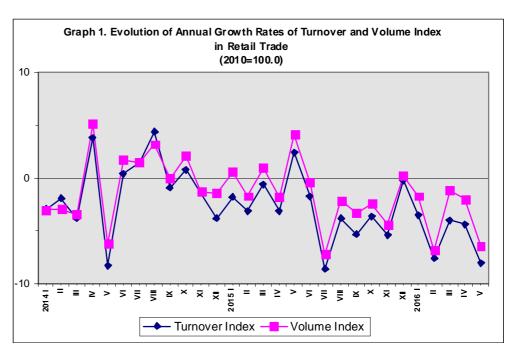
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PRESS RELEASE

TURNOVER INDEX IN RETAIL TRADE: May 2016

The Hellenic Statistical Authority announces the turnover and volume indices in retail trade with base year 2010=100.0 for May 2016 according to provisional and reduced data of a typical month, as follows:

- The overall turnover index in retail trade in May 2016 recorded a decrease of 8.0% compared with the corresponding index of May 2015, while compared with the corresponding index of April 2016 recorded a decrease of 5.3% (tables 1,2).
- The overall volume index in retail trade (i.e. turnover in retail trade at constant prices) in May 2016, recorded a decrease of 6.4% compared with the corresponding index of May 2015, while compared with the corresponding index of April 2016, recorded a decrease of 4.4% (tables 1,2).
- The seasonally adjusted (after eliminating the monthly effects e.g. the beginning
 of the school year, holidays, tourist period etc) overall turnover index in May
 2016 compared with the corresponding index of April 2016 recorded a decrease
 of 1.7% (table 5).
- The seasonally adjusted overall volume index in May 2016 compared with the corresponding index of April 2016 recorded a decrease of 1.8% (table 5).



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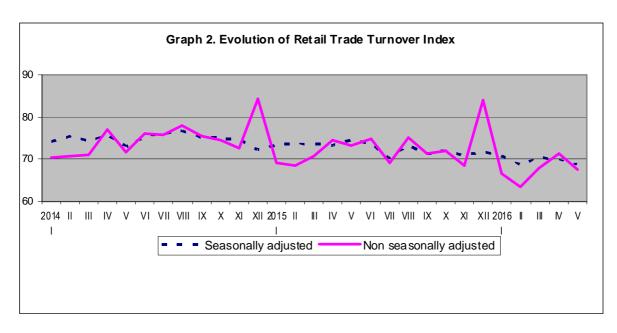
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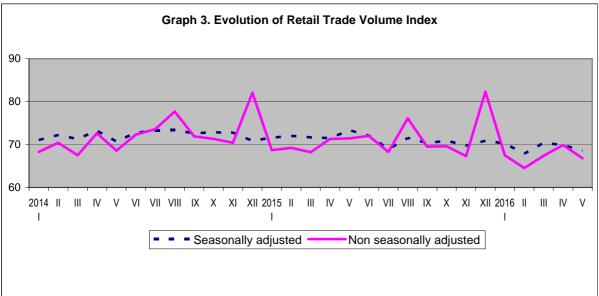
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Time series of the index is available on the ELSTAT website: http://www.statistics.gr/en/statistics/-/publication/DKT39/-

Graphs 2 and 3 depict the evolution of seasonally and non seasonally adjusted overall indices of turnover and volume in retail trade.





It should be noted that the whole series with seasonally adjusted indices is *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.

It should be noted that the Retail Trade Turnover and Volume Index of April 2016, which had been announced as provisional in the previous press release, has been revised, due to new available information, as follows:

