



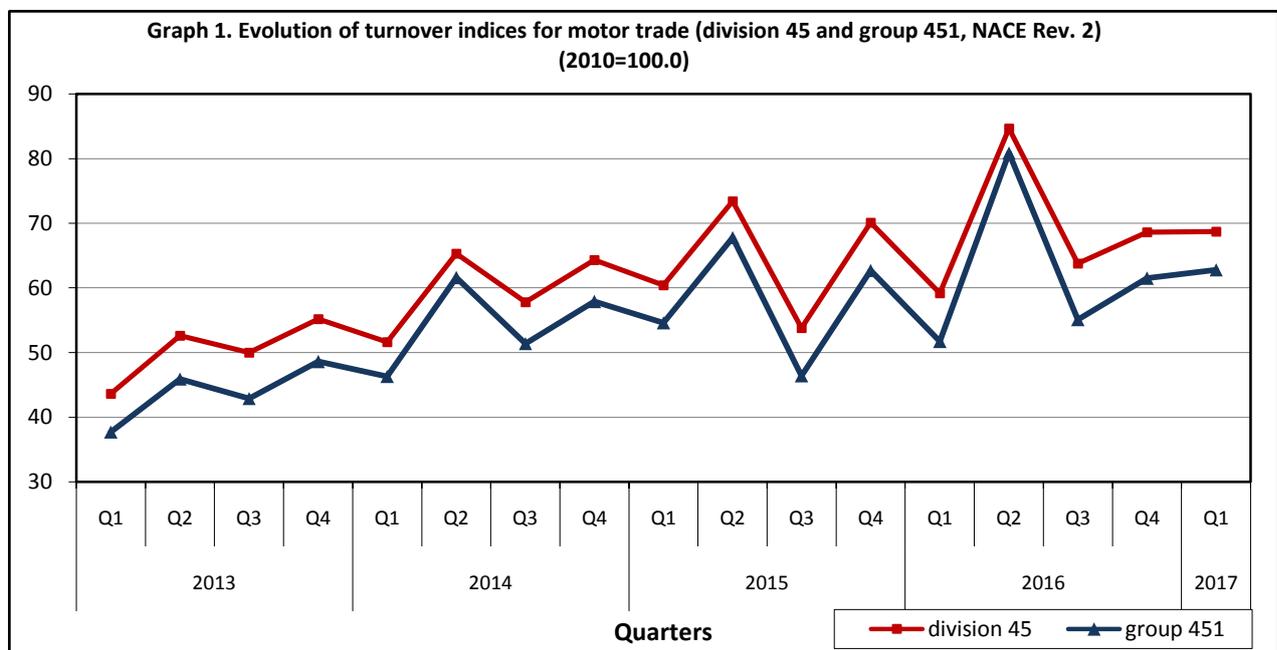
## PRESS RELEASE

### TURNOVER INDEX FOR MOTOR TRADE: 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2017, annual increase 16.0%

The Hellenic Statistical Authority publishes the turnover indices for Motor Trade with base year 2010=100.0 for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2017, according to provisional and working day adjusted data, as follows:

- The turnover index for motor trade under division 45 (Wholesale and retail trade and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles) of NACE Rev. 2 classification of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2017 compared with the corresponding index of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2016 increased by 16.0%, while compared with the corresponding index of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2016 increased by 0.1% (Table 1).
- The turnover index for sale of motor vehicles (group 451 of NACE Rev. 2) of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2017 compared with the corresponding index of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2016 increased by 21.5%, while compared with the corresponding index of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2016 increased by 2.1% (Table 1).
- The seasonally adjusted turnover index for motor trade under division 45 of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2017 compared with the corresponding index of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2016 recorded an increase of 3.6% (Table 2).
- The seasonally adjusted turnover index for motor vehicles (group 451) of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2017 compared with the corresponding index of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2016 recorded an increase of 8.9% (Table 2).

