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Turnover in hotels, restaurants and other catering down in the first quarter

In the first quarter van 2003 the turnover of Dutch hotels, restaurants, cafe's etc. was down by 3.5 percent on the same period in 2002, according to the latest preliminary figures by Statistics Netherlands. It is the second quarter in a row in which turnover in the branch is falling. Turnover in the fourth quarter of 2002 fell by 1.9 percent.

After the major price hikes in the branch in 2001 and 2002, prices were no longer increasing by as much in the first quarter of 2003. Prices in hotels, restaurants, and other catering were on average 2.8 percent higher than in the same period last year. After price corrections the turnover volume was down by 6.1 percent.

Hotels and restaurants see greatest dip in turnover

Turnover of hotels and restaurants in the first quarter was down by 4.8 percent on the same period of 2002. This drop is larger than for the catering branch as a whole. The drop in turnover volume goes hand in hand with a 2.6 percent price increase in restaurants. On balance the turnover volume in restaurants fell by 7.2 percent.

Cafeteria, bars and cafés face less substantial drops in turnover

Dutch cafeteria saw a 2.3 percent dip in turnover during the first quarter. When this figure is corrected for price increases, their turnover volume was down by 5.8 percent. The turnover of Dutch bars and cafés fell by 1.2 percent while prices increased by 3.4 percent. This means the turnover volume of bars and cafés fell by 4.4 percent.

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