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

According to the provisional results, the turnover index in retail trade as it was published until December 2008, except automotive fuel, in August 2009 as compared to August 2008, recorded a fall of 3,2 % at current prices (in nominal terms) (Table 1).

Accordingly the turnover index in retail trade, including automotive fuel, in August 2009 as compared to August 2008, recorded a fall of 3,1% at current prices (in nominal terms) (Table 1).

The food sector turnover in retail trade, in August 2009 as compared to August 2008, increased by 0,4 % in nominal terms while the automotive fuel sector decreased by 6,9% and the non-food sector (except automotive fuel) decreased by 6,5 % (Table 1.1).

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 3,1 % at current prices in August 2009 as compared to August 2008, was derived by store category from the following (Table 1.II):

- The supermarkets turnover increase of 0,1%
- The department stores turnover decrease of 11,2%
- The automotive fuel turnover decrease of 6,9%
- The food, beverages and tobacco turnover increase of 2,1%
- The pharmaceutical products, cosmetics turnover increase of 7,7%
- The clothing and footwear turnover increase of 21,0%
- The furniture, electrical equipment, household equipment turnover decrease of 7,2%
- The books, stationery, other goods turnover decrease of 24,9%
- The retail sale not in stores turnover decrease of 4,6%

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 5,6% in August 2009, as compared to August 2008 (Table 1).

Accordingly, the retail trade volume index (i.e. turnover in retail trade at constant prices), including automotive fuel, in August 2009 as compared to August 2008, decreased by 4,5% (Table 1).

The food sector retail trade in real terms, in August 2009 as compared to August 2008, decreased by 2,6% while the automotive fuel sector decreased by 0,6% and the non-food sector (except automotive fuel) decreased by 8,8% (Table 1.I).

More specifically, the turnover in retail trade, including automotive fuel, decrease by 4,5% at constant prices, in August 2009 as compared to August 2008, was derived by store category from the following (Table 1.II):

- The supermarkets volume of sales decrease of 2,7%

- The department stores volume of sales decrease of 13,1%
- The automotive fuel volume of sales decrease of 0,6%
- The food, beverages and tobacco volume of sales decrease of 0,9%
- The pharmaceutical products, cosmetics volume of sales increase of 6,3%
- The clothing and footwear volume of sales increase of 17,6%
- The furniture, electrical equipment, household equipment volume of sales decrease of 8,9%
- The books, stationery, other goods volume of sales decrease of 27,4%

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 August 2009*	Index August 2008	Annual rate (%)	Index August 2009*	Index August 2008	Annual rate (%)
Overall Index	106,5	109,8	-3,1	97,2	101,8	-4,5
Overall Index (except automotive fuel)**	104,2	107,6	-3,2	96,1	101,8	-5,6
I. Main sectors						
Food sector	122,4	122,0	0,4	106,5	109,4	-2,6
Automotive fuel sector	101,7	109,3	-6,9	84,2	84,6	-0,6
Non-food sector (except automotive fuel)	90,3	96,6	-6,5	88,0	96,6	-8,8
II. Specialized store categories						
Supermarkets	124,8	124,7	0,1	110,6	113,6	-2,7
Department stores	128,2	144,5	-11,2	121,8	140,1	-13,1
Automotive fuel	101,7	109,3	-6,9	84,2	84,6	-0,6
Food-beverages-tobacco	111,1	108,9	2,1	96,7	97,6	-0,9
Pharmaceutical products, cosmetics	101,6	94,3	7,7	95,9	90,3	6,3
Clothing and footwear	86,8	71,7	21,0	87,0	74,0	17,6
Furniture, electrical equipment, household equipment	94,4	101,7	-7,2	93,7	102,8	-8,9
Books, stationery, other goods	68,4	91,1	-24,9	62,5	86,1	-27,4
Retail sale not in stores	98,9	103,6	-4,6	:	:	:

* 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 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*	107,1	-13,9	107,8	-10,4	120,7	-3,5	84,4	-37,6	98,0	-16,2
VI*	109,0	-13,4	108,4	-11,7	118,4	-5,4	94,0	-27,1	100,9	-16,8
VII*	111,5	-9,1	110,9	-7,0	117,4	0,2	95,6	-25,4	106,4	-12,3
VIII*	106,5	-3,1	104,2	-3,2	122,4	0,4	101,7	-6,9	90,3	-6,5

