5 April 2019

February lured to buy clothing, footwear, and sports and recreation goods

Retail trade – February 2019

In February, sales adjusted for calendar effects increased at constant prices by 5.1%, year‑on‑year (y-o-y), the same as non-adjusted. Seasonally adjusted sales in retail trade increased by 0.4%, month-on-month (m-o-m).

Seasonally adjusted sales in retail trade, except of motor vehicles1) increased in February at constant prices by 0.4%, m-o-m. Sales for sale of food increased by 1.0% and sales for sale of non-food goods increased by 0.3%, while sales for sale of automotive fuel decreased by 0.6%.

Sales in retail trade adjusted for calendar effects (there was the same number of working days in February 2019 and February 2018) increased by 5.1%, y-o-y; sales for sale of non-food goods increased by 7.7%, sales for automotive fuel by 3.9%, and sales for food by 2.5%.

Non-adjusted sales in retail trade increased by 5.1%, y-o-y. Sales for sale of non-food goods increased by 7.7%, sales for sale of automotive fuel increased by 3.9%, and sales for sale of food increased by 2.5%.

The highest sales growth was in retail sale over the Internet or via mail order services2) (+18.6%). As for specialised stores, consumers were more interested in the assortment of clothing and footwear (growth by 13.6%) and of cultural, sports and recreation goods (+12.3%). Sales increased also in retail sale of other household equipment in specialised stores (+7.2%) and in retail sale of information and communication equipment in specialised stores (+4.6%). On the other hand, sales decreased in retail sale of dispensing chemist and medical and orthopaedic goods in specialised stores (−3.4%). Sales for sale of food increased in both: retail sale in non-specialised stores with food, beverages or tobacco predominating (+2.6%) and in retail sale of food, beverages and tobacco in specialised stores (+0.9%).

The price deflator in retail trade, except for motor vehicles and motorcycles related to the corresponding period of the previous year (VAT excluded) was 100.6%. It was influenced mainly by higher prices of dispensing chemist, medical and orthopaedic goods, cosmetic and toilet articles, automotive fuel, food, and of other household equipment in specialised stores. On the other hand, prices decreased in retail sale of information and communication equipment in specialised stores, retail sale of clothing, footwear and leather goods in specialised stores, and in retail sale of cultural and recreation goods in specialised stores.

**Seasonally adjusted** sales for **sale and repair of motor vehicles3)** increased by 1.7% **at constant prices,** **m-o-m. Year-on-year**, sales increased by 1.0% (**both** **adjusted and non‑adjusted for calendar effects**). Sales for sale of motor vehicles (including spare parts) increased by 1.7%, y-o-y; sales for repair of motor vehicles decreased by 1.3%.

International comparison of retail sales development in Member States of the EU 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.*

*Enterprises are classified to the economic activity according to their principal (prevailing) activity, which is such an activity, from which the enterprise gets the higher value added.*

*Data for February 2019 are preliminary. Final data for all months of 2019 will be published in June 2020.*

*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, 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