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Sales in retail trade continually growing already for the fourth successive year

Retail trade – May 2018

In May 2018, seasonally adjusted sales in retail trade at constant prices increased by 0.4%, month-on-month (m-o-m). Sales adjusted for calendar effects increased by 5.0%, year‑on‑year (y-o-y), the same as non-adjusted sales.

Seasonally adjusted sales in retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles (CZ‑NACE 47) increased by 0.4% in May at constant prices, month-on-month. Sales for sale of food increased by 1.7%, for sale of automotive fuel by 0.7%, while for sale of non-food goods they dropped by 0.5%.

Sales in retail trade adjusted for calendar effects (with the same number of working days in May 2018 and in May 2017) increased by 5.0%, year-on-year; sales for sale of non-food goods increased by 5.5%, sales for automotive fuel by 5.4%, and for food by 3.5%1).

Non-adjusted sales in retail trade increased by 5.0%, y-o-y. Sales for sale of non-food goods increased by 5.5%, for automotive fuel by 5.4%, and for food by 4.3%1).

Sales grew in all main assortment types of stores. The long-term growth of sale via mail order houses or via Internet continued (+16.4%). As for non-food assortment, increased sale was in retail sale of information and communication equipment in specialised stores (+8.7%), retail sale of cultural and recreation goods in specialised stores (+7.3%), retail sale of other household equipment in specialised stores (+6.5%), retail sale of clothing and footwear in specialised stores (+4.6%), and in retail sale of dispensing chemist, medical and orthopaedic goods, and cosmetic and toilet articles in specialised stores (+1.9%). In retail sale in non‑specialised stores with food, beverages or tobacco predominating sales increased by 4.5% and in retail sale of food, beverages and tobacco in specialised stores by 0.9%.

The price deflator (CZ-NACE 47) related to the corresponding period of the previous year (VAT excluded) was 101.3%. It was influenced mainly by higher prices of automotive fuel, food,

dispensing chemist, medical and orthopaedic goods, cosmetic and toilet articles, and 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)** increased **at constant prices** by 0.5%, **m-o-m**. Sales **(both adjusted and non-adjusted for calendar effects)** decreased by 3.5%, **y-o-y**. Sales for repair of motor vehicles decreased by 4.3%, y-o-y; sales for sale of motor vehicles (including spare parts) dropped by 3.3%, 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 2018 are preliminary. Final data for all months of 2018 will be published in June 2019.*

*1) The difference in the development of adjusted and non-adjusted sales for sale of food with the same number of working days was mainly due to a different number of above-average and average days in terms of volumes of sales.*

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*Related outputs: Base indices and y-o-y indices since 2000 and 2001, respectively, are available in time series (*[*https://www.czso.cz/csu/czso/sales\_indices\_monthly\_retail\_trade\_hotels\_and\_restaurants\_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: 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