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Willingness of consumers to spend money continued

Retail trade – August 2017

In August 2017, seasonally adjusted sales in retail trade at constant prices increased by 0.4%, month-on-month (m-o-m). Sales adjusted for calendar effects increased by 4.8%, year-on-year (y-o-y), the same as non-adjusted.

Seasonally adjusted sales in retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles (CZ‑NACE 47) increased by 0.4% in August at constant prices, month-on-month. Sales for sale of automotive fuel increased by 0.9%, for food by 0.3%, and sales for sale of non-food goods increased by 0.1%.

Sales in retail trade adjusted for calendar effects (at the same number of working days in both August 2017 and August 2016) increased by 4.8%, year-on-year; sales for sale of automotive fuel increased by 6.8%, for non-food goods by 5.6%, and for food by 2.6%\*).

Non-adjusted sales in retail trade increased by 4.8%, y-o-y; sales for sale of automotive fuel increased by 6.8%, for non-food goods sales increased by 5.6%, and for food by 3.0%\*).

Retail sale via mail order houses or via Internet maintained its double-digit growth (+12.4%). As for specialised stores with non-food goods, sales increased in the following: retail sale of information and communication equipment (+7.0%), retail sale of clothing and footwear (+5.0%), retail sale of cultural and recreation goods (+4.5%), and retail sale of other household equipment (+4.1%). In retail sale in non-specialised stores with food, beverages or tobacco predominating sales increased by 3.1% and in retail sale of food, beverages and tobacco in specialised stores by 1.1%. A year-on-year decrease in sales was recorded in retail sale of dispensing chemist and medical and orthopaedic goods in specialised stores (-0.4%).

The price deflator (CZ-NACE 47) related to the corresponding period of the previous year (VAT excluded) was 102.0%. It was influenced mainly by higher prices of food, automotive fuel, and dispensing chemist and 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)** increased **at constant prices** by 3.6%, **m-o-m**. Sales both **adjusted for calendar effects and non‑adjusted** increased by 1.2%, **y-o-y**. Sales for repair of motor vehicles increased by 1.8%, y‑o‑y, and for sale of motor vehicles (including spare parts) by 1.0%, 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 August 2017 are preliminary. Final data for all months of 2017 will be published in June 2018.*

*\*) The difference between the development of adjusted and non-adjusted sales for sale of food at the same number of working days was caused mainly by a different number of important and average days as for the amount of sales.*

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*Related outputs: Base indices and y-o-y indices since 2000 and 2001, respectively, 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