	Tur	nover Ind	ex of April 2	:016	Volume Index of April 2016				
Retail Trade Store Categories		Annual	•	Annual		Annual	•	Annual	
	Provisional	change (%)	Revised	change (%)	Provisional	change (%)	Revised	change (%)	
Overall Index	71.6	-3.9	71.2	-4.4	70.2	-1.5	69.9	-2.0	
Overall Index except automotive fuel	74.5	-1.5	74.1	-2.0	73.3	0.1	72.9	-0.4	
I. Main store categories									
Food sector	81.5	-2.9	81.4	-3.0	77.9	-1.0	77.8	-1.1	
Non-food sector except automotive fuel	67.1	0.3	66.4	-0.7	68.4	1.3	67.7	0.3	
II. Specialized store categories									
Supermarkets	82.9	-2.7	82.8	-2.8	80.8	-0.5	80.8	-0.5	
Department stores	76.3	6.7	76.6	7.1	81.7	8.8	82.0	9.2	
Automotive fuel	59.6	-15.8	59.5	-16.0	62.0	-6.1	61.9	-6.2	
Food-beverages-tobacco	73.1	-3.3	72.7	-3.8	69.4	-1.4	69.2	-1.7	
Pharmaceutical products, cosmetics	64.2	-3.2	63.5	-4.2	65.5	-5.3	64.9	-6.2	
Clothing and footwear	78.1	13.5	77.0	11.9	75.3	16.2	74.3	14.7	
Furniture, electrical equipment, household equipment	49.8	-3.7	49.9	-3.5	57.4	-1.5	57.6	-1.2	
Books, Stationery, other goods	88.0	-1.6	87.4	-2.2	96.5	0.9	95.7	0.1	
Retail sale not in stores	64.9	-14.0	57.5	-23.8	:	:	:		

[:] Volume Index for the "Retail sale not in stores" is not calculated.

The final indices of the specialized store categories of April 2016 have been changed in relation to the corresponding provisional indices published in the previous press release. The changes are due to new data of the surveyed enterprises mainly in the economic activities of "Department stores", "Food-Beverages-tobacco", "Pharmaceutical products, cosmetics", "Clothing and footwear", "Books, Stationery, other goods" and "Retail sale not in stores".

1. Annual comparison of the turnover index

The -8.0% change of the turnover index in May 2016 compared with the corresponding index in May 2015 is due to the following changes in the main retail trade store categories:

Specialized store categories	Annual change %
Pharmaceutical products, cosmetics	-2.8
Books, Stationery, other goods	-4.7
Clothing and footwear	-5.6
Supermarkets	-7.2
Automotive fuels	-16.7

2. Annual comparison of the volume index

The -6.4% change of the volume index in May 2016 compared with the corresponding index in May 2015 is due to the following changes in the main retail trade store categories:

Specialized store categories	Annual change %
Books, Stationery, other goods	-2.2
Pharmaceutical products, cosmetics	-2.5
Supermarkets	-6.2
Clothing and footwear	-6.8
Automotive fuels	-7.1

Table 1.Annual rates of change of turnover index and volume index in retail trade (Reduced data on the basis of a typical month)

Base year: 2010=100.0

Potail Trade Store Categories	Turn	over Inde	(Volume Index			
Retail Trade Store Categories	May 2016*	May 2015	Annual change (%)	May 2016*	May 2015	Annual change (%)	
Overall Index							
Overall Index except automotive fuel	67.4 69.2	73.3 73.8		66.8 69.0	71.4 731	-6.4 -5.6	
I. Main store categories							
Food sector	75.3	81.2	-7.3	71.8	76.9	-6.6	
Automotive fuel sector	60.2	72.3	-16.7	61.4	66.1	-7.1	
Non-food sector except automotive fuel	62.8	66.0	-4.8	66.4	69.2	-4.0	
II. Specialized store categories							
Supermarkets	77.1	83.1	-7.2	75.1	80.1	-6.2	
Department stores	70.0	73.3	-4.5	78.5	81.8	-4.0	
Automotive fuel	60.2	72.3	-16.7	61.4	66.1	-7.1	
Food-beverages-tobacco	64.6	69.8	-7.4	61.2	65.7	-6.8	
Pharmaceutical products, cosmetics	63.4	65.2	-2.8	65.0	66.7	-2.5	
Clothing and footwear	65.2	69.1	-5.6	69.5	74.6	-6.8	
Furniture, electrical equipment, household equipment	51.5	54.1	-4.8	60.9	62.3	-2.2	
Books, Stationery, other goods	79.3	83.2	-4.7	87.2	89.2	-2.2	
Retail sale not in stores	56.6	76.7	-26.2	:	:	<u>:</u>	

^{*} Provisional data

[:] Volume Index for the "Retail sale not in stores" is not calculated

Table 2. Monthly rates of change of turnover index and volume index in retail trade (Reduced data on the basis of a typical month)

