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Turnover down in retail

In June 2003 the turnover in Dutch retail trade was down by 7.7 percent on June last year. The drop in turnover mainly occurred in non-food, where turnover was 11.3 percent lower than in June 2002. Turnover in food stores was down by 1 percent on last year, according to the latest preliminary figures by Statistics Netherlands. The June 2003 figures were negatively influenced by the unfavourable shopping day pattern compared to June 2002.

Substantial loss of turnover in clothes shops

In June consumers spent almost 16 percent less in clothes stores than in June 2002. Turnover in textile supermarkets was almost 1 percent lower than in June last year. In the preceding months of 2003 the textile supers still recorded substantial turnover increases.

Stores in home furnishings and decoration and in consumer electronics also saw substantial turnover losses compared to June 2002.

Turnover in food down slightly

Turnover in stores selling food, beverages and tobacco was 1 percent lower than in June 2002. About 80 percent of the turnover in the food sector is made by supermarkets. The rest is made in specialist stores such as butchers and greengrocers. The turnover of the supermarkets was the same as in June last year.