

## **Indices of Receipts from Sales in 'Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles' in August and since the beginning of 2009<sup>1,2</sup>**

The preliminary data showed that **the receipts from sales** in August 2009 decreased by 19.1% compared to the same month of the previous year (table 1).

**Retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles** remained closer to the level of August 2008 and overall reduction of 9.5% was entirely due to the trade activities related to all types of non-food goods. The decrease was negligible in 'Dispensing chemist; retail sale of medical and orthopaedic goods, cosmetic and toilet articles in specialised stores' - 1.9% but in 'Retail sale of audio and video equipment; hardware, paints and glass; electrical household appliances, etc. in specialised stores' and in the 'Retail sale of computers, peripheral units and software; telecommunications equipment, etc. in specialised stores' the decrease reached to 20.0% and 20.4% respectively. A positive impact on the general index had 'Retail sale of food, beverages and tobacco' in which a growth of 2.5% was observed because of the relatively permanent nature of consumption.

In **Wholesale trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles** was registered a drop of 18.5%, as a result of the negative rates in all composite groups. In 'Wholesale of household goods' and in 'Wholesale of food, beverages and tobacco' the negative rates were 4.1% and 7.9% respectively, and their share of the volume of receipts was about 40%. A significant impact of the general index had the reduction in 'Wholesale of other machinery, equipment and supplies' - 29.6%, in 'Wholesale of information and communication equipment' - 24.8% and in 'Other specialised wholesale' - 22.2%, which together formed about the half of the volume of receipts.

In **Wholesale and retail trade and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles** the reduction reached to 48.2%, mainly due to the 'Sale of motor vehicles; sale and repair of motorcycles', which dropped by 49.2% and formed about 93% of the volume of receipts.

In August 2009 **the receipts from sales** decreased by 4.7% compared to the previous month, as a result of the negative rates in all major trade activities. The drop was negligible in **Retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles** - 0.6%, but in **Wholesale and retail trade and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles** the reduction reached to 15.4%. A decisive impact on the general index had **Wholesale trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles**, which decreased by 5.2% and formed about 70% of the volume of receipts in the trade sector.

During the period January - August 2009 **the receipts from sales** decreased by 13.5% in comparison with the same period of the previous year. It was due to the registered drop in all constituent groups except the 'Retail sale of food, beverages and tobacco', which increased by 2.9%. In **Retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles** and in **Wholesale trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles** the drop was 8.4% and 11.7% respectively and in **Wholesale and retail trade and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles** the decline reached to 37.6%.

