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**PRESS RELEASE**  
**EVOLUTION OF TURNOVER OF ENTERPRISES IN**  
**RETAIL TRADE**  
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The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) with this sectoral publication, presents in detail the evolution of the sales/turnover of all classes of activity of the retail trade section. Retail trade is the basic business model of the modern consumer supply chain, through the resale of material goods or services and the promotion of products for profit.

Therefore, retail trade has always been an important productive tertiary sector of the Greek economy with a significant contribution to the Gross Domestic Product.

In addition, monitoring the aggregates of the retail trade, leads to conclusions on the evolution of consumption (in terms of volume, characteristics, preferences and substitution of products) of the Greek society, the citizens and the enterprises of the country.

This current publication is part of the sequel of the Press Releases published by ELSTAT ([link PR](#)) since April 2020, incorporating the most recent data on turnover from Administrative Sources for **May 2022**.

In particular, ELSTAT announces a) monthly data on turnover for **all enterprises obliged to double-entry accounting bookkeeping** classified in the activity classes of the retail trade divisions and b) monthly data on turnover for **the enterprises obliged to double-entry accounting bookkeeping** classified in the activity classes of the retail trade divisions, **excluding vehicles, food and fuel classes**, for the total of Greece and per Region of Greece.

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## 1. Enterprises in retail trade divisions obliged to double-entry accounting bookkeeping (Tables 1,2)

For the **enterprises in retail trade divisions obliged to double-entry accounting bookkeeping**, for which data are available on a monthly basis, the turnover in May 2022 amounted to 3.11 billion euro, recording an increase of 16.4% in comparison with May 2021, when the respective turnover was 2.67 billion euro and an increase of 2.1% in comparison with April 2022, when the respective turnover was 3.0 billion euro.

The activities that recorded the biggest increase in turnover in **May 2022** compared with May 2021 are:

- Retail sale of cosmetic and toilet articles in specialized stores, increase 58.1%.
- Retail sale of carpets, rugs, wall and floor coverings in specialized stores, increase 49.1%.

The activities that recorded the biggest decrease in turnover in **May 2022** compared with May 2021 are:

- Sale of other motor vehicles, decrease 14,2%.
- Retail sale of electrical household appliances in specialized stores, decrease 3.3%.

The Regions that recorded the biggest increase in turnover in **May 2022** compared with May 2021 are:

- Region of Notio Aigaio, increase 65.5%.
- Region of Ionia Nissia, increase 32.2%.

## 2. Enterprises in retail trade divisions, excluding vehicles, food and fuel classes<sup>1</sup>, obliged to double-entry accounting bookkeeping (Tables 1, 2)

For the **enterprises in retail trade divisions, excluding vehicles, food and fuel classes, obliged to double-entry accounting bookkeeping**, for which data are available on a monthly basis, the turnover in May 2022 amounted to 0.83 billion euro, recording an increase of 14.5% in comparison with May 2021, when the respective turnover was 0.73 billion euro and an increase of 1.9% in comparison with April 2022, when the respective turnover was 0.82 billion euro.

The Regions that recorded the biggest increase in turnover in **May 2022** compared with May 2021 are:

- Region of Notio Aigaio, increase 83.5%.
- Region of Attiki, increase 14.7%.

The Regions that recorded decrease in turnover in **May 2022** compared with May 2021 is:

- Region of Ipeiros, decrease 14.0%.
- Region of Voreio Aigaio, decrease 4.4%.

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<sup>1</sup> Activity classes 4511, 4519, 4520, 4531, 4532, 4540, 4711, 4721, 4722, 4723, 4724, 4725, 4729, 4730 and 4781 are excluded.

**Table 1: Turnover for the total of enterprises obliged to double-entry accounting bookkeeping** in all classes of the retail trade divisions (divisions 45 and 47 of NACE Rev.2 classification)

