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Turnover Index in Retail Trade^{1, 2} April 2008

According to provisional results, the turnover in retail trade in April 2008 as compared to April 2007, recorded a rise of 6,6 % at current prices (in nominal terms).

The food sector turnover in retail trade in April 2008 as compared to April 2007 increased by 7,8 % in nominal terms while the non-food sector increased by 5,5 %.

More specifically, the turnover in retail trade increase by 6,6 % at current prices in April 2008 as compared to April 2007, was derived by store category from the following:

- The supermarkets turnover increase of 9,9 %
- The department stores turnover increase of 7,4 %
- The food, beverages and tobacco turnover decrease of 2,8%
- The pharmaceutical products, cosmetics turnover increase of 5,5%
- The clothing and footwear turnover increase of 5,1%
- The furniture, electrical equipment, household equipment turnover increase of 3,0 %
- The books, stationery, other goods turnover increase of 10,2%
- The retail sale not in stores turnover increase of 8,3%

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¹ The turnover index in retail trade is released from January 2005 as first reference month revised and re-based in 2000=100,0. The revision of the index was considered necessary given that during the time period intervening between this and the previous revision new trade centers were created and significant changes in the structure of trade occurred.

The revision of the turnover index in retail trade, with base year 2000=100,0, is done in the framework of the Short –Term Statistics (STS) Council Regulation (EC) no 1165/98 concerning short-term statistics.

² All figures in this release are based on data adjusted for working days.

Retail Trade Volume Index

The volume of retail trade (i.e. turnover in retail trade at constant prices) increased by 2,3 % in April 2008, as compared to April 2007.

The food sector retail trade, in real terms, in April 2008 as compared to April 2007, increased by 2,0 % while the non-food sector retail trade increased by 2,6%.

More specifically, the turnover in retail trade increase by 2,3% at constant prices in April 2008 as compared to April 2007, was derived by store category from the following:

- The supermarkets volume of sales increase of 4,5%
- The department stores volume of sales increase of 4,1%
- The food, beverages and tobacco volume of sales decrease of 8,0%
- The pharmaceutical products, cosmetics volume of sales increase of 3,0%
- The clothing and footwear volume of sales increase of 2,0%
- The furniture, electrical equipment, household equipment volume of sales increase of 1,4%
- The books, stationery, other goods volume of sales increase of 6,3%

TABLE 1

Annual rates of change of turnover index and volume index in retail trade

2000=100,0

	Tur	nover Inde	ex	Volume Index		
Retail Trade Business	Index April 2008*	Index April 2007	Annual rate (%)	Index April 2008*	Index April 2007	Annual rate (%)
Overall Index	182,3	171,0	6,6	140,6	137,5	2,3
I. Main sectors						
Food sector	202,7	188,0	7,8	147,4	144,5	2,0
Non-food sector	164,2	155,6	5,5	133,9	130,5	2,6
II. Specialized store categories						
Supermarkets	216,8	197,1	9,9	162,1	155,1	4,5
Department stores	192,2	179,0	7,4	161,9	155,5	4,1
Food-beverages-tobacco	152,2	156,5	-2,8	110,7	120,3	-8,0
Pharmaceutical products, cosmetics	165,4	156,8	5,5	145,6	141,4	3,0
Clothing and footwear	155,8	148,3	5,1	119,5	117,2	2,0
Furniture, electrical equipment, household equipment	156,1	151,5	3,0	144,5	142,5	1,4
Books, stationery, other goods	179,9	163,2	10,2	145,3	136,7	6,3
Retail sale not in stores	145,0	133,9	8,3	:	:	:

^{*} Provisional data

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[:] Not available data

TABLE 2

Monthly evolution of the turnover in retail trade at current prices

2000=100,0

	Turnover Index						
Year-month	Overall Index		Foo	d sector	Non-food sector		
	Index		Index		Index	Annual rate	
		(%)		(%)		(%)	
2007111	156,7	7,0	171,2	3,5	143,3	10,0	
IV	171,0	1,4	188,0	2,7	155,6	0,3	
V	162.6	6,3	176,8	6,5	149,2	6,0	
VI	167,8	7,6	180,7	9,2	155,4	6,4	
VII	168,1	5,6	177,8	3,6	157,9	7,1	
VIII	155,5	7,8	178,3	6,8	136,4	8,5	
IX	166,0	4,0	182,3	6,7	151,2	1,7	
Χ	167,0	4,2	176,0	3,0	157,2	5,1	
XI	169,4	5,2	178,4	7,9	159,5	3,0	
XII	215,2	3,2	230,0	5,6	200,3	1,1	
20081	159,1	6,3	176,1	5,2	143,8	7,1	
II	159,9	-0,5	178,5	2,3	143,5	-2,9	
III	163,7	4,5	188,7	10,3	142,7	-0,4	
*IV	182.3	6,6	202,7	7,8	164,2	5,5	

^{*} Provisional data

TABLE 3 Monthly evolution of the turnover in retail trade in real terms $2000{=}100{,}0$

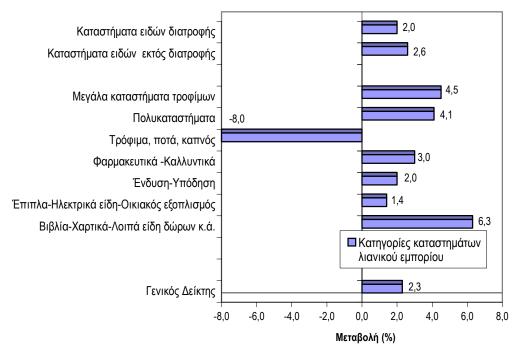
	Volume Index						
Year-month	Overall Index		Foo	d sector	Non-food sector		
	Index	Annual rate	Index	Annual rate	Index	Annual rate	
		(%)		(%)		(%)	
2007111	126,4	3,2	132,4	-1,5	120,3	7,8	
IV	137,5	-1,6	144,5	-1,3	130,5	-1,8	
V	130,6	3,2	136,4	2,3	124,4	3,9	
VI	135,6	4,5	141,4	5,0	129,4	4,2	
VII	138,6	2,2	139,5	-0,8	136,6	4,8	
VIII	130,3	3,8	138,5	1,5	122,9	6,0	
IX	132,8	0,4	140,1	1,7	125,6	-0,7	
Χ	132,2	1,4	133,5	-0,6	129,6	2,9	
ΧI	133,8	1,9	135,1	3,6	131,3	0,8	
XII	169,5	0,0	173,1	1,5	164,5	-1,2	
20081	126,9	3,8	130,7	0,6	123,0	7,0	
II	130,1	-4,1	131,6	-3,0	128,8	-4,7	
III	127,0	0,5	138,8	4,8	116,5	-3,1	
*IV	140,6	2,3	147,4	2,0	133,9	2,6	

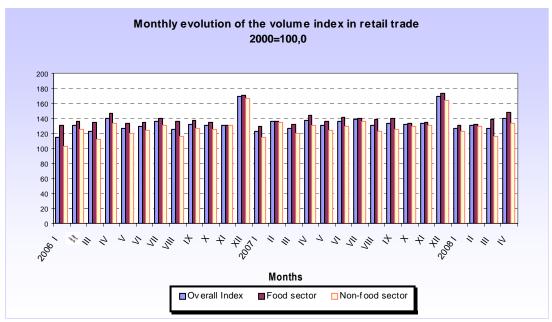
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Ετήσιες μεταβολές (%) του Δείκτη Όγκου στο Λιανικό Εμπόριο, μηνός Απριλίου 2008, με τον Απρίλιο 2007





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