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Lowest increase in hotel and restaurant trade for six years

Turnover in the hotel and restaurant sector was 1.5% higher in the third quarter of 2001 than in the same quarter last year. The last time turnover in this sector was this low was in 1995. Hotels booked a 2.9% lower turnover in the third quarter of this year. Although turnover increased for restaurants, cafés, and pubs and bars, if the figures are corrected for price increases, the volume of turnover was lower here too according to provisional figures from Statistics Netherlands.

Lower turnover for hotels

Following years of substantial growth, the turnover of hotels, including boarding houses and conference centres, decreased by 2.9% in the third quarter. This decrease was mainly caused by a strong fall in turnover in August and a smaller one in September. This negative development follows a downward trend in turnover growth since the first quarter of this year.

Smaller turnover volume for restaurants, cafés and bars

The turnover of restaurants rose by 1.8% in the third quarter of 2001. This is the lowest quarterly growth rate for six years. Prices in this sector rose by 4.6% in the same period. On balance the volume of turnover in this sector fell by 2.7%.

The turnover of cafés, including snack bars, lunchrooms and fast-food restaurants, rose by 3.4% in the third quarter of 2001. But here too there is a fall in the real turnover after adjustment for price increases (-1.2%).

In addition to restaurants and cafés, takings in pubs and bars also fell after correction for prices (-3.6%). In the third quarter turnover increased by 4.3%, but the price increase was significantly higher at 8.2%.

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