ECONOMIC ACTIVITY		TURNOVER (in thousand €)				Annual Rate of Change (%) 2022/2021		Monthly Rate of Change (%) May /April	
Code NACE Rev.2	Description	April 2021	May 2021	April 2022	May 2022	April	May	2021	2022
4511	Sale of cars and light motor vehicles	431,420	465,216	480,714	569,964	11.4	22.5	7.8	18.6
4519	Sale of other motor vehicles	32,264	35,243	25,267	30,251	-21.7	-14.2	9.2	19.7
4520	Maintenance and repair of motor vehicles	19,982	20,086	21,436	24,679	7.3	22.9	0.5	15.1
4531	Wholesale trade of motor vehicle parts and accessories	91,372	94,533	103,604	117,632	13.4	24.4	3.5	13.5
4532	Retail trade of motor vehicle parts and accessories	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
4540	Sale, maintenance and repair of motorcycles and related parts and accessories	33,728	37,326	37,326	46,453	10.7	24.5	10.7	24.5
4711	Retail sale in non-specialized stores with food, beverages or tobacco predominating	1,203,508	1,022,615	1,211,884	1,125,216	0.7	10.0	-15.0	-7.2
4719	Other retail sale in non-specialized stores	38,458	44,481	50,166	51,063	30.4	14.8	15.7	1.8
4721	Retail sale of fruit and vegetables in specialized stores	7,963	7,714	***	***	***	***	-3.1	***
4722	Retail sale of meat and meat products in specialized stores	28,077	21,968	31,587	26,013	12.5	18.4	-21.8	-17.6
4723	Retail sale of fish, crustaceans and molluscs in specialized stores	3,627	2,488	3,737	2,905 <sup>◊</sup>	3.0	16.8 <sup>◊</sup>	-31.4	-22.3 <sup>◊</sup>
4724	Retail sale of bread, cakes, flour confectionery and sugar confectionery in specialized stores	8,797	9,138	11,191	10,801	27.2	18.2	3.9	-3.5
4725	Retail sale of beverages in specialized stores	2,808	3,793	4,558	4,891	62.3	28.9	35.1	7.3
4726	Retail sale of tobacco products in specialized stores	1,876	2,202	2,739 <sup>◊</sup>	2,910 <sup>◊</sup>	46.0 <sup>◊</sup>	32.2 <sup>◊</sup>	17.4	6.2
4729	Other retail sale of food in specialized stores	14,508	12,898	14,888	14,043	2.6	8.9	-11.1	-5.7
4730	Retail sale of automotive fuel in specialized stores	185,733	198,856	263,362	280,716	41.8	41.2	7.1	6.6
4741	Retail sale of computers, peripheral units and software in specialized stores	78,539	***	67,098	71,225	-14.6	***	***	6.2
4742	Retail sale of telecommunications equipment in specialized stores	23,567	22,490	***	***	***	***	-4.6	***
4743	Retail sale of audio and video equipment in specialized stores	2,889	2,728	2,641	2,942	-8.6	7.8	-5.6	11.4
4751	Retail sale of textiles in specialized stores	2,609	2,640	3,477	2,888	33.3	9.4	1.2	-16.9
4752	Retail sale of hardware, paints and glass in specialized stores	42,273	47,859	53,773	59,559	27.2	24.4	13.2	10.8
4753	Retail sale of carpets, rugs, wall and floor coverings in specialized stores	1,024	945	1,523	1,409	48.7	49.1	-7.7	-7.5
4754	Retail sale of electrical household appliances in specialized stores	83,534	73,057	65,216	70,635	-21.9	-3.3	-12.5	8.3
4759	Retail sale of furniture, lighting equipment and other household articles in specialized stores	32,616	41,257	41,187	42,948	26.3	4.1	26.5	4.3

**Table 1: Turnover for the total of enterprises obliged to double-entry accounting bookkeeping** in all classes of the retail trade divisions (divisions 45 and 47 of NACE Rev.2 classification) (continue)