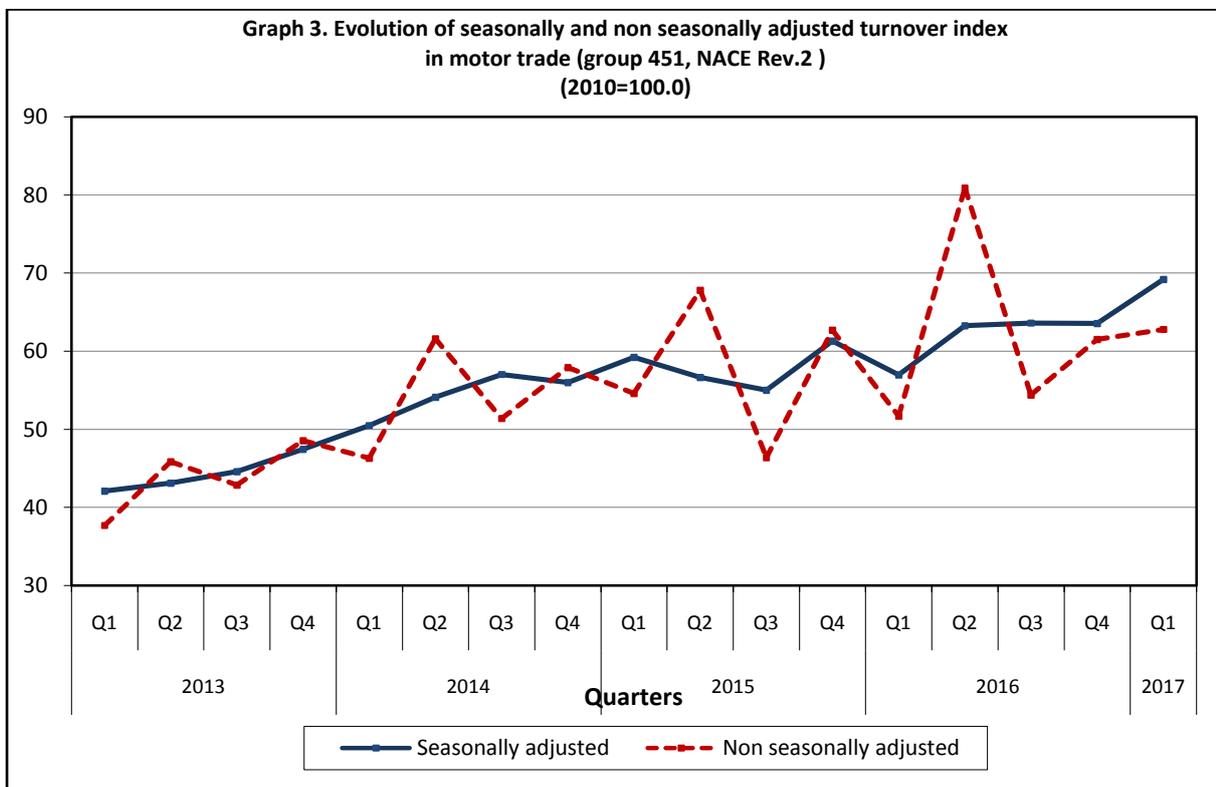
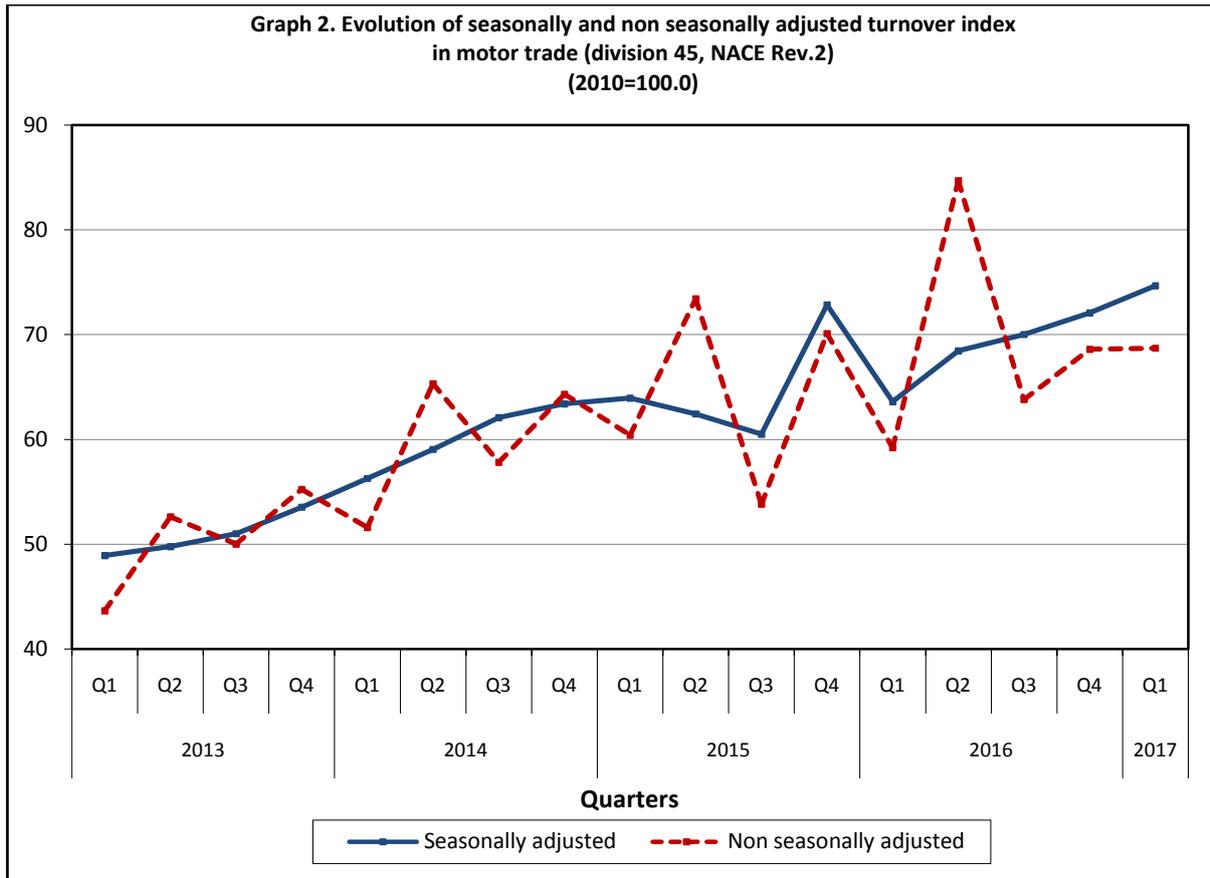
It should be noted that the turnover index for motor trade (division 45) in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2016, which had been announced as provisional in the previous press release was revised from 68.7 to 68.6, due to new available information, while the previous index of group 451 was revised from 61.6 to 61.5. Therefore, the annual change of the group 450 has been revised from -2.0% to -2.1% and the group 451 from -1.8% to -1.9%.