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TABLE 3

Monthly evolution of the turnover in retail trade in real terms

(2005=100,0)

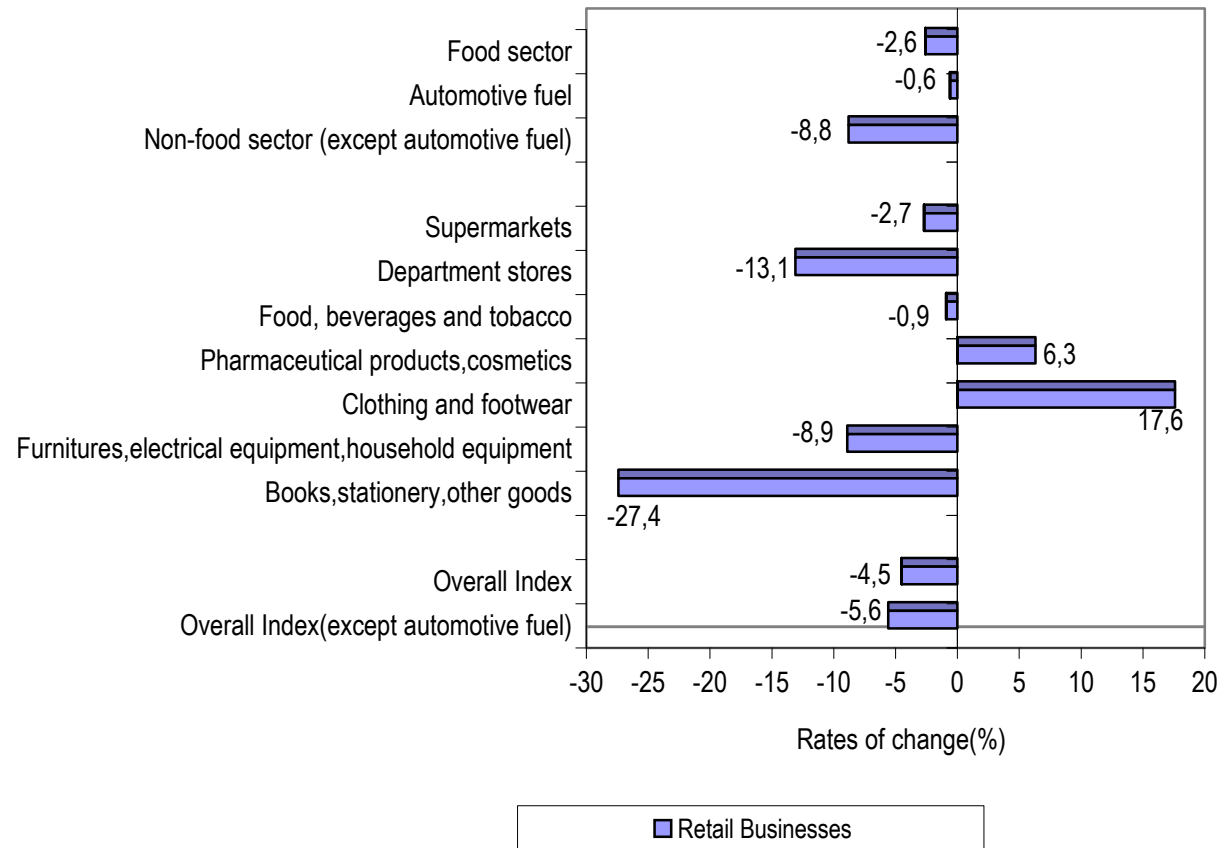
Year-month	Overall Index		Overall Index (except automotive fuel)**		Food sector		Automotive fuel sector		Non –food sector (except automotive fuel)	
	Index	Annual rate (%)	Index	Annual rate (%)	Index	Annual rate (%)	Index	Annual rate (%)	Index	Annual rate (%)
2008 VII	111,1	-0,8	110,6	-2,1	105,3	-3,8	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*	93,9	-14,5	93,9	-13,0	101,3	-7,2	79,2	-23,9	88,4	-18,2
VI*	95,8	-14,2	95,2	-14,5	101,0	-9,4	83,5	-12,6	91,0	-18,7
VII*	99,8	-10,2	99,7	-9,9	101,1	-4,0	82,3	-13,6	99,6	-14,4
VIII*	97,2	-4,5	96,1	-5,6	106,5	-2,6	84,2	-0,6	88,0	-8,8

