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Turnover Index in Retail Trade^{1, 2,3} May 2009

According to the provisional results, the turnover index in retail trade as it was published until December 2008, except automotive fuel, in May 2009 as compared to May 2008, recorded a fall of 10,3 % at current prices (in nominal terms) (Table 1).

Accordingly the turnover index in retail trade, including automotive fuel, in May 2009 as compared to May 2008, recorded a fall of 13,8% at current prices (in nominal terms) (Table 1).

The food sector turnover in retail trade, in May 2009 as compared to May 2008, decreased by 3,3 % in nominal terms while the automotive fuel sector decreased by 37,3% and the non-food sector (except automotive fuel) decreased by 16,1 % (Table 1.I).

¹ The turnover index in retail trade is released from January 1995 as first reference month revised and re-based in 2005=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 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 retail trade index adjusted to the new statistical classification of economic activities NACE Rev.2(Regulation 1893/2006). According to the new classification the automotive fuel included to the retail trade branch instead the special branch of “ Motor trade, maintenance and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles “ of the previous classification NACE Rev.1 .

³ All figures in this release are based on data adjusted for working days.

More specifically, the turnover in retail trade, including automotive fuel, decrease by 13,8% at current prices in May 2009 as compared to May 2008, was derived by store category from the following (Table 1.II):

- The supermarkets turnover decrease of 3,9%
- The department stores turnover decrease of 8,3%
- The automotive fuel turnover decrease of 37,3%
- The food, beverages and tobacco turnover decrease of 0,4%
- The pharmaceutical products, cosmetics turnover decrease of 1,5%
- The clothing and footwear turnover increase of 3,4%
- The furniture, electrical equipment, household equipment turnover decrease of 20,6%
- The books, stationery, other goods turnover decrease of 33,9%
- The retail sale not in stores turnover decrease of 10,0%

Retail Trade Volume Index

The volume of retail trade (i.e. turnover in retail trade at constant prices) as it was published until December 2008, except automotive fuel, decreased by 12,9 % in May 2009, as compared to May 2008 (Table 1).

Accordingly, the retail trade volume index (i.e. turnover in retail trade at constant prices), including automotive fuel, in May 2009 as compared to May 2008, decreased by 14,4% (Table 1).

The food sector retail trade in real terms, in May 2009 as compared to May 2008, decreased by 7,1 % while the automotive fuel sector decreased by 23,6% and the non-food sector (except automotive fuel) decreased by 18,0% (Table 1.I).

More specifically, the turnover in retail trade, including automotive fuel, decrease by 14,4% at constant prices, in May 2009 as compared to May 2008, was derived by store category from the following (Table 1.II):

- The supermarkets volume of sales decrease of 7,2%
- The department stores volume of sales decrease of 10,1%

- The automotive fuel volume of sales decrease of 23,6%
- The food, beverages and tobacco volume of sales decrease of 4,2%
- The pharmaceutical products, cosmetics volume of sales decrease of 3,0%
- The clothing and footwear volume of sales increase of 0,5%
- The furniture, electrical equipment, household equipment volume of sales decrease of 21,4%
- The books, stationery, other goods volume of sales decrease of 36,1%

TABLE 1

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

Retail Trade Business	2005=100,0					
	Turnover Index			Volume Index		
	Index May 2009*	Index May 2008	Annual rate (%)	Index May 2009*	Index May 2008	Annual rate (%)
Overall Index	107,3	124,4	-13,8	94,1	109,9	-14,4
Overall Index (except automotive fuel)**	108,0	120,4	-10,3	94,1	108,0	-12,9
I. Main sectors						
Food sector	120,9	125,0	-3,3	101,4	109,1	-7,1
Automotive fuel sector	84,8	135,3	-37,3	79,6	104,1	-23,6
Non-food sector (except automotive fuel)	98,2	117,1	-16,1	88,6	108,0	-18,0
II. Specialized store categories						
Supermarkets	123,4	128,4	-3,9	105,5	113,6	-7,2
Department stores	117,2	127,7	-8,3	107,8	119,9	-10,1
Automotive fuel	84,8	135,3	-37,3	79,6	104,1	-23,6
Food-beverages-tobacco	108,8	109,2	-0,4	91,3	95,3	-4,2
Pharmaceutical products, cosmetics	111,9	113,6	-1,5	105,4	108,7	-3,0
Clothing and footwear	108,5	105,0	3,4	94,0	93,5	0,5
Furniture, electrical equipment, household equipment	97,0	122,1	-20,6	93,8	119,3	-21,4
Books, stationery, other goods	76,9	116,4	-33,9	70,2	109,8	-36,1
Retail sale not in stores	105,3	117,0	-10,0	:	:	:

