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Sales in retail trade 5.6% up for 2016

Retail trade – December 2016

In December 2016, seasonally adjusted sales in retail trade at constant prices decreased by 1.4%, month-on-month (m-o-m). Working days adjusted sales increased by 3.0%, year‑on-year (y-o-y), the same as non-adjusted. For the entire year 2016, sales in retail trade increased by 5.6%, y-o-y.

Seasonally adjusted sales in retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles (CZ‑NACE 47) decreased by 1.4% in December at constant prices, month-on-month. Working days adjusted sales increased by 3.0%, year-on-year, the same as non-adjusted (there was the same number of working days in December 2016 compared to December 2015). Non-adjusted sales for sale of automotive fuel increased by 6.8%, y-o-y, for sale of non-food goods by 4.1%, and for sale of food by 0.1%.

The highest growth was recorded in retail sale via mail order houses or via Internet (+15.9%). A sales increase was reported also by retail sale of dispensing chemist, medical and orthopaedic goods, and cosmetic and toilet articles in specialised stores (+4.6%), retail sale of cultural and recreation goods in specialised stores (+2.9%), retail sale of information and communication equipment in specialised stores (+2.4%), and retail sale of clothing and footwear in specialised stores (+2.3%). Sales in retail sale of food, beverages and tobacco in specialised stores increased (+2.2%) and in non-specialised stores with food, beverages or tobacco predominating they stagnated. Lower sales were reported in retail sale of other household equipment in specialised stores (-1.5%).

The price deflator (CZ-NACE 47) related to the corresponding period of the previous year (VAT excluded) was 101.1%. It was influenced mainly by higher prices for automotive fuel and food. On the contrary, prices decreased in retail sale of information and communication equipment in specialised stores and retail sale of other household equipment in specialised stores.

**Seasonally adjusted** sales **for sale and repair of motor vehicles (CZ-NACE 45)** decreased **at constant prices** by 0.2%, **m-o-m**. **Year-on-year**, sales were 5.5% up, the same for both the **working days adjusted** as well as **non-adjusted**. Sales for repair of motor vehicles increased by 6.5%, y-o-y, and for sale of motor vehicles (including spare parts) by 5.3%, y-o-y.

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>).

**For the entire Q4 2016**, sales in **retail trade (CZ-NACE 47)** increased **at constant prices** by 4.2%, **y-o-y** (in Q4 2016 as well as in Q4 2015 there was the same number of working days). Sales for non-food goods increased by 6.5%, for automotive fuel by 5.9%, and for food by 0.2%. In the **automotive segment (CZ-NACE 45)**, sales increased by 4.3%; for sale of motor vehicles (including spare parts) sales increased by 4.7% and for repair of motor vehicles by 2.7%.

**Development in 2016**

**For the entire year 2016**, in **retail trade except of motor vehicles and motorcycles (CZ‑NACE 47)**, sales increased **at constant prices** by 5.6%, **y-o-y**; a growth was recorded in all months of 2016. Sale of automotive fuel increased for the entire year by 7.5%, non-food goods by 6.8%, and food by 3.3%. The highest growth was reported as for sales in retail sale via mail order houses or via Internet (+21.9%). In specialized stores with non-food goods sales increased for cultural and recreation goods by 7.0%, for other household equipment by 6.0%, for clothing and footwear by 4.6%, for dispensing chemist, medical and orthopaedic goods, and cosmetic and toilet articles by 3.8%, and for information and communication equipment by 2.0%. The average price deflator for 2016 was 98.5%.

In the **automotive segment (CZ-NACE 45)**, sales increased **at constant prices** by 8.0%, **y‑o‑y**; for sale of motor vehicles it was by 8.6% and for repair of motor vehicles by 5.4%.

**Notice:**

Starting with the News Release for January 2017, the CZSO will extend the scope of published information. The text of News Releases will include seasonally adjusted data as well as data adjusted for calendar effects for main assortment groups (food, non-food goods, and automotive fuel). The News Release will comprise a new table with year-on-year indices of the main assortment types of stores adjusted for calendar effects (Table 3). Time series that are published together with the News Release will include a series of fixed-base indices of data adjusted for calendar effects as well as seasonally adjusted.

Notes:

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

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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