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Monthly survey on retail trade 2023Apr

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Turnover in retail trade dipped slightly in April

Note: the trend in retail sales does not reflect that of total household consumption: the latter includes other sectors, such as education and health.

Notes: on-month change (%). Seasonally and working-day adjusted volumes

IT sectors are classified according to the relative weight of the products included in the total aggregate of retail trade (weights are given on the right scale)

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In April, turnover in retail trade dropped, down by 2.1% compared with March (adjusted for seasonal and working day variations), when it had risen by 1.2% compared with February. Sales of manufactured goods contracted by 1.8% (after increasing by 0.9% in March) on average, with contrasting trends across sub-sectors: DIY sales (up 3.7% after -5.1%) and games and toys (up 4.3% after -0.1%) improved, while furniture (-6.8% after 0.4%), consumer electronics (-5.8% after -0.4%), new cars (-3.6% after 4.8%) and optical equipment (-4.1% after 0.0%) declined.

Although they were up month-on-month (+3.4% compared with March), food sales continued their downward trend year-on-year (-12.4% compared with April 2022).

In terms of distribution channels, sales fell across the board, in particular for small retailers (down 4.1%) and hypermarkets (down 2.2%).

Quarter-on-quarter, overall turnover in retail trade increased slightly (up 0.4%), thanks to the rise in manufactured goods (1.2%), while food sales posted a slight decrease (-0.6%).