* Provisional data

** Corresponds to the overall index in retail trade which was published by the NSSG until December 2008

: Not available data

TABLE 2
Monthly evolution of the turnover in retail trade at current prices

(2005=100,0)

Year-month	Overall Index		Overall Index (except automotive fuel)**		Food sector		Automotive fuel sector		Non –food sector (except automotive fuel)	
	Index	Annual rate (%)	Index	Annual rate (%)	Index	Annual rate (%)	Index	Annual rate (%)	Index	Annual rate (%)
2008 IV	133,8	12,3	127,6	6,7	133,1	8,0	161,5	56,5	123,6	5,6
V	124,4	9,4	120,4	5,9	125,0	7,8	135,3	33,0	117,1	4,2
VI	125,9	7,8	122,8	4,6	125,2	5,7	128,9	29,1	121,3	3,8
VII	122,6	4,2	119,3	1,5	117,2	0,5	128,2	21,5	121,3	2,1
VIII	109,8	0,4	107,6	-1,0	122,0	4,3	109,3	6,3	96,6	-5,9
IX	118,7	2,4	117,8	1,4	122,3	2,3	107,3	5,5	114,6	0,7
X	131,0	10,0	121,3	3,8	123,7	7,2	179,6	45,5	119,8	1,2
XI	122,0	-0,3	117,4	-0,9	123,1	5,2	136,0	-2,4	113,3	-5,6
XII	142,9	-7,3	144,5	-4,0	147,5	-2,2	110,7	-33,1	142,6	-5,4
2009 I	109,2	-10,1	108,2	-2,8	115,3	-0,1	96,6	-50,6	102,9	-4,9
II	107,1	-12,4	105,6	-5,6	115,8	-1,1	97,8	-51,0	97,9	-9,3
III	103,3	-17,9	101,7	-11,2	113,5	-8,2	95,2	-54,8	92,6	-13,7
IV	114,8	-14,2	115,1	-9,8	126,5	-5,0	93,5	-42,1	106,5	-13,8
V*	107,3	-13,8	108,0	-10,3	120,9	-3,3	84,8	-37,3	98,2	-16,1

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TABLE 3

Monthly evolution of the turnover in retail trade in real terms

(2005=100,0)

