

Services sector and the information society

2. Retail trade

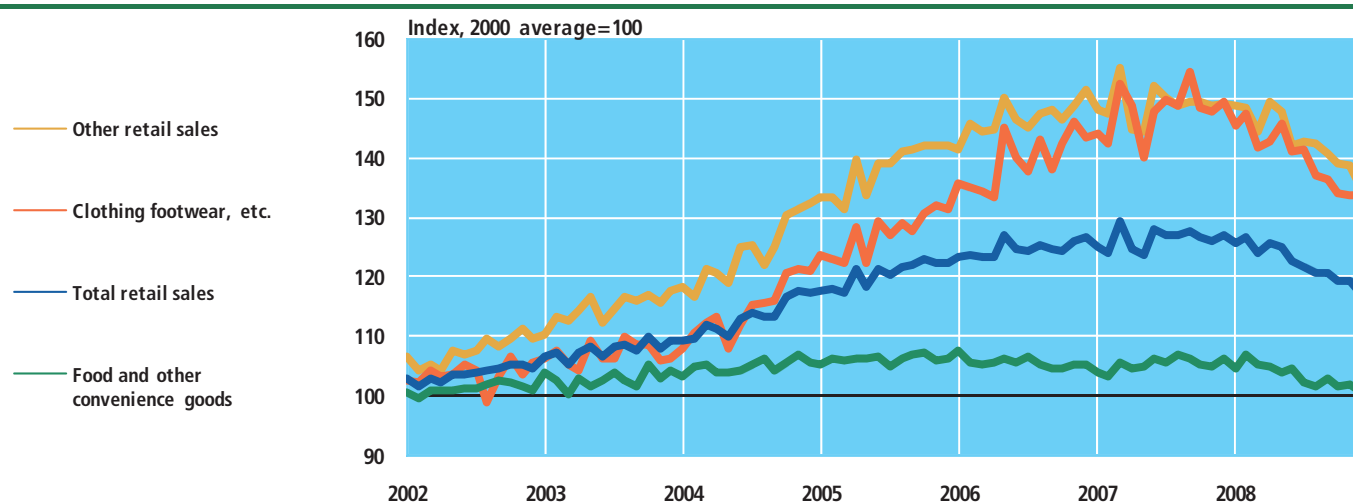
Significant drop in retail sales

Retail sales are divided into three categories: *Food and other everyday commodities, clothing, etc.*, and *other consumer goods* (equipment for accommodation and leisure). *Food and other everyday commodities* and *other consumer goods* represent 50 and 40 per cent, respectively, of total retail sales. *Clothing, etc.* represents the remaining 10 per cent.

Following several years in which the total turnover within retail sales has seen an increasing trend, 2008 showed a significant drop. *Total retail sales* dropped approximately 9 percent, while *clothing, etc.* and *other consumer goods* saw a decrease of 13 and 11 percent, respectively. *Food and other everyday commodities* dropped by a more modest 5 percent, and thereby contributed to limiting the total decrease. During the final six months of 2008 alone *Total retail sales* dropped by **about 5 percent**.

Figure 2

Seasonally adjusted quantity index for retail sales – corrected (new figure)



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3. Tourism

Decrease in nights spent in 2008

In 2008, the total number of nights spent at hotels, etc., camping sites, hostels, marinas and holiday cottages was 44.9 million. This is a decrease of 0.7 million or 2 percent fewer nights spent compared to the previous year. There were 2 percent more nights spent by Danes and 5 percent fewer nights spent by foreigners, compared to 2007.

The development in nights spent in 2008 went in different directions: Holiday cottages leased by Danish rental agencies decreased 4 percent, hotels, etc. decreased 3 percent and hostels decreased 4 percent. On the other hand, camping sites and marinas both increased with 4 percent more nights spent.