

Informations

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Main indicators

Household consumption expenditure on goods – September 2018

Household consumption expenditure on goods fell sharply in September (–1.7%) and went up over the third quarter (+0.6%)

In September 2018, household expenditure on goods fell by 1.7% in volume*, after rising in August (+1.1%). This drop was due to the sharp decline in manufactured good consumption (–2.5%), energy spending (–1.2%) and food consumption (–0.9%).

Over the whole third quarter, household consumption expenditure on goods recovered compared with the previous quarter (+0.6% after –0.3%).

- **Engineered goods: sharp backlash in September, increase over the quarter**

In September, expenditure on engineered goods suffered the repercussions of the previous month's strong rise (–2.5% after +2.7% in August), that was partly due to the anticipation of the tightening of the new car approval tests in Europe on September 1st.

Over the whole quarter, expenditure on engineered goods increased again (+1.1% after +1.0%).

- **Durables: very sharp decline in September**

Consumption of durables decreased strongly in September (–4.7% after +5.2%), mainly because of the fall in transport equipment sales (–7.9%), particularly new cars. Expenditure on household durables decreased (–0.3% after +0.5%).

Over the whole quarter, expenditure on durable goods increased for the second consecutive quarter (+1.7% after +1.6%).

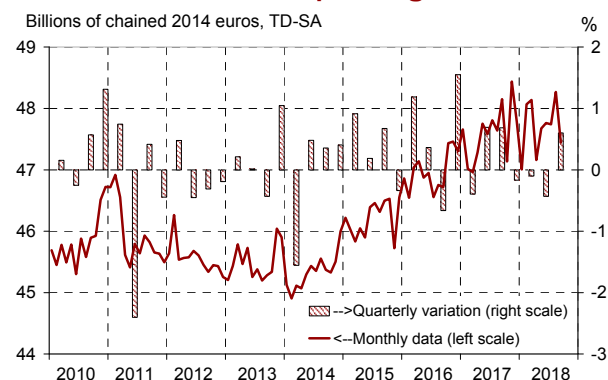
- **Textile-clothing: slight downturn in September**

Expenses on textile-clothing fell slightly in September (–0.5% after +0.1%), especially due to the decline in shoe sales.

Over the whole quarter, textile-clothing consumption slowed down (+0.2% after +0.8%).

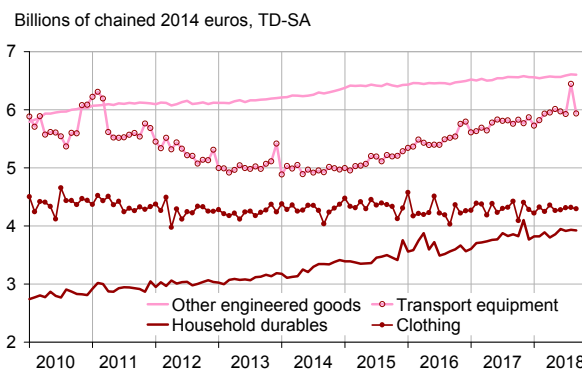
*Volumes are measured at chain-link previous year prices (2014 euro billions) and all figures are trading-day and seasonally adjusted.

Total consumption of goods



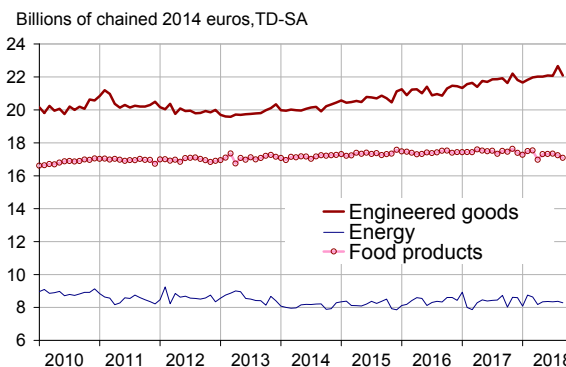
Source: INSEE

Breakdown of engineered goods



Source: INSEE

Food products, engineered goods and energy



Source: INSEE

Other engineered goods: quasi-stability

The consumption of “other engineered goods” was almost stable in September (−0.1%), after several months of limited growth.

Over the whole quarter, expenses in “other engineered goods” increased slightly (+0.5% after +0.2%).

- **Food products: decrease in September, stability over the quarter**

In September, food consumption declined again (−0.9% after −0.5% in August). In particular, consumption of agriculture products decreased significantly. Tobacco consumption declined for the second consecutive month.