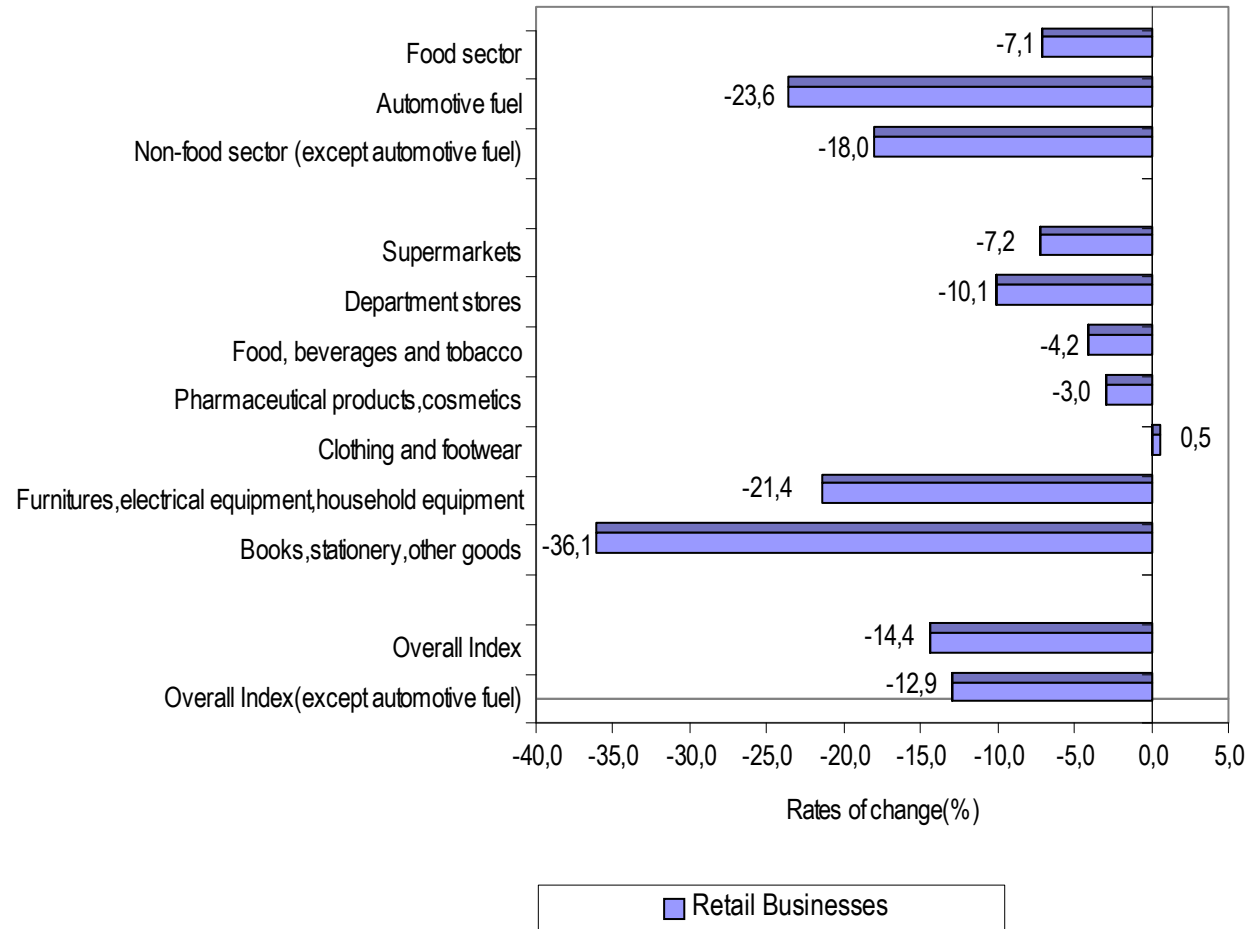
Year-month	Overall Index		Overall Index (except automotive fuel)**		Food sector		Automotive fuel sector		Non –food sector (except automotive fuel)	
	Index	Annual rate (%)	Index	Annual rate (%)	Index	Annual rate (%)	Index	Annual rate (%)	Index	Annual rate (%)
2008 IV	119,2	7,0	114,8	2,4	115,9	2,2	132,3	40,3	114,9	2,7
V	109,9	3,9	108,0	1,4	109,1	1,8	104,1	17,5	108,0	1,3
VI	111,7	2,4	111,3	0,7	111,5	0,4	95,5	10,0	111,0	0,9
VII	111,1	-0,8	110,6	-2,1	105,3	-3,8	95,3	3,3	116,3	-0,7
VIII	101,8	-4,0	101,8	-4,2	109,4	0,6	84,6	-8,7	96,6	-8,3
IX	105,8	-1,8	106,5	-1,6	108,8	-1,1	84,1	-7,8	105,5	-2,0
X	116,6	6,5	108,4	0,5	108,1	3,1	155,6	40,9	109,5	-1,4
XI	108,9	-2,6	104,2	-4,5	106,2	0,1	131,1	9,5	103,5	-8,1
XII	129,0	-8,4	128,4	-7,1	127,9	-5,9	118,3	-17,6	130,1	-7,8
2009 I	99,7	-10,9	97,4	-5,9	98,6	-3,9	102,4	-38,2	97,3	-7,7
II	99,5	-13,3	97,1	-8,4	98,6	-4,6	99,8	-40,7	97,3	-11,9
III	91,8	-18,7	89,3	-13,7	96,3	-11,6	96,0	-45,2	84,1	-15,8
IV	101,4	-15,0	100,6	-12,3	106,4	-8,2	91,1	-31,1	96,6	-16,0
V*	94,1	-14,4	94,1	-12,9	101,4	-7,1	79,6	-23,6	88,6	-18,0

