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Sales in retail trade continued to grow

Retail trade – July 2018

In July 2018, sales adjusted for calendar effects increased at constant prices by 4.4%, year‑on‑year (y-o-y); non-adjusted sales increased by 5.6%, y-o-y. Seasonally adjusted sales in retail trade increased by 0.7%, month-on-month (m-o-m).

Seasonally adjusted sales in retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles (CZ‑NACE 47) increased in July by 0.7% at constant prices, month-on-month. Sales for sale of food increased by 1.1%, for non‑food goods by 0.9%, and for sale of automotive fuel by 0.5%.

Sales in retail trade adjusted for calendar effects increased by 4.4%, year-on-year; sales for sale of non-food goods increased by 7.0%, sales for automotive fuel by 3.9%, and for food by 3.0%. July 2018 had one working day more than July 2017.

Non-adjusted sales in retail trade increased by 5.6%, y-o-y. Sales for sale of non-food goods increased by 8.8%, for automotive fuel by 5.3%, and for food by 2.2%.

The highest growth rate was recorded in sale via mail order houses or via Internet (+25.0%). In non-food assortment, sale was increasing in retail sale of information and communication equipment in specialised stores (+10.8%), retail sale of cultural and recreation goods in specialised stores (+9.1%), retail sale of dispensing chemist, medical and orthopaedic goods, and cosmetic and toilet articles in specialised stores (+8.4%), retail sale of clothing and footwear in specialised stores (+5.9%), and sale of other household equipment in specialised stores (+5.7%). Retail sale in non‑specialised stores with food, beverages or tobacco predominating increased by 2.4%, while retail sale of food, beverages and tobacco in specialised stores dropped by 1.0%.

The price deflator (CZ-NACE 47) related to the corresponding period of the previous year (VAT excluded) was 101.2%. It was influenced mainly by higher prices of automotive fuel, dispensing chemist, medical and orthopaedic goods, cosmetic and toilet articles, food, and other household equipment. On the contrary, prices decreased in retail sale of information and communication equipment in specialised stores, retail sale of clothing and footwear, and retail sale of cultural and recreation goods in specialised stores.

**Seasonally adjusted** sales for **sale and repair of motor vehicles (CZ-NACE 45)** increased **at constant prices** by 0.5%, **m-o-m**. Sales **adjusted for calendar effects** increased by 6.9%, **y-o-y**. **Non-adjusted** sales increased by 10.4%, **y-o-y**; sales for sale of motor vehicles (including spare parts) increased by 11.0%, y-o-y, and sales for repair of motor vehicles by 8.2%, 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 July 2018 are preliminary. Final data for all months of 2018 will be published in June 2019.*

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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