ECONOMIC ACTIVITY		TURNOVER (in thousand €)				Annual Rate of Change (%) 2022/2021		Monthly Rate of Change (%) May /April	
Code NACE Rev.2	Description	April 2021	May 2021	April 2022	May 2022	April	May	2021	2022
4761	Retail sale of books in specialized stores	5,272	3,994	4,971	4,198	-5.7	5.1	-24.2	-15.6
4762	Retail sale of newspapers and stationery in specialized stores	1,545	1,451	1,737	1,939	12.4	33.6	-6.1	11.6
4763	Retail sale of music and video recordings in specialized stores	33	42	49	52	48.5	23.8	27.3	6.1
4764	Retail sale of sporting equipment in specialized stores	37,151	41,250	45,730	40,787	23.1	-1.1	11.0	-10.8
4765	Retail sale of games and toys in specialized stores	61,798	64,750	75,485	65,525	22.1	1.2	4.8	-13.2
4771	Retail sale of clothing in specialized stores	102,225	154,841	185,507	174,559	81.5	12.7	51.5	-5.9
4772	Retail sale of footwear and leather goods in specialized stores	16,358	21,114	22,110	23,897	35.2	13.2	29.1	8.1
4773	Dispensing chemist in specialized stores	37,175	36,895	41,433 <sup>◇</sup>	40,367 <sup>◇</sup>	11.5 <sup>◇</sup>	9.4 <sup>◇</sup>	-0.8	-2.6
4774	Retail sale of medical and orthopaedic goods in specialized stores	4,228	4,142	4,102 <sup>◇</sup>	4,489 <sup>◇</sup>	-3.0 <sup>◇</sup>	8.4 <sup>◇</sup>	-2.0	9.4
4775	Retail sale of cosmetic and toilet articles in specialized stores	41,629	43,983	60,157	69,553	44.5	58.1	5.7	15.6
4776	Retail sale of flowers, plants, seeds, fertilizers, pet animals and pet food in specialized stores	9,945	8,732	11,115	10,809	11.8	23.8	-12.2	-2.8
4777	Retail sale of watches and jewelry in specialized stores	13,052	14,958	14,683	20,980	12.5	40.3	14.6	42.9
4778	Other retail sale of new goods in specialized stores	11,725	11,573	15,615	16,689	33.2	44.2	-1.3	6.9
4779	Retail sale of second-hand goods in stores	177	180	170 <sup>◇◇</sup>	***	-4.0 <sup>◇◇</sup>	***	1.7	***
4781	Retail sale via stalls and markets of food, beverages and tobacco products	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
4782	Retail sale via stalls and markets of textiles, clothing and footwear	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
4789	Retail sale via stalls and markets of other goods	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
4791	Retail sale via mail order houses or via Internet	45,411	39,700	***	***	***	***	-12.6	***
4799	Other retail sale not in stores, stalls or markets	1,738	1,449	1,717	1,757 <sup>◇</sup>	-1.2	21.3 <sup>◇</sup>	-16.6	2.3 <sup>◇</sup>
<b>Total without vehicles, food and fuel classes<sup>(1)</sup></b>		<b>696,852</b>	<b>726,571</b>	<b>816,891</b>	<b>832,080</b>	<b>17.2</b>	<b>14.5</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>1.9</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>2,771,099</b>	<b>2,668,894</b>	<b>3,044,780</b>	<b>3,107,570</b>	<b>9.9</b>	<b>16.4</b>	<b>-3.7</b>	<b>2.1</b>

**Notes:**

The table and the total include the turnover of the economic class "4531: Wholesale trade of motor vehicle parts and accessories", given that several enterprises classified in this class have as secondary activity retail trade and in order to present all classes of division "45: Wholesale and retail trade and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles".

(\*) Data are not published due to statistical confidentiality reasons and regarding the protection of the identity of the reporting enterprises.

(\*\*\*) Extraordinary transactions were recorded in the data. Therefore, they are not published as they are not comparable.

◇ It includes the turnover of enterprises that changed the submission of data to tax authorities from a quarterly basis to a monthly basis.

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**Table 2:** Turnover (in thousand €) for the **Total or Retail Trade** and for the **Total of Retail Trade excluding vehicle, food and fuel classes**, for all enterprises obliged to double-entry accounting bookkeeping, per Region of Greece.

