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Sales in retail trade increased, y-o-y, in February

Retail trade – February 2020

In February, sales adjusted for calendar effects increased in real terms (at constant prices) by 3.9%, year‑on‑year (y-o-y); non-adjusted sales increased by 7.4%, y-o-y. Seasonally adjusted sales in retail trade remained unchanged, month-on-month (m-o-m).

Seasonally adjusted sales in retail trade, except of motor vehicles1) remained unchanged in real terms (at constant prices), m-o-m, in February. Sales for sale of non-food goods increased by 0.5%, sales for sale of food remained unchanged, and sales for sale of automotive fuel decreased by 2.1%.

Sales in retail trade adjusted for calendar effects increased by 3.9%, y-o-y. Sales for sale of non-food goods increased by 7.0% and for food by 1.7%, while sales for sale of automotive fuel dropped by 1.4%. February 2020 had one calendar day more than February 2019; the number of working days was the same.

Non-adjusted sales in retail trade increased by 7.4%, y-o-y. Sales for sale of non-food goods increased by 10.5%, sales for sale of food increased by 5.3%, and sales for sale of automotive fuel increased by 2.0%.

The following had the highest influence on the y-o-y growth of non-adjusted sales in retail trade: retail sale in non-specialised stores with food, beverages or tobacco predominating (growth of sales by 5.5%) and sale of goods via mail order houses or via Internet2) (+19.2%). Two-digit growth rate of sales was reported for the sale of dispensing chemist, medical and orthopaedic goods, and cosmetic and toilet articles (+14.8%), retail sale of other household equipment in specialised stores (+14.5%), and retail sale in specialised stores with information and communication equipment (+14.3%). Sales in retail sale of food, beverages and tobacco in specialised stores increased by 3.1%, sales in stores with cultural and recreation goods increased by 1.5%, and sales in stores with clothing, footwear and leather goods grew by 0.2%.

The price deflator in retail trade, except for motor vehicles and motorcycles related to the corresponding period of the previous year (VAT excluded) was 102.5%. It was influenced mainly by higher prices of food, clothing, footwear and leather goods, automotive fuel, dispensing chemist, medical and orthopaedic goods, cosmetic and toilet articles, other household equipment, and cultural and recreation goods. On the other hand, prices decreased in retail sale of information and communication equipment in specialised stores.

**Seasonally adjusted** sales for **sale and repair of motor vehicles3)** increased **in real terms (at constant prices)** by 0.8%, **m-o-m**, and sales **adjusted for calendar effects** decreased by 5.5%, **y-o-y**. **Non-adjusted** sales decreased by 4.6%, **y-o-y**; sales for sale of motor vehicles (including spare parts) decreased by 5.3%, y‑o-y, and sales for repair of motor vehicles decreased by 1.5%, y‑o‑y.

International comparison of retail sales development in Member States of the EU is available at: <http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/short-term-business-statistics/publications/news-releases>.

Results for February 2020 have been compiled in a standard way based on processing of a monthly report (“SP 1–12” questionnaire) and using administrative data sources. We express our thanks to all enterprises, which provided us with data also in the current difficult situation and thus enabled the CZSO to process results in full extent.

Notes:

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

*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 February 2020 are preliminary. Final data for all months of 2020 will be published in March 2021.*

*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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*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).*

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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