Base year: 2010=100.0 **Turnover Index Volume Index Retail Trade Store Categories** Monthly Monthly May April April May change change 2016* 2016* 2016 2016 (%) (%) **Overall Index** 67.4 71.2 -5,3 66.8 69.9 -4.4 69.0 72.9 -5.3 Overall Index except automotive fuel 69.2 74.1 -6,6 I. Main store categories 75.3 81,4 71.8 77.8 -7.7 Food sector -7.5 Automotive fuel sector 60.2 59.5 1.2 61.4 61.9 -0.8 Non-food sector except automotive fuel 62.8 66.4 -5.4 66.4 67.7 -1.9 II. Specialized store categories Supermarkets 77.1 75.1 80.8 -7.1 82.8 -6.9 Department stores 70.0 76.6 -8.6 78.5 82.0 -4.3 Automotive fuel 60.2 59.5 1.2 61.4 61.9 -0.8 Food-beverages-tobacco 64.6 72.7 -11.1 61.2 69.2 -11.6 Pharmaceutical products, cosmetics 63.4 63.5 -0.2 65.0 64.9 0.2 Clothing and footwear 65.2 77.0 -15.3 69.5 74.3 -6.5 Furniture, electrical equipment, household 51.5 49.9 60.9 57.6 equipment 3.2 5.7 Books, Stationery, other goods 79.3 87.4 -9.3 87.2 95.7 -8.9 Retail sale not in stores 56.6 57.5 -1.6

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Table 3. Evolution of the turnover in retail trade (Reduced data on the basis of a typical month)

Base year: 2010=100.0 Overall index Non-food sector **Automotive fuel** Year-month Overall index Food sector except automotive except automotive sector fuel fuel Annual Annual Annual Annual Annual Index Index Index Index Index change change change change change (%) (%) (%) (%) (%) 2014 Π 70.3 -2.9 -3.7 74.2 -3.6 81.4 0.0 -3.5 68.2 62.3 Ш 70.6 -1.9 69.2 -2.0 76.7 -0.8 77.8 -1.7 61.8 -3.3 Ш 70.9 -3.8 69.5 -4.0 80.5 -3.3 78.4 -3.558.1 -4.0 IV 76.9 3.8 76.9 3.6 85.0 78.2 68.5 0.6 5.9 5.5 ٧ 71.6 -8.3 71.4 -8.8 79.1 -11.7 73.1 -4.8 63.5 -4.6 ۷I 75.4 0.1 -2.4 2.0 66.7 76.2 0.4 83.9 80.8 3.9 VII 75.7 1.5 74.9 0.9 81.5 -0.9 79.8 2.8 68.1 3.2 VIII 78.1 4.4 76.4 4.2 90.9 5.6 86.2 3.2 61.4 2.5 IX 75.4 -0.9 74.6 -0.7 82.0 -2.0 80.0 -2.7 66.9 8.0 Χ 74.5 0.8 73.6 8.0 80.7 2.0 79.7 0.6 66.1 -1.5 ΧI 72.4 -1.4 71.7 -0.8 77.4 0.4 76.6 -4.0 65.8 -3.1 XII 84.3 -3.8 87.0 -1.0 92.7 1.0 72.7 -15.4 81.2 -4.2 Average 74.7 -1.2 74.1 -0.9 82.1 -0.8 78.7 -1.6 65.9 -1.2 2015 I 69.0 -1.8 69.1 1.3 75.4 1.6 69.4 -14.7 62.5 0.3 Ш 68.4 -3.1 68.9 -0.4 76.3 -0.5 67.0 -13.9 61.1 -1.1 Ш 70.5 -0.6 71.0 2.2 79.0 -1.9 69.5 -11.4 62.6 7.7 IV 70.8 74.5 -3.1 75.6 -1.7 83.9 -1.3 -9.5 66.9 -2.3 ٧ 73.3 73.8 2.7 72.3 66.0 2.4 3.4 81.2 -1.1 3.9 VΙ 74.9 74.6 -1.7 -1.1 84.2 0.4 77.6 -4.0 64.6 -3.1 VII 69.2 -8.6 70.2 -6.3 78.9 -3.2 65.6 61.1 -10.3 -17.8 VIII 75.1 -3.8 75.4 -1.3 88.8 -2.3 74.8 -13.261.4 0.0 IX -2.2 71.4 -5.3 73.1 -2.0 80.4 -2.0 65.0 -18.8 65.4 Х -0.4 71.8 -3.6 73.3 65.8 -17.4 66.6 8.0 79.8 -1.1 ΧI 68.5 69.3 65.1 -5.4 -3.3 73.2 -5.4 65.4 -14.6 -1.1 XII 84.1 -0.2 87.4 0.5 88.9 -4.1 70.7 -2.8 85.6 5.4 Average 72.6 -2.8 73.5 -0.8 80.8 -1.6 69.5 -11.7 65.7 -0.3 66.6 2016 I -3.5 67.9 61.8 62.0 -0.8 -1.7 73.6 -2.4 -11.0 -4.9 Ш 63.2 -7.6 65.2 -5.4 71.9 -5.8 55.5 -17.2 58.1 Ш 67.7 -4.0 69.7 -1.8 79,2 0.3 59.8 -14.0 59.9 -4.3 IV 71.2 -4.4 74.1 -2.0 81.4 -3.0 59.5 -16.0 66.4 -0.7 *V 67.4 -8.0 69.2 -6.2 75.3 -7.3 60.2 -16.7 62.8 -4.8

