

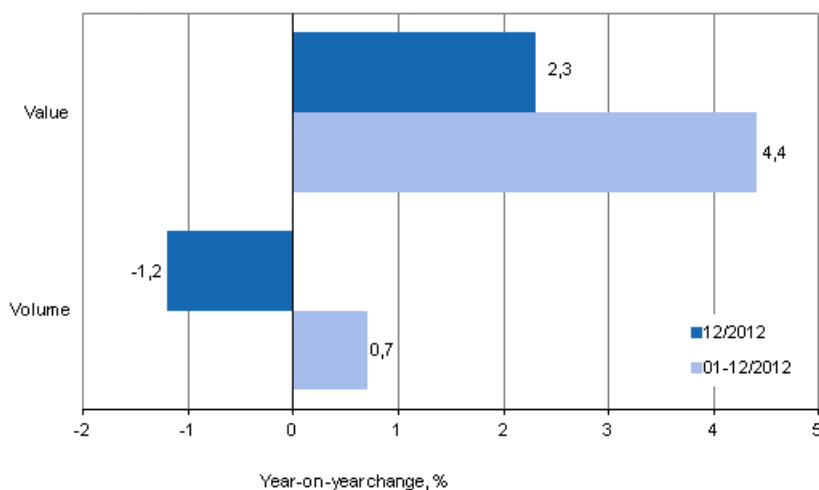
Turnover of trade

2012, December

Retail trade flash estimate: sales grew by 2.3 per cent year-on-year in December

According to Statistics Finland's retail trade flash estimate, retail trade sales increased by 2.3 per cent in December 2012 from December 2011. Over the same time period, the volume of retail trade sales, from which the impact of prices has been eliminated, went down by 1.2 per cent.

Development of value and volume of retail trade sales, December 2012, % (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 13 February 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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	12/2012	12/2012	01-12/2012
Value	161,4	2,3	4,4
Volume	139,6	-1,2	0,7

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

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				
	06	07	08	09	10
Flash estimate, %	5,8	3,8	5,1	3,1	4,6
1st release, %	5,7	3,8	4,9	3,4	3,8
Latest release (2013-01-24), %	4,9	3,7	4,4	1,7	5,0
Revision, percentage point	-0,9	-0,1	-0,7	-1,4	0,4

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

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