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Sales in retail trade decreased for fifth successive month, year-on-year

Retail trade – September 2022

Sales in retail trade decreased in real terms by 5.6%, year‑on‑year (y-o-y) in September; in the month-on-month (m-o-m) comparison, they increased by 0.8%.

Sales in retail trade, except of motor vehicles1) increased by 0.8% in real terms, month‑on‑month, in September. Sales for sale of automotive fuel increased by 2.8%, sales for sale of non-food goods by 0.7%, and sales for sale of food by 0.5%.

Sales in retail trade decreased in real terms by 5.6%, year-on-year. Sales for sale of automotive fuel decreased by 6.1%, sales for sale of non-food goods by 5.8%, and sales for sale of food by 5.3%.

*“In the year-on-year comparison, sales in retail trade decreased for the fifth successive month in September. Compared to the previous month, the decrease slackened in sale of food, non‑food goods, as well as automotive fuel. Less goods than in the previous year were sold in all assortment types of stores except for stores with dispensing chemist, medical and orthopaedic goods. Sales in those stores were continuously increasing already for eighteen successive months,”* Jana Gotvaldová, Head of the Trade, Transport, and Services Statistics Unit of the CZSO, says.

Sales in retail sale of other household equipment in specialised stores decreased by 9.9%, in retail sale of information and communication equipment in specialised stores by 7.8%, in retail sale of cultural and recreation goods in specialised stores by 4.6%, in retail sale of clothing, footwear and leather goods in specialised stores by 4.2%, and in retail sale of cosmetic and toilet articles in specialised stores by 2.2%. On the other hand, sales in stores with dispensing chemist, medical and orthopaedic goods increased by 6.0%. Lower sales, compared to the previous year, were recorded by both retail sale of food, beverages and tobacco in specialised stores (by 9.6%) and non-specialised stores with food, beverages or tobacco predominating (by 5.1%). In other retail sale in non-specialised stores sales increased by 5.4%. In retail sale via mail order houses or via Internet2) sales decreased by 3.6%.

Sales for **sale and repair of motor vehicles3)** increased **in real terms**, **m-o-m**, by 1.7%. In the **year-on-year** comparison, sales increased by 1.0%. Sales for sale of motor vehicles (including spare parts) increased by 2.8%, whereas sales for repair of motor vehicles decreased by 5.6%.

*“For the whole third quarter, sales in retail trade decreased in real terms by 7.2%, year-on-year; sales for sale of automotive fuel decreased by 10.2%, sales for sale of non-food goods by 7.6%, and sales for sale of food by 5.6%. Sales for sale and repair of motor vehicles decreased by 3.7%,”* Marie Boušková, Director of the Trade, Transport, Services, Tourism, and Environmental Statistics Department of the CZSO, adds.

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. The year-on-year development is published after having been adjusted for the influence of the number of working days (calendar effects). Month on‑month rates have also been seasonally adjusted.*

*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 August 2022 have been revised in accordance with the CZSO Data Revision Policy. Data for September 2022 are preliminary; final data for all months of 2022 will be published in March 2023.*

Methodology: <https://www.czso.cz/csu/czso/methodology_monthly_sales_indices_in_trade_hotels_and_restaurants>

*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, constant prices, 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 (year-on-year indices, constant prices)

Chart 3: Sales in retail trade except of motor vehicles and motorcycles – international comparison (base indices, seasonally adjusted, constant prices)

Chart 4: Sales in retail trade – contribution of the selected CZ-NACE divisions to year-on-year change (adjusted for calendar effects)