REGION / REGIONAL UNIT	TURNOVER for the Total of Retail Trade (in thousand €)			TURNOVER for the Total of Retail Trade excluding vehicle, food and fuel classes <sup>(1)</sup> (in thousand €)		
	May 2021	May 2022	May 2022/2021 (%)	May 2021	May 2022	May 2022/2021 (%)
REGION OF ANATOLIKI MAKEDONIA, THRAKI	32,520	36,197	11.3	11,150	11,104 <sup>◇</sup>	-0.4 <sup>◇</sup>
REGION OF KENTRIKI MAKEDONIA	334,599	376,444	12.5	48,533	53,329 <sup>◇</sup>	9.9 <sup>◇</sup>
Regional Unit of Thessaloniki	304,992	343,506	12.6	34,836	40,119 <sup>◇</sup>	15.2 <sup>◇</sup>
REGION OF DYTIKI MAKEDONIA	12,502	15,183	21.4	2,688	3,957 <sup>◇</sup>	47.2 <sup>◇</sup>
REGION OF IPEIROS	21,361	22,561	5.6	5,742	4,937	-14.0
REGION OF THESSALIA	32,270	39,108	21.2	12,025	12,899 <sup>◇</sup>	7.3 <sup>◇</sup>
REGION OF STEREA ELLADA	22,545	24,724	9.7	11,687	12,989 <sup>◇</sup>	11.1 <sup>◇</sup>
REGION OF IONIA NISSIA	17,475	23,097	32.2	5,457	7,795 <sup>◇</sup>	42.8 <sup>◇</sup>
REGION OF DYTIKI ELLADA	32,450	37,267 <sup>◇</sup>	14.8 <sup>◇</sup>	7,723	9,265 <sup>◇</sup>	20.0 <sup>◇</sup>
REGION OF PELOPONNISOS	24,655	29,783 <sup>◇</sup>	20.8 <sup>◇</sup>	5,070	5,769 <sup>◇</sup>	13.8 <sup>◇</sup>
REGION OF ATTIKI	2,007,428	2,327,354	15.9	577,206	662,174	14.7
REGION OF VOREIO AIGAIO	12,283	12,670	3.2	5,038	4,817	-4.4
REGION OF NOTIO AIGAIO	36,391	60,222	65.5	8,725	16,011	83.5
REGION OF KRITI	82,415	102,960	24.9	25,527	27,034	5.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,668,894</b>	<b>3,107,570</b>	<b>16.4</b>	<b>726,571</b>	<b>832,080</b>	<b>14.5</b>

