

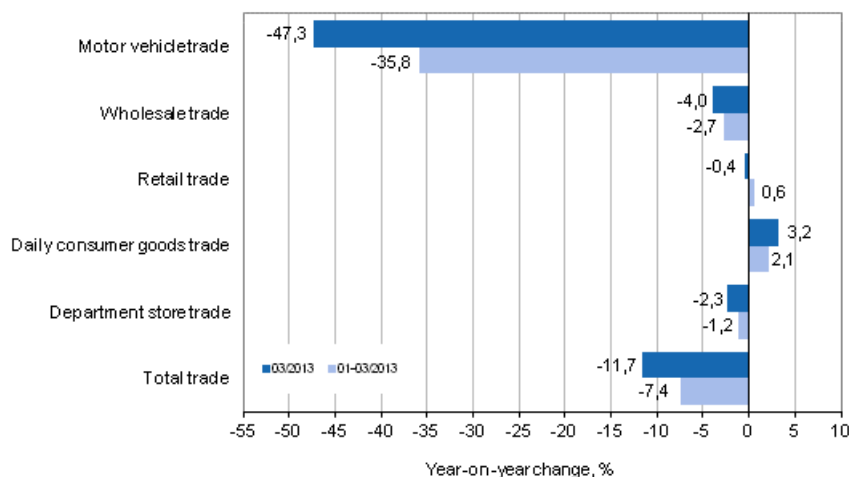
Turnover of trade

2013, March

Retail trade sales went down by 0.4 per cent in March from one year ago

According to Statistics Finland, retail trade sales went down by 0.4 per cent in March from March 2012. The volume of retail trade sales, from which the impact of prices has been eliminated, contracted by 1.7 per cent over the same period. In daily consumer goods trade, sales grew by 3.2 per cent from the corresponding period of the previous year, while sales in department store trade went down by 2.3 per cent. Wholesale trade sales went down by 4.0 per cent and motor vehicle trade sales by 47.3 per cent from twelve months back. The fall in motor vehicle trade sales was due to the strong growth during the reference period, which anticipated the amendment in the motor vehicle tax legislation. In total trade, sales contracted by 11.7 per cent in March.

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



Source: Statistics Finland

In the first quarter of 2013, retail trade sales grew by 0.6 per cent compared with the corresponding period of the previous year. In contrast, wholesale trade sales went down by 2.7 per cent and motor vehicle trade sales by 35.8 per cent from twelve months back. In total trade, sales were down by 7.4 per cent in January to March on the respective period of the year before. In total trade, sales have last fallen as strongly in the

last quarter of 2009, when sales contracted by 8.4 per cent from the corresponding period of the year before.

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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	01-03/2013	03/2013
Total trade (G)	2,2	-1,1	-2,0	-7,4	-7,4	-11,7
Motor vehicle trade (45)	-2,5	-18,7	-24,3	-35,8	-35,8	-47,3
Wholesale trade (46)	2,9	0,6	0,5	-2,7	-2,7	-4,0
Retail trade (47)	3,2	3,2	3,1	0,6	0,6	-0,4
Daily consumer goods trade (4711, 472) ²⁾	3,8	3,9	4,1	2,1	2,1	3,2
Department store trade (4719) ³⁾	1,8	3,2	2,8	-1,2	-1,2	-2,3

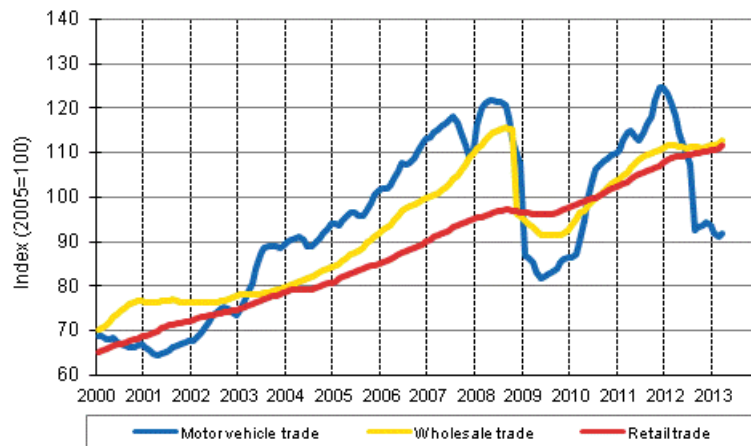
1) Year-on-year change compares the value for an examined time period to the value for the corresponding time period twelve months back.

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 (2013-05-15)	
G Wholesale and retail trade	10/2012	1,4	2,4	1,0
	11/2012	-3,4	-3,9	-0,5
	12/2012	-3,7	-4,2	-0,5
	01/2013	-2,1	-1,5	0,6
	02/2013	-8,6	-8,3	0,3
45 Wholesale and retail trade and repair of motorvehicles and motorcycles	10/2012	-22,2	-18,7	3,5
	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	-29,0	-0,4
46 Wholesale trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles	10/2012	5,7	6,4	0,7
	11/2012	-1,5	-1,8	-0,3
	12/2012	-1,8	-3,0	-1,2
	01/2013	2,0	2,6	0,6
	02/2013	-7,7	-6,5	1,2
47 Retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles	10/2012	3,8	4,5	0,7
	11/2012	4,6	4,0	-0,6
	12/2012	2,1	1,4	-0,7
	01/2013	2,9	3,4	0,5
	02/2013	0,5	-1,2	-1,7
Retail sale in non-specialised stores (4711, 472)	10/2012	4,4	4,4	0,0
	11/2012	5,4	6,0	0,6
	12/2012	2,6	2,3	-0,3
	01/2013	2,9	3,2	0,3
	02/2013	0,8	-0,4	-1,2
Department store trade (4719)	10/2012	1,2	1,5	0,3
	11/2012	4,6	4,5	-0,1
	12/2012	2,3	2,5	0,2
	01/2013	0,0	0,1	0,1
	02/2013	-1,4	-1,5	-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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