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INDEX OF NUMBER OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN RETAIL TRADE: 1st quarter 2014

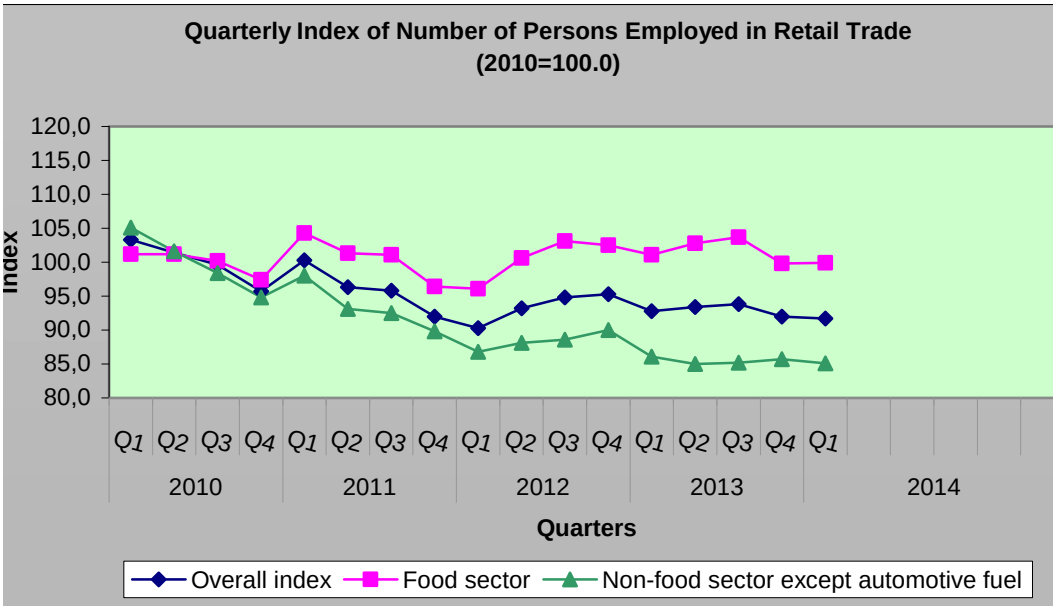
The Hellenic Statistical Authority announces the revised Index of Number of Persons Employed in Retail Trade, with base year 2010=100.0, for the 1st quarter 2014 as follows:

The Index of Number of Persons Employed in Retail Trade decreased by 1.2% in the 1st quarter 2014, compared with the 1st quarter 2013. More specifically, in the food sector, the index decreased by 1.2% while in the non-food sector except automotive fuel, decreased by 1.1% (Table 1).

The Index of Number of Persons Employed in Retail Trade decreased by 0.3% in the 1st quarter 2014, compared with the 4th quarter 2013. More specifically, in the food sector, the index increased by 0.1% while in the non-food sector except automotive fuel, decreased by 0.7%. (Table 2).

Pursuant to the provisions of Council Regulation No 1165/98 concerning short-term statistics the base year of the index in question is updated every five (5) years in years ending in 0 or 5.

For the compilation of the revised Index of Persons Employed in Retail Trade (2010=100.0) a sub-sample was used, which was obtained from the existing sample of observation units from the Turnover Index in Retail Trade survey. More specifically, out of the 1626 enterprises included in the survey sample for the Turnover Index in Retail Trade (2010=100.0), 754 enterprises were selected covering all the strata of the above survey, which resulted from the cross-linking of the economic activity division to the turnover value of enterprises.



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Table 1. Annual rates of change of the Index of Number of Persons Employed in Retail Trade.

Base year: 2010=100.0

Year/Quarter		Overall Index		Overall Index (excluding 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 (%)	Index	Annual rate (%)
2010	Q1	103.3	-2.0	103.2	-1.7	101.2	-2.5	105.1	-0.8
	Q2	101.4	0.3	101.4	0.7	101.2	1.0	101.6	0.5
	Q3	99.6	-1.4	99.3	-1.3	100.2	0.1	98.4	-2.7
	Q4	95.7	-9.9	96.1	-9.4	97.4	-7.3	94.8	-11.4
Average		*100.0*	*-3.3*	*100.0*	-3.0	*100.0*	-2.3	*100.0*	-3.7
2011	Q1	100.3	-2.8	101.1	-2.0	104.3	3.0	98.0	-6.8
	Q2	96.3	-5.0	97.2	-4.2	101.3	0.1	93.1	-8.4
	Q3	95.8	-3.8	96.8	-2.5	101.1	0.9	92.5	-6.0
	Q4	92.0	-3.9	93.1	-3.2	96.4	-1.1	89.8	-5.4
Average		*96.1*	-3.9	*97.1*	-2.9	*100.7*	0.7	*93.3*	-6.7
2012	Q1	90.3	-10.0	91.5	-9.6	96.1	-7.9	86.8	-11.4
	Q2	93.2	-3.2	94.4	-2.8	100.6	-0.7	88.1	-5.3
	Q3	94.8	-1.0	95.9	-1.0	103.1	2.0	88.6	-4.3
	Q4	*95.3*	3.6	*96.3*	3.5	*102.5*	6.4	*90.0*	0.3
Average		*93.4*	-2.8	*94.5*	-2.6	*100.6*	-0.2	*88.4*	-5.3
2013	Q1	92.8	2.8	93.7	2.4	101.1	5.2	86.1	-0.8
	Q2	93.4	0.2	94.0	-0.4	102.8	2.2	85.0	-3.6
	Q3	93.8	-1.1	94.6	-1.3	103.7	0.6	85.2	-3.8
	Q4	92.0	-3.5	92.8	-3.6	99.8	-2.6	85.7	-4.8
Average		*93.0*	-0.4	*93.8*	-0.8	*101.8*	1.3	*85.5*	-3.3
2014	Q1	91.7	-1.2	92.6	-1.2	99.9	-1.2	85.1	-1.1

Table 2. Quarterly rates of change of the Index of Number of Persons Employed in Retail Trade.