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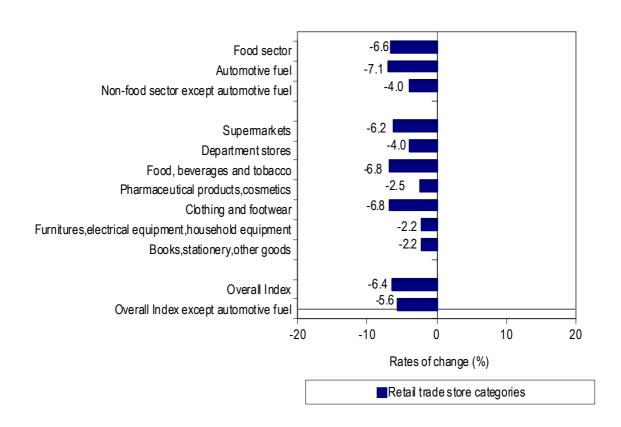
Table 4. Evolution of the volume in retail trade (Reduced data. on the basis of a typical month)

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	Overa	all index	Overall index except automotive fuel		Food sector		Automotive fuel sector		Non-food sector except automotive fuel	
Year-month	Index	Annual change (%)	Index	Annual change (%)	Index	Annual change (%)	Index	Annual change (%)	Index	Annual change (%)
2014 I	68.3	-3.0	67.8	-4.5	70.2	-3.3	70.3	3.1	65.7	-4.4
II	70.4	-2.9	71.0	-4.4	73.1	0.3	66.9	4.0	69.9	-7.3
III	67.5	-3.4	67.6	-4.4	76.0	-2.3	67.0	0.6	58.4	-5.2
IV	72.6	5.1	74.2	5.0	80.2	7.8	66.3	6.1	67.6	1.7
V	68.6	-6.2	70.3	-6.1	75.2	-9.3	61.8	-5.4	64.9	-0.9
VI	72.3	1.7	73.3	1.7	79.8	0.1	67.8	1.2	66.1	4.4
VII	73.6	1.5	75.1	0.9	78.2	1.4	66.5	2.6	71.8	1.7
VIII	77.7	3.2	78.4	2.2	87.5	7.8	72.9	5.2	68.3	-2.0
IX	71.9	0.0	72.8	0.1	78.4	-0.9	68.3	-1.0	66.4	1.1
X	71.3	2.1	71.8	2.0	76.9	2.8	69.7	2.7	66.1	0.5
XI	70.4	-1.3	71.0	-1.3	73.9	0.5	69.1	-0.1	68.0	-3.3
XII	82.1	-1.4	85.7	0.4	88.8	1.7	70.1	-5.4	82.3	-1.8
Average	72.2	-0.4	73.3	-0.7	78.2	0.5	68.1	1.2	68.0	-1.3
2015 I	68.7	0.6	69.2	2.1	71.6	2.0	71.1	1.1	67.1	2.1
II	69.2	-1.7	70.6	-0.6	72.2	-1.2	65.8	-1.6	69.9	0.0
III	68.2	1.0	69.5	2.8	74.2	-2.4	65.6	-2.1	64.5	10.4
IV	71.3	-1.8	73.2	-1.3	78.7	-1.9	66.0	-0.5	67.5	-0.1
V	71.4	4.1	73.1	4.0	76.9	2.3	66.1	7.0	69.2	6.6
VI	72.0	-0.4	72.9	-0.5	79.5	-0.4	70.5	4.0	65.8	-0.5
VII	68.3	-7.2	70.6	-6.0	75.3	-3.7	59.5	-10.5	65.8	-8.4
VIII	76.1	-2.1	77.8	-0.8	84.6	-3.3	70.7	-3.0	70.4	3.1
IX	69.5	-3.3	71.7	-1,5	75.9	-3.2	64.1	-6.1	67.3	1.4
Χ	69.6	-2.4	71.5	-0.4	75.4	-2.0	66.0	-5.3	67.5	2.1
XI	67.3	-4.4	68.6	-3.4	69.3	-6.2	66.1	-4.3	68.4	0.6
XII	82.3	0.2	85.9	0.2	84.7	-4.6	72.2	3.0	87.5	6.3
Average	71.2	-1.4	72.9	-0.5	76.5	-2.2	67.0	-1.6	69.3	1.9
2016 I	67.5	-1.7	69.1	-0.1	69.9	-2.4	65.0	-8.6	69.1	3.0
II	64.5	-6.8	66.7	-5.5	68.6	-5.0	60.1	-8.7	65.4	-6.4
III	67.4	-1.2	69.4	-0.1	75.5	1.8	63.6	-3.0	62.9	-2.5
IV	69.9	-2.0	72.9	-0.4	77.8	-1.1	61.9	-6.2	67.7	0.3
*V	66.8	-6.4	69.0	-5.6	71.8	-6.6	61.4	-7.1	66.4	-4.0

