

Informations *Rapides*

■ Household consumption expenditure on goods – December 2013

Despite a slight decline in December (-0.1%), household consumption on goods increased over the fourth quarter (+0.8%)

In December, household consumption expenditure on goods declined slightly: -0.1% in volume*, after +1.4% in November. But taking into account the increases over the previous months, household consumption expenditure on goods rose over Q4. (+0.8%, after a stability in Q3). This rebound was mainly attributable to the acceleration in purchases on durables and in consumption of food products, as well as to the lower decline in consumption of energy products. It offset the downturn at the beginning of the year: overall in 2013 expenditure on goods rose slightly (+0.1% after -0.5% in 2012).

- **Engineered goods : increasing again**

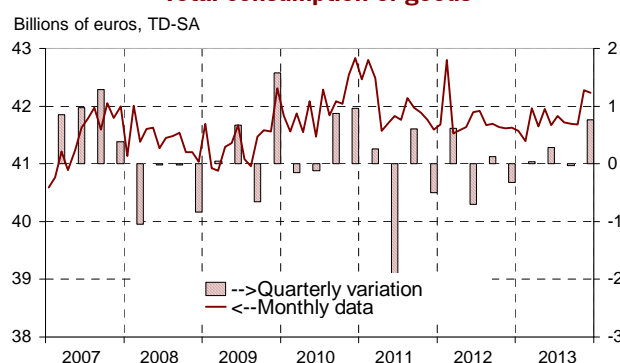
Durables: rebound in December

Household expenditure on durable goods bounced back in December (+1.9%, after -0.2% in November). This growth ensued mainly from the rebound in car purchases (+2.7%, after -0.2%), as households anticipated a strengthening of penalties on the purchase of the most polluting cars implemented on January 1st, 2014. Purchases of household durables accelerated as well (+1.2%, after -0.3%).

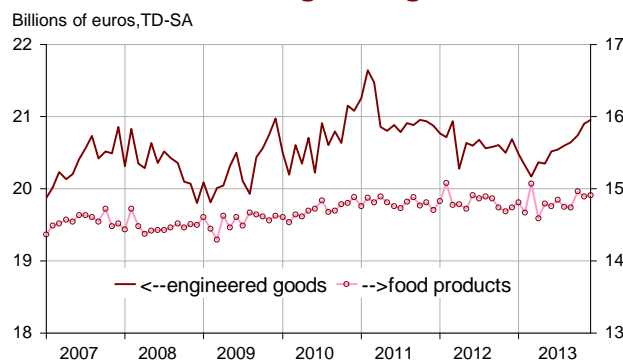
Over the fourth quarter, expenditure on durable goods increased by 2.0%, after +0.9%: car purchases accelerated (+2.2%, after +0.9%), similarly as purchases on household durables (+1.9%, after +0.1%). However the rise of the three last quarters did not allow to offset the decline at the beginning of the year and consumption of household durables went down by 0.4% over the year (after -3.2% in 2012).

[* Volumes are chained and all figures are trading days and seasonally adjusted.]

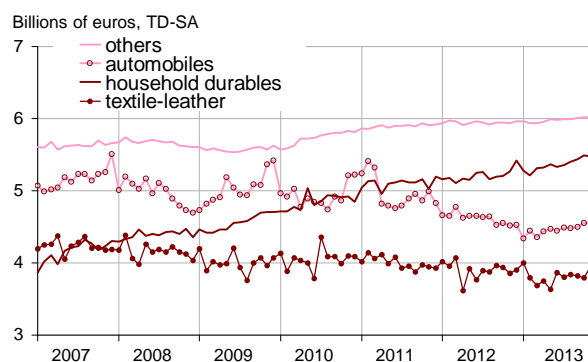
Total consumption of goods



Food and engineered goods



Breakdown of engineered goods



Textile-leather: marked decline in December

In December, consumption of textile, clothing and leather stepped back (-3.2%) after bouncing back in November (+4.4%). Yet it continues to grow over Q4 (+1.2% after +1.9% in Q3).

