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Monthly survey on retail trade 2021Nov

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After rebounding markedly over the summer, turnover in retail trade declined slightly over the past three months. Total manufactured goods and food sales: T/T-1 change (%)

Notes: 1. The change in quarter change is seasonally and working-day adjusted volume terms. 2. The change in quarter change is calculated as the ratio of the average of the indices for the current quarter (September-October-November) to the average for the previous quarter (June-July-August).

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Over the past three months, turnover in retail trade declined by 1.0% (adjusted for seasonal and working-day variations) compared with the previous three-month period, when it rose by 4.6%. It remains below its pre-crisis level while sole manufactured goods sales are above (respectively -1.6% and +1.3% compared with the average for 2019). The change over the past three months was driven by a 1.9% fall in manufactured goods sales, which offset the 1.1% rise in food sales. Sales volumes were down by 9.4% in furniture, by 6.4% for new cars and by 5.2% in footwear. Conversely, sales of games and toys rose by 18.7%, while perfumes and toilet preparations were up by 4.6% and household appliances by 4.1%. In terms of distribution channels, small retailers reported stable sales volumes (+ 0.1%), while large general retailers posted a growth of 1.6%. Final data for distance selling are not yet available for November, but they fell by 5.9% over the previous three-month period.

The aggregated and by sub-sector series are seasonally adjusted on an individual basis; the seasonally adjusted series do not represent the sum of the seasonally adjusted components.

Sectors are classified according to the relative weight of the products included in the total aggregate of retail trade (see methodology).

In November, retail sales were down by 0.9% compared with October.