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Retail trade growth slowed down, y-o-y

Retail trade – October 2016

In October 2016, seasonally adjusted sales in retail trade at constant prices decreased by 0.3%, month-on-month (m-o-m). Sales adjusted for calendar effects increased by 3.1%, year‑on‑year (y-o-y), non-adjusted were 2.0% up.

Seasonally adjusted sales in retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles (CZ‑NACE 47) decreased by 0.3% in October at constant prices, month-on-month. Sales adjusted for calendar effects increased by 3.1%, year-on-year; for automotive fuel it was by 5.8%, for non-food goods by 5.7%, and for food by 1.0%. In October 2016 there was by 1 working day less than in October 2015. Non‑adjusted retail sales increased by 2.0%, y‑o‑y, for sale of automotive fuel they increased by 4.4%, for sale of non-food goods by 4.1%, while for sale of food they dropped by 1.6%.

The year-on-year growth was the most contributed to by retail sale via mail order houses or via Internet (the growth of sales by 23.4%). Sales were increasing also in retail sale of clothing and footwear in specialised stores (+4.9%), retail sale of cultural and recreation goods in specialised stores (+4.4%), retail sale of information and communication equipment in specialised stores (+1.7%), retail sale of food, beverages and tobacco in specialised stores (+1.3%), and dispensing chemist, medical and orthopaedic goods, and cosmetic and toilet articles in specialised stores (+0.3%). A sales drop was recorded in retail sale in non-specialised stores with food, beverages or tobacco predominating (-1.8%) and retail sale of other household equipment in specialised stores (-1.0%).

The price deflator (CZ-NACE 47) related to the corresponding period of the previous year (VAT excluded) was 99.4%. It was influenced mainly by lower prices of automotive fuel and information and communication equipment. On the contrary, prices increased in retail sale of cultural and recreation goods, clothing and footwear, dispensing chemist, medical and orthopaedic goods, and cosmetic and toilet articles in specialised stores.

**Seasonally adjusted** sales **for sale and repair of motor vehicles (CZ-NACE 45)** decreased **at constant prices** by 0.9%, **m-o-m**. Sales **adjusted for calendar effects** increased by 0.8%, **y-o-y**. On the contrary, **non-adjusted** sales dropped by 2.3%, for sale of motor vehicles (including spare parts) they decreased by 2.4%, y-o-y, and for repair by 2.1%, 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>).

Notes:

*Data for July to September 2016 have been revised in accordance with the CZSO revision policy. Data for October 2016 are preliminary. Final data for all months of 2016 will be available in June 2017 at the latest.*

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Annexes:

Table 1 Retail trade, sale and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles

Table 2 Sales in main assortment types of stores (year-on-year changes, decomposition of increase – year-on-year)

Graph 1 Sales in retail trade, excl. automotive fuel (fixed-base indices)

Graph 2 Sales in retail trade (CZ-NACE 47) – international comparison