



# Press release

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## ***Turnover volume retail trade down***

In November 2002, according to provisional figures by Statistics Netherlands, turnover volume in retail trade was 1.1 percent lower than in November 2001. Retail prices were 2.1 percent higher in November than in the same month of the previous year. Whereas in the food sector the value of turnover rose, in the non-food sector it dropped. Altogether, the value of turnover in retail trade rose by a mere 0.9 percent.

### ***Value of turnover in the food sector substantially higher***

The value of turnover for the food sector was 4.6 percent higher in November 2002 than in the same month of the previous year. The value of turnover for supermarkets, the largest division in the food sector, rose considerably by 6 percent. In the first 11 months of 2002, the value of turnover for the food sector as a whole was 5.7 percent higher than in the corresponding period of 2001. Over the last five years, the value of turnover in the first 11 months was never higher, except in 2001 (7.1 percent).

### ***Value of turnover in the non-food sector slightly down***

In November 2002, the value of turnover in the non-food sector was 0.6 percent down on November 2001. There is a lot of difference between the various branches within the non-food sector. The value of turnover for clothing stores fell by 1.9 percent, for DIY shops by 0.2 percent. For textile supermarkets, drugstores and retail shops in household articles it rose by more than 5 percent. In the first 11 months of 2002, the value of turnover for the non-food sector as a whole rose by 2.7 percent compared to the same period of the previous year, the smallest increase over the last five years.

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**Retail trade, percentage changes compared to the same period in the previous year**

	2002 <sup>1)</sup>			2001	
	Nov.	Oct.	3 <sup>rd</sup> quart.	Jan.-Nov.	Year
<b>Retail trade, total <sup>2)</sup></b>					
Value of turnover	0.9	5.2	3.9	3.6	6.3
Price	2.1	2.3	3.1	3.5	5.1
Turnover volume	-1.1	2.8	0.8	0.1	1.1
<b>Food, beverages and tobacco</b>					
Value of turnover	4.6	6.6	6.1	5.7	6.7
Price	1.7	1.8	3.1	3.7	6.7
Turnover volume	2.9	4.7	2.9	1.9	-0.1
<i>Value of turnover in:</i>					
Supermarkets	6.0	8.2	7.1	6.7	7.5
<b>Non-food sector</b>					
Value of turnover	-0.6	5.1	2.9	2.7	5.6
Price	2.3	2.6	3.0	3.4	4.0
Turnover volume	-2.8	2.5	-0.1	-0.7	1.5
<i>Value of turnover in:</i>					
Drugstores	5.2	15.7	6.4	6.4	8.6
Clothing	-1.9	11.6	0.0	2.4	4.9
Textile supermarkets	6.5	26.8	14.0	11.3	2.6
Interior decorating <sup>3)</sup>	.	-7.2	-0.8	-1.2	5.9
Consumer electronics <sup>4)</sup>	0.4	3.1	5.1	3.6	4.6
DIY	-0.2	5.1	10.8	6.4	6.2
Household articles	7.4	7.0	3.2	2.8	4.2

. ) No data available

1) Provisional figure

2) Excluding pharmacies

3) Furniture, furnishing, lighting equipment and floor coverings

4) Electrical household appliances, audio and television sets, CDs, audio tapes, cassettes, etc. and computers

**Source: Statistics Netherlands**