Base year: 2010=100.0

Year/Quarter		Overall Index		Overall Index (excluding 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	Quarterly rate (%)	Index	Quarterly rate (%)	Index	Quarterly rate (%)	Index	Quarterly rate (%)
2010	Q1	103.3	-2.8	103.2	-2.7	101.2	-3.7	105.1	-1.8
	Q2	101.4	-1.8	101.4	-1.7	101.2	-0.1	101.6	-3.4
	Q3	99.6	-1.7	99.3	-2.1	100.2	-1.0	98.4	-3.1
	Q4	95.7	-3.9	96.1	-3.2	97.4	-2.8	94.8	-3.6
Average		*100.0*		*100.0*		*100.0*		*100.0*	
2011	Q1	100.3	4.8	101.1	5.2	104.3	7.1	98.0	3.3
	Q2	96.3	-4.1	97.2	-3.9	101.3	-2.9	93.1	-5.0
	Q3	95.8	-0.4	96.8	-0.4	101.1	-0.2	92.5	-0.6
	Q4	92.0	-4.0	93.1	-3.9	96.4	-4.7	89.8	-3.0
Average		*96.1*		*97.1*		*100.7*		*93.3*	
2012	Q1	90.3	-1.9	91.5	-1.7	96.1	-0.3	86.8	-3.3
	Q2	93.2	3.3	94.4	3.2	100.6	4.7	88.1	1.5
	Q3	94.8	1.7	95.9	1.6	103.1	2.5	88.6	0.5
	Q4	95.3	0.5	96.3	0.4	102.5	-0.5	90.0	1.6
Average		*93.4*		*94.5*		*100.6*		*88.4*	
2013	Q1	92.8	-2.6	93.7	-2.7	101.1	-1.4	86.1	-4.4
	Q2	93.4	0.6	94.0	0.3	102.8	1.6	85.0	-1.3
	Q3	93.8	0.4	94.6	0.6	103.7	0.9	85.2	0.3
	Q4	92.0	-1.9	92.8	-1.9	99.8	-3.7	85.7	0.6
Average		*93.0*		*93.8*		*101.8*		*85.5*	
2014	Q1	91.7	-0.3	92.6	-0.3	99.9	0.1	85.1	-0.7

METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

Generally

The Index of Persons Employed in Retail Trade is a quarterly index that was first compiled in 2004 with 2000=100.0 as the base year and backdated data from the 1st quarter of 2000.

Purpose of the index – definitions

The purpose of the Retail Trade Turnover Index is to measure the performance of the goods and services market.
The compilation of the index includes the number of persons employed in the enterprise irrespective of their status (owners, partners and their family members) and the nature of their work (managers, sales persons and auxiliary staff) and irrespective of whether they work on a provisional or seasonal basis, full time or part time, with or without remuneration.

Legal basis

The compilation of the Index of Persons Employed in Retail Trade is governed by Council Regulation (EEC) No.1165/98 "concerning short-term statistics" and by the Regulation No.1893/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council for the implementation of the new statistical classification NACE Rev.2.

Reference period

Quarter.

Base year

2010=100.0.

Revision

Pursuant to the provisions of Council Regulation No 1165/98 concerning short-term statistics, the index in question is updated every five (5) years in years ending in 0 or 5.

Statistical classification

The new EU (Eurostat) NACE Rev.2 statistical classification of economic activities was used, in conformity with Regulation (EC) 1893/2006 of the Council and the European Parliament.

Geographical coverage

The Index covers the whole of the country, with data from 47 prefectures.

Coverage of economic activities

The index covers division 47 of NACE Rev 2 statistical classification of economic activities.

Statistical survey

For the compilation of the revised Index of Persons Employed in Retail Trade (2010=100.0) a sub-sample was used, which was obtained from the existing sample of observation units from the Turnover Index in Retail Trade survey. More specifically, out of the 1626 enterprises included in the survey sample for the Turnover Index in Retail Trade (2010=100.0), 754 enterprises were selected covering all the strata of the above survey, which resulted from the cross-linking of the economic activity division to the turnover value of enterprises.

Calculating the indices

The Index of Persons Employed in Retail Trade is calculated as a chain index by means of the methodology used for calculating the Retail Trade Turnover Index.

Compiled index series

The time series of this index are compiled from 1st quarter 2000 as follows ,1)Overall Index,2) Overall Index (excluding the persons employed in the automotive fuel sector),3) Index of persons employed in the food sector,4) Index of persons employed in the non-food sector except automotive fuel.

Publication of data

The time series of the revised Index of Persons Employed in Retail Trade (2010=100.0), including persons employed in enterprises selling automotive liquid fuel and lubricants or not including such persons (in line with the index published until the 4th quarter of 2008) have being published since 2000.

References

More information on the methodology concerning the compilation and calculation of the index and for the time series is available on the ELSTAT website (www.statistics.gr) .