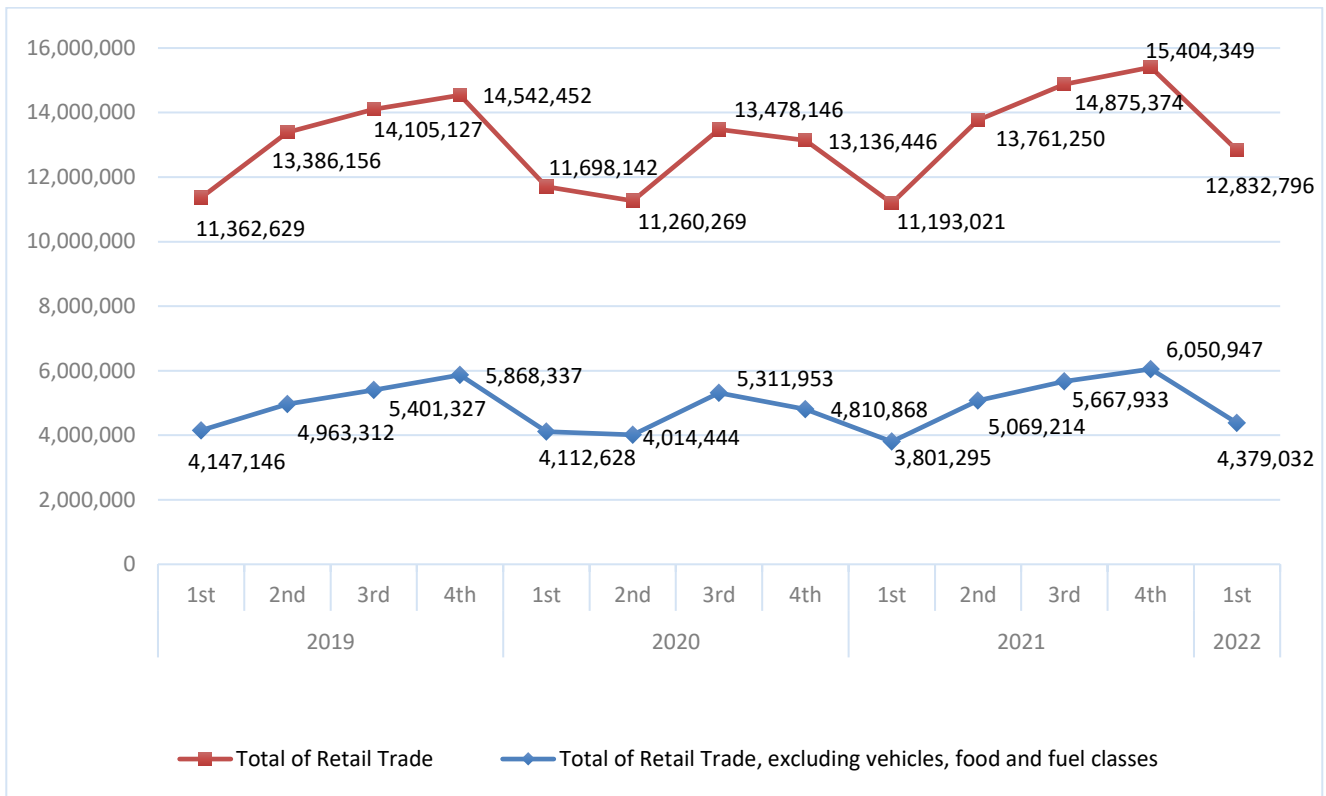
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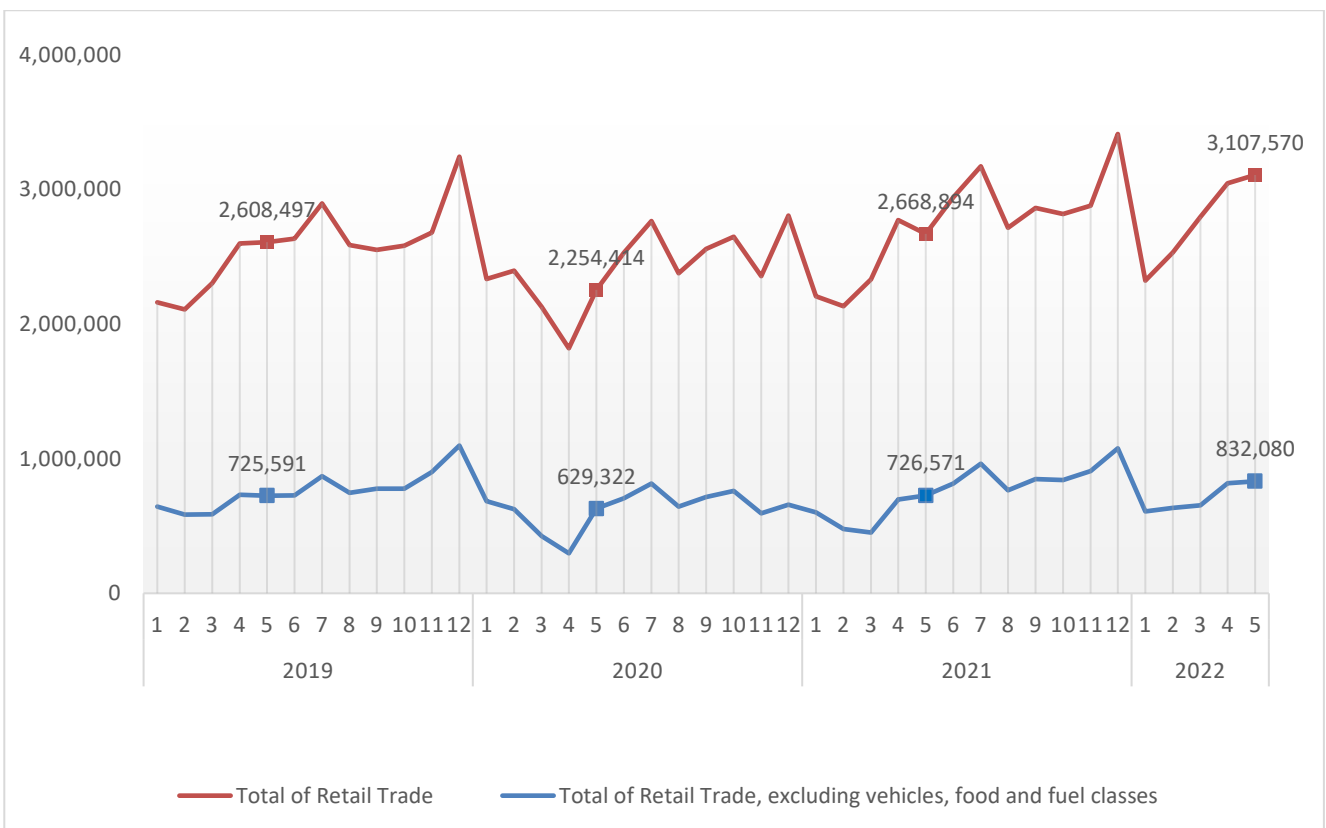
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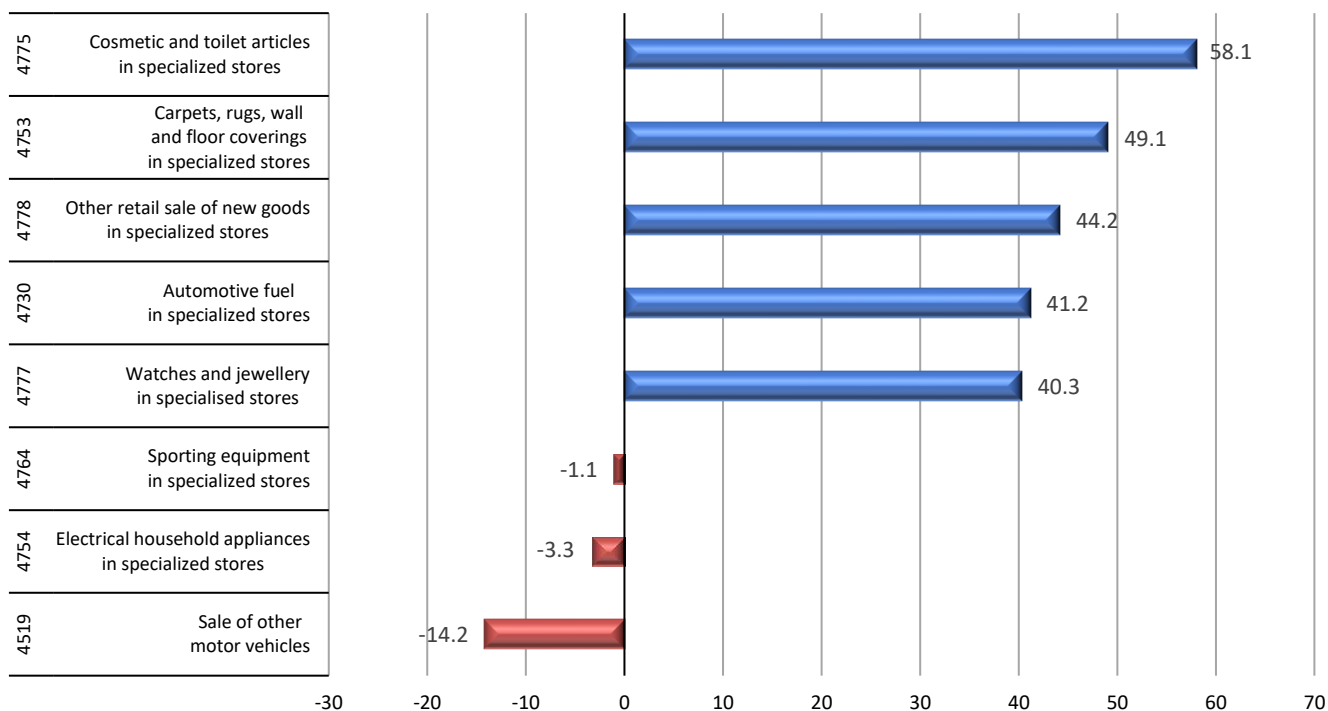
**Graph 1:** Turnover (in thousand euro) for the total of enterprises in all classes of the retail trade divisions (divisions 45 and 47 of NACE Rev.2 classification) and for the total of enterprises in all classes of the retail trade divisions (divisions 45 and 47 of NACE Rev.2 classification), excluding vehicles, food and fuel classes.