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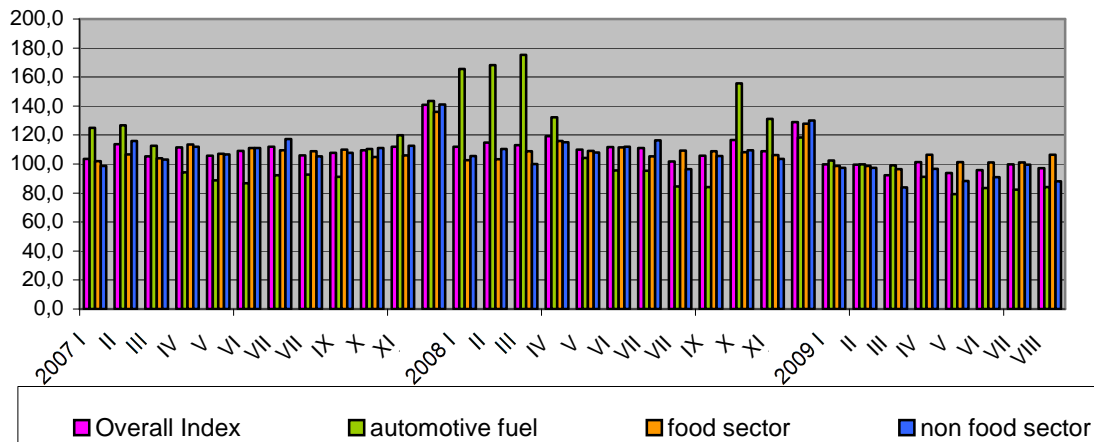
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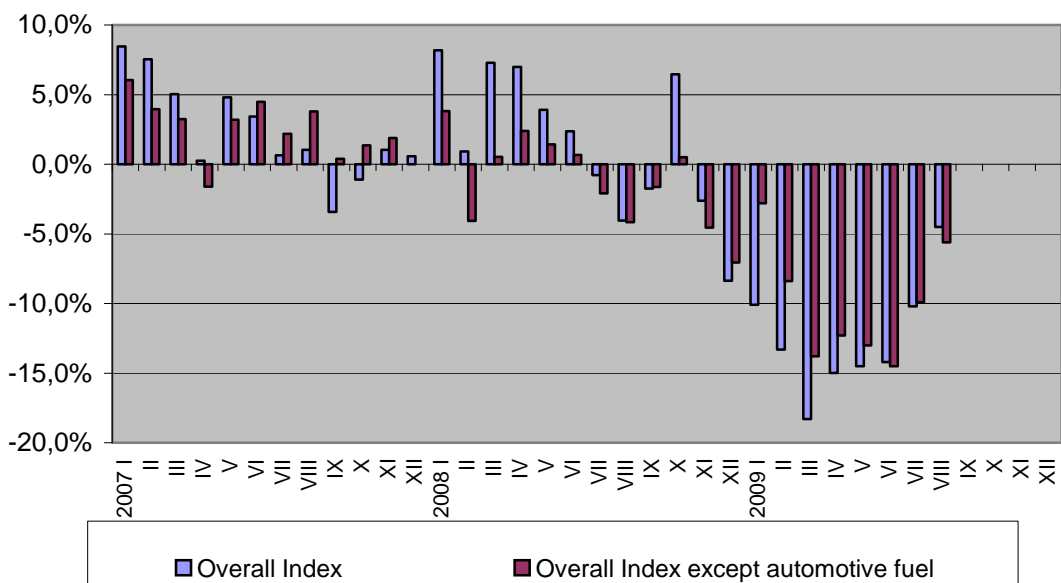
Annual rates of change (%) of the volume index in retail trade , between August 2009 and August 2008.



**Monthly evolution of the volume index in retail trade
2005=100,0**



**Annual rates of change between the overall volume index including
automotive fuel and the overall volume index except automotive fuel,2007-
2009(August)**



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