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Demand for sports and recreation goods increased

Retail trade – January 2019

In January 2019, sales adjusted for calendar effects increased at constant prices by 4.7%, year‑on‑year (y-o-y), the same as non-adjusted. Seasonally adjusted sales in retail trade increased by 0.5%, month-on-month (m-o-m).

Seasonally adjusted sales in retail trade, except of motor vehicles1) increased in January at constant prices by 0.5%, m-o-m. Sales for sale of non-food goods increased by 1.3%, for automotive fuel by 0.9%, and sales for sale of food increased by 0.2%.

Sales in retail trade adjusted for calendar effects (there was the same number of working days in January 2019 and January 2018) increased by 4.7%, y-o-y; sales for sale of non-food goods increased by 7.8%, sales for automotive fuel by 2.9%, and sales for food by 0.9%2).

Non-adjusted sales in retail trade increased by 4.7%, y-o-y. Sales for sale of non-food goods increased by 7.8%, sales for sale of automotive fuel increased by 2.9%, and sales for sale of food increased by 1.4%2).

The year-on-year sales growth was markedly contributed to by retail sale over the Internet or via mail order services3) (growth by 18.6%). As for specialised stores, the fastest growing sales were in retail sale of cultural and recreation goods in specialised stores (growth by 22.9%). Sales increased also in the following: retail sale of clothing, footwear and leather goods in specialised stores (by 6.6%), retail sale of dispensing chemist, medical and orthopaedic goods, and cosmetic and toilet articles in specialised stores (by 5.5%), retail sale of information and communication equipment in specialised stores (by 5.1%), and retail sale of other household equipment in specialised stores (by 0.2%). In retail sale in non-specialised stores with food, beverages or tobacco predominating sales increased by 1.7%, while in retail sale of food, beverages and tobacco in specialised stores they dropped by 3.0%.

The price deflator in retail trade, except for motor vehicles and motorcycles related to the corresponding period of the previous year (VAT excluded) was 100.4%. It was influenced mainly by higher prices of dispensing chemist, medical and orthopaedic goods, cosmetic and toilet articles, automotive fuel, food, and of other household equipment in specialised stores. On the other hand, prices decreased in retail sale of information and communication equipment in specialised stores, retail sale of clothing, footwear and leather goods in specialised stores, and in retail sale of cultural and recreation goods in specialised stores.

**Seasonally adjusted** sales for **sale and repair of motor vehicles**4) increased by 0.4% **at constant prices,** **m-o-m. Year-on-year**, sales decreased by 5.1% (**both** **adjusted and non-adjusted for calendar effects**). Sales for sale of motor vehicles (including spare parts) decreased by 5.7%, y-o-y; sales for repair of motor vehicles decreased by 3.0%.

International comparison of retail sales development in Member States of the EU 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.*

*Enterprises are classified to the economic activity according to their principal (prevailing) activity, which is such an activity, from which the enterprise gets the higher value added.*

*Data for January 2019 are preliminary. Final data for all months of 2019 will be published in June 2020.*

*1) CZ-NACE 47 – retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles.*

*2) The difference between the development of adjusted sales and the non-adjusted sales for sale of food (with the same number of working days) was caused mainly by a different number of above-average and average days in terms of volumes of sales.*

*3) CZ-NACE 4791 – retail sale via mail order houses or via Internet.*

*4) CZ-NACE 45 – wholesale and retail trade and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles.*

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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