

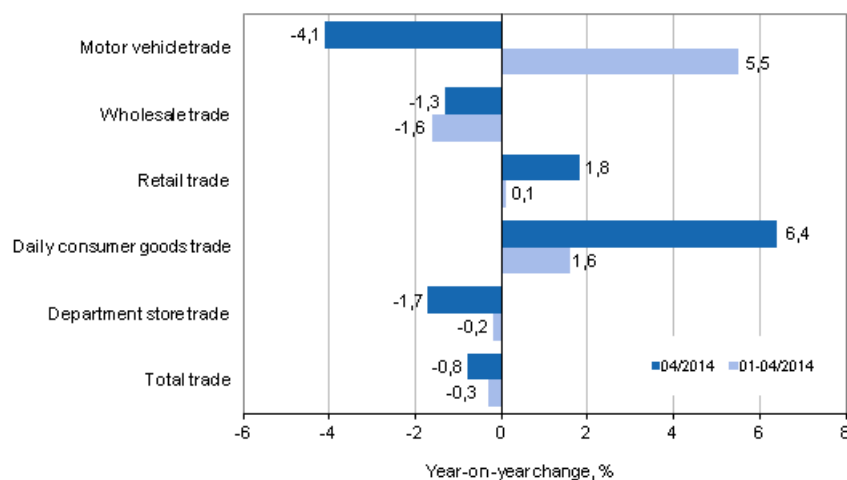
Turnover of trade

2014, April

Total trade sales fell by 0.8 per cent year-on-year in April

According to Statistics Finland, retail trade sales grew by 1.8 per cent in April from April 2013. In daily consumer goods trade, sales rose by 6.4 per cent, while sales in department store trade went down by 1.7 per cent from one year ago. Wholesale trade sales declined by 1.3 per cent and motor vehicle sales by 4.1 per cent from one year previously. Thus, in total trade, sales declined in April by 0.8 per cent from the corresponding period of the previous year.

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



Source: Statistics Finland

The increase in retail trade sales was partly also due to Easter being in April this year, while last year it was at the turn of March and April. The fact that Easter occurs in different months is in particular visible in the sales development of food during March and April.

In retail trade, the sales volume increased by 1.8 per cent from April 2013. In wholesale trade, the sales volume diminished by 0.2 per cent and in motor vehicle sales by 4.2 per cent. Thus, the sales volume contracted in total trade by 0.1 per cent in April from the year before. The volume index of sales is calculated by removing the effect of price changes from the value index series.

Motor vehicle sales grew in January to April by 5.5 per cent year-on-year

Motor vehicle sales increased by 5.5 per cent in January to April, and retail trade sales by 0.1 per cent from the corresponding time period of the year before. By contrast, wholesale trade sales decreased by 1.6 per cent over the same period. In total trade, sales were 0.3 per cent lower in January to April 2014 than in the year before.

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	Year-on-year change by quarter, % ¹⁾				Cumulative year-on-year change, % ¹⁾	Year-on-year change in the latest month, % ¹⁾
	04-06/2013	07-09/2013	10-12/2013	01-03/2014		
Total trade (G)	-3,2	-0,3	-1,2	-0,1	-0,3	-0,8
Motor vehicle trade (45)	-14,7	-0,1	2,0	9,2	5,5	-4,1
Wholesale trade (46)	-2,8	-0,7	-2,0	-1,7	-1,6	-1,3
Retail trade (47)	0,8	0,3	-0,7	-0,5	0,1	1,8
Daily consumer goods trade (4711, 472) ²⁾	2,2	2,1	1,4	-0,2	1,6	6,4
Department store trade (4719) ³⁾	1,8	-1,5	-0,6	0,3	-0,2	-1,7

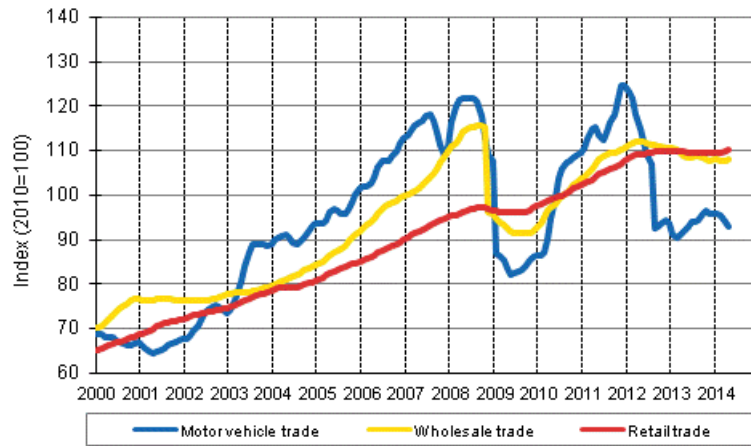
1) Year-on-year change compares the value for an examined time period to the value for the corresponding time period twelve months back.

2) According to the Business Register, the share of daily consumer goods (4711, 472) of turnover in retail trade was 47.6 per cent in 2012.

3) According to the Business Register, the share of retail sale in department stores (4719) of turnover in retail trade was 11.8 per cent in 2012.

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 (2014-06-13)	
G Wholesale and retail trade	11/2013	-3,6	-4,2	-0,6
	12/2013	0,4	0,7	0,3
	01/2014	1,3	0,9	-0,4
	02/2014	-0,1	-0,8	-0,7
	03/2014	-2,0	-0,3	1,7
45 Wholesale and retail trade and repair of motorvehicles and motorcycles	11/2013	-0,6	-2,0	-1,4
	12/2013	1,3	0,5	-0,8
	01/2014	13,4	12,7	-0,7
	02/2014	9,1	7,0	-2,1
	03/2014	6,6	7,8	1,2
46 Wholesale trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles	11/2013	-6,1	-6,1	0,0
	12/2013	1,4	2,1	0,7
	01/2014	-1,7	-1,3	0,4
	02/2014	-1,9	-2,4	-0,5
	03/2014	-4,0	-1,5	2,5
47 Retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles	11/2013	0,2	-1,0	-1,2
	12/2013	-1,4	-1,6	-0,2
	01/2014	2,1	0,4	-1,7
	02/2014	-0,4	-0,9	-0,5
	03/2014	-1,5	-1,0	0,5
Retail sale in non-specialised stores (4711, 472)	11/2013	1,3	1,0	-0,3
	12/2013	0,2	0,5	0,3
	01/2014	4,3	3,6	-0,7
	02/2014	0,8	1,2	0,4
	03/2014	-3,5	-4,5	-1,0
Department store trade (4719)	11/2013	0,9	0,9	0,0
	12/2013	-1,7	-2,4	-0,7
	01/2014	3,8	3,2	-0,6
	02/2014	-1,6	-2,6	-1,0
	03/2014	-1,6	-0,5	1,1

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)	2010	-0,3	0,9
	2011	-0,8	1,1
	2012	-0,7	0,9
Motor vehicle trade (45)	2010	-1,5	2,9
	2011	-2,6	2,6
	2012	0,6	2,3

Industry	Year	Average ¹⁾	Average for absolute values ²⁾
Wholesale trade (46)	2010	0,1	1,0
	2011	-0,5	1,2
	2012	-0,8	1,1
Retail trade (47)	2010	-0,6	0,8
	2011	-1,1	1,1
	2012	-0,7	0,9
Daily consumer goods trade (4711, 472)	2010	-0,3	0,7
	2011	-0,7	0,7
	2012	-0,5	0,7
Department store trade (4719)	2010	0,1	0,9
	2011	-0,1	0,4
	2012	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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