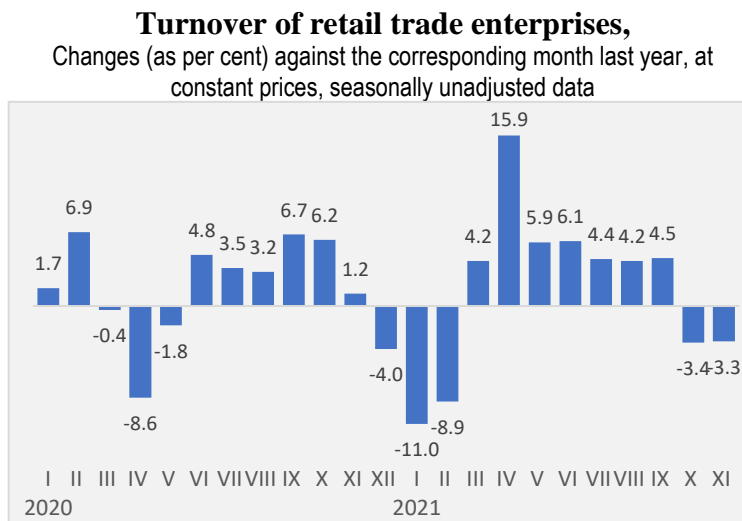


On Retail Trade Turnover in November 2021

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In November 2021, as in October, retail sales were affected by stricter security conditions at points of sale, which came into force on 21 October 2021. Also, most non-food stores were closed. However, from 15 November 2021 to 11 January 2021 (until the end of the emergency situation), the conditions for organizing trade in an epidemiologically safe environment, i.e., "green" security mode, are in place. In November, the decline in retail trade turnover was almost the same as in October. In particular, a decline of 3.3%, compared to the corresponding month last year, was observed (unadjusted data at constant prices).



In November, the retail trade turnover of **non-food products** declined by 6.2% annually. The decline was observed in almost all product categories, except in the retail sale of pharmaceutical and medical goods and in specialized stores for flowers, plants, seeds, fertilizers, pet animals, and pet food. Retail trade in textiles, carpets, rugs, wallpaper, furniture, lighting equipment and other household articles, and sports goods and games declined the most. Retail trade in clothing, footwear, and leather goods also decreased by 14%. In addition, retail trade in cultural goods and leisure goods in specialized stores declined by 15%. Many of the restrictions still apply to the organization of cultural, entertainment, and sporting events.

In the distribution by points of sale, distance shopping opportunities are vitally important in the shopping habits of the population. In November 2021, shopping in the mail or on the Internet increased by almost 40%. Retail sales outside stores, stalls, and markets also increased by 1/3. On the other hand, sales outside shops, stalls, and markets decreased by 7%. Retail sales of second-hand goods fell by half. Other retail sales outside stores, stalls, and markets remained at the same level as in October.

Retail trade turnover in **food** grew slightly faster than in November and was 2.6% higher, compared to November 2020.

Retail trade turnover of **fuel** at petrol stations in November was similar to the previous month and declined by 2.4%, compared to November 2020.

Overall, in January-November 2021, the retail trade turnover increased by 1.8%. Whilst retail trade of non-food products increased by 1.7%, retail trade of fuel increased by 6%. However, trade in food products remained essentially unchanged, rising by 0.4%.

The future retail situation will also be affected by the spread of Covid-19 infection and measures to control it. Citizens are still encouraged to make the most of the opportunities offered by distance selling and, consequently, to visit outlets less frequently.