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Turnover statistics

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Domestic trade of the Republic of Serbia - 1st quarter 2008 -

The turnover of retail trade in the first quarter 2008, compared to the same period of the previous year, noted a 27% growth at current prices in the Republic of Serbia, a 30% growth in central Serbia and a 20% growth in Vojvodina. Regarding the same period, the wholesale trade at current prices noted a growth of 25% in the Republic of Serbia, a growth of 19% in central Serbia and a 44% growth in Vojvodina.

The turnover of retail trade in the Republic of Serbia in the first quarter 2008, compared to the fourth quarter of 2007, decreased by 7.6% at current prices, in central Serbia by 6.9% and in Vojvodina by 9.8%. Observing the same period, the wholesale trade turnover at current prices noted a fall of 10.3% in the Republic of Serbia, of 13.8% in central Serbia and an insignificant growth of 0.2% in Vojvodina.

The turnover achieved in the Republic of Serbia in the first quarter 2008, compared to 2007 average, noted a growth of 5.8% at current prices and in the wholesale trade a 4.4% growth. Observing the same period, turnover indices at current prices in central Serbia increased in retail trade by 7.5% and decreased in wholesale trade by 0.6%) and in Vojvodina, retail trade index increased by 0.7%, as well as the wholesale trade index by 19.5%.

1. Turnover indices, at current prices, by branches of activities

	I-III 2008 / I-III 2007			I-III 2008 / X-XII 2007			Ø I-III 2008 / Ø 2007		
	Republic of Serbia			Republic of Serbia			Republic of Serbia		
	Total	Central Serbia	Vojvodina	Total	Central Serbia	Vojvodina	Total	Central Serbia	Vojvodina
Retail trade									
Total	127,3	129,9	119,7	92,4	93,1	90,2	105,8	107,5	100,7
Retail trade in general stores	116,8	102,3	155,9	84,1	72,1	119,5	96,9	83,9	133,7
Retail trade: foodstuffs, drinks and tobacco in specialized stores	118,5	131,6	86,1	89,4	100,8	62,6	100,8	113,0	71,5
Retail trade: pharmaceutical, medical, cosmetic and toilet items	128,7	138,1	96,5	106,4	114,5	79,1	119,1	127,9	89,1
Retail trade: motor vehicles, motorcycles, parts, accessories and motor fuels	148,2	145,2	159,3	102,8	101,9	105,9	118,0	117,0	121,3
Other retail trade	122,3	135,8	89,1	86,3	91,9	70,4	99,6	108,6	76,1
Wholesale trade									
Total	125,2	118,9	144,5	89,7	86,2	100,2	104,4	99,4	119,5
Wholesale trade of agricultural raw goods and live animals	107,6	65,2	160,9	89,4	82,9	93,1	110,2	82,7	132,7
Wholesale trade of foodstuffs, drinks and tobacco	147,2	134,9	179,3	111,8	105,0	128,0	125,6	117,8	144,3
Wholesale trade of household items	111,2	115,2	97,0	88,9	91,9	77,9	101,7	105,2	89,2
Wholesale trade of reproduction material, waste materials and residues, except agricultural	130,7	126,5	143,8	86,0	81,5	101,7	99,3	95,0	113,8
Other wholesale trade	121,1	114,2	155,5	79,1	75,1	98,0	95,8	90,0	125,8

2. Turnover indices

Ø2007=100

	Ø I-III	I	II	III
Retail trade				
At current prices	105,8	95,7	102,1	119,6
At constant prices	96,6	88,3	93,4	108,0
Wholesale trade				
At current prices	104,4	90,8	106,5	115,8
At constant prices	99,2	86,5	101,3	109,6

3. Turnover structure by groups of goods, in %

Retail trade

	Total	Foodstuffs and alcoholic drinks	Tobacco	Clothes and footwear	Furniture, floor coverings & household appliances	Pharmaceuticals	Motor vehicles, motorcycles & parts and accessories	Fuel (for motor vehicles and motorcycles)	Other
I - III	100	24,7	2,2	6,7	4,8	11,0	8,4	17,4	24,9

Wholesale trade

	Total	Agricultural raw goods and live animals	Foodstuffs and alcoholic drinks	Tobacco	Pharmaceuticals	Hard, fluid and gas fuels	Construction materials and equipment (wood and metal)	Chemical products	Machines, appliances and accessories	Other
I - III	100	7,8	17,6	3,8	8,1	12,8	4,7	8,5	6,6	30,1

Methodological Notes: The data published in this communication were obtained from the regular Quarterly Survey of Retail Trade, the survey that has been carried out since 2003 and the Quarterly Survey of Wholesale Trade, implemented starting from 2006, which are carried out on the sample of enterprises of all types of ownership. The units observed are trade enterprises, as well as those enterprises not featuring trade as the prevailing activity, however including business units that deal with retail, i.e. wholesale trade. The data are collected according to the Classification of Activities (CA) and therefore all trade sub-groups (and intermediation) are comprised, except services.

Retail trade turnover presents the value of sold goods, sold (delivered) to end-users, in the first place to the population for individual consumption and household usage, as well as to physical persons and legal entities for business purposes.

Wholesale trade turnover is the sale of goods to commercial enterprises and shops that are engaged in retail trade of goods, the sale of goods to other wholesalers, as well as the goods sales to large-size customers for their own needs.

The turnover value of retail trade and wholesale trade includes the Value added tax (VAT).

Turnover indices at constant prices are obtained by deflating the indices at current prices by corresponding indices of retail prices of goods, electricity excluded, i.e. by the price indices of industrial products in wholesale trade.

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