Base year: 2010=100

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Graph 4. Annual rates of change (%) of the volume index in retail trade, between May 2016 and May 2015



Graph 5. Montly rates of change (%) of the volume index in retail trade, between May 2016 and April 2016

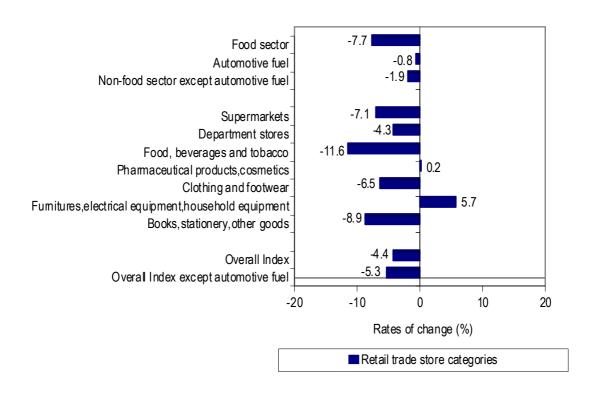


Table 5. Monthly changes of Seasonally Adjusted Turnover and Volume Index

Base Year: 2010=100.0

	Tur	nover Index		Volume Index			
Retail Trade Store Categories	May 2016*	April 2016	Monthly change (%)	May 2016*	April 2016	Monthly change (%)	
Overall Index	68.6	69.9	-1.7	68.6	69.8	-1.8	
Overall Index except automotive fuel	70.8	71.9	-1.6	70.7	72.1	-2.0	
I. Main store categories							
Food sector	77.2	78.9	-2.2	73.2	75.3	-2.8	
Automobile fuel	61.6	60.8	1.2	64.2	63.8	0.6	
Non-food sector except automotive fuel	63.9	64.6	-1.1	67.7	68.5	-1.3	
II Specialized store categories							
Supermarkets	78.6	80.8	-2.8	76.6	79.3	-3.4	
Department stores	72.4	75.9	-4.5	81.1	82.8	-2.0	
Automotive fuel	61.6	60.8	1.2	64.2	63.8	0.6	
Food-beverages-tobacco	66.5	67.9	-2.1	63.0	64.3	-2.0	
Pharmaceutical products. cosmetics	63.2	62.7	0.8	65.5	64.3	1.9	
Clothing and footwear	64.8	69.2	-6.3	71.9	75.1	-4.2	
Furniture, electrical equipment, household equipment	52.4	52.5	-0.3	61.9	61.9	0.0	
Books, Stationery, other goods	84.7	85.2	-0.6	93.4	93.7	-0.3	
Retail sales not in stores	48.7	49.1	-0.9	:	:	:	

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Table 6. Monthly evolution of the seasonally adjusted turnover index

