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**Revised Index of Number of Persons Employed in Retail Trade^{1,2}
(2005=100,0)
First quarter 2009**

The National Statistical Service of Greece publishes the Revised Index of Number of Persons Employed in Retail Trade for the 1st quarter 2009 as follows :

Annual rates of change

- The Revised Index of Number of Persons Employed in Retail Trade(including the persons employed in the automotive fuel sector) in the 1st quarter 2009, as compared to the 1st quarter 2008 increased by 3,9 %. A year earlier the annual rate of change was 0,5%.
- The Revised Index of Number of Persons Employed in Retail Trade (except of the persons employed in the automotive fuel sector, as it was published until 4th quarter 2008) in the 1st quarter 2009, as compared to the 1st quarter 2008 increased by 3,1 % . A year earlier the annual rate of change was 0,9%.

Quarterly rates of change

- The Revised Index of Number of Persons Employed in Retail Trade(including the persons employed in the automotive fuel sector) in the 1st quarter 2009, as compared to the 4th quarter 2008 increased by 1,0 %. A year earlier the quarterly rate of change was -0,6%.
- The Revised Index of Number of Persons Employed in Retail Trade (except of the persons employed in the automotive fuel sector, as it was published until 4th quarter 2008) in the 1st quarter 2009, as compared to the 4th quarter 2008 increased by 0,9 % . A year earlier the quarterly rate of change was-0,5%.

¹ The index of number of persons employed in retail trade is revised with new base year 2005=100,0 covering the period from 2000 onwards. The revision of the index of number of persons employed in retail trade, with base year 2005=100,0, is done in the framework of the Short –Term Statistics (STS) Council Regulation (EC) no 1165/98 .

² At the same time the index is adjusted to the new statistical classification of economic activities NACE Rev.2 (Regulation 1893/2006). According to the new classification the automotive fuel is included in the retail trade branch instead of the specific branch of "Motor trade, maintenance and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles", of the previous classification NACE Rev.1 .

Table 1
Evolution of the Revised Index of Number of Persons Employed in Retail Trade
2000-2009 (1st quarter)
(2005=100,0)

