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Sales in retail trade decreased again, y-o-y

Retail trade – November 2022

Sales in retail trade decreased in real terms by 8.7%, year‑on‑year (y-o-y) in November; in the month-on-month (m-o-m) comparison, they decreased by 0.3%.

Sales in retail trade, except of motor vehicles1) decreased by 0.3% in real terms, month‑on‑month, in November. Sales for sale of food decreased by 1.4%, whereas sales for sale of non-food goods and sales for sale of automotive fuel increased both the same by 0.3%.

Sales in retail trade decreased in real terms by 8.7%, year-on-year. Sales for sale of non-food goods decreased by 9.6%, sales for sale of food by 9.2%, and sales for sale of automotive fuel decreased by 2.1%.

*“A year-on-year decrease of sales in retail trade also continued in November. However, compared to the previous month, the decrease slackened as for sale of automotive fuel and non-food goods, whereas in sale of food the decrease of sales deepened,”* Jana Gotvaldová, Head of the Trade, Transport, and Services Statistics Unit of the Czech Statistical Office (CZSO), says.

*“A year-on-year increase was only reported as for sales of retail sale of cosmetic and toilet articles in specialised stores, other main assortment types of specialised stores with non-food goods reported a decrease in sales. A decrease was also reported by stores selling dispensing chemist, medical and orthopaedic goods, sales of which were increasing, year-on-year, during the preceding 19 months,”* Marie Boušková, Director of the Trade, Transport, Services, Tourism, and Environmental Statistics Department of the CZSO, adds.

Sales in retail sale of other household equipment in specialised stores decreased by 12.0%, in retail sale of cultural and recreation goods in specialised stores by 10.9%, in retail sale of information and communication equipment in specialised stores by 8.4%, in dispensing chemist, retail sale of medical and orthopaedic goods in specialised stores by 5.8%, and in retail sale of clothing, footwear and leather goods in specialised stores by 5.1%. On the other hand, sales in stores with cosmetic and toilet articles increased by 2.8%. Sales for sale of food decreased in retail sale of food, beverages and tobacco in specialised stores by 13.6% and in non-specialised stores with food, beverages or tobacco predominating by 9.0%. In other retail sale in non‑specialised stores sales increased by 2.9%. In retail sale via mail order houses or via Internet2) sales decreased by 9.8%.

Sales for **sale and repair of motor vehicles3)** increased **in real terms**, **m-o-m**, by 0.8%. In the **year-on-year** comparison, sales decreased by 1.7%. Sales for repair of motor vehicles decreased by 7.3% and sales for sale of motor vehicles (including spare parts) by 0.1%.

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 having been adjusted for the influence of the number of working days (calendar effects). Month on‑month rates have also been 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 October 2022 have been revised in accordance with the CZSO Data Revision Policy. Data for November 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)