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Retail turnover up more than 4% in July

Retail sales were 4.3% up in July this year on the same month last year. Provisional figures from Statistics Netherlands show that shop prices rose substantially (+5.6%), while the volume of turnover decreased by 1.2%. The increase in turnover was tempered by the fact that July had a less favourable pattern of shopping days this year.

Shoppers spend more than 6 billion euro

Dutch consumers spent a total 6.2 billion euro in shops in July, nearly 910 euro per household on average. Nearly two-thirds of this amount was spent in non-food outlets, including chemists, consumer electronics outlets and clothes stores.

Turnover non-food shops nearly 3% up

Shops selling non-food articles sold 2.9% more in July than in the same month last year. This growth was accompanied by a price increase of 4.3%. Chemists in particular increased their turnover substantially (+8.6%). Textile supermarkets, do-it-yourself stores and shops selling household items also did better than average in the non-food sector. Turnover remained at the same level for clothes shops; possibly in connection with the warm July weather.

Food stores increase turnover substantially

For food shops, takings were 6.4% higher than in the same month last year. Prices were also up sharply: 7.4% higher than twelve months previously. Supermarkets, by far the largest branch in this sector, realised an increase in turnover of 7.2%. Specialist food retailers such as butchers and greengrocers increased sales by 3%.

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