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More non-food goods, less food was sold, year-on-year

Retail trade – March 2022

Sales in retail trade increased in real terms by 5.4%, year‑on‑year (y-o-y) in March; in the month-on-month (m-o-m) comparison, they decreased by 0.1%.

Sales in retail trade, except of motor vehicles1) decreased by 0.1% in real terms, month‑on‑month, in March. Sales for sale of automotive fuel decreased by 2.0% and sales for sale of non-food goods by 0.3%, whereas sales for sale of food increased by 1.0%.

Sales in retail trade increased in real terms by 5.4%, year-on-year. Sales for sale of automotive fuel increased by 18.8% and sales for sale of non-food goods by 8.4%, whereas sales for sale of food decreased by 1.8%.

*“A significant increase in sales was recorded in non-food stores, which were closed last year as a result of anti-epidemic measures. Sales of specialised stores selling clothing and footwear were over three times higher, year-on-year; however, in comparison to the year 2019, they were by a quarter lower. On the other hand, a decrease in the retail sale via mail order houses or via Internet was influenced by a high comparison basis of the previous year,”* Jana Gotvaldová, Head of the Trade, Transport, and Services Statistics Unit, says.

Sales in retail sale of clothing, footwear and leather goods in specialised stores increased by 211.0%, in retail sale of cultural and recreation goods in specialised stores by 17.8%, in retail sale of other household equipment in specialised stores by 17.3%, in retail sale of cosmetic and toilet articles in specialised stores by 15.5%, in retail sale of information and communication equipment in specialised stores by 14.9%, and sales for sale of dispensing chemist in specialised stores and retail sale of medical and orthopaedic goods in specialised stores increased by 2.4%. Sales for retail sale of food, beverages and tobacco in specialised stores increased, too (by 5.3%). On the other hand, a decrease of sales was recorded by retail sale in non-specialised stores with food, beverages or tobacco predominating (by 2.2%). In retail sale via mail order houses or via Internet2) sales decreased by 19.0%.

Sales for **sale and repair of motor vehicles3)** decreased **in real terms** by 1.0%, **m-o-m**, and in the **y-o-y** comparison they decreased by 1.6%. Sales decreased for sale of motor vehicles (including spare parts), whereas sales for repair of motor vehicles increased.

*“For the whole first quarter, sales in retail trade increased by 6.3%, year-on-year. Consumers spent for automotive fuel by 14.8% more in real terms compared to the last year, for non-food goods by 10.5% more, whereas for food sales decreased by 1.4%. For sale and repair of motor vehicles, sales decreased by 3.0%,”* Marie Boušková, Director of the Trade, Transport, Services, Tourism, and Environmental Statistics Department, adds.

International comparison of retail sales development in Member States of the EU is available at: <https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/short-term-business-statistics/publications>.

Notes:

*All data in the text of the News Release are at constant prices. The year-on-year development is published after adjustment for working days (calendar effects). Month-on-month rates are also seasonally adjusted.*

*Enterprises are classified to the economic activity according to their principal (prevailing) activity, which is such an activity, from which the enterprise gets the highest value added.*

*Data for February 2022 have been revised in accordance with the CZSO revision policy. Data for March 2022 are preliminary. Final data for all months of 2022 will be published in March 2023.*

Methodology: <https://www.czso.cz/csu/czso/methodology_monthly_sales_indices_in_trade_hotels_and_restaurants>

*1) CZ-NACE 47 – retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles*

*2) CZ-NACE 4791 – retail sale via mail order houses or via Internet*

*3) CZ-NACE 45 – wholesale and retail trade and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles*

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Annexes:

Table 1 Retail trade and sale and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles (year-on-year indices, constant prices, adjusted for calendar effects)

Chart 1: Sales in retail trade except of motor vehicles and motorcycles (base indices, constant prices)

Chart 2: Sales in retail trade except of motor vehicles and motorcycles (year-on-year indices, constant prices)

Chart 3: Sales in retail trade except of motor vehicles and motorcycles – international comparison (base indices, seasonally adjusted, constant prices)

Chart 4: Sales in retail trade – contribution of the selected CZ-NACE divisions to year-on-year change (adjusted for calendar effects)