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Sales for sale of non-food goods were significantly increasing thanks to restrictions on sale in 2020

Retail trade – November 2021

In November, sales adjusted for calendar effects increased by 11.7% in real terms (at constant prices), year‑on‑year (y-o-y). Non-adjusted sales increased by 13.2%, y-o-y. Seasonally adjusted sales in retail trade decreased by 1.0%, month-on-month (m-o-m).

Seasonally adjusted sales in retail trade, except of motor vehicles1) decreased in real terms (at constant prices) by 1.0%, m-o-m, in November. Sales for sale of automotive fuel decreased by 5.9% and sales for sale of non-food goods by 1.0%, whereas sales for sale of food increased by 0.4%.

Sales in retail trade adjusted for calendar effects increased by 11.7%, y-o-y. Sales for sale of non-food goods increased by 20.8% and sales for sale of automotive fuel by 7.4%, whereas sales for sale of food decreased by 0.4%. November 2021 had one working day more compared to November 2020.

Non-adjusted sales in retail trade increased by 13.2%, y-o-y. Sales for sale of non-food goods increased by 23.0%, sales for sale of automotive fuel by 8.8%, whereas sales for sale of food decreased by 0.1%.

The year-on-year growth of sales in retail trade was influenced by the low comparison basis of November 2020. In the year-on-year comparison, sales mainly increased in specialised stores with non-food goods, namely in retail sale of clothing, footwear and leather goods in specialised stores (by 283.5%), retail sale of cultural and recreation goods in specialised stores (by 47.9%), retail sale of other household equipment in specialised stores (by 32.9%), retail sale of cosmetic and toilet articles in specialised stores (by 20.7%), dispensing chemist and retail sale of medical and orthopaedic goods in specialised stores (by 19.6%), and retail sale of information and communication equipment in specialised stores (by 7.2%). Sales in retail sale of food, beverages and tobacco in specialised stores were by 12.6% higher, whereas sales in retail sale in non‑specialised stores with food, beverages or tobacco predominating decreased by 0.7%. Sales in online shops2) increased by 0.6%, year-on-year.

The price deflator in retail trade, except for motor vehicles and motorcycles related to the corresponding period of the previous year (VAT excluded) was 107.3%. It was mainly influenced by higher prices of automotive fuel, clothing, footwear and leather goods, other household equipment, cultural and recreation goods, information and communication equipment, food, dispensing chemist, medical and orthopaedic goods. In contrast, prices of cosmetic and toilet articles decreased.

**Seasonally adjusted** sales for **sale and repair of motor vehicles3)** increased **in real terms (at constant prices)** by 2.9%, **m-o-m**, and sales **adjusted for calendar effects** decreased by 1.5%, **y-o-y**. **Non-adjusted** sales increased by 1.9%, **y-o-y**; sales for repair of motor vehicles increased by 13.5%, y‑o‑y, whereas sales for sale of motor vehicles (including spare parts) decreased by 0.8%, y‑o-y.

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.*

*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 October 2021 have been revised in accordance with the CZSO revision policy. Data for November 2021 are preliminary. Final data for all months of 2021 will be published in March 2022.*

We point out that since the way estimates for non-surveyed part of the sample are made has changed, previously released data may be revised more.

*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; 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 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 – international comparison, seasonally adjusted, constant prices