finland

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).

Revision of annual changes in turnover in main industries¹⁾

Industry / Reference period		Year-on-year change,%		Revision, percentage point
		1st release	Latest release (2013-06-12)	
G Wholesale and retail trade	11/2012	-3,4	-3,9	-0,5
	12/2012	-3,7	-4,3	-0,6
	01/2013	-2,1	-1,7	0,4
	02/2013	-8,6	-8,5	0,1
	03/2013	-11,7	-11,7	0,0
45 Wholesale and retail trade and repair of motorvehicles and motorcycles	11/2012	-27,3	-27,8	-0,5
	12/2012	-28,4	-26,7	1,7
	01/2013	-25,7	-25,8	-0,1
	02/2013	-28,6	-28,9	-0,3
	03/2013	-47,3	-47,4	-0,1
46 Wholesale trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles	11/2012	-1,5	-1,8	-0,3
	12/2012	-1,8	-3,1	-1,3
	01/2013	2,0	2,3	0,3
	02/2013	-7,7	-6,8	0,9
	03/2013	-4,0	-5,3	-1,3
47 Retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles	11/2012	4,6	4,0	-0,6
	12/2012	2,1	1,3	-0,8
	01/2013	2,9	3,3	0,4
	02/2013	0,5	-1,3	-1,8
	03/2013	-0,4	-0,7	-0,3
Retail sale in non-specialised stores (4711, 472)	11/2012	5,4	6,0	0,6
	12/2012	2,6	2,2	-0,4
	01/2013	2,9	3,1	0,2
	02/2013	0,8	-0,4	-1,2
	03/2013	3,2	5,4	2,2
Department store trade (4719)	11/2012	4,6	4,6	0,0
	12/2012	2,3	2,7	0,4
	01/2013	0,0	0,3	0,3
	02/2013	-1,4	-1,4	0,0
	03/2013	-2,3	-2,2	0,1

1) The 1st release refers to the time when data for the reference period were released for the first time. The revision describes the difference of annual change percentages between the first and latest release.

Revision of long-term annual changes in turnover in main industries

Industry	Year	Average ¹⁾	Average for absolute values ²⁾
Total trade (G)	2009	-0,1	0,8
	2010	-0,3	0,9
	2011	-0,8	1,1
Motor vehicle trade (45)	2009	2,4	2,4
	2010	-1,5	2,9
	2011	-2,6	2,6

Industry	Year	Average ¹⁾	Average for absolute values ²⁾
Wholesale trade (46)	2009	-0,4	1,2
	2010	0,1	1,0
	2011	-0,5	1,2
Retail trade (47)	2009	-0,5	1,0
	2010	-0,6	0,8
	2011	-1,1	1,1
Daily consumer goods trade (4711, 472)	2009	0,1	0,6
	2010	-0,3	0,7
	2011	-0,7	0,7
Department store trade (4719)	2009	-0,6	0,7
	2010	0,1	0,9
	2011	-0,1	0,4

1) Average for data revised between the first and seventh release in the statistical reference year.

2) Average for absolute values of differences between the first and seventh release.

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