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Turnover in hotel and restaurant sector nearly 5 percent up

The turnover in the hotel and restaurant sector was 4.9 percent higher in the first quarter of 2002 than in the same quarter last year. Turnover was pushed up by a substantial increase of takings in restaurants and an above average growth for hotels and cafés. The turnover of pubs, bars and cafés licensed to sell alcohol rose by only 0.7 percent, according to figures from Statistics Netherlands.

Prices have been rising in the hotel and restaurant sector since the beginning of 2001, and this trend continued into 2002. The largest price rises were for pubs, bars, and licensed cafés.

Strongest growth for restaurants

Restaurants booked 7.2 percent more turnover in the first quarter of 2002 than in the same period last year. This is the highest growth rate in the sector. If the 6.2 price increase is taken into account, this means a real increase in turnover of 1.0 percent in the first quarter.

Above average growth for hotels

The turnover figures for hotels, including boarding houses and conference centres, showed a growth of 5.6 percent in the first quarter of 2002. After smaller growth rates of 1.4 percent in the previous quarter, in the first quarter of this year hotels increased their turnover by a level above the average for the whole sector.

Largest price increases in cafés and bars

Prices in cafés, snack bars, lunch rooms, and fast-food restaurants rose by 7.4 percent, those in bars, pubs and cafés selling alcoholic drinks by 8.3%. Turnover in the former establishments rose by 5.6 percent in the first quarter of 2002, while that for the latter outlets grew by only 0.7 percent. On balance turnover volume for cafés, etc. fell by 1.7 percent, that of bars etc by 7.0 percent..

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