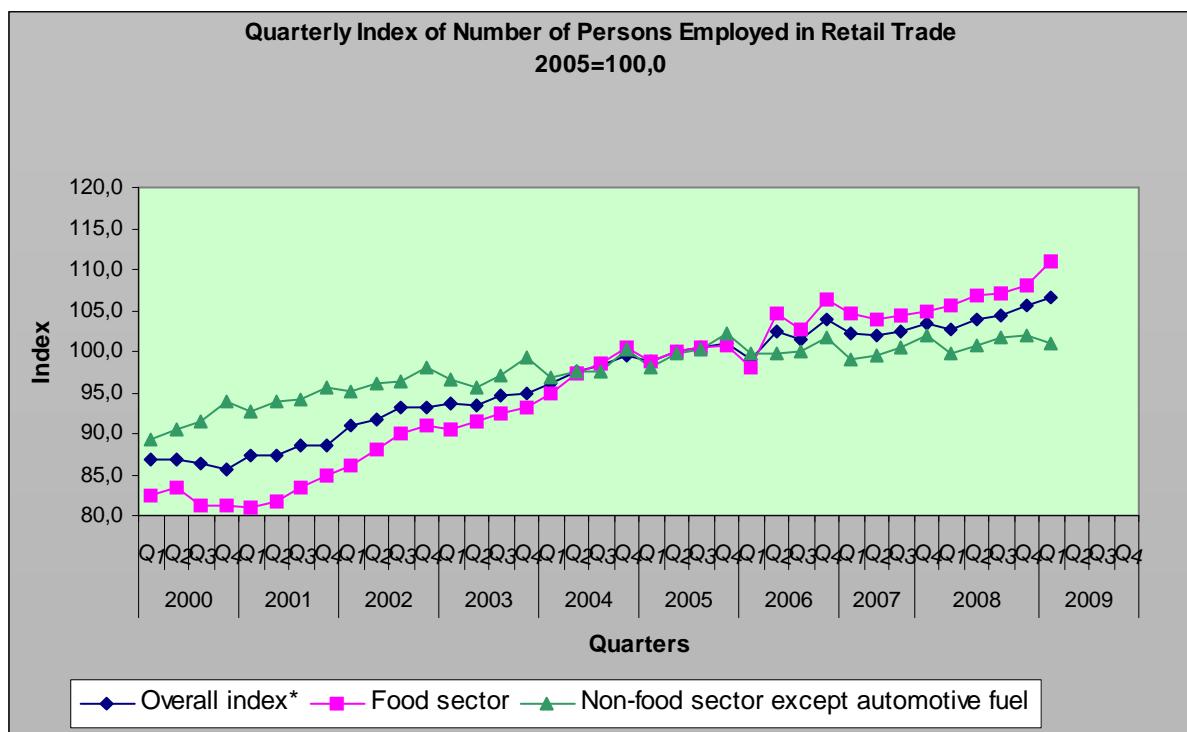
Year/Quarter	Overall Index *	Overall Index (except the persons employed in the automotive fuel sector)**		Index of persons employed in the food sector		Index of persons employed in the non-food sector(except automotive fuel)	
		Index	Annual rate (%)	Index	Annual rate (%)	Index	Annual rate (%)
2000 Q1	86,8			85,2		82,5	
Q2	86,8			86,4		83,4	
Q3	86,3			85,5		81,3	
Q4	85,6			86,5		81,2	
Average	86,3			85,9		82,1	
2001 Q1	87,4	0,7		85,9	0,8	81,1	-1,7
Q2	87,2	0,5		86,7	0,4	81,7	-2,1
Q3	88,5	2,6		87,8	2,7	83,3	2,5
Q4	88,5	3,4		89,3	3,2	84,8	4,4
Average	87,9	1,8		87,4	1,8	82,7	0,7
2002 Q1	90,9	4,1		89,8	4,6	86,2	6,3
Q2	91,8	5,2		91,4	5,4	88,1	7,9
Q3	93,1	5,2		92,6	5,5	90,1	8,1
Q4	93,1	5,2		94,0	5,2	91,1	7,3
Average	92,2	4,9		92,0	5,2	88,9	7,4
2003 Q1	93,8	3,1		93,0	3,5	90,6	5,1
Q2	93,4	1,8		93,2	1,9	91,6	3,9
Q3	94,7	1,7		94,3	1,8	92,5	2,7
Q4	94,9	1,9		95,6	1,7	93,1	2,2
Average	94,2	2,1		94,0	2,2	91,9	3,5
2004 Q1	96,2	2,6		95,7	2,9	95,0	4,8
Q2	97,5	4,4		97,4	4,6	97,3	6,2
Q3	98,2	3,7		98,0	3,9	98,4	6,5
Q4	99,6	5,0		100,3	4,9	100,4	7,8
Average	97,9	3,9		97,9	4,1	97,8	6,3
2005 Q1	98,7	2,6		98,4	2,8	98,8	4,0
Q2	99,9	2,4		99,8	2,4	99,9	2,7
Q3	100,4	2,3		100,3	2,4	100,5	2,1
Q4	101,0	1,4		101,4	1,1	100,8	0,4
Average	100,0	2,2		100,0	2,2	100,0	2,3
2006 Q1	99,1	0,4		98,9	0,5	98,0	-0,8
Q2	102,3	2,4		102,3	2,5	104,6	4,7
Q3	101,5	1,1		101,4	1,1	102,8	2,3
Q4	103,9	2,9		104,1	2,6	106,2	5,4
Average	101,7	1,7		101,7	1,7	102,9	2,9
2007 Q1	102,1	3,1		101,9	3,1	104,6	6,7

	Q2	102,0	-0,4	101,8	-0,5	103,9	-0,7	99,5	-0,2
	Q3	102,4	0,9	102,5	1,0	104,3	1,5	100,5	0,5
	Q4	103,3	-0,6	103,4	-0,7	104,9	-1,3	101,9	0,1
Average		102,5	0,7	102,4	0,7	104,4	1,5	100,2	-0,1
2008	Q1	102,6	0,5	102,9	0,9	105,6	1,0	99,8	0,8
	Q2	104,0	2,0	103,9	2,1	106,8	2,8	100,6	1,1
	Q3	104,4	1,9	104,5	1,9	107,0	2,6	101,6	1,1
	Q4	105,6	2,2	105,2	1,7	108,0	3,0	102,0	0,1
Average		104,2	1,7	104,1	1,7	106,9	2,3	101,0	0,8
2009		106,6	3,9	106,1	3,1	111,0	5,1	101,0	1,2

* including the persons employed in the automotive fuel sector

** as it was published until 4th quarter 2008

DIAGRAM



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