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Retail turnover up in October

Retail turnover in October was up 8.5% on the same month in 2000 according to the latest preliminary figures by Statistics Netherlands. Prices increased by 5.6% during this period, which means a volume increase of 2.8%. However, the volume increase looks slightly better than it is because the shopping day pattern in October was more favourable this year.

Consumer shops for almost 7 billion euro

In total Dutch consumers spent 6.6 billion euro in retail. This comes down to an outlay of 960 euro per household. Almost two thirds of the amount (610 euro) was spent in the non-food retail branches which include drugstores, consumer electronics and clothes stores.

Turnover non-food branches substantially higher

In October non-food stores saw their turnover increase by 7.6% on October last year. Prices went up by 4.3%. Drugstores, household furnishings and DIY shops even saw a turnover increase of more than 13%. In contrast, the turnover was lower in clothes stores and textile supermarkets.

Hefty price rises in food branch

In October the food retail sector managed to get a turnover increase of 9.9% on October last year. This included a relatively strong price increase of 7.5%. The turnover volume went up by 2.2%. Supermarkets, by far the biggest branch in this sector saw an almost 11% turnover increase.

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