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Retail trade growth accelerated, y-o-y

Retail trade – November 2017

In November 2017, seasonally adjusted sales in retail trade at constant prices increased by 3.1%, month-on-month (m-o-m). Sales adjusted for calendar effects increased by 7.8%, year-on-year (y-o-y), the same as non-adjusted sales.

Seasonally adjusted sales in retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles (CZ‑NACE 47) increased by 3.1% in November at constant prices, month-on-month. Sales for sale of non-food goods increased by 3.1%, for automotive fuel by 1.5%, and for sale of food by 1.2%.

Sales in retail trade adjusted for calendar effects (there was the same number of working days in November 2017 and November 2016) increased by 7.8%, year-on-year; sales for sale of non-food goods increased by 10.7%, for automotive fuel by 7.5%, and sales for food by 3.3%1).

Non-adjusted sales in retail trade increased by 7.8%, y-o-y; sales for sale of non-food goods increased by 10.7%, for automotive fuel by 7.5%, and for food by 3.2%1).

Retail sale via mail order houses or via Internet continued to be more dynamic (growth of sales by 24.0%). In specialised stores with non-food goods, sales increased in the following: retail sale of clothing and footwear (+13.7%), retail sale of information and communication equipment (+13.2%), retail sale of cultural and recreation goods (+9.4%), retail sale of other household equipment in specialised stores (+7.9%), and retail sale of dispensing chemist, medical and orthopaedic goods, and cosmetic and toilet articles in specialised stores (+4.3%). More food was sold: retail sale in non‑specialised stores with food, beverages or tobacco predominating was 3.4% up and retail sale of food, beverages and tobacco in specialised stores was 1.4% up.

The price deflator (CZ-NACE 47) related to the corresponding period of the previous year (VAT excluded) was 101.1%. It was influenced mainly by higher prices of food, automotive fuel, dispensing chemist, medical and orthopaedic goods, and cosmetic and toilet articles in specialised stores. On the contrary, prices decreased in retail sale of information and communication equipment in specialised stores, retail sale of cultural and recreation goods, retail sale of other household equipment in specialised stores, and retail sale of clothing and footwear.

**Seasonally adjusted** sales **for sale and repair of motor vehicles (CZ-NACE 45)** increased **at constant prices** by 0.1%, **m-o-m**. **In the year-on-year comparison**, sales decreased by 0.8% **(adjusted for calendar effects as well as non-adjusted)**. Sales for sale of motor vehicles (including spare parts) decreased by 2.0%, y‑o‑y, while sales for repair of motor vehicles increased by 4.3%.

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

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**Starting from the News Release with results for January 2018, there will be a new base period for short-term statistics. Besides the change of the base period at fixed-base indices (that will be newly compared to the average of the year 2015 instead of the average of 2010), also the weighting scheme of the year 2015 will be used.**

Notes:

*All data in the text of the News Release are at constant prices.*

*Data for November 2017 are preliminary. Final data for all months of 2017 will be published in June 2018.*

1) The difference between the development of adjusted and non-adjusted sales for sale of food at the same number of working days was caused mainly by a different number of above-average days and average days as for the amount of sales.

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*Related outputs: Base indices and y-o-y indices since 2000 and 2001, respectively, are available in time series (https://www.czso.cz/csu/czso/sales\_indices\_monthly\_retail\_trade\_hotels\_and\_restaurants\_time\_series).*

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Annexes:

Table 1 Retail trade and sale and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles (year-on-year indices, non‑adjusted data)

Table 2 Sales in main assortment types of stores (year-on-year changes, decomposition of increase – year-on-year)

Table 3 Retail trade and sale and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles (year-on-year indices, adjusted for calendar effects)

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

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