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Turnover in hotels and restaurants no longer growing as fast

In the first quarter of 2001 turnover in hotels, restaurants and cafés was up more than 5% on the first quarter of 2000. The growth rate for 2000 as a whole was 6.7%. Prices are rising fast in the branch. According to the latest figures by Statistics Netherlands turnover in cafeterias and cafés actually even diminished when the figures are corrected for the price increases.

Volume drop in cafeterias

Turnover in cafeterias, including snack bars, lunchrooms and fast-food restaurants went up by 2.8% in the first quarter of 2001. The increase in VAT, effective as of 1 January 2001, was one reason why prices increased by 4.5% during this period. On balance the volume in this branch fell by 1.7%. During 2000 as a whole cafeterias continued to see volume increases.

Cafés also showing negative figures

Like cafeterias, cafés also saw a drop in their price corrected turnover figures. This is the result of a 6.4% rise in turnover, against an 8.4% price rise. For the year 2000 as a whole, turnover also increased by 6.4%, but prices only rose by 3.3%.

Turnover hotels down

After the turnover increase of 10.2% in 2000, the first quarter growth rate fell to 7% in the first quarter of this year, for hotels, including boarding houses and conference centres. The turnover in the fourth quarter of 2000 was already lower than in the previous quarters.

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