Over the whole third quarter, food consumption was practically stable (+0.1%), after two quarters of decline.

- **Energy: slight downturn in September, small rise over the quarter**

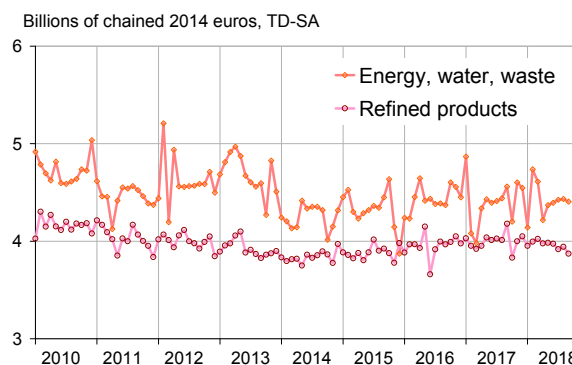
In September, energy consumption fell back (−1.2% after +0.4% in August). Gas and electricity consumption decreased (−0.6%), as well as refined products spending (−1.8%)

Over the quarter, expenses on energy increased slightly (+0.4% after −2.2%).

The variation in August 2018 was revised upwards

Compared to the previous estimation, the change of household expenditure on goods in August 2018 was revised upwards: +1.1% instead of +0.8%. Indeed, new information has been integrated and the seasonal adjustment coefficients have been updated.

Breakdown of energy



Source: INSEE

Household consumption expenditure on goods

Changes in %, TD-SA

	Weight (1)	July 2018	Aug 2018	sept-18	Sept 18 / Sept 17	Q3 / Q2 (2)
Food products	38	0.1	−0.5	−0.9	−2.4	0.1
- excl. Tobacco	34	0.1	−0.6	−1.0	−1.7	0.1
Engineered goods	45	−0.1	2.7	−2.5	0.7	1.1
- Durables	22	−0.7	5.2	−4.7	2.3	1.7
Including :						
- Transport equipment	12	−0.8	8.7	−7.9	3.1	2.1
- Household durables	7	−0.8	0.5	−0.3	1.7	1.4
- Textile-clothing	9	0.8	0.1	−0.5	−2.9	0.2
- Other engineered goods	14	0.4	0.3	−0.1	0.6	0.5
Energy	18	−0.3	0.4	−1.2	−5.2	0.4
- Energy, water, waste	10	0.7	0.2	−0.6	−3.4	2.2
- Refined Products	8	−1.4	0.7	−1.8	−7.3	−1.7
Total	100	0.0	1.1	−1.7	−1.5	0.6
- Including Manufactured goods	84	−0.1	1.4	−1.7	−0.8	0.6

(1) Weighting in the consumption expenditure on goods in value in 2017

(2) Last three months / previous three months

Source: INSEE

For more information

Scope and definition - Consumption expenditure on goods is compliant with the national-accounts definition (NAF Rev. 2). In 2014, they accounted for half of total households' consumption expenditure. They are divided into three main items:

Food: products of agriculture, forestry and fishing (AZ), food, drinks and tobacco (C1)

Energy: mining products, as well as water, gas, electricity and air conditioning, sanitation and waste management (DE), and refined and coked products (C2).

Engineered goods: computers, electronic, electrical and optical goods (C3), transport equipment (C4), textiles and clothing, products made of leather, wood, paper, metals, plastic, rubber, chemicals, minerals, furniture, hardware, drugs (C5). Within this heading are distinguished “durable” goods which include transport equipment, household durables (furniture, household appliances, etc.) and other durable goods (jewelry, watches, GPS, glasses, medical devices, etc.).

The manufactured goods correspond with all the products C1, C2, C3, C4, C5.

Sources - This indicator is the compilation of a variety of statistical sources issued by the Bank of France, the French Federation of Automobile Manufacturers (CCFA), the Department of Data and Statistical Studies (SDES), the French Institute of Fashion (IFM), the National Health-Insurance Administration (CNAM), the National Federation of Rubber and Plastics Industries (SNCP), the Board of Oil (CPDP), GFK, Logista, the International Union Committee of Automobile and Motorcycle (CSIAM), etc. Figures are seasonally and trading-days adjusted (TD-SA).

- Additional data (historical data, methodology, associated web pages, etc.) are available on the web page of this indicator: <https://www.insee.fr/en/statistiques?debut=0&theme=30&conjoncture=31>
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