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Growth of sales in retail trade continued

Retail trade – July 2019

In July, sales adjusted for calendar effects increased at constant prices by 4.6%, year‑on‑year (y-o-y); non-adjusted sales increased by 7.0%. Seasonally adjusted sales in retail trade decreased by 0.1%, month-on-month (m-o-m).

Seasonally adjusted sales in retail trade, except of motor vehicles1) decreased in July at constant prices by 0.1%, m-o-m. Sales for sale of automotive fuel decreased by 1.5% and for non-food goods by 0.4%, while sales for sale of food grew by 0.7%.

Sales in retail trade adjusted for calendar effects increased by 4.6%, y-o-y; sales for sale of non-food goods increased by 7.0%, sales for sale of food by 3.0%, and sales for sale of automotive fuel increased by 1.1%. July 2019 had two working days more compared to July 2018.

Non-adjusted sales in retail trade increased by 7.0%, y-o-y. Sales for sale of non-food goods increased by 10.5%, sales for sale of food by 4.1%, and sales for sale of automotive fuel increased by 3.7%.

Sales increased the most for sale of goods over the Internet or via mail order services2) (by 21.7%). Consumers were more interested also in specialised stores with non-food goods. Sales were increasing in stores with information and communication equipment (+14.8%), cultural, sports and recreation goods (+11.1%), clothing, footwear and leather goods (+9.6%), other household equipment and dispensing chemist, medical and orthopaedic goods, and cosmetic and toilet articles (both increased by 7.5%). While in non‑specialised stores with food, beverages or tobacco predominating sales increased (+4.3%), in retail sale of food, beverages and tobacco in specialised stores they dropped (−0.2%).

The price deflator in retail trade, except for motor vehicles and motorcycles related to the corresponding period of the previous year (VAT excluded) was 100.7%. It was influenced mainly by higher prices of food, dispensing chemist, medical and orthopaedic goods, cosmetic and toilet articles, and other household equipment. On the other hand, prices decreased in retail sale of information and communication equipment in specialised stores, in retail sale of clothing, footwear and leather goods in specialised stores, in automotive fuel, and in retail sale of cultural and recreation goods in specialised stores.

**Seasonally adjusted** sales for **sale and repair of motor vehicles3)** increased **at constant prices** by 1.8%, **m-o-m. Year-on-year**, sales **adjusted for calendar effects** decreased by 2.2%. **Non-adjusted** sales increased by 4.2%, **y-o-y**; sales for repair of motor vehicles increased by 7.0%, y‑o‑y, and sales for sale of motor vehicles (including spare parts) increased by 3.5%, y‑o-y.

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 highest value added.*

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

*Concurrently with the data revision for the year 2018 (published on 5 June 2019), the model used for an adjustment of the time series was changed. Newly, an indirect adjustment method is used, which takes place on the lowest source aggregates of the sales index; an adjustment of higher aggregations is a weighted average of adjusted source data.*

*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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*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