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2000 starts well for hotels and restaurants

First quarter turnover in the catering branch was up 7% on the first quarter of 1999. The latest figures by Statistics Netherlands show that all branches of catering saw a rise in turnover in the first quarter of the year 2000. Hotels, snack bars and restaurants did especially well. Cafés saw their turnover grow slightly less in the first quarter of 2000.

Hotels fastest growers again

Turnover of hotels, including boarding houses and conference centres, went up by 9.9% in the first quarter of 2000 on the first quarter last year. After a slight dip in the second and third quarters of 1999 hotels again are the fastest growing branch in catering.

Snack bars performing above average

First quarter turnover of restaurants and snack bars went up by 7.1%. Cafeterias, including snack bars, lunchrooms and fast food restaurants had the highest turnover increase during this period, namely 7.4%. The above-average growth rate started in the second quarter of 1999. Corrected for price increases (+2.1%) the growth rate for snack bars is 5.1%. Turnover in restaurants increased by 6.9%. Volume growth in restaurants, which is turnover corrected for a 2.8% price increase. Stands at 3.9%.

Turnover for cafés lags behind somewhat

The results for cafés are lagging somewhat behind the other branches in catering. Turnover was up 4.6% on the first quarter of 1999. Corrected for a 3% price increase, real turnover growth came to 1.6%.

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