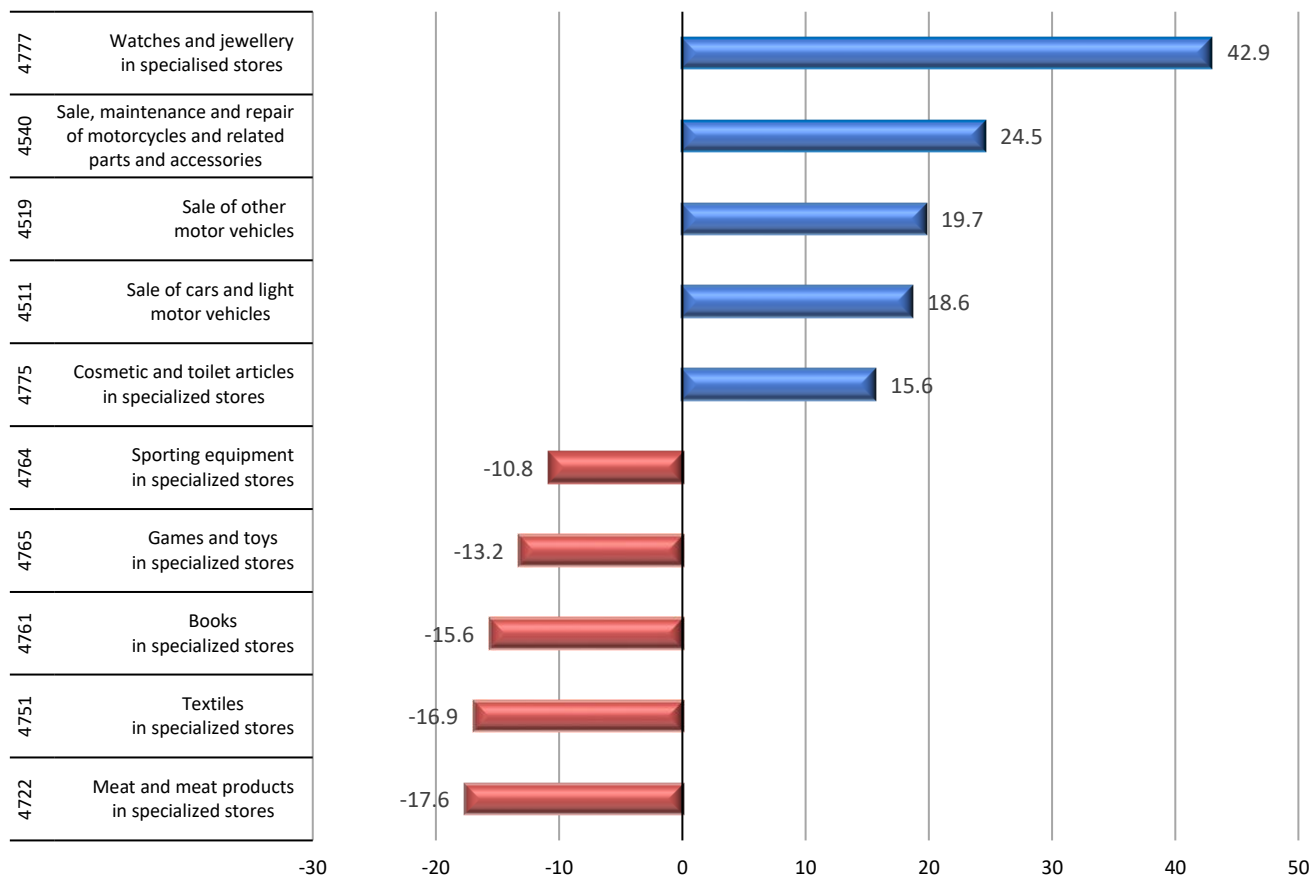
**Graph 2:** Turnover (in thousand euro) for the total of enterprises obliged to double-entry accounting bookkeeping in all classes of the retail trade divisions (divisions 45 and 47 of NACE Rev.2 classification) and for the total of enterprises obliged to double-entry accounting bookkeeping in all classes of the retail trade divisions (divisions 45 and 47 of NACE Rev.2 classification), excluding vehicles, food and fuel classes