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Graphs 2 and 3 depict the evolution of seasonally and non seasonally adjusted turnover indices for the motor trade (45) and motor vehicles (451), respectively.



It should be noted that the whole series with seasonally adjusted indices are recalculated every time a new observation is added in time series. Therefore, the seasonally adjusted data differ from the published data of the previous Press Release.

**Table 1: Evolution of turnover indices for motor trade (NACE Rev.2 division 45, group 451)**  
*(Data adjusted for working days)*

Base year: 2010=100.0

Year / Quarter		Division 45 <sup>(1)</sup>			Group 451 <sup>(2)</sup>		
		Index	Annual Rate of Change (%)	Quarterly Rate of Change (%)	Index	Annual Rate of Change (%)	Quarterly Rate of Change (%)
2013	Q1	43.6	-11.7	-16.0	37.7	-16.2	-15.8
	Q2	52.6	-2.3	20.6	45.9	-0.7	21.7
	Q3	50.0	-5.0	-5.0	42.9	-5.2	-6.5
	Q4	55.2	6.3	10.4	48.6	8.4	13.3
	<i>Average</i>	<i>50.4</i>	<i>-3.1</i>		<i>43.8</i>	<i>-3.3</i>	
2014	Q1	51.6	18.3	-6.5	46.3	22.9	-4.5
	Q2	65.3	24.1	26.6	61.6	34.2	33.0
	Q3	57.8	15.6	-11.5	51.4	19.8	-16.6
	Q4	64.3	16.5	11.2	57.9	19.1	12.6
	<i>Average</i>	<i>59.8</i>	<i>18.7</i>		<i>54.3</i>	<i>24.0</i>	
2015	Q1	60.4	17.1	-6.1	54.6	17.9	-5.7
	Q2	73.4	12.4	21.5	67.8	10.1	24.2
	Q3	53.8	-6.9	-26.7	46.4	-9.7	-31.6
	Q4	70.1	9.0	30.3	62.7	8.3	35.1
	<i>Average</i>	<i>64.4</i>	<i>7.7</i>		<i>57.9</i>	<i>6.6</i>	
2016	Q1	59.2	-2.0	-15.5	51.7	-5.3	-17.5
	Q2	84.7	15.4	43.1	80.9	19.3	56.5
	Q3	63.8	18.6	-24.7	54.4	17.2	-32.8
	Q4	68.6	-2.1	7.5	61.5	-1.9	13.1
	<i>Average</i>	<i>69.0</i>	<i>7.1</i>		<i>62.1</i>	<i>7.3</i>	
2017	*Q1	68.7	16.0	0.1	62.8	21.5	2.1

\* Provisional data.

<sup>(1)</sup> Wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles.

<sup>(2)</sup> Sale of motor vehicles.

