6 October 2023

Sales in retail trade decreased, y-o-y, sixteenth month in a row

Retail trade – August 2023

Sales in retail trade decreased in real terms by 2.8%, year‑on‑year (y-o-y), in August; in the month-on-month (m-o-m) comparison, they decreased by 0.8%. Sales for sale and repair of motor vehiclesincreased by 7.3%, y-o-y; in the m-o-m comparison it was by 1.2%.

Sales in retail trade, except of motor vehicles1) decreased by 0.8% in real terms, month‑on‑month, in August. Sales for sale of automotive fuel decreased by 4.5% and sales for sale of non-food goods by 0.6%, whereas sales for sale of food increased by 0.2%.

Year-on-year, sales in retail trade decreased in real terms by 2.8% in August. Sales for sale of non-food goods dropped by 4.1% and for food by 3.2%, whereas sales for sale of automotive fuel increased by 3.7%.

*“Sales in retail trade adjusted for price effects continued to decrease, year-on-year, for the sixteenth successive month. The sales decrease in August was influenced by lower sale of non-food goods and food. On the other hand, sale of automotive fuel kept the sales growth since this year’s March,”* Jana Gotvaldová, Head of the Trade, Transport, and Services Statistics Unit of the Czech Statistical Office (CZSO), says.

Sales in retail sale of other household equipment in specialised stores decreased by 9.3%, year‑on-year, in retail sale of clothing, footwear and leather goods in specialised stores by 8.4%, in retail sale of information and communication equipment in specialised stores by 7.7%, in dispensing chemist and medical goods by 2.8%, and in retail sale of cultural and recreation goods in specialised stores by 1.3%. On the other hand, sales increased in retail sale of cosmetic and toilet articles in specialised stores by 4.6%. Sales from sale of food in retail sale in non‑specialised stores with food, beverages or tobacco predominating decreased by 3.4% and in retail sale of food, beverages and tobacco in specialised stores by 1.1%. In other retail sale in non‑specialised stores sales increased by 2.9%. In retail sale via mail order houses or via Internet2) sales increased by 2.8%.

Sales for **sale and repair of motor vehicles3)** increased in real terms,m-o-m, by 1.2%. In the year-on-year comparison, sales increased by 7.3%; sales for sale of motor vehicles (including spare parts) increased by 8.1% and sales for repair of motor vehicles by 4.2%.

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 July 2023 have been revised in accordance with the CZSO Data revision policy. Data for August 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)