**Graph 3: Biggest changes (%) for the total of enterprises obliged to double-entry accounting bookkeeping in all classes of the retail trade divisions (divisions 45 and 47 of NACE Rev.2 classification) May 2022 / May 2021**



**Graph 4: Biggest changes (%) for the total of enterprises obliged to double-entry accounting bookkeeping in all classes of the retail trade divisions (divisions 45 and 47 of NACE Rev.2 classification) May 2022 / April 2022**



## METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

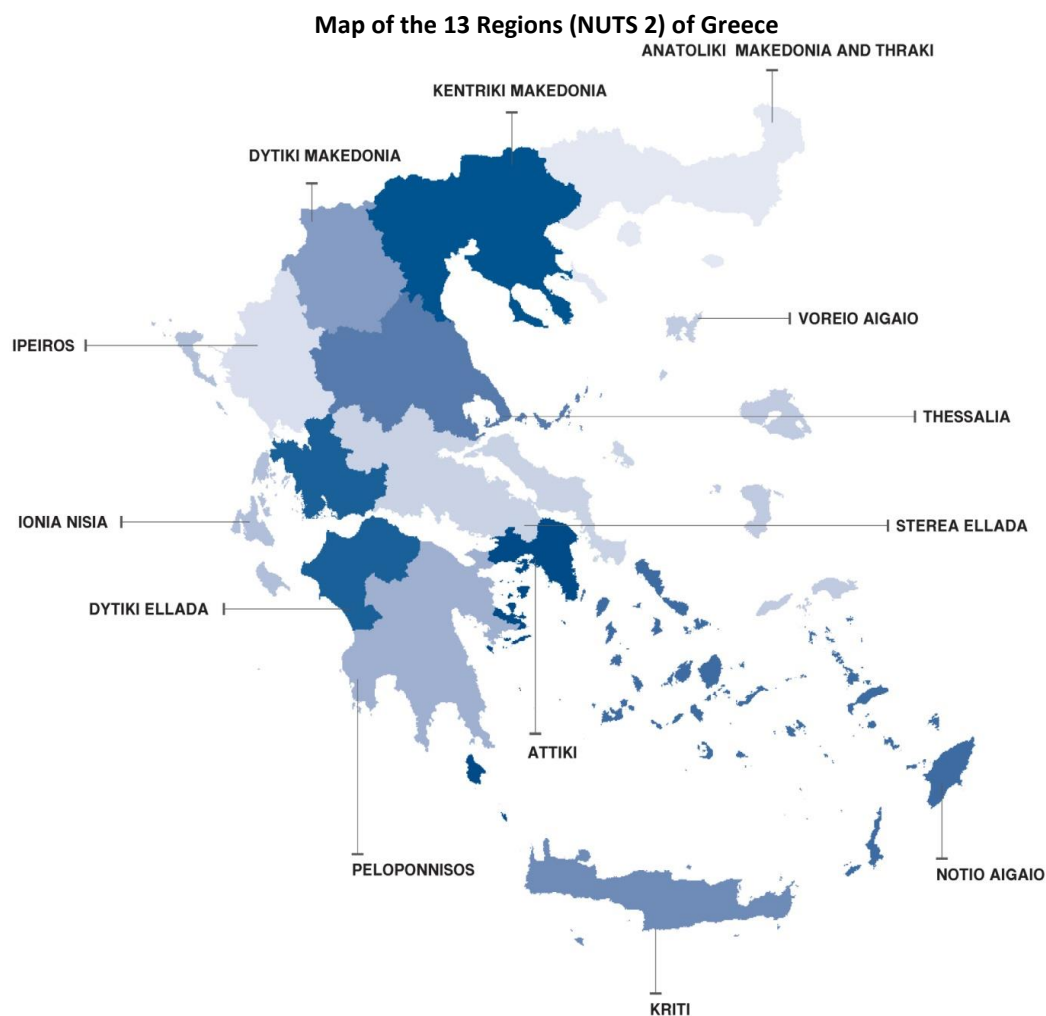
**Generally** The statistical data presented in this Press Release have been compiled on the basis of the linking and processing of primary data from the following sources:

- The final Statistical Business Register of ELSTAT, of the reference year 2019.
- Administrative transactions files (tax, etc) of the reference years 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022.

In particular, the following primary data have been used per source:

- Active enterprises and the economic activity class according to the final Statistical Business Register of ELSTAT of the reference year 2019.
- Income data from administrative transactions files of the years 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022.

**Statistical classifications** For the economic activities, the European statistical classification of economic activities [NACE Rev. 2](#) is used.



**Reference Period** May 2022

**Statistical unit** The statistical unit is the legal unit (distinct TIN – Tax Identification Numbers).

**Comparability** The announced statistical data are comparable with the data of the final Statistical Business Register of ELSTAT, of the reference year 2019 (relevant link from the webpage of ELSTAT, where tables and information on the methodology applied are provided [Statistical Business Register](#)).

**References** Analytical tables are available under ELSTAT's website ([www.statistics.gr](http://www.statistics.gr)) at the following link: <https://www.statistics.gr/en/statistics/-/publication/SBR04/->