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Sales increased in all main assortment types of stores

Retail trade – May 2017

In May 2017, seasonally adjusted sales in retail trade at constant prices increased by 1.2%, month-on-month (m-o-m). Sales adjusted for calendar effects increased by 6.9%, year-on-year (y-o-y), non-adjusted sales increased by 5.7%, y-o-y.

Seasonally adjusted sales in retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles (CZ‑NACE 47) increased by 1.2% in May at constant prices, month-on-month. Sales for sale of automotive fuel increased by 2.8%, sales for sale of non-food goods increased by 1.8%; on the contrary, for food they decreased by 1.2%

Sales in retail trade adjusted for calendar effects increased by 6.9%, year-on-year; for sale of non-food goods sales increased by 11.2%, for sale of automotive fuel by 7.2%, and for food by 1.1%. May 2017 had one working day less than May 2016.

Non-adjusted sales in retail trade increased by 5.7%, y-o-y; sales for sale of non-food goods increased by 9.4%, sales for sale of automotive fuel increased by 5.8%, and for food by 0.7%.

The highest sales growth (+24.1%) was in retail sale via mail order houses or via Internet; all main assortment types of stores recorded growth, too. Sales in retail sale of information and communication equipment in specialised stores increased by 17.6%, retail sale of clothing and footwear in specialised stores increased by 9.8%, retail sale of cultural and recreation goods in specialised stores by 7.4%, sales for dispensing chemist, medical and orthopaedic goods, and cosmetic and toilet articles in specialised stores increased by 6.1%, and sales in retail sale of other household equipment in specialised stores increased by 5.9%. Sales for food were higher in retail sale in non-specialised stores with food, beverages or tobacco predominating by 0.7% and in retail sale of food, beverages and tobacco in specialised stores by 0.5%.

The price deflator (CZ-NACE 47) related to the corresponding period of the previous year (VAT excluded) was 102.3%. 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)** increased **at constant prices** by 2.3%, **m-o-m**. Sales **adjusted for calendar effects** increased by 7.9%, **y-o-y**. **Non-adjusted** sales increased by 4.5%, **y-o-y**; sales for repair of motor vehicles increased by 6.8%, y-o-y, and sales for sale of motor vehicles (including spare parts) increased by 3.9%, 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 May 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 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 – international comparison, seasonally adjusted, constant prices