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Business up in city centre

DUBLIN City Business Improvement District (BID) has welcomed new figures from the Central Statistics Office (CSO) that show an increase in the volume of retail sales.

Footfall in Dublin City Centre in December was up 8.5 per cent on 2010, almost reaching the levels last seen in 2009.

Richard Guiney, the CEO of Dublin City BID, said the figures published by the CSO were welcome news.

"However, it is important to note that the strong performance in certain sectors, namely the motor trade, can skew the overall picture," he said.

"Feedback from our members suggests that sales exceeded expectations for the Christmas period and that this was across both the retail and leisure sectors."