7 June 2023

Sales in retail trade decreased for the twelfth successive month

Retail trade – April 2023

Sales in retail trade decreased in real terms by 7.7%, year‑on‑year (y-o-y) in April; 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 April. Sales for sale of automotive fuel decreased by 2.9%, whereas sales for sale of food increased by 0.2% and for non-food goods they stagnated.

Sales in retail trade decreased in real terms by 7.7%, year-on-year, in April. Sales for sale of non-food goods decreased by 9.5% and sales for sale of food by 9.3%, whereas sales for sale of automotive fuel increased by 6.9%.

*“Sales in retail trade adjusted for price effects decreased by 7.7%, year-on-year, in April. A decrease in sale of food and of non-food goods, which started in May 2022, also continued in April 2023. On the other hand, sale of automotive fuel recorded a sales increase, the same as in the previous month,”* Jana Gotvaldová, Head of the Trade, Transport, and Services Statistics Unit of the Czech Statistical Office (CZSO), says.

*“A sales decrease was recorded by all assortment types of stores and also by retail sale via mail order houses or via Internet. Lower sale in retail sale in non-specialised stores with food, beverages or tobacco predominating and lower sale of other household equipment* *in specialised stores had a significant influence on a decrease of sales in retail trade,”* 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 16.5%, year on-year, in retail sale of clothing, footwear and leather goods in specialised stores by 7.5%, in retail sale of information and communication equipment in specialised stores by 5.0%, in retail sale of cosmetic and toilet articles in specialised stores by 3.8%, in retail sale of cultural and recreation goods in specialised stores by 3.7%, and dispensing chemist and medical goods by 2.5%. Sales from sale of food decreased in retail sale in non-specialised stores with food, beverages or tobacco predominating by 9.4% and in specialised stores by 6.9%. In other retail sale in non-specialised stores sales increased by 4.1%. In retail sale via mail order houses or via Internet2) sales decreased by 6.8%.

Sales for **sale and repair of motor vehicles3)** decreased **in real terms** by 1.3%, **m-o-m**. In the **year-on-year** comparison, sales increased by 6.3%; sales for sale of motor vehicles (including spare parts) increased by 6.7% and sales for repair of motor vehicles by 4.8%.

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 March 2023 have been revised in accordance with the CZSO Data Revision Policy. Data for April 2023 are preliminary; final data for all months of 2023 will be published in March 2024.*

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)