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Higher number of working days supported sales growth

Retail trade – May 2016

In May 2016, sales in retail trade after seasonal adjustment decreased at constant prices by 0.4%, month-on-month (m-o-m). Sales adjusted for calendar effects increased by 4.0%, year‑on-year (y-o-y). Non-adjusted sales increased by 7.5%.

Seasonally adjusted sales in retail trade except of motor vehicles and motorcycles (CZ‑NACE 47) decreased by 0.4% in May at constant prices, month-on-month. Sales adjusted for calendar effects increased by 4.0%, year-on-year. Non-adjusted sales in retail trade increased by 7.5%, y-o-y. The y-o-y growth of non-adjusted sales was influenced by a higher number of working days; May 2016 had 3 working days more compared to May 2015. Non-adjusted sales for sale of automotive fuel increased by 11.2%, y-o-y; for sale of non-food goods it was by 8.6% and for food by 4.6%.

A double digit growth of retail sale via mail order houses or via Internet continued, this time by 25.0%. An increase of sales was recorded by all main assortment types of stores with non‑food goods – other household equipment (+9.1%), dispensing chemist, medical and orthopaedic goods, and cosmetic and toilet articles in specialised stores (+7.6%), information and communication equipment (+6.8%), clothing and footwear (+5.9%), and cultural and recreation goods (+4.7%). Sales for sale of food increased in non-specialized stores by 4.7% and in specialized stores by 4.1%.

The price deflator (CZ-NACE 47) related to the corresponding period of the previous year (VAT excluded) was 97.1%. It was influenced mainly by lower prices of automotive fuel, food, and information and communication equipment. On the contrary, prices increased in retail sale of cultural and recreation goods, clothing and footwear, and dispensing chemist, medical and orthopaedic goods.

**Seasonally adjusted** sales **for sale and repair of motor vehicles (CZ-NACE 45)** decreased **at constant prices** by 0.2%, **m-o-m**. Sales **adjusted for calendar effects** increased by 8.6%, **y-o-y**. **Non-adjusted** sales increased by 19.1%, **y-o-y**; sales for sale of motor vehicles (including spare parts) increased by 19.9% and for repair of motor vehicles by 16.2%.

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>).

Notes:

*Data for May 2016 are preliminary. Final data for all months of 2016 will be available in June 2017 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 (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, 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