



# Press release

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## ***Slower turnover growth for hotel and restaurant sector***

According to provisional figures from Statistics Netherlands, turnover in the hotel and restaurant sector was 3.8 percent higher in the second quarter of this year than in the same period last year. In the first quarter of this year growth was 4.7 percent. Hotels, cafés and restaurants realised higher than average turnover growth, for pubs and bars turnover fell by 0.1 percent in the second quarter.

Prices in this sector have been increasing since the beginning of 2001, especially in pubs and bars. After correction for these increases, turnover is 7.7 percent lower for pubs and bars, and for restaurants and cafés, too, turnover is reduced.

### ***Volume and value of sales in pubs down***

After a year of above average turnover growth in the total hotel and restaurant sector, the increase in turnover for establishments selling mainly alcoholic drinks - pubs and bars - grew by only 0.1 percent in the first six months of this year. In the first quarter this branch realised hardly any growth at all and in the second quarter turnover even fell for the first time since 1996: by 0.1 percent.

The stagnating turnover of pubs and bars in the first six months of 2002 was accompanied by a price rise of more than 8 percent. After correction for this price increase turnover was 7.3 percent lower in the first quarter and 7.7 percent lower in the second quarter. In all four quarters of 2001 this branch was also confronted by volume decreases of an average 2.7 percent.

### ***Sales down in restaurants and cafés***

In the second quarter of 2002 cafés realised 5.4 percent more turnover than in the same period last year. For restaurants growth was 4.4 percent. In both branches price rises exceed turnover growth. This means that the volume of takings for cafés and restaurants fell, by 1.2 and 1.0 percent respectively.

### ***Above average turnover growth for hotels***

Turnover for hotels, including boarding houses and conference centres, showed a relatively strong increase in the second quarter of 2002: 5.9 percent. After a delayed growth in 2001, in both the first two quarters of this year hotels

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realised an increase that was above average for the total hotel and restaurant industry.