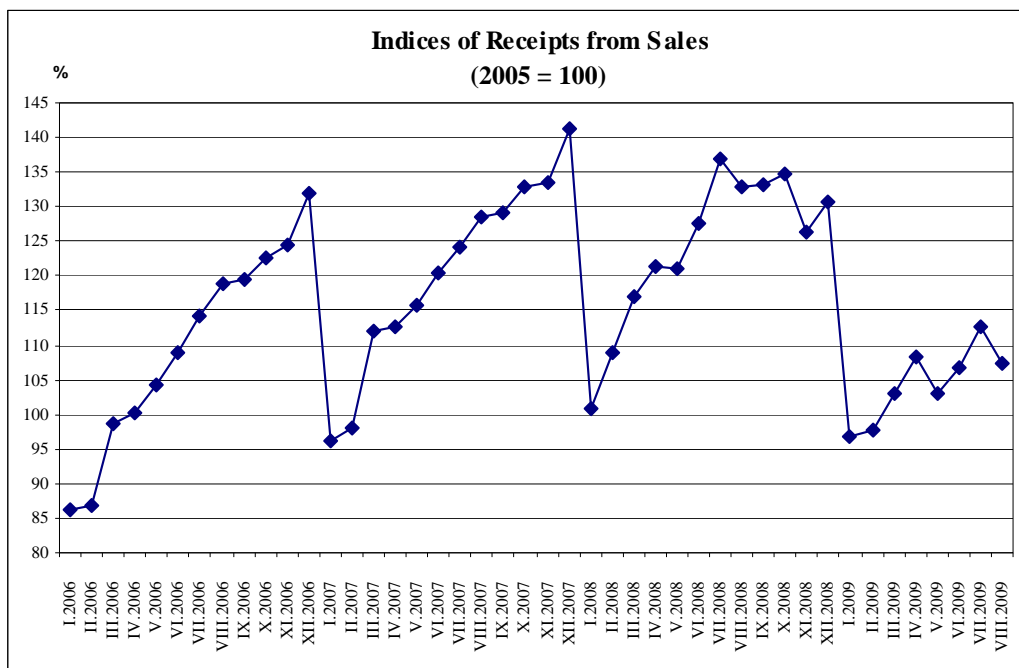




Table 1

**Indices of Receipts from Sales in 'Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles' for August and the period January - August 2009<sup>3</sup>  
(Preliminary data)**

Economic Activities	August			January - August
	2005 = 100	Previous month = 100	The same month of 2008 = 100	The same period of 2008 = 100
<b>Total</b>	<b>107.4</b>	<b>95.3</b>	<b>80.9</b>	<b>86.5</b>
<b>Wholesale and retail trade and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles</b>	<b>105.1</b>	<b>84.6</b>	<b>51.8</b>	<b>62.4</b>
<b>Wholesale trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles</b>	<b>100.7</b>	<b>94.8</b>	<b>81.5</b>	<b>88.3</b>
of which:				
Wholesale of agricultural raw materials and live animals	154.4	74.8	63.4	87.6
Wholesale of food, beverages and tobacco	117.0	99.8	92.1	96.3
Wholesale of household goods	101.4	94.5	95.9	99.4
Wholesale of information and communication equipment	117.1	96.1	75.2	80.2
Wholesale of other machinery, equipment and supplies	111.5	91.8	70.4	75.3
Other specialised wholesale	89.2	96.3	77.8	84.3
<b>Retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles</b>	<b>129.6</b>	<b>99.4</b>	<b>90.5</b>	<b>91.6</b>
Retail sale of food, beverages and tobacco	133.7	101.7	102.5	102.9
Other retail sale in non-specialised stores	140.3	98.9	84.8	90.2
Retail sale of automotive fuel in specialised stores	124.2	99.5	95.0	90.5
Dispensing chemist; retail sale of medical and orthopaedic goods, cosmetic and toilet articles in specialised stores	126.0	96.3	98.1	99.8
Retail sale of textiles, clothing, footwear and leather goods in specialised stores	141.8	101.7	86.7	91.5
Retail sale of audio and video equipment; hardware, paints and glass; electrical household appliances, etc. in specialised stores	147.5	97.7	80.0	85.3
Retail sale of computers, peripheral units and software; telecommunications equipment, etc. in specialised stores	114.7	98.6	79.6	82.5
Retail sale not in stores	96.7	99.0	94.0	95.2



The final data for July 2009 is published on the website of the NSI ([http://www.nsi.bg/iTrade\\_e/iTrade\\_e.htm](http://www.nsi.bg/iTrade_e/iTrade_e.htm)).

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<sup>1</sup> The data for August is preliminary.

<sup>2</sup> Since January 2009 the Indices of Receipts from Sales are calculated under new classification of economic activities KID-2008. At the same time the base year (2000) was changed to 2005. Data for the years from 2001 to 2008 has been recalculated under KID-2008 and the new base year (2005) and published on the website of the NSI ([http://www.nsi.bg/iTrade\\_e/iTrade\\_e.htm](http://www.nsi.bg/iTrade_e/iTrade_e.htm)).

The monthly indices of receipts from sales reflect the short-term changes in receipts between two compared periods at comparable prices. The information may be used to assess the current situation and the trends in the development of the trade sector as well as for short-term forecasts.

In order to calculate the indices trade enterprises are observed by using a representative sample that forms about 70% of the annual receipts of the observed aggregate.

The monthly indices of the receipts from sales are calculated with 2005 as a constant base year by comparing the value of the sales at comparable prices. The prices impact is eliminated by deflation of the receipts by using the consumer prices' indices and the producer prices' indices.

<sup>3</sup> In the table is not included the data that according to the Law on Statistics is confidential and in this way it is statistical secrecy.