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Longer February of 2016 reflected in y-o-y sales development

Retail trade – February 2017

In February 2017, seasonally adjusted sales in retail trade at constant prices increased by 0.9%, month-on-month (m-o-m). Sales adjusted for calendar effects increased by 4.8%, year-on-year (y-o-y), non-adjusted sales increased by 0.6%, y-o-y.

Seasonally adjusted sales in retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles (CZ‑NACE 47) increased by 0.9% in February at constant prices, month-on-month. Sales for sale of food increased by 1.3%, for sale of non-food goods by 0.9%, while for sale of automotive fuel they dropped by 1.0%.

Sales in retail trade adjusted for calendar effects increased by 4.8%, year-on-year; for sale of non-food goods sales increased by 6.7%, for sale of automotive fuel by 4.3%, and for sale of food by 2.1%. The sales development was influenced by a different number of days. February 2017 was by one day shorter and had by one working day less than February 2016.

Non-adjusted sales in retail trade increased by 0.6%, y-o-y; for sale of non-food goods sales increased by 2.7%, while for sale of automotive fuel and food they dropped (-2.2% and -1.1%, respectively).

In a more detailed breakdown: the highest growth was recorded in retail sale via mail order houses or via Internet (+19.5%). A sales increase was reported also by retail sale of clothing and footwear in specialised stores (+6.7%), retail sale of cultural and recreation goods in specialised stores (+3.9%), and retail sale of information and communication equipment in specialised stores (+1.7%). On the contrary, sales in retail sale of dispensing chemist, medical and orthopaedic goods, and cosmetic and toilet articles in specialised stores dropped (-1.6%), as well as in retail sale of other household equipment in specialised stores (-1.2%). Sales in retail sale of food, beverages and tobacco in specialised stores decreased (-2.2%) as well as in non-specialised stores with food, beverages or tobacco predominating (-1.1%).

The price deflator (CZ-NACE 47) related to the corresponding period of the previous year (VAT excluded) was 103.3%. It was influenced mainly by higher prices for automotive fuel, food, dispensing chemist, medical and orthopaedic goods. 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 0.3%, **m-o-m**. Sales **adjusted for calendar effects** increased by 3.1%, **y-o-y**. **Non-adjusted** sales increased by 2.2%, **y-o-y**; sales for sale of motor vehicles (including spare parts) increased by 2.6%, y‑o‑y, while sales for repair of motor vehicles decreased by 0.1%, 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>.

Notes:

*All data in the text of the News Release are at constant prices.*

*Data for January 2017 have been revised according to the CZSO revision policy. Data for February 2017 are preliminary. Final data for all months of 2017 will be published in June 2018.*

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*Related outputs: Base indices 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 and sale and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles (year-on-year indices, non‑adjusted data)

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

Table 3 Retail trade and sale and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles (year-on-year indices, adjusted for calendar effects)

Chart Sales in retail trade except of motor vehicles and motorcycles – base indices, constant prices

Chart Sales in retail trade except of motor vehicles and motorcycles – international comparison, seasonally adjusted, constant prices