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# Retail turnover up in nominal terms in February 2026

## Turnover decreased in real terms compared to the previous year

Vienna, 2026-04-8 – According to preliminary data from Statistics Austria, Austrian retail turnover in February 2026 was 0.9% higher in nominal terms than in February of the previous year. Adjusted for inflation (in real terms), this corresponds to a decrease of 0.3%.

“In February 2026, the Austrian retail sector was able to generate 0.9% more revenue in nominal terms than a year earlier. However, after adjusting for inflation, the revenues showed a slight decrease of 0.3%. The nominal increase can be attributed to the food retail sector, which generated a growth of +2.8% in nominal terms and +0.4% in real terms. Turnover in the non-food retail sector, however, was lower than in February 2025, with –0.2% in nominal terms and –0.9% in real terms,” says Manuela Lenk, Director General Statistics at Statistics Austria.

**Table 1: Turnover in retail trade February 2026**

Selected sectors	Change turnover compared with the period last year in %	
	in nominal terms	in real terms
<b>Retail trade (excluding automotive retail; incl. service stations)</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>–0.3</b>
Retail trade (excluding automotive retail and service stations)	1.2	–0.3
Food	2.8	0.4
Non-Food	–0.2	–0.9

S: STATISTICS AUSTRIA, short-term statistics trade, preliminary and unadjusted data (neither seasonally nor working day adjusted).

The preliminary calculations of retail turnover for February 2026 were carried out based on 55% of turnover volume.

### Trade turnover in January 2026 was below the previous year

According to final data, **trade** turnover in **January 2026** was down 1.9% in nominal terms compared with the previous year, which corresponds to a decrease of 2.7% in real terms. Wholesale trade recorded a decrease in turnover with –3.8% in nominal terms and –4.3% in real terms. The automotive trade decreased as well, with –3.5% in nominal terms and –4.6% in real terms compared with January 2025. Turnover for retail trade increased by 1.9% in nominal terms compared with the previous year, resulting in a plus of 0.9% in real terms (see Table 2).

**Table 2: Turnover in trade January 2026**

Selected sectors	Change turnover compared with the period last year in %	
	in nominal terms	in real terms
<b>Trade</b>	<b>-1.9</b>	<b>-2.7</b>
Wholesale and retail trade and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	-3.5	-4.6
Wholesale trade, except motor vehicles and motorcycles	-3.8	-4.3
Retail trade, except motor vehicles and motorcycles	1.9	0.9

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### Turnover increase for services in January 2026

In **January 2026**, Austrian **service enterprises** recorded a 0.9% turnover increase in nominal terms compared with January of the previous year. Real estate activities reported a rise in turnover of 5.2%, accommodation and food service activities recorded a turnover increase of 4.0%. The sector professional, scientific and technical activities reported a decline in turnover of 4.6% (see Table 3).

**Table 3: Turnover in services January 2026**

Selected sectors	Change turnover compared with the period last year in %
	in nominal terms
<b>Services</b>	<b>0.9</b>
Transportation and storage	0.4
Accommodation and food service activities	4.0
Information and communication	0.8
Real estate activities	5.2
Professional, scientific and technical activities	-4.6
Administrative and support service activities	-0.2

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#### Information on methodology, definitions:

The monthly short-term statistics for trade and services in Austria reflects turnover trends in these economic sectors. The base year for the index is 2021.

The nominal turnover index shows changes in revenue without adjustment for inflation, while the real turnover index takes inflation into account. Prices for trade are adjusted using the Wholesale Price Index and the Consumer Price Index. For services, the price-adjusted turnover index is based on the Producer Price Index for Services. As the latter is always published after the short-term statistics, revisions may occur as soon as new values become available. The turnover index for trade and services is calculated on the basis of enterprises' reported turnover and advance VAT returns.

Statistics Austria publishes the short-term statistics for trade and services at the same time as Eurostat, approximately 60 days after the end of the respective reporting month. In the retail sector, these data revise the preliminary retail turnover index published after around 30 days.

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