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### Austrian retail sector with turnover growth in 2021

**Vienna**, 2022-02-04 – According to preliminary results from Statistics Austria, Austrian retail enterprises (excluding the motor vehicle trade; incl. service stations) achieved a nominal increase in turnover of 5.0% in **2021**. Taking price developments into account, a year-on-year increase in sales volume of 2.9% was recorded.

When making comparisons with the prior-year period, it should be noted that a large proportion of enterprises were affected to varying degrees by closures and other restrictions due to the measures taken against the Corona pandemic in 2020 and 2021.

Compared to 2019, retail sales (in real terms) were already 2.7% higher. Excluded from this positive economic trend in 2021 were gas stations (-8.9%) and the sector "clothing and footwear", with a decrease in sales volume of 21.2% compared to 2019.

The retail trade of food, beverages and tobacco recorded a nominal increase of 1.7% year-on-year, which corresponds to a price-adjusted (real) increase in sales volumes of 0.4%. Non-food retail sales increased by 6.1% in 2021, and adjusted for inflation, sales were 4.5% higher than in 2020.

Although 2021 had the same number of shopping days as the previous year at 303, industry-dependent sales days decreased in both years due to Corona pandemic containment measures.

In **December 2021**, according to preliminary results, retail trade (excluding motor vehicle dealerships; including service stations) achieved an increase in turnover (nominal) of 2.9% year-on-year. Adjusted for inflation (in real terms), sales were down slightly by 0.7%. With 26 shopping days, December 2021 theoretically had one more sales day than December 2020, but the number of actual sales days was severely restricted in some cases by the measures taken to contain the Corona pandemic in both years, depending on the sector.

Results were calculated by Statistics Austria, Short Term Statistics Services. The preliminary sales indicators for the reporting month were prepared on the basis of approximately 45% of Austria's retail volume.

For more detailed information please refer to the [German version](#).