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Snack bars benefit most from warm summer

Turnover in the hotel and restaurant trade increased by 6.5% in the third quarter of 1999 compared with the same quarter last year. Statistics Netherlands' figures show that the results vary between branches in this sector. Sales in snack bars and cafés were above average, benefiting most from the fine summer weather. The turnover of hotels, on the other hand, rose significantly less strongly, as a consequence of the disappointing trade in August. Results for restaurants, pubs and bars were around average.

Turnover in cafés and snack bars up again

Cafés (including snack bars and fastfood restaurants) realised 9.7% more turnover in the third quarter of this year than in the same quarter last year. Correcting for the 3.5% price rise in the same period, the real increase in turnover comes to 6%. Turnover for snack bars and cafés has been increasing since the fourth quarter of 1998. In the first nine months of this year, turnover rose by 8.7%.

Average results for restaurants, bars and pubs

The turnover in the restaurant branch was 6.2% higher in the third quarter compared with the third quarter last year. If price increases (3.5%) are taken into account, the increase in turnover falls to 2.6%. For bars and pubs turnover rose by 6.1%, but by only 2% after correction for price increases (4%).

Smaller increase hotel trade

Turnover for hotels, boarding houses and conference centres rose by less in the third quarter than in the preceding periods. With average turnover increases of 10% since 1996, from the second quarter of this year this growth seems to have come to a halt. The 4.2%

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turnover increase in the third quarter of this year was below the average for the hotel and restaurant sector as a whole.

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