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Sales of all main assortment types of stores were growing

Retail trade – February 2018

In February 2018, seasonally adjusted sales in retail trade at constant prices stagnated, month-on-month (m-o-m). Sales adjusted for calendar effects increased by 6.0%, year‑on‑year (y-o-y), the same as non-adjusted.

Seasonally adjusted sales in retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles (CZ‑NACE 47) stagnated in February at constant prices, month-on-month. Sales for sale of food increased by 0.6%, while for automotive fuel they dropped by 0.8% and for non-food goods by 0.4%.

Sales in retail trade adjusted for calendar effects (with the same number of working days in February 2018 and February 2017) increased by 6.0%, year-on-year; sales for sale of non-food goods increased by 9.1%, for automotive fuel by 7.6%, and sales for food by 2.4%.

Non-adjusted sales in retail trade increased by 6.0%, y-o-y. Sales for sale of non-food goods increased by 9.1%, for automotive fuel by 7.6%, and for food by 2.4%.

Sale via mail order houses or via Internet (growth by 21.6%) had the highest influence on the y‑o-y growth of sales in retail trade. Higher sales were recorded by retail sale of information and communication equipment in specialised stores (+11.7%), retail sale of cultural and recreation goods in specialised stores (+9.6%), retail sale of other household equipment in specialised stores (+9.5%), retail sale of dispensing chemist, medical and orthopaedic goods, and cosmetic and toilet articles (+7.1%), and retail sale of clothing and footwear (+1.4%). Retail sale in non‑specialised stores with food, beverages or tobacco predominating increased by 2.5%. Retail sale of food, beverages and tobacco in specialised stores increased by 1.0%.

The price deflator (CZ-NACE 47) related to the corresponding period of the previous year (VAT excluded) was 100.3%. It was influenced mainly by higher prices of dispensing chemist, medical and orthopaedic goods, cosmetic and toilet articles, food, cultural and recreation goods, and household equipment. On the contrary, prices decreased in retail sale of information and communication equipment in specialised stores, retail sale of automotive fuel, and clothing and footwear.

**Seasonally adjusted** sales **for sale and repair of motor vehicles (CZ-NACE 45)** decreased **at constant prices** by 3.4%, **m-o-m**. In the **year-on-year** comparison, salesdecreased by 4.7% (**both adjusted and not adjusted for calendar effects**). Sales for sale of motor vehicles (including spare parts) decreased by 6.1%, y-o-y, while sales for repair of motor vehicles increased by 1.1%, 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>.

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Notes:

*All data in the text of the News Release are at constant prices.*

*Data for January 2018 have been revised in accordance with the CZSO revision policy. Data for February 2018 are preliminary. Final data for all months of 2018 will be published in June 2019.*

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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