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Retail sees modest growth in August

In August 1999 Dutch retail trade increased its turnover by 2.2% on the same month a year ago. The growth rate was influenced by the fact that this year's August had one Saturday less. Furthermore food shops did not do as well. The latest figures by Statistics Netherlands show that the turnover of supermarkets and specialist food stores in August fell by 1.1% on August 1998.

In total consumers spent 11.6 billion guilders in August in shops. That is more than 1700 guilders per household.

Supermarkets slowing down

Dutch supermarkets did slightly less well in August this year than last, with a 1.5% drop in turnover. If the figure is corrected for the difference in shopping days, turnover would be slightly higher.

When the performance of supermarkets is observed over a longer period, growth turns out to be moderate. In the first eight months of 1999 turnover at supermarkets increased by 1.3%. If we take price increases into account, it turns out that consumers actually bought less, in terms of volume, from the supermarkets (-0.6%) than in the first eight months of 1998.

Non-food retail up

Turnover in the non-food branches went up 4.3% in August on August a year ago. Standing out are the DIY (+9.1%), home decorations and furniture (+9%) and drugstores (+7.4%). A drop in turnover was observed in clothes shops (-2.7%) and textile supermarkets (-2.3%).

Since 1995 the growing turnover in non-food has been the motor of the retail trade. This has also been the case so far in 1999. For the first 8 months non-food saw an almost 7% increase in turnover compared to the same period last year.

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Retail trade, percentage changes on a year ago

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Detailhandel, wijzigingen in % ten opzichte van dezelfde periode vorig jaar

	1999					1998
	aug.	juli.	2e kwar- taal	1e kwar- taal	jan.- aug.	jaar
Detailhandel, totaal 1)						
Geldomzet	2,2	4,4	5,0	4,7	4,3	6,2
Prijs	1,5	1,0	1,7	2,3	1,8	1,9
Hoeveelheid	0,7	3,4	3,2	2,4	2,5	4,2
geldomzet in:						
Voedings- en genotmiddelenwinkels	-1,1	4,6	1,9	-0,1	1,1	3,0
w.o.:						
Supermarkten	-1,5	5,3	2,1	0,0	1,3	4,2
Non-foodwinkels	4,3	4,6	7,1	8,4	6,8	9,1
w.o.:						
Drogisterijen	7,4	14,1	9,6	7,8	9,4	10,1
Bovenkledingwinkels	-2,7	-1,5	5,6	8,7	4,7	7,2
Textielsupermarkten	-2,3	-0,4	7,0	7,7	5,2	0,7
Winkels in woninginrichtings- artikelen 2)	9,0	3,1	8,2	10,6	8,4	12,0
Winkels in consumenten- electronica 3)	4,4	0,5	4,7	9,2	5,7	16,4
Doe-het-zelfwinkels	9,1	4,6	8,9	5,3	7,1	8,6

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