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Retail trade booming in May

Turnover in the retail trade went up substantially in May. The latest figures by Statistics Netherlands show that shopkeepers had a 5.6% turnover increase on May 1999. Non-food shops did especially well in May (+7.8%). Remarkably great is the rise in retail turnover in consumer electronics (+13.3%). The European Football Championship may have stimulated sales in this branch. Food shops saw a 1.7% increase in turnover in May.

14 billion guilders worth of shopping

In May shoppers spent almost 14 billion guilders (6.3 billion Euro) at retailers. This is more than 2100 guilders (940 euro) per household. About two thirds of this amount goes to non-food, the rest goes to food stores.

Consumer electronics popular

Shops specialised in consumer electronics had a great month, with turnover up 13.3% on May 1999. In the first five months of 2000 retail turnover went up 9.0% already in this branch.

Supermarkets in textiles also did very well with a turnover increase of 11.0%. In contrast, shops specialised in household articles didn't do as well in May (-2.9%).

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