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# Retail turnover up by 12.0 % in September 2022

Price-adjusted (in real terms) sales increased by 1.6 %

Vienna, 2022-11-08 – According to preliminary results by Statistics Austria, the Austrian retail sector (excluding the motor vehicle trade, including service stations) posted a nominal increase in turnover of 12.0 % in September 2022 compared with September 2021. Considering price developments, sales volumes were up by 1.6 % year-on-year.

The retail trade in food, beverages and tobacco products generated a year-on-year increase in turnover of 14.6 % in **September 2022**; in terms of sales volume, this represents a rise of 3.8 %. Non-food trade posted year-on-year gains in both nominal (+8.8 %) and real (price-adjusted, +1.5 %) terms.

**Table 1: Retail trade, September 2022, preliminary and unadjusted results**

Selected sectors	Change turnover compared to the period last year	
	In nominal terms	In real terms
Retail trade (excluding automotive retail; incl. service stations)	12.0	1.6
Retail trade (excluding motor vehicle dealerships and service stations)	11.2	2.6
Food	14.6	3.8
Non-Food	8.8	1.5

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## Inflation eats into retail growth in the first nine months of 2022

In **January to September 2022**, retail trade (excluding motor vehicle retailing; including service stations) recorded a year-on-year increase in turnover of 7.8 %; in real (price-adjusted) terms, this was a minus of 0.7 %. The food, beverages and tobacco retail sector generated a year-on-year increase in turnover of 4.2 % in the first nine months; in real terms, this represents a decline of 2.9 %. Non-food retail recorded a 7.7 % increase in turnover from January to September 2022 compared with the first nine months of 2021, resulting in an 1.5 % increase in sales volumes.

**Table 2: Retail trade, first half of 2022, preliminary and unadjusted results**

Selected sectors	Change turnover compared to the period last year	
	In nominal terms	In real terms
Retail trade (excluding automotive retail; incl. service stations)	7.8	-0.7
Retail trade (excluding motor vehicle dealerships and service stations)	6.1	-0.5
Food	4.2	-2.9
Non-Food	7.7	1.5

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The preliminary calculations of retail sales for September 2022 were made based on 49 % of turnover volume. For detailed results and further information please refer to [website](#).

**Information on methodology, definitions:** The short-term statistics for retail trade were changed to the base year annual average 2015=100 as of the January 2018 reporting month. The new time series and methodological notes are available on our website. Statistics Austria's preliminary analyses are based on previously collected company sales and on advance sales tax returns. Together with Eurostat, Statistics Austria publishes the first business cycle data for the retail trade sector around 30 days after the end of the respective reporting month. The first results shown are revised before the publication of the final results (t+60 days).

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