Base year: 2010=100.0

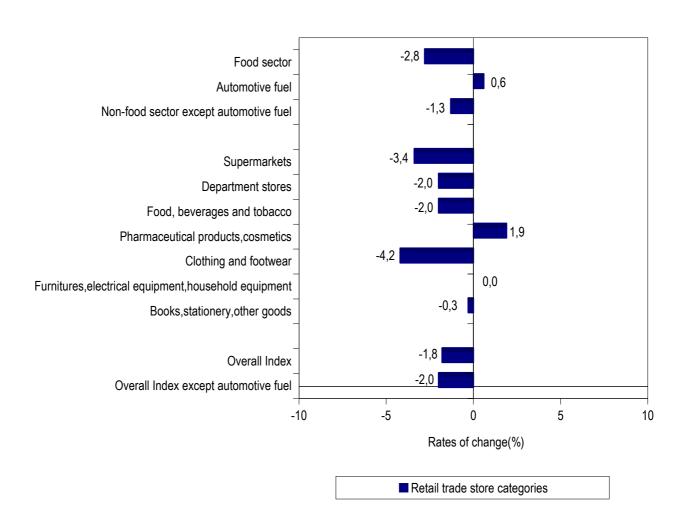
Year-month	Overall index		Overall index except automotive fuel		Food sector			otive fuel ctor	Non-food sector except automotive fuel	
	Index	Monthly change (%)	Index	Monthly change (%)	Index	Monthly change (%)	Index	Monthly change (%)	Index	Monthly change (%)
2014 I	74.3	-0.6	73.1	-0.5	80.4	-0.8	81.3	-0.4	65.3	-1.1
II	75.3	1.4	74.2	1.5	82.1	2.1	80.5	-1.0	66.2	1.5
III	74.2	-1.5	73.2	-1.4	82.1	-0.1	79.6	-1.1	63.8	-3.7
IV	75.8	2.2	75.2	2.8	83.2	1.4	79.8	0.2	66.7	4.6
V	73.0	-3.7	73.4	-2.5	80.8	-3.0	77.0	-3.5	64.9	-2.6
VI	75.4	3.3	74.4	1.5	81.3	0.7	79.4	3.1	67.5	3.9
VII	76.0	0.9	75.2	1.1	81.9	0.7	80.6	1.6	68.7	1.8
VIII	76.7	0.8	75.2	-0.1	84.3	2.8	81.2	0.7	66.6	-3.1
IX	75.1	-2.1	74.2	-1.3	81.6	-3.2	79.1	-2.5	66.9	0.4
Х	74.9	-0.2	74.2	0.0	82.4	1.0	79.2	0.1	65.6	-1.9
XI	74.7	-0.2	74.5	0.4	82.9	0.6	76.8	-3.0	65.9	0.4
XII	72.2	-3.4	73.1	-1.8	82.2	-0.8	69.9	-9.0	63.5	-3.7
Average	74.8		74.2		82.1		78.7		66.0	
2015 I	73.2	1.4	74.1	1.4	81.8	-0.5	70.7	1.2	65.6	3.4
II	73.7	0.7	74.5	0.6	82.2	0.5	71.1	0.6	66.1	0.6
III	73.6	-0.2	74.2	-0.4	80.3	-2.3	71.2	0.2	68.0	2.9
IV	73.2	-0.5	73.5	-0.9	81.6	1.6	72.2	1.3	65.1	-4.2
V	74.6	1.9	75.4	2.5	83.0	1.7	74.4	3.1	67.2	3.2
VI	73.7	-1.2	73.7	-2.2	81.6	-1.7	74.7	0.3	65.4	-2.7
VII	70.2	-4.8	71.8	-2.6	79.9	-2.1	66.6	-10.8	62.6	-4.3
VIII	73.3	4.4	73.7	2.7	81.5	2.0	70.1	5.3	66.3	5.9
IX	71.3	-2.7	72.9	-1.1	80.2	-1.6	64.8	-7.5	65.3	-1.5
Х	72.0	1.0	73.5	0.7	81.0	1.0	65.5	1.0	65.9	0.9
XI	70.8	-1.7	72.3	-1.6	78.8	-2.7	65.3	-0.2	65.1	-1.2
XII	71.8	1.5		1.2	79.1	0.4	67.6	3.4	66.6	2.2
Average	72.6		73.6		80.9		69.5		65.8	
2016 I	70.6	-1.7	72.6	-0.8	79.7	0.7	63.1	-6.6	65.0	-2.3
II	68.6	-2.9	71.1	-2.0	78.0	-2.2	59.6	-5.6	63.3	-2.6
III	70.4	2.7	72.4	1.7	80.1	2.7	61.5	3.2	64.8	2.2
IV	69.9	-0.8	71.9	-0.6	78.9	-1.4	60.8	-1.1	64.6	-0.2
V	68.6	-1.7	70.8	-1.6	77.2	-2.2	61.6	1.2	63.9	-1.1

