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Retail trade successful also in hot weather

Retail trade – August 2018

In August 2018, sales adjusted for calendar effects increased at constant prices by 4.2%, year‑on‑year (y-o-y), the same as non-adjusted. Seasonally adjusted sales in retail trade decreased by 0.3%, month-on-month (m-o-m).

Seasonally adjusted sales in retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles (CZ‑NACE 47) decreased in August by 0.3% at constant prices, month-on-month. Sales for sale of automotive fuel and food decreased (-0.7% and -0.1%, respectively) and sales for sale of non-food goods stagnated.

Sales in retail trade adjusted for calendar effects (with the same number of working days in August 2018 and August 2017) increased by 4.2%, year-on-year; sales for sale of non-food goods increased by 5.9%, sales for sale of automotive fuel by 2.6% and sales for food by 2.0%1).

Non-adjusted sales in retail trade increased by 4.2%, y-o-y. Sales for sale of non-food goods increased by 5.9%, for food by 2.8%1) and for automotive fuel by 2.6%.

Sales were increasing in all main assortment types of stores. The highest growth rate was reported for a long-term in retail sale via mail order houses or via Internet (+19.4%). Sales increased in retail sale of information and communication equipment in specialised stores (+9.5%), retail sale of cultural and recreation goods in specialised stores (+7.2%), retail sale of clothing and footwear in specialised stores (+5.9%), sale of other household equipment in specialised stores (+3.9%), and retail sale of dispensing chemist, medical and orthopaedic goods, and cosmetic and toilet articles in specialised stores (+3.0%). Higher sales were recorded also in both retail sale in non‑specialised stores with food, beverages or tobacco predominating as well as in retail sale of food, beverages and tobacco in specialised stores (+3.0% and +0.4%, respectively).

The price deflator (CZ-NACE 47) related to the corresponding period of the previous year (VAT excluded) was 101.6%. It was influenced mainly by higher prices of automotive fuel, dispensing chemist, medical and orthopaedic goods, cosmetic and toilet articles, food, and other household equipment. On the contrary, prices decreased in retail sale of information and communication equipment in specialised stores, retail sale of clothing and footwear, and retail sale of cultural and recreation goods in specialised stores.

**Seasonally adjusted** sales for **sale and repair of motor vehicles (CZ-NACE 45)** decreased **at constant prices** by 2.3%, **m-o-m**. In the **year-on-year** comparison, sales decreased by 1.3% **(both adjusted and non-adjusted for calendar effects)**. Sales for repair of motor vehicles decreased by 1.8%, y-o-y; sales for sale of motor vehicles (including spare parts) decreased by 1.2%, 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 August 2018 are preliminary. Final data for all months of 2018 will be published in June 2019.*

*1) The difference between the development of adjusted and 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 selling days in terms of volumes of sales.*

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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