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Continuing measures against the spread of coronavirus influenced retail trade sales development

Retail trade – November 2020

In November, sales adjusted for calendar effects decreased by 5.3% in real terms (at constant prices), year‑on‑year (y-o-y). Non-adjusted sales decreased by 7.0%, y-o-y. Seasonally adjusted sales in retail trade decreased by 5.6%, month-on-month (m-o-m).

Seasonally adjusted sales in retail trade, except of motor vehicles1) decreased in real terms (at constant prices) by 5.6%, m-o-m, in November. Sales for sale of food decreased by 0.8% and for sale of non-food goods by 10.4%; sales for sale of automotive fuel stagnated.

Sales in retail trade adjusted for calendar effects decreased by 5.3%, y-o-y. Sales for sale of non-food goods decreased by 8.7% and sales for sale of automotive fuel by 10.9%, whereas sales for sale of food increased by 1.9%. November 2020 had one working day less than November 2019.

Non-adjusted sales in retail trade decreased by 7.0%, y-o-y. Sales for sale of food decreased by 0.2%, sales for non-food goods decreased by 10.3%, and sales for sale of automotive fuel dropped by 12.1%.

Measures against the spread of coronavirus introduced in the second half of October continued all through November. Sales restrictions or complete closures of stores with some assortments of non-food goods influenced retail sales development. A year-on-year drop of sales was the most considerable in retail sale of clothing, footwear and leather goods in specialised stores (by 77.8%), retail sale of cultural and recreation goods in specialised stores (by 37.1%), retail sale of food, beverages and tobacco in specialised stores (by 29.4%), retail sale of other household equipment in specialised stores (by 21.3%), and also in dispensing chemist, medical and orthopaedic goods, and cosmetic and toilet articles in specialised stores (by 6.0%). Conversely, a sales increase was reported by specialised stores with information and communication equipment (by 2.4%) and non-specialised stores with food, beverages or tobacco predominating (by 1.6%). However, the highest sales increase was in retail sale via mail order houses or via Internet2) (by 36.5%).

The price deflator in retail trade, except for motor vehicles and motorcycles related to the corresponding period of the previous year (VAT excluded) was 99.8%. It was influenced mainly by lower prices of information and communication equipment and automotive fuel. Conversely, prices of clothing, footwear and leather goods, dispensing chemist, medical and orthopaedic goods, cosmetic and toilet articles, food, other household equipment, and cultural and recreation goods increased.

**Seasonally adjusted** sales for **sale and repair of motor vehicles3)** decreased **in real terms (at constant prices)** by 2.0%, **m-o-m**, and sales **adjusted for calendar effects** decreased by 11.3%, **y-o-y**. **Non-adjusted** sales decreased by 14.1%, **y-o-y**; sales for sale of motor vehicles (including spare parts) decreased by 13.2%, y‑o-y, and sales for repair of motor vehicles decreased by 17.8%, y‑o‑y.

International comparison of retail sales development in Member States of the EU is available at: <https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/short-term-business-statistics/publications>.

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 highest value added.*

*Data for October 2020 have been revised. Data for November 2020 are preliminary. Final data for all months of 2020 will be published in March 2021.*

Since the way estimates for non-surveyed part of the sample are made has changed, previously released data may be revised more.

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

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

*4) CZ-NACE 45 – wholesale and retail trade; 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