Table 7. Monthly evolution of the seasonally adjusted volume index

Year-month	Overa	ll index	Overall index except automotive fuel		Food sector		Automotive fuel sector		Non-food sector except automotive fuel	
	Index	Monthly change (%)	Index	Monthly change (%)	Index	Monthly change (%)	Index	Monthly change (%)	Index	Monthly change (%)
2014 I	71.0	-0.9	71.9	-0.9	76.1	-1.0	67.9	-0.7	67.7	-0.6
II	72.2	1.6	72.9	1.4	78.4	3.0	68.3	0.6	67.6	-0.2
III	71.3	-1.2	72.1	-1.2	78.1	-0.3	68.3	0.0	66.3	-2.0
IV	73.2	2.7	74.5	3.4	77.7	-0.6	68.5	0.2	69.0	4.1
V	70.7	-3.4	71.7	-3.8	75.9	-2.4	66.2	-3.4	67.3	-2.5
VI	72.7	2.9	73.9	3.0	78.1	2.9	67.9	2.6	69.2	2.8
VII	73.3	0.8	74.4	0.7	78.4	0.4	69.5	2.4	70.1	1.4
VIII	73.4	0.1	73.9	-0.7	81.2	3.6	70.2	1.0	67.6	-3.6
IX	72.6	-1.1	73.5	-0.4	78.1	-3.8	68.5	-2.4	68.6	1.4
Χ	72.8	0.3	73.7	0.3	78.7	0.7	69.3	1.2	68.4	-0.2
XI	72.8	-0.1	73.9	0.2	79.0	0.5	68.4	-1.3	68.2	-0.4
XII	70.9	-2.6	72.9	-1.4	78.4	-0.8	65.4	-4.3	67.5	-1.0
Average	72.2		73.3		78.2		68.2		68.1	
2015 I	71.6	1.1	73.2	0.5	77.7	-0.9	69.2	5.7	68.6	1.6
II	72.0	0.6	73.8	0.7	77.8	0.1	67.9	-1.8	69.7	1.6
III	71.7	-0.5	73.4	-0.5	76.0	-2.4	67.0	-1.5	70.6	1.3
IV	71.5	-0.3	72.8	-0.8	76.3	0.5	68.0	1.5	68.4	-3.1
V	73.3	2.6	74.6	2.5	78.1	2.3	69.4	2.2	70.4	2.9
VI	72.1	-1.7	73.3	-1.8	77.6	-0.5	69.5	0.1	69.0	-2.0
VII	68.9	-4.4	71.3	-2.7	75.8	-2.3	63.1	-9.3	67.6	-2.0
VIII	71.5	3.8	73.1	2.5	77.8	2.6	67.7	7.4	69.6	2.9
IX	70.3	-1.7	72.6	-0.7	75.8	-2.5	64.7	-4.5	69.1	-0.6
X	70.9	0.8	73.0	0.6	76.8	1.3	65.5	1.3	69.2	0.1
XI	69.7	-1.6	71.8	-1.6	74.5	-3.1	65.3	-0.4	68.8	-0.5
XII	70.9	1.6	72.7	1.3	75.0	0.6	67.3	3.0	69.7	1.3
Average	71.2		73.0		76.6		67.1		69.2	
2016 I	70.3	-0.9	72.6	-0.1	75.7	1.0	63.7	-5.2	69.1	-0.8
II	67.9	-3.4	70.6	-2.8	74.2	-2.1	62.7	-1.7	67.5	-2.3
III	70.4	3.7	72.5	2.7	76.7	3.5	64.8	3.4	68.2	0.9
IV	69.8	-0.8	72.1	-0.6	75.3	-1.9	63.8	-1.5	68.5	0.5
V	68.6	-1.8	70.7	-2.0	73.2	-2.8	64.2	0.6	67.7	-1.3

Base year: 2010=100.0

Graph 6. Monthly rates of change (%) of the seasonally adjusted volume index in retail trade, between May 2016 and April 2016



METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

Generally

The Retail Trade Turnover Index with the current form is being released since January 2005. The Retail Trade Turnover Index is a continuation of the Retail Sales Value Index, which had been compiled during the period 1963 to 2004.

