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Turnover in Dutch retail up 6% in the first quarter of 2001

According to the latest figures by Statistics Netherlands, the Dutch retail trade produced a 6% turnover increase in the first quarter of 2001 compared to the first quarter of 2000. This turnover increase went hand in hand with a more than 4% price increase. This means that the sales volume increased by nearly 2%.

In total consumers spent 40.2 billion guilders (18.2 billion euro) shopping during the first quarter. This is almost 6 thousand guilders (2725 euro) per household. Almost two thirds of the amount was spent in non-food branches.

Non-food sector generated 4.5% more turnover

Non-food stores sold 4.5% more during the first quarter of this year than in the first quarter of last year. Statistics Netherlands observed positive developments in all non-food sectors. The highest growth rate was observed in clothing (+8.0%) and drugstores (+6.5%), whereas the turnover of household articles grew at a far slower pace (+1,9%).

Food sector turnover up 7.6% during the first quarter

Food retail generated 7.6% more turnover during the first quarter of this year than in the same quarter a year ago. Super markets, by far the biggest branch in this sector, generated a first quarter turnover increase of 8.4%. Specialised food stores, such as butchers and greengrocers, lagged far behind and produced a 4.4% growth rate.

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