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Easter influenced food sale

Retail trade – April 2017

In April 2017, seasonally adjusted sales in retail trade at constant prices decreased by 0.8%, 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 2.7%, y-o-y.

Seasonally adjusted sales in retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles (CZ‑NACE 47) decreased by 0.8% in April at constant prices, month-on-month. Sales for sale of non-food goods decreased by 0.9%; on the contrary, sales for sale of food increased by 1.0% and for automotive fuel by 0.1%.

Sales in retail trade adjusted for calendar effects increased by 4.8%, year-on-year; for sale of non-food goods sales increased by 7.7%, for sale of food by 3.6%, and for automotive fuel by 3.0%. The year-on-year development of non-adjusted sales was influenced by a lower number of working days (April 2017 had 3 days less compared to April 2016) as well as by Easter holidays, which were in March last year.

Non-adjusted sales in retail trade increased by 2.7%, y-o-y; sales for sale of food increased by 4.3%, for non-food goods they were 2.6% up, while sales for sale of automotive fuel dropped by 0.9%.

The following contributed the most to the retail (non-adjusted) sales growth: retail sale via mail order houses or via Internet (sales growth +20.9%) and retail sale in non-specialised stores with food, beverages or tobacco predominating (growth +4.6%). Sales grew also in retail sale of information and communication equipment in specialised stores (+2.6%), retail sale of clothing and footwear in specialised stores (+1.2%), retail sale of cultural and recreation goods in specialised stores (+1.1%), and retail sale of food, beverages and tobacco in specialised stores (+0.5%). What was selling less than in April 2016 was dispensing chemist, medical and orthopaedic goods in specialised stores (-3.5%) and other household equipment in specialised stores (-2.1%).

The price deflator (CZ-NACE 47) related to the corresponding period of the previous year (VAT excluded) was 102.7%. It was influenced mainly by higher prices of 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 0.4%, **m-o-m**. Sales **adjusted for calendar effects** increased by 3.5%, **y-o-y**. **Non-adjusted** sales decreased by 6.1%, **y-o-y**; sales for sale of motor vehicles (including spare parts) decreased by 7.9%, y‑o‑y, while sales for repair of motor vehicles increased by 1.4%, 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 2016 to March 2017 have been revised in compliance with the CZSO revision policy. Data for April 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