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Retail turnover in May up 8%

In May 2001 turnover in Dutch retail was up 8.2% on May 2000. According to the latest figures by Statistics Netherlands the prices in shops went up substantially during this period (+5.5%). The turnover volume was 2.6% higher than in May last year.

15 billion guilders worth of consumer shopping

In total Dutch consumers shopped for nearly 15 billion guilders (6.8 billion euro) in May. Spending per household in May came to more than 2200 guilders (1000 euro). Some 1400 guilders (640 euro) was spent in the non-food branches of the retail trade. Per household people spent 800 guilders (360 euro) at super markets and specialised food stores, such as butchers and greengrocers.

7.6% turnover growth rate at non-food

Turnover in non-food stores was up 7.6% on May a year ago. Drugstores (+12,0%) and shops in household articles (+11.8%) reported substantial turnover increases. Clothing, interior decorating and DIY shops all saw their turnover grow in May. Statistics Netherlands observed lower turnover in textile super markets and consumer electronics.

Turnover food sector almost 9% higher

Turnover in food stores went up by 8.7% on May 2000. Super markets, by far the largest branch in this sector, saw a turnover increase of 9.8%. The turnover increase in specialised stores such as butchers, greengrocers and liquor stores was 3.9%.

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