Other engineered goods: almost stable in December

Consumption expenditure on other engineered goods were almost stable in December (-0.1%, after +0.1% in November), particularly in purchases on hardware. It went up slightly in Q4 (+0.3%, as in Q3).

• Food products: rising

In December, consumption of food products rose slightly (+0.1% after -0.5% in November), mainly due to a rebound in expenditure on tobacco products which fell sharply in November. It continues to go up over the quarter (+1.0%, after +0.5% in Q3).

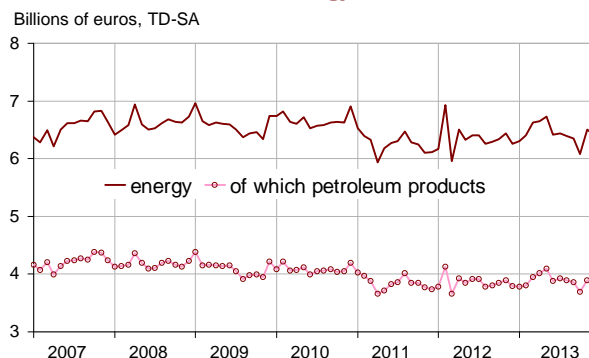
• Energy: decreasing

After bouncing back in November (+7.0%) household consumption of energy products dropped in December (-1.4%), reflecting the impact of above average temperatures on heating expenditure (electricity, gas, fuel). Conversely, fuel expenditure picked up. Over the quarter, consumption of energy products dipped (-0.9% after -3.1% in Q3). They grew by 1.4% in 2013.

The increase in November is confirmed

The increase of household consumption expenditure on goods is still estimated at +1.4% in November, as it was for the previous publication: some minor revisions offset each other.

Energy



Household consumption expenditure on goods

In chained billion euros

	Oct. 2013	Nov. 2013	Dec. 2013	Dec.2013/ Dec.2012	Q4 13/ Q3 13
Food products	14,969	14,897	14,913		
Change (%)	1.5	-0.5	0.1	1.2	1.0
Engineered goods	20,739	20,903	20,955		
Change (%)	0.4	0.8	0.2	1.3	1.3
Durables	10,942	10,920	11,125		
Change (%)	1.1	-0.2	1.9	2.7	2.0
- Of which automobiles	4,557	4,548	4,672		
Change (%)	1.3	-0.2	2.7	3.3	2.2
- Of which household durables	5,489	5,472	5,537		
Change (%)	1.0	-0.3	1.2	2.2	1.9
Textile-leather	3,798	3,965	3,839		
Change (%)	-0.7	4.4	-3.2	-1.7	1.2
Other engineered goods	6,014	6,021	6,014		
Change (%)	0.1	0.1	-0.1	0.8	0.3
Energy	6,080	6,503	6,412		
Change (%)	-4.1	7.0	-1.4	2.5	-0.9
Including petroleum products	3,687	3,888	3,900		
Change (%)	-4.5	5.5	0.3	2.9	-1.8
Total	41,685	42,276	42,227		
Change (%)	0.0	1.4	-0.1	1.4	0.8
Manufactured goods	36,344	36,451	36,612		
Change (%)	0.8	0.3	0.4	1.6	1.0

For more information:

SCOPE AND DEFINITION - Consumption expenditure on goods is compliant with the national-accounts definition (NAF Rev. 2). In 2010, 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: 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 ...) and other durable goods (jewelry, watches, GPS, glasses, medical devices ...).
- 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 Observation and Statistics (SOEs) of the Ministry of Equipment, 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), GDF-Suez, RTE, GFK, SEITA, the International Union Committee of Automobile and Motorcycle (CSIAM), ... Figures are seasonally and trading-days adjusted (TD-SA).

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