5 April 2022

Sale of non-food goods in brick and mortar stores increased, in online shops it decreased

Retail trade – February 2022

Sales in retail trade increased in real terms by 4.6%, year‑on‑year (y-o-y) in February; in the month-on-month (m-o-m) comparison, they stagnated.

Sales in retail trade, except of motor vehicles1) stagnated in real terms, month‑on‑month, in February. Sales for sale of automotive fuel increased by 1.9% and sales for sale of non-food goods by 1.0%, whereas sales for sale of food decreased by 2.2%.

Sales in retail trade increased in real terms by 4.6%, year-on-year. Sales for sale of automotive fuel increased by 12.3% and sales for sale of non-food goods by 9.8%, whereas sales for sale of food decreased by 3.8%.

*“In February, the retail sales growth was contributed to by a low comparison basis influenced by measures due to the coronavirus pandemic. Consumers were buying non-food goods more in brick and mortar stores, in which the sale was restricted last year. They used online shops less and therefore retail sale via mail order houses or via Internet recorded a year-on-year decrease of sales,”* Jana Gotvaldová, Head of the Trade, Transport, and Services Statistics Unit, says.

*“There was a higher interest in all assortments of non-food goods, the highest increase of sales was for sale of clothing and footwear. Food sellers were successful in specialised stores, whereas non-specialised stores with food, beverages or tobacco predominating reported a year-on-year decrease,”* Marie Boušková, Director of the Trade, Transport, Services, Tourism, and Environmental Statistics Department, adds.

Sales in retail sale of clothing, footwear and leather goods in specialised stores increased by 119.3%, in retail sale of cultural and recreation goods in specialised stores by 34.6%, in retail sale of other household equipment in specialised stores by 17.3%, in retail sale of information and communication equipment in specialised stores by 11.3%, in retail sale of cosmetic and toilet articles in specialised stores by 8.5%, and sales for sale of dispensing chemist in specialised stores and retail sale of medical and orthopaedic goods in specialised stores increased by 4.2%. Retail sale of food, beverages and tobacco in specialised stores increased, too, by 4.9%. On the other hand, a decrease of sales was recorded by retail sale in non-specialised stores with food, beverages or tobacco predominating by 4.3% and by retail sale via mail order houses or via Internet2) by 10.1%.

Sales for **sale and repair of motor vehicles3)** increased **in real terms** by 2.8%, **m-o-m**, and in the **y-o-y** comparison they decreased by 1.0%. Sales decreased for sale of motor vehicles (including spare parts), whereas sales for repair of motor vehicles increased.

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 adjustment for working days (calendar effects). Month-on-month rates are also 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 January 2022 have been revised in accordance with the CZSO revision policy. Data for February 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, 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)