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Decrease of sales in retail trade

Retail trade – May 2022

Sales in retail trade decreased in real terms by 6.9%, year‑on‑year (y-o-y) in May; in the month-on-month (m-o-m) comparison, they decreased by 2.3%.

Sales in retail trade, except of motor vehicles1) decreased by 2.3% in real terms, month‑on‑month, in May. Sales for sale of food decreased by 3.0% and for sale of non-food goods by 2.5%, whereas sales for sale of automotive fuel increased by 1.1%.

Sales in retail trade decreased in real terms by 6.9%, year-on-year. Sales for sale of non-food goods decreased by 7.6%, sales for sale of food by 6.3%, and sales for sale of automotive fuel by 5.2%.

*“Sales in retail trade decreased in May in all assortment types of stores, year-on-year, except for pharmaceutical, medical, and drugstore/pharmacy goods. The year-on-year comparison was also influenced by a higher comparison basis; last year in May, after the release of pandemic measures, sales from sale of some assortments of non-food goods were considerably increasing. Sales in online shops decreased for the fifth successive month; however, compared to the pre‑pandemic year of 2019, they were by over a third higher,”* Jana Gotvaldová, Head of the Trade, Transport, and Services Statistics Unit, says.

Sales in retail sale of clothing, footwear and leather goods in specialised stores decreased by 15.3%, in retail sale of cultural and recreation goods in specialised stores by 14.8%, in retail sale of information and communication equipment in specialised stores by 9.8%, and in retail sale of other household equipment in specialised stores by 9.0%. On the other hand, increases of sales were recorded for dispensing chemist, medical and orthopaedic goods in specialised stores by 5.5% and by retail sale of cosmetic and toilet articles in specialised stores by 4.4%. Lower sales were reported by both the non-specialised stores with food, beverages or tobacco predominating (by 6.4%) and retail sale of food, beverages and tobacco in specialised stores (by 3.2%). In retail sale via mail order houses or via Internet2) sales decreased by 10.1%.

Sales for **sale and repair of motor vehicles3)** increased **in real terms** by 1.4%, **m-o-m**, and in the **y-o-y** comparison they decreased by 8.1%. Sales decreased for both sale of motor vehicles (including spare parts) as well as for repair of motor vehicles.

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. The year-on-year development is published after having been adjusted for the influence of the number of working days (calendar effects). Month‑on‑month rates have also been seasonally adjusted.*

*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 April 2022 have been revised in accordance with the CZSO revision policy. Data for May 2022 are preliminary. Final data for all months of 2022 will be published in March 2023.*

Methodology: <https://www.czso.cz/csu/czso/methodology_monthly_sales_indices_in_trade_hotels_and_restaurants>

*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*

*3) 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, constant prices, adjusted for calendar effects)

Chart 1: Sales in retail trade except of motor vehicles and motorcycles (base indices, constant prices)

Chart 2: Sales in retail trade except of motor vehicles and motorcycles (year-on-year indices, constant prices)

Chart 3: Sales in retail trade except of motor vehicles and motorcycles – international comparison (base indices, seasonally adjusted, constant prices)

Chart 4: Sales in retail trade – contribution of the selected CZ-NACE divisions to year-on-year change (adjusted for calendar effects)