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Retail trade sales growth accelerated

Retail trade – October 2018

In October 2018, sales adjusted for calendar effects increased at constant prices by 5.2%, year‑on‑year (y-o-y); non-adjusted sales grew by 6.4%. Seasonally adjusted sales in retail trade increased by 1.0%, month-on-month (m-o-m).

Seasonally adjusted sales in retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles (CZ‑NACE 47) increased in October by 1.0% at constant prices, month-on-month. Sales for sale of non-food goods increased by 1.7%, sales for sale of automotive fuel increased by 0.2%, while sales for sale of food dropped by 2.6%.

Sales in retail trade adjusted for calendar effects increased by 5.2%, year-on-year; sales for sale of non-food goods increased by 9.4% and sales for automotive fuel increased by 4.0%, while sales for food dropped by 1.5%. In October 2018, there was one working day more than in October 2017.

Non-adjusted sales in retail trade increased by 6.4%, y-o-y. Sales for sale of non-food goods increased by 11.2%, sales for sale of automotive fuel grew by 5.4%, and sales for sale of food increased by 0.7%.

The highest increase of sales was in retail sale via mail order houses or via Internet (+24.1%). Retail sale of information and communication equipment in specialised stores was also successful (sales growth by 18.1%) as well as the following: retail sale of cultural and recreation goods in specialised stores (+11.8%), retail sale of other household equipment in specialised stores (+10.1%), retail sale of clothing, footwear and leather goods in specialised stores (+8.3%), and retail sale of dispensing chemist, medical and orthopaedic goods, and cosmetic and toilet articles in specialised stores (+7.0%). Retail sale in non-specialised stores with food, beverages or tobacco predominating reported growth by 0.8%, while retail sale of food, beverages and tobacco in specialised stores dropped by 1.1%.

The price deflator (CZ-NACE 47) related to the corresponding period of the previous year (VAT excluded) was 101.3%. It was influenced mainly by higher prices of automotive fuel, dispensing chemist, medical and orthopaedic goods, cosmetic and toilet articles, food, and other household equipment. On the other hand, prices decreased in retail sale of information and communication equipment in specialised stores and in retail sale of clothing and footwear.

**Seasonally adjusted** sales for **sale and repair of motor vehicles (CZ-NACE 45)** remained unchanged **at constant prices,** **m-o-m**; sales **adjusted for calendar effects** decreased by 6.2%, **y-o-y**. **Non-adjusted** sales decreased by 3.1%, **y-o-y**. Sales for repair of motor vehicles decreased by 5.5%, y-o-y; sales for sale of motor vehicles (including spare parts) decreased by 2.6%, y-o-y.

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>.

Notes:

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

*Data for October 2018 are preliminary. Final data for all months of 2018 will be published in June 2019.*

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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