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Turnover retail trade up 6.5% in first six months of 2001

According to the latest figures by Statistics Netherlands, Dutch retail trade increased its turnover by 6.5% in the first six months of 2001 compared to the same period last year. Shopping turned out to be a lot more expensive (+4.7%), bringing the volume increase to 1.7%. The volume growth rate in the retail trade fell, whereas it was still well over 4.5% in the first six months of 2000.

Consumers spent over 80 billion guilders

In total consumers spent 81.3 billion guilders (almost 37 billion euro) shopping. This means households spent an average of 12 thousand guilders (5.5 00 euro) each. Almost two thirds of this amount was spent in non-food retail.

Turnover non-food up 6%

In the first six months of this year the turnover in non-food stores was about 6% higher than in the same period last year. Drugstores saw a remarkable increase (+9%), while retail in clothing, interior decorating, consumer electronics, DIY and household articles all had higher turnovers. The growth rate for textile supermarkets tapered off.

Turnover food sector 6.7% higher

The turnover in food stores was 6.7% higher than in the first six months of last year. The increase consisted of a price rise of 6.4%, leaving an increase in turnover volume of 0.3%. Supermarkets, by far the largest branch in this sector, saw their turnover increase by 7.6% during the first six months of this year.

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