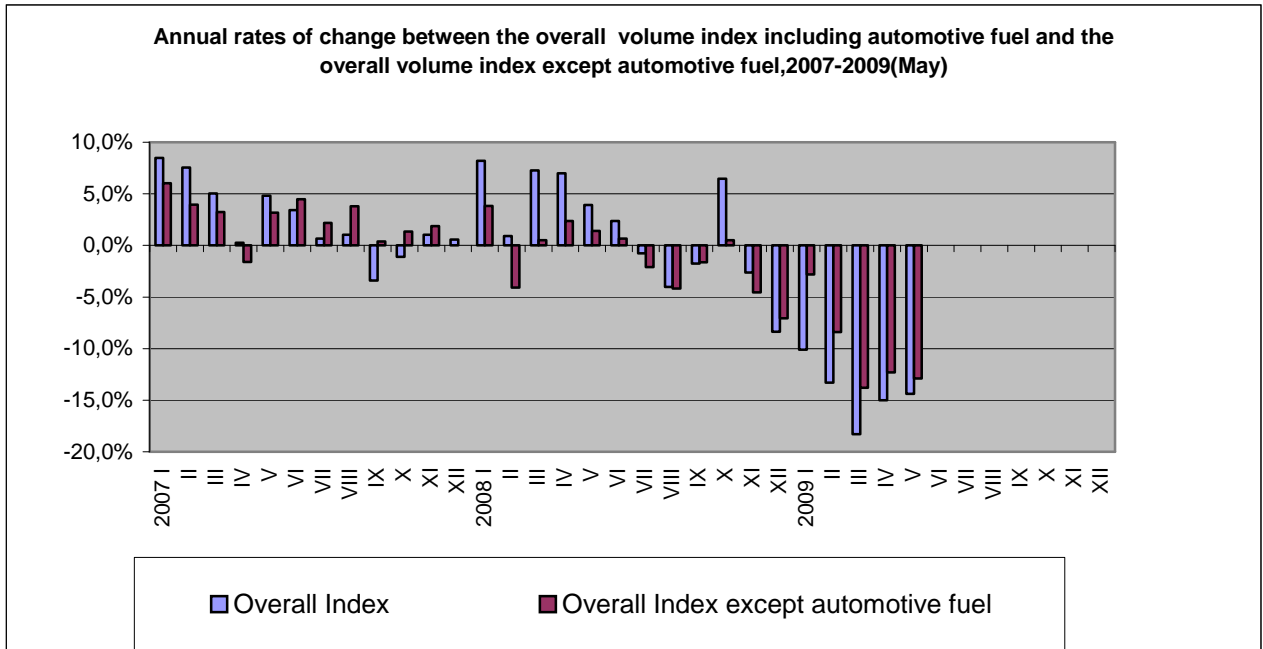
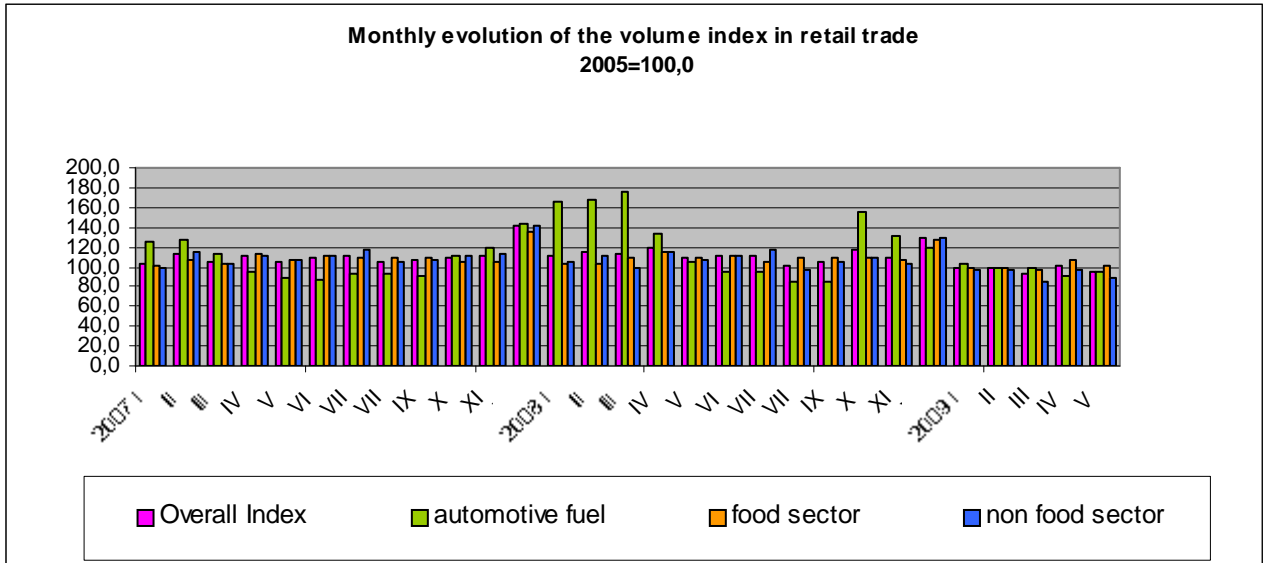
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DIAGRAMS

Annual rates of change (%) of the volume index in retail trade , between May 2009 and May 2008.





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