**Table 2: Evolution of seasonally adjusted turnover indices for motor trade  
(NACE Rev.2 division 45, group 451)**

Base year 2010=100.0

Year / Quarter		Division 45 <sup>(1)</sup>		Group 451 <sup>(1)</sup>	
		Index	Quarterly Rate of Change (%)	Index	Quarterly Rate of Change (%)
2013	Q1	48.9	-1.2	42.1	-0.1
	Q2	49.8	1.8	43.1	2.4
	Q3	51.0	2.5	44.6	3.4
	Q4	53.5	5.0	47.5	6.4
	<i>Average</i>	<i>50.8</i>		<i>44.3</i>	
2014	Q1	56.3	5.1	50.5	6.4
	Q2	59.0	4.9	54.1	7.2
	Q3	62.1	5.1	57.0	5.4
	Q4	63.4	2.1	56.0	-1.8
	<i>Average</i>	<i>60.2</i>		<i>54.4</i>	
2015	Q1	63.9	0.9	59.2	5.8
	Q2	62.4	-2.4	56.6	-4.4
	Q3	60.5	-3.1	55.0	-2.9
	Q4	72.8	20.4	61.3	11.4
	<i>Average</i>	<i>64.9</i>		<i>58.0</i>	
2016	Q1	63.6	-12.7	57.0	-7.0
	Q2	68.4	7.6	63.3	11.0
	Q3	70.0	2.3	63.6	0.6
	Q4	72.1	2.9	63.5	-0.1
	<i>Average</i>	<i>68.5</i>		<i>61.9</i>	
2017	Q1	74.7	3.6	69.2	8.9

<sup>(1)</sup> Wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles

<sup>(2)</sup> Sale of motor vehicles

## METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

<b>Generally</b>	The Turnover Indices for Motor Trade are quarterly indices, which were first released in 2006, based on the year 2005=100.0.
<b>Purpose of the index – definitions</b>	The purpose of these indices is to measure in value terms the activity of the motor trade sector. Turnover excludes VAT and comprises the totals invoiced by the enterprise during the reference period (quarter), which correspond to sales of goods and services supplied to third parties.
<b>Legal basis</b>	The compilation of the turnover indices for motor trade is governed by Council Regulation (EEC) No.1165/98 of May 1998 concerning short-term statistics and the Regulation (EC) No 1158/05 of the European Parliament and Council, amending the original Regulation 1165/98. Additionally, the compilation of the turnover indices for motor trades is governed by the Regulation No. 1893/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 December 2006 establishing the statistical classification of economic activities NACE Rev.2.
<b>Reference period</b>	Quarter.
<b>Base year</b>	2010=100.0.
<b>Revision</b>	Pursuant to the provisions of Council Regulation No 1165/98 concerning short-term statistics, the indices in question are updated every five (5) years in years ending in 0 or 5. The purpose of updating the Turnover Indices for Motor Trade is to adapt the indices to changes in the breakdown of the above sector. During the last revision, following the Statistical Classification NACE Rev.2, the group “retail sale of automotive fuel” was excluded from Motor Trade Sector (Division 45) and is now surveyed under Retail Trade (Division 47).
<b>Statistical classification</b>	The NACE Rev.2 statistical classification of economic activities is used in conformity with Regulation (EC) 1893/2006 of the Council and the European Parliament.
<b>Geographical coverage</b>	The indices cover the whole country, with data coming from 46 Regional Units.
<b>Coverage of economic activities</b>	The indices cover division 45 and group 451 of NACE Rev.2 statistical classification of economic activities.
<b>Statistical survey</b>	In the framework of the survey carried out for the compilation of the turnover indices for motor trade (2010=100.0) it was decided to include 2,012 enterprises listed in the Business Register of ELSTAT, which had an annual turnover (in 2010) equal to or higher than 300,000 euros. Out of these enterprises, a random sample of 319 enterprises was selected.
<b>Calculating the indices</b>	The indices are calculated by applying the chaining method. The indices are reduced to a typical quarter by multiplying the turnover estimates for the current quarter by the appropriate correction factor.
<b>Seasonal adjustment</b>	Seasonal adjustment is the procedure followed to remove the impact of seasonality on the time series (after eliminating the seasonal effects, e.g. the beginning of the school year, holidays, tourist period etc) in order to improve the comparability over time. The method used is the TRAMO-SEATS with the use of JDemetra+ 2.0.0. The whole series with seasonally adjusted indices is <u>recalculated</u> every time a <u>new</u> observation is added in time series
<b>Compiled index series</b>	The time series of this index are compiled from 1 <sup>st</sup> quarter of 2000 with base year 2010=100.0. In addition, seasonally adjusted time series data are compiled.
<b>Publication of data</b>	Data of the Turnover Indices for motor trade (2010=100.0) are released quarterly, starting from the 1 <sup>st</sup> quarter 2000.
<b>References</b>	More information on the methodology concerning the compilation and calculation of the indices and for the time series is available on the ELSTAT website: <a href="http://www.statistics.gr/en/statistics/-/publication/DKT45/">http://www.statistics.gr/en/statistics/-/publication/DKT45/</a>