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Growth of sales in retail trade continued

Retail trade – May 2015

In May 2015, sales in retail trade after seasonal adjustment increased by 0.4% at constant prices, month-on-month. Working days adjusted sales increased by 6.6%, year-on-year, non-adjusted by 5.4%. All main assortment types of stores recorded growth.

Seasonally adjusted sales in retail trade except of motor vehicles and motorcycles (CZ‑NACE 47) increased by 0.4% at constant prices, month-on-month. Sales adjusted for calendar effects increased by 6.6%, year-on-year; non-adjusted increased by 5.4% (there was 1 working day less in May 2015 than in May 2014). Non-adjusted sales for sale of automotive fuel increased by 8.3%, y-o-y, for non-food goods by 7.0%, and for food by 2.4%.

All main assortment types of stores contributed to the y-o-y growth of sales. The highest sales growth was recorded by retail sale via mail order houses or via Internet (+23.1%). Retail sale of cultural and recreation goods in specialised stores increased by 10.3%, retail sale of other household equipment in specialised stores by 7.0%, retail sale of information and communication equipment in specialised stores increased by 4.7%, dispensing chemist, medical and orthopaedic goods, cosmetic and toilet articles in specialised stores by 2.4%, and retail sale of clothing and footwear by 1.7%. Retail sale in non-specialised stores with food, beverages or tobacco predominating increased by 2.4%; retail sale of food, beverages, and tobacco in specialised stores by 2.1%.

The price deflator (CZ-NACE 47) related to the corresponding period of the previous year (VAT excluded) was 98.6%. It was influenced mainly by lower prices of automotive fuel and information and communication equipment. On the contrary, prices increased in stores with clothing and footwear, cultural and recreation goods, and dispensing chemist, medical and orthopaedic goods.

International comparison of retail sales development in the EU Member States is available at: (<http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/short-term-business-statistics/publications/news-releases>).

Seasonally adjusted sales for sale and repair of motor vehicles (CZ-NACE 45) increased by 3.9% at constant prices, m-o-m. Year-on-year, sales adjusted for calendar effects increased by 17.6%. Non-adjusted sales increased by 14.0%, y-o-y; sales for sale of motor vehicles (including spare parts) increased by 17.1% and for repairs by 3.5%.

Notes:

*Data for May 2015 are preliminary. Final data for all months of 2015 will be available in June 2016 at the latest.*

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*Related outputs: Fixed-base and y-o-y indices since 2000 and 2001 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