Purpose of the index – definitions

The purpose of the Retail Trade Turnover Index is to depict the evolution of the goods and services market. Turnover comprises the total amounts invoiced by the enterprise during the reference period which correspond to the resale of goods without any further transformation. The data collected each month refers to the actual sales (both retail and wholesale) excluding VAT but including other duties and taxes on the goods.

Legal basis

The compilation of the Retail Trade Turnover Index is governed by Council Regulation (EC) No.1165/98 of 19 May 1998 concerning short-term statistics and by Regulation (EC) No.1893/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 December 2006 establishing the statistical classification of economic activities NACE Revision 2.

Reference period

Month

Base year

2010=100.0.

Revision

Pursuant to the provisions of the Council Regulation No 1165/98 concerning short-term statistics, the index in question is revised every five (5) years, in years ending in 0 or 5. The purpose of revising the Retail Trade Turnover Index is to adapt the index to the changes in the structure of retail trade.

Statistical classification

The NACE Rev.2 statistical classification of economic activities is used in conformity with the Regulation (EC) No 1893/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council.

Geographical coverage

The index covers the Whole Country with data coming from 61 Regional Units.

Coverage of economic activities

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

Statistical survey

In the framework of the survey carried out for the compilation of the Retail Trade Turnover Index (2010=100.0), it was decided to include 41,801 retail trade enterprises listed in the Business Register of ELSTAT having an annual turnover (in 2010) equal to or higher than 200.000 euro. Out of these enterprises a random sample of 1,607 enterprises was selected.

Volume Index

Since 2005 onwards the Retail Trade Volume Index is also being compiled aiming at measuring changes in the volume of retail trade.

Calculating the indices

The turnover index is calculated by the chaining method. First the moving based index is calculated by comparing the estimated turnover value for the current month with the corresponding value of the previous month. Afterwards the fixed base index for the current month is calculated by multiplying the moving-based index by the fixed base index of the previous month.

The indices are reduced to a typical month of equal duration. To this end the turnover estimates are multiplied by a suitable correction factor that is calculated by dividing the mean monthly number of working days in the given year by the number of the regular working days in the month under consideration.

The Retail Trade Volume Index is calculated by deflating the Retail Trade Turnover Index using the Consumer Price Index (CPI) as deflator.

Seasonal Adjustment

Seasonal adjustment is the procedure followed to remove the impact of seasonality on the time series in order to improve the comparability over time. The method used is the TRAMO-SEAT method with the use of JDemetra+ 2.0.0. The whole series with seasonally adjusted indices is recalculated every time a new observation is added in time series.

Compiled index series

Since the revision of the Retail Trade Turnover and Volume Indices due to the implementation of the classification NACE Rev 2, parallel time series for the indices including and not including fuels are provided. In addition, seasonally adjusted time series data are compiled.

Publication of data

The time series of Retail Trade Turnover and Volume Indices (2010=100.0) which include fuel have being published since 2000 by categories of aggregated economic activity classes*.

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:

http://www.statistics.gr/en/statistics/-/publication/DKT39/
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*Categories of aggregated economic activity classes in the Turnover Index:

Super-markets

Non-specialised stores with food. beverages or tobacco predominating

Department stores

Other retail sale in non-specialised stores

Food-beverages-tobacco

Fruit and vegetables. meat products. fishes. crustaceans and molluscs. bread. cakes. flour confectionery and sugar confectionery. beverages. tobacco products. other retail sale of food in specialised stores

Automotive fuel

Automotive fuel in specialised stores

Pharmaceutical products. Cosmetics

Dispensing chemist. medical and orthopaedic goods. cosmetic and toilet articles in specialised stores

Clothing and footwear

Textiles. clothing.. footwear and leather goods in specialised stores

Furniture. electrical equipment. household equipment

Furniture. lighting equipment. audio and video equipment. hardware. paints and glass. electrical household appliances and other household articles. music and video recordings in specialised stores

Books. stationery and other goods

Books. newspapers and stationery. computers. peripheral units and software. telecommunications equipment. carpets. rugs. wall and floor coverings. sporting equipment. games and toys. flowers. plants. seeds. fertilisers. pet animals and pet food. watches and jewellery. other retail sale of new goods in specialised stores

Retail sale not in stores

Retail sale via mail order houses. via Internet. via stalls and markets of other goods and other retail sale not in stores. stalls or markets