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Lower Number of Working Days Affected Retail Trade Sales Development

Retail trade – November 2014

In November 2014, sales in retail trade, including the automotive segment, after seasonal adjustment increased by 0.4% at constant prices, month-on-month. Working days adjusted sales increased by 4.1%, year-on-year (y-o-y), the non-adjusted ones grew by 0.8%, y-o-y.

Seasonally adjusted sales in retail trade, including sale and repair of motor vehicles (CZ‑NACE 45+47) increased in November 2014 by 0.4% at constant prices, month‑on‑month (m-o-m). Sales adjusted for calendar effects increased by 4.1%, y-o-y, the non-adjusted ones grew by 0.8%, y-o-y. The y‑o‑y sales development was affected especially by the fact November 2014 was by two working days shorter than November 2013. The automotive segment brought the highest contribution to the sales growth (see Table 2).

**Seasonally adjusted** sales for **sale and repair of motor vehicles (CZ-NACE 45)** increased by 1.3% **at constant prices, m-o-m**. **Year-on-year** sales **adjusted for calendar effects** increased by 10.1%. The **non-adjusted** sales increased by 3.4%, **y-o-y**, of which for maintenance and repair of motor vehicles increased by 5.2% and for sale of motor vehicles, motor vehicle parts and accessories, and sale, maintenance and repair of motorcycles and related parts and accessories (including spare parts) increased by 2.9%, y-o-y.

In **retail trade, including sale of automotive fuel (CZ-NACE 47), seasonally adjusted** sales increased **at constant prices** by 0.2%, **m-o-m**. Sales **adjusted for calendar effects** increased by 1.8%, **y-o-y.** The **non-adjusted sales** decreased by 0.4%, **y-o-y**. Non-adjusted sales for automotive fuel in specialised stores dropped by 3.2% and non-adjusted sales for food, beverages and tobacco in total decreased by 0.3%. Sales for non‑food goods increased by 0.1%, y-o-y.

The sales decline in retail sale in specialised as well as non-specialized stores with food, beverages or tobacco was caused by lower sales in specialised stores (-4.4%) while sales in non-specialised stores with food, beverages or tobacco predominating and significant volume of sales were stagnating. Specialised stores with dispensing chemists and of medical and orthopaedic goods also demonstrated lower sales by 4.3%, sales of specialised stores of clothing and footwear and leather goods were down by 2.7%, specialised stores of other household equipment and of flowers, plants, seeds, fertilisers, pet animals and pet food recorded lower sales identically by 1.1%. A growth in sales was recorded in retail sale via mail order houses or via Internet by 10.2% and in specialised stores of information and communication equipment by 9.6%.

The price deflator (CZ-NACE 47) related to the corresponding period of the previous year (VAT excluded) was 100.3%. Prices increased mainly in retail sale of clothing and footwear and leather goods in specialised stores, dispensing chemist as well as medical and orthopaedic goods in specialised stores. On the contrary, prices decreased in retail sale of information and communication equipment in specialised stores.

International comparison of retail sales development in the EU Member States is available at: (<http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/eurostat/home>).

Notes:

*Data for November 2014 are preliminary. Final data for all months of 2014 will be available in June 2015 at the latest.*

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*Related outputs: Fixed-base and y-o-y indices since 2000 and 2001, respectively, are available in time series (*[*http://www.czso.cz/eng/redakce.nsf/i/sales\_indices\_monthly retail\_trade\_hotels\_and\_restaurants\_time\_series*](http://www.czso.cz/eng/redakce.nsf/i/sales_indices_monthly_retail_trade_hotels_and_restaurants_time_series)*).*

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Annexes:

Table 1 Retail trade, sale and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles

Table 2 Sales in main assortment types of stores (year-on-year changes, decomposition of increase – year-on-year)

Graph 1 Sales in retail trade, excl. automotive fuel (fixed-base indices)

Graph 2 Sales in